

# ASSOCIATION NEWS

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## The KA Careers Group takes off.

Can you help to deliver one of the old or new routines?

There are 4 specific ways -

**NEW**

**1** Members who can offer Personal Careers Advice (email or short phone call)

**2** Members who can offer Work experience places (L6 th Work Experience from June 12th 2007)

"There is currently a high degree of interest in media based careers and this was difficult to provide apart from the local newspapers"  
- Richard Garforth (1960-66)  
{Head of KS CareersDept.} <jrg@kingswood.bath.sch.uk>

**3** Members willing to hold an hour's seminar with a L6th group at KS about their particular career (on a Friday afternoon in November/December)

**4** Members who are qualified and equipped to carry out practice interviews [November 9th and 22nd 2006]

(It is agreed that the opportunity for students to experience role play style interview practice would be invaluable)

### How do you offer to help ?

Use the

connections@kingswood database to get in touch

{This will allow you to indicate your willingness and capability to offer email or telephone support and to participate in future activities as listed..}

There will be several new fields that

### Career move The JO Heap Library

- a gift from the Association

With the opening of this fine new facility in October the Careers Room base will move from the Dixon into the new library and so get greater internet facility.

It is very fitting that the Association will be offering more careers help on line via connections@kingswood as part of the new

The Edgbaston Dinner



Speakers, Members and Guests at the Annual Dinner in March 2006

### Network Kingswood for life !!

C@K will provide a future possibility of identifying employment or recruitment opportunities and delivering positive benefits to individuals and organisations.

- connections@kingswood can enable members of the Upper Sixth form to communicate safely with members of the association for advice about university choices and job roles.

A Presentation will be made to U6 form early in their final year so they can register and become familiar with the Association while they are still at school.

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The Kingswood School

## Foundation Development and the Kingswood Foundation Fund.

### JO Heap Library

A School like ours with its strong Methodist Heritage sadly has little or no endowment for the development of its facilities and certainly school fees have never been designed to generate enough surplus for new buildings and resources. We have always been totally dependent on the philanthropy of our past pupils and parents; the Dixon, the Ferens, the Posnett Library to name a few examples and since it's launch in 2003 and the generosity of many members of the Association, the Kingswood School Foundation Fund. This has enabled a number of new developments within the School; new social areas in the glass passage where girls and boys can mix together during breaks, new locker rooms for the storage of pupil belongings and the maths department has expanded and moved from the Ferens to the main school building in smart new classrooms on the first floor. [See p.26 - Ed]

Thanks to the legacy of John Oswald Heap (1922-26) the new library is well under way and on target to be completed in time for the new academic year in October. The Moulton Hall will make a magnificent location for the new library and the contents of the Posnett library will be moved across in the summer holidays as well as the arrival of new books and the latest electronic resources for learning for all pupils. The Posnett Library will become home to our extensive Wesley archives which can now be properly displayed.



The Moulton Hall 2005

The Upper Pavilion was a gift from the Association in 1958  
The plan is to extend this building and lay another Astro pitch nearby.

### The Upper Appeal

The next phase of our Development Plan relates to sport. In recent years the standard of performance and participation levels of our pupils at Kingswood School has increased significantly. The Boys and Girls hockey teams have been County champions at U.14, U.16 and U.18 level in recent years, our cricketers have won the Peak Sports League and various County Cup competitions whilst our rugby and netball teams have also enjoyed considerable success. The Boys and Girls tennis teams have both been unbeaten in recent seasons, whilst several of our athletes and cross-country runners have reached National level representation. It has now reached a point where all our major sports are restricted in the number of teams we are able to field by the lack of facilities at our disposal.

We have, in the past year, re-laid our 1st XI cricket square thanks to the Kingswood Association and re-surfaced our netball and tennis courts. However, the next phase is on a grander scale. The aim is to build an all-weather surface for our hockey and tennis teams and an extension to our present pavilion so that we have increased changing space; more importantly, the ability to host team teas on the site.

Many of you will know that our present arrangement is unsatisfactory. Kingswood teams have to change at School and have no 'on site' shelter prior to matches kicking off, whilst visiting teams have insufficient showering facilities and poor 'on site' hospitality.

If we are successful with our appeal, all the major sports played at



Kingswood will benefit in the following ways:

- More hockey matches, particularly for our 'B' and 'C' teams for boys and girls
- More rugby matches with much improved changing facilities
- Better hosting for staff, parents and away teams in all our major sports
- Improved first aid treatment area
- Facilities to host coaching seminars and information days
- Support for our existing community use and so able to optimise revenue for the School

This development will be a major statement about Kingswood School's sport and one in which I hope you will want to share. Further news about the development will be published on the website once we have succeeded in obtaining planning permission and we hope that many of you will want to support our fundraising efforts to make our dreams become a reality. If you would like further information please contact Jane Vines, the

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SUMMER 2006

First I would like to say how delighted I am to renew my connections with Kingswood, links that have existed since my time at the School in the mid sixties via three children in the nineties, various nieces and the odd in-law who was a member of staff.

I have covered my background since leaving Kingswood elsewhere so, suffice to say that it has encompassed involvement in, and running businesses here and overseas during the last thirty five years. All of those businesses have involved manufacturing and I have been involved in the challenges (and decline) of British manufacturing over this period. I see parallels in the voluntary and charitable sectors in which I am now involved, and private schools are no exception to those challenges. The challenges involve running and ensuring the financial viability of organisations which need to deliver improving services in increasingly competitive environments – competitive both in the sense of having to compete with similar institutions and also in the sense of competing for support from a public which is becoming somewhat disillusioned with some aspects of charitable giving. Schools like Kingswood are striving to meet the challenges of providing excellence in education in its broadest sense, whilst at the same time trying to keep costs to parents as affordable as possible. This leaves little if any room for major capital developments, which are also necessary to maintain and improve facilities for present and future generations of pupils.



Kingswood Association President Tim Westbrook

Where does the Kingswood Association fit into this picture? It has already made great strides in reorganising its Executive Committee to enhance its ability to help both its members and to harness the talents and experience of Association members to help the school. I would like to see the Association increase its relevance and awareness amongst its younger members whilst retaining the interest and loyalty of those of us of longer standing. One way in which this is already happening is the development of the Association website [Connections@Kingswood](mailto:Connections@Kingswood) and we hope that more members will register on the site and make use of its facilities in the future. Inevitably, private schools are increasingly turning to past pupils for help when considering major developments in their facilities and Kingswood is no exception. I do hope that you will remember with gratitude the foundation that Kingswood gave you, recognise the tremendous developments that have taken place at the school over the past years and be prepared to play some part in its future development.

Timothy G. Westbrook (1961-65)

Register now with [connections@Kingswood](mailto:connections@Kingswood).

1. Search for 'Kingswood Association' or 'Kingswood School, Bath'
2. Follow link to "connections@Kingswood"
3. Answer the questions.
4. Await an acceptance

Post your own news item, query or appeal on [connections@kingswood](mailto:connections@kingswood)  
it is a FREE service.

Get help from [alumni@kingswoodschool.org.uk](mailto:alumni@kingswoodschool.org.uk)  
should you need it.

## 2006 KINGWOOD ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER

### Edgbaston Priory Club

Edgbaston Priory Club provided a central venue where the West Midlands members could welcome others to the Annual Dinner on March 17th. The President Elect responded to the toast to the Association

John Ellis had taken over the duties of the Midlands convenor and we were most indebted to him for the arrangements and for the choice of venue.

The Head Boy (Lewis Baxter) and Head Girl (Stephanie Bramwell-Lawes) responding for the school gave a racy presentation of the latest school news battling the (non-existent) microphone backwards and forwards along the length of the top table in a performance quite befitting a premiere Lawn Tennis Club. It was a wide ranging and informative review of the school year and their time at Kingswood.

Rev Mike Wilkinson, representing the Headmaster, treated members to a pictorial tour of Kingswood concentrating mainly on the people you could meet behind the scenes and the work done around the school.

Good Evening and welcome, my name is Lewis Baxter and I am Head Boy for the current year at Kingswood.

We would like to talk to you tonight about the School has managed to achieve in the last year. First and foremost we would like to focus on the excellent academic results that were



achieved by those taking public examinations.

KS Head and KS Head Boy Girl



Steph Bramwell-Lawes

Lewis Baxter

The rugby term was again a successful one with notable performances including a win against a new fixture at Wellington School and maintaining an unbeaten run against Kings Bruton. We are currently in the hockey season and the boys have performed admirably coming third in the county tournament and beating local rivals King Edwards. The cricket season is also nearly upon us. The squad is looking very good this year containing 5 county players and we are hoping to win the PS league that has eluded us for the past 3 years.

Orienteering also deserves a special mention this year as Kingswood has done extremely well nationally. This has resulted in the team being asked to represent England Schools at an international event. A great achievement in itself.

But sport is only a small part of the wide range of



Good evening I am Steph Bramwell-Lawes, I am Head Girl at Kingswood, it's a pleasure to be here with you tonight and I hope you are enjoying the dinner so far.

In 2005 Kingswood maintained our usual 100% pass rate at GCSE with 67% of our entries achieving A or A\* Grades. In addition to this 39 students achieved between 7-10 A grades. A level results were equally successful. At AS level 63% of all passes were at grades A or B with 5 students attaining 5 A grades. Our students success at A2 level were also very pleasing with 41% of passes at A grade. Ultimately these good results meant that a majority of students were able to go to their first choice of university, not just in England but worldwide.

As you know Kingswood focuses on providing a rounded education, as a result sporting achievement has flourished in the past year.



Girls sport has also excelled. The first hockey team lost only one of their 13 fixtures beating a majority of local rivals. Netball has also achieved some outstanding results with the first team again containing a number of county players.

Drama and music are also part of an ever expanding community at Kingswood. This year has already seen a number of notable performances. The first of which was an open-air performance of A Midsummer Nights Dream by students from years 7 to 10. A number of students and their families braved some chilly November nights on the lawn behind the Ferens to witness a stunning performance inventively played by the woods with splendidly eye-catching costumes.

Kingswood's acting talent was again on display only a few months later with the March performances of Daisy Pulls It Off in the theatre. The story of one girl's struggle to thrive in a public school gave the audience much cause for laughter.



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This year, as always, saw the annual Model United Nations conference play a pivotal part in Kingwood's calendar.

MUN was in its 16th year when it took place last week at Kingwood and we ended up hosting 900 pupils. MUN takes over the whole school for a weekend with committees starting on a Friday and ending on Sunday in the late afternoon. Participants range from the big and burly security team to the head chair. There are several councils held across the school taking up the Dixon sixth form centre, the theatre, the chapel and the English block. The school is filled with national and international students providing a great chance to meet new people from countries like America and Ireland. On top of this students are able to gain a first hand account of the ins and outs of what the UN is really like. Truly a great experience for any remotely politically minded pupil.

Kingwood has provided many memorable experiences for us both through our time at school, a few of which we would like to share with you.

In the summer of 2005 46 students, aged 16 to 18, travelled to Australia and Fiji on a Sports tour. I was lucky enough to be part of this once in a lifetime experience. Sports included rugby and hockey for the boys and hockey and netball for the girls. Exceptional standards were maintained throughout the tour with the boys only losing one fixture out of twelve and the girls being just slightly less successful against fierce competition. The tour also gave us an opportunity to witness various cultures in two of the most picturesque countries in the world. Famous landmarks included the Sydney opera house, the Olympic village in Canberra and the white sandy beaches of Fiji. It was a real opportunity to represent the school whilst enjoying high standards of sport with good friends.

Last Easter half term I also had the opportunity to go to Russia on a history trip. This was a great chance to see a country that has featured so significantly in world history over the past century from the Tsarist period right through the communist era and its reinvention as a capitalist state. The trip started in Moscow in temperatures of - 20 degrees Celsius. Here Lenin's grave, Red Square and the Moscow state circus were the main attractions, and most memorably a tour round the Kremlin which gave us a chance to see where the communist reign was controlled from. We then travelled to St Petersburg on the traditional overnight train. Once arriving in St Petersburg we made visits to the famous Hermitage museum and the winter palace where Bolsheviks captured the Provisional Government so that they could take over as communist. This was an incredible trip which gave me a chance to see the cradle of communism and how it came to power. It widened my perspective on the subject I am studying whilst allowing a great



It was yet another promising display from our talented actors and actresses, which ensured it was one of our most successful plays to date. Another striking feature of our calendar year was the performance of the epic Dido and Aeneas, which combined some of our best musical and acting talent. Standout performances were given by Chloe Pew Latter in the title role of Dido and Geoff Carpenter as the legendary Aeneas, ably supported by our Chamber Choir, who were also happy to step onto the stage in cameo roles. Once again the year culminated with the annual KATS Awards ceremony, which celebrates Kingwood's various artistic achievements ranging from Drama to Design Technology. This 'glamorous event,' is Kingwood's equivalent to the Oscars.

Music has also blossomed over the past year with events ranging from Westwood's annual Pop Idol competition to the various ensemble performances that light up the theatre on a weekly basis. Kingwood's first ever Sing! Sing! Sing! event was a great success with highlights including performances of If I Were a Rich Man and Everlasting Love. Kingwood's Jazz Orchestra were also fortunate enough to visit EuroDisney in Paris in 2005, which made a pleasant change for some of our most talented musicians and was greatly enjoyed. This past week saw a celebration of Piano at the school in which the students were treated to a plethora of performances from our gifted pianists. I was fortunate enough to attend Monday's recital, which left me in no doubt as to the exceptional standard of music constantly produced at Kingwood.

On a personal note this year at Kingwood has provided me with several highlights of my school life, beginning with a French trip last February. I, along with several friends and two very brave members of staff took to the streets of Paris for an action packed three days which included visits to the Arc D'Triumph, the Musée D'Orsée and, of course, the Eiffel Tower. The trip proved once and for all that Sixth formers are not too old to ride on a carousel and nor can girls resist the allure of a variety of French boutiques. Despite almost constant rain I was lucky in keeping such excellent company and sharing a different culture with others.

Another event that shaped a good portion of my summer term in 2005 was the organisation of the school's Make Poverty History drive. The campaign, promoting awareness of poverty in Africa, stimulated me into action and, along with a dedicated team of students and staff, Kingwood raised over £2 000 for the cause. I didn't know what to expect when I got involved, only that



## NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

**"In many ways this has been a unique year of development for the Association."**

The 2005 AGM voted to accept several significant proposed changes to the Constitution.

- These and other new initiatives have resulted in a successful search for a new style President and Tim Westbrook (1961-65) being elected in 2006 to both lead the Association and to work with the KS Development Director in raising funds for the Kingswood Foundation Fund.
- the 5 new Action Groups setting out their aims and getting down to business.

### Executive Membership

The 2005 AGM also saw considerable changes in Executive personnel. The Committee recorded its thanks to Claire Wynne Hughes (1976-78) and Carolyn Bird (1979-81) retiring after a busy three years when they have contributed hugely to the forward planning sub-committee. Also leaving have been Roy Cook (after 4 years including the Presidency), Sue Morgan (1972-74) and John Kingsnorth (1964-71) (6 years each). Sue researched the wishes of lady members which has resulted in the engraved photoframes now available each year (also popular with the boys!) and John has been a regular attender. He master minded the Middle House Centenary Dinner back in 1995 and more recently did his stint as Executive Minutes Secretary.

The Committee has welcomed John Allison (Staff from 1974) and now leading the Activities Group, Sarah Beresford-Smith (1979-86), Peter Grieves-Smith (1976-83) now leading the Fund Raising Group, David Hale (1969-73), Nicky Light (née Morris) (1979-81) now leading the Careers Group and Ian Macgregor (1950-55) convener of the South West lunches.

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Retirements in 2006 after 6 years service have included: Garman Lee (1986-97) our first KA Webmaster whose legacy for the Association has been our open website which he created. Judge David Morgan (1965-72) and Marcus Cornah (1964-71) who was also Chairman (2000-04) and guided the Association through a phase of major donations to the school. His forte was undoubtedly presiding at Association dinners. His contributions were always well researched and expertly delivered - not least at the recent Westminster Dinner.

The General Secretary John Lewis (1947-56, Staff 1972-97) did not stand for re-election in 2006. He took over the post in 1995. There is no immediate successor for this position and the duties will be devolved during a hand-over period when Development Assistant, Anna Mann, will take on a greater role. The Executive committee will be looking in detail at the transfer of duties.

#### Kingswood & Old Grove & Kingswood Association SECRETARIES

E.P. Aust(1946-59)  
F.S. Cook (1959-71)  
F.B.Field (1971-85)  
W.B.Mountford (1985-90)  
J.M.Mountford(1990-95)  
R.J.Lewis (1995-2006)

### New Honorary Members

The Association has been pleased to offer Honorary membership to the following Kingswood staff who are retiring or moving on.:

G.C.Hubbeck (Staff 1969-06). George Hubbeck has made a huge academic contribution to the school as a member of the Classics Department for 37 years. He will also be remembered as an assistant housemaster and for the time given to athletics and cross-country.

Dr. E. Calvert (Staff 1987-06). Edwina Calvert came to teach History and as Director of Studies (6 years), becoming Deputy Head (Curriculum) (11 years). She now leaves from the Religious Studies department and having tutored in Westwood in recent years.

Mrs K. Morrell (KDPS/KPS Staff 1993-2006). Kathryn started with Hermitage House in Portland Place and has been a hugely valued member of the pre-prep department at Summerhill since the move up Lansdown. She has been appointed Headmistress at Monkton Combe School Pre-Prep and we wish her well.

Mrs S.J.Monks (Staff 1995-2006) Susan Monks has taught singing and trained the Junior Choir as well as tutoring in Westwood. The Kingswood Chorale, a small choir of parents and staff, will miss the initiatives she took with them and the school will miss the link she has provided with Bath Methodism. Sue moves to Sussex.

Mrs J.G.Ball (Staff 1995-2006) Jackie Ball arrived in the Physics Department as John Lewis was reducing his time there. Her contribution to science teaching, home economics activities and assisting back stage with the drama will be badly missed.

### Meetings for Members

The Midland Section's dinner at Edgbaston Club in March this year hosted the Annual Dinner of the Association. Sadly the turnout was low. Nonetheless those present were treated to excellent speeches from the President Elect, the Head Boy and Head Girl and a neat power-point presentation about Life at Kingswood in 2005 by the KS Deputy Head Pastoral (or Chaplain). The future policy for Annual Dinners is being considered by the Executive.

The South West Luncheon was as popular as ever at Street in May [See p.23 - Ed.] and Kingswood in France will be welcoming the ex-President, Sir Nicholas Fenn to Chinon, near Tours in September, thanks to the continuing enthusiasm of Bob Kirtley.

The Activities Group has started the MJSD Dining Club as a new venture at KS, with quarterly gatherings on Fridays for a meal (and no speeches) with the first event on June 9th. They hope that numbers will build and those who indicated interest in the September 8th will enjoy the next occasion and come on Dec 8th.



which will eventually offer space to the Wesley Library for display. The project is on schedule for opening in the Autumn term. [See p.26-Ed.]

There will also be money set aside for an annual commemorative JO Heap sports award from the same source which will be first presented in 2007.



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BBQ guests Jean & Donald Creasy (1939-48) smaller scale the Association supported the Kingswood Orienteering U15 Team, selected to represent England at the World Schools Orienteering Meeting held in Slovakia in April with £900. They achieved 4th place.

## OB Sport

For the second year running it is sad to have to report that there was no OB's hockey game against the school. Success in a cup competition meant the school arranging another fixture on the planned date. The cricket also resulted in a muddle. There was however an OB Golf Fixture in October when the school had a resounding victory 3-0. (Perhaps it is no coincidence that the Kingswood Golf team has reached the 2006 National Final of the HMC 4-somes and will be representing our (very strong) region at Winchester in July.

## Magazines

Two editions of Kingswood Association News appeared last year with the usual variety of material about members. Kingswood in Focus presented 8 coloured pages of KA news in both the 2005 editions as promised. The 2006 number, however, has reduced the space by a couple of pages. It remains the responsibility of the Editorial Group to provide material for the KIF Editor, with the Association Secretary continuing to be in charge of producing KAN. It is important to find a new Editor immediately.

## Targets

- Encouraging more members to offer to help in the Action Groups.
- Promotion of Network Kingswood by the Careers and Web Site groups.
- Increasing the relevance to and awareness of the Association for younger members.
- Finding a new Editor for KAN.

Members are invited to Friends of Kingswood events. These have been announced both on the back of the magazine and in the Events Calendar on the [connections@kingswood](mailto:connections@kingswood) website. The traditional FoK Family Barbecue on June 18th attracted some senior KA members to this popular event on the Middle Field.

The 2006 Summer Reunion event booked for July 1st to coincide with the Old Boys Cricket match unfortunately did not do so. However an evening 20 over cricket match was played against the 1st XI, which has been in excellent form this year and finished second in the League. A strong OB team had the better of the encounter [OB 140, School 132] but next year we must give the chance for the game to be appreciated by many more KA members.

Though not strictly a Kingswood event Priors Court School had an open afternoon on June 11th but omitted to notify us by post until the Tuesday beforehand. However using the excellent facility provided by [connections@kingswood](mailto:connections@kingswood) we were able, on the same day, to send a bulk email to all registered members of PC years' advising them to view the News Item (with picture). Responses were received from as far away as Japan, and we gather at least one London member paid a visit that day. [See Dan Duchars in Notes and News p.10 - Ed]

## Action Groups Reports

### The Website Group

- Wants Abattia to amend the personal careers fields so that the data we request and capture from members may be more useful to the School careers department.
- Looks forward to the promised new KS dedicated Front Page for [connections@kingswood](mailto:connections@kingswood)
- Hopes that Friends Reunited will find be a source of more KS contacts
- Wishes to encourage more members to register.

### The Activities Group

- Reported that Ian Macgregor had organised a first rate SW Regional Lunch on 29th May at Street.
  - \* Amongst the 24 guests present were some at their first KA event.
  - \* Mullions was an excellent venue, with a more interesting than usual menu, and a very welcoming staff.
- The MSJD Dining Club was launched on Friday June 9th at KS. Though numbers were small there have been more promises obtained for Friday Sept. 8th.

### The Careers Group

[See Front page - Ed.]

### The Fund Raising Group

- Disappointment that the Veterans Sports Day was cancelled but there are more plans for the future.

## Association Finances

Figures to 31st March 2006 as presented at the AGM were:

Kingswood Association Trust Fund: Income	£7,527
Balance	£29,500
Kingswood Association Revenue Account:	
Income for charitable expenditure	: £2,921
Deficit in Year	£5,563
{inc. Grant for First Cricket Square improvement	£4,524}

## Association Trust Fund Gifts

A major legacy to the Association last year from the late John Oswald Heap (1922-26) has allowed us to make a gift to the school of £375,000 to date. This is earmarked for a development of the Moulton Hall area into a JO Heap Library with modern facilities which will benefit all members of the school. Books will be transferred from the upper floor of the 1936 Posnett Library

## A Kingswood WW2 Codebreaker returns to open new Maths Department



Oliver Lawn (1930-37) CBE who spent his war service at Bletchley Park was invited back to Bath with his wife Sheila on June 23rd 2006, where they had a very busy day.

### Mathematics at Kingswood

"Kingswood has a long and honourable tradition of Mathematics. My Father used to speak admiringly of W P Workman - the Headmaster during his time, and an eminent Mathematician and Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge.

I myself would like to pay tribute to my own Mathematics teachers at Kingswood - Harold Berry (Staff 1927-62) and Frank Tongue (1931-73) - who painstakingly took me through the Mathematical syllabus of the time, and prepared me for Scholarship exams. Both of them also made many other contributions to the School - Harold Berry introduced Athletics to the School, and Frank Tongue worked wonders in Cricket.

Mathematics in my time was rather different from what it is now: we used logarithm tables, slide rules, and blackboards (not interactive white-boards). We had never heard of computers, although the machines which we used to break codes at Bletchley Park were in fact the very first



### Wartime Codebreaking

Mr & Mrs Lawn spoke to the Year 9 historians about their wartime experiences at Bletchley Park and took many interesting questions.

"I went up to Jesus College, Cambridge from KS in 1937.

When War broke out in 1939 I was reserved from call-up for a year to complete my Mathematics Tripos, but then expected to be called up into the Army, as most of my friends were. In fact I was recruited, along with several other Mathematicians, for work at Bletchley Park. I spent the 5 years from 1940-45 in Hut 6 as part of a team breaking the Enigma codes used by the German Army and Air Force.

This work was Top Secret, and remained so for over 30 years after the end of the War. Sheila came to Bletchley Park in 1943 from Aberdeen University as Linguist/Cryptographer, working on other German codes. We met dancing Scottish Reels in the active Reels Club at BP. We got married after the War, but could not talk about our wartime work - even to each other - till some

30 years later. Seems incredible in these days of 'Information Technology'!

Since secrecy was lifted, we have greatly enjoyed talking to others, and to the media, about our wartime work, and have been very surprised at the interest shown

At this point I should mention Alec Dakin, (KS Staff 1946-69) who died 3 years ago. He also was at BP - on the Z Watch in Hut 4, concerned with Naval Intelligence. Sheila and I did not know him at BP, but met him after the War when he had come as a Master to KS, and we then saw a good deal of him and his wife Joan. Alec's contribution to Naval Intelligence was immense - he wrote a chapter about it in one of the first books about BP code-breaking. His immense contribution to Kingswood is only too well known."

### The New Mathematics Department

Oliver Lawn speaking at the opening the department: "I've been very interested to first learn about this project from the last issue of Kingswood in Focus, and now to see it for myself, Mr Musto tells me the HMC Inspectors were delighted with it last year.

My Mathematics was done in the Ferens Building, the Library, and the House Dayrooms. My sleeping was done in the Middle House dormitory - that is, precisely here!

There was then no 'Mathematics Department', or indeed any other faculty department of this kind. I am sure Mr Musto would not approve of your sleeping in these rooms now!

Those of you who are Mathematicians to-day are inheriting both Kingswood's strong Mathematical tradition, and also the splendid facilities which have now been provided.

It is my pleasure formally to open the New Department, and to give my very best wishes to all who use it."



A successful search in the 1937 school photo

### A little Lawn Family History

"I am part of multi-generational Kingswood family - and there are many such families:

My father was at Kingswood in the 1890s, I was here in the 1930s, and my two sons were here in the 1970s. Our family owes a very great deal to the School.

My father was called home during his first term at Kingswood to his father's funeral - so Kingswood became a 'parent' for him.

Since leaving the School it has been rewarding for me to maintain contacts through the Kingswood Association, and Old Boys' Dinners, and to read about developments at the School in the magazines

Sheila and I celebrated the day of our Golden Wedding - some 8 years ago - by attending an Old Boys' Dinner in Yorkshire. The Headmaster was present at the Dinner, and we have very happy memories of it."

With some Year 9 historians after the lecture



## ENGAGEMENTS

ALLEN	Lucy	(1991-98)	to	Thomas Treibel	from	Hofheim, Germany
DAKIN	Nick	(1977-82)	to	Ellie Kawai	from	Tokyo
SERVICE	Ben	(1989-96)	to	Sarah Hinton	from	Solihull
WILLIAMS	Hannah	(1989-94)	to	Neil Davies	from	Cornwall



Barney & Sarah Coleman  
17-12-05

## MARRIAGES

COLEMAN - Loughlan on 17th December 2005 Barney Coleman (1980-87)  
to Sarah Loughlan at St Catharine of Alexandria, Parish Church. Frome  
GRIFFITHS - Saat on 25th December 2005 Ruth Griffiths (1986-93)  
to Bunna Saat in Kompong Cham, Cambodia

## BIRTHS

GRADWELL	12th April 2005	to Zoe (née Brewer) (1994-96) and Colin	a daughter Jemima Joy
KENT	6th October 2005	to Rachel(1982-84) and Keith	a son Oscar Benjamin
RAJKUMAR	30th October 2004	to Tulsu and Vardhan (1983-85)	a son Arjun
ROGERS	August 2004	to Eiran and Mike (1970-75)	Lolah a sister for Elinor
WELSH	12th April 2006	to Gill (née Calder)(1978-84) and Gordon	Jessica Mhairi a sister for Katie and Angus
WIGLEY	18th November 2005	to Trudie and Andrew (1981-86)	a son Benjamin John David

## DEATHS

BELL	6th June 2006	Francis Bell	(Staff 1952-84)
BRAY	8th July 2005	Denis Campbell Bray	(1939-44)
BRIGG	17th December 2005	Hartley Owen Brigg	(1960-65)
DAGGETT	26th December 2005	Donal Garside Daggett	(1932-39)
GARDNER	8th February 2006	John William Gardner	(Staff 1937-41, 1946-76)
HANDLEY-JONES	31st October 2005	Tony Handley Jones	(1930-36)
HOWELL	21st February 2005	Arthur William Howell	(1940-42)
LIDDELL	15th March 2006	David Liddell	(1929-34)
LOVELESS	21st May 2006	Arthur Raymond Loveless	(1932-41)
MAY	3rd June 2005	Harold Pierce May	(1930-36)
MORGAN	28th November 2005	John Ross Morgan	(1932-39)
NORTH	12th July 2005	Christopher North	(1928-34)
SMITH	22nd October 2005	David Spencer Smith	(1944-53)
STIMSON	30th July 2005	Richard Francis Stimson	(1948-55)

## NOTES &amp; NEWS

[RJL]

Okelo Aliker (1982-84) <poaliker@agd.org> wrote about a project which he is supporting in Uganda, Soft Power Education [www.softpowereducation.com]. This is seeking to improve primary education facilities in schools near Jinja, a town in Eastern Uganda on the River Nile. Student volunteers have been travelling from UK to help with this 5 year project which initially built two pre-schools for 120 Aids orphans. Okelo wondered if young KS leavers might be interested in volunteering or KA members in supporting the fund-raising in UK. He is also one of the latest volunteers for our Worldwide Contacts List [See p. 27 - Ed.] who have added Uganda/East Africa, Western Australia and Japan.

John Baron (1959-62) <johnbaron@nexta.sk> has been awarded the MBE in the Birthday Honours List for services to British business interests and to the community in Slovakia.

John Barrett (Chaplain 1973-83) <john.barrett@acsinternational.com.sg> who retired in 2003 after 14 years as Headmaster of The Leys School, Cambridge was then called to Singapore, by the Methodist Bishop, and became principal of a new Methodist international school there. This made a very successful start in January 2005 with 120 students; six months later there were 200 from thirteen countries paying fees equivalent to £400 per month. He finds Singapore an exciting place to live and work. The Methodist Church in Singapore is bursting with spiritual life. The church that he and his wife Sally (Staff 1973-83) attend has six services on a Sunday; the two main English services are usually packed with up to a thousand worshippers. He says "It is rather refreshing to discover that there are exciting new things to do in one's retirement"

[John was Headmaster of Kent College for Girls, Canterbury for six years after leaving KS. - Ed]

Charles Brigg (1917-23), who was 99 on 9th September 2005, and our oldest member, lives in Whitehaven. He is 'relatively fit and well' according to his son-in-law Martin Copley (1958-65) <martincopley@martincopley.co.uk>. Martin also reported the recent death of his brother-in-law Hartley Brigg (1960-65), son of Charles, the sad news arriving whilst he was in Cumbria. Our other 99 year-old member is Don Morton (1916-22) living in Duncan, British Columbia and he was born on 13th October 1906.

Gareth Coker (1997-2002) <mail@gareth-coker.co.uk> writes "I finished my degree in May, 4 years of writing music. This final year, I've had to come up with 43 different compositions all tailored to specific briefs, be it a section of a film, television programme or an advert.

On July 31st I will move to Japan to continue my studies, with a place confirmed on the JET programme where I will spend a year teaching English in Japan. The objective of this is both to recharge my batteries and gain some funds for further study in Japan. Following the JET programme, thanks to connections between the Royal Academy of Music, and Tokyo College of Music, I will be able to enrol on the MA in Film Music course in Tokyo. This will be from October 2007. After some extensive travelling during my time at uni - Japan is probably my favourite country in the world at the moment, and culturally and musically is a particularly diverse place to study. I have also completed the scores for two short films, one of which has won awards at multiple film festivals, (UNICA 2005) - and has also been shown at Universal Studios (!!!). I have also been working as an orchestral assistant (aka slave) to many of the London-based Hollywood composers including James Seymour Brett, Harry and Rupert Gregson-Williams and Anne Dudley.

Whilst in Japan I hope to get a chance to do something with Joe Hisaishi (composer for Spirited Away, Howl's Moving Castle) who is my all time hero - he also studied at Tokyo College of Music and I've based my personal style on what I've learnt from studying his music."

Donald Creasy (1939-48) <donaldecreasy@hotmail.com> called in

at the school for the Fathers' Day Family Barbecue in June together with his wife Jean. Amongst other things they enjoyed a tour of the school guided by Jake Warren, son of Richard Warren (1975-79) Donald wrote to Garrod Musto (KS Head of Maths) to answer his question in KIF Nov 2005 with a 'resounding "Yes" [Question being "Do you enjoy Mathematics?" - Ed.]. He then reminisced how FJT {Frank Tongue (Staff 1931-73)} used to set end of term 'Tongue Twisters', "one of which was the problem of 'four fours' with which I expect your maths staff are familiar. Recently, when trying to get to sleep, rather than counting sheep I have tried to puzzle out the expressions not only for four 4s but for the other digits too. None of my present family share my interest in mathematics (which I inherited from my father (KS 1900-04)) so I thought I would send the results for you to pass on! Perhaps they could be used as "Tongue Twisters" at the end of term." [gjm@kingswood.bath.sch.uk if interested-Ed.]

Elisabeth Creasy (1980-84), daughter of Donald and Jean, writes from Gard with a new address now on the website. She moved to France last July with her three children (Cathal, nearly 2, Finn, nearly 9 and Rosin, 10) and partner, who has set up in business as a tree surgeon. They had lived in Chapelton, Leeds for the past 15 years - so it feels very different being in rural France. She says "I've blanked out a lot of my school time, but I am curious to know what some of the people in my year are going now.... I've done lots of different jobs, but just before leaving England I was working as a P/T tutor at an independent college for adults. Right now I am starting to get back into playing music again after grinding to a bit of a halt when Roisin was born and never quite starting again. Other than that, I am playing mother!

John Cule (1935-38) <john@cule.demon.co.uk> was awarded an MBE for 'Services to mental health in West Wales' in the 2005 New Year Honours list. He gave the keynote address "teaching medical history" at the 350th anniversary celebrations of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland in Dublin in November 2005. John contributed a paper entitled 'A wartime plague in crotona' to Clio in the Clinic History in medical practice. [University of Oxford and University of Toronto Press (ed Jacalyn Duffin) 2005]

J.E. Dickinson (1920-26) reports that the Dickinson boys have been in the news. Congratulations to Peter Dickinson (1966-72), Chairman of Spectrum Technologies which is the first company in Wales to have won the Queen's Award for Enterprise for Exports for the third time. After graduating from Imperial College as a laser physicist he joined British Aerospace at Filton. He was then asked to form a company in Bridgend, which was Spectrum, and this he eventually bought from British Aerospace.



Peter Dickinson (1966-72)



Christopher Dickinson (1971-77)

They manufacture industrial laser systems used in the manufacture of aircraft wiring and export to 35 countries worldwide. His brother Christopher Dickinson (1971-77) is Granada Healthcare Services' Catering Manager. The company celebrated recently became the first British hospital caterer to win a major international quality award by achieving ISO 9002 registration at the National Hospital for Neurology in London.

Daniel Duchars (1981-88) <dan@danduchars.com> registered recently just in time to receive the email sent to all KA members before the Priors Court School Open Day. He says "I was really chuffed that I registered when I did as I was able to get the PC invitation and combine the visit with my birthday! It was lovely sitting in the PC grounds eating a picnic with my family on an extremely hot and sunny afternoon.

PC has changed quite a lot since I left, mainly in the grounds and the teaching block. Unfortunately we weren't allowed in the main building which I imagine has changed little and which I know would bring back many memories.

There was no one else there that I recognised, but after chatting to the staff it turns out that there were a lot of exPCers there as well as people visiting to view the school for their children and relatives. [Sorry Dan. We must have a signing-in book again next year - Ed]

Life with me is very good just now. I'm married with 2 children and living in East London awaiting the Olympics. I'm now a photographer, Dennis Marsham's darkroom lessons paid off well for me! I was sorry to hear about his death and would love to have told his wife Judy how he really encouraged me in photography and his enthusiasm for it rubbed off on me. If you fancy seeing some of my work, do have a look at <[www.danduchars.com](http://www.danduchars.com)>

Flo Dunlop (1992-97) made the headlines with "Chocolate maker left bitter by power cuts" in the Bath Chronicle in March. However the above photo, was more arresting. "A businesswoman



Flo Dunlop (1992-97)

has said that persistent power problems are causing meltdown at her chocolate factory at Rode near Bath." Reading on however it is clear that it's quite the reverse as it takes 9 hours to melt the chocolate in the machines again after the power cuts due to a newly built housing estate nearby. Flo's Chocolate on Chocolate business has 5 full time members of staff and supplies Harrods and John Lewis as well as local shops.

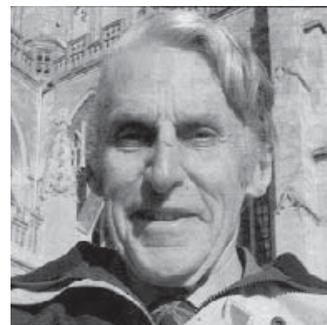
John Dunkerley (1935-42) <[john@cidermill.freemove.co.uk](mailto:john@cidermill.freemove.co.uk)> has sent in some copies for the school archive of the Moke Field Bulletin Nos 1-9 (c. Summer 1937) which he came by via Donald Frampton (1936-41). These are typed and may be the sole surviving originals - though there was carbon paper in those days of course! [How very different from its successor "Wyvern" - the new Sixth Form publication in May 2006. 8 A3 pages with colour! see p.26 - Ed] The MFB is merely humorous comment on the digging work across the Lower, then a sloping 'Moke' field, in the style of a WW1 military campaign report which took a rise out of various staff who might have assisted. Perhaps these deserve a bit of OCR then exposure as a [connections@kingswood](mailto:connections@kingswood) News item with JKD's help. [Watch that space! - Ed] A splendid picture (right) from David Robinson (1934-39) reminds us of those days.

Peter Eaglestone (1957-64) former KS Bursar (1997-2000) has been appointed as head of new business development for the Royal Bath & West of England Society. The aim is to develop the services of the society to agriculture and food industries including new buildings and

education projects to expand "knowledge transfer"

John Ede (1938-43, Staff 1953-85) has been awarded the MBE in the Birthday Honours List for 'service to the Tourist Industry in Bath, Somerset' John has been a member of the Mayor of Bath's Corps of Honorary Guides for over 50 years and in 2005 was rewarded with a Bath Blue Glass memento to commemorate his half a century of service.

The chairwoman of the guides said "John is a real gentle gentleman, and they are hard to find these days. He is a highly respected guide, and has knowledge which is just incredible about the history of Bath." [Bath Chronicle] John was also named one of the Mayor of Bath's Citizens of the Year in 2005.



John Ede (1938-43, Staff 1953-85)

Rachel Ellis (1989-96) <[raellis234@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:raellis234@yahoo.co.uk)> after a posting to the Falkland Islands is currently based in UK with the RAF. She has been representing the RAF at cross-country as well as in their orienteering team and gaining selection for the Combined Services orienteering team too. She keeps "pretty fit".

Members may have spotted Philip Gooden (Staff 1972-01) making an appearance in University Challenge on BBC2 in July for the Crime Writers team who were just pipped at the post by 10 points and so did not quite make the next round.

Stephen Fisk (1956-64) <[steve@fisk36.freemove.co.uk](mailto:steve@fisk36.freemove.co.uk)> met up with Tony Sheppard (1956-62) <[tonysheppard.KS@webalumnum.com](mailto:tonysheppard.KS@webalumnum.com)> in Tivoli, Italy on 22nd October 2005. They were there to celebrate Tony's 60th birthday. Steve writes: "I had travelled from Cardiff, Tony from Perth, Western Australia. My career as a clinical psychologist came to an end in 2003. Since then several grandsons have come along, and also, I have developed an interest in abandoned communities. A website on this subject has been started at [www.abandonedcommunities.co.uk](http://www.abandonedcommunities.co.uk)"



D.I.Y. Levelling of the Moke Field (or Lower Field) in 1937

Pam Grigsby (née Calder) (1991-96) <Pamela.Grigsby@ourclub.com> writes from Ohio that "Cleveland is great and I'm loving it...still. I was only coming here for one year and now we are fast approaching nine!

Michael Calder (1989-94) <cavalier7@o2.co.uk> has been working in Bicester as the manager of a quaint country pub. He is still in touch with Simon Hibbert (1997-94) <simon@solutions4u.com> and some others.

Duncan Calder (1980-87) <duncan.calder1@btinternet.com> and wife Ruth (née Osei-Mensah) (1985-87) <ruth.calder@btopenworld.com> live in Surrey. Their son Samuel (8) is quite the ice hockey phenomnon, in goal for the Guildford U10s, whilst Naomi (12) is a swimmer and is also trying her hand at basketball in senior school. Ruth had major surgery on her knee finally....I say finally because she first injured it whilst at KS playing field hockey, it twisted or something! and then last year they were on hols at Lulworth Coves when she fell on some rocks! Quite distressing for the onlooking children I'm sure. She was OK but they had to life flight her out because they couldn't get to her and she couldn't stand, but all is getting better now and she continues with her physiotherapy work.

Gill Welsh (née Calder) (1978-84) <gill.welsh@bt.com> is still as successful as ever with BT, and the 3rd kid was due in April, so far they have Katie (2) and Angus (1) so she will have three under 3s, and one hopes a good sitter!!!

Charlotte Hathaway (1997-2004) <charlotte@bprj.co.uk> and Natalie Farmer (1997-2004) co-authored a new play which had its world premiere at the Kingswood Theatre with a three night run in July. The *Thailand* - 'a play of alternatives' starred Natalie with Chris Bardo (1997-2004), Dan Collins (2001-2006), Meredith Lloyd (1999-2006), and Sam Smullen (1999-2006) in the cast of nine. Charlotte was producer with her brother Oli Hathaway (1998-2005) as the Technical Director. Charlotte is studying Scottish Ethnology and Celtic studies at Edinburgh, and writing books for the publisher Crombie Jardine on the side. Natalie is studying acting and music at Rose Bruford College, Chris is reading Combined arts at Durham and Oliver taking mechanical engineering at Nottingham.



Authors- Charlotte & Natalie College, Chris is reading Combined arts at Durham and Oliver taking mechanical engineering at Nottingham.

Lucy Johnson (1992-99) <lucyjanejohnson@hotmail.com> sent her best wishes to JR Key-Pugh on his recent retirement, and writes "I had a successful Summer last year spending just over a month in Santander (Northern Spain) at University. I have been learning Spanish since I finished my degree in German in 2003 and this year and next I hope to take GCSEs and A-Levels (or equivalent!) in the subject. I have been working in London's Museum in Docklands for the past two years and am now looking to move into library work."

Rachel Kent (1982-84) <landk@larkshey.nanadoo.co.uk> sent news of the arrival of Oscar Benjamin last October and a change of address which she had also updated on [connections@kingswood](mailto:connections@kingswood).

[Thank you Rachel - that's the style! - Ed.]

We have recently had news of the death of David Liddell (1929-34) brother of the late John Liddell (1929-32) and uncle to Edward Liddell (1964-67). The Liddell sundial remains alongside the steps at the front of the school and was often talked about by David, its designer, who had many happy memories of KS. [

vide. Kingswood Magazine Vol 55 1992-93 p.69 for a picture of a refurbished Liddell dial by David Brown (1952-58) assisted by Bob Yeung (1987-92) <yeungbob@hotmail.com> - Ed.]

Roger Linton (1951-58) was awarded an MBE in the Queen's 80th Birthday Honours List, for services to conservation and the arts.

Georgina Martin (née Stratton) (1986-1993) <georgie\_@martin@hotmail.com> is currently working in the marketing department of a law firm, is happily married and expecting a first baby in July 2006. She still keeps in touch with Kenneth Andrew (1988-93), Amy Spenlove-Brown (1986-91), Emma Shaw (1986-91), Tessa Royal (1986-91), William Kalloway (1988-93) and

Julia Stackhouse (1982-92)

Charis Mills (1998-05) spent four months in China with the GAP organisation 'Travellers Teaching English' having raised the money to finance this by working. She visited KS in June and enjoyed telling a school assembly about her experiences. In September she will be taking up a place to read medicine at St. Bartholemews Hospital, London

Dominic Monks (1995-2002) <dommo145@hotmail.com> has graduated from the University of Surrey with a 2:1 BMus (Tonmeister) Honours degree. He was also awarded the Associateship of the University of Surrey with Distinction having completed a 12 month Professional Training Placement. Dominic is now working for Peter Gabriel at Real World Studios in Box. His brother Sebastian (1993-00) <sebbiemo@hotmail.com> works in music management in London. Their mother Susan Monks (Staff 1995-2006) has retired to live in Chichester with some part time work in London and elsewhere. She has contributed much to KS music in eleven years both as a singing teacher, enthusiastic work with the junior choir and also organising musical tours to Prague, the USA and France.

Chris Morley (1958-66) <cmorley@fish.co.uk> has followed his appearances with 'Pause for Thought' on Terry Wogan's Radio 2 Breakfast Show with contributions to the 'Reflections' column in The Methodist Recorder. He joins up with David Bridge (1947-55) <dbridge@fish.co.uk> who writes a longstanding weekly column of 'TV & Radio Reviews'

Our thanks to Jo O'Farrell (née Gifford) (1985-90) <jkof@bigpond.net.au> living in Shenton Park, W.A., for offering to be our W.A. contact and also for sorting out the little glitches in the published contacts for the 3 Gifford girls all now in W.A. Louisa Chapman (née Gifford) (1981-88)) <louisachapman@hotmail.com> lives in Manjimup and Holly Birch (née Gifford) (1982-89) <hbirch@bigpond.net.au> in Nedlands, W.A.

Mary Patterson (née O'Brien) (1974-76; Staff from 2000) <mkp@kingswood.bath.sch.uk> reached the regional finals, in June, of the Guardian's Secondary Teacher of the Year Awards and was commended for all her work in leading Kingswood to a heightened awareness of environmental issues. [See p. 36 - Ed.]

Louise Reid (née Marsh) (1985-90) <reid.louise@btinternet.com> writes from Peterborough, where her husband is Director of Music. They have one daughter - Sarah aged 17 months. Louise has just got the job of Directing the Girls' Choir at Ely (part time).

Stephen Robinson (1959-68) <srbs@novonordisk.com> responding to the MJSD Club email, writes from Zurich where he has been General Manager of the Novo Nordisk Haemophilia Foundation Trust since August 2005. NNHF has the objective of improving haemophilia care in developing countries and, to this end, supports projects worth several million pounds a year to educate patients and physicians, diagnose and register patients and organise treatment delivery.

Mike Rogers (1970-75) <mike@dragoncad.co.uk> in declining the MJSD Club invitation wrote that he had recently started a

Computer Aided Design business to be found at [www.dragoncad.co.uk](http://www.dragoncad.co.uk) <<http://www.dragoncad.co.uk>> also "Eirian and I have had a baby named Lolah, who was born in August 2004, so she is now less of a baby and more of a terror to her sister to Elinor."

Theo Schofield (1955-62), who has been a general practitioner in Warwickshire since 1972, has recently been awarded an OBE for services to healthcare.

Jack Seddon (1995-02) has been awarded a first in Politics and International Relations by the University of Southampton and he also gained the Liam O'Sullivan Prize for the best 3rd year performance in Politics.

Ben Service (1989-96) <[benservice@waitrose.com](mailto:benservice@waitrose.com)> writes from Solihull where he has been managing a branch of John Lewis Solihull for two and a half years. "I think I might have at last settled after working in London, Kingston and Aberdeen and will be marrying Sarah Hinton here in September. I am still in close contact with Tom Jackson (1991-96), Ed Ramsay (1991-96) and Rupert Plumridge (1989-96)."

Cameron Sinclair (1986-92) <[cameron@architectureforhumanity.org](mailto:cameron@architectureforhumanity.org)> was shortlisted for Designer of the Year by the Design Museum (UK). Cameron practises in New York and is the co-founder and executive director of Architecture for Humanity, a seven year old 501(c)3 charitable organization which promotes architecture and design solutions to humanitarian crises and provides design services to communities in need. They are currently working on 39 projects in 11 countries.

He writes "What we would like to think is that there has been a shift in the way people think about design. That it is as much about ethics as it is aesthetics and not just available to those who can 'afford' it. Up until recently when most designers imagine how people will live in the future, they envision a cloud-piercing megalopolis, a global hub where digital entrepreneurs trade ideas and share technology. In fact, the city of tomorrow is more likely to look like Calcutta than New York.

The greatest humanitarian challenge we face today is that of providing shelter. Currently one in seven people live in an unplanned settlement, by 2030 United Nations officials estimate that number will be closer to one in three. The physical design of our homes, neighborhoods, and communities shapes literally every aspect of our lives. Yet all too often architects are desperately needed in the places where they can least be afforded."

David Stedman (aka Roecliffe) (1979-86) <[roecriffe@hotmail.com](mailto:roecriffe@hotmail.com)> reports that he is essentially working as a chauffeur to his 3 year old daughter, Thea, what with ballet, French club,

gymnastics, music etc.. The new allotment 5 minutes away is great but hard work though he currently gets given more than he grows there.

Andrew Teare (1952-61) <[Andrewteare@aol.com](mailto:Andrewteare@aol.com)> has recently published his first novel entitled "The

Chairman" [ISBN: 1-4208-7745-3(sc)] available on line from [www.authorhouse.co.uk/bookstore](http://www.authorhouse.co.uk/bookstore) (£8.80) or [www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk) (£13.49)

Mark Topping (1972-81) <[pardoerachel@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pardoerachel@yahoo.co.uk)> writes that the John Wesley costume is going into mothballs." [vide. KAN 1 Spring 2005 p.23 - Ed.] Since January I have been managing The Rainbow, a cafe/bookshop in Chepstow, (a Churches Together millennium project set up in what used to be the infamous Green Dragon pub in the town centre). It was a difficult decision to leave the New Room. It is a bewitching building and has been a lovely place to work for eight years. But distance from home was a major factor, increasingly so after Imogen was born two and half years

ago"

Michael Wakelin (1971-79) <[michael.wakelin@bbc.co.uk](mailto:michael.wakelin@bbc.co.uk)> has been appointed as BBC Head of Religion and Ethics. Michael is currently acting head of development for the department, and has worked for the corporation for 20 years, having joined as a researcher on a book programme. He is currently series producer in the long-running Songs of Praise programme which he has been associated with for 10 years. [Very many congratulations to him - Ed.]

Laurence Wareing (1974-81) <[lw@laurencew.com](mailto:lw@laurencew.com)> writes that