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OLD GEORGIANS' ASSOCIATION  
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## THE OLD GEORGIANS' ASSOCIATION

Former pupils of King George V School were 'Old Boys', and leavers were invited to join the Old Boys' Association, which was formed in 1924, when 'The Woodlands' had its first group of leavers. After a promising twelve or so years, the Association went into abeyance just before World War II, but was restarted in 1947 under the chairmanship of Ken Bridge. Old Boys became Old Georgians long before the foundation in 1979 of King George V College, which enrolled both male and female students.

Even in recent years, social events have been male-dominated, but there are now encouraging signs of increased participation by 'Old Girls', some of whom serve on the Association Committee. Indeed, since 1983, the Presidency of the Association has been held by two women - Geraldine Evans and Hilary Anslow - Principals of King George V College over the period. We must look forward to the time when the Chair of the Association is occupied by a former woman student.

The relationship between KGV and its former students has been a strong one. In the days of the School there were many functions, particularly in sport, involving Old Boys, and the Annual Dinner has been a long-standing fixture in the calendar. In recent years Old Georgians have continued to support the College, both financially and in other ways. Each year a donation is made by Old Georgians to several subject departments, and the reception area in the recently-built Millennium Building was partly financed by the Association.

There are presently five Old Georgians on the KGV College Governing Body. In addition, there is a laboratory dedicated to the memory of Dr Kenneth Rostron who supported the Association throughout his life. By tradition, the College Principal, like the School Headmaster formerly, is President of the Old Georgians' Association, whose Committee is made up of former holders of the Chairmanship of the Association and co-opted members. Officers are elected at the Annual General Meeting preceding the Dinner each Maundy Thursday.

Life membership of the Old Georgians' Association is just £5 - £4 for those joining within a year of leaving KGV - and every member receives an annual copy of the Red Rose free of charge. The number of members whose addresses are known is over 1,000, but there is a far greater number with whom we have unfortunately lost touch.

## SOME TIMES REMEMBERED

On 22nd July 1947, a meeting was held in the KGV Lecture Theatre attended by 34 members who wished to see the Old Boys' Association revived after almost nine years of war-enforced inactivity. George Wakefield chaired the meeting, Ken Bridge was elected the post-war Association's first Chairman, and Bob Abram its first Sports Captain. In that year, membership reached 117 out of approximately 3,000 former pupils.

On September 30th 1949 Geoffrey Dixon, the new Headmaster, attended his first AGM in the School Library. He persuaded the 28 members present that the Association should hold an Annual Dinner, the first of which was held at the Palace Hotel, Birkdale. It was attended by 80 members, each paying half a guinea, and was deemed a great success, despite sustaining a loss of £5. The guests included W Magnay, Chief Education Officer for Liverpool, Councillor Johnson, Mayor of Southport, and T Spencer, a former teacher at KGV.

Three years at the Birkdale Palace were followed by two at the Queen's Hotel (1953-4) and two at the Belle Vue (1955-6). Amongst the guest speakers in those years were S Dumbell, Registrar of Liverpool University, C C Martin, Chief Constable of Liverpool, Roger Fleetwood-Hesketh, Canon J S Leatherbarrow and Professors S H F Johnston, J Turner and Lyon-Blease. By 1956 numbers had grown to 383, twenty of whom founded the Old Boys' Climbing Club, led by Ken Edwardson and Peter Brunt, and encouraged by Geoffrey Dixon. The membership fee was 10/6d per annum.

In 1957, with a membership of 430, the Dinner, always close to Easter, moved to the Masonic Hall in Duke Street, where it was held, except for 1961 at the Clifton Hotel, until the School's Golden Jubilee celebration at the Prince of Wales Hotel in 1970. Throughout the thirteen years the price of a ticket rose from 10/6d to 17/6d - inflation was on the way. With attendances of only 50 or 60 members and a guest list of four or five, most Dinners during that period sustained a loss of between £10 and £40, but the Association remained solvent under the watchful eye of its Treasurer, Austin Fairclough, who assumed the role in 1957.

At the 1965 Dinner, Geoffrey Dixon spoke with great enthusiasm of his plan to launch a Jubilee Fund with a target of £5,000. This would be used for the purchase of a suitable property for the provision of an outdoor pursuits centre for the School. By the end of September, the fund stood at £380. In that same year, diners toasted KGV's first Fellow of the Royal Society, Keith Runcorn, the first Member of Parliament, Michael English, and the first England Goalkeeper, Tony Waiters.

With a view to boosting the Jubilee Fund, Hon Secretary S B Rimmer was instructed to run dances for young people of the town in the Main Hall at KGV. The function held on December 21st 1965 produced a profit of £112 and no damage to the fabric of the School. At Christmas 1966, 'The Cryin' Shames' and 'The Drovers' raised us £40-18-6d with little damage, but this was reduced by an Education Committee charge for the use of the premises of five and ninepence farthing per hour. The following year raised a profit of £19 and some minor damage but, although a function on St Valentine's Day 1969 produced a profit of £118.86, there was enough vandalism for the Headmaster to call a halt to further fundraising of this kind.

At the 1968 Dinner, guests learned from their President of the purchase of 'Wilsonholme', a structurally-sound property close to Sedbergh, for the very

reasonable sum of £2,400. Originally an isolation hospital, it had served more recently as a hostel for immigrant workers. After Easter 1969, parties of KGV boys were already visiting the refurbished building, renamed as 'Long Rigg' from a hill about 1km to the south east.

In 1970, marking the School's Golden Jubilee, the Association held a special and memorable Dinner at the Prince of Wales Hotel, a mixed occasion attended by some 350 guests and splendidly organised by the Secretary of the day, Philip Holland. The guest speakers were Lord James of Rusholme, Vice-Chancellor of York University, and Keith Robinson, Southport's Chief Education Officer. In the same year the School printed 4,000 copies of the Jubilee Red Rose at a cost of £1,400. This excellent and painstakingly-produced publication, priced at 12/6d, met with a disappointing response from Old Georgians. Copies are like gold dust now, but whatever became of the many that remained unsold?

In 1972 our last Dinner at the Masonic Hall took place, for the first time, on Maundy Thursday. There it has remained ever since as 'an immovable feast'. We have, however, rung the changes with our venue - Scarisbrick Hotel in 1973, Prince of Wales Hotel in 1976, marking Geoffrey Dixon's retirement and the 50th Anniversary of the School's move from 'The Woodlands' to Scarisbrick New Road, the Royal Clifton Hotel in 1978 and 1979, Hillside Golf Club in 1985, and KGV College in 1986 and 1987. In 1974 we first went to Southport & Birkdale Cricket Club in Trafalgar Road, and we have had our reunion there on 19 occasions, including the past thirteen years.

Recent years have seen a revival of the Chairman's Weekend. The event was re-introduced in 1991 by Paul Bagshaw, whose 'spell-binding' accounts of our activities have appeared in the Red Roses of the 1990s. The tradition was begun in 1971 with the availability of cheap accommodation at Long Rigg, to which Bob Abram led a party of eight during the weekend of July 3rd and 4th - Bob Abram, Geoffrey Dixon, Austin Fairclough, Ron Petty, John Edwards, David Brown, Hilary Royden, Stan Rimmer. Except for one year, successive chairmen led their parties over the Howgills, explored Dent, Sedbergh and the surrounding area, dining noisily and well at the Bull Hotel on Saturday evening. David Arnold enjoyed his first taste of Long Rigg during John Rostron's weekend of 16th and 17th October 1976. On 5th and 6th September 1981 Martin Lockyer hosted a very wet visit to the hostel, which eventually had to be sold to Buckinghamshire Education Authority. Regrettably, no more trips took place until the revival ten years later.

Each chairman has special memories of those excursions. Gordon Livesley - 6/7th September 1980 - delights in recalling how a barrister Old Georgian arrived at the hostel wearing an old pair of battered plimsolls in which, to everybody's surprise, he proceeded to slither over the damp and slippery Howgills. Surprise turned to disbelief on the Saturday evening when he strode into dinner at the Bull hotel, still sporting the same soggy footwear, treasured relics of PT lessons at KGV. One cannot recall distant OG weekends without thinking of Austin Fairclough. He loved every aspect of those convivial

gatherings and was hopping-mad when support dwindled and a succession of planned reunions had to be abandoned.

Another OG tradition that lapsed for many years was that of having guest speakers at the Annual Dinner. From 1951 to 1956 the assembled diners were given a menu of six speakers. There were three toasts: King George V School, The Old Boys' Association and The Guests, each toast requiring one speaker to propose and another to respond. From 1959 to 1968 there were four speeches embracing toasts to the School and to the Association. For 1969, however, Austin Fairclough's year in the Chair, it was thought that the occasion had become too formal, that speeches should be limited to two (President and Chairman), and that an attempt should be made to introduce greater informality. The changes were duly made and a gradual increase in attendance justified their introduction. For the most part, this format was observed until, in 1988, Chairman Richard Barnett invited as guest speaker Norman Thomas of Radio Lancashire, whom he had met through charity work.. The trio of speakers was well received, and the successful pattern has continued, one refinement being that each guest speaker since then has been an Old Georgian.

The school that became KGV opened at The Woodlands in 1920 and moved to a new building in Scarisbrick New Road in 1926. Fittingly, in 1970, we marked the School's Golden Jubilee. However, apart from a modest recognition of the significance of 1986, there has been little or no celebration of special anniversaries by the Association. The knowledge, in 1976, that the Grammar School was doomed, its lingering death into the 1980s, the steady decay and eventual demolition of a once-proud building, rapid changes of leadership, the lost battle to retain Long Rigg, all led to a temporary loss of identity for Old Georgians and an ensuing indifference to noteworthy anniversaries. Throughout the 1990s, however, the greybeards of the OGA have welcomed occasional transfusions of younger blood into the Chair and into their midst. The Association survives and thrives. We have an inspiring President, Hilary Anslow, and in this significant year, an esteemed Chairman, Geoffrey Dixon. The 2001 Dinner will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the opening of KGV in Scarisbrick New Road. Accordingly, preparations are in hand for Maundy Thursday, April 12th. Our guest speaker will be distinguished Old Georgian, Trevor Williams (Evans' 1949-56, Captain of School 1955-56), a resumé of whose career appeared in last year's Red Rose. In anticipation of a larger than usual attendance, the venue is to be Formby Hall Golf Club with its fine surroundings and spacious accommodation.

