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THE PRESIDENT'S VIEW

If you are invited to write for the Association Magazine and your immediate Presidential predecessors taught you either English or History, you need to check your spelling, grammar and facts. Fortunately I can use a spell and grammar check and if I write about the internet I can be sure we didn't cover that in History (though I expect we covered Gutenberg's revolutionary use of new printing technology to communicate the Bible – albeit just 180 copies!).

An increasing number of alumni associations are networking through the internet, allowing for a scale and speed of contact that was previously almost impossible short of massive amounts of letter writing (an almost lost art). Happily the Kingswood Association is developing its own on-line information base (with due attention to the need to protect our privacy and the Data Protection Act). As a result (and as KA Chairman Marcus Cornah wrote in the previous magazine) we can network much more directly with each other as well as through the Association's specific activities.

It is going to be fascinating to see how far this network power not only connects us more online but also increases more personal encounters. I understand informal events are beginning to multiply, through our new ability to get groups together more easily.

The more traditional activities of course roll on: I am enjoying the association regional dinners, recently in South Wales, soon in the Midlands and then in the South West. Last summer I enjoyed a stroll down memory lane (or round memory woods to be more precise) at the Prior's Court garden day (meeting for the first time in three decades my closest friend of those balmy summer early sixties' days). The ferns in the wood are just as luxurious as they always were, though now interspersed with sculptures. The next annual dinner at the Palace of Westminster later this year looks close to being a sell-out, when I can pass the baton to our next President (perhaps not the only Presidential change around that time?).



Richard R. O'Brien (1960-68)

Most of us, I suspect, tend to keep up with a few school friends, whilst we lose contact with most, especially where we add new friends at our next port of call, at university or our new job or location. Through the power of the net it should be easier to start developing new networks from the school in our chosen profession and other interests.

Of course, the power of the network and the strength of the Association will also allow us to generate more support to the School, not just financial (though the Association has very recently donated £50,000 to the new Foundation) but also in giving our time, ideas and other support. Most importantly I hope the power of the network will allow us to ensure that the community that we enjoyed during our early years will continue for a long time after we leave the heights of Lansdown. See you on-line!

Richard O'Brien 1960-68
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From the

Headmaster's Desk

Kingswood School,
Lansdown,
Bath
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24th March 2004

Dear Members of the Association,

The theme of this letter is making a difference so I thought I would begin it with a story about a very young girl who lived near a beach. She had a grandfather that she loved very much and whom she visited every week. One of the things that fascinated her whenever she visited was her grandpa's collection of hourglasses. She used to love to turn them upside down and watch the sand slowly sift through. Once she asked her grandpa why he had collected all his hourglasses and he told her it was because time was the most precious thing in the world. The young girl was surprised one December to find that her mother stopped taking her to see her grandfather. As Christmas Day neared, she got more and more upset that she was not being taken to see him. Eventually her parents had to tell her that her grandfather was very sick and was almost certainly going to die. The little girl wasn't sure what death was. Her mother told her life was like one of grandpa's hourglasses and that grandpa had very little time left.

Mother said they were all going as a family to visit grandpa in hospital that afternoon and perhaps she might like to spend the morning making him a card or present. The girl spent the rest of the morning working on her gift. When they got to the hospital, the little girl gave her grandpa a beautifully wrapped box. Her grandfather slowly unwrapped his present and looked inside. Although very ill, he smiled. His granddaughter had filled the box with



The Headmaster: Gary M. Best M.A.

sand. A cynic would say the little girl's attempt to give her grandpa more time was a waste of time. It could make no difference to whether he died or not. A Christian would say her actions were not a waste of time because they made a difference to the way her grandpa died. He died in the knowledge of her deep love for him.

It is not always easy to judge whether something you say or something you do is worthwhile. A century ago the then American President called Theodore Roosevelt, who is probably best remembered now as the man after whom the Teddy bear was named. Roosevelt was a great man of action, who, in his lifetime, knew both success and failure. On one occasion, when he had failed to achieve something, he was asked whether his effort had been worthwhile. He replied that, whatever the outcome of what you did, it was better than doing nothing:

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Kingswood Association Summer Reunion

Saturday 3rd July 2004

Speech Day

Speech Day at The Forum - Lunch - OB Cricket & Tennis - Tea

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m e n c a r m e n c a r m e n C

“Credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place will never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat”

Contrast that with this Japanese saying:

“There is nothing you must be
And there is nothing you must do.
There is really nothing you must have
And there is nothing you must know.
There is really nothing you must become...”

And which do you believe is the better philosophy for life? Look at the latest issue of *Kingswood in Focus* and you will see the response of most of our pupils. They are seizing the opportunities provided at Kingswood with open hands. They have no desire to become “nothing people”. They are wonderful to work with. Even after seventeen years as headmaster, there is nothing quite like seeing the sheer energy and excitement generated when pupils achieve at their best. The really good thing about *Kingswood in Focus* is that it usually manages to capture some of that.

I fully appreciate that when you or I or they look at the scale of the world’s problems, anything we can do may appear pointless. If the American President backed by all the authority of the American White House finds it hard to affect what happens in the Middle East, what hope have we of achieving any changes to the world around us? Only in children’s nursery rhymes do cows actually succeed in jumping over the moon. And yet, as a historian, I also see that the world we live in has been changed beyond recognition by a relatively small handful of people who have been prepared to aim for the impossible. Those who have refused to accept that what they do might prove a waste of time. One historian used to argue that if three hundred individuals were taken out of history we should still be living in the Stone Age. That is a gross exaggeration. Nevertheless, it is a relative few who have shaped our society.

What is equally true but less often appreciated is that in our own small way we all contribute for better or for worse to our society – by what we say and by what we do, by what we don’t say and by what we don’t do. Christ’s message that you should begin changing the world by changing yourself still rings true:

“Watch your thoughts; they become words;
Watch your words, they become actions;
Watch your actions, they become habits;
Watch your habits, they become character;
Watch your character, it becomes your destiny”

For me one of the most distressing features of modern society has been the media’s deliberate attempt to encourage youth to be cynical because hope for change should rest most with the young. Unlike many older people, youth should not yet be worn down by cynicism. Youth at least should not be prepared to accept that things have to be the way that they are. I was delighted to see the response of so many young people to Kingswood’s latest and largest Model United Nations Conference this March. Almost 800 young people came from all around the country and from abroad to discuss their views on the world in which we live and their vision for a better tomorrow. Listening to them the reality is that there is no shortage of ideas as to how to resolve world problems. The problem is simply persuading enough ordinary people to act. Justice – peace - toleration - racial harmony - all have to begin at an individual level.

That is why I place such importance on both developing individuals and maintaining the sense of community at Kingswood. It is easy to lose sight of the impact our lives have on those immediately around us – at home, at school, at work. What you say matters, what you do matters – it affects those who are immediately around you in your home, in your place of work, in your neighbourhood, and wherever you are. It affects for good or ill your friends and your family and those whom you just meet or count among your enemies. If, in the end, our lives make little difference in the global scheme of things, that will certainly not be true of the impact we have on the people we meet and see day to day.

It is the same with the programme for the development of the school as outlined in my letter in the last issue of *Kingswood in Focus*. Even if we do not attain everything on our “wish-list”, what we are able to achieve will make a difference. For that reason now that we have launched our new Foundation Fund I hope each of you will give thought to how you might contribute to the continued development of the school. I am particularly grateful that the Executive of the Association have already shown their commitment to the Fund by giving it £50,000. If there is any institution that can lay claim to most making a difference to how people live their lives it is a school – and Kingswood in particular has tried to fulfill that role to the best of its ability and resources. I want to make sure that the school continues to develop and change so it can best meet the needs of its pupils and continue to both develop their potential and challenge them. In your own respective ways you can now all help both present and future boys and girls at the school through the Foundation Fund. I ask you to help us make a difference,

With every good wish,



WELCOME to our New Association Members for 2003

from the Upper Sixth

ALDERSON Geraldine	BA, Geography	University of Birmingham
ASHDOWN Claire	Teaching course in Modern, Ballet and Tap Dancing	Bristol College of Dancing
AU Edward	MEng, Aeronautical Engineering	Loughborough University
BAILEY John	Gap year - BA, Geography	University of Southampton
BAKSHI Annabel	Gap year - LLB, Law	University of Leeds
BARNARD Tom	Gap year - reapply 2004	
BERGMANN Tom	BSc, Physiotherapy	University of Southampton
BEYAMAOWEI Yusuf	Study in America	
BICKERSON Antony	BSc, Biological Sciences	University of Edinburgh
BOWER Richard	No information	
BRIGGS Tom	MA, History	University of St Andrews
BUTLER Victoria	Gap year	
CAREY Krysta	BA, Economics and Human Geography	Keele University
CHAN Vanir	No information	
CHEN Jackie	BEng, Materials Science and Engineering	Imperial College London
CHEUNG Ivan	BSc, Computing	University of Plymouth
CHU Steven	MEng, Materials Science and Engineering	University of MIST
COLMAN Alex	Gap year	
DAVIS Oliver	Gap year - BSc, Marine Biology	University of Plymouth
DE MELLO Oscar	BA, Philosophy and History	University of Southampton
DOWSON David	BSc, Natural Sciences	University of Birmingham
EL-WAKEEL Hesham	BDS, Dentistry	Queen Mary, University of London
ELLIOTT Wayne	LLB, Law	University of Plymouth
FEENEY Ben	BSc, Computer Aided Product Design	Bournemouth University
FOSTER Senwelo	Gap year - MA, Architectural Design	University of Edinburgh
GARFORTH Christine	MA, Philosophy and Psychology	University of Edinburgh
GIBBONS Richard	BA, Accounting and Finance	University of Plymouth
GRATTON James	Gap year - BSc, Economics and Management Science	University of Southampton
HARMAN Holly	BMus, Music	Welsh College of Music and Drama
HUNG Samuel	BEng, Civil Engineering	University College London
ISSAeva Maria	BA, Accounting and Finance	University of Leeds
JOHNS Tim	MA, Geography and Politics	University of Edinburgh
JOHNSON Thomas	MEng, Civil Engineering	University of Exeter
JUDD William	BEng, Construction Engineering Management	University of Portsmouth
KELSHALL David	LLB, Law	University of Plymouth
KIRK-REYNOLDS Camilla	Gap Year, Stage Makeup Course	Geasepaint College, Ealing, London
KNIGHT James	Gap year - University in Australia	
KOTHARY Shreyans	BSc, Business Information Technology	University of Westminster
LAW Kenneth	BA, Finance, Accounting and Management	University of Nottingham
LEE Jennifer	BSc, Architectural Studies	Cardiff University
LEVEY Sophie	Gap year - BA, French and Philosophy	University of Leeds
LUSBY TAYLOR Sarah	Gap year, apply HE for 2004	
MACLELLAN James	BSc, Business Management	University of Surrey
MANSELL James	Art Foundation Course	City of Bath College
MARTIN Christian	BSc, Management Sciences	Loughborough University
MILLS Emily	BA, Arts with English as major	Brock University, Ontario, Canada
MORRELL Jessica	BA, English	University of Reading
MUELLER Karin	MEng, Engineering, Economics and Management	Oxford University
NG Jerome	MEng, Computer Science	University of Manchester
NWAOKOMAH Emmanuel	Science and Engineering Foundation Studies	Loughborough University
PEARCE Amy	Gap year - MBChB, Medicine	University of Birmingham
PRESTIDGE Thomas	Art Foundation Course	City of Bath College
PRICE Katrina	Gap Year, University in New Zealand	
PRICE Nichloas	Gap Year in Australia	
RABY Jesse	Gap year - BSc, Exercise and Sports Science	University of Exeter
RENTON Oliver	Gap year, apply HE for 2004	
SANDY William	BA, Landscape Architecture	Kingston University
SEBUNYA Kalema	MEng, Electronic and Communications Engineering	University of Leeds
SIMMONS Anne	Resit A levels and reapply	
TAYLOR Aidan	BA, Natural Sciences	Cambridge University
TU Sammi	MEng, Civil Engineering	Imperial College London
VAUX Martin	BA, English	University of Exeter
VOWLES Geoffrey	BSc, Natural Sciences	University of Durham
WALDRON Timothy	BA, Anthropology	University of Durham
WALLBANK Katie	Gap year - BA, Sport, P.E. and Community Studies	University of Birmingham
WARMANN Okiem	Gap year - BSc, Business and Management(Accounting)	Brunel University
WELCH James	Gap year, apply HE for 2004	
WHITE Thomas	BSc, Computing and Business	University of West of England, Bristol
WINSTANLEY Alice	Gap year, apply HE for 2004	
WONG Tangy	BA, Childhood Studies	University of Leeds
WRIGHT Rachel	BSc, International Politics with Law	University of Wales, Aberystwyth
WYATT Joanna	Gap year - MBChB, Medicine	University of Leeds
YEUNG Amson	No information	
ZENG Vince	BSc, Computer Science	University College London

The 2003 Leavers' Art Gallery

KINGSWOOD ART MAKES A BIG JUMP IN SIXTY YEARS

by
Trevor W. Goodman (1936-45)

I've very much enjoyed looking through the Art Department 2002-2003 CD and was most impressed by the standard of work that the school was producing, and have shown it to a couple of colleagues, including the present Felsted Head of Art. All were equally impressed by the quality and range of talent. There really is no comparison with the quality of Art in my days at KS and the present day pupils' work which is far superior. Incidentally when I was at Westwood in 1938 we had to go over to the senior school and up to the top floor above the old gymnasium for our Art lessons taught by a delightful Dane Maw (Staff 1927-64) - a highly gifted amateur in both drawing and painting. In those days art was regarded as a good hobby but not a serious examination subject. It is hard to believe that a practical part of the then School Certificate consisted of looking at a small still life arrangement for a few minutes which was then removed and we had to draw it from memory !



3 works by Kim Foster (shown above);
Portrait by Oscar de Mello (left) and
Antony Bickensen with his chickens
and cat (below)



I can't imagine us creating the highly inventive cat and chicken models of Antony Bickensen nor the 'Torso' of Camilla Kirk-Reynolds without being intellectually challenged (and probably censored) by Sackett, liberal and great man though he was !

It is hard to judge a painterly quality of paintings on a computer screen. [*And even harder in black and white as here ! - Ed*] Scale is missing as well as much texture, but the figurative work of Kim Foster seemed to be outstanding as well as the landscapes and seascapes of the younger Johan Henning. Oh dear, I've started to mention names; and I must stop - there is far too much talent to list, ranging from the textiles of Naomi Smart to the abstractions of Tom Prestidge. If readers of these comments don't believe me, let them get a copy of the CD. It's all a very far cry from the amateurism of my Higher School Cert examination work carried out in two relatively small rooms in the Uppingham Rectory opposite to the Churchyard, in 1945 - great and happy days though they were. [*TWG was Head of Art at Felsted School, Essex having taught there from 1957-87*]

Having a Ball - July 2003





Connections @Kingswood

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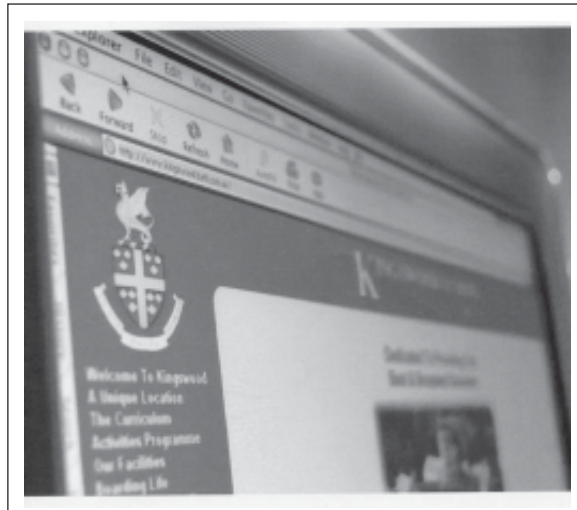
Most of you will have heard of Friends Reunited and many of you may have accessed their website searching for news of your erstwhile school chums. Very soon past Kingswood pupils will be able to connect with other old boys and old girls directly through our own School website with a new web based database system designed to help you keep in touch with us and with each other

Data previously stored and updated by John Lewis and his predecessors at the Kingswood Association Office has now been migrated to webalumnus accessed through portals on either the Kingswood School Website or the Kingswood Association Website.

Details of how to log on will be sent in the summer to every member of the Kingswood Association together with a personal pin number. Log on to access your own who's who on the website to tell us about your career, family and maybe even publish pictures of a happy event you want to share:



Luc with Karin & Jon



This update to the KA database will in future be held on the internet in the secure site called "Connections @ Kingswood" and may only be accessed by KA 'registered' members.

Members will use a personalised 'pin number', mailed from the KA Office to become 'registered'.

The initial date display parallels that which members authorised to be published in the last Kingswood Register, on sale to members in 1972,

i.e. Name.... School dates, Fathers name & initials, Current Address and now E mail (if already authorised)

'Registered' members may also access their own details in full (and may then control what items in their data are available for view by other registered members).

REGISTER as soon as you get your PIN number

Any member wishing to discuss the visibility of their details, has only to contact the General Secretary [by post, telephone, fax E mail].

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2003 REUNIONS

SUMMER REUNION

Commemoration Day



*Philip & Sheila Deakin with
Rev Laurie Campbell*



*Janet Millward (née Wigley), Eleanor Coker,
Jenny Lewis, Robin Lewis & Laurie Campbell*

Outside the Abbey



A 1974 Gathering

on November 1st 2003
in Southampton

*Sue Morgan (née Sergeant)
(Stourbridge),
John Cheffings (Chicago, USA),
John Sparrow (Southampton),
Ivor Ebenezer,
Martin Perkins(Isle of Man)
met up for an evening*



South West Lunch

2003

Hornsby Mill, Chard 10.5.2003

The President, Roy Cook (Staff 1958-91) addressed the members and the Kingswood Archivist David Brown (1952-58, Staff 1958-90) gave a Power Point Presentation about Kingswood Past & Present.



NEARING HIS CENTURY

*a visit by General Secretary John Lewis (1947-56)
and near neighbour Bill Steen (1946-52) to Kingsley
Lloyd (1916-20) on 31st October 2003 at Kingsley's
home at 13 High St, Orwell, Cambridgeshire.*

This was two days before Kingsley's 100th birthday on 2nd Nov 1903.

We had a quiet, subdued and measured interview with Kingsley who was thinking clearly but on occasions was slow in choosing his words. He was a frail old man who was aware of what was happening and well able to maintain his dignity with a friendly manner. He had a charming young nurse to look after him day and night, there was a second and they did alternate weeks on duty. His house was a converted pub, The White Hart, which he acquired in 1968 or thereabouts for £1800 having haggled the price down from £2000. The pub had its old cellarage, wall mounted benches and oak beams. He and his first wife Ida, had made it into a charming home in a charming village. He had outlived two wives and his daughter, Honour, but his son Mark (1941-47) will be visiting for the birthday.

He remembered walking down to services at Walcot Chapel and the pacifist sermons from "Froggy" in New King Street during the first war in 1915. He also recalled it was a time when Wootton was the Headmaster (1918-1928). Wootton was respected as a disciplinarian. Once when the school thought he was away in London at a Board Meeting the boys were having their usual showers in the Piazza – this appeared to have been done in some form of conveyor system – the environment being conducive to song. On this occasion the boys truly let forth knowing that Wootton was away. Unbeknown to them Wootton returned and could hear the singing 'from the bottom of Lansdown Hill'. Walking into the shower room those near him stopped singing instantly while the other half were unaware they were making so much noise themselves. Wootton walked through to them and they too shut up except for one boy, Phillips, a burly fellow singing lustily under the noisy shower and quite unaware of the silence around him. Wootton could not approach him because the shower was spraying all around. He remembered with a wry smile the resultant stand off. Those involved lost a Whole Holiday. He did not consider Wootton was the right choice for The Perse School where he went as Headmaster after Kingswood, with a fine record of new buildings, such as The Ferens. He felt the Perse needed a more liberal Head at that time. Bill recalled, as a small boy, living opposite a long retired and rather austere Wootton in Cambridge, where Wootton's house was badly damaged by a bomb in 1940. He recalled the appointment of Laurie Campbell in 1970 as a reforming Headmaster with an agenda including the possible introduction of girls into the school. He had been Chairman of Governors at that time.

We heard that Kingsley became the first nonconformist to preach in Orwell Parish Church in the 1970s; how his great grandfather, George Lloyd, a watch and clockmaker in Shropshire, though no preacher was a great temperance speaker in Wellington, where Kingsley had three years in a village school before coming to Kingswood. Perhaps his great



The 99 year old Kingsley Lloyd with Prof. Bill Steen

grand father would have had a wry smile at his son converting a pub. His school record was not distinguished.

Moving forward fifty years he recalled the building of the 6th form Dixon block in his time as Chairman and the problems they had with the wrong type of cement – the days when high alumina cement was found to decay too fast and had to be changed. He had personally received the cheques for the project from Lord Rank.



He was obviously very proud of Kingswood School and how it had grown during his long life. It had increased in both pupil numbers and buildings, but had the family relationships progressed in quality in 2003? John pointed out that Kingswood was currently the flavour of the time in Bath with many parents wishing their children to be taught there, which must have been some comfort to him.

We left him with a Kingswood Birthday Card after a most stimulating hour for us, clearly tiring. It was typical that he would thank us for being 'very patient' with him. It was good to hear later that our visit had no ill effects and was much appreciated. The 100th birthday cake was waiting in the next room for the big day and we read the invitation outside the village shop, by his friends, to come and sing "Happy Birthday" to the oldest resident at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

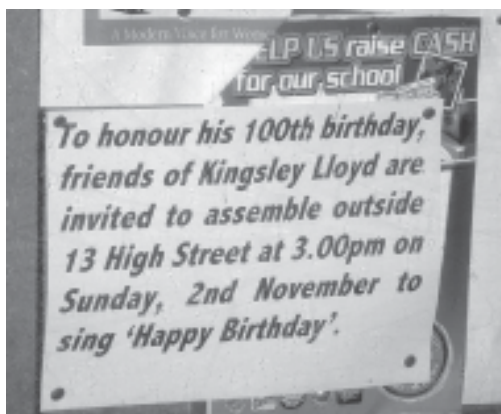
WMS/RJL

Richard O'Brien, as President of the Association, joined others in sending a greeting:

"Presidents of the Association don't have onerous responsibilities, it seems, but this one must be one of the most delightful and rare: it is a great pleasure that I write to you in anticipation of your centenary this weekend. Many many congratulations and I trust you celebrate in a fitting manner."

He recalled that AKL had been Association President in the year he moved from PC to Bath.

We regret to have to report Kingsley Lloyd's death on our later pages.



The notice outside Orwell Post Office



Croeso Cymreig i'r Llywydd



A Welsh Welcome to the President

There was a very friendly welcome for the Association President in Newport on January 17th.



President Richard Rhys O'Brien

In his red shirt Richard O'Brien was in sparkling form with a response that touched on many topics. He started with his ancestry, which would also have qualified him for a similar welcome across the Irish sea. [*though his international XC vest was certainly a red one - Ed*]. Clearly being able to pass a rugby ball at interview was not a vital factor at Corpus Christi; just a passion for running and a critical appraisal of ones XC master [David Lee (Staff 1961-66)] helped overcome any fluffs in the history session. Clearly

we have the right man in the job. One who has served on the Association Executive when younger and on the Governors more recently - at a time when a beloved Prior's Court was being sold and now he has ideas to urge us forward. President O'Brien [1960-68] finished with a toast to the School, to KS History masters [represented by Roy Cook (Staff 1958 -91)] and to KS Sports Masters [represented by Bob Clark (Staff 1959-80)]. It was judged to a tee.



Earlier Jane Ireland (née Morgan) (1972-74) had started the evening with an perceptive inside view of the life of the first eight Kingswood girls in Laurie Campbell's time (also present) in support was Katherine Brown-Eppler (1972-74).



Jane Ireland

"Thinking about it now, we were either mad, brave or -more likely - we just did not understand what we had let ourselves in for !

"In the first days there were a number of photocalls with the local press, one of which my mother found recently and which shows us wearing remarkably short skirts.



Outside the Dixon 1972 - The Bath Chronicle

Imagine then the agony of walking into the dining room while balancing a tray under the

eyes of hundreds of boys and then trying to negotiate elegantly those dreadful benches.

"I had come from a Girls' School in the depths of the countryside where deportment and the ability to make polite conversation was considered very important -and the reading of modern poetry or novels decidedly risqué. But Kingswood had the Senior Literary Association and we used to put on terribly serious poetry readings and have meaningful discussions and I felt that I was growing up. Do you remember that wonderful feeling when you realise that you are in the Sixth form, it is all exciting, there are people to talk to? I do not think that one is ever as grown up again as one was in the Sixth form. Before I had been spoon fed: Kingswood allowed me to think for myself.



Clarks & Campbells above. Peelings, Harding & Brown-Epler below





“We lived over the road in Cintra, the right hand side of a semi detached villa which was for our U6 year converted into one and called Fonthill. We were treated very kindly by our enormously patient House parents and compared with the sort of regulations girls in a boarding school have to comply with these days, given a remarkable amount of freedom which we took for granted. We were very happy there and on Sunday mornings would do breakfast in bed for each other.

“I remember the Chapel, which was very special. And the dense chocolate biscuit cake that we had for Sunday tea. And watching the boys play cricket on summer evenings after prep. below the Sixth Form block. And the bitter winds on the Upper. And that Campbell edict, ‘No public demonstrations of affection.’

“The opportunity to act was something that Kingswood gave me. It started badly when the parts for the first girls were those of prostitutes in the Threepenny Opera - I always thought it was a strange choice! Next came Antigone, the Pegasus play. It was summer, and in those days the pressures our present sixth forms experience did not exist - oh those Edwardian summers !

“To conclude. In the Upper Sixth I met Christopher Ireland, who seemed to have spent the previous year climbing mountains, burrowing down potholes or canoeing on rivers and who returned to improve his A level grades but in Kingswood style took on the role of Hamlet instead. I was his Ophelia and that was one Hamlet that did have a happy ending.

“I should like to raise a toast to all the girls, past present and future and to Laurie Campbell who started it all.”



The proceedings finished with traditional welcome in Welsh by Geraint Wilson-Price (1973-81), kindly translated line by line, and our thanks were due to Matt Evans (1973-82) for arranging such a splendid occasion for 26 members and their wives at Stow Park Tennis Club, Newport where he is currently captain playing alongside several other association members.



Geraint W-P

It was a popular event.



Evans & Gallimore



Cox & Williams

6 WEEKS IN NICARAGUA

JULY 2003

You haven't experienced proper potholes until you've ridden on the back of a truck up to the Verbo School and Gerald Adams Vocational Centre in Bluefields on Nicaragua's Mosquito shore. In the last few months the Peace and Hope Trust has mobilised the residents of the notorious road with the help of materials supplied by the British Embassy to build a footpath leading up to the school now by-passing all the terrible mud which pupils and staff had to negotiate. This is just one 'concrete' example of the ways in which the Peace and Hope Trust is making a difference to the poorest people of Nicaragua's Caribbean coast.

The work carried out by the Peace and Hope Trust is aimed at providing long-term solutions to the problems experienced by the people of Nicaragua. The recently completed Vocational Centre not only provides an excellent base for the volunteers working out in Bluefields but also offers sewing classes for local women. One of the projects we worked on in our six weeks was a woodworking workshop, which will be finished by the end of the summer. Along with the literacy classes held at the school, these will provide new skills and increase employment prospects. The organisation is also encouraging self-sufficiency through a plant nursery. Whilst we were there we planted some cocoa trees as part of an experiment to see whether growing and producing cocoa would be a profitable enterprise, especially with the problems in the world coffee market at the moment - coffee is a major contributor to Nicaragua's economy.

It is recognised that it is important to invest in the younger generations, so that the development will continue. For this reason supporting the Verbo School is a vital part of the Trust's contribution to the community. This summer the foundations of a new classroom were laid, which hopefully will be completed by the new academic year. Children from the poorest families in Bluefields many of whom live on the town's rubbish dump are provided with meals through a feeding centre and clothes and shoes are also distributed.

In La Barra, one of the remote communities on the Rio Grande, the team installed simple clean water systems and built a bridge over the swamp to the nurse's house. Earlier in the year solar and wind technology was installed, providing power for the medical outpost in La Barra and for the Vocational Centre in Bluefields.

Another major feat being undertaken by the organisation is the building of a rice straw bale house in Managua, the capital. This is to be used as the headquarters/team house and a showpiece example of cheaper, energy efficient, earthquake proof housing using locally available materials. This exciting project has attracted much attention from local and international agencies and is promoting the Peace and Hope Trust's widening activities.

We both feel we have had an invaluable and challenging experience, and we would thoroughly recommend anyone to join a team and travel out to Nicaragua or support the work of the Peace and Hope Trust.

Ruth (1996-2001) and Alastair (1994-2002) Gallagher

From the Executive Committee

details of the past year's activities and plans

- * Meet the President at PCS
- * A Welsh Welcome for President

Gifts to the School

- * The Pipe Organ sounds
- * Drinking Fountain
- * £50k Gift to the KS Foundation
- * Westminster Dinner
- * Connections @ Kingswood
- * July 3rd Summer Reunion
- * KA Office on the move again
- * Wesley Centre contracts

Prior's Court School Gardens

A new venture was planned for last summer when members were invited to join the public at the Open Gardens afternoon in August at PCS. [See p. 16] The President, Richard O'Brien (1960-68) was present to look round the school he remembered and meet members.

Perhaps it will take off as an idea with more publicity, though in 2004 PCS have chosen a date in April when the daffodils will be the main feature, and the teas will, most likely, be served indoors !

More Regional Meetings in 2003-4

The former President, Roy Cook (Staff 1958-91) spoke at a well supported SW Luncheon at Chard in May [See p.7]

Unfortunately he was indisposed for the earlier Midland Dinner at Henley-in-Arden so the General Secretary 'delivered the word' (His words-Ed) and Andrew Smith (Staff 1964-2002) appeared in person.

In January 2004 our Newport members held an excellent Welsh Welcome for the President, and this was notable for the turnout of 8 former staff and their wives which was much appreciated.

[See pp.10-11]

Once again the membership are very indebted to Roger Hailwood, Bernard Booth and now Matt Evans for the time they spend making a success of these events.

Remembrance Day Ceremony 11th November

This year the school formed up by houses on the Senior Quad for 11 a.m. and the bugler played the Last Post from below the Association Office window as the gun was heard from the city. This had meant advancing the short ceremony in the Chapel where a wreath was laid on each KS war memorial.

The changes in the Memorial Chapel



11.00 hrs 11.11.03



Detail from Memorial Chapel, West window which is now more visible

balcony to accommodate the organ by moving the pews has made the inscription at the bottom of the finer West window more visible:

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF OLD BOYS AND MASTERS OF THE SCHOOL WHO FELL IN THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918 THIS WINDOW IS ERECTED BY OLD BOYS

Gifts to the School

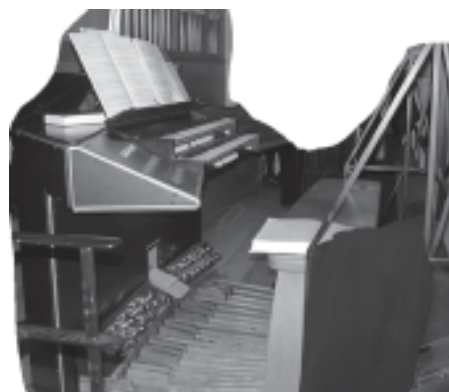
The New Organ

The organ builders finally had the organ ready to be used for the end of term in December. In January there was a concert making use

of it alongside several choirs in the Chapel Gallery. It is a fine instrument.

[See p.9]

The Association contributed the final £20,000 toward the



The new Organ Console

cost and many members also supported the Organ Fund individually. There was a major bequest from the estate of Ken Woolley (1919-25)

The Drinking Fountain

There was a Millennium Project started by the then President which passed through various metamorphoses, including an engraved window but finally emerged as a granite styled drinking fountain for school use. [The one under the arch from the Senior Quad disappeared some years ago - Ed.] The fountain is now in the hands of the school and will be photographed in situ eventually.

The Kingswood School Foundation Fund.

The Executive Committee agreed to make a major gift of £50,000 to 'kick-start' the new Foundation Fund which is referred to elsewhere by the Headmaster.



KA Treasurer Charles Gerrish presents the £50,000 cheque to the Head Boy Peter Lee and Head Girl Becky Lyle

Flowers for the Leavers' Ball 2003

The Association continued to support the annual Leavers' Ball with floral decorations on the tables.

Connections @ Kingswood



The new logo

The Committee supported the school's decision to fund a new database on the internet for our members and the exciting opportunities this opens up, such as enabling a member to organise a reunion using the data online. Among other things there will be the opportunity for members to have their own KS E-mail address and to make their own updates to addresses and career details.

For those who wish to mail in this information in the usual way it will be dealt with by the newly appointed Assistant Secretary Ms Sonia Rodrigo who will also be assisting the General Secretary in other ways.

We are very fortunate to have the services of a database expert at this time of transition.



Ms Sonia Rodrigo

The 2004 Annual Dinner.

This was confirmed for the House of Commons (Churchill Room) on October 29th. Our original booking of a smaller room proved to be unambitious (*Could we say too conservative? - Ed*) and we were fortunate that the largest room (96 places) was still available. Nevertheless it looks as though there will very soon be a waiting list. David Wilshire MP (1955-62) will be our sponsor and members will be welcoming the new President Sir Nicholas Fenn (1949-54). The formal handover by the previous president, Richard O'Brien, will take place before the dinner.



Venue for the 2004 Annual Dinner

2004 Reunion Opportunities

After three successful years when members were invited to the July Commemoration Day service in the Abbey and to visit the school for lunch and tea the school has had to revise this format. The service was held at the end of the Spring Term this year, and the term ended immediately afterwards.

The Summer Term will end on July 3rd and members are invited to the school that day. There is a morning Prize Giving down in Bath (at The Forum) followed by lunch. The rest of the

day will be devoted to our newest members - the 2004 Leavers, who will have lunch with their parents and a Leavers' Service in the Chapel and then the Leavers' Ball that evening.

After the service there is a Tennis match on the Lower and Cricket match on the Upper which is a 20 over format. The AGM is scheduled for 3.30 that afternoon and tea can be taken in the school or on the Upper.

There are already two groups from Leaving Years 1994 & 1995 aiming to come to Bath and meet up with each other and see the school that day.

Future Annual Reunions ?

We are most grateful to the school for extending the generous invitations that it has done to the Association since 2000 - and for the many many years before that in the Autumn, with OB rugby matches of fond memory to many. The summer event had appeared to be an ideal move forward for the Association but there were fewer members accepting the invitation in 2003 and the number wishing to attend an annual dinner in school was too small to run the event for the first time. [*We had a pleasant 'Not the Kingswood Association Dinner' - at the Francis Hotel that evening for 15 members and their wives instead. No speeches. - Ed*]

The demand for the House of Commons Dinner in October 2004 is most encouraging, but what does the membership wish to support in 2005? Please contact the General Secretary with suggestions by post, phone or Email at kingsasc@rmplc.co.uk. Or call and visit.

DIY Reunions

The General Secretary will be happy to help those seeking to arrange a ##### Year Reunion which takes in KS, to make suggestions and publish the organiser's Email address in the magazine and on the Association Website.

[The 1994 Leavers had a designated website in 2003]

It will be even easier for members to arrange such occasions between themselves through the new Website Connections @ Kingswood

Overseas Members

The annual magazine has been mailed to 3218 members this year, and the 396 overseas recipients were requested to confirm their wish to receive future copies. Many have replied but this request will be made again to those who did not respond last time - a final reminder.

Office on the Move

The current location of the Association Office (in the post-war PR) is being taken over to allow expansion of the English Department which surrounds it, and is evacuating the Glasgow Room, off the Moulton Hall Lobby.

It will therefore be moving down to a space off the Gong Passage. We hope that members will find their way there in future, for a warm welcome if not for distant views.

Wesley Centre Contracts

For the same reason the Wesley Centre and the School Archives are moving to a new location up in the Tower.



Sign for sale ?

THE PEREGRINATIONS OF AN ASSOCIATION OFFICE



The 1891 wing which houses the current first floor KA Office

The Association Office is on the move again after some twelve fruitful years in the Wesley Library. The Wesley Library was part of the Wesley Centre, opened in 1987, though conceived and initially planned in the time of Headmaster Campbell, giving a generous scope to the enthusiasm and skills of Michael Bishop in creating displays of pictures and models unknown before at Kingswood.

The former Middle House day rooms, at the North end, had a divider and could be joined to make a Lecture Room with the reconstructed Wesley Pulpit and a KS Museum at one end and at the other a classroom/lecture room used from the start by the History and then the English Departments. In the late 1990s the Wesley Pulpit was relocated to the Dining Hall gallery, and KS Museum became another English classroom

From 1987 the Wesley Library (which was the post-war PR), had provided a fine meeting room with the splendid Campbell legacy double-leaf table at its centre.

Developments elsewhere had seen the Association Office, located in the South East end of the Ferens, a sometimes damp and chilly or otherwise a roasting gold-fish bowl for E.P. Aust and F.B. Field, move into the Main Building in 1987. This was achieved in the time of the Mountfords (Bill and Jean) and the location was next to the then Chaplain's Room {remembered by some as the post-war Bursar's room (in the time of P.G.Summers). Expansion of the School House girls Housemistress's family and flat was responsible for a move in 1992 to one end of the Wesley Library. This offers the most

splendid view westwards across the patch to the Ferens lawn (and sunsets beyond) from its bay window. Perhaps providing a diversion for pupils who, in the future, will be privileged to be taught there.



The Ferens Office in view from the P.R.

The new KA Office location has no window. It is located off the Gong Passage, was once the SE corner of the Sackett's kitchen, and more recently a Careers Room thoughtfully created by Laurence Lockhart (1948-54) and latterly an office for the Catering Department before becoming a SENCO centre.

It is just about large enough for the two computer desks, the card index system (never quite up to date), bound magazines, office trivia [Creed's 1974 Kingswood Register, 2004 Minutes of Conference, Correspondence log (dating from 1985), ties and other items for sale and the huge array of questionnaire forms, files, image storage discs with camera, which are needed to promote the KA and roll out a magazine. So, book your last visit to the Association Office in its current location and enjoy a comfortable seat with view (01225 734350) before July.



The Gong Passage - now with oak panelling. The door to the new KA Office is on the left

Kingswood's Wesley Centre, having just survived the 2003 Wesley Tercentenary will close in its present form, and the display items will be packed away into store for the most part. The Archivist makes his move up to the Kingswood Tower (and to John Sykes' old room, now without a piano - though the previous Chaplain has been known to keep a keyboard and guitar there !). The priceless Wesley artefacts should be secure, there, though much less accessible to any party of tourists who allow themselves the odd hour to drop into "JW's old school". Moving the multiplicity of files and boxes that constitute the KS archival records will be no mean feat and will require meticulous planning so that access via the splendid cataloguing system of Messrs Bishop and Brown can still be meaningful. {David Brown estimates that a 250 metre run of shelf space needs to be created for this}

I trust that the b/w school photographs on the walls outside this office will suffer a stay of execution maybe until the question is asked "Why are those old pictures outside the English department?" They certainly are a memorable feature of our historical display and survive best in a dark corridor.

The new KA Office will have the advantage of accessibility, it's on the groundfloor and level, with no steps from the glass passage entrance, which will suit wheelchairs. Their slight problem will be finding room on entry but please come and try.

RJL

2004 MIDLAND DINNER

Midland Region Reunion



Speakers at the Dinner: David Bingham (1948-52); The Headmaster, Mr Gary Best; The Head Boy, Peter Lee; The President, Richard O'Brien and Geoffrey Crowther (1965-62

Members from the Midland Region gathered on the evening of Friday 19 March at the Henley Hotel. While there were many of the regular attendees for the annual dinner it was also a delight to welcome some members who had found their way there for the first time. After the usual enjoyable meal with its wide ranging topics of conversation and the chance to catch up on happening since the previous occasion we were both entertained and informed by our speakers. This year we set a precedent by inviting the **Head Boy, Peter Lee** to come to speak to us. The cancellation of the annual Association gathering at KS had deprived him of the opportunity to address the members of the Association on the traditional occasion, what he described as one of the rites of passage for a head boy or head girl. It was refreshing to hear from one of the current members of the school about the breadth of experiences that he had been able to enjoy giving him the widest possible education culminating in his participation as chair in the Model United Nations, where delegates from around the world had gathered at KS. He had successfully taken up the challenge of new sport-

ing activities and of course he had also attended to his academic work with his sights set on University. Looking back he felt he had enjoyed seven fantastic Years.

Geoffrey Crowther (1956–62) proposed the toast to the school reflecting that the “Methodist Mafia” had taken over almost every facet of his life since leaving school. There was little that he had subsequently been involved with that could not be traced back to its original roots at KS. In reply the Headmaster, Gary Best, spoke about the current climate of testing, and with pointed humour expressed the view that testing was not really what education was about. The obsession with testing had lost touch with the other activities that happen in education. Future life is built on a framework of relationships, breadth of experience and of course pastoral care, all of which Kingswood caters for exceptionally well. The role of the school is to enable what is uniquely there in an individual to be fully developed.

David Bingham (48-52) proposed the toast to the Association with his own reflections on how the school had provided



Roger Hailwood (the Midland Organiser) with Paul Bolitho

him with the basic preparation to face the world; and if you want to know the story of how the trainee zoo attendant fared you will have to ring him up and ask him. **Richard O'Brien** our President, spoke in reply to the toast telling us of correspondence with the most senior of “Old Boys”, Kingsley Lloyd who had recently passed away and Don Morton (1916-22) in Canada who is now the most senior and is hoping to be able to attend the next gathering in Vancouver; an illustration that the Association is active across the world. Richard took us through his five incarnations at Kingswood from being an entrant at Priors Court to being a Governor. As a Governor he had seen many changes at the school, the closing of Priors Court, the moving of Upper House, the cessation of Saturday lessons, and Kingswood coming “on line”. One of the most difficult tasks was that of trying to make sense of the Government League tables, which could be oddly skewed by individuals taking examinations a year early. In his statements to parents he had been at pains to emphasise “your child will be educated, despite the numbers”. A final thought from an economist was that past members of Kingswood had held some of the most important financial positions in the world.

A considerable number of members sent their apologies for non-attendance but wished to greet those who were present. The date for next year’s diary is Friday 18th March (dv), come and meet some colleagues from past years, or better still bring one with you.

Roger Hailwood

Kingswood in France

The inaugural meeting

Date: SATURDAY 18th

September 2004

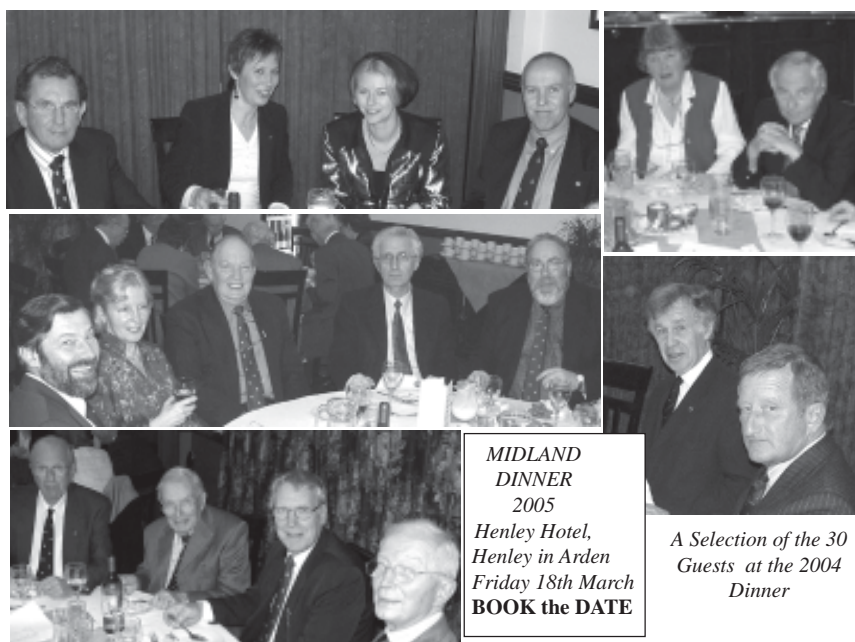
Time: Noon

Venue: TOURS

Speaker: Prof H.R. Kedward
(1948-56)

Contact: Bob Kirtley +33 (0) 2 47 95 87 30

NOW



MIDLAND
DINNER
2005
Henley Hotel,
Henley in Arden
Friday 18th March
BOOK the DATE

A Selection of the 30
Guests at the 2004
Dinner

Impressions of Priors Court 50 years on.

I read in the association magazine that Priors Court, in its new role, was to open its grounds as part of the National Gardens Scheme and that the Association was taking advantage of this for a reunion. My first action was to call Pete Grenfell. Pete and I first met when, as nervous ten year olds we were delivered to Priors Court by our parents on a hot sunny day in September 1954.

Fifty years on we met for a pub lunch at the Fox in Hermitage on a hot sunny day in August 2003 and then delivered ourselves to Priors Court. Everything looked much the same until we came to the M4 that had appeared across the fields where we used to walk on Sunday afternoons on our way to Oare and Hermitage. The drive looked much the same but the avenue of trees had grown somewhat and car parks and houses had appeared to the right of it and new class rooms to the left. Walking towards the main building nothing appeared to have changed on the frontage but what had happened to Vic Blacks pre-fab: replaced by a sports hall? Behind the main building the old swimming pool was filled in and the area covered with tables and chairs where teas were being served. Here we met up with others wearing the "I was at PC from... to..." badges provided by John Lewis and a very wide spread of dates was represented, ranging from some original evacuees of 1939 up to the 90's. One of the biggest shocks for us was that some of the later dates were being worn by girls. We had not realised that PC under KS had been co-ed. The other noticeable thing was how small things looked. Had the buildings shrunk with age? Or could it be that we had grown?

It is often said that it is a mistake to go back but in this case I, at least, am glad that I did. While the changes since our first arrival had been great, most of these involved additions to the buildings we knew and comparatively few demolitions. It was also clear that the feeling of most of the old boys (and girls) was sadness that it was no longer part of KS but pleasure that it was still being used in the way that we had enjoyed it – as a school.

Roger Frampton (1954-63)

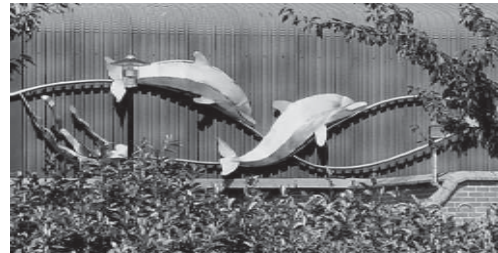


3 Bradleys (Tim, Nick and Bob), James Philip & Andy Stibbard

Bob Bradley (1989-97) found that he remembered quite a lot less of Priors Court than he had expected. " Perhaps this has something to do with the rather radical changes that have occurred there in the last 11 years or so. Behind the main house it has changed an awful lot. The woods were still roughly the same however; and I enjoyed looking at the sites of old 'bases' and at the trees that we used to climb. I didn't go much on the 'art' !"



O'Brien, Frampton & Grenfell making the most of the scene



Dolphins on the wall of the Pool - symbolic of the freedom for young swimmers within.

There was a welcome in person from Dame Stephanie Shirley herself seated at the entrance. She is the school's benefactor and enthusiastic owner of the many items of British art, craft and design which decorate the grounds, woods and, we are told, many spaces inside the school. But it was not the day to look indoors (this can be arranged by appointment) and the pupils, some sixty of them, were on holiday.

It is a delight we share with Dame Shirley that PC is still a school and the space so many of us came to love is available for many more young minds to enjoy.

Sitting in a shady KA tent the hum of the M4 did not quite drown out the cawing rooks or the clock striking from the top of the extended Tonypandy Building.



Priors Court means trees and serenity

The Prior' Court School
 2003 Open Garden Day
 Saturday August 2nd

It was a glorious summer afternoon with the opportunity to choose the sunny places or select the shade under the magnificent trees and woodland that makes up PC as we always knew it. The magnificent Spanish chestnut and the humbler twin conker trees on the front (Prisoner's Base for a certain O'B.) brought back memories. The start/finish of the X country run was a 'sickening' reminder for one young ex-runner.

The lily pond is still there but covered with a most impressive decorative grill. Did we really do Twelfth Night and A Midsummer Night's Dream in this small walled space ? It now



Setting by the lily pond for Twelfth Night and MND

provides the setting for "Aphrodite" in bronze set on a substantial two metre high stone pillar

Mind you the old summer house (with turntable ?) was no longer in situ beyond it - no more 'stink pots' and my, didn't the butterflies now obliterate the buddlia without anyone to chase them! In its place is 'Pictish' an oak bench with all the lines of a couple of substantial springs. It was one of many resting points.

The Indian bean tree, though now horizontal was still flowering bravely.

The porch was under builder's wraps showing that work continues to keep the estate and buildings in apple pie order.

Quote: "If someone had told me 50 years ago that I would be sitting here enjoying tea in the swimming pool I wouldn't have believed them"[Note for the reader - The swimming pool is now an enclosed lawn.!]

There was a close inspection made of the 'dell', stirring the unoriginal musings that its cause was a stray German bomb.



PCS Sits comfortably in the trees



Jean Mountford (KA Secretary 91-95) and President O'Brien have a shady rest on the sculptured ceramic cushions



Planted by WBM in 1966

There was the splendid Tulip tree - now 37 years old as Bill Mountford its planter pointed out. Currently it dwarfs an oak planted in the Jubilee year. Surely they will both outlast the twin 4 metre reinforced glass fibre colourful cones of the 'Hullabaloo' sculpture nearby with its ladder and wheels on top ?

The day's visitors numbered around 150 with the KS contingent less than twenty. Surely there will be more next year when the word gets round ? [PCS have chosen a date in April, to see the daffodils, so the change may not have got round beyond our website - Ed.] We were free to explore round the outside of the old and many new parts of the buildings between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. and were regaled with home-made cakes and tea.

Old girls and boys had travelled from Bath, Winchester, Northampton, Winchester, Banbury, Salisbury Plain joined by former KS parents from Duffield (Derbys) and further afield

Sophie and Sarah (+Rufus to arrive 6 months later) enjoyed sitting on the lawn below the old girls' dormitory wing - except that it was no more, being replaced by a modern wing. Sarah wanting a side on shot (see photo) to show she was pregnant not 'just fat'.

Certain names were on many lips: Mellor, Black, Selwood, Burton (there were apologies from him), Hall, High and Mountford (who was there is person with Mrs Jean Mountford.)

RJL



Guests including: Lewises, Mountords a Frampton, an O'Brien, Sophie & Sarah, Wigleys and Grenfell

THE INAUGURAL CONCERT OF THE PIPE ORGAN

A special occasion in the Kingswood Chapel on January 30th 2004

The Headmaster introduced the occasion talking about the origins of the Memorial Chapel, its place as the heart of the school and his own love for the building before letting loose a triumphant fanfare from the Brass Ensemble of 9 boys and girls in a bold rendering of Purcell's *Trumpet Tune*

Singing alongside the 32 ft pedal pipes was a challenging experience for the basses but maybe no more so than for the altos in front of the Swell box.

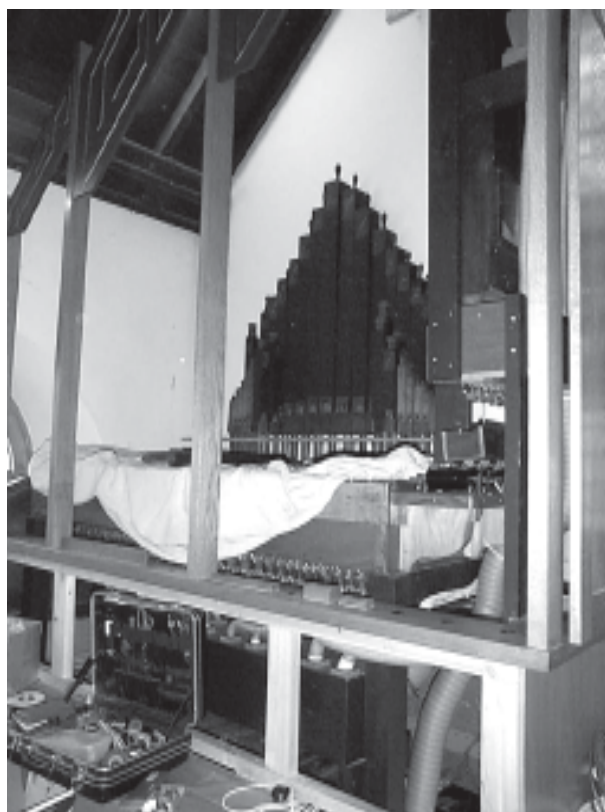
There were four choirs performing: Kingswood Chorale, KS Chamber Choir, KS Senior Choir and The Westwood Choir trained by the two conductors: Sue Monks and Jenny Matthews. Some 103 voices in all.

The soprano soloist Juliet Liddell was outstanding with a pure tone and good breath control in Handel's *Padre Amato* and if the other soloists were less assured in later pieces there is certainly talent in the making.

The organ's variety of stop was well displayed in Pierne's *Cantilena & Prelude*, played by Marcus Sealy.

The *Vidor Toccata* as the finale was a tour de force for Marcus Sealy which with the siting of the instrument behind and above the listener allowed a fuller appreciation of the texture of the piece for some listeners. The applause, and cheers, were spontaneous and lengthy. Well deserved recognition for a very gifted Kingswood Organist of 34 years service to the school.

John Sykes (Staff 1936-62) could not have played it better for any Whole Holiday morning chapel, as remembered by some, and others remarked how they had perhaps heard the end of the piece for the first time, having had to file out on previous occasions. Also present was Nick Thorne (Staff 1973-97) who had also so many times finished a major work as voluntary to an almost empty Chapel - creating a different accoustic on these occasions. Can we have the *Arrival of the Queen of Sheba* to end with next time please? RJL



The Copley Organ nearing completion



Marcus Sealy (Staff 1970-)

Specification of the new Kingswood Organ

Pedal		Great	
Acoustic Bass	32	Bourdon	16
Subbass	16	Principal	8
Octave	8	Open Flute	8
Bass Flute	8	Viola	8
Fagot	16	Octave	4
		Flute	4
		Fifteenth	2
		Sesquialtera	II
		Mixture	II
		Tremulant	
Swell		Couplers	
Stopped Diapason	8	Gt - Ped	
Gamba	8	Sw - Ped	
Celeste	8	Sw - Gt	
Principal Flute	4	Sw - Suboctave	
Octave	2		
Mixture	II		
Trumpet	8		

The gathering included many Association members and other contributors to the Organ Fund over the last five years. Included in these were Mr & Mrs Slark {- Mrs Slark the daughter of Ken Woolley (1919-25)} from Bedford, Mr & Mrs Martin Cutland (1944-50) from Wadebridge, Mr & Mrs David Bevan (1941-47) from Crickhowell, Mr & Mrs Colin Myles (1954-61) from Ledbury, Mr & Mrs Stephen Fisk (1956-64) from Cardiff, Mrs Celia Campbell (née Woodward) (1977-78) from Loughborough and Mr Jonathan Lyle (1968-76)

Gleanings

By David Brown (1952-58), Archivist

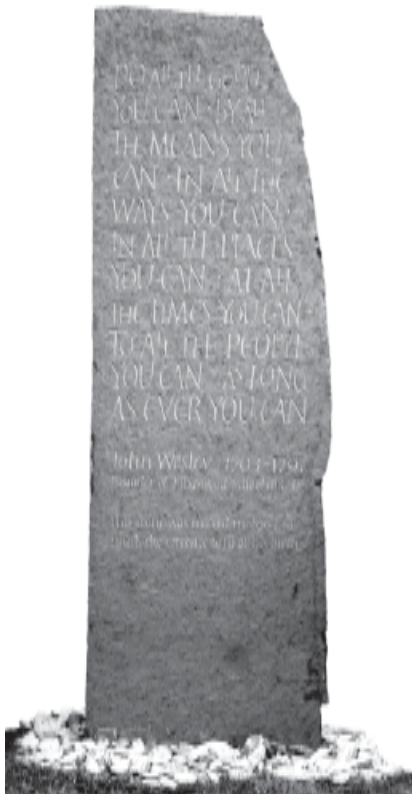
“That was the Wesley tercentenary year that was.”

As ever, the year has passed at a pace seemingly more rapidly than the one before it, and events at Kingswood that had been so long in the planning, were so short in the passing.

The tercentenary of the birth of our founder John Wesley had been heralded for a number of years, and plans for nation-wide events had been trumpeted loudly, with increasing volume, as the summertime festivities arrived. We celebrated our own Wesley 300 with the unveiling on 5th July (Commemoration Day) of an inscription on a 2.5m high standing stone of Caithness flagstone. The Prep School had had the honour of having their own unveiling of the stone on JW's birthday a week earlier. It is placed on the grassy area just above the chapel and has on it the words attributed to JW, sometimes known as Wesley's rule:

*Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.*

The idea for the stone had come from a sermon one Friday morning back in about 1997 when the chaplain, Rev Mike Wilkinson announced that that was what he would like to see inscribed in stone by DMB and placed in the school grounds where most pupils would see it most days. The words have since been used a number of times at school events and other services by the acting chaplain Rev. Raymond Lansley (1947-55).



The Wesley Tercentenary Stone

The Headmaster wrote a short book on John Wesley: A study of his life to commemorate the tercentenary of his birth (£5 available from the School Office post paid - see inside back cover). The front cover is a copy of the portrait of JW that hangs in the dining hall, painted c1760 by John Russell RA. There has been some recent interest in this portrait by

two American Methodist authors, David Juliano and, last year, Rev Ken Kinghorn (Asbury Seminary) who is about to publish a book through Abingdon Press (probably to be called John Wesley: and album of portraits and engravings).

The Wesley Centre has been able to add to its collection of Wesleyana produced especially for the tercentenary. Amongst them is one of a limited edition of a horse brass, obtained from G.R.Hawthorne of Reading, bearing a bust of JW and the words 'John Wesley, born 1703'. I hope he would have approved! All members of the school were presented with a mug made by Chown China of Hayle, Cornwall, [See below] showing a picture of JW, his signature, details of his birth and life's work, and a 'Kingswood School' roundel. Other items were obtained through Methodist Publishing House and have a picture of JW being rescued from the 1709 fire at Epworth - 'a brand plucked from the burning', as illustrated on the cover of last year's Association Magazine (Vol.2 No.11 2003).

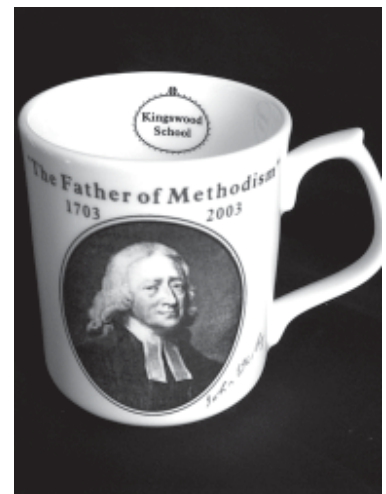
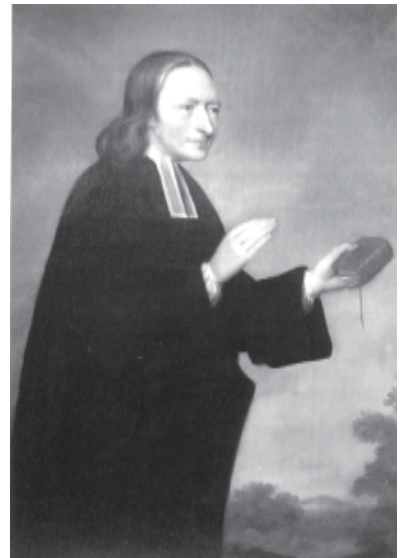
There have been many other tercentenary publications and we are pleased to have received John Wesley: a Pictorial



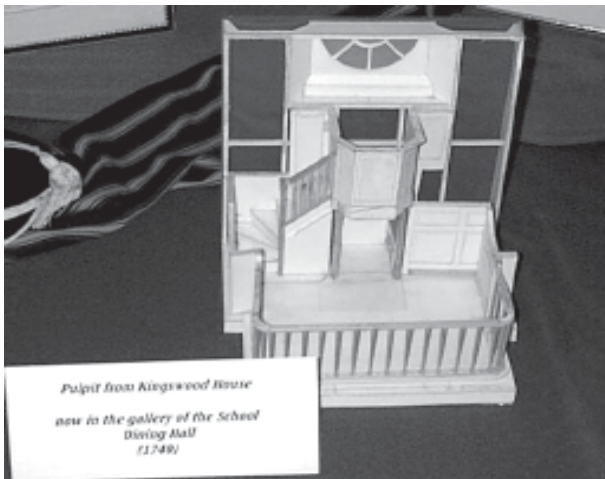
The Wesley Horse Brass

Journey by John Hurst, and John Wesley: a personal portrait by Ralph Waller. It is good to be able to expand the Wesley Centre library - it thereby becomes a much more valuable centre for research and reference.

The New York 9/11 tragedy caused great problems for the tourist industry, and there was a small falling-off of the many tour parties we had been expecting throughout the year. However, it picked up again, and during the course of the last year we have shown Kingswood and the Wesley Centre to about 200 visitors from America, Canada, Hong Kong and Bath.



A Tercentenary Mug



Michael Bishop's model of the Wesley pulpit

New Room celebrations.

Wesley's New Room at Bristol was also the centre of much tercentennial celebration. In particular there was a Flower Festival in the week leading up to 25th May. I was approached by Mrs. Janet Leach from South Gloucestershire to see if we could lend anything from the school archives that would help her theme of 'Kingswood School'. Of course, we were happy to do so. The effect was quite spectacular – she borrowed one of Michael Bishop's models of the Wesley pulpit, an old striped blazer, a prefect's tie (the very first one of the modern era), a sports cap that had belonged to J.K. Whitehead (1905-10) and a double-handled Kingswood loving cup probably made to commemorate J.W's 150th anniversary. The whole of this display was to be backed with a copy of the well-known 1790 James Heath print of Old Kingswood, with Wesley walking in the grounds alongside Thomas McGeary (HM 1783-94). Alas, the image of the school was found to be too obscure. However, to her great good fortune, Mrs Leach has a friend who is an amateur oil painter. This Mrs.Teresa Palicza readily agreed to do an oil painting of the old school based on Heath's original. The



Old Kingswood by T. Palicza 2003

result was just what was needed for the display and provided an attractive focus. We are honoured now to have received that painting through Mrs Palicza's generosity, for the school archives where it is on prominent display.



KS items in the New Room exhibition

Centenary Celebrations

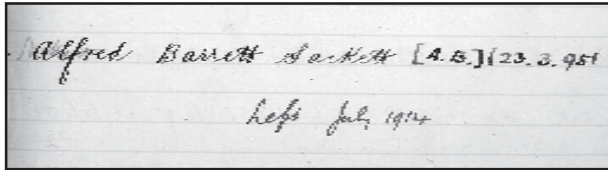
The year 2003 was also the centenary of the formation of the Board of Management for Methodist Independent Schools. The Headmaster produced another booklet (*Shared Aims. A Celebration of Methodism's involvement in education to mark the centenary of the Methodist Board of Management and the tercentenary of John Wesley's birth @ £5 from the School Office*). He describes how the Board came into being and traces its evolution to the present day. Illustrated contributions from all sixteen of the Board schools provides a useful reference to Methodist education in UK. One of the spectacular events that took place to celebrate the centenary was the signing of a register by all the pupils and staff in all of the Board schools. We have a photocopy of the Kingswood section in the Archives. The register was compiled over a period of about eight weeks as it was conveyed from school to school, starting at Truro, ending at Rydal (both, of course, having very strong KS connections) accompanied by a specially-made flag flown at each school in turn. The final destination of the register was Westminster Central Hall on 29/30 November where a weekend of art, music and celebration was enjoyed by representatives of staff and pupils from all of the schools. Kingswood was prominent and well represented musicians under the baton of our new Director of Music, Richard Mainwaring. Trees were also planted at all of the schools on 18th September; we have two, one at KPS and another on the grassy slopes below the Dixon Sixth Form building.



This is a Methodist school !

Kingswood Register

The signing of a register is not a new occurrence at Kingswood, but one that has lapsed in recent years, the most recent being 1994. Pupils' records go back to very early days. Sometimes the pupils themselves 'signed in', soon after their arrival, adding their father's initials and occupation. Some volumes show the record was put in by a single scribe for all. Spaces were left for staff subsequently to add academic progress and achievements. The registers provide confirmation of a pupil's attendance at the school and are often referred to in the course of answering enquiries by people tracing family histories. The illustration shows the signatures on entry to Kingswood of Alfred Barrett Sackett who eventually became Headmaster (1927-59). Now we have computer-generated listings. 'The Kingswood Register', a list of all pupils who have attended the school was



ABS's own entry in the school register of 1905

last updated by old boy Lowry Creed (1920-28, Headmaster 1959-70). He spent many hours compiling the lists a year after his retirement. The list was finished in 1972 and a smaller version of it, for more general use, published by the Association in 1974. It is high time that the Register be updated, and although modern technology should speed the process the task would require much painstaking cross-referencing and careful checking undertaken by a team of workers over possibly as much as two years. The starting point would be the existing registers, and former pupils would have to be contacted for brief summaries of their careers.

"Top Draw"

An interesting, related, all-school event took place last term. The Head of Art, Mr David Meads staged a 'Draw-in'. All pupils and staff were invited to draw an A4-sized self-portrait. The images were then displayed, one to a panel, in the Moulton Hall, creating a spectacular effect, much commented upon and enjoyed by visitors and inmates. There was an element of competition, too, and some portraits were selected to hang in the gong passage during the spring term of 2004. Along with the signatures mentioned above, copies of the portraits will form a unique archival record.



Pupil and Staff self portraits outside the new KA Office

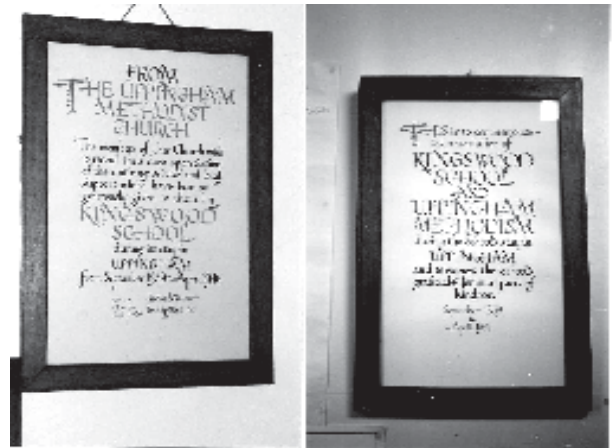
Mulberry Remembered Again

The year 1944 will be remembered as the year of the Normandy invasions, when the Allied forces launched their assault to liberate Europe from the Nazi terror.

Crucial to Operation Overlord was the creation of the floating harbours, known as 'mulberries'. The much-liked story that the mulberry tree at the front of the school was the origin for their name has been firmly discounted as a myth by Michael Bishop's painstaking work (see KS Mag Vol 59 No.442 p.17). His research revealed also that Kingswood in fact played no role in the planning and design of the Mulberry harbours (a REME concern, not an Admiralty one). The Civil-Engineer-in-Chief's Department (the Admiralty department housed at Kingswood since the early days of the war) was involved for the first time at the very end of 1943, only six months before D-Day; and the famous chart and cartoon hanging in the Headmaster's corridor relate only to the period after D-Day!

With this year being the 60th anniversary of the Normandy Invasion, a local actor and playwright Geoffrey Serle (who lives, as chance would have it, at Kingswood, Bristol!) has written a short play called 'Liberation'. Its action is based largely at Clifton College where the American forces had a centre of operations, but Kingswood is mentioned, and Mr Serle made use of our extensive Mulberry archive to help him with his background researches. The play will be performed at Clifton in the Autumn term.

UPPINGHAM REMEMBERED (AGAIN AND AGAIN)



The parchments at KS and Uppingham

During the Admiralty occupation of KS the school was 'exiled' to Uppingham. I received a letter from Mrs Margaret Stacey, a life-long member of the Uppingham Methodist church. She has written a short history of that church and knew that although pupils had attended services at the school, the staff had been very supportive of the local chapel. A parchment of fine calligraphy hangs in the vestry, she told me, recording the gratitude of Uppingham Methodist Church for the support it had received from Kingswood during the war. She sent me a photograph of it, telling me that it was known to have been framed by the School carpenter of many years standing and of subsequent long service, Jack Light – who, along with many of the KS support staff, were also exiled to Uppingham. Of course, the inscription seemed familiar, because a companion one hangs in the vestry of the chapel at Kingswood. She didn't know of this companion, so I was able to send her a photo of it. Who, I asked, had been the scribe, since no identifying mark could be seen. Not known, came the reply. Our inscription was looking a bit dirty, and the frame needed cleaning, so I took the plunge and separated the manuscript from its frame and buckled plywood

backing. Joy! The scribe had written her name right across the back of the parchment. It reads:

Written by E Jessie Harrington, Mountsorrel, Leicestershire. March 1946

What record of her could be found at the Uppingham end? Margaret Stacey is still researching that one. Can anyone else help ?

The story has another twist. Margaret Stacey included a piece from 'Magnet' no. 20 Christmas 1992 p.14. It was from a diary written by Mrs Margaret Davies, wife of the chaplain, Rev. Rupert Davies (Chaplain 1935 –47, Governor 1948 –83, Secretary to Governors, 1950 – 67, Chairman of Governors 1975 – 83, President of Conference 1970-71, died 1995)

It reads:

Christmas 1942.....from her diary:

Still "in exile" with Kingswood School, Bath. Uppingham, Rutland proving a real home from home with the help of Uppingham School and local people. All together.....Rupert, Barbara, toddler Mary, baby John (9 months) and me.

News of El Alamein has come giving rise to hope for victory....Germans encircled in Stalingrad.....No bombing at present.

Having a 'real' Christmas....dried fruit for cake and pudding! Painted cotton reels for the tree. Gave children's tea ration to 'aloners'.

Christmas Day.....stockings filled with pre-war books and toys from school bookshop. Mary loved hers saying "I'm very pleased with Father Christmas".

After Rupert conducted Service – a coupon-free goose. Baby John received extras from Government. School staff pooled rations for party.

Able to visit my parents in Leeds – (hoarded eight gallons of petrol ration); no signposts but we knew way.

Barbara, family member from Nazi Germany working as Nurse for Government Wartime Nursery came to see us.

Did we have any more of the diary in our archives? 'No' was the answer, but the person to ask would be Mrs Mary Sullivan, nee Davies, (KS staff 1981 – 90) daughter of Rupert and Margaret, who now lives at Colerne. Alas, Mary had no record of her mother's diary, but with the article was a lovely little photograph, sadly too poor to reproduce, of Margaret, with Mary as a toddler.

ORGANS



The Sweetland organ in the Dining Hall gallery, 1907

Over the years the Association has made substantial contribu-

tions to the fabric of the school, and nowhere is this better seen than in the provision of an organ. I reported at length the history of the Kingswood organs up to 1922 when the chapel was built. (KSA Magazine Vol 1 No.8 p.26).

The organ that had been in the gallery of the dining hall was a brand new one at the end of 1907, a two-manual Sweetland instrument, costing £321 and containing 1066 pipes. Owing to the limited height of the gallery the longer pipes had to be placed horizontally, and owing to limited width of the organ, these bass pipes projected on each side of the organ case to be conveniently hidden from view by the seats of the basses and tenors of the choir. On removal to the chapel it was increased in size to three manuals and fitted with pneumatic action. In 1953 it was dismantled and given some essential attention, but this was really a first-aid job, and as the Chapel organ had as much wear and tear in a month as the average church organ does in a year, it was not surprising that a major operation was necessary. It soldiered on until 1976 when for a period of two years it was necessary to instal a temporary electronic replacement. The Sweetland organ was dismantled with a few of the pipes going to the Physics Department for scientific purposes. The bench and pedal board lay for a short while in Fonthill Road until discovered by myself on a chance visit (I was teaching in Minehead at the time), and acquired with the kind permission of the Bursar (Alan Conibear). It had been my intention to attach the pedals to my piano for practice purposes – but that never happened. The bench found miscellaneous uses around my home for twenty-



Th' angelic (staff) choir, chapel gallery, Christmass 2003

five years. Then one day about two years ago, after I had begun my tenure as the Kingswood archivist, Marcus Sealy (organist at Bath Abbey and KS staff since 1970) presented me with a couple of dusty cardboard boxes that he had had in his loft for some time. Inside were the draw-stops of the Sweetland organ and the two panels on which they had been mounted. More than that, there was a carved boss from the organ case. At last we had the partner for the boss-head that had lain in the display room.



An archival photograph of the Last "Stuffing Party" for KA magazines on the way to you from the Sackett Room Nov 2003

Cricket Pavilion Architect

The death was reported in last year's magazine of A.M.Foyle (1926-33). Monty was the architect of the 1959 gazabo memorial to Sir Walter Addington Willis, and of the 1962 Pavilion on the Upper. His sister Dr. Marjory Foyle has very kindly given to the school archives a collection of drawings done by Monty Foyle during his long and distinguished career, and of his awards, certificates and newspaper cuttings. Two items are of particular interest. One is the pair of books that he received for the Nov.1931 Senior Art Prize (Architecture by A.L.N.Russell, and *The Principles of Architectural Perspective* by G.A.T.Middleton). Both are gold-stamped on the front with the school crest, and both are thoroughly annotated (and corrected!). The other item is a pen-and ink drawing he did whilst a pupil at Kingswood of the Moulton Hall seen from the west. It is interesting for a number of reasons, not least because it is so beautifully done, with close attention to detail. It was drawn before the library was built (1936) so there is an unobstructed view of this side of the Hall. But there is also shown a clock below the tall



Moulton Hall & School House before the Library was built

double chimney stack. The clock is no longer there – it could not be seen clearly when the Library was put up – it was shifted to the northern end of the Patch buildings. But if you look very closely, the position of the fixings of the clock can still be seen. I was also delighted to see that the photograph of the pavilion amongst his papers has what is probably the last ever taken of John Sykes, Director of Music 19-62. The pavilion was formally opened on Whit Monday, June 11th 1962 and there walks JAS in very characteristic style, along the boundary. JAS died on Thursday June 21st, only ten days later, just before Speech Day.



John Sykes walks the boundary at the opening of the new pavilion Whitsun 1962

ETHIOPEAN ASSIGNMENT

Part 2 : 1944-1945

John Gardner

(KS Staff 1937-76)

Appointed Personal Tutor to the Crown Prince

On March 1st, 1944, I became an Ethiopian Government official, though of an unusual kind - as Private Instructor and Personal Counsellor of the Duke of Harar. Discussions and negotiations had gone on for a long time, and I had for some of that been a somewhat reluctant participant. My candidature had been supported by the British Council, and by the Emperor's Educational Adviser; there was Foreign Office approval, and it seemed that after a first audience (in which Ato Taffarra Worq acted as interpreter) my suitability and the expression of my views on subjects to be studied, games, and the importance of religion, adequately satisfied His Majesty. There were to be further delays, during which I had plenty of time to study a suggested programme and timetable produced by the Emperor, of which I fear we found ourselves largely unable to make much use; the day - was to start something like this: 9.30-10.30 interviews with chieftains; 10.30-11 French dictation; and so on. Hoping I should not find myself in some unwelcome prison somewhere, I decided to set this aside and formulate a new programme which would both be feasible and better suit our needs and goals.

I first met my charge on my arrival in Harar. It was Lent, and at tea to which the young man's guardian and private secretary had been summoned the potential oddities of the job began to reveal themselves. When the Prince indicated that some butter on the table had been sent down to Harar by the Empress, his guardian showed some uneasiness; and the young man was required to swear on the death of his father ('Haile Selassie yemut') that this was a vegetable and not an animal product. Although there could hardly have been anyone more devout or more observant of Coptic Church requirements than the Empress, one just had to be on the safe side; the details of the Lenten fast had to be observed.

Prince Makonnen was now aged eighteen. He had been at S. Christopher's prep. school in Bath, and then at Wellington; his English was racy rather than idiomatic, and a situation might be encountered by him with the comment 'crikey'. According to story, he had met his father's call from London on the eve of their secret return to Ethiopia with the response, 'I can't - I've got the School Certificate next week'. He was hardly an academically inclined student, however. He did his best with me; we met to investigate and discuss such subjects as World History, theory of government, French. To some extent, our meeting and talking, whatever the topic or topics, was part of the process if not of the programme. As will emerge, other lines of activity came to fill our days; not, I think, to the detriment of my pupil, who had many ideas for the improvement of his province and even country. My job had always been thought of as excluding political matters; in the event, this proved rather beyond practicality. It was (I presume) never thought originally likely that the world of commerce would be involved; but the young man had a marked interest in things mercantile.

Comfortable living

I had a pleasant, clean, quiet bungalow to live in, and six servants, 'headed' by the faithful Zelleka, to run it. A series of cooks worked for me, one of whom was an excellent performer, but had the misfortune to succumb to V.D. Probably the best of the series of kitchen boys appeared to be suffering from malaria, dysentery,



bilharzia, and a strained heart. The gardener, I noted, was Adam Lambsbreath to the life. The Prince came to me for tutorials, leaving in the garden his venerable guardian, Dejazmach Latibalu, who would return with him at the end of the morning to the Palace. On one occasion I was astonished to receive a visit late in the evening from this and the other Harar Dejazmach (roughly Lieutenant-General), the Vice-Governor of the Province, the purpose of which turned out to be to hand over to me a spelling list on which the Prince had been working.

There were plenty of interruptions to a steady uneventful work routine. The most important, and also the most time-consuming (apart from the numerous occasions on which my pupil was summoned to Addis Ababa for a variety of 'Imperial' reasons), was the visit of the Court. During these visits I had intimate audiences with the Emperor, with no third party present, and talked tête-a-tête with him (in French) about his favourite son. One such conversation was largely concerned with the Duke's proposal to create and maintain an independent army in his province - costing a vast sum and involving a good range of political problems. My version of this plan, couched in (I hope) passable French, may have entertained His Majesty - who may well have considered it of educational value - but was gently put on one side in due course.

Tutor to a Major General

Prince Makonnen was a slight, fairly immature figure. He always appeared before me in the uniform of a Major-General in his country's army, a wartime arrangement to which I easily grew accustomed. On one occasion, the Dejazmach not having reappeared, he decided to walk back, a matter of fifteen minutes, to the Palace, and I decided I should accompany him; his casual appearance thus, an improbable Major-General with text-books under his arm, but still the Emperor's son, thoroughly alarmed the Palace guards - even when he was attended by his 'P.I. and P.C.' He was invariably courteous to me, often generous or thoughtful, and treated me with special deference on official occasions. However, his gift to me of a 'flock' of pigeons (originally a gift to him) for the bird-house in my garden may have had an element of *parti pris* about it, for from an original total of five they had risen to more than a hundred when I left. As already indicated, our association included, or developed into, concern for much besides tutorials. There were visits to us, and visits by us. We paid interesting calls on local schools and other institutions. Makonnen's own interest in education (other perhaps than his own) will be referred to again later. On one visit, incidentally, the son of Haile Selassie chanced to meet the son of the deposed Emperor Lij Lasu were meaningful glances exchanged? We made a reconnaissance of a mica mine, the official or professional advice on which was that it was not likely to produce mica which would seriously rival that from India. This did not surprise me, as the Italians had done a sizable amount of prospecting and testing during their five years' occupation of the country. There came to us the delegation headed by Earl De La Warr, concerned with the renewal of the Anglo-Ethiopian Treaty. Among others who visited us was the Soviet Ambassador, who presented the Duke with a volume of Pushkin, a natural choice in view of his distant Ethiopian forebears. In the presence of the Russians, the Prince and I - somewhat rashly - discussed in Amharic the question of expenses in connection with the visit; our talk was *sotto voce* but probably audible. On another occasion money was raised under the banner of 'Wings for Victory' as a contribution to the War effort. I also entertained, to a rather splendid tea (almost Ritz-like), and in the absence of the Duke, the Commander-in-Chief of our forces in East Africa, Sir Kenneth Anderson, together with his wife and a small military entourage. I recall too the pleasure gained from meeting Archbishop David Mathew (later to become Co-adjutor at Westminster) who preached (in French) to his Catholic flock in the local Church; we walked in the Old City of Harar, the Bishop acknowledging numbers of his co-religionists with expert professional blessings.



Haile Selassie and the Royal Family - early 1930s

The two brothers, Crown Prince and Duke of Harar, seemed to be on excellent terms, though they met infrequently. There was certainly no sense of rivalry; it was of course, well known, or firmly believed, that Makonnen was very much his father's favourite. To my surprise, they had personal names of which I knew nothing before I joined the latter - respectively David and John. In fact the Duke always signed his letter to me in Western fashion: J. Makonnen. They admired and were in awe of their father. Their movements were, I have no doubt, well monitored on his Majesty's behalf. On at least one occasion they climbed out of the Palace in Addis Ababa, and returned without discovery. Of the third son, Sahle Selassie, I heard little or nothing; he was of course much younger - born in 1931.

Two ideas of Prince Makonnen came to actual and visible fruition. The Harar and Province Club was started to provide social and recreational facilities for any who chose to join. A library, small to begin with - with some thirteen hundred volumes - was intended to be an important element. Makonnen showed a certain adeptness at table tennis.

A more ambitious - because more complex and 'personal' plan, was the founding of a girls' school. For much of the professional detail necessary to get this started, and for which my advice was sought, I secured the assistance, and counsel, of Lydia Joss from Addis Ababa. Two joint Headmistresses were decided upon and chosen. They were hardly an obvious team; one, of considerable ability and serious intent, described herself as a Norfolk dumpling; the other, also reasonably efficient, was an Irish woman with some modest addiction to the bottle. Initial optimism was justified even when it seemed likely that we should open without desks, and even when, a little later on, the possibility of a spread of an epidemic of head-lice occasioned a ducal edict that all the girls should have their head shaved. The general success of the School - Yeshimabet Tamaribet - was such that the Duke decided that he would like to follow it with a boys' school, on similar English-derived lines. It seemed sensible to let this project remain for a while an idea and ideal. After some months, the Girls' School was handed over to the Ministry of Education.

Political decisions

My relations with Prince Makonnen had quite quickly become natural and free. I cannot say how closely my life and work were observed and reported upon. It must have been obvious that I had a number of contacts with British officialdom in one form or another. I formed the habit of spending one evening a week in Diredawa with David Daniels, the C.O. of British troops in the area; as far as I could tell, this occasioned no perturbation in official Ethiopian ranks, though I have no doubt it was known of and assessed. There was a sense in which life had a certain dream-like quality about it, enhanced perhaps by the Duke's frequent absences. When he was in residence, we were naturally always in touch, and my advice was sought for many official acts or responses. Thus at the death of President Roosevelt, the Prince at my promoting brought the Palace flag to half-mast and closed all public offices. Even this sort of 'interference' on my part did not seem to upset either the Vice-Governor or Director General, or the town Mayor. With the Vice-Governor indeed, in the absence of the Prince, I planned our programme for V.E. Day; and I often helped by interpreting at

interviews with British officers or officials, again in the absence of the Prince. I came to know and like the Vice-Governor, with whom I conversed only in Amharic; with him and with a good friend in the B.M.M.E., Colonel Laurence Athill, I celebrated the Ethiopian Easter of 1945, kissing Cross and Book in the course of the midnight Mass which lasted from 11.15 pm. to 2.15 a.m.

Upcountry trips

Soon after V.E. Day, as I recall, the Prince was back in Harar. Quite simple things are yet worth mentioning; some at least were of value, and appreciated, in this unusual city - at the time (before the addition of Eritrea and therefore of Asmara to the total imperial territory) the second city of the Empire. One such occasion was the showing to schoolchildren of a number of educational or entertaining films by the Duke. One film at least was presented with only fair success by the amateur projectionist, for it ended with what should have been its first reel, upside down; none the less, I was met the next day by a half-Ethiopian priest - who had been at the show - with the remark, 'C'e'tait une merveille, j'y pense encore!' The days were not without some more unusual happenings; visits from the 'hyena man' who certainly showed an extraordinary control over his attendant pack; a meeting with a lugubrious Director-General, my near neighbour, whose little dog had been eaten - by a leopard or lion. Very soon after my arrival, the Duke had decided to send a convoy into Italian Somaliland for miscellaneous supplies - despite my warning that entering what was for Britain Occupied Enemy Territory could only be done with safety if due attention was paid to proper authorisation. The personnel, headed by his own Major-domo, were of course detained on entry; a warakat, as official as I could make it, which they took with them, helped to secure their early release. On a later occasion, we ourselves went, in full panoply, by way of Jigjiga to Fik in the Ethiopian Ogaden and near the Italian Somaliland border. I thus saw more of the countryside and scenery of this extraordinary country, this time including those areas of desert and semi-desert, with camel-thorn and water-holes, which have long been the homeland, or home stretches, of the nomadic Somalis and their herds and flocks. We returned in good order past a number of guard-posts and road-blocks, where the guards had been unable to salute the Prince as they missed seeing that he passed them at the wheel of a vast quattrocento lorry.

Slight Differences

It would be inexact to suggest, by omission, that my relations with Makonnen were invariably perfect; but friction or disagreement was never lasting. Some of his activities were indeed to my mind less admirable. I rather deplored his friendship with Monsieur and Madame Idot in Diredawa, though even here he owed this well-known French couple - he was a general 'entrepreneur' - many kind acts and much generosity. Readers of Evelyn Waugh will recall his description of the Idots a few years before: the phrase 'a small cad Frenchman' comes to mind.

There were very few British in Harar; I think six to ten, including myself, at my time of residence. A police officer, whom I came to know well; two White Fathers at a Catholic seminary; our two Headmistresses; to these were added in due course the staff of a British Council 'mission'; who - with my help - surmounted a fair number of problems (some of them self-induced). The British Consulate was eventually re-opened. There were one or two missionaries, British and Swedish. To the general foreign total should be added larger numbers of Italians, Greeks, and Armenians.

There were times when my position and status proved useful. An English nurse, caring for a sick grandson of the Emperor vainly seeking recovery in Harar, was visited by her boy friend (a member of our F.A.U.), who drove his car without any authorisation into the grounds of the Palace; a guard thrust his bayonet through the radiator, and the two young people spent the night in prison - from which I was able to rescue them the next day.

The end approaches

The time came when my future needed to be considered, with the likelihood that some continuation of the Ethiopian job would be suggested. As in many other connexions, there were delays and

postponements. In the end, it was clear that His Majesty wanted me to continue; and this was very much the desire of his son. I had however by now come to feel that for all its possible importance, and despite its obvious satisfaction, it was not likely to lead to a continued career or to adequate employment of such abilities, experience, and interests as I had accumulated over past years.

(In fact, I was after my return to the U.K. invited to consider a tutorial job with the young King Feisal of Iraq, then aged twelve. But after that? I could think only of the two-year old King Simeon of Bulgaria; and the idea came to an end).

I had a last, somewhat saddening, talk with Prince Makonnen. Before saying goodbye, he gave me a leaving present of natural Ethiopian gold, which he produced from his pocket. Almost his last remark was a request:

'Please ask Mr. Attlee to let us have back the reserved areas.' I suppose I promised to do my best.

FOOTNOTE

I have visited Ethiopia twice since my departure in 1945; first, in 1947, as the Prince's guest, when my return to employment there was once again sought. I was saddened to have to decline the invitation. On the second occasion, after Makonnen's death in a car accident in 1957, I attended an International Conference of Ethiopian Studies, during which I had a brief but poignant meeting with the Emperor. We had also met when he and Makonnen had come to England for the former's State Visit; I then saw him in Buckingham Palace just before the State Banquet, radiantly happy and wearing the sash of the Garter, which I knew meant very much to him. The Duke had been appointed G.C.V.O.; perhaps without occasioning much surprise, he asked me to vet a speech which he was due to make at Guildhall the next day. I am not sure if he ever made the speech.

The Emperor's Garter banner was laid up in 1975 in St. George's Chapel, Windsor; he had died, or been murdered, the previous year. I there met Prince Philip, Makonnen's third son, who had been at Kingswood in my time, and therefore partly in my care. He now lives in Canada. The Crown Prince, who moved house a few years ago from London to the U.S.A., has now died.

The Emperor

Throughout this Ethiopian story of mine, the person of the Emperor has never been out of mind. No-one is perfect, and those fated to govern countries and people cannot do so in secret and unseen. Haile Selassie had limitations which were not concealed. But I regard him as having been one of the world's great men; certainly in his own sphere and in a most poor country, held back from proper development by five years of colonial rule by Italy. He came to a sad end; no doubt he should have given up some time before the revolution of 1974; but to whom? In history he has a secure place; and my memories of his country, his family, and the man himself I shall always value and treasure.



The Emperor with the young Crown Prince and Duke of Harar c. 1930

John Gardner, September, 1992.

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KEN SPOTTED A FUTURE WORLD CHAMPION.

Reviewing 45 years on The Upper with Ken Hall after his retirement

Ken was well installed in a corner of the Larkhall Inn - not his most regular watering hole, but the response from passing customers made one realise he was a regular.

We learnt how Ken started on the Upper in 1958 having been doing farm work behind the Hare & Hounds for £3 a week. The legend goes that Bill King heard of his wish for a move and found him waiting for a bus outside the Hare one evening. A meeting with the Bursar, then P.G. Summers soon followed and real delight when asked if he would accept £6 a week, even if there were 'stoppages'.

Ken learnt a lot from Bill, then living at the Lodge as general caretaker/groundsman. The day started for Bill with a 6 a.m. unlocking of the school and a coal fire to light in the Headmaster's study and the HM's chickens to be fed. It ended with a locking up done at 10.30 after the 'light monitors' had done their work with lights and windows. On Bill's retirement in 1964 Ken took over the grounds but also listened to his former master's advice to think hard before accepting accommodation in the School Lodge and being at everyone's beck and call including weekends. Ken never lived in school.

Before the Pavilion

'Ken's shed' originated as an old admiralty hut, left for KS after the war and was alongside the old (1898) cricket pavilion. It was Alan Conibear (1936-44) as Bursar (1969-78), ('a lovely chap who also ran a successful U14 cricket XI') who decided it needed a permanent west end, and who with great regret had to take the decision to demolish the collapsing old pavilion. The shed also had the phone (only to be used for school business though Bill King managed to have an account with Len Creed, bookmaker cousin of the Headmaster). The regular routine of phoned results to Hayters Sports Reporting Agency in London is not what it used to be. [Nick Lockhart (1971-77) used to take the calls in Essex for Hayters when much younger - that is before he returned to KS on the staff (1985-88) and assisted on the Upper to get the cricket pitches into fine shape. This before moving on to King's Bruton, Felsted and international hockey umpiring- Ed.]

The shed was the only space for cricket teas in those days which Miss Bater used to personally supervise with volunteer helpers on trestle tables with (smelly) plastic cloths. Thursdays and Saturdays coal had to be brought up from school to fire the hot water boiler outside.

All changing was done at school, and muddy visitors trailed back down the hill with the home players. He remembered his very first visit to the Upper in 1950 playing again Kingswood as a schoolboy for West Twerton Boys (a soccer school) - beaten fifty odd nil by the 3rd XV.

The Pavilion arrives.

The Old Boys all day cricket matches on Whit Mondays when the whole school came up after quarter to watch the morning play (and have a packed lunch) were great occasions. Especially the one in 1962 when the new cricket pavilion was opened. He remembers the tall dark OB architect of the building, Monty Foyle (who died last year - Ed)

Times have changed from the days when all the school was playing at the same time three times a week rugby, hockey, cricket. The rugby opposition used to include Marlborough, Downsides, Blundells, Cardiff High, Monmouth. (Yes, we are a larger school nowadays - Ed)

At the end of the Spring Term we would have a Sevens



Ken Hall with KA past presidents Roy Cook (Staff 1958-91) and Ray Wilkinson (1940-48 Staff 1954-88) at the 2003 Old Boys Match

tournament on the Upper with teams like Millfield coming. Gareth Edwards being one of the players they brought as schoolboy. Our Sevens teams were well practiced in those days.

KS characters

There were sportsmen from before Ken's time who Bill King used to speak of as special players. A Duchars and a Kedward and somebody who had only one leg. We didn't wear this, suggesting it was a Bill King 'special' - but Ken insisted, as this boy used to keep a horse at the farm where he previously worked. [Bill was a renowned leg-puller of course! - Ed.] This took us onto memories of John Willis (1973-78), who was arguably the best 1st XI scorer Kingswood has had. He kept immaculate books, and waggon wheel stroke charts all written with his two short arms. Ken remembered the football kickarounds he enjoyed with the rest of the team before cricket matches. John also did a lot to update the Kingswood Cricket Records to his time. He enjoyed at least four years working in the Wilshire scoreboard (still used)- given by the family when David Wilshire was doing the same job before him. John is now a lawyer in London. David Wilshire (1955-62) is now MP for Spelthorne and sponsoring the KA Annual Dinner in the House of Commons this year.

As with any new recruit to a school staff the senior pupils of the time one arrives remain as 'giants' in the memory, and the names of those early sportsmen came easily to mind. Eadie, Jarvis, the Bennets, and Horrell - creators of the "Kingswood Cuckoos" for a tour to Cornwall which lived on into the 1970s.

Senior boys in the Games Committee Store, where the carpenter's shop is now, used to do all the rugby balls (then carried individually up the main road to the Upper by 'trusted' players from each game) [What price with Health & Safety Regs 'these days! - Ed.]. We reflected on how much more the boys did for the school in those days [But they didn't clean their own shoes. They were left in the glass passage- Ed.] and left with experience of responsibility. There was a Scout Troop and ATC. The scout trek cart came to mind with the long ropes (traces) which used to be hauled up the hill to the Upper and beyond to Upper Langridge Farm. Then there was John Gardner's Archaeological Society digs, up near the Granville monument, which yielded coins and bits of pottery at the time. The much admired (and decried by School Inspectors) coffin in the Ferens came from a field up on Lansdown where it was discovered empty when hit by a plough and by arrangement the farmer brought it down to school.

Rugby

Ken is remembered by many as the 'man with the bucket' (and sponge) in the old days on the 1st XV pitch across the wall. Many recoveries were assisted by this - a long time before blood replacements and sterile gloves !

Rugby masters i/c, Bob Clark (Staff 1959-90) and Tim Reeman (Staff from 1988), had all been Bath FC (*sic*) Rugby players as had Gordon Margretts (1962-68), Gordon Mobley (1963-90), John Horton (Staff 1979-88) pictured in the recently published Bath Rugby book. John Horton ('lovely chap'), our England fly half, once generously took Ken down to sample the Bath night life at The Island Club - not quite his scene - he was the eldest by a decade - "Hello grandpa" it went !

The Lower has early memories. Ken remembers being invited to watch his neighbour's lodger using a Caterpillar machine to level out the Lower in the fifties before he ever worked for the school. The clay surface was never any good even when grassed. Too hard and cracked in summer and ankle deep in mud in winter.

Things went wrong sometimes

In his younger days Ken played Sunday soccer on Lower Common (Victoria Park - before the Lansdown council pitches were made). He remembers one KS boy Andy Milson (1953-59) who was a really good player and invited him to turn out for his team. Their captain even recommended Andy to Bristol City for a trial. The end of the story was a carpeting for Ken from authority "as KS boys may not play on Sunday" What happened to him ?

The prolific bamboo plantation in the Burton House front garden dates back to Dane Maw (Staff 1927-64) and his connections with China. When Dane retired to Camerton Hill, the other side of Bath, there was a substantial amount of bamboo to be transported to stock the new garden. Ken was enlisted to drive and the route was through the very low railway bridge by the South Twerton PO. All did not go well there as the vehicle passed safely underneath but the bamboo did not. It took a while to recover everything, but the plants were none the worse - very hardy stock !

Breaks in routine.

The 45 years spent on the Upper have generally been quiet ones and for many years Ken's dogs were good company, indeed it was hard to imagine the days without them. Particularly remembered for their welcome to Charlie, the spaniel who trained with TRL's 2nd XV's.

Occasionally there would be Royal visitors (Dukes of Kent or Gloucester) flying in by helicopter en route for a Royal School Speech Day, also Prime Minister John Major made a landing and his substantial Police Escort sweeping out of the Upper gates came to mind. Never Prince Charles though. Hot air balloons and Microlights were two a penny, but there was only one Tiger Moth, flown by an unnamed old boy many years ago. Another flying visit was from a young Naval pilot, now on the KS Governors, landing his Sea King on the Lower 'all weather pitch' - until that moment having a liberal covering of shale.

Ken is good with faces and if an old boy appeared out of the blue, twenty years on, with a rather fuller figure (or even a beard) he would be delighted to dig out a relevant memory - and he usually could.

In the fifties the grass athletics track still circled the main cricket square and there was a straight 200 yards track running parallel to the wall finishing by the scoreboard (which had not been built then). He remembers that the hurdle marks were made with cinders on the wall (*The slightly downhill track where*



'Super Star' Kevin Keegan comes off his bike on the Upper

Messrs Duchars and Lansley set their imperial records -Ed)

Later Kingswood had the only cinder running track in Bath for many years, until the Univerity expanded its facilities. So it was the natural venue when the BBC Super Stars TV series came down. Ken was hosting the likes of ex- soccer stars Mike Channon and Kevin Keegan (who fell off his bike-above), Welsh rugby's Bob Norster and Steven Jacks from judo to make the show. The cricket competition was on the Rec he remembers.

The Rec has many more significant cricket memories for Ken over the years. Always a die hard Somerset supporter who could be relied on for the latest scores (as well as racing tips) - more reliable than Bill King's leg pulls.

The running track brought the Bath Athletic Club in the evenings and Ken remembers years ago seeing Jason Gardner as a young 10-12 year old. Nicky Munnings (1970-81) was quick but this chap was 'floating' "One day that kid could be good" [*And of course he was right - Jason Gardner is the 2004 60m Indoor World Champion - Ed*]

Ken worked up to and on his 60th birthday (November 12th 2004) and is now retired to his home in Larkhall. He keeps up with his son Colin who is in the timber trade and getting contracts at big houses for some quite well known people. They sometimes get across the channel together .

One final Kingswood memory which Ken holds dear is that he was one of the last on campus to have a word with a fellow 2003 staff leaver, Dennis Marsham. He found Dennis digging out the foundations for the new memorial garden on the site of the old observatory and they agreed it was hard work. A memorial which will now be to all those who finished their life's course at Kingswood and will commemorate both Staff Nurse Kerry O'Donell (Staff 1992-2002) and now Dennis Marsham

[*See p. 47 for DFM's obituary - Ed.*] The garden is most aptly situated alongside the Wilshire Way path, planted with cherry trees which flower so splendidly every spring in memory of the young Sarah Wilshire who lost her life on the Upper. Another sad memory for Ken.



Ken Hall with Sister Sue Smith (Staff since 1970)

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Sophie & Matt Renton

ENGAGEMENTS

- DEBENHAM** Ruth (1995-97) to Torquil MacLeod of Lochmaddy, Isle of North Uist.
HALLIDAY Jessica (1988-94) to Allan Robinson Loftus, Yorks
JACKSON Tom (1991-96) to Anita Devlukia of St. Albans
MORISON Hannah (1990-97) to Matthew Preece of Northwood
MORRIS Rhydian (1990-95) to Sarah Morgan of Cardiff
POPHAM Claire (1989-91) to David Forster of Ashford



Hugo & Helen Harding

MARRIAGES

BARRETT - Goodman	22nd September 2002	James Barrett (1980-88) to Nicola Goodman	at Peshurst
FLETCHER - Selby	27th September 2003	Andrew Fletcher (1990-92) to Karen Selby	in Anglesey
HARDING - COOPER	30th August 2003	Hugo Harding (1987-93) to Helen Cooper (1992-94)	at Kingswood School
HAWKING - GATEHOUSE	21st June 2003	Rob Hawking (1978-83) to Mandy Gatehouse (1981-83)	at Kingswood School
HOMSETTEE - Sivanart	15th October 2003	Kanatorn Homsettee (1988-92) to Warinton Sivanart	in London
HUGHES - Greaves	4th May 2002	Kirsty Hughes (1987-92) to John Greaves	in Cardross, Scotland
KINGSNORTH - Green	28th February 2004	Sarah Kingsnorth (1989-94) to Ben Green	in St. Helens, I.O.W.
MARSH - Reid	19th July 2003	Louise Marsh (1985-90) to Andrew Reid	in Nettleston, I.O.W.
PIPER - Christy	11th May 2002	Ruth Piper (1985-92) to Kevin Christy	in Southsea, Portsmouth
RAJKUMAR - Lashkari	20th December 2001	Vardhan Rajkumar (1983-85) to Tulsi Lashkari	in Mumbai, India
RENTON - Densham	19th July 2003	Sophie Renton (1985-92) to Matt Densham	at Kingswood School
SAVAGE - Tod	July 2003	Robert Savage (1987-94) to Anna Tod	in Stevenage
SHAWCROSS - Chambers	25th July 2003	Alistair Shawcross (1984-92) to Emma Chambers	in Saltwood, Kent

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Anderson H.	Hugo	1986	1990	London T	Tiffany	1984	1990
Anderson P.	Peregrine	1986	1989	Mander-Jones T.E.	Tom	1995	1999
Barnett A.P.	Andrew	1960	1967	McNeil C.	Craig	1982	1990
Bennett-King P.	Peter	1958	1966	Meeks J.P.W.	Joe	1984	1989
Beresford J.E.M.	James	1995	1997	Meeks L.J.W.	Lucy	1985	1989
Blackwell S.R.	Stephen	1981	1988	Morgan L.M.	Lauren	1995	2002
Bowditch C.E.	Catherine	1981	1986	Morris R.J.C.	Robert	1957	1961
Bowditch R.	Rebecca	1981	1988	Murphy C.W.	Craig	1980	1982
Bruell A.J.	Alex	1986	1990	Murray H.M.	Helen	1985	1990
Clements I.C.	Ian	1985	1987	Murray P.J.N.	Paul	1985	1992
Davies C.W.	Caleb	1927	1934	Newson C.	Clive	1994	1998
Dorey G.M.	Graham	1943	1952	Pattison W.K.	Keith	1950	1958
Eade J.C.	John	1950	1959	Redding-Thomas C.S.A.	Charlotte	1995	2000
Elsmark (née London) T.T.	Tamara	1982	1987	Rogles B.D.	Brian	1949	1953
Evans (née Nicholson) J.M.	Julia	1979	1981	Sheppard D.J.	David	1964	1968
Evers A.S.J.	Abigail	1994	2002	Spalding B.M.	Ben	1992	1998
Fiona W.C.F.	Cheung	1992	1997	Temple C.L.	Colin	1991	1994
Francis J.J.	Jon	1991	1997	Turnage J.D.	Jeremy	1961	1968
Gray A.R.C.	Abi	1995	2000	Walton H.F.	Harold	1923	1931
Gritten E.R.	Elle	1998	2000	Watts I.F.	Ian	1987	1989
Holden P.M.	Peter	1961	1967	Williams (née Morris) S.V.R.	Sarah	1987	1989
Jono J.P.	Davies	1993	1995	Willson R.G.	Garth	1949	1956
Juba E.W.	Edward	1989	1996	Wiltshire C.	Catherine	1990	1995
Juba C.G.	Charlotte	1992	1999	Yu R.	Ran	1993	1995

BIRTHS

ALLISON	7th January 2004	to Claire and Ben(1983-92)	Lucy Victoria a sister to Jamie (b. 29.1.01)
ARMITAGE (née Willis)	29th August 2003	to Charlotte (1985-87) and Andrew	a son Edward John, brother for Adam
BARRETT	13th September 2003	to Nicci and James (1980-88)	a son Harrison James
BERGMANN	6th February 2004	to Jo (1982-89) and Michael	a daughter Lotty Louise
BROWN	29th February 2004	to Masha and Steve (1982-89)	a son Kolya, brother for Nadia
CHRISTY (née Piper)	29th March 2003	to Ruth (1985-92) and Kevin	a daughter Abigail
DAKIN (née Cox)	20th February 2004	to Sarah (1981-90) and Anthony	a son Rufus, brother for William
DAVIES	4th March 2004	to Karin and Jonathan (1981-88)	a son Luc Henry
EDE	6th November 2003	to Cornelia and Peter (1970-77)	a daughter Angela Maria, sister for Nicola and Jonathan
EDWARDS	17th May 2002	to Susan and Bill (1975-84)	a son Kieran James Basire
FALEY (née Savage)	17th December 2002	to Gillian (1988-92) and Steve	a son James
GRIFFITHS (née Marsh)	8th September 2003	to Joanna (1981-88) and Paul	a son Henry Benjamin James
HAINES (née Brown)	August 2003	to Maya (1979-81)	a brother for Beth & Alex
HARDIE	12th August 2003	to Sarah and Duncan (1986-93)	a son Rhys
HUNTER (néé Cooke)	6th March 2003	to Stephanie(1986-88) and Keith	a daughter Lily Alexandra, sister for Megan
MILLS	27th April 2003	to Dorinda and Patrick (1981-88)	a son Charles Matthew, brother for Evan
PARRY	15th August 2002	to Denise and Bruce (1981-88)	a son Leo
RISDALE	15th December 2003	to Maggie and Tom (1979-86)	a daughter Taya Ellis
ROGERS	26th November 2003	to Nellie and Chris (1975-84)	a son Ben brother for Alex
ROPER	11th October 2003	to Joanna and Hugh (1982-88)	a son Alfred Max
SAUNDERS (née Steadman)	4th October 2003	to Catherine(1982-89) and Mark	a daughter Stevie May
STEVEN	3rd March 2003	to Katie and Matthew (1983-91)	a daughter Molly Rose
TODD (née Halliday)	15th October 2003	to Beth (1987-92) and Will	a daughter Petra Jane, sister for Aidan
WALKER-ESCANDE	5th April 2003	to Hélène and Jeremy(1979-83)	a son Julien
WEST (née Parry)	2nd October 2002	to Inga (1982-89) and Darren	a son Callum, brother for Oliver
WOODWARD (née Humphrey)	28th January 2003	to Sarah (1980-87)and Patrice	twins Miles & Adele

DEATHS

BINNS	23rd May 2003	Norman Evan Binns	(1926-32)
BREWIN	13th September 2003	Paul Kingsley Brewin	(1927-34)
BROWN	12th June 2003	Ralph Kilner Brown	(1922 - 28)
CLAPHAM	27th September 2003	Peter Clapham	(1936-43)
CLOSE	2003	Eric Trice Close	(1927-33)
CORKEY	5th February 2004	Brian Peter Corkey	(1964-70)
CROSS	18th June 2003	Kenneth Brian Boyd Cross	(1927-28)
DAKIN	14th June 2003	Alec Naylor Dakin	Staff 1946-69
DICKINSON	12th February 2004	John Nevill Dickinson	(1920-26)
ENDERBY	30th December 2003	George Edward Hale Enderby	(1928-34)
FITCH	28th December 2003	Cyril Arthur Fitch	(1928-34)
FLOYD	1st February 2000	Harold Bailey Floyd	(1918-22)
GREET	14th April 2003	David Michael Greet	(1966-73)
HULBERT	June/July 2003	Kenneth Frederick Hulbert	(1924-31)
LLOYD	24th January 2004	Albert Kingsley Lloyd	(1916-20)
LOVELESS	1st January 2003	Leonard William James Loveless	(1928-35)
MARSHAM	29th August 2003	Dennis Frank Marsham	Staff 1973-03
PERRY-SMITH	1st October 2003	George Perry-Smith	(1934-41)
PRICE	5th September 2003	Peter Ralph Price	(1930-36)
RABY	17th November 2003	Paul Raby	(1925-31)
SOLOMON	13th November 2003	Herbert Cecil Solomon	(1930-34)
WRIGHT	5th May 2003	Stephen James Wright	(1968-75)

NOTES & NEWS

(RJL)

David Allner (1939-46) was very interested to read in the Magazine that **Martin Creasy** (1937-45), a contemporary of his, has a summer holiday house near Montpellier, France not far from where he has been living for the past 13 years. He hoped that he and his wife could have a meeting with the Creaseys and chat about old days. [*Connections were duly supplied - Ed.*]

David writes "I had been in regular correspondence (and telephone calling) with **Geoffrey Rushton** (1939-46), whose death was reported last year and I miss his friendship after all these years.

"Is there any news of **Kenneth B. Beard** (1939-46) ? We used to be very close friends at Manchester and Cambridge universities before he took off to exalted musical posts at Tenbury and Southwell Minster. I still carry on the musical tradition here in France playing the local Abbey and Cathedral organs, giving the occasional recital and accompanying sundry violinists, etc. and generally entertaining friends and long-suffering listeners!" [*David is now looking into downloading JAS organ music from www.kingswoodassociation.com - Ed.*]

Yousif Al-Wagga (1982-88) is currently the General Manager of the Kingsway Hall Hotel in Covent Garden, Great Queen Street. [yousif.al-wagga@kingswayhall.co.uk] The nearby Kingsway Hall used to be in the West London Mission, where Donald Soper used to preach. Previously he was working at the Waldorf Hotel. Yousif still keeps in regular contact with a number of school friends, Neil Rogers(1982-88), Hugh Roper (1982-88), James Barrett (1980-88) to name just a few. He now lives in Eton, married to Inge and they have a 22 month old son called James. His family still lives in Bath so he does come down regularly.

"Any old boys or girls who need accommodation in London are welcome to contact me. I am sure I can help out with good rates."

Roger Austin (Staff 1970-2001) now retired and with time to follow breakfast TV, spotted **Tudor Brown** (1971-76) on TV last summer and noted that *Armholding* was getting some free publicity. Tudor responded "The interesting thing about that breakfast TV thing is to discover just how many people watch breakfast TV! I am surprised by the number of people who tell me they saw me.

"It was quite funny really - I got there to do a live broadcast to be told the equipment didn't work, so we'd record it and send it out directly. (Don't know why this helped but it did!). Good thing too - the first take was interrupted by a guy cycling past shouting "Good morning Declan", the second take was interrupted by the bin men coming to empty all the bins around us, and the third take was the one which went out!

"I do quite a lot of public speaking nowadays, so being on telly isn't that big a deal for me I find. Life is fine but too busy - I'm in the daft position of not actually needing to work, but being too young to retire and having a job which is all-consuming - there is no half way house it seems because I don't believe this job can be done at anything less than full throttle. My kids tell me they want me to keep working, but they'd like to see more of me....

"Still, once the recession is behind us (almost seeing some signs I feel now) the job will be more fun again - we only understand growth in this company, so to be stagnant for over a year is not a happy situation.- even though we are still profitable - that is not enough."

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Rev. John Barrett (Chaplain 1973-83) retires this year as Headmaster of The Leys School but he and wife **Sally** (Staff 1973-83) will be staying in Cambridge. They were delighted to become grandparents in September with the birth of a son to **James Barrett** (1980-88) and wife Nicci. James has been living in Ascot since 2001 and remains in contact with **Andrew Lane** (1983-88), **Neil Rogers** (1982-88), **Yousif Al Wagga** (1982-88), **Hugh Roper** (1982-88) and **Leroy Morgan** (1982-88)

John Benney (1923-30) writes from Link Hills, South Africa in a very "fair hand". He still has a panoramic school photo taken on the Senior playground, with himself, in shorts, seated on the ground and **Jack Reece** (1917-24) as a senior prefect. Jack went out to South Africa many years ago and became the "Mr Chips" of Kearnsey College. Furthermore his son became best friends with Jack's son at Kearnsey. Thea Reece, now aged 92, is a member of the same church as John.

He found 6 contemporaries listed in the obituary columns - remarking that time fast approaches when "All, all are gone, the old familiar faces" and asks after **S.W. Almond** (1923-29)

Initially in Hall House under **Mr Barnes** (Staff 1921-57), John moved into Lower under **Robert Trump** (Staff 1921-61) whom Wootton deemed "the best man on the Staff" - a judgement with which he heartily concurs; both as housemaster, science master and role model.

It was not until he read G.M.Best's *Continuity and Change* John understood how much Wootton did for the school. "I suppose we were all more concerned with 'The signs of awe, the embodiment of fear'" "He was fortunate to get a job with Reckitts on leaving school and remained with them, apart from wartime service at Bishopston on the Clyde, being moved to Durban in South Africa and later a new factory at Mobeni before retirement in 1973. John is now happily installed in a retirement village, though losing his wife Marjorie in 1997, but with two daughters 10 minutes drive away and he is now "accumulating great grand children"

Gabby Berends (née Marsh) (1984-88) dropped in from Nottingham, where she is a PA, to visit the school on what proved to be an Open Morning for prospective parents. She might even be persuaded.



Gabby Berends

(*The school can be extremely quiet on Saturday mornings now there is no teaching - Ed.*)

Andrew Biggin (1974/78)[Andrew@breckenridgeassociates.com] mails from Breckenridge, Colorado where he is still in real estate, specialising in investment properties.

"I left Prudential and bought into the partnership here at Breckenridge Associates. It has been a very good move and I

consider myself fortunate. I live one mile from the ski area so obviously skiing is a major winter sport for my family. Last year I finally got 'burnt-out' on alpine skiing after having done it for so long (unless there is 12 inches of fresh [snow] waiting for me before I go into the office). I now telemark which is a more physical form of skiing but tremendous fun, it is also great for getting into the back country too.

Summers are wonderful up here, we go camping quite a bit and I now have the boys trout fishing, although my passion is to fly fish, I haven't quite got them there yet. They still like the hook and worm, which has less tangles. Elk, deer, pheasant and wildfowl are hunted in the autumn and Colorado is a great place for it. It was an enlightening experience after shooting my first elk. I had backpacked into a mountain range with a friend for three days hunting and shot on my first night. We were 2.5 miles up a mountain away from my car and probably 1000 ft vertical at an altitude of approx 11,000 ft. It was 4.30pm and a blizzard had set in and thank goodness for GPS hand helds. After walking up to the elk I was stunned at the size of it, about 14.1 hands! It is not like dressing out a rabbit back in England and took two hours just to quarter it. Then we had to pack it down the mountain with about 100lbs of meat in your back pack. Three trips up and down the mountain and we had finished by 11.30pm, I was so exhausted I could hardly finish my celebratory Guinness in the pub afterwards. Definitely not as gentlemanly as stalking in Scotland.....

“Oliver (9) and Duncan (7) are both at Breckenridge Elementary School and doing well. David Beckham is Oliver's hero and he is a very good football(soccer)player with his team winning the Summit County Juniors League last year. Duncan is coming along well with his baseball (no cricket unfortunately) and both are becoming competent little skiers. I have been thinking about the possibilities of putting the boys on the waiting list to go to Kingswood if they chose to go. I would not let them go until they were 12 -14! I could not believe my parents sent me off to Prior's Court at 9!! I must have been really awful.

“My wife Marla keeps us all in line and is an avid mountain biker. She leaves me standing and makes me feel pathetic when I am on my bike with her. We travel to Hawaii at least once per year as that is where the American side of the family all live, which is wonderful.

“If Kingswood ever plans a ski trip to Colorado and wanted to consider Breckenridge please let me know. I would love to try and help them.”

Kirsten Bland (1991-98) has graduated B.Sc.with First Class honours from Glasgow University.

Mark Boothroyd (1971-78) was asked to keep goal for the South of England Veteran (Over 40) Hockey XI, and the team won the inter-region tournament beating North, East, Wales, combined Services, West and Scotland. Mark conceded just 8 goals in the six matches.

Claire Bradley (1995-99) , daughter of **John Bradley** (1957-62), graduated from Cambridge with firsts in Medicine (tripos part 1) and Archaeology (part 2) - taking a random subject in her third year. She continues in her father's profession by doing her clinicals at UCL. “Given my record with sport at school. I finally found something I both enjoy and am at least competent at. I now have my orange belt at jiu jitsu, and am hoping to go for my green next term, which apparently qualifies me as a ‘competent street fighter. (!)’ Her brother **Bob** (1989-97) at Warwick University is researching in the field of "microelectromechanical ultrasonic transducers" or MUTs. He writes “ These are extremely small capacitive sensors that are produced using microfabrication techniques on silicon wafers -

similar to the way that microchips are produced. They transmit and receive ultrasound. The task is looking at how they work in different environments and in various different configurations. Hopefully towards the end of the Ph.D. I may see these sensors starting to be introduced into commercial applications, such as flow measurement, anemometry, imaging, ranging etc.... With ultrasound the list is endless.”



Messrs Hiscock, Bergmann (Staff 1973-), Kaiser & Broadhead

Mark Broadhead (1970-75) wrote from his home in Macclesfield hoping to visit the school at the Bath MUN weekend in March when his daughter was in the delegation from Stockport Grammar. He keeps in regular touch with **John Hiscock** (1970-75) now a civil engineer, **Paul Kaiser** (1969-75) an accountant and **Simon Lucas** (1969-75) working in the brewing industry. Mark himself qualified as a solicitor in the 1980's and works in Financial Services in the North West. He suspects that most of those who taught him have retired, remembering AJPS (his Upper Housemaster), MRC and UKB, but is also right that AEH is still on the staff. *[UKB is actually back for a year and enthusing the new girls basketball team - and they met up in the Sports Hall - Ed]*

Robyn Brooks(1994-99) has graduated with First Class honours from University College London with a B.A. (Italian and History of Art)

Romney Bywater (1944-52) has moved to Hove. Having lost his wife in 1996 in a car crash (innocent victim) and their son (only child) in 2000 when he was drowned, felt the need to move somewhere where he didn't feel so isolated and the current address suits him very well. After 26 years as a Property Steward, Church Steward and then Circuit Steward in Darlington, he is enjoying being a free agent, at least for the present !

Andy Cawthera (1968-75) last wrote in 2000 when he was about to move to the World Bank for four months to work on Computers in Schools in Developing Countries focussing on costs and other issues. This took him to Southern Africa for a month to gather data and the research was published on the Bank's web site (www.worldbank.org) and in hard copy by DFID.

“I then went to Bangladesh for five weeks voluntary work. Having previously looked at the effectiveness and effects of adult literacy on learners a year after the completion of their courses I did some follow up work on the same issues but this time five years after the course completion. On the whole about 73% of learners had retained functional literacy with most of them having further developed their entrepreneurial skills (full reports available via www.eldis.org)

Upon returning to the UK I did supply teaching in some of S. Yorkshire's more dysfunctional schools – a fascinating if very painful experience. At the same time I undertook evaluation work for an Education Action Zone, mainly relating to early literacy initiatives and then helping to develop the evaluation skills of Head teachers in the Zone. There was also some insti-

tutional development work for the YMCA in the Gambia and Senegal and some project planning for the World Bank in Nigeria.

Joining the DFES as an assistant economist in Sheffield in May 2002 I initially worked on the demand for Higher Education (HE) for a year and provided much of the analysis of the research on the place of prior attainment in HE admissions decisions for the Schwartz consultation on fair admissions to HE. It was interesting to see that one of the more robust findings is that pupils who attend private schools on average obtain lower degrees than pupils from state schools with the same A-level grades. One possible reason could be that at least some of the performance boost from more richly resourced private education only lasts for the short-term.

I then temporarily led a team working on evaluation of 14-19 initiatives for a few months before moving, in October to head up the team of economists working on schools issues. This will involve advising on much of the evaluation and appraisal work relating to Primary and Secondary education. It also involves moving to London, where as one might expect finding accommodation is no easy task but has at least given me the opportunity to once again enjoy the company of **Mark Wakelin** (1967-75) who gives me temporary lodgings.

Ruth Christy (née Piper) (1985-92) wrote from Milton near Portsmouth. She studied originally at Durham and then Bristol, and is now a solicitor in Portsmouth, but currently on maternity leave with a daughter Abigail. She is still in touch with **Kirsty Greaves** (née Hughes) (1987-92) who got married in Scotland in 2002, and they are both in touch with **Ruth Lucas** (1987-92) now living in Cheltenham after various travels. Ruth recently met **Gill Faley** (née Savage) and her son James, when she came to visit with Kirsty. Gill is now living in Hertfordshire. They believe that **Anna Brunyate** (1985-92) is still working for "Exodus" though recently back in UK for a visit.

Mark Cleveland (1988-95) mails from London where he did a degree at the Courtauld Institute of Art in Art History. He then worked part-time in publishing while pursuing "what was once a silly notion of a music career. However, our band - which consists of myself, **Dorian Hobday** (1987-94) and **Sam Windett** (1989-96) - is now signing a record deal and hopefully great things beckon!" He was looking forward to making contact again with **Steve Pagan** (Staff 1989-01).

Dr A. John Clutterbuck (1947-57 [j.clutterbuck@bio.gla.ac.uk]) writes that he "is now officially retired from the staff of Glasgow University after 39 years in Molecular Genetics. In fact, I still have an honorary research post and do a little teaching in return for access to a laboratory and computer. Retirement therefore means working almost as hard as ever.

"Nearly all my work has been on one genetic model organism, the mould *Aspergillus nidulans*, whose genome has just been sequenced, with the result that questions we have been asking for years can at last be answered - by spending long hours poring over a computer.

We have had sad news that **Sister Barbara Collins** who was in charge of the Sanatorium during the late Sackett and early Creed period has died aged 91. She was there during the *GREAT* flu epidemic which took over Lower, Middle AND Upper dormitories; she had continued to enjoy hearing about KS news.

NHS advertisements taking half a page in the national broadsheet papers are not common but there was a picture of **J.L. Cox** (1949-59) to help advocate their Flexible Careers Scheme. "Professor John Cox, immediate past-President of the Royal College of Psychiatrists and current Secretary General of the World Psychiatric Association, says that full-time retirement, at the still young age of 63, is not on his mind.

Whilst at medical school he had singing lessons as a part-time student at the Guildhall in London, and he can now continue his solo and chamber choir opportunities. He enjoys travelling as well as walking in the beautiful Cumbrian countryside where he lives with his wife."

Martin Creasy (1937-45) was surprised to read news in last year's magazine of his golden wedding anniversary in France. He and Margaret had actually celebrated theirs in 2003 in Oamaru, New Zealand. [*Apologies - apologies - Ed*] Clearly the 2003 magazine item should have been attributed to his younger brother **Donald Creasy** (1939-48) so apologies to Donald and Jean too.

Martin and Margaret went to Australia and New Zealand in 1991 and since then have spent time on house and car exchanges. In 2000 they bought a house in Oamaru, south of Christchurch and now spend 6 months of each year there. In England they have small retirement flat near Woburn Sands, but he has now retired from all church posts though he still takes a few appointments as a local preacher.



Marcus Cornah (1964-71) new Headmaster of KS Prep School

Marcus Cornah (1964-71) has been appointed as Headmaster of Kingswood Prep School as from Summer Term 2004 after 5 years as Deputy Head having moved to Bath when Prior's Court was relocated. He started his teaching career at Gresham's Prep School in Norfolk after studying at Westminster College, Oxford, and moved on to PC in 1989. Marcus is, of course, well known as the current Chairman of the Association's Executive Committee.

Rosie Curling (1991-98) passed out from the RMA Sandhurst last August to take up a commission in the Intelligence Corps. Rosie was top cadet in her platoon and so had the honour of leading her company for the Sovereign's Parade in the presence of the King of Jordan.

Ruth Debenham (1995-97) is now assistant Manager of one of the Carphone Warehouse shops in Glasgow, has passed her driving test and after 4 years in her flat in Partick has bought a house in Govan. Finally she has got engaged to her long time boyfriend Torquil MacLeod.

It was good to meet up again, with **Bill Edwards** (1975-84) in Sheffield, back briefly from his new home in New Zealand on a business trip which happened to fit in nicely with the Irish and British Orienteering Championships. He picked up the M35 titles in both! Whilst it was his fifth Irish title he was Brit-

ish champion for the first time and by a large margin. In August Bill was back again in Europe for the Scottish 6-days and then running for Ireland at the World Championships for the 6th time, which was in Switzerland. We will remember him as Kingswood's first international orienteer, also as British Night Champion (twice and 3 times the runner-up) and a key member of South Yorkshire's winning relay team on at least 13 occasions (day and night). Some record! He and Susan have a son Kieran nearly 2 years old now.



*Bill Edwards (Ireland)
Kingswood's International
Orienteer*

Gordon Fairweather (1946-51) writes from Blackburn with this photo. He has been retired a while and with an engineering background finds plenty of DIY to do including trips to Spain with the caravan. We have also heard from his twin brother,



The Fairweather twins - 50 years on

Ian Fairweather (1946-52), now back in Toronto after a cruise to Alaska which far exceeded all our expectations!" He has also been to Vancouver Island and managed to telephone, but not meet up with, **Don Morton** (1916-22) who is now our lively eldest Old Boy member. He hopes to do so next time over there.

Mary Field, wife of former Association Secretary Freddy Field (Staff 1944-71, KA Sec 1971-85) still takes a keen interest in Kingswood matters and does not miss our services in the Abbey walking through the town from her home in St. John's Hospital. She was prompted to write following the published obituary of George Perry-Smith (1934-41)

"When George Perry-Smith was preparing to open The Hole in the Wall he came to the Common Room at Kingswood to invite any masters and their wives to come to the opening night.

My husband, Freddie Field was the only member in the Common Room at the time. He chatted with Perry-Smith and was most impressed with his enthusiasm and vision of what the restaurant could be. Freddie fixed the invitation to the notice board, but as The Hole in the Wall had previously a very bad name in Bath, very few accepted.*



*Mary Field, wife of
F.B. Field (Staff 1944-71 and
then KA Secretary until 1985)*

It was, of course, the most delightful evening - the meal a revelation, beautifully cooked and presented with matching wines and yet it had that classic simplicity so typical of French cooking. I remember the dessert - a confection containing wild strawberries flown in from Switzerland. (In those days it was quite something to have fresh fruit sent by air) The Hole in the Wall took off immediately, quite apart from its international status, it became 'the' place in Bath where all the 'elite' of Bath went.

We only went on special occasions. One such was when Oxford at long last won the Boat race. Perry-Smith kindly found us a table at very short notice, and gave us a warm welcome even though he was a Cambridge man!

On another occasion we were rather amused to see 'Sedge' there with a rather glamorous looking lady friend!

When Perry-Smith went to Helston he kindly invited us to go and take 'bread and cheese' with him if we were down that way. To my regret we never were."

* Mary thinks she remembers the Maws, the Manghams, maybe John Gardner and possibly Bob Fisher being present. When Oxford won the Boat Race this year, although elated she was also sorry not to be able to go with Freddie and celebrate properly at the Hole in the Wall.

Barry Fleet (1951-57), writes from Cambridge that he is "now a Fellow of Corpus Christi College, where I am Director of Studies in Classics and Schools Liaison Officer, with a special brief to sell Cambridge to pupils in the maintained sector, a job which takes me all over England and Wales (and even Northern Ireland)"

He usually talks to Lower Sixth formers = Year 12. " 'Access' is all the buzz at present, and I feel that the efforts of universities like Cambridge in promoting themselves to a wider range of applicants are not given due credit. Certainly Corpus has been successful in shaking off the old image."

He is also an affiliated lecturer at the Faculty of Classics, doing quite a lot of language teaching, and some philosophy and also teaching for the Open University. Barry has published an edition of one of the works of the late Greek philosopher Plotinus (OUP), three volumes in the Duckworth series called Ancient Commentators on Aristotle, and is currently working on a volume of Plutarch's Parallel Lives (CUP).

He was interested to read the news about The Leys in the last issue having been Director of Studies there; initially under **Bertie Bellis** (1937-46) and latterly under **John Barrett**. (KS Chaplain) He jumped ships to Corpus in 1995.

Barry managed to meet up with a few of KS contemporaries - **Neil Kobish** (1951-57), **Hugh Wright** (1949-57), **Clive Humphries** (1950-57), **Robin Macklin** (1950-58), **Alan Tongue** (1950-58) - recently; and is always delighted to feel that even a gap of 40 years doesn't seem have to make much difference to a friendship.

[Barry remains the current holder of the 440yds/400m Kingswood record his converted time from 1957 of 50.3 secs has so far been approached most closely by **Nick Dakin** (1977-82) on the 1982 Sports Day with 51.2 secs., though he went on to run 49.7 in London in August that year. Nick, who later ran for Wales at both 110H and 400H is now Director of Coaching at Loughborough S.A.C. with some athletes well worth following at the forthcoming Athens Olympics. They include 2002 Commonwealth 400H champion Chris Rawlinson, 6th in last



*Barry Fleet - still a
KS Record Holder*

year's World Championship in Paris; Jamaican Kemel Thompson who was 5th in the same race and British 400m record holder Iwan Thomas.

[It comes to mind that Heli Fleet (Barry's wife) who is a concert pianist, played at Alec Dakin's 90th birthday celebration in March 2002. - Ed]

Ruth Gallagher (1996-01) is in her final year at Reading uni, without any firm plans for the future. Her brother **Alastair** (1994-02) has started a Geography and Geology course at Royal Holloway after a gap year which took him to Costa Rica with Operation Raleigh, travel around Central America and a meeting with his sister in Nicaragua.

Nick Gedy (1950-56) enjoyed the memories stirred by John Holroyd's tribute to AND aged 90 and writes: "A day or two before the end of term in summer 1956 AND asked me up to his study in Westwood and presented me with a box of chocolates for having jumped 20 feet in the Long Jump a few times. Apparently he had celebrated this feat by others in the same way over the years, and I think Barrie Fleet got one too. I was very surprised and also very touched and, as you see, I have remembered it."

Trevor Goodman (1936-45) was reading his copy of *The Gramophone* (May 2003) and an item in the orchestral review section caught his eye with the name of Michael Roberts (1927-96). What a strange coincidence, he thought, those were the dates of the Roberts he shared a study with at school.



Trevor Goodman

Andrew Lamb was reviewing an ASV White Line CD [CDWHL2134] of British String Miniatures played by the Royal Ballet Sinfonia conducted by Gavin Suherland. A sub heading, summarising the contents of the review, read as follows - "An unknown shines among a delightful selection of British string pieces." Trevor was right, the unknown was **Michael Roberts** (KS 1937-45), who was at KS at Uppingham in School House during the war and his short suite of light music is delightful. Lamb writes further "Roberts' compositions display a marvellous ear for string sonorities...also for rhythmic effect and string instrumental capabilities. For all the appeal of the bigger names*, it's Roberts who makes this collection one I would particularly recommend."

*The bigger names include, *Delius, Elgar and Walton!*

Becky Goodson (1993-98 has graduated B.A. (Hons) 2.1(Film Studies and French) from the University of Kent .

Mohdar Habib (1986-90) confirms that he completed a degree in Pharmacy in 1994, after which he worked as a pharmacist for a few years. "I am now back in school and losing hair rather rapidly at the same time" is the mysterious sign off.

Jess Halliday (1988-94) was good enough to write in with some exploits for the 30th anniversary of KSODA -the school orienteering club in which she and **Jo Abbott** (1987-94) were key members ten years ago. Her big news is an engagement and wedding probably planned for May 2004

Becca Hart (1991-97) continues as a lay worker in the Chippenham Methodist circuit with youth and in schools. It's a huge job that involves anything from supporting Church youth work, through to teaching PSRE in schools.(that's Personal, Social, and Religious Education!). She is also hoping to get involved in local youth work projects such as the reintroduction of a skate park for Chippenham.

Sukontabha 'Su' Homsettee (1989-94) returned to London last year for an MSc Business IT course at Westminster, where she had previously graduated BEng (hons) Manufacturing Systems Engineering before looking after a company called Mobile Media - selling advertising space on public transport vans. Her brother **Kanatorn** (1988-92) trades in the stock market and was married last year in Bangkok with a wedding reception for almost a thousand guests.

Bert Horden (1934-38) has kindly sent us a copy of his book *Shark Squadron Pilot* [Independent Books 2002 ISBN 1 872836 45 3] which is a graphic account of his wartime career in the RAF having volunteered at 18. This took him with the 112 Squadron of Kittyhawks from the Western Desert and up through Sicily and Italy in WW2. It also included an account of his return to Italy and Macerata as a guest of honour 52 years after a raid on that town in 1944. It contains many pictures Bert took with his trusty Kodak.

This came as a thank you for various KS photos and magazines sent to Bert who is now confined to barracks but still writing. He says Mr **Townend** (1921-48), an RFC Sopwith Pup pilot in WW1 was part inspiration for him.

David Hughes (1975-82) [dh.furn@virgin.net] started his own furniture business 12 years ago and "touch wood (of which I have plenty) it's going well. It's all bespoke work and I do about 5 or 6 commissions a year." David was one of many who sought to get in touch with Alec Dakin's widow, Joan.

Stephanie Hunter (née Cooke) (1986-88) has just moved out into the wilds of Buckinghamshire with her husband Keith and children (Megan, born October 2001 and Lily born March 2003). Having worked in book publishing and then in the production of European conferences, she has left the hustle of London and long hours in the office for life in the country.

Tony Hurt (1971-79) [tonyhurt@hotmail.com] writes from Littleton Colorado where he lives with his wife, Sharla and four sons Dustin (16), Luke (15), Patrick (13) and Kyle (12). He is still teaching history and geography at Heritage High School and was recently appointed Social Studies department chair. Tony has written a history and geography curriculum for the National Geographic Society and recently a high school curriculum on the world land mines crisis that was published by the U.S. State Department.



Tony Hurt

His bother **Andrew** (1973-81) lives and works in Dubai, U.A.E for the Xerox Co. and his sister **Rachel Howling** (née Hurt) (1981-83) lives near Reading with husband Barry and two children. He is always interested in Kingswood orienteering which he helped to pioneer in the 1970s. *[Tony drew the first coloured map for KSODA - Ed.]*

Stephen James (1951-57), an Oxford Blue in his time, was running again in 2003 and picking up British Veteran titles in Cross Country and 5000m on the track. He has been aiming at the World indoors title in Germany this March.

Edward Juba (1989-96) has, since July 2002, been enjoying work in Notting Hill Gate for Faron Sutaria Estate Agents as the company's Customer Care Executive. He keeps the company in touch with its customers and home-sellers, but is shortly planning to make a career move either into journalism or political research. Previously he had completed a year's MA course at London Goldsmiths in Media and Communications, which followed an MA in International Studies from Durham Univer-

sity and a BA in Politics from De Montfort University, Leicester.

Living in the Chelsea area, he still keeps in touch with **Jolyon** and **Tom Hatherill-Burgess** (1991-96) from his year and also meets up, less frequently, with **Ed Clarke** (1989-96) now in the army and **Andrew Hogwood** (1989-96) working for Vodaphone in Newbury.

His sister **Charlotte** (1992-99) has recently returned from six months travel to Patagonia, where she was working for a local school teaching English. She is now studying at the PPL college in Holborn, preparing for a career in law, and lives with her boyfriend in Chiswick.

Anna Kirkpatrick (1982-86) has been living in London for the past 24 years and currently enjoying life in Chiswick living near the river. Her brother **Graham Kirkpatrick** (1975-82) now lives in Brittany, France with his wife Sarah and their three children.

Bob Kirtley (1954-61) has written from France where he retired to Chinon a year or so ago. This year's big idea is "Kingswood in France" and he has the contacts of the dozen or so members who live *en France*. Two have been enthusiastic about the idea and are **John Mills** ((1954-61) and **Peter Quine** (1946-52) who is involved in Contals in the South of France and Trinity Hall in Europe. They have planned:

Kingswood in France
Inaugural meeting
Date: SATURDAY 18th September 2004
Time: Noon
Venue: TOURS

Speaker: Prof H.R. Kedward (1948-56)

- "HRK is the English speaking authority on the French Resistance", says Bob. Contact Bob via hebob@club-internet.fr

Chris Kurihara-Dixon (1975-84) wrote from Japan hoping we might be able to help with a contact for **Pete Thompson** at PC in his time. Pete was drummer in their band Edward's Operation and having recently started up a band again (so far only his wife and himself) under the same name, Chris thought it prudent to get his permission as well as those from other members **Andrew Hudson** (1975-84) and **Andrew James** (1975-84) Can anyone help? [*Can't be too careful these days protecting against claims for royalties - Ed.*]

Albert Lam (1991-99) has graduated from University College London with an M.Eng. (Electronic Engineering with Computer Science) 2B

Oliver Lawn (1930-37) has been in touch with the KS Head of Maths, Garrod Musto (Staff 1994 -) about material for an ongoing display in Ferens Room 2 about the WW2 Enigma Code. Oliver finds the notes very well founded and resourced, and also very imaginative. He was interested in Garrod's refer-



O.H. Lawn

ence to Simon Singh, whom he and his wife Sheila met on a BBC Radio Five interview last year; also in his mention of the "test" Daily Telegraph crossword. (Sheila and he still do the Times weekly Jumbo Crossword). He writes "We were at a Bletchley Park Reunion on 14 September 2003 - for an Enigma Festival. On that day a new book was on sale: "*Hijacking Enigma*", written by the Director of the Bletchley Park Trust, Christine Large. In it she imaginatively describes both the wartime Enigma problems, and the still unsolved mystery of the theft of

an Enigma machine from BP on 1.4.2000 and its return by Jeremy Paxman on 1.4.2002.

In March this year Garrod borrowed an "*Enigma*" machine for a one day course where some KS students were able to "learn how the Enigma machines worked in an experience which was designed to make Maths and History more interesting" to quote the local paper. This carried a half page feature with pictures and and some lengthy quotes from Oliver in Sheffield, so that no one could be in any doubt that he was grateful to Kingswood where his father and two sons were also educated.

Michael Lea (1995-00) has graduated BSC (hons) Anatomical Sciences II(ii) from the University of Manchester.

David Lee (Staff 1961-66) finds it always a pleasure to read 'Focus' and the article about *Noye's Fludde* prompted memories of a former colleague **Richard Kent** (Staff 1959-85) who had been teaching at Lancing College where the Head invited him to put on the first performance of the work. Richard was given a half timetable that year so he could go round the local schools and gather a cast of little ones to supplement the College students. Britten came to the performance and regarded it so highly that he was quoted as saying that the Kent production had set a benchmark which others would have to attempt to meet. Having appeared in two staff productions under Richard Kent's direction he could well believe it.

"To create a staff Corps de Ballet out of **Bob Clarke** (1959-90), **David Barker** (1958-74), **Des Brown** (1965-9##), **Stuart Leadstone** (1966-72) and **David Lee** (1961-66) with Maureen Brown as the ballerina was a triumph. I think we did 100 hours of rehearsal for a two minute slot" [*Pity we can't find any photos - Ed.*]

Ed Lewis (1997-00) reading politics and philosophy at York spent a month last year as a volunteer with the International Solidarity Movement in Israel and Palestine.

As a result of demonstrations in Palestine, including being shot at by Israelis with rubber bullets and getting arrested Ed will probably never be able to return to Palestine through Israel. He came back to school to talk about his experiences.



**Student
in foreign
firing line**

Ed Lewis made the local Bath headlines

The Rutland & Stamford Mercury (Wartime reading for some at KS in exile? - Ed) gives space quite often to reassuring words from the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Lincolnshire South West primary care trust who is local GP **Ruth Livingstone** (1972-74). "With GP's no longer obliged to pro-

vide emergency cover highly trained nurses are the answer. Dr Livinstone is adamant that the new service will be safe, but acknowledged that some doctors were worried by the changes. ‘a nurse-led but GP-supervised service is the right way to go’ she said.

“Lawrence steps out to raise £4,000 for childrens hospice” was the headline in The Bath Chronicle of 1.10.03. This is over an article and picture of **Lawrence Lockhart** (1948-54 Staff 1982-96) who had completed 120 miles through the mountains of Corsica for his latest challenge last summer. He trekked at altitudes of between 3,000 and 7,000 ft in the intense heat of the Corsican summer to raise the money for the children’s hospice near Bristol. Lawrence took up walking in the 1990s after suffering a heart attack. Every time he completes a new challenge he raises money for a new charity.



Lawrence Lockhart still pounding the hills

Adam Loosley (1990-99) has graduated from Exeter University School of Physics with a BSc (Hons) Physics

Peter Luxton (1971-76) mails from Calgary, Alberta where he has been working for the last 20 years or so as a geologist involved with Oil and Gas Exploration, which he really enjoys.



Alistair Barrie

Alistair Barrie [McNeal] (1982-89) made an appearance in stand up comedy in his home patch on the Isle of Wight and the local paper correspondent rang to ask us if “we knew about our star” www.chortle.co.uk/comics/abarrie.html can tell you more about appearances in London, Australia, The Edinburgh Fringe etc. Three years ago he was described as “A slick, polished and good-looking performer who makes for an especially skilled compere”

Leslie Marsh (1940-49) mails that with younger daughter **Louise** (1985-90 having just married Andrew Reid in addition to elder daughter **Joanna** (1981-88) and her husband Paul Griffiths, there are now 4 organists in the family. Joanna and Paul were celebrating the arrival of a first son in September.

John Marsham (1987-94) has moved on from Edinburgh where from 1994-99 it was an MPhys followed by from 1999-02 a PhD (Lake temperature - thermal remote sensing and assimilation into a lake model) completed in 2003. Since September he has been at Leeds University on a 1 year post doc (- Effects of wind shear on cirrus clouds in April)

At Edinburgh John did a lot of climbing, - 3 months in

Bolivia in 1999 and a 2 day winter traverse of the Cuillins in Skye in 2001 (in perfect conditions) stand out in the memory, he says. Last year he was in the Alps for 7 weeks skiing and ski mountaineering and did the Chamonix Zermatt Haute Route amongst other things.

Kate Kerr Meigneux (1973-75) looked in from the Vernice, California with her two girls to show them the school.

Hannah Morison (1990-97) now lives in Chesham, Bucks and commutes to a job she started a year ago as a buyer for an international marketing company in Covent Garden. She is the last of three Kingswood weddings due this year in the school Chapel when she marries Matt Preece on December 4th with a reception in the Assembly Rooms. Her brother **Luke** (1993-00) works in Bristol, has just been promoted, and is studying for his accountancy exams. He plays rugby when he can and soccer on a weekly basis with friends from work. Both of them have enjoyed trips out to their parents home in Bermuda last year.



Kate Kerr Meigneux

Don Morton (1916-22) - our oldest Old Boy writes from Vancouver Island where the magazines arrive and are acknowledged the very same day by post to Bath ! The valedictory to **Roger Austin** (Staff 1970-2001) reminded him of Roger’s visit in 1998 when they had looked at the long picture of staff and boys taken in 1922 with Wootton as Headmaster [*It is the only school photo on the wall outside the KA office which has all the names on it !-Ed*]

He remembered **W.R.James** (1911-19), who has recently passed on , as a cricketer and School House prefect and **A.K.Lloyd** (1916-20) and **H.B. Floyd** (1918-22) as two good men both now sadly listed on the deaths page. “Did Floyd still do fine pencil sketches of beautiful women ?” he asked. Don has proof of his artistic prowess in an old autograph album, signed and dated 1920. “On the opposite page are a few lines from Samuel Rutherford - signed T.Russell Maltby 19-10-17, beautifully written, of course - what a man !”

Don was pleased that some recognition was given to **A. Moorhouse** (1916-19), another in Lower House with him. He made contact with Moorhouse after the war when he was dairy farming “Those of us who remember “Chicken” Moorhouse will smile at the thought of him poultry farming. Nevertheless he was a gallant sailor.”



Don Morton (1916-22)

Don finds “the bits and pieces from the Archivist always have something of interest to us really old boys. This time it was the comments about W.P.W. . Those of us who marched up Lansdown (8- abreast I think) to the burial in the ‘Beckford’ cemetery will not forget that day. He was followed for almost a year by **Mr Richards** (Rix) (Staff 1984-1920) as Acting H.M. We had great respect for him and his modesty - he wielded a swift cane - “Bend a little further - more like an egg” he would say. The boys waiting by the arches in the senior playground would hear the words and the thwacks. Yet we liked him - he used his 6th Form classroom for such occasions - not Mr Workman’s library.

He was followed by **Wootton** (HM 1919-28) who took on a terrific job and did it well. He was much hated but yet, looking back, who else could have given us better sewers (‘pets’)

and water systems and proper heating and some semblance of discipline, and built the Ferens building, etc.etc. Kingswood was fortunate. He doesn't deserve the comments made by later historians.

Don read the **K.H.Ives** (1921-28) obituary "almost after my time but he was here in Vancouver as a private school master and as a cricketer. I knew his older brother better - the one who wrote the KS history - both Lower House of course."

"There's no mention in KS histories of Miss **Gladys Frank**, (Staff 1917) who was the 3rd form mistress in 1917. Men were scarce. She was the only 'master' I ever had who was able to make me enjoy Latin"

"I could go on indefinitely - but how few are left to recall these people and times and places"

Karen Noonan (1991-98) passed out from RMA Sandhurst last April to take up a commission in the Royal Artillery.

As part of the Wesley Tercentenary on the Isle of Wight, four Methodist ministers from the two circuits, including **Antony Oakley** (1979-84) completed a 74 mile round-the-island walk in five days. The 'Pray the Wight' initiative enabled the church leaders to pray with local christian groups en route and encourage them to worship in the open air.

Gavin Palmer (1990-92) [gdwp@btopenworld.com] writing from Australia, is currently carrying out design work for a US Indycar manufacturer operating between their satellite office in UK and his home office in Brisbane. He is also looking for other opportunities in the field of energy efficient design - are there any local KS contacts interested ?

We were very pleased to welcome **Donald Parker** (1929-36) back to Kingswood with his wife and daughter in October. The Archivist (David Brown (1952-58, Staff 1985-) unearthed the school magazine commenting on the result of the Kingswood Election of 1935 "Just over a third of the electorate voted for the winning candidate, D.K.Parker, while of the other two thirds, the majority would rather have seen any of their opponents succeed than his party, the 'National' Conservatives". Mr Parker enjoyed the view from the window of the Archivist's Office - 69 years after last addressing the Kingswood voters from that point over the arch.

Amy Pearce (1996-2003) is currently on the Africa Venture scheme at Rosere Education Centre in Western Kenya as part of her gap year. She is teaching Science, French, HIV and Arts and Crafts rather to her surprise. The children rise at 5.30, have first lessons at 7 a.m. and the day doesn't finish until 9 p.m. "And we think we have it hard at Kingswood!" she says. "Living with no electricity, no running water, a long drop toilet and the nearest tap up a hill nearby it's a lot different from the



Amy Pearce and her class in Kenya

bubble of Kingswood. But the cons are definitely outweighed by the pros ! I've walked 4m away from a giraffe, been on Lake Victoria and seen hippos, walked with zebra, gnu, impala, gazelle and made lots of friends. The kids are wicked and when things seem like a complete nightmare, the smiles on their faces make every thing you're worried about seem stupid!"

Naomi Pendle (1995-2002) was awarded a First Year scholarship at Merton College Oxford where she is reading PPE.



Jesse Raby - sports coach in Kenya

Jesse Raby (2001-03) writes enthusiastically from Tesige High School in Kenya where he is spending part of his gap year teaching biology and some sports coaching with a promising 7's team. This is organised through Africa and Asia Venture Ltd.

Tom Risdale (1979-86) continues to run his catering business - buffets, dinner parties and wedding cakes etc and was delighted to become a dad in December. He can continue to run the business from home and be a house husband as well!! (I am sure that I will be kept busy). He and Maggie have just bought a property in Spain and look forward to spending a lot of time over there!

His sister **Sukie Chipchase** (née Risdale)(1979-85) is still in Northampton and with three children leading a busy life-with a full time job as a practice nurse in a local surgery. Brother **Adrian** (1976-83) is in Scotland at Elgin working for Cap Gemini.

E.D. 'Robbie' Roberts (1927-36) send news of the death of Peter R. Price (1930-36) who he believes invented coin-changing machines and spent many years with the Bank of England. He had also visited **A.Paul Binks** (1927-36) who he found not at all well. Robbie was moved to correspond after reading the latest KIF where the reproduction of the picture of the PR did not match what was expected in an 'expensive production' and he made a plea for type which did not need a magnifying glass. He found the Headmaster's reference to a Foundation Fund reminiscent of a Development Fund planned in his time as a Governor. He was interested in the Boston King article, and requested the sources, being only a Gold Coast/Ghana educationalist himself. The late **Kingsley Lloyd** (1916-20) is remembered as doing much of the work to ensure Kingswood was placed on the Methodist Secondary Education Trust Deed (1903) when Chairman of Governors in 1974. He was very soon on the list for the House of Commons Dinner and had no doubt that if he could not go (or was not here to) a vacancy would quickly be filled even at short notice ! {Indeed so Robbie, but we want you there - Ed.}

Paul Roebuck (1949-57) tells that his life in crime continues. For 20 years he was on the Board of Visitors at HMP Whatton. The establishment was for young offenders but during his 4-year stint as Chairman it became a refuge for sex-offenders during the Strangeways prison riots. From there he moved for a spell on the Nottinghamshire Police Authority where he was vice chairman. Retiring from that he now finds he is chairman of the new borough (Rushcliffe) Neighbourhood Watch scheme. He retired from what is now pretentiously called The Nottingham Trent University 9 years ago where he was Head of Space Management and sat on the HEFCE standing committee for Space Management in Higher Education.

The John Tavener Collection album released last November on the London/Decca label has **Andrew Rupp** (1979-84) singing *God be with us* on the first track and was recorded in

Temple Church, London . [Catalog # 000151302] We are also looking forward to his appearance at the Theatre Royal, Bath as The Count in Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro* with English Touring Opera on June 1st.



Sergeant (80) and Brown, Pengelly and Ensor all approaching their own 80th birthdays

The above photograph was taken on 26 August 2003, the day **Keith Sergeant** (1933-40) celebrated his 80th birthday. Among friends and family, including his brother, **Donald W.** (1943-48), there were three of his contemporaries, **Michael J. Pengelly** (1934-42), **Douglas H. Brown** (1935-43) and **David W. Ensor** (1934-42), all having kept in touch for these 70 years.

There is another significant story to this reunion. Three of them, Sergeant, Pengelly and Ensor, were taken out by **W. B. Maltby** (1916-24), then a master at Westwood, for a Sunday afternoon treat to the Bath stone mines and were lost down the tunnels. A fourth was **Ian Landreth** (1934-42, killed 1945). We were dared to go down the mine until we lost the light at the entrance. Led by Maltby, we followed one tunnel with the aid of his torch, until the battery failed. Isolated from any light as the summer evening turned to night, we stayed in the damp and chilly tunnel. We tried to light a fire, using Maltby's cigarette lighter and damp pit props, but filled the tunnel with smoke.

Eventually we were rescued. The Headmaster, A. B. Sackett, had raised the alarm. The police found the car and called out some mine workers. At 4 a.m. on the Monday morning, we heard voices calling us and we were led out into a glorious dawn, with Bill King, the KS groundsman, inviting us to taste the wild strawberries on the bank. We were not to get up at the rising bell. We were not allowed to see the press who were after the story. Our parents received a letter of apology from Maltby. For us it was a memory we have shared for almost all those 70 years.

I have never been able to trace the press report in the Bath paper. The occasion must have been in the summer term of 1937. Maybe a keen fifth-former (sorry, Year whatever it is!) might like to do the research. D.W.E.

Alistair Shawcross (1984-92) [AlistairDogs@aol.com] having finished his studies in Edinburgh spent a year teacher training in Lancaster and is now in his second year as a physics teacher at Dallam school, Milnthorpe, about 10 miles south of Kendal. He met Emma Chambers at uni in Edinburgh where she was studying Biology and they were married in July last year. She is now working as a molecular biologist on sleeping sickness for Manchester University, though based in Lancaster. They like the area and so have decided to stay for a bit and have bought a house in Grange-over-Sands.

Alastair's weekends in Edinburgh were spent climbing and then as the money ran out, working. As a former KS orienteering captain he almost returned to the fold though as "I've started entering fell races - results aren't anything to talk about

yet! The rest of the time is spent climbing and more recently caving; the caves of the Yorkshire dales are quite convenient for after school trips."

John Sheriff (1931-39) responding to the missive about Ralph Kilner Brown, was pleased to learn that there was a KA "Law" members list. [Well "Yes" and "No". It was not a difficult task to assimilate one at that time from the career information returned by questionnaire. Clearly there were enough efficient 'legal eagles' who had responded. Well done them. The new web based database should help this and other professions to identify each other and arrange their own meetings or message boards - Ed.] He wanted to be sure his son **Roger** (1960-68) was included. The missive, by the way, was only sent to those who had a reasonable chance of getting to London for Judge Brown's memorial service.

John Shrewsbury (1964-70) writes from New Zealand where he arrived a couple of years ago, via jobs in Malta, Thailand and Indonesia. He is now researching into transport modelling at Canterbury University. "Still trying to climb the hills - they're bigger than they used to be in the UK, but then so am I"

Peter Simper (1954-61) is a churchwarden at Hemington near Bath, Lay Chairman of the Frome Deanery Synod and as a member of the Bath & Wells Diocesan Synod has been very pleased and delighted to be involved with the Anglo-Methodist Covenant this year.

Isla Simpson (1993-1998) [islasimpson429@hotmail.com] having completed her degree at Central Saint Martins last year, has been freelancing for a number of companies as a handbag designer, which she found a fantastic experience. She is immensely enjoying the variety and creative freedom that freelance work entails "though there are always draw backs as you can imagine!" What she would really like to do is work for Mulberry - the Somerset company which **Roger Saul** (1961-69) founded.

Dr Jeremy Sims (1979-84) is now a GP in the little town of Brading on the Isle of Wight and completed an MSc in Health Information at Southampton Uni in May last year. He continues to do a little health journalism, both online and offline, when there is time. His wife, Dana, has completed her postgrad training in animal psychology and is about to set up her own practice, whilst keeping their rather boisterous border collie pup in check.

His brother **Nick** (1983-88) after completing his degree and then an MSc has decided to take up 'the calling' and is now teaching in Gosport for a year and enjoying his change of vocation immensely. "He also tells me he is developing a PhD project - where does he get his energy!!!" - says Jeremy.

P.A. Smith (1949-54) moved to Chilton Polden, near Bridgwater in 2002 and likes the change having been close to a main road in Reading for 18 years. This was prompted by his daughter Rosalind requiring some help with her three girls aged 9-12 years, as she has M.E. and is confined to a wheel chair when going out. They are now just 10 miles from her in Glastonbury where she is making slow, but definite progress and able to preach in her Methodist Circuit for the first time in a long while. Her husband Duncan, once an engineer on the oil rigs will be training in Bristol as a Methodist Minister later this year.

Victoria Smith (1991-96) has graduated from Birmingham University with BA (hons) 2.2 in Hospitality Tourism Management.

Prof. Peter Spufford (1948-53) writes from Queen's College, Cambridge about the book published in autumn 2002 "his last 'big' book" *Power and Profit. The Merchant in Mediaeval Europe* [Thames and Hudson]. It had taken him 25 years to

write and was received with critical acclaim selling astonishingly well. The American edition came out in spring 2003 and the Swedish edition in autumn 2003. "Only little books and articles from now on" - he says.

Mayuko Tanaka (1995-99) has successfully completed a BSc Mathematical Sciences FT at Birmingham University.

Junichi Tanaka (1996-2000) has graduated from Southampton University with a BSc Physics degree.

Andy Titley (1973-77) writes that his beautiful condo on the water had to be sacrificed as he was offered a 700% return on his investment after 5 years!! "The proceeds have been reinvested in an office building for his companies here in New York. I had the pleasure of seeing David Townend (1975-77) last weekend. He decided to book a flight on the Concorde before it stops services. Just a short visit - out on Friday night and back the following day."

Philip Tregenna-Piggott (1982-86) [philip.tregenna-piggott@iac.unibe.ch] mails from Bern, Switzerland "You will certainly remember me as one of your poorer science students. I am currently giving a series of lectures on advanced Quantum Mechanics. Life is full of surprises." [*Indeed. No need for such self depreciation Philip! - Ed*]

Richard Udy (1982-87) writes from Hitcham in Suffolk. He has been married for 7 years now to Fiona who teaches at Old Buckenham Hall School and they have two delightful daughters, Amelia 3 and Tabitha 2.

He left the Army in 1998 and has been a Lloyds Broker since then, and bumped into Roger Lewis (1981-88) in the City last year. He generally keeps in contact with Nick Maddalena (1980-87) who is also in the London Market - but would dearly like to find out what happened to Martin Earp (1985-87).

Richard still plays cricket for the army and spends a lot of spare time with The Royal Wessex Yeomanry in Salisbury.

Martin Vaux (1998-03) [martinvaux@theescapists.com] dropped in to the office and after a remarkably short time at the keyboard wrote "Life at Exeter Uni has been, on the whole, fantastic. And so wonderfully different to school! The amount of contact hours that I spend with my tutors has dropped to a ludicrous 6 hours a week, which as you'd expect has meant I have an awful lot more time to get myself in trouble. Also evident is the lack of teachers telling me to 'tuck my shirt in' and to get 'my tie up', which has meant my personal appearance has genuinely suffered. As Mr Harvey rightly feared, I have become scruffy." [*Overstatement - Ed.*]

"While my degree is exactly what I hoped it would be, involving, interesting, and of course all about the subject I love (i.e. English), another upside of having such a large amount of time available to me has been that I am free to involve myself in the wealth of extra curricular activities university offers. I not only have my own radio show, but I am producing some television programmes, directing short films, writing film reviews for the paper, and, as you might expect, keeping involved with theatre. I also have been fortunate to have fallen in with a group of foolish individuals who share many of my characteristics, most importantly the desire to write sketch based comedy.

"I'm also in contact with **Thomas Johnson**, (1996-03) a K.S. friend who is studying civil engineering at Exeter, and regularly exchange e-mails with most of the friends I was close with while at school. I am, incidentally, back in Kingswood as I write this with Mr **Gareth Coker** (1992-02), long time friend of mine (Prior's Court veterans no less!) to watch this year's school play, Our Country's Good, to ensure that they are keeping up the standard without me. Therefore I ought to be off; the show kicks off soon. Before I go however, my last thought is this: Remember

the old Kingswood Tradition, 'Cherish your rebels' for we will always make good in the end. All the best M.V."

Roger Walker (1977-84) wrote from New Zealand where he was currently doing a year out in Christchurch as a surgeon at the hospital there. He was "Having a fabulous time - moving from the snowboarding season to kitesurfing, windsurfing, and surfing all on my doorstep! Not to mention the opportunity to spend some time over the next few weeks at the rugby world cup. Just back from Melbourne from the Samoa game and heading back to Sydney for the semis and final when brother Geoff will be joining me. **Geoff Walker** (1977-85) is currently working as a GP in Yarm, North Yorkshire, and is married with a 2 year old daughter Verity. I also met up with **Dave Dennison** (1976-84) and **Chris Rogers** (1975-84) and will be seeing them again soon. Both on good form with Chris based in Singapore and expecting the imminent arrival of a second child, and Dave in Sydney with his 3 lively sons! Saw **Nick Crosby** (1975-84) and **Andy Rupp** (1979-84) shortly before I left the UK in July and we are regularly in touch also."



Andrew Rupp
- lead role with
E.T.Opera in Bath

Alan Watson (1954-59) (Lord Watson of Richmond) who is currently Chairman of the English Speaking Union, Chairman of Burson Marsteller Europe and Corporate Television Networks (CTN) was made Chairman of the Joint Commonwealth Societies' Council last May.

The front cover to the Further Education section of The Independent of 2.10.03 carried a striking full length picture of **Geraint Wilson-Price** (1973-81) in full flow. "Numbers have gone right through the roof" says Geraint W-P, the Welsh for Adults manager at Coleg Gwent. "The growth during the past five years has been phenomenal. Colleg Gwent is one of the largest providers, and this year expects to run about 160 Welsh classes for up to 1800 adults." Geraint has also been Chief Examiner at A-Level for Welsh Joint Educational Council Learners' Examinations in Welsh. He is also in his second year of learning Spanish - but in the third/fourth year class, just to give himself a challenge...this will be his eighth language. At Kingswood Geraint was a classicist.

John Wiles (1942-50) who has been in Castle Howard for a while now, writes of his memories with the school orchestra - prompted by Brian Peeling's (1941-40) piece last year. He used to feel sorry for Brian who had to play the concerto piano parts when the orchestra was practising and then yielded the piano stool to the visiting soloist. He well remembers a recital by Myra Hess as part of the Bicentenary celebrations - "a venerable little old lady in black taking here her place at the piano in the Moulton Hall. Though a couple of years ago I came across her dates and she was only 58 then. I suppose age depends on where you are looking from!"

There was also mention of **David Sawyer** (1936-45) who he remembers playing the french horn alongside **A.W. Bevan** (1941-46) (later in the Hallé): "we in the woodwind sat just below the brass section (the platform at Uppingham went up in tiers) and as a small boy straight from PC they seemed very lordly beings, young gentlemen rather than schoolboys." Of the soloists he remembers Dennis Matthews (twice ?), Jean Pougnet (who joined in with the back desk of the 2nd violins after he had played his solos), Florence Hooten (cello), Isobel Baillie and Roy Henderson - but though he actually has the programme for the latter it prompts no memories.

At this "long distance in time, I sometimes wonder if our

orchestra's playing really merited the professional 'artistes' who came to play with us. When you recall the array of pens and pencils that usually graced the breast pocket of schoolboys then, you can imagine the mad scramble during rehearsal with her, when Isobel Baillie asked if anyone had a pencil to mark something in her score !"

Nicola Wootton (1979-87) is now Senior Crown Prosecutor with Wiltshire Crown Prosecution Service and has moved to a new address in Wootton Bassett. She has recently been in contact with **Rowena Allen** (1980-87)

Richard Wright (1975-85) having spent 15 years working in London running exhibitions and events moved to Sydney, Australia last September to set up and run an exhibitions / events organization there. The company in the UK, Single Market Events, runs major trade & consumer events such as BBC Good Food Show, London Fashion Week. He has just launched two art shows in Melbourne & Sydney with a number of new events in the pipeline to be launched in the next few weeks.

Richard is enjoying the outdoor life doing a lot of sailing, tennis, golf etc and was then looking forward to England beating the Aussies at the rugby world cup.

He was tired of hearing about their successes in the Ashes, but did manage to get to see a Test we did win!! [*Who's been in the West Indies ? - Ed.*]

THEATRE QUAD ABOUT TO BE COVERED



Drama Studio above the School Uniform Shop



Ground to be levelled and trees removed



The Prior's Court School plaque will be indoors

TRIBUTES

NORMAN EDWARD BINNS (1926-32)

Norman's early love of literature was inspired by his enthusiastic English teacher at Kingswood School and from his teens he said he felt called to his career in librarianship. Qualifying before the war as an Associate of the Library Association, he was, as a Territorial Army man, called up early for national service. Nearly sidetracked when he became the first magician to appear on television in 1947, books prevailed and he took an ex-serviceman's course to qualify as Fellow of the Library Association at University College, London. Through that he found an interest in historical bibliography which he went on to teach at Library School in his spare time and that led to a commission to write what became a standard textbook in the subject *An Introduction to Historical Bibliography*. Moving around to other local authorities to widen his professional experience he ultimately became Chief Librarian of the London Borough of Ealing.

Not a contemporary of Herbert Solomon (1931-34) at school, they met as members of Kingswood School Masonic Lodge, and soon discovered they shared an interest in magic.

As an accomplished photographer Norman left a valuable archive of 44 albums of prints and negatives of Somerset Churches which is now in the Somerset Local History Library in Taunton. Mentally alert to the end he mastered computer technology when he became physically less active.

He is survived by his wife and two of their three children.

K & A Binns

KENNETH BRIAN BOYD CROSS (1927-28)



Air Chief Marshall Sir Kenneth Cross led Bomber Command at the most critical moment of the Cold War, the Cuban missile crisis and his retirement 6 years later marked the end of 37 years distinguished service in the RAF.

Kenneth Cross survived the sinking of the aircraft carrier *Glorious* us by the German battle cruisers *Scharnhorst* and *Gneisenau* on June 8 1940.

Three weeks earlier, "Bing" Cross had led 18 Hawker Hurricane fighters of No46 Squadron off *Glorious* to reinforce the already faltering Norwegian Campaign. They were destined for Skaanland near Narvek, but the airstrip proved boggy. Cross damaged his propeller in landing, and another Hurricane was flung on its back so he declared the strip unfit, and moved 50 miles north-east to Bardufoss, where the squadron launched a series of successful operations although, unknown to Cross, the decision to evacuate had already been taken.

At 3 am on June 7, Cross spotted in the arctic daylight four Heinkel 111 bombers beginning a shallow dive attack on their airfield. He damaged one himself, then the port tank on his Hurricane was blown to pieces and a bullet hit the side of the windscreen; but it missed Cross's head because he had failed to put on his harness and was crouched forward over the control column. He managed to glide back from height of 4,000 ft to the airfield.

Determined to save what they could of the precious fighters, Air Commodore Jameson and the Squadron Commander Cross decided to fly them to the *Glorious*, although they knew that the RAF had concluded after trials, that landing a Hurricane on a carrier was "not possible"

Cross, turning a Nelsonian blind eye and obtaining reluctant permission from the carrier's captain, ordered Jameson to lead a first section of three Hurricanes to fly to the carrier 150 miles out in the North Sea. In the Arctic twilight the ship's company held its breath as each Hurricane made its approach to the tilting deck.

Since Hurricanes were not equipped with arrester hooks, Cross had 14 lb sandbags placed on their tails and all No 46 Squadron's 10 remaining aircraft landed safely, as did 10 Gladiator biplanes of 263 Squadron. Cross turned in at 4.30 am after a warming mug of cocoa. He was awakened by the sounding of action stations.

Cross reached the flight deck as a shell tore a hole only 15 ft away, and more landed around him as he made for the quarterdeck at the stern of the carrier. The hangars caught fire. "Bad luck your Hurricanes got it with the first salvo," shouted a passing Fleet Air Arm pilot over the din of the continuing crashes and explosions. Then the public address system packed up, and orders to abandon ship were passed from man to man.

Inflating his Mae West, Cross jumped over-board and swam to a Carley float, where he was joined by his New Zealand-born flight commander, Jameson, with a "Permission to come aboard, sir?" Soon they were joined by 35 other survivors. Attaching a shirt to an oar for a sail and a mast, they found that there was no food or water; then a warrant officer came up with a small tin of brown sugar. By June 11, after they had spent 70 hours exposed to the Arctic weather, a Norwegian fishing vessel picked up Cross, Jameson and the four other survivors. They were taken to the Faroes where they joined the destroyer *Veteran*.

As one of just 45 survivors from a disaster that claimed 1,429 lives, Cross considered his life thereafter "a rare bonus"

Cross and Jameson's float had the most survivors - seven - of any from the *Glorious*, which was considered due to their leadership. They said if they had got all the pilots from No 46 Squadron together they would all have survived.

Suffering from considerable pain in their frost-bitten feet Cross and Jameson were landed at Rosyth a week later, and sent for treatment at the Gleneagles Hotel which had been turned into a military hospital.

Kenneth Brian Boyd Cross was born on October 4 1911, at Portsmouth: where his father was a surveyor and estate agent. Young Bing was educated at Kingswood School, Bath, until his father fell on



at KS in 1928

hard times and he had to leave at 16 to work at a local garage for 10 shillings (50p) a week. In 1930 Cross was granted a short service commission in the RAF and the next year he was posted as a pilot officer to No25, an Armstrong Whitworth biplane fighter squadron stationed at Hawkinge, Kent.

After the squadron was re-equipped with the Hawker Fury, a biplane then considered the RAF's most modern fighter, Cross showed a talent for flying which he demonstrated at the 1934 Hendon Air Displays performing "tied together" formation aerobatics.

He was then selected for the prestigious Central Flying School course, where the pilots wore unorthodox breeches and light blue stockings. He played rugby for the RAF and Harlequins. After qualifying as an instructor he was posted to No5 Flying Training School at Sealand, near Chester.

In 1936 Cross was awarded a permanent commission and

attached to the Cambridge University Air Squadron; he was reluctant to leave the easy tempo and golf there when he was given an intelligence staff post at Fighter Command's 12 Group headquarters.

Eight weeks after the outbreak of war on September 3 1939, Cross was highly relieved to receive command of No46, a 12 group squadron at Digby, Yorkshire. Following a brief interlude leading ineffective night fighter sorties guided solely by searchlight beams, he was sent to Norway.

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By late August 1940, when the Battle of Britain was at its height, Cross was passed fit enough for light duty. Still wearing carpet slippers on his damaged feet he was posted as group controller to to Fighter Command's 12 Group headquarters at Watnall, Nottinghamshire.

Passed fit to fly in November, Cross pulled strings with a former Harlequins and Hawkinge friend at the Air Ministry and was posted at the end of the year to Egypt, though he was uneasy about sailing in *Glorious's* sister carrier *Furious*.

Moreover, he found himself with the onerous task of commanding 40 Hurricanes and their pilots, which were bound for Takoradi in West Africa, before making a 3,600-mile flight to Egypt

Arriving in Cairo, Cross received command of No 252 Air Defence Wing at Alexandria, then was posted in the rank of group captain to command No 258 Wing, Desert Air Force, during the frustrating retreats and advances of the Crusader offensive in November 1941.

Amid these difficulties Cross had the encouragement of Fred Rosier, commander of No263 Squadron, who liked to remark, "You know, a shave every morning makes all the difference between an orderly withdrawal and a disorderly rout."

Following the final advance from El Alamein, Cross, commanding No 242 Group, supported the First Army in Tunisia, then covered the Sicily landings and the Italian campaign. In the New Year of 1944 he returned home to staff appointments at the Air Ministry, including a spell as director of weapons and air defence operations.

When, in 1958, it was decided to pep up a decidedly moribund post-war Bomber Command with some legendary fighter boys' get-up-and-go, Cross received command of No 3 Group. This put him in charge of the group's new Valiant and Victor nuclear deterrent V-bombers.

The next year Cross became Bomber Command's commander-in-chief. It was an inspired appointment in which he established close relations with the leaders of the US Strategic Air Command.

During this period Cross, a man who always knew his own mind, insisted - with a ferocity that filled even the ante-room to his office with tension - that the Command would be the best in the Air Force. During the Cuban missile crisis of 1962 he brought his Vulcan and Victor crews to unprecedented and prolonged states of quick reaction alert.

The following year Cross moved over to the comparatively tranquil fiefdom of Transport Command, at a time when it still had worldwide responsibilities in support of British military power. His retirement followed in 1967.

Cross worked successively as director of the Suffolk and London branches of the British Red Cross Society, and was president of the RAF Rugby Union. He retained his sporting connections, a firm believer in the value of competitive sport both for physical fitness and in developing leadership skills.

He was awarded the DFC in 1940 and DSO in 1953; and appointed CBE in 1945 and KCB in 1959. He also held the Norwegian War Cross, the US Legion of Merit; the French Croix de Guerre and Legion d'Honneur and the Dutch Order of Orange Nassau.

Cross interested himself in RAF history, eventually putting pen to paper with his book *Straight and Level*, published in 1993.

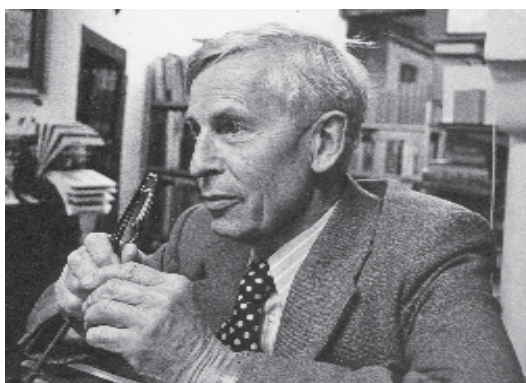
Towards the end of the war, Cross met Brenda Powell; a WAAF officer, when she was updating map positions in the Air Ministry war room; he married her within a month. She was murdered in 1991 at an antiques shop in Chelsea where she worked. They had a son and two daughters. For a man of 80 this was a shattering blow, but his usual courage eventually enabled him to come to terms with it.

The RAF remember him as one of the finest operational commanders in both war and peace and as a great survivor.

[With grateful acknowledgement to The Independent and the Daily Telegraph]

ALEC NAYLOR DAKIN

(Staff 1946-69)



Alec Dakin had a distinguished career as an Egyptologist ahead of him when he was recruited, in 1940, to work as a cryptographer at Bletchley Park. After the war he decided not to resume his career as a Fellow of University College, Oxford, and became a schoolmaster, though returning to Egyptology later in life, again with distinction.

The son of a sawmaker - his father's saws were, he said, used to cut the reeds of the Nile - he was born in Mytholmroyd in the West Riding in 1912. He won a scholarship to Heath School, Halifax, and from there a Lady Elizabeth Hastings Scholarship to Queen's College, Oxford, where he read Greats and took walks with his fellow Yorkshire scholarship-boy and Nonconformist, Harold Wilson. With the encouragement of his tutor, Oliver Franks, and the guidance of Professor Battiscombe Gunn, he began the study of Egyptology and in 1936 he became the first holder of the Walter Budge Fellowship at University College.

As a by-product of his studies he had acquired fluent German, so he was an obvious candidate for recruitment to Bletchley Park. He later described this as the happiest time of his life; he particularly enjoyed the challenge of the early days before the Colossus machine took over the decrypting. He worked in Hut 4, the German Naval Section, which was responsible for translating the decrypted German naval Enigma signals and processing them for the Admiralty. Alec often had the job of rapidly identifying those signals which were of particular importance and he recalled being one of the first people to read the message that 'The Fuhrer Adolf Hitler is dead'. Like the other Bletchley Park workers he took an oath of secrecy and never spoke to anyone of his war work, not even to his wife when he married in 1953. At one point he tried to join the Royal Navy, but he was prevented from doing so on the grounds that he knew too much to risk being captured by the enemy. In conjunction with Ernest Ettihausen he wrote a record of the work of Hut 4 for Foreign Office files. This was regarded as so secret that he was not allowed to consult it when he came to write his chapter for *Codebreakers* (OUP, ed Hinsley and Stripp).

After the war he might have returned to his fellowship at Oxford, but instead he took the momentous decision to become a schoolmaster: having seen so much de-

struction wreaked upon the civilisation he loved, he thought that he could more directly help to build the world by influencing young people at their most formative stage. In 1946 he joined the staff at Kingswood School, Bath, teaching Classics, and he stayed there until his retirement in 1969.

He was for many years a housemaster in the peculiarly hurly-burly world of a junior house. He was also a highly successful master in charge of Athletics. He had a lithe and loping stride and frequently broke into a run as he went about his immensely busy life. With his enthusiasm and patience, his care for the individual, his insatiable curiosity, and his breadth of interest and knowledge he was, like all the best teachers, a walking, often running, advertisement for education. He loved all the Arts, had an encyclopaedic memory for poetry in a variety of languages, ancient and modern, and he had the gift of being, in Wordsworth's phrase, frequently 'surprised by joy'. A former student said of him that if a pupil turned in a shoddy piece of work the look of cosmic dismay on his normally benign face made the errant boy feel that his lapse had short-changed not just the tutor, or the school itself, but the whole of civilisation.

His retirement was busy. He ran a bookshop in Bath for ten years: he became a Samaritan and worked with autistic children; he was the first chairman of the National Patient Participation in General Practice. In 1972 the Tutankhaman Exhibition led him back to Egyptology and he started a flourishing class at the North Bristol Institute. He formed links with the Egyptology community at Oxford and Cambridge and gave papers to the Triennial International Congresses at Munich, Turin, Cairo and Cambridge.

His 90th birthday party was attended by an army of friends from many walks of life and he died on 14th of June 2003, two months before his Golden Wedding Anniversary. He is survived by his wife, Joan, and by his two sons.

R. Wilkinson

GEORGE EDWARD HALE ENDERBY

(1928-34)

Hale Enderby, who has died aged 88, was a leading anaesthetist, best known for his original work in developing hypotensive anaesthesia, a technique of lowering blood pressure during surgery to facilitate intricate and complex operations while controlling loss of blood from the patient.

In 1948-49 the pharmacologists Peter and Zaimis described for the first time a range of new drugs, some of which were effective in lowering blood pressure. Enderby realised the potential of these agents, and started using them in anaesthesia. At first this was fraught with difficulty, since techniques of measuring low blood pressures were not available. A significant contribution was Enderby's introduction of the oscillometer, an earlier and almost forgotten method of blood pressure measurement, which proved capable of measuring these low pressures.

In 1950 he published his first paper on *Hypotensive Anaesthesia*, and went on to publish more than 25 papers on the subject in medical journals. At one time, as the result of this work, he was one of the best known anaesthetists in the world.

George Edward Hale Enderby was, born at Boston, Lincolnshire, where his father was the local optician, on June 9 1915. His early education was at Boston Grammar School and then at Kingswood School, Bath, where he won the Victor Ludorum at sports and was awarded a scholarship to study medicine at St John's College, Cambridge, in 1934. There he captained his college athletics club and excelled in the hurdles and discus. He later trained in London at Guy's Hospital, qualifying in Medicine and Surgery

During the Second World War, he joined the Emergency Medical Service after being turned down for military service owing to a duodenal ulcer. He worked initially at Guy's Hospital and then at Pembury Hospital, Kent, where much of Guy's was moved after the hospital was bombed at the start of the war. It was there that he was asked to move into anaesthesia.

Later he moved to Rooksdown House, Basingstoke, a plastic and reconstructive surgery unit under Sir Harold Gillies, where he worked alongside the surgeons repairing injured and burned servicemen. He gained the Diploma of Anaesthesia in 1943.

In 1947 he was invited to Bergen in Norway, where he spent a month teaching anaesthesia for the reconstructive surgery being undertaken there. In 1951 he moved to the Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead; while there he worked for many years with the eminent plastic surgeon, Sir Archibald McIndoe. Two years later Enderby became a Fellow of the Faculty of Anaesthetists of the Royal College of Surgeons.

He travelled widely, lecturing on hypotensive anaesthesia at home and abroad. He also did further physiological research with the Westminster Hospital Anaesthetic Department in 1973.

Hale Enderby contributed a chapter to *The Textbook of Anaesthesia* by Gray, Nunn and Utting, and in 1984 published his own book, *Hypotensive Anaesthesia*, which became a classic in its field.

At the same time he also worked in London with Sir Edward Muir, President of the College of Surgeons, whose speciality was general surgery. In the early 1960s Enderby had a growing private practice and spent much time at his Harley Street flat, where he was near to his work until his eventual retirement in 1984.

As well as having a busy private practice, he became an examiner for the final fellowship examinations for the Faculty of Anaesthetists from 1976 to 1981, and was elected to the Council of the Faculty (1977-83), where his fund-raising efforts culminated in his being awarded a Faculty Gold Medal.

He was President of the Anaesthetic Section of the Royal Society of Medicine, for which he received a Gold Medal. After his retirement he worked as an expert witness for the Medical Defence Union and made many court appearances on its behalf.

Hale Enderby was a keen golfer, serving as captain of the Medical Golfing Society in 1965 and President in 1972-73. He was a member of the Royal Ashdown Forest Golf Club and continued to play there into his eighties. He also played tennis to a high standard and, for many years, enjoyed driving Bentleys.

A dedicated Freemason, Hale Enderby was a founder member of the John Snow Lodge for anaesthetists and was a member of Aesculapius and Rose Croix Lodges.

Hale Enderby, died on December 30 2003, is survived by his wife, Dorothy, whom he married in 1940, and by their son and two daughters.

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DAVID MICHAEL GREET (1966 -73)

David found great fulfilment in his work as a GP for twenty-one years in London's East End. He built up the practice to a team of six doctors, two of whom he had trained. Although patterns changed over the years, David maintained personal re-



lations with his patients and was widely respected and loved. Many of them were at his Thanksgiving Service. One elderly woman spoke for them all: 'He was my doctor', she said, 'he really cared about me'. From the Practice, Dr Ken Cochran spoke movingly of David's inspired leadership, his sustained enthusiasm for his calling as a doctor, the example of his high ideals, clinical excellence and tireless caring. David's minister, Rev Ron Smith, paid tribute to David's humanity, his lively company, his love for his family and his enormous zest for living. David's humanity shone through the two lively tributes which his daughters, Bethan and Megan, wrote and which were distributed at the service.

Many of the things which David enjoyed later in life had their beginnings in his schooldays at Prior's Court and Kingswood. His sense of adventure and love of travel began with expeditions with school friends to the continent and India. In his gap year he spent six months working at the Methodist Hospital in Dabou, Cote D'Ivoire. Later he did his elective in Kerala, South India. There followed many exciting family holidays in France, Italy and Switzerland.

His love of literature, art, music and the theatre, owed much to opportunities he had at school, to sing in the choir and to be involved in dramatic productions. The vast open spaces of the Lake District, where he walked with the family and climbed with those members who could stand his pace, were his inspiration and relaxation: climbs which he did first with the KS ATC.

David's illness and death were an unparalleled tragedy for members of his family. But they will always thank God for the way in which, over forty-seven years, he immeasurably enriched their lives and the lives of so many.

Brian Greet

Notice is hereby given that the
Annual General Meeting
of the
Kingswood Association will be held
at
Kingswood School
on Saturday July 3rd 2004 at 3.30 p.m.

KENNETH FREDERICK HULBERT

(1924-31)

Kenneth (Ken) Frederick Hulbert died sitting in his chair in the lounge of his beloved "Timberden" cottage at Shoreham, Kent. His wife, Elizabeth, and daughter, Anne, were with him.

His had been a long life. Since his birth in a south London manse on Christmas Eve, 1912, he had lived out his days against a backdrop of two world wars and profound change.

Ken loved and admired his parents and, after his days at Kingswood School, he would probably have followed his father, who was one of the best-known Methodist evangelists of his day, into the Methodist ministry. However, his lifelong stammer made that impossible. Instead, he won a scholarship to the Middlesex Hospital, went initially into anaesthesia and, after the Second World War, became an orthopaedic surgeon, specialising in children with congenital disabilities such as spina bifida.

Many have had cause to thank God for the fact that he was driven to serve his Master through the dexterity of his hands and the sharpness of his mind, rather than through the eloquence of his speech.

Ken had a long record of service to the Methodist Church. He held most of the offices in the Church that were open to him and, in 1975, accepted an invitation to become a vice-president of the Friends of Wesley's Chapel.

Daughter Anne has written a book, "*I will lift up mine eyes*", about her father's early memoirs and wartime experiences as an officer in the Royal Army Medical Corps. Son John is now a surgeon in America.

Ken Hulbert's life was greatly enriched, and enabled by his long years of marriage to Elizabeth, whose lovingly quiet way of waiting for him to finish his sentences because of his stammer had, in no small measure, helped to turn him into the brilliant raconteur we knew and loved. He will be greatly missed. But a tradition of spirituality that can produce such a man must have got something right.

Geoffery Ainger

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BRIAN WARDELL JAMES

(1939-48)

A founder member of Prior's Court in 1939, he was impressed by the contrast between the blitz-torn Merseyside where his father was a Methodist minister and the rural peace of Chieveley. He joined the main school at Uppingham in 1942 where he found that he was always about a mile from where he needed to be next. Lastly he followed the school to Bath where he took pride in the name of his uncle, William Wardell, on the 1914-1918 war memorial. He did not regard his time at Kingswood as successful. But he made some good friends and was a member of the Kingswood Association for the rest of his life. Always he was grateful for, and tried to practice, the advice from his housemaster Robert Trump that one should do more than one's duty.

On leaving school in 1948 he did national service in the army and spent most of it in Malaya. Then he joined the Ordnance Survey, but after a cold wet winter walking the Castle Bromwich industrial estate with theodolite and plate he left to

join the Civil Service in London. Attending night school he gained a law degree at London University and was later called to the Bar at the Middle Temple. He enjoyed putting his legal qualifications to good effect in the Government Legal Service, serving with the old Public Trustee Office and then with the Department of Transport. He retired from the main service in 1991 having been appointed a C.B.E. in recognition of his work.

He overcame his dislike of retirement by taking various part-time appointments. Until 2000 he was a member of the Lord Chancellor's panel of planning inspectors, and also Legal Adviser to the Traffic Director for London. He was a contributor to Halsbury's Laws of England. He worked into his seventies at long locum stints at the Official Solicitor's Office.

The last phase of his life was clouded by cancer. He was cared for devotedly by his dear wife Margaret and by his daughter and son.

BWJ

RALPH KILNER BROWN

(1922-28)



Sir Ralph Kilner Brown, who has died aged 93, served during the Second World War as a Brigadier on Field Marshal Montgomery's staff planning the Normandy landings, and later concluded a varied judicial career as a kindly and fair-minded judge of the High Court, Queen's Bench Division.

When war broke out Brown was a barrister of five years' standing and a Young Liberal noted for his impassioned speeches denouncing appeasement. Also an outstanding athlete, he was British 440 yards hurdles champion and had competed at international meetings on the Continent. His greatest disappointment was missing the Berlin Olympics in 1936 due to injury; his brother Godfrey and sister Audrey both competed there, winning a Gold and two Silver medals between them, and Ralph Brown had hoped for at least a Bronze.

In 1938 Brown sought a commission in the TA, but was told that, at 29, he was too old and experienced to be a junior officer; instead he enlisted in the South Staffordshire Regiment as a private and was com-missioned the next year. In 1941 his application to transfer to the KAF for pilot training was rejected on the grounds that he was "too old and too intelligent", and instead he was chosen for Staff College. After taking part in Exercise "Bumper", which was controlled by General Sir Alan Brooke and umpired by Montgomery, he was recommended for a Grade 2 Staff Officer appointment.

In January 1942 Brown began work on the detailed planning of cross-Channel operations, with particular responsibility for questions of build-up, supply and maintenance. This was the planning team that would lay the foundation for the ultimate

"Overlord" invasion of Europe in 1944.

Following that invasion and during the dash for the German frontier in September 1944, Brown was moved forward to take charge of a team which controlled the whole of the British and Canadian and some American transport, delivering ammunition, petrol and supplies for the rapidly advancing forces. After the Allies were thwarted and contained during the winter, he headed the committee which decided the allocation of shipping coming into the port of Antwerp.

When the war ended he was kept on by Montgomery to help oversee the transfer to military government, during which time he compiled the official Army textbook on Administration in the Field of War. He was mentioned in dispatches and appointed OBE (military) in 1945.

After retiring, he wrote a book, *Top Brass and No Brass* (1991), in which he challenged the view that a vigorous America had won the war for a spent Britain. "The United States never won the war any more than Russia or Britain and the Empire did," he said. He added that he was in a unique position to judge as "the only one involved with the planning for the invasion of Europe even before the Americans arrived.. who then worked with them and lived with the preparations for this colossal enterprise throughout, and finally served, in its execution with the British Headquarters of 21 Army Group until after the war was over".

Ralph Kilner Brown was born on August 28 1909 in Calcutta and spent his early childhood 100 miles north of there at Bankura. His father, the Reverend AE Kilner Brown, CIE, was principal of Bankura College (affiliated to the University of Calcutta), mayor of the municipality, and designer, supervisor and medical superintendent (though not medically qualified) of the local hospital.

In 1915 Ralph's mother took him and his three younger siblings back to England. After six months they all returned to Bengal apart from young Ralph, who was left with his maternal grandparents at Four Oaks, Warwickshire. He was educated at Kingswood School, Bath, and at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, where he was Squire Law Scholar, runner-up for the Presidency of the Union and leader of the Young Liberals. He represented Cambridge three times at athletics and only narrowly missed a Blue at cricket.

Called to the Bar by Middle Temple as a Harmsworth Scholar in 1934, he began practising in Birmingham at the chambers of Donald & Finemore, a nonconformist and teetotaler (his was known as "Cocoa Chambers") who expected his juniors to take on a company of the Boys' Brigade. Brown duly formed a company at Kingstanding, a new estate on the outskirts for families from the slums of Aston, instilling Christian discipline with Sunday morning Bible classes, weekly drill parade, a bugle band and an annual camp under canvas.

When Brown resumed his mixed common law practice at the Bar after demobilisation in 1946, he took over the command of the Birmingham Battalion of the Boys' Brigade, whose 40 companies trained 2,000 boys over the next 10 years. He also served on the committees of the Royal Institutes of the Blind and the Deaf, and contested four general elections for the Liberals, polling well but without success. He remained in the TA until 1952, undergoing a 15-day attachment each year to Army Command HQ to keep his senior staff experience up to date.

His judicial career began with his appointment in 1954 as deputy chairman of Warwickshire Quarter Sessions; he became chairman 10 years later. Always fair and likeable, he was Recorder of Lincoln (1960-64) and Recorder of Birmingham (1964-65) before being appointed as an Additional Judge of the

Old Bailey where he was seen as a welcome change from the more old-school judges - and then as Recorder of Liverpool (1967-69).

After being appointed to the High Court bench in 1970, Kilner Brown spent five years as presiding judge on the Northern Circuit. He adopted his middle name to avoid confusion with other judges named Brown.

Kilner Brown was elected a Bencher of Middle Temple in 1964, knighted in 1970 and was Master Reader of Middle Temple in 1982, when he published *The Office of Reader in the Middle Temple*. He served for many years as a Deputy Lieutenant of Warwickshire. In 1970 he was invited to become a Liberal peer, but could not afford to lose his High Court pension.

Ralph Kilner Brown was a gentle and modest man of complete integrity, as popular with other members of his profession as he was with friends.

He married, in 1943, Rosemary Breffit; they had a son and two daughters.

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ALBERT KINGSLEY LLOYD (1916-20)



Albert Kingsley Lloyd was born in 1903 in Dudley, the youngest of the four children of the Rev Albert Lloyd, a Wesleyan minister. After early education in local schools he was sent to Kingswood School. He regarded his time as mis-spent there and he left in 1920 at the age of 16. However, at Kingswood he heard the call to the Methodist ministry and in 1922 he was accepted and sent to Richmond College.

At the end of four years in college he was nearly "dropped" altogether. He had met Ida Cartledge, 15 years his senior, and they wished to marry and begin a family as soon as possible. As a probationer he required permission to do so and it was refused, but they married none the less. Only the intercession of some of his college tutors persuaded the Conference to keep him on.

His probation was extended as punishment but the real penalty was that he and Ida had to house themselves and pay the rent, starting their married life in a flat over a furniture shop. In those first years their children, Honor and Mark, were born. Eventually he was ordained at the Leeds Conference in 1930.

For 25 years his ministry followed the pattern of the time, a series of circuits in north London and neighbouring home counties, for the normal periods of three to five years: Harrow, Kilburn

and Hampstead, Bedford North, Finsbury Park, Biggleswade, Cambridge and Enfield. He was particularly proud that at Finsbury Park, in spite of being told it was impossible, he supervised the building within three years of The Church in the Orchard.

His independence of mind and administrative skills were becoming apparent to those around him, however, and in 1944 he was made synod secretary of the London North District and in 1950 its Chairman, a post then combined with a circuit appointment.

In 1951 he was second nomination to be a secretary of the Connexional Chapel committee, when Oliver Phillipson was appointed. Then in the summer of 1952, just after the Conference had dispersed, the secretary for Connexional Funds, Simpson Leck died and the President appointed Kingsley to be his successor with immediate effect. So for 12 months he occupied a plurality: circuit superintendent, Chairman of District and Connexional secretary, commuting to London twice a week.

He was never quite sure why he was chosen, for he had had no financial training, although he had been convener of the Circuit Travel committee which recommended to the Conference the first national scheme for ministers' travelling expenses in 1949. Looking back, it can be seen as an inspired choice. Over the next 17 years Kingsley set in place the foundation blocks for British Methodism's current financial structure.

One of the first things to be tackled was ministerial pensions. The Ministers' Retirement Fund had been inaugurated in 1948, with high contribution rates, low benefits and many beneficiaries for whom no contributions had ever been made. It had an actuarial deficit of £1.3 million and was deeply unpopular. Yet Kingsley persevered with it and over the years its strength was built up.

A key factor in doing so was a more active investment policy. Against opposition from the Charity Commission and the Home Office, Kingsley and colleagues went ahead with the Methodist Church Funds Bill and got it through Parliament in 1960. The Church's Central Finance Board became managers of an investment portfolio which has now grown to more than £850 million, with benefit not only to the ministers' and other pension funds but to local churches' investments, too. When it began, Kingsley would deal with the investments himself over morning coffee and a copy of the "*Financial Times*".

Then there was the question of retirement housing for ministers. A housing society had been set up as a private venture in the early 1950s. Kingsley arranged for it to be adopted by the Conference, dependent for income on donations and bequests. It was a shrewd move. There were influential Methodists who tried to persuade him that a better alternative would be to take out an insurance policy on every minister with which to buy a house on retirement, but Kingsley did not believe the sum realised would be adequate and later history, with the sharp rise in property values, proved him to be right. Now the society has nearly 1,000 properties for supernumerary ministers and deacons.

Kingsley was not confined to Methodism. He soon became involved with Christian Aid and was for a considerable time in its early years chairman of its Finance and Staffing committee. It was much more than involvement in ecumenical co-operation. It was an expression of his wider and deeper concern for the world's disadvantaged.

Ecumenical relations were, however, extremely important to him, and he played a major role in advocacy for closer unity between the Methodist Church and the Church of England. In 1964 the Conference elected Kingsley as its President, a year after the publication of the proposed two-stage scheme for

the union of the two Churches. Kingsley was the first President publicly to support its adoption and he became involved in an ecumenical group, Towards Anglican-Methodist Unity (TAMU for short), which travelled the country advocating the scheme against opposition from various Methodist and Anglican quarters. With the Bishop of Worcester, the Rt Rev Robin Woods, he became TAMU's co-chairman.

When the scheme failed to be adopted in 1972, TAMU did perhaps its most creative thing, in arranging a conference in January 1973 at Christ Church, Oxford, for nearly 100 representatives of six Churches to discuss the way forward. With Robin Woods, Kingsley chaired it. The outcome was that the newly-formed United Reformed Church was persuaded to initiate new talks, which led eventually to the proposals for an English Covenant of Churches, although that too failed to be adopted in 1982.

Through Robin Woods, Kingsley became a member of the Council of St George's Windsor and a trustee for the Knights of the Garter. To the end he supported closer relations with the Church of England, enjoying happy relations with his local parish church and rejoicing that the Anglican-Methodist Covenant was signed at Westminster the day before his 100th birthday.

In later years Kingsley was a little embarrassed to admit that out of his devotion to Anglican-Methodist unity he opposed the ordination of women in Methodism and came to be regarded as the voice of the opposition to it. When the prospects of union receded and time passed, he began to change his view and he could himself see the irony of the fact that in his last years his local minister has been a woman for whose ministry he was deeply grateful. He also liked to plead in mitigation that as chairman of the governors of his old school, Kingswood, he backed the appointment of a headmaster in 1970 who he knew would introduce coeducation to the school.

Throughout his life Kingsley was an avid reader, with an astonishing range, in German as well as in English, theology, history, politics and general literature. He was a shrewd observer of current affairs and maintained, through a lifelong friendship, contact with German Church life. He was also an occasional writer, contributing articles on British topics for the Ecumenical Institute in Berlin and on Methodist subjects to the "*Wesley Historical Society Proceedings*". He was the society's lecturer in 1968 on the topic of ministers' stipends in the first years of Methodism.

As a preacher, he was not a dramatic orator, but the content was profound and scholarly. In Conference he enjoyed controversy, could stand his ground and knew just when to intervene in a debate and carry the day.

Throughout his ministry, in circuit, as Connexional officer, as school governor and in retirement, his pastoral gifts and sensitivity were widely known. He had the gift of friendship, being able to relate to people of all ages, with an astonishing memory for names. And no tribute would be complete without reference to his humour. His company could be fun.

In 1969 Kingsley retired with Ida to the village of Orwell in the Cambridge circuit where he had been minister. For many years he took an active part in village life, becoming a member and vice-chairman of the parish council and chairman of the horticultural society. He was a keen gardener and at one time he listed gardening along with fishing as his recreations in "Who's Who". For a year in 1969-70 he stood in as minister of Wesley's Chapel in London during a vacancy and he continued as chairman of the Housing Society until 1980.

Sadly, Ida, who had been in failing health, died in 1969. In 1972 he married again – to Katherine Ives, daughter of an old schoolfriend. She was younger than he and he used to boast that he had married both his wives at the age of 38! They had 27 very

happy years together. However, Katherine died suddenly on Ascension Day 1999 and tragedy struck again when his daughter, Honor, also died in November 2002. Kingsley carried his grief with great dignity.

In his last years he became confined to his bed and life became progressively more difficult, but he remained mentally alert and his faith never left him. To his last day he was reading his Bible and the Moravian Watchwords, in German, that he used with it.

On November 2 2003 he celebrated his 100th birthday. His room was filled with greetings cards, many people came to visit, the church bells were rung and the village gathered to sing to him outside his window. He was deeply loved.

Last month, after a normal beginning to the day, with his devotions done, he quietly slipped away. He was one of the few surviving representatives of the old Wesleyan Methodist tradition and witnessed immense changes, from Methodist Union in 1932 to the Anglican-Methodist Covenant of 2003. In many of those changes he was a prime mover.

Brian Beck

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In 1963 Kingsley Lloyd was President of the Association [then the Kingswood and Old Grove Union]

He died on 24th January 2004 as the oldest member of the Kingswood Association.

LEONARD WILLIAM JAMES LOVELESS (1928-35)

Leonard Loveless, born August 18th 1916 in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia (now Harare, Zimbabwe), was the eldest of three sons and one daughter of the Rev. J H Loveless and his wife, Hester. His father died in 1924 from typhoid and his mother returned to England with her young family and settled in South West London. Len started at Kingswood in 1928 and subsequently won the Tonkin Works™hop Prize, requesting to receive a saw and a plane in lieu of the usual books, to which his enlightened headmaster, A.B. Sackett, readily agreed.

Leaving Kingswood School in 1935, he attended the Royal College of Science (part of the Imperial College of Science and Technology), cycling daily to and from home to Kensington. After gaining his college associateship and B.Sc. Degree, he was able to study one year post graduate and left with a Diploma of the Imperial College (D.I.C.).

Leonard began his career as a chemical engineer in 1938 initially under a 3-year contract with Trinidad Leaseholds Ltd. Following the outbreak of the Second World War in 1939, he was obliged to extend his employment until the end of hostilities because the Trinidad refinery was a major supplier of aviation spirit for the R.A.F. Deprived of anything but local leave, he spent some of his off-duty time compiling a Dictionary of Chemical Engineering for use by employees of the company.

1945 saw Len return to England and the start of his career with Courtaulds Ltd, Coventry, which lasted until his retirement in 1978. He was highly esteemed by the company, being entrusted in the late 1950s with the construction of a wood pulpmill in the 'wilds' of Swaziland. The Colonial Office had previously planted in the highveld an immense forest of over 100,000 acres with a view to converting the mature trees into wood pulp for making paper. At the time of its construction, The Usutu Pulp Mill was the first continuous pulp mill in the world

and today its products are a major export earner for the country. After nearly a decade in Swaziland, Leonard returned to the U.K. to become a managing director of the company at an unfortunate stage in the firm's history. He was involved in the unenviable task of closing many of the firm's woollen mills, with the subsequent loss of over 100,000 jobs. This was achieved successfully with dignity and generally without malice.

In retirement he retained his interest in developments in his professional field through longstanding membership of the Institute of Chemistry but as he and his family grew older (he married Betty in 1947), his interests widened and having taken to sailing, passed this knowledge onto his two sons. He joined the local Probus Group and he soon got involved in the organisation of it; he was an active local member of the National Trust and an enthusiastic bird watcher. He retained his wood working abilities from the days of the Kingswood workshop, making several pieces of very high quality furniture.

His interest in the church began when, as an undergraduate, he took up Sunday School teaching. This interest never waned but expanded when he was actively very involved in the restructuring of the Leamington Dale Street Methodist Church. Len died on the 1st January 2003.

Most of us require some help through our lives and Leonard was no exception. Betty not only produced two sons, both of whom in due course followed their father to Kingswood, but she proved a cheerful companion and a very capable hostess to the VIPs and others who inevitably visited during, and particularly after, the Usutu experience.

Gordon K. Loveless (1931-39)

DENNIS F. MARSHAM (Staff 1973-03)



Dennis Marsham taught chemistry at Kingswood for 30 years. For those who know Kingswood no more need be said. For those who don't, implicit in that statement is a love of teaching, a love of the school and an involvement in its activities that reaches far beyond the classroom.

He was appointed to Kingswood, his second posting, from Edinburgh Academy in 1973 as Head of Chemistry and taught for almost all of that time in a laboratory that would have been instantly recognisable to generations of Old Boys from be-

fore the war. He continued and expanded the activities begun in his four years at the Academy namely academic teaching, outdoor pursuits, sports and photography.

As an East Anglian 'flatlander' Dennis was entranced by the hills of Scotland and the border country, walking the Penine Way with pupils, camping and Youth Hostelling. His move to Kingswood interrupted a mountain leadership course but not his involvement in such pursuits where over many years he acted as organiser for the S.C.F. charity 21 mile walk from Bath to Wells, he and Judy assisting with camp catering at many Scottish 6-Day orienteering events and joining Ten Tors training. His sons continue the tradition with Andrew expeditioning in Arctic Svalbard and John climbing in the Karakorams.

Dennis always wanted to teach. While completing his doctorate he taught part time at a girls school to supplement his grant and when doing his P.G.C.E. in Leeds he worked on the Further Education programme delivering non-stop two hour evening lectures. It is possible his students lacked Dennis's stamina for it was not until the end of the course that he discovered that all his other colleagues inserted a long and welcome break in the middle of proceedings. But he passed to his students, as well as to his sons, a love of learning and the pleasure of solving problems by one's own research that has enabled both of them to become Ph.D's also.

He was promoted to Head of Science at Kingswood, replacing John Ede, and was in the driving seat for the implementation of new science curricula, innovative styles of practical assessment and numerous renovations and upgrades of laboratories and facilities. It was a time of rapid and radical change in the world of education and Dennis had a steady hand on the tiller.

He also fulfilled the unenviable but hugely important role of Health and Safety co-ordinator working on an aspect of educational life that has become ever larger and more complex.

It was appropriate that a person with his outlook and concern for the well being of boys and girls should be involved in the pastoral life of the school too. For many years he was assistant housemaster in Upper House with Andrew Smith and then assistant in the Sixth Form Dixon Building before academic matters weighed sufficiently heavily to relinquish this work. In the last years two generations of Westwood Year 7s came to know him as a tutor.

It was not uncommon to see the Chemistry lab lights burning late into the night as he attempted to improve equipment, refine techniques or prepare photographic displays.

Photography began when Dennis was a boy but became a life-long passion. It was a creative outlet but like Topsy 'it just grewed' until the requirements at Kingswood approached a full time job. What began as a few team photos expanded to cover theatrical productions, musical events, house and form groups, action shots on a multitude of sports fields, publicity material for newspapers, ISIS displays, staff changes and other major school events. In many ways the photography was the easy part. It was followed by developing, printing, displaying, taking orders from those wanting copies, delivering goods, taking money and accounting for the whole process all of which he completed in his quiet methodical way - an exhausting involvement but one for which many generations of pupils, parents and staff have good reason to be grateful. It was therefore fitting that after the Thanksgiving Service held for him there was an extensive display of much of his unpublicised work.

His own interest in sport extended well beyond the photographing of it and into participation as coach and player in many areas. As a boy he represented his County in athletics and joined a trip to see the Rome Olympics and for fully a quarter of

a century aided and abetted Kingswood field eventers and the organisation of inter-school fixtures and sports days. Also at his grammar school he was introduced to cricket and enjoyed the playing, organising and socialising of this great pastime. He was the organising secretary and team member of the Common Room side for many years. In later life he put aside tennis and squash rackets and settled for a weekly game of golf.

Dennis was the fourth of five children. His father was a 'cowman' working on a Norfolk farm but he might almost be considered an only child being nine years younger than his elder brother and nine years older than his youngest sister. His love of learning was fostered by an inspirational primary school teacher. He moved on to Beccles Grammar School, was the only one of his family to go to University, and was awarded his doctorate from Imperial College in 1973. His connection with Kingswood began tentatively at this time by courting and later marrying Bath girl Judy, sister of Kingswood old boy David Brice (1951-59)

His fathers farming associations were very influential. He loved the outdoors and he loved his garden. He was a genial host and you would be certain to enjoy delicious home-grown vegetables and fruit at his dinner table. At a farewell supper held in his honour by the Science faculty he gave to all present unusual plants that he had propagated. Not confined by his own extensive garden running down to the Locksbrook he cheerfully helped others in the planning and preparation of theirs. At the time of his death he was actively creating a memorial garden above Burton House in memory of Nurse Kerry O'Donnell who also died suddenly.



The Memorial Garden taking shape (2004)

With a next door neighbour who manages Prior Park Garden Centre Dennis expanded his horticultural knowledge and was able to combine three of his passions by organising charity events involving choirs and musicians from Kingswood in the garden centre and produce photographs of the occasion.

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Dennis died unexpectedly, suddenly but peacefully at home on the 29th August 2003. He will be remembered for his gentle wit and wisdom, was respected for his academic work and leadership, consulted for his knowledge and appreciated for his generosity. He was a man of gentle demeanour with a recognition of his own privileged upbringing and life with a desire to offer others what he had received.

R.Austin

GEORGE PERRY-SMITH

(1934-41)



With acknowledgements to the Good Food Guide (1972) for Val Biro's cartoon

George Perry Smith who has died aged 80, was widely acknowledged as the father of post-war English cooking, a light in the dark 1950s culinary world after he opened the Hole in the Wall restaurant in Bath in 1952, which he ran for 20 years, extolling the principle of the cookery writer Elizabeth David.

Leading critics referred to the Hole as "the birthplace of post-war British restaurants" and it had a well deserved reputation as the most adventurous restaurant outside London.

But gradually Perry-Smith, who described himself as nothing more than "a cook, quartermaster and housemaster" felt that the Hole in the Wall had turned into something too grand. He was in many respects a modest man, and disliked the cult following that his restaurant had attracted. Once when Egon Ronay came in search of a table on a busy night, Perry-Smith turned him away rather than find a space.

Perry-Smith had taken to continental food in general and French food in particular during two years in Paris teaching at the Sorbonne. Upon his return to Britain he

took over a cafe in Bath known as The Cellar, the entrance to which was through an old coal store. American servicemen had named it The Hole in the Wall, and the name stuck.

Perry-Smith soon developed a drive for uncompromising excellence and a respect for ingredients.

George Perry-Smith was an orphan at the age of 12 and was looked after by two sets of guardians. One inspired him with a love of cooking and the other was so chaotic that Perry-Smith had to prepare most meals himself. He was sent to Kingwood School, Bath and from there went to St. John's College, Cambridge to read Modern Languages, but his studies were interrupted by the war. As a conscientious objector he joined the Friends Ambulance Service. They needed a cook so he did a crash course and found himself in charge of catering at a training camp in Somerset.

He returned to his studies after the war and took an education diploma at Bristol (*during which his teaching practice brought him to KS - Ed*) and worked for a year as an exchange teacher at the Paris Lycee St Louis on Boulevard Saint-Michel. He delighted in the area's cafés and determined to set up something similar in England.

Borrowing from his wife, he returned home with £2,000 and the proceeds of selling his Bristol home. When the Hole in the Wall, by now a run down ice-cream parlour came on the market he bought it and opened the business.

The staff were encouraged to work in both the kitchen and the dining room, and Perry-Smith was also involved hands-

on each night. "It seemed quite obvious that cooks would cook better if they saw their food being served, and that waiters would wait better if they understood the food they were serving" he said.

He encouraged staff to memorise orders (*His son, Christopher, writes that his sister Katherine worked at the "Hole" for a time and would agree that father was a hard task master as far as staff were concerned, but that is perhaps the reason why his enterprises were so successful. The remembering of orders and then which person was having what, without writing anything down (in view of the customers anyway) was just an example.*)

Anxious to shed the constraints of fame, Perry-Smith sold the Hole in the Wall in 1972, although the name still lives on. He spent a year or so travelling around Europe before settling in Helford, Cornwall, where he opened The Riverside, a restaurant with rooms, which he ran until 1986 and lived near it until his death.

Remembered as a gentle, cultured man, Perry-Smith's self-effacement led to lack of recognition and awards although in 1986, Egon Ronay, as President of the British Academy of Gastronomes, made him a British Chef Laureate.

Christopher quoted a recent interview on Radio Bristol where a local said "Perry Smith was nearly always dressed in open necked shirt and sandals and was in those days a striking sight out in Bath when all other men would be wearing suits and hats when out, nowadays the rolls are reversed!" Perhaps the fact that I don't have a tie or a suit is a tribute to George!

[With grateful acknowledgement to The Times and the Daily Telegraph]

PETER RALPH PRICE

(1930-36)

Peter Price, who was in Middle House at KS in the 1930s.

He was awarded a 1st in Engineering at Imperial College, went on to become one of Sir Frank Whittle's bright young engineers at Powerjets, who developed the first jet engine and subsequently became Chief Engineer of the Bank of England, and amongst other things an international authority on the security systems for printing bank notes. After leaving the Bank he became a consultant, advising governments all over the world on bank note security, particularly in Scandinavia.

Peter died on Friday September 5 from post-operative complications, aged 86. He had not been in good health for several years.

He leaves a widow, Barbara, one son and three granddaughters.

Tim Jones (1955 - 64)

HERBERT CECIL SOLOMON

(1931-34)

After "Solly" left school he took up trade in the motor industry and served in the army during the war. He was married in 1944 to Annie Snell and they had a daughter Patricia Anne in 1947. He later set up his own business in the motor trade in the West Hampstead area. He was well known for his entertaining as a magician which he applied to his charitable work.

Kingswood remembers his visit, with other magician friends, in 1976, and some props he presented to the KS. Magic Square.

An obituary note in Abracadabra said:

He spent his early childhood in the West Indies where his father, a doctor and ordained Methodist minister, was working as a missionary. The traditional box of tricks started his interest in magic, and he maintained that interest throughout his life. He held, at various times, the office of president, secretary and treasurer in the LSM and he was a tireless worker for the many charity shows given by the Zodiac. We have lost a popular member who was a real gentleman from the London Society of Magicians.

STEPHEN JAMES WRIGHT (1968 – 1975)

My brother Stephen died on the 5th May 2003. He was 46 and as some commented “no age at all”. Although his untimely death was a great shock his family have drawn comfort from the kind tributes paid him by many friends and colleagues and the fact that he crammed huge achievements into his 20-year career.

Stephen approached the interests in his life with tremendous enthusiasm. His main passions were Psychology, vegetarian food, environmental issues, cycling and more latterly Manchester City FC – the last perhaps demonstrating his strong attraction to the unfashionable!

At Kingswood he approached his many interests with characteristic enthusiasm. Some I remember - he played base guitar in a band, captained the 3rd team rugby and (last but definitely not least) was goalkeeper for the 1st team hockey. Most of those (including myself) who were at some time in the 3rd team rugby would have to accept that it was the home for the less talented but also included the capable but inconsistent. Stephen managed to blend his side into a winning team and was quite capable of leading by example with a particularly kamikaze style of tackling. As 1st team hockey goalkeeper Stephen achieved the sporting success of which he was most proud. As I recollect he achieved one of the best records for clean sheets in the history of the school – a fact he wasn't always afraid of pointing out to his family from time to time!

After leaving Kingswood in 1975 he studied Psychology at Goldsmiths College. He graduated from London University in 1979 and moved to St. George's Hospital Medical School, Tooting where he completed a PhD in Social/Health Psychology. Stephen gained an MSc in Clinical Psychology from Leeds University in 1991.

Stephen's main passion was Psychology and he became involved wholeheartedly in all aspects of the subject. Some of the statistics of his career speak for themselves. For example, he participated in more than 30 health-related research projects, had well over 50 publications and made close to 100 conference presentations. Stephen took a leading role in the organisation of the British Psychological Society Conference including the position of organiser for 3 years and media officer for 7 years. He was closely involved with “quality of life” issues being a very active member of the EORTC (European Organisation for Research & Treatment of Cancer) for 7 years. Stephen also spent 7 years in clinical work at Leicester General Hospital where he saw many patients who were often very ill, many living with considerable pain and many who were desperate for his help.

The following is an extract from an obituary written by friends and colleagues Aftab Lahler and Sam Lewis in the British Psychological Society (BPS) Journal last year.

“The news of his death came as a shock, not only to those of us who knew Stephen well and worked with him, but

also to colleagues across many different disciplines and geographical boundaries – a wide network, the size of which bears testament to Stephen's considerable contribution to the fields of clinical health psychology and health care.

Stephen completed his clinical psychology training at the University of Leeds in 1991. However, an indication of his excellent contribution to clinical research in later years was that he had already completed his PhD in psychology before then and had started to build up his impressive list of publications. After a brief spell as lecturer in health psychology with Gloucestershire Health Authority, Stephen went on to develop his clinical and research interests in clinical health psychology and worked for several years within the medical psychology department in Leicester. Through his clinical research, membership of various BPS and health psychology committees and sitting on the editorial boards of a number of journals, he was at the forefront of developments in health psychology research and teaching in the UK.

While Stephen became a respected applied researcher in health psychology in his own right (Stephen would have chuckled at this unintentional pun), and often collaborated with some big names in the field of health research, one of our abiding memories of him is of his own sense of modesty and his determination to avoid complacency. He was totally committed to developing high-quality research and built up an excellent track record of attracting research funding, completing projects, presenting at conferences and publishing.

Stephen took a leading role in research consultancy and supervision for healthcare workers and research staff across many disciplines. He also successfully supervised numerous student projects from undergraduate to doctoral level. Apart from his legendary technical expertise, one of Stephen's strengths was his sheer enthusiasm for applied health research, and we know that he willingly put in many extra hours and considerable further work in his own time on any project that he was involved with.

Stephen's talents undoubtedly lay in applied clinical research, but he was also a dedicated clinician and it was instructive to observe his meticulous preparation for client work. In many ways he was a true scientist-practitioner who was prepared to innovate.

Many people within psychology and other healthcare fields owe a big debt of gratitude to Stephen for helping them in some way with specific projects and sometimes with their subsequent careers. He was always willing to help and was a reservoir of useful knowledge, suggestions and resources.

*Away from psychology, Stephen was a private person but he certainly enjoyed company and was always warm, welcoming and humorous. Stephen was also an ardent environmentalist and enthusiastic cyclist. Never mind the impressive scientific papers, Stephen enjoyed mentioning an article in *New Cyclist* magazine in 1998 entitled “Why on earth do we do it?” written by him.*

Stephen will be missed very much and his death is a great loss to clinical health psychology and allied disciplines. The biggest compliment we can pay Stephen is that through good times and bad he maintained a level-headed approach and continued to have faith in life and in others around him”

Since the age of 17 Stephen had been an insulin-dependant diabetic. Throughout his adult life he struggled with control of blood sugar – his diabetes being a particularly “brittle” form making his life a considerable challenge at times. This made his

achievements all the more significant.

Stephen will be greatly missed by his family, friends and colleagues. Amongst many things we will miss his sense of humour and characteristic giggle. My mother and father have lost their eldest son. To me he was not only a brother but also a good friend and often a source of inspiration. My wife, Valerie and I were honoured that he was best man at our wedding in 1992. Our eldest son, Callum, was very fond of his uncle. Sadly Callum's baby-brother William was too young to remember him.

Stephen's source of inspiration in many of his friend's eyes was his approach to life. As Juan Ignacio Arraras one of his many friends from Europe put it – "I think he had a good way of approaching difficulties, trying to see a positive side and trying to continue without falling down. I think his way might be very helpful for all of us in the future."

Tim Wright (1971 – 1978)

Joan Mary Stead has died aged 94.

She was wife of George H. Stead (1912-15) who taught Chemistry at K.S. (1928 -64)

ANOTHER 2003 RETIREMENT



Danny at the Lodge



Danny Sheppard retired after 23 years at Kingswood as Head Houseman living in the Lodge - he can still be heard on the Bath jazz scene

Old Boys Sports Teams

2004 OLD BOYS HOCKEY TEAM WINS AGAIN



Standing:
J. Haines (1997) E. Ingles (2003), J.Owen (1997), D. Haines (1999), G. Opie (1981), T.Hughes (2000)
 Front Row:
T. Bergmann (2003), O. De Mello (2003), D. Gerrish (2002), J. Kellock (2002) P. Holmes (200) M. Lockhart (1995)
 behind
 Guest Keeper : *J. Gerrish L6 (School 2nd XI)*

Result: OB 6 School 4

2003 OB CRICKET



KS Old Boys XI 2003

OB 156
 M. Raisbeck 61

KS 139 - 9

Match Drawn

ORIENTEERING

Result of the 2004 Challenge:
 KSODA 171 K.Navis 191



Stuart Kraus with David Lee (Staff 1961-66) (rt) the senior Orienteer for KS NAVIGATORS who beat the school.



KS 1st XI 2003

Top Draw ! answers:

Top Draw ! [Answers]
 1 SRS 2 ATW 3 DTM 4 GMB 5 EC 6 FEB 7 GTM 8 DMB
 9 JCA 10 JRG 11 LNB 12 MLW 13 MS 14 RTL 15 RM 16 SJM
 with apologies to the new members of the Art Dept who though they drew splendid
 likenesses would have been little recognised by our readers

SPORT

SUMMER TERM 2004

CRICKET

Saturday, 3rd July
Kingswood v **Old Boys**
(Start 3.30 p.m.)

[20 over game]

Offers to play please to **Gordon Opie**
(home 01225 316652
or school 01225 734240)

CRICKET 1st XI

PEAK SPORTS

Bath & District Schools Cricket League Champions
2001, 2002

You are very welcome at the School fixtures:

April 17	Lansdown C.C.	A
April 24	Prior Park College	H
May 1	Dauntsey's School	A
May 8	Beechen Cliff School	H
May 15	Monkton Combe School	H
May 22	Queen's College Taunton	A
June 12	Bristol Grammar School	H
June 19	Wycliffe College	A
June 24	Colston's Collegiate	H
June 26	King Edward's School	H
July 1	XL Club (2.00)	H
July 2	M.C.C. (11.30)	H
July 3	Old Boys (3.30 p.m.)	H

[A 20 over game]

Matches normally start at 2.15 p.m.

Follow your team's progress on:

www.peaksports.co.uk/PSb&dleague.html

TENNIS

July 3rd 2004 - Kingswood v **Old Boys**

Offers to play please to **John Davies**
(01225 734240)

ORIENTEERING

**Volunteers needed for the K. Navs Teams
in the**

**Adams Avery Relays
Sunday 4th July 2004**

in Ashton Court, Bristol.

Give **Sandy Burgon** or **John Lewis** a ring.
(01225 734350 day or 01225 734450 eve)

AUTUMN TERM 2004

RUGBY

You are welcome at the School 1st XV fixtures
in 2004 as always

Sept 4	Warminster School	H
Sept 11	Wells Cathedral School	A
Sept 18	Queen's College Taunton	A
Sept 25	King Edward's School	H
Oct 2	Prior Park College	H
Oct 9	Clayesmore School	A

Nov 6	Dauntsey's School	H
Nov 13	Queen Elizabeth Hospital	A
Nov 20	Wycliffe College	A
Nov 27	King's School, Bruton	A
Dec 4	Monkton Combe School	A

Matches normally start at 2.30 p.m.

GOLF

Sunday 3rd October 2004 -

The Association Challenge Cup

K.S. v. Association

at Lansdown Golf Club

(Cup shared in 2003)

- tee-off at 1.45 p.m.

Offers to play please to **Phil Hollywell**
(01225 311889)

(a contribution towards costs may be requested)

GOOD GOLFERS BADLY NEEDED !

SPRING TERM 2005

OLD BOYS' & OLD GIRLS' HOCKEY

Sunday March 20th 2005

School v Old Boys

School v Old Girls

Offers please to **Gordon Opie**
(home 01225 316652 or school 01225 734240)
or to **Angie Wright**
(school 01225 734240)

ORIENTEERING

K.Nav's Challenge KSODA on 8/15 Feb 2004 in the SE.

THE KINGSWOOD ASSOCIATION

2004 DATES



Saturday 22nd May

KINGSWOOD ASSOCIATION (South West)

Spring Luncheon 12.00 for 1.00 p.m.

Mullions Restaurant, Street, Somerset

Between Glastonbury and Wells, map available

Speakers: Richard R. O'Brien (KA President), Tony Haines(K.S. Staff from 1971

Rebecca Lyle (KS Head Girl)

Cost £18.50 Members & guests & FoK all welcome

(Booth 01935 862610) By 8.5.04 please

KINGSWOOD ASSOCIATION

SUMMER REUNION

Saturday 4th July 2003

10.00 a.m. Speech Day (The Forum, Southgate)

12.00 noon Lunch in school

3.30 Tennis : School v Old Boys & Old Girls

3.30 Cricket : School v Old Boys

(20 over match on The Upper)

3.30 p.m. A.G.M. (in English Department)

4.15 p.m. Tea

Please fill in the enclosed application form

Saturday 18th September

Kingswood in France - at Tours with Prof H.R. Kedward (1948-56) (v. p.14)

Friday 29th October

Kingswood Association Annual Dinner

in the

House of Commons Churchill Room

New Palace of Westminster

The President elect for 2004-5 is Sir Nicholas Fenn (1949-54)

Only 10 places still available.

Reservations require a £25 deposit per head

Enquiries via 01225 734350

*Deposits to the General Secretary, Kingswood Association,
Kingswood School, Bath BA1 5RG*