Year after year the Old Georgians' Association continues to forge links with the College. Profit arising from the Annual Dinner enables the Association to fund modest but worthwhile projects at KGV. Your presence at the Dinner would support the work we do and provide an opportunity to meet old friends.

*For every pint and pleasing plateful,  
Let Old Georgians be truly grateful.*

Stan Rimmer (Evans' 1948-56, KGV Master 1965-78)  
Organiser of the Annual Dinner 1966-68 and from 1971 to today

**OLD GEORGIANS' AGM AND  
75TH ANNIVERSARY ANNUAL DINNER**

Maundy Thursday, April 12th 2001

at Formby Hall Golf Club

AGM at 7 pm - Dinner at 8 pm

Tickets @ £20 from Stan Rimmer

Telephone: 01704 576713

**FORMER CHAIRMEN OF THE  
OLD GEORGIANS' ASSOCIATION  
(FORMERLY, KGV OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION)**

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1930 A V Cunliffe	1931 W M Towers	1932 A V Cunliffe
1933 R E Sanderson	1935 A D Sawyer	1936 P Slater
1947 G K Bridge	1948 D F Sutton	1949 P Slater
1951 T E Booth	1952 G P Wakefield	1953 L Duckworth
1954 J W Lord	1955 J Edwards	1956 S C Wilford
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
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1996 A Bond	1997 A Bond	1998 C Threlfall
1999 M R E Hyde	2000 G F Dixon	

**OLD GEORGIANS' NEWS**

**Peter Alderson (Gear's 1972-78)**

Peter is an anaesthetist at Calderdale Healthcare Trust and lives in Halifax. He recalls several KGV memories - cycling to school, icy winds howling across the Rugby field and trips to Long Rigg.

**Philip Alderson (Gear's 1977-81, M3 1981-83)**

Philip qualified as a doctor from Leeds in 1988 and worked in the north of England before undertaking training in public health in Wales and Oxford. He is currently working for a year in Melbourne, Australia.

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**Louise Audoire (1995-98)**

Louise is studying Chemistry at Nottingham Trent University.

**Peter Aughton (Evans' 1951-58)**

Peter has now retired after 12 years with British Aerospace and 20 years at UWE, formerly Bristol Polytechnic. He is the author of 'North Meols and Southport' (1988), 'Liverpool, A People's History' (1990), 'Endeavour' (1999) and 'Bristol, A People's History' (2000).

**Paul D Bagshaw (Spencer's 1949-55)**

Paul worked in the teaching profession for 29 years, first as Head of Art at John Rigby Grammar School, Orrell, and then as Deputy Head at St Richard's High School Skelmersdale. He was Director of Sixth Form and Deputy Head at Ruffwood School, Kirkby, before setting up Channel 10, a video production company, in 1989. During his career he was a selector for Merseyside, Lancashire and North of England Under 15 Rugby, and he is now a governor at KGV College.

**George David Barton (Spencer's 1939-44)**

Despite being wheelchair-bound after a stroke, George keeps in touch with Old Georgian events, including attending the Annual Dinner. He is hoping to make a visit to the Holy Land with the Across organisation.

**Ron Bennett (Graer's 1950-56)**

After leaving KGV, Ron joined the Civil Service in London where he worked for four years until undergoing teacher training in Chelsea. He taught in Southport and London until 1971, when he was appointed Headteacher in Bradfield, Berkshire. He retired from the headship of a school in Liskeard, Cornwall in 1999. He is now part of a pastoral leadership team at St Martin's Parish Church, Liskeard. His article 'Grammar School Days' appears later.

**Simon C Biddolph (Holland's 1972-79)**

Simon is working in Oxford as a Bio-Medical Scientist. He is married with one daughter and one on the way, and would be pleased to hear from old friends.

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**Martin Birch (Woodham's 1964-71)**

Since 1985 Martin has been Senior Lecturer and Course Leader at the University of Central Lancashire. He gained M.Phil. in Computing in 1992 and MSc in Astrophysics in 2000.

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**Alan Bradley (Woodham's 1953-61)**

Alan is a Westminster City Councillor and erstwhile Lord Mayor of that City.

**Adrian W A Brown (Grear's 1947-54)**

Adrian is a retired Power Station Engineer. His hobbies are gardening, walking, holidays abroad and the odd gin or 3! He enjoys the OG Chairman's Weekends and hopes to see an increase in the numbers participating in such events.

**David Brown (Mason's 1952-60)**

David read metallurgy at Manchester University before taking a post at the Turner Dental School. From 1972 he taught at Guy's Hospital Dental School where he held the posts of Sub-Dean and Sub-Dean for Admissions, and where he is now Senior Lecturer and Director for External Affairs (Dental). For 20 years he was Vice-Warden of Hughes Parry Hall at the University of London. He serves on a range of committees and is Honorary Steward at Shakespeare's Globe on Bankside and at Westminster Abbey.

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**Ian Champion-Smith (Spencer's 1956-63)**

Ian has lived in Bristol with his wife and two children for the past fifteen years. He works as a business applications consultant for Cap Gemini and supports Southport Football Club when they play in his area.

**Sydney T Coley (1951-57)**

Syd has kindly sent the Red Rose a collection of internal and GCE examination papers from his time at KGV, along with a 1946 School photograph, pictures of KGV School's Air Training Corps, copies of the Red Rose from 1951 to 1956, and School Play programmes for 'Romeo & Juliet', 'The Prodigious Snob' and 'The Dark is Light Enough'.

**David B Collinge (Leech's 1970-76)**

David gained a degree in Genetics at Liverpool University before acquiring a Ph.D. at Newcastle in 1982. He worked in Arhus, Denmark and also in Newcastle and Norwich, before returning to Denmark in Roskilde where he now lives. He would like to hear from Jon Becker and Dave Hitchen.

[www.plbio.kvl.dk/~dacoj3/](http://www.plbio.kvl.dk/~dacoj3/)

**Harold C Corrin (Woodham's 1951-59)**

Harry was Editor of the Red Rose, Chairman of the Photographic Society and Secretary of the Debating Society during his time at KGV. In 1966, he went to Canada for what was planned as a two-year visit, but decided to stay. He became an English teacher, a Head and then an Examiner in the Ottawa area. He retired in 1999 to become a consultant with the Gordon Group. Harry would like to hear from any KGV contemporaries.

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**Eddy Cowen (Spencer's 1945-52)**

Eddy read Law at Manchester University and qualified as a solicitor in 1958. Following a few years in private practice, he moved to local government, retiring from the post of Clerk of Lancashire County Council in 1993. His time is now taken up by holidays, reading 'The Guardian' and watching Sky Sports in winter and cricket in summer.

**Philip McLeod Coupe (1955-62)**

Philip worked in a Liverpool architectural practice whilst studying at the Liverpool College of Building. He was elected to the Royal Institute of British Architects in 1974, but then changed his career to the constructing and playing of lutes, a move which proved successful. He lectured in lute construction at the London College of Furniture before moving to Chiswick in 1980 where he later devoted himself to painting. He held a one-man exhibition in 1983 and was elected to the Lake Artists' Society of which he became President in 1990. Amongst his many other interests are rock climbing, hang gliding and furniture making.

**Lance Davies (Leech's 1954-63)**

Lance is still working at Airbus Industry in Toulouse, France. He is 'selling planes like hot cakes'.

**Lydia Doyle (MS 1998-2000)**

After taking A Levels in Maths, Chemistry and Biology, Lydia is on a Veterinary Science degree course at St George's University, Grenada.

**Lynden Emery (Mason's 1951-58)**

Lynne retired from teaching through ill health in 1992 and then spent four years editing the journal of a specialist model railway society. He is slowly working his way through his research collection of fossil material for Hull Museums, where he helped previously with the new geological display.

**John M R Evans (Rogers' 1942-49)**

John is the eldest son of the KGV master J H A Evans (Middle Taff). He qualified as an accountant with a Southport firm before moving south in 1955, retiring from the Guardian Royal Exchange in 1992. His letter is in the correspondence section.

**David N Everett (Mason's 1964-72)**

David is working for HSBC in North Wales as a Field Quality Manager. He is married with three boys.

**Andy Ferguson (1987-89)**

After leaving KGV, Andy gained a BSc (Hons) in Mineral Surveying from Sheffield Hallam University, and became a Chartered Mineral Surveyor in 1993. He is currently Northern Regional Head of the Minerals Department, specialising in company acquisitions, mergers and disposals on behalf of the stock market, lending institutions and investment companies. Last year he married Margaret Jaszczyk and is living in Summerseat near Bury.

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**David Brian Forshaw (M 1985-87)**

Since leaving KGV, David graduated from the University of Liverpool in June 1990 with B.Sc (Hons) in Mathematics. He is now working as a Senior Programmer Analyst at FWL Technologies Ltd, which provides software systems for the shipping, transport and distribution industries. He is a National Freight Committee Member of the Railway Development Society, plays league ten-pin bowling in Liverpool, enjoys rail and other transport holidays worldwide, and attends Christ Church and St. John's, Ainsdale.

**John Michael Forshaw (P 1987-89)**

After graduating in Mathematics (Hons) from Leeds University in 1992, John has worked for BNFL at the head office in Warrington, Sellafield, London and the USA. He is an active member of St John's Ainsdale, where he leads the music group.

**Joseph Brian Forshaw (Spencer's 1948-55)**

Brian - always known as Forshaw J.B. to distinguish him from his Spencers's contemporary, Forshaw J.A. - has retired after thirty years teaching in further education and with the Open University. He is involved at St John's Church, Ainsdale, front of house at the Little Theatre, and with 'watching the weather'. He is the father of David, John and Peter.

**Peter Philip Forshaw (AH 1991-93)**

Peter gained a First in Law from Worcester College, Oxford before qualifying as a solicitor. He works at Weightmans in Liverpool, whilst pursuing his thespian ambitions with the Southport Dramatic Society and the Southport Operatic Society.

**Harry Foster (Gear's 1942-49)**

After retiring from the post of Head of Department at Edge Hill College, Harry starting writing books on local history. His fifth publication, 'New Ainsdale: The Struggle of a Seaside Suburb', was launched just before Christmas. He has lectured for over 30 years on local history and has a Master's Degree and a PhD in local research.

**Neil Fraser (Woodham's 1963-70)**

Neil works for Eurocopter in Canada and lives in Ontario. He is in touch with Peter Brown and wishes to contact others from that era.

**Ivor S Galkoff (Spencer's 1949-54)**

Ivor's working life was in the retail sports business in Preston and Chorley. He is now enjoying retirement in Bournemouth.

**Rob Galkoff (H3 1989-1991)**

Rob lives in London where he works for GO.com, part of the Walt Disney company as an e-commerce manager. He is also a chartered accountant working with the Chartered Institute of Marketing.

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### **Raymond Gann (Evans' 1931-39)**

Raymond worked with both Bebington and Bolton Councils before being appointed as Senior Assistant Solicitor to Burnley County Borough Council, later becoming Burnley Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Clerk of the Peace in 1948. In 1970, he was appointed as Southport Deputy Town Clerk, and Deputy Clerk of West Lancashire Water Board, and then became Head of Administrative Services in Sefton. He retired to Folkestone, serving as a school governor and sitting on an appeals committee under the Immigration Act. At KGV he was a contemporary of Tommy Dutton and K M Smith.

### **James Gibbons (Gear's 1948-54)**

James spent his entire working life in banking, first with Martin's and then with Barclay's, from which he retired a few years ago. His and brother Mike's Uncle William was also in Gear's in the 1930s and represented KGV at cricket.

### **Mike Gibbons (Gear's 1050-56)**

During his KGV career, Mike was in the Swimming Team and in the First XV Rugby Team. On leaving, he worked in the District Bank, later the NatWest, until 1974. From then Mike worked for British Aerospace in Saudi Arabia, Nigeria and Malaysia until retiring with wife Ros (nee Allister) to Cyprus where they have lived since 1992.

### **Jack Glassberg (Rogers' 1944-52)**

Jack recalls playing in the First XV at KGV. He continued with the sport at Southport RUFC, playing his final game in 1987 at the age of 55. He has memories of a truly great school with an outstanding staff.

### **Chris Hale (Edwards' 1963-69)**

Chris works as an optometrist and is married with two boys. He recalls his days as scrum half for the First XV in 1968-9.

### **John Charles Halsall (1995-97)**

Three years after leaving KGV, John graduated in Environmental Science from Leeds University.

### **Paul David Halsall (1992-94)**

Paul gained a Joint Honours Degree in Geography and Management at Leeds University. He now works with brother Steven.

### **Steven Robert Halsall (1989-91)**

Steven gained a BA in Geography at Leeds University, followed by an MA in GIS. After working in London for DTZ Debenham Thorpe and in Maidenhead for Rank Leisure, he set up GeoBusiness Solutions with two colleagues.

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

Mike is still serving in the RAF and has recently taken up a Squadron Leader appointment at the Ministry of Defence in Whitehall. He now works very closely with various Government offices as part of the National Defence Crisis Management Organisation.

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**Ronald Harrop (Mason's 1937-43)**

During his career, Ronald has been Emeritus Professor Mathematics and Statistics, and Emeritus Professor Computing Science at Simon Fraser University in Canada, as well as Honorary Professor Radiology at the University of British Columbia.

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**Nicola Helliwell (1994-96)**

Nicola graduated from Edinburgh University in 2000 with a B.Sc Hons in Geology. She now works as a Customer Services Officer with the Royal Bank of Scotland. She hopes to work abroad for the bank in the future.

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**Frank Hentschel (Leech's 1932-36)**

Frank, who is now retired and lives with wife Nicky twelve miles from Nice in the South of France, would like to hear from any old friends. Frank's career encompassed MBA New York, Doctor of Philosophy Prague, Assistant Professor Erich Fromm at New York University, Director of Avco Corporation New York, the Philco International Corporation, President of Koyo electronics Tokyo and Ispem S.A. Nyon Switzerland.

**Cyril Hershon (Spencer's 1948-55)**

Cyril has been appointed Associate Senior Lecturer at the University of the West of England. His new book, 'Les Troubadours de Béziers', published in French, has been available since December.

**Neil Howard (Grear's 1961-68)**

After leaving KGV, Neil gained a B.Sc in Applied Biology at Wolverhampton, and now runs his own company, Argyle Development Services, supplying administration and accountancy to various local companies. He has a wife, Jean, and three children - Janet, Glen and Simon. He recalls G.F.Dixon telling him that he spent too much time playing the guitar and not enough time working (Neil, not GFD!).

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**David Howgate (Roger's 1948-54)**

David's career embraced a broad experience with Barclays Bank, Avery, Pitney Bowes and Allied Dunbar, amongst others. After retiring on health grounds, he turned to writing, and has published a number of books of Football, as well as appearing on television and radio.

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**Fred Jones (Woodham's 1935-40)**

As a member of the Royal Navy, Fred served on the Destroyer HMS Kempthorne during the Second World War. For the next eight years he was in the London Metropolitan Police Force and, in 1955, he emigrated to Canada with his wife and two daughters. In 1972 he gained a B.A. Sociology degree at the University of Western Ontario and, between April and August 1989, Fred and his wife circumnavigated the world on a Polish Ocean Lines freighter. He retired sixteen years ago from the Federal Civil Service as a Supervisor of Benefit Control. Fred sent us news of the death of fellow Old Georgian, Harold Lawrence (see Obituaries).

**Stewart Kersh (Leech's 1952-59)**

Stewart is senior partner in Sutton Kersh Chartered Surveyors in Liverpool.

**David Lewis (Woodham's 1960-67)**

David is Professor of Employment Law at Middlesex University. He would welcome contact from his contemporaries.

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**Brian Livesley (Evans' 1947-54)**

After KGV, Brian read Medicine and became a cardiologist before taking up practice in geriatric medicine. He is now at London University as Professor for Care of the Elderly, and was on television last year commenting on the Queen Mother's condition after a fall.

**Gordon Livesley (Evans' 1949-56)**

Gordon is retired from full-time work and is in the process of recovering from a lengthy and difficult period of ill-health. True to his previous form, he remains as insufferably and determinedly cheerful as ever!

**Philip A McLean (Spencer's 1949-56)**

After retiring from the post of HM Ambassador in Havana, Philip is now Director General of Canning House, the Latin America Centre in London. He is also Visiting Fellow at the Institute of Latin American Studies at London University. Since leaving the Diplomatic service, Philip and Dorothy (daughter of Ronald Kirkby, KGV's former Classics master) have returned to their family home in Goring-on-Thames.

**Stephen Manning (Leech's 1966-73)**

Stephen graduated from University College, Swansea in English Literature in 1976, and later worked at the Health & Safety Executive. He gained a degree in Applied Psychology from the John Moores University in 1998 and is currently studying there for a Postgraduate Diploma in Counselling.

**Andrew Mawdesley (Leech's 1968-75)**

After working in the casino business for ten years in the Bahamas, Andrew now lives and works in upstate New York. He remembers Peter Warlow, Peter Collins, Paul John, Ian Alexander and the First XV Rugby Team.

**B A Mellor (Edwards' 1977-84)**

After graduating with a First in Applied Science from the University of Wolverhampton, B.A.M. spent a year with Plessey researching semiconductor physics, before moving to the Defence Evaluation and Research Agency for nine years, where he gained international acclaim for developing speech recognition technology. Recently, he has moved to 20/20 Speech Ltd, a joint venture between DERA and NXT plc, exploiting speech technology. Away from work, he has actively pursued the sport of cycling, gaining a number of club records and championships. He lives in Malvern, Worcestershire.

**David Miley (Edwards' 1949-56)**

As a schoolboy, Dave played for the First XV and was Captain of Cricket. When he returned from Liverpool University to join the staff in 1960, he proved an asset to the Staff Cricket XI, once scoring 123 not out against the School, when he was partnered by Maurice Amer. He retired in July 2000 as Head of Chemistry after 40 years service to King George V School and College.

**Graeme Mitchell (1985-87)**

After graduating from Liverpool John Moores University with a B.Eng in Civil Engineering, Graeme spent several years working on the Jubilee Line Extension in London. He now works as Geotechnical Construction Manager on the Copenhagen Metro Project. When not in Denmark, he lives in Somerset, and would be pleased to hear from any KGV contemporaries.

[www.comet.dk](http://www.comet.dk)

**Andrew Newton (Woodham's 1975-80, E3 1980-83)**

Andrew qualified as a dental surgeon from Sheffield University in 1988 and now has his own practice in a Lincolnshire farming village. He is married with two children.

**Tom Newton (MS 1998-2000)**

After his success in Maths, Chemistry and Biology A Levels, Tom is taking a year out before applying to read Veterinary Science.

**Eric Ogden (Spencer's 1946-52)**

Having taken retirement from the National Westminster Bank in 1996, Eric is vigorously involved with the Manchester Unity Friendly Society - one of the largest in the UK - which requires him to make periodic visits abroad.

**David Oliver (Woodham's 1967-71)**

After 4 years at KGV, David moved to Havant Grammar School in Hampshire, later reading Physics with Astrophysics at Leicester University. He worked at the Sira Institute in Chislehurst before moving permanently to Virginia, USA in 1986. He is now National Sales & Marketing Director for Polytec PI Inc, living near Boston with Eve and two children. He ran in his 9th Boston Marathon in April.

**S V Perry (Gear's 1929-36)**

Sam Perry was the first of two Old Georgians to play Rugby for England (the second being Gordon Rimmer). After KGV he studied at Trinity College, Cambridge before action as a Captain in the 1939-45 War. He was a Research Fellow at Cambridge and later became Professor of Biochemistry and a Fellow of the Royal Society, as well as serving on a wide range of committees, many as chairman, in this country and abroad. He had scientific papers published in Nature, the Biochemical Journal, Biochemica Biophysica Acta, and many others. His letter is in the Correspondence section.

**Tony Platt (Gear's 1948-56)**

Tony is a Senior Seward at Westminster Abbey and Keeper of the Lapidarium.

**Jonathan Poirrette (Holland's 1973-81)**

Jonathan graduated from Pembroke College, Oxford and is now a Partner at Price Waterhouse Coopers in London. Two years ago he married Kathrin, and he is still in touch with his brother, Andrew, and with Graham Tomkinson.

**Elyssa Pollick (1979-81)**

Elyssa was in the first intake to KGV when it became a mixed sixth form college. She is now working in London as an IT Project Analyst.

**David Preston (Gear's 1944-52)**

David was a distinguished sportsman at KGV, moving on to Sheffield University and Christ's College, Cambridge before teaching at Loretto School, Edinburgh. In 1974 he transferred to Australia as Director of Mathematics at Melbourne Grammar School and Scotch College, Adelaide, tutoring at Melbourne University before returning to this country to join the staff of Eton College. David retired from full-time teaching in 1989, but he is still involved in tutoring, and follows his interest of watercolour painting with great enthusiasm. He has managed a high-dependency Nursing home in the Lake District and now lives in the Scottish Highlands, dividing his year between Scotland and Australia. As if this wasn't enough, he has appeared in six episodes of the television drama 'Hamish MacBeth'.

**Peter Ray (1972-79)**

Peter runs Springfield Lawnmower Services in Southport and sends his best wishes to David and Kate Arnold, with whom he has now lost touch.

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**Brian Rimmer (Evans' 1949-54)**

Brian continues his Bridge teaching in the Leeds area, where he lives after retiring from Cadbury Schweppes a few years ago. In 1999 he ran a Bridge holiday at the Prince of Wales Hotel, and he hopes to come to the Anniversary Dinner in 2001.

**Helen Rimmer (1993-95)**

Helen studied Maths, French and Spanish at KGV and was chosen to represent the College at the first national selection for the European Youth Parliament. After gaining a B.Sc First in Maths at Hull University, she joined the Royal Sun Alliance in 1998 and, in 1999, started a two-year secondment in Oakville, Toronto.

**Michael Rimmer (Evans' 1958-65)**

After gaining a M.A. in French and German from Edinburgh University and completing teacher training at Birmingham University School of Education, Michael undertook EFL work in Europe for six years. He was then appointed Lecturer in EFL at the King Fahad University of Petroleum and Minerals at Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Twenty-five years, three children and one Gulf War later, he is still there! From 1988 to 1990, he completed a distance learning M.Sc in the Teaching of English for Specific Purposes through Aston University and, for the past ten years, he has been Coordinator of the Vocabulary Component in KFUPM's Preparatory Year Program. He would like to hear from friends and contemporaries from KGV days.

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**Ruairidh Michael Ross (Holland's 1972-79)**

Ruairidh read Law at Bristol University before practising in London and New York. He was a Partner in Frere Cholmeley Bischoff and then Legal Director at EDS UK. He is married to Deborah and they have three 'Anglo-American' daughters. In 1999 he moved to EDS HQ in Dallas, Texas.

**Ann Sainter (1993-95)**

After A Levels, Ann took a year out, working for BICC in Manchester. She has now completed an M.Phys (Hons) degree in Physics at Manchester University, and plans to progress to a Ph.D in Laser Photonics, specialising in medical imaging.

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**Mark L Salkie (Evans' 1948-55)**

Mark lives in Edmonton, Canada and is keen to keep in touch with old friends from KGV. He was a contemporary of Brian Knowles and David Mann.

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**Roger Shaw (M 1986-88)**

In January 2000 Roger was appointed Head of Mathematics at The King's School, Chester.

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**Noel Shearer (Amer's 1973-80)**

Noel is an associate surveyor with Cunliffe Surveyors in Liverpool. He is married to Elaine with two boys aged six and four. He recently met up with two OGs after a gap of 16 years: Jeff Brignall and John Hepworth. He would also be pleased to make contact with Steve Twigge, Ray Teale and any other contemporaries.

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**Howard D Silverton - now Sherrington (Evans' 1946-51)**

Howard took his degree in Law and Accountancy at Manchester University. He held the post of Secretary of Readers Digest Ltd of Canada and is now Managing Director of Computer Datasol and Chairman of Legacy Software Downsizing. He was formerly a Councillor for the Borough of Whitefield.

**John Silverton - now Sherrington (Evans' 1960-66)**

John took his degree at St John's College, Oxford, and is now Chairman and Managing Director of Scotia Capital Markets in Toronto, Canada.

**Richard Silverton - now Sherrington (Evans' 1958-64)**

Richard graduated from St John's College, Oxford, and is now owner of Sherrington's Solicitors in Edgware, London.

**Conrad Slater (Rogers' 1945-54)**

Conrad has retired from a career in Physics and teaching, but continues to study. He sat his final examination for a Diploma in Russian in May 2000.

**Roy Smith (Woodham's 1955-61)**

Roy now lives in Vancouver, Canada and has a 1949 long King George V School photograph, which he is willing to send to anyone interested (it may have gone by now).

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**P H T Stephenson (Woodham's 1939-46)**

A Fellow of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors and Past Commodore of Blundellsands Sailing Club.

**Kenneth Stott (Woodham's 1924-31)**

Ken still lives at Leigh-on-Sea in Essex. He has now given up teaching Scottish Country Dancing, but still participates in this far-too-energetic pastime. He drives for Southend General Hospital and attends a keep-fit class for the retired, whilst playing a little badminton. He visits Southport at least once a year and hopes to be at the 75th Anniversary Dinner.

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**Martin Stringfellow (Woodham's 1970-76)**

Martin and three partners have recently set up Indigo Capital, a fund management company. He is now living in Wimbledon with his wife Jill and children Joshua (5) and Holly (3).

[www.indigo-capital.com](http://www.indigo-capital.com)

**Bill Stuttard (Mason's 1943-48)**

Bill spent his working life in the Civil Service, but managed to find the time to study at the London School of Economics in the mid-1970s, gaining a B.Sc (Econ) in 1974. Two of his closest friends became clergymen: Brian Wright in the Methodist Church and Niall Meredith in the Church of England. Although living in Kent, Bill visits Southport every year and keeps in touch by receiving the Visitor on a weekly basis.

**David R Sutcliffe (Grear's 1955-62)**

After leaving KGV, David entered the Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth and served in the Home Fleet, the Far East Fleet and the Mediterranean Station before specialising in naval aviation in 1967. He was a helicopter pilot in the Fleet Air Arm, reaching the rank of Flight Commander, and joined HMS Endurance for duties in South America, the Falklands and Antarctica. For six years he flew commercial helicopters before joining the Royal Oman Police Air Wing in 1979 where he was Colonel. He is now married with two daughters and lives in Cascais, Portugal.

**Graham Thompson (Mason's 1962-64)**

Graham is twin brother of Andrew who, sadly, appears in the obituary section. At KGV, he played for the First XV and the First XI before leaving to join Martin's Bank. From 1972 to 1980 he taught at Meols Cop High School and was an active member of Southport RUFC. Graham joined a building society for ten years and, since 1990, has been developing and delivering supervisory and management training courses. He now lives in Alsager, and would be pleased to hear from anyone from his time at KGV who remembers the 'Thompson Twins'.

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**Mike Thompson (Edwards' 1948-56)**

After A Levels at KGV and National Service, Mike worked as a Customs Officer in Rhodesia and Nyasaland (now Zimbabwe and Malawi). During his stay, he received a surprise visit from an old KGV contemporary, Tony Waiters, who was on tour with Blackpool FC. He returned to the UK in 1969, joining IBM, first in London and later near Portsmouth. Mike retired in 1994 and is now a Governor at a school in his area. His two sons are currently studying in higher education.

**Peter Thompson (Leech's 1956-64)**

Peter is Solicitor and Employment Partner with DLA. He is married with three children and lives in Northamptonshire. He plays golf and is a member of Northampton RUFC.

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**David Thornton (SO 1998-2000)**

After completing A Levels in Maths, Politics and Economics, David moved to Durham University where he is reading for a degree in Politics.

**Chris Threlfall (Edwards' 1973-80)**

Chris, a former Chairman of the Association, has recently been appointed Associate Director of Edison's Commercial, a company of chartered surveyors in Manchester.

**Tiffany Whitter - née Bricknell (P 1990-92)**

Tiffany graduated from UMIST with a First in Mathematics in 1997. She is now married with a young daughter, and works part-time with her optician husband. Tiffany would love to hear from old KGV friends.

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**Ian Williams (Evans' 1968-75)**

Ian lives in Faversham, Kent with wife and three daughters. He works as an information systems consultant in London, specialising in asset management systems. After part-time study at Goldsmiths College from 1990 to 1994, he gained a B.Mus and now conducts a local chamber choir. Ian would be pleased to hear from any of his KGV contemporaries.

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**Ken Wilson (Leech's 1951-57)**

Ken is semi-retired as non-executive Chairman of The Railex Group of companies, after 43 years in manufacturing industry. He found brief fame as Hertz/Export Times Exporter of the month in 1989, and now can occasionally be tracked down walking with his dog on Birkdale Common.

**Tim Wilson (Leech's 1976-81)**

Tim has joined Bear, Stearns International in London as Head of European healthcare and global biotechnology equity research. He worked formerly at Hambrecht & Quist and at UBS, living for 8 years in New York, before becoming head of global biotechnology research at SG Cowen, and has 12 years experience analysing the sector.

**Graham Wood (Edwards' 1959-65)**

Graham serves on the board of Smith & Nephew Consumer Products based in Birmingham and is responsible for Human Resources and Manufacturing Activities. Since 1999 he has been Director of the Heartlands Business Forum, supporting business development in East Central Birmingham.

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**Paul Wood (E 1985-87)**

Paul works as a computer technician for a company in Lyons, which outfits chemists in South-East France. His role embraces robotic machine installation, computer network upkeep, importing new shop products from overseas suppliers and liaising between the factory and the drawing office.

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**Mark Yarwood (1984-86)**

Mark graduated from Keele University in 1989 with a BA (Hons) in Geography and History, before working and living in Barcelona for two years. After completing a PGCE at Nottingham University, he was appointed Geography teacher at Chiltern Edge Comprehensive School, Reading. In 1998 he married Katharine, and their first child, Iona, was born a year ago.

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**Ian A Young (Rogers' 1940-44)**

Ian's article on KGV in the wartime years appears later. He has just celebrated 51 years as a fullbore target rifle marksman and, in 1994, he won the gold medal at 800yds in gale force winds at the World Masters Games in Brisbane. He moved to Australia in 1948 and lives in New South Wales.

## OBITUARIES

### **Harold Lawrence (1935-40)**

Harold was employed by Post Office Telephones and served in the RAF during the war. He emigrated to Canada on August 13th 1957 and worked for the Bell Telephone Company until his retirement in September 1984. He died from a heart attack on 26th September 2000, and news of his death was sent to the Red Rose by his friend and class-mate, Fred Jones of Ontario, Canada.

### **Hubert H Long (Grear's 1930-34, KGV Master 1948-73)**

Hubert entered hospital in August 2000 for a routine operation on his knee, but sadly died a few days after being discharged. Even at the age of 84 he was a regular attender at Old Georgians' Association committee meetings, and he retained a lively interest in the progress of the present College. He was Chairman of the Association from 1963 to 1965. His main interest for many years was watercolour painting, and an example of his work is displayed at KGV. Tributes to Hubert are printed below, and extracts from his brother Tom's diaries appear in the first section of this book.

### **Andrew Thompson (Mason's 1962-66)**

Andrew was killed in the Paddington rail crash in October 1999. At KGV, he had been a keen sportsman who played for the Badminton team and won his colours at both Rugby and Cricket. He was Captain of Mason's and a senior prefect and, with brother Graham, was one of the 'Thompson Twins'. He was a member of Southport RUFC First XV, and sang in All Saints choir and with the Birkdale Orpheus Society. After starting his career at Mullards, Andrew moved to Philips, where he became Financial Director of Philips Business Systems. In 1992 he joined British Telecom and, five years later, set up a consultancy. He had a wife, Pam, and four lovely daughters.

### **Jim West (1946-52)**

We heard the sad news of Jim's death in October 2000. He was Chairman of the Old Georgians in 1983-4. A tribute to Jim from his friend and contemporary, Eric Ogden, follows.

## **JIM WEST (1935-2000)**

James Crawshaw West was a pupil at King George V School from 1946 to 1952. On leaving school, he trained in accountancy, and later worked as a chartered accountant with a number of organisations including the Eagle Trust. His work involved him in dealing closely with the motor trade, and he moved to Buckinghamshire in the mid-1980s. Jim was a keen sportsman with a particular interest in cricket and, after moving, he joined the local bowling club. He was an active member of KGV Parents' Association and was OG Chairman in 1983.

**Eric Ogden, Spencer's 1946-52**

## HUBERT H LONG (1916-2000)

Hubert Long was one of a small number of young men in a largely elderly staff in 1949. Significantly, almost all these young men were Old Georgians. Hubert immediately showed his dedication to his school by volunteering to start the Scout Troop, which had flourished before the Second World War. This venture was a great success and gave much pleasure and fellowship to the many boys who joined.

Later, in the 1960s, Hubert became Housemaster of Evans', and increased further his influence on the boys in his charge. In the classroom and workshop he was a first-class designer and craftsman with an original flair and an insistence upon accuracy, which junior boys soon appreciated, and these qualities gave a sound education to those who took Woodwork as a specialist subject. Hubert was a serious-minded man with sensible views which always commanded attention in the staffroom. Even more, he was one who had a lifelong, unswerving loyalty to his School. We shall not forget him.

### **Geoffrey Dixon, KGV Headmaster 1949-76**

Hubert's days as a pupil at KGV ended in July 1934, and mine started in the September of the same year. As a consequence of this, we did not meet until Hubert joined the staff, and we knew each other only for some 52 years. Fred Rollinson, Head of the Handicraft Department, was having health problems, and it was decided that he needed some help. Hubert was chosen to provide that help. It seemed a strange partnership - the irascible and volatile Fred and the somewhat dour and phlegmatic Hubert. They had, however, two very important things in common - both were excellent craftsmen and both took great delight in passing their skills on to their pupils. Of course, they were also vital elements in the production of the School Play. They managed to satisfy what they regarded as George Wakefield's outrageous demands. On Fred's retirement, Hubert carried on the good work as Head of Department. Everything he did was carefully planned and tested before proceeding, a trait developed under the influence of his former Housemaster and Scoutmaster, 'Joe' Mayne.

The Scouts meant a great deal to Hubert and, with the help of Harry Liptrot, he revived the School Troop. One episode stands out in my mind. The summer camp was to be held at Brodick on the Isle of Arran and Hubert naturally wished to inspect it. A party of four - Hubert, John Trayhelme, George Wakefield and myself - left KGV on the Friday evening with the intention of reaching Kilmarnock and spending the night there. Driving duties were to be shared, and Hubert took over just north of the border. We flew along the Scottish country roads at speeds which Schumacher would have had difficulty equalling. We reached our destination and a smiling Hubert stepped out of the car, followed by three ashen-faced passengers. Fortunately, the rest of the weekend passed at a more leisurely and sedate pace.

When we acquired Long Rigg, Hubert's skill and advice were invaluable, particularly regarding the conversion of an outbuilding into additional sleeping-quarters, and it was appropriate that it was named Long House at the official opening. Ill health forced him to retire earlier than he would have wished, but it did give him more time to devote to his great passion - watercolour painting. He and George Wakefield travelled many miles in pursuit of their hobby, and exhibited regularly at the Palette Club Exhibitions. They were both members of the Churchtown Art Group and I was persuaded by George to sit for them both at one of the group's portrait sessions. Hubert will be much missed by many, including a very large group of Old Georgians, whose Chairman he was for two years.

**Bob Abram, Leech's 1934-42, KGV Master 1946-83**

## CORRESPONDENCE

While browsing the Internet for the Georgians' Association, I came across your site. Although this was not my intended destination, I thought I should write to you.

The King George's Royal Indian Military Colleges (KGRIMC) were set up in four towns in India, and were subsequently christened 'King George's School'. An association of the old boys of these schools is also known as the 'Georgians' Association'. This is very active, and has for its members senior officers of the Armed forces, Civil Services, Business and Industry. It was the website of this organisation that I was seeking when I found yours. I am indeed happy that there is another association, though older than ours, which makes its presence felt in cyberspace.

Dr R B Ghooi, Medical Adviser

31.01.00.

JK Drugs and Pharmaceuticals,

New Delhi.

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Received my copy of the Red Rose this morning and can now face the day after ploughing my way through from start to finish. I thoroughly enjoyed your intellectual article on Music and felt you covered the subject very comprehensively, although the omission of 'Village Ache Raymer and the Dee Coaters', plus no mention of the 'Rowlings' Tones' resulted in the article being just a bit less than definitive.

Ken Milne

19.02.00.

Rogers' 1952-59

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Congratulations on another excellent edition of the Red Rose

Ken Halsall, Southport 19.02.00.

Many thanks for the surprise newsletter which arrived this morning. I confess that I had thought my message of last year had gone into cyber oblivion, but was delighted to learn to the contrary.

Steve Brooks

21.02.00.

1969-74

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Just checked out the site after reading the 2000 Newsletter. How about creating an eGroup for Old Georgians?

Lawrence Edwards

22.02.00.

1985-87

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Thanks for the recent edition of the Red Rose - it's one of the best in ages.

Robert Galkoff

23.02.00.

H3 1989-91

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Congratulations to all of you who have obviously laboured hard to produce the Year 2000 Red Rose. The magazine is a credit to you all, and must be of great interest to recipients of all ages. My old school friend was John Flitcroft who, I see, is mentioned in the magazine.

Just one close encounter to relate. Three years ago my wife and I holidayed in Eastern Canada, and on our last day we toured Cape Breton Island. One one of our many stops, a couple passed us and I heard them speaking in a northern accent. It transpired at he was an ex-KGV pupil, about four years older than myself, and had we not been returning to England that day, we could have accepted his invitation to dinner. He was a Professor at Halifax University, Nova Scotia.

John Evans

24.02.00.

Rogers' 1942-49

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I note that there has been excellent response to the Guest book for Old Georgians on the KGV Website. However, as the list of names increases, will it be possible to section them into the decade of their attendance at KGV? Not yet being a computer hotshot, I don't know if this is feasible or not. Best wishes and keep up the good work.

Phil Broadbent

06.04.00.

Leech's 1939-44

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Please pass on my thanks to the KGV office staff for sending me a copy of the Red Rose 2000. I asked whether a booklet on the school was available because my brother attended KGV from 1939 to 1943, and I thought something of this kind would make an interesting birthday present for him.

Valerie Dudley, Manchester

21.05.00.

I left the School as a Sixth former in June 1951 and went on to the University of Manchester, where I graduated in 1954. Time marches on and next year will be the 50th year since I left the School. Time has gone by incredibly quickly, but my memory of the School and of my friends is as fresh as yesterday, although I have lost contact with everyone. After serving in the RAF from 1954-56, I went abroad and have lived most of my life out of England. When I arrived in 1947, Mr George Millward was Headmaster, and I also have very good memories of Mr George Wakefield. My nephew, Dr Steven Glautier, now teaching at the University of Southampton, followed me.

My reason for writing is to ask if an Old Boys Association is still active. I would gladly make the journey to Southport to meet any old boys that left in 1951 and may be thinking of celebrating a Half Century.

Dr Michel W E Glautier, Lausanne, Switzerland

15.06.00.

1947-51

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I received the video 'KGV Remembered', which certainly brought back a lot of memories. This is the first I've heard of the Old Georgians, so could you send me some information on how to join?

Ian White

19.06.00.

1968-73

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I watched the 'KGV Remembered' video programme this morning and was completely absorbed for the full 81 minutes. It was a fascinating trip down memory lane. After a working life spent in education and training, I had become a little cynical about the quality of some of the AVA material foisted on the profession. However, the excellence of this video programme has restored my faith in the quality which can be made.

Brian Whittle

28.06.00.

The contemporaries who attended KGV in 1956 were a remarkable group. How else can you explain a dogged determination to continue playing, despite losing every U13/U14 Rugby match for a season and a half? (Harry Smith could be very persuasive) But has potential translated into achievement? Did school reports accurately foretell the future? In my particular case they have been proven frequently correct.

GFD's reference to one of life's 'enfants terribles' had little impact at the time (as he would have realised had he read 'Ras' Berry's reservation about my linguistic abilities, contained in the same report, but he may have been right. 'Tom' Long's observation - 'sawing very poor' - was undoubtedly accurate and has remained so in 40 years. In fact, the only wildly inaccurate comment or forecast was J.R. de S Honey's less than mellifluous jibe, delivered on the day of the Cuban Crisis, that I would never pass O Level History as long as my anatomy remained perforated (paraphrased). In truth, he was only 1% out.

So what of the rest? Did Michael become a Bishop? (Armitage Shanks wasn't graffiti after all); did Steve stop growing and become an Admiral - or Fleckers head of the Health Service? Only Sid's progress as an oil baron and JNR's contributions towards governance in education are chronicled in the Red Rose. Contact from over/under achievers alike would be welcome.

Peter Thompson

15.10.00.

Leech's 1956-64

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I am writing as a rather ancient Old Georgian seeking some information. In recent years I have been putting together for my family some autobiographical material, during the course of which I came across an old programme of a memorial Rugby match played by the Old Georgians in December 1946. This stimulated me to look up my photograph of the First XV Rugby team of 1936 and to compare the Roll of Honour on the programme with those team members whose names I could remember. I am certain that B High, F M Pennell, K C Rigby, A F Riddlesworth and, I believe, J Shirm, all killed, were members of that team. This seems a pretty high proportion, one third of the playing members, and almost comparable to the situation in World War I.

The purpose of this letter is to enquire whether there still exists a team photograph with names attached so that I can determine whether any further members of the team were killed in the war. We were in the vulnerable age group when war broke out, and I spent most of the war in POW camps scattered about Europe, for I was taken prisoner by Rommel early in the North Africa Campaign. I am sorry to give you such a chore.

Sam Perry

25.11.00.

Grear's 1929-36

*I am pleased to report that a copy of a captioned photograph of the 1935-6 First XV (courtesy of Stan Rimmer) and the Roll of Honour from the Red Rose of the period (published in this edition) were posted to Sam in early December. The teams playing in the 1946 game were:*

**SOUTHPORT**

*T G S Wilson, A O Pulman, R Scott (capt), W McCann, P Deane, J Cullen, J H Ormrod, K Brewster, J A White, J Bath, S M Wilson, P Lunt, D A Pulman, R H Hooper, R A Lloyd.*

**OLD GEORGIANS**

*W Gibbons, J A Mayor, K Smethurst, W Scarisbrick, M G Sanderson, G Rimmer, S Miller, R E Bracewell, D Hurst, T Lodge, R W Hayden, G Barton, R Abram, E Fluke, S V Perry (capt).*

**PDB**

## A SELECTION FROM THE WEBSITE GUESTBOOK

[www.kgv.ac.uk](http://www.kgv.ac.uk)

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I was at KGV from 1949 to 1956. Good friend of Bagshaw (Baggy) and Rimmer (Stan). Father was LCH (Elsie) - taught at KGV all his working life.

Roger Hargreaves, Southport 02.02.00.

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I was at KGV from '44 to '49. (in the 1900s, that is!)

Douglas T Ross, Toronto, Canada 10.02.00.

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Has anyone news of Glynn Turner (Leech's c.1955-61ish?)

Bill Jewel, Truro, Cornwall 19.02.00.

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I was in Edwards' from 1939 to 1945. I just received my copy of Red Rose 2000. I found it very interesting and was pleased to see some of the old, old members are still around!

Norman Allen, Ontario, Canada 22.02.00.

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KGV 1985 to 1987 [btinternet.com/~lawrence.edwards/](http://btinternet.com/~lawrence.edwards/)

Lawrence Edwards, Edinburgh 22.02.00.

[Lawrence.Edwards@btinternet.com](mailto:Lawrence.Edwards@btinternet.com)

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Thoroughly enjoyed the Red Rose 2000.

[www.umds.ac.uk/dental/dms/dbhome.html](http://www.umds.ac.uk/dental/dms/dbhome.html)

David Brown, London 23.02.00.

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I had two great years at KGV, but spoiled my A Levels by lack of studying and too much socialising. I am now at the University of Sunderland studying Communications Engineering. thanks to Mr Large for giving me such a deep background in Physics, as it is helping me with my current course. Thanks to Mr Clark for rightly telling me that I will reap what I sow. I have now taken his advice and am studying hard. I really want to get the B.Eng.

Calvin Joce, Southport 29.02.00.

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At KGV 1939 to 1944. Just received the 2000 edition of the Red Rose and think the Guest book is a great idea for keeping in touch.

Philip Broadbent, Ontario, Canada 03.03.00.

Now based in Prague. Hello to anyone who remembers me from behind the Sports Hall.

Justin Clatworthy, Prague, Czech Republic 08.03.00.

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Spencer's 1967 to 1974. Great idea to have an online guestbook. The banner at the top is a bit annoying, especially first thing on a Saturday morning! Anyway, if I did 'punch the monkey', I'm not sure how useful \$20 would be right now.

Graham LaCourt, Crewe 11.03.00.

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Gear's 1956 to 1961. Hi to anyone from this time who is online. John R - glad to see you are keeping up your good work.

Bill Farquar, Warrington 12.03.00.

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Evans' 1958 to 1965. Contemporaries please get in touch if you recognise the name!

Michael Rimmer, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia 14.03.00.

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Oh dear, can't remember what house, but I know it was '68 through '75. Anybody else from those years out there? Tim Smith, Taffy Bevan, Ian Hudson, Michael Clumpus, Graham Golightly and many others? Moved so far and so fast I lost touch with everybody.

John Goggin, Greensboro NC, USA 17.03.00.

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Ex-KGV 1963 to 1970 Gear's House.

Geoffrey Bloch, Southport 19.03.00.

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I am interested in old friends who went to KGV 1936-1941, but I personally did not attend the school. I gather from an Old Georgian friend that I might be able to trace some of these people.

David Hurst, Lichfield 25.03.00.

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1970-77 Leech's and proud of it! Didn't win our first Rugby match until '75! Anyone there the same time as me, please get in touch...really good memories from a great school.

Jon Becker, Cheadle, Cheshire 26.03.00.

Former student of KGV 1995-98. Glad to see the College on the Net. Just wanted to say hello to those of you I knew.

Louise Audoire, Southport 27.03.00.

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Good to see Southport's best is broadening its horizons via the Web. The history pages are interesting. Any chance of detailing the events of 1984-87, all those years ago? *Are you volunteering, Mark? Ed*

Mark Francome, Basel, Switzerland 31.03.00.

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Leech's 1970 to 1977. Lots of laughs, some half-decent education (was Chris Collier the finest History teacher in Christendom?) 59-0 down at half-time to Mason's (remember that, Jon Becker?). Does it get any better? Some great times remembered at KGV.

David Hitchen, Surrey 31.03.00.

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Spencer's '73 to '79 or thereabouts. Anyone know what happened to Marcus Rimmer? Noel Shearer - Ray Teale is in Oz, or he was last time I heard.

Mark Teale, Southport 01.04.00.

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I was at KGV (Leech's) for only two memorable years - 1943 to 1945 before emigrating to Canada. Is Bill Hadfield out there?

Frank Wilson, Camrose, Canada 14.04.00.

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Went to the Old Georgians Annual Dinner for the first time last night. What a hoot! Thanks to Chris Tinsley, John Mercer, Martin Fearn, Chris Threlfall and Jon Elliott for reminiscences of old times. Please send me you e-mail addresses - it would be good to keep in touch. We didn't find out where Steve Twigge is though.

Noel Shearer, Crosby 21.04.00.

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Happily retired, but doing a little supply teaching. Play Bridge in Southport and enjoy cooking.

Fred Schober, Halsall 05.11.00.

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Does anyone know where I can find a copy of 'Fortune spins Auburn' by Raoul (Captain Ralph Thompson, former Housemaster of Leech's) published in 1946?

\*see 'Recollections' by Cyril Hershon earlier in this book. Ed

Frank Wilson, Camrose, Canada 21.05.00.

Mason's 1963-4 and 1966-7. I stumbled across the website and nostalgia took over! Would like to hear from those who remember me.

Peter Bullivent, Macclesfield 28.05.00.

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Someone was asking about Ian Alexander. He is serving in the Royal Logistics Corps - probably a Lieut Colonel by now. I retired in '92 so have lost touch.

Bill Jewell, Truro 07.06.00.

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One of the first intake of girls to KGV 1979 to 1981. Still playing tennis with Belinda Johnson (now Miller).

Linda Ring (nee Wright), Southport 08.06.00.

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Edward's 1968 to 1973. I've just watched the video 'KGV Remembered'. Congratulations to all involved. Anyone out there from my era?

Ian White, Tarleton 19.06.00.

ianwhite391@hotmail.com

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Does anybody know the whereabouts of the Andrews brothers - Simon (GP), David (Conservation Management) and Robin (Engineer)? If so, please pass on my e-mail address to them and ask them to contact me.

Simon Biddolph, Oxford 20.06.00.

simon.biddolph@ndp.ox.ac.uk

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Simon - Last I heard of the Andrews was 2-3 years ago. Simon was in Ormskirk, Dave in the Lakes and Robin had set up his own surveying practice in Finchley. I've got Robin's phone number but no e-mail. Let me know if you find Robin's e-mail address.

Noel Shearer, Crosby 21.02.00.

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Leech's 1939 to 1944. Glad to hear from anyone of my time through e-mail.

Philip Broadbent, Ontario,, Canada 22.06.00.

brody217@hotmail.com

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Guestbook - brilliant idea! Numbers will swell now, Hello Ian White, John Goggin, Andy Mawdesley, Ian Williams and anyone else.

Steve Brooks ('Pablo'), Strasbourg/Lille, France 28.06.00.

Steven.Brooks@pasteur-lille.fr

Hi everyone. I was at KGV from 1994 to 1996.

Claire Morris, Southport      cluckie\_cdm@hotmail.com      02.07.00.

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65-69. House name? No idea. Taff Evans was my Housemaster. remember everyone - even Brendan McEwan. Australia for the past 14 years, Bermuda for 5 years and Navy for 11.

Jeremy Robinson      25.07.00.

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As an OG (Rogers' 1943-48) who has just viewed the video 'KGV Remembered', it's nice to see our site. Well done (as sometimes my report didn't say!).

John M Beard, Ashford in the Water, Derbyshire      27.07.00.

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'69 for 1 year. 4 years before @ St John's Ainsdale with Michael Davis, John Caine and Michael Foster. Work in TV and love the Ca life. Anyone remember the smallest kid in the '69 intake year? No blazer fitted me until Xmas! Affected me for years!!

John Bryan, San Francisco, California, USA      27.07.00.

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Woodham's '67-'71. Memories of running cross-country, playing flute in orchestra and singing in the choir. It would be great to hear from anyone who remembers me.

David Oliver, Westborough, MA, USA      30.07.00.

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I have been away from Southport for a long time, but it was great to see so many names I could recall from my time at KGV.

David Roberts, Southport      09.08.00.

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Rogers' 71-76. Left UK 20 years ago, so have lost touch. First XV 72-76, Southport Under 19s '76 (all but one of them KGV) - anyone out there?

Keith Rich, Dubai, United Arab Emirates      16.08.00.

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Gear's 72-79. Lived all over the country, but now settled in Leicestershire. Just seen the 'KGV Remembered' video - brought all those memories flooding back - well done, Old Georgians!

Mike Vernon, Hinckley, Leicestershire      25.08.00.

Woodham's 1972 to 1978. Now living in London; arrived here 13 years ago via Liverpool and Lancaster.

Philip Willis, London 29.08.00.

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Mike Vernon, may I please take this opportunity to apologise for elbowing you ferociously in the back in a scrum during a House match? I believe you went on to beat us (Holland's). Hope your back is better!

Simon Biddolph, Oxford 29.08.00.

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My Old Georgians' Newsletter suddenly stopped arriving years ago, so this is a nice surprise. Anyone remember me from 84-86? Mr Gale's mob (H6). Nah, thought not. I'm a freelance journo, by the way, and my folks still live near KGV space station (as it now looks). I used to go out with one of the Guest Dinner speakers.

Mark Campbell, Cummersdale, Cumbria 30.08.00.

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Woodham's 1951 to 1959. I have many lasting memories of my time at the old KGV (before it sank!) and would be pleased to hear from any Old Georgians of my vintage.

Harold C Corrin, Ottawa, Canada 31.08.00.

hcc345@aol.com

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Simon - I probably deserved it! Hope you are keeping well.

Mike Vernon, Hinckley, Leicestershire 04.09.00.

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Woodham's 69-75. Nice to see some familiar names in the book (Keith Rich, John Goggin, Peter Warlow) - must be an age thing! Still visiting Southport, but hardly ever catch sight of anyone.

A Rymer, West Wittering, W Sussex 07.09.00.

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Spencer's 1972-78. Just stumbled across this page and have been overcome by feelings of guilt because of my wonderful inability to keep in touch with anyone from the past!! Best wishes to Stan Rimmer (if you read these messages - I have been promising to visit you 'the next time I am in Southport' for the last 10 years). Steve Biddolph - Oxford - we should get together for a beer and a few reminiscences - Cheltenham is not far away.

Brian Evans, Cheltenham 08.09.00.

Evans' 1967-74. Now living in North Yorkshire via various points South of the Watford Gap. I'd be particularly interested to hear from/news of Messrs Catrall, Garbutt, Greenhalgh I, Greenhalgh M, Whittle, Matthews, Berry, McInerney, Bell, Moorhouse, Fletcher, McNorton, and Fairclough, all Old Georgians who, along with Keith Rich and I, were members of the Southport RUFC side that won the 1975 Lancashire U19 Cup. 25 years, guys. Time for a reunion?

Craig Kersey, North Yorkshire 13.09.00.

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Leech's 54-61-ish. Still out there with Airbus. Came for 2 years 26 years ago! Anyone out there from my days?

Lance Davies, Toulouse, France 27.09.00.

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Was at KGV 94-97. I am now working in Paris for Eurosport. If anyone was at KGV at the same time, get in touch. Steve, alias 'Jean Pierre'!!!!

Steven Ellis, Paris 28.09.00.

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Born Deborah C Mayer. Went to KGV College in 1979. Left 3 years later. (Should have been 2!)

Deborah C Porter, Southport 04.10.00.

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Mason's 1969-76?. What an excellent site for getting back in touch with old friends.

Dave Morley, London/Milton Keynes 04.10.00.

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If anyone had as bad a time at the hellhole they call KGV join a club of likeminded individuals, share your stories of woe and let us know how your life has improved since you escaped the institution's evil clutches.

Mark Eyres, DMU Leicester 05.10.00.

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What a surprise to accidentally fall on the KGV website. I am Southport born and bred, and went to KGV Grammar School in 1948 from Churchtown Primary. I was only there for about two years as we moved to North London then. What a pleasant coincidence.

Michael David Ostick, Upton upon Severn, Worcs. 05.10.00.

Does anyone know what became of Lynda LeRoy? (1979-80ish)

Noel Shearer, Crosby 06.10.00.

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Attended KGV 1970-75. Evans' House.

Steve Hurley, Stanmore, Middlesex 09.10.00.  
www.gtech.com

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I was at KGV from 1986-88, under the care and instruction of Dr Parry. I took English, French and Politics. I am now a barrister, practising in Manchester and living in Cheshire. I would love to hear from anyone I was at KGV with.

Chris Daw, Cheshire 11.10.00.  
www.chrisdaw.co.uk

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hello i left last year, and i am saaaaaad, will someone please speak to me? anyone?

Dave Molineux, Southport (at Sheffield now) 18.10.00.

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Evans 1966-72. Many great memories of school cricket during this time! Would like to know if Mr Garwood is still with us...last heard he was a School Inspector! An unforgettable master!

Robert S Canter, Scarisbrick 18.10.00.

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Thought I would sign in again as I noticed a few remembered the spotty red haired kid who graduated '75. (No spots or hair these days) Please feel free to E-mail me. Still looking to catch up with Tim Smith, Ian Hudson, Duncan Birrel, 'Taf' Bevan, Andrew Shannon et al.

John Goggin, Greenboro, NC, USA 18.10.00.

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Rogers 1947-52, Many familiar names from the distant past on this website.

G Sumner, Harold Wood, Essex 20.10.00.

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Does anyone remember me? Evans 1963-69. I've just come across this site and would be very pleased to hear from anyone from that era.

Colin Williams, St Michael's-on-Wyre, Lancs 21.10.00.

Paul B - I know I used to torment you at school but why can't we see ALL the Guest Book? There are probably people I would know hidden in the entries.

Fred Schober, Halsall, Lancs 22.10.00.

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Where are the (near) pensioners who used to play in the (almost) unbeaten rugby team of 1960/1/2 - Charlie Martin, Jim Marsh, Dave Keeley, Steve Tasker? Surely some of you are computer literate.

Bill Farquar, Warrington 24.10.00.

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Hi, I studied science A levels at KGV 96/97 and I am now a postdoc at Edinburgh University. Is anybody in contact with a friend Paul Ewart who studied humanities?

Kenneth Humphreys, Edinburgh 26.10.00.

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Hi Guys. Anyone remember me? I went to KGV from 1998-2000. Am now at Manchester University studying Town & Country Planning!

Martyn Leigh, Manchester 26.10.00.

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Ehhhhhhhhhy up. didn't know you were at Sheffield, Molineux - same here...muhahahahaha. Hi Martin, I see they've updated the kgv website. Unfortunately they still haven't updated the student website from the original 10 minute version that was created. There is a much better version available on the intranet at KGV but that isn't much use to anyone really...oh well, at least Dave Thornton and I tried to make them a decent student site.

Colin Waring, Southport (at uni in Sheffield) 31.10.00.

[www.fidei.co.uk](http://www.fidei.co.uk)

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Guest Book entries posted after mid-November 2000 will appear in Red Rose 2002. Please remember to leave leave your e-mail or website address in the text when posting messages. PDB

## NEWS DESK

### 80 Years of Red Roses

It is eighty years since boys at 'The Woodlands' produced the first Red Rose magazine in 1921. It enjoyed an unbroken run for over sixty years, when it changed its name and character as the School became the College, and the magazine metamorphosed into a number of guises, such as 'The Georgian', 'The

College Mag' and 'Voice'. During that period, the name 'Red Rose' was adopted for the Old Georgians' Newsletter. Those who wish to look through back numbers of any of these magazines, including the 1970 Jubilee Book, should try the reference section of the KGV Library in the Millennium Building.

### **KGV Website**

Old Georgians should visit the KGV website if they have not done so already, partly to discover what is going on today at the College, and also to view the Old Georgians section. The address is [www.kgv.ac.uk](http://www.kgv.ac.uk)

### **Old Georgians' Guestbook**

OGs are encouraged to post entries on the Guest Book, located in the Old Georgians section of the KGV website. Those who wish to leave an e-mail or website address are asked to include this in the text, because some addresses have disappeared when left separately.

### **Support for College Students**

Although it may not be widely known, there are some KGV students who face considerable difficulties in their lives - sometimes as the result of family breakdowns - that make coping with advanced study and day-to-day living very difficult. Because the College feels a responsibility towards the personal as well as the academic needs of those in its care, there is a support system acting as a safety net at times of crisis. To help in this venture, the Old Georgians Association, along with Southport Soroptimists and some other organisations, makes funds available to KGV for the emergency support of these deserving young people.

### **The Chairman's Weekend 2000**

The venue chosen for the Year 2000 Chairman's Weekend was The Queen's Head in the village of Tirrill, two and a half miles from Pooley Bridge at the north-east end of Ullswater. For a variety of reasons, only the elder hardcore of Stan Rimmer, Paul Bagshaw, John Pilling, Adrian Brown and Alan Bond were able to participate.

The group met up on the morning of Saturday, April 1st, the date having no significance, of course. Keen to test themselves, they climbed Aira Force and pressed on to Dockray, where an excellent pub lunch of real Cumberland sausages was consumed. Still full of go (and sausages) they returned to the Queen's Head for dinner. The group were relaxing in the bar, with its low beams and log fire, when Chairman Mike Hyde made a suprise appearance, and the six enjoyed a fine meal with much jollity. The food was excellent and it is no surprise that the beer brewed in the Tirrill Brewery (the adjoining outbuildings) has received the CAMRA cask marque for quality. About midnight, Mike, showing the determination drilled into him in formative years, drove home.

After a fortifying full English breakfast, the group drove to Howtown on the south side of the lake and walked around Hallin Fell. They then set off for home, stopping at the Punch Bowl in Askham for a late lunch, and then spoiling the entire trip by watching England's Rugby Team lose to Scotland, of all teams, on television. We dried our eyes, put the TV back on its stand and drove home, somewhat subdued. *A. Bond*

### **The Annual Dinner 2000**

Once again, the Old Georgians' Annual Dinner was a great success, due in great measure to the continuing dedicated organising skills of Stan Rimmer. There were addresses from Chairman Mike Hyde and President Hilary Anlow, Principal of King George V College, before Guest speaker John Hyde (Rogers' 1947-54 and School Captain 1953-4) entertained the assembly with a witty and well-delivered discourse. The number attending at Southport & Birkdale Cricket club was 112 and the profit on the raffle and dinner was a record at £966.

### **'KGV Remembered' Video Programme**

By the end of November 2000, 172 copies of the video programme 'KGV Remembered' had been sold, and the response to it has been most encouraging. Two copies are now available for borrowing from Southport Library, and the programme may be bought @ £15 from the Red Rose or from Broadhurst's Book Shop in Market Street, Southport. The KGV College video programme, under the title 'KGV Today', is also available from Broadhurst's @ £8. Details of this and other items of interest are listed in the Memorabilia section later in this book.

### **Old Georgians Barbecue 2000**

This year's Barbecue was probably the most successful and enjoyable so far. It was held on July 7th 2000 at the home of John and Christine Rostron and attracted an attendance of 50. As well as good barbecue food, there was a quiz, swimming, a bar and a raffle, and the event made a profit for the Association of £371.

### **The Fourth Man?**

When the Southport Visiter of 1st September 2000 published the death of our dear friend and dedicated Old Georgian, Hubert Long, he was described as 'former teacher of KGB'. We're now beginning to wonder....

### **Snooker Tournament**

The 2000 Snooker Tournament was held on October 19th at Southport & Birkdale Cricket Club and attracted an attendance of 16 members, all participating in the snooker and darts competitions. Results were:

DOUBLES	Winners: Chris Threlfall and Russell Watkinson	
	Runners-up: Andrew Malley and Nigel Walsh	
SINGLES	Winner: Stan Rimmer	Runner-up: Nigel Walsh
DARTS:	Winner: Stephen Bond	Runner-up: Jonathan Elliott

## **November Music Concert**

A number of OGs attended the College Music concert on November 14th and were treated to the customary high standard of performance by groups of KGV students under the inspiration of the director of music, Keith Matthews. As is traditional, the Association provided wine and snacks at the end of the evening to those attending, and the annual Old Georgians' donation to KGV was made by the Chairman. (see below)

## **Donation to the College**

As in past years, the Old Georgians made a contribution to KGV for the benefit of departmental work. In 2000, it was decided to award £330 to Learning Support, a service for helping the 85 students who have difficulties of one sort or another. These range from physical disability to dyslexia, and from epilepsy to sensory impairment, and much support, both human and technological, is provided by the College to help them attain their academic ambitions. Three Quick-Link scanner pens, used for scanning text into a lap-top computer, were presented to Pauline Collier, Assistant Principal and Head of Student Services, at the KGV's November Music Concert.

## **Planks on the Pier**

As Southport Pier is being rebuilt, a number of organisations have decided to purchase engraved planks, both to support the venture and to preserve names for posterity. With this in mind, three planks have been purchased by KGV and the Old Georgians. They are: 'King George V School', 'King George V College' and 'The Old Georgians' Association'.

## **Grateful Thanks**

As ever, we are grateful to Sheila Curran, our clerical administrator, for dealing efficiently with all OG material that is sent to the College. We also thank Colin Nicholson, premises officer, for finding a plan of King George V School amongst the archives. We appreciate that Hilary Anslow, Peter Comfort, Pauline Collier, Maurice Amer and Peter Walker found time, in a very busy College schedule, to produce contributions to this anniversary edition of the Red Rose. We thank Old Georgian Laurens Hardman, Proprietor of Broadhurst's Book Shop, and Keith Mitchell, Managing Director of Mitchell & Wright Printers, for their help and co-operation with the production and marketing of this edition.

## **New Georgians**

New members of the Association since the last Red Rose issue are:

John Beard	Ron Bennett	Tony Booth
Ian Cropper	Lydia Doyle	Cyril Ince
David Newton	Tom Newton	Stan Roberts
Mark Salkie	Bill Stuttard	Graham Thompson
Eric Usher	Brian Whittle	Ian Williams
Kenneth Wilson		

It should be noted that this book went to press before the expected new members joined the Association at the Leavers' Reunion in December 2000. Their names and details will appear in the Red Rose 2002.

## **Acknowledgements**

The Old Georgians' Association is most grateful to those who gave financial support to help meet the cost of producing and distributing this Anniversary Red Rose:

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TONY MARRIOTT      MR PERCY

JOHN ROSTRON

STUART WILBY      KEN WILSON

GRAHAM WOOD      IAN YOUNG

and others too late for publication

## **Annual Dinner and AGM 2001**

The 75th Anniversary Dinner will be held at Formby Hall Golf Club, Southport Old Road, Formby from 8 pm on Thursday, April 12th 2001. Hilary Anslow will preside, the Chairman is Geoffrey Dixon and the guest speaker will be Trevor Williams. The new venue has been chosen in anticipation of greater than usual numbers attending, and does not necessarily imply a permanent move from Southport & Birkdale Cricket Club. Tickets are £20, an increase of £4 on last year, but the rise is only for this special event. They are available from Stan Rimmer at 361 Liverpool Road, Birkdale, Southport PR8 3BT - Tel: 01704 576713. The Annual General Meeting of the Old Georgians Association precedes the Dinner at 7 pm.

## **AGENDA**

Apologies, Minutes and Matters Arising

Reports from Committee Members

Election of Officers

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## MEMORABILIA

The items below are available at the Annual Dinner or by post from:

**The Red Rose, 46 Lyndhurst Road, Southport, Merseyside PR8 4JT.**

**Tel: 01704 565075 Fax: 01704 550710 e-mail: redrose@easicom.com**

**Please make cheques payable to 'Old Georgians' Association'**

**'King George V School' oil painting** by Nancy Dixon, wife of G F Dixon  
A3 Colour print (42cm x 29.7cm) £10 post free

**'King George V College' pastel drawing** by Paul Bagshaw  
A3 Colour print (42cm x 29.7cm) £10 post free

**Aerial photograph of King George V School (early 1950s)**  
A4 Black & White print (29.7cm x 21cm) £5 post free

**Aerial photograph of King George V School and surroundings (1971)**  
A4 Black & White print (29.7cm x 21cm) £5 post free

**Aerial photograph of KGV School and KGV College (1980)**  
A4 Colour print (29.7cm x 21cm) £5 post free

**Facsimile of King George V School Prospectus 1930**  
A5 Black & White booklet (21cm x 15cm) £3 post free

**'KGV Remembered'** video programme featuring reminiscences of Old Georgians interspersed with contemporary photographs, covering the period 1920-79 (81 minutes). £15 post free

**King George V College promotional video programme** featuring aspects of the College in Year 2000 (20 minutes). £8 post free

**75th Anniversary Red Rose.** Copies of this book are available free of charge to members of the Association or @ £7.50 post free to others.

**Old Georgians' Tie** @ £8.50 post free is available from:  
Mr P J Comfort, Assistant Principal, King George V College,  
Scarlsbrick New Road, Southport PR8 6LR. Tel: 01704 530601

The video programmes and the Anniversary Red Rose may also be purchased at the same price from Broadhurst's, Market St, Southport.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2001

## **25 JANUARY 2001 - COLLEGE OPEN EVENING**

KGV open to visitors from 6 to 9 pm. No need to book; just arrive.

## **24/25 MARCH 2001 - OG CHAIRMAN'S WEEKEND**

This year's weekend will be at 'The Sun' in Coniston and will be led by Chairman and former Headmaster, Geoffrey Dixon. It is expected that a number of former Thornley Society members will wish to attend. Geoffrey can be contacted either by telephone - 01704 227887 - or by e-mail: geoffreydixon3@btinternet.com

## **28 MARCH 2001 - COLLEGE MUSIC CONCERT**

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

## **12 APRIL 2001 - OG ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

The tournament will be held at Formby Hall Golf Club. Further information from Chris Threlfall - Tel: 01204 852064

## **12 APRIL 2001 - OG ANNUAL DINNER & AGM**

The venue is Formby Hall Golf Club, Southport Old Road, Formby. The AGM starts at 7 pm, followed by a 3-course Dinner at 8 pm. The Guest speaker is Trevor Williams (Evans' 1949-56) and tickets are available @ £20 from Stan Rimmer, 361 Liverpool Road, Birkdale, Southport PR8 3BT - Tel: 01704 576713. You are advised to book early.

## **1,2,3 MAY 2001 - COLLEGE PRODUCTION**

Book through Peter Comfort at KGV College - Tel: 01704 530601.

## **31 MAY 2001 - COLLEGE MUSIC CONCERT**

Times and details are as for previous Music concerts.

## **13 JULY 2001 - OG BARBECUE AND QUIZ**

Barbecue, Quiz, Swimming, Bar from 7 pm hosted by The Rostrons, 33 Ryder Crescent, Birkdale, Southport. Tickets @ £7 from John Pilling, 372 Gravel Lane, Banks, Southport PR9 9DB - Tel: 01704 226961.

## **13 NOVEMBER 2001 - COLLEGE MUSIC CONCERT**

Times and details are as for previous Music concerts.

**IT IS IMPORTANT TO CONFIRM DATES WITH KGV COLLEGE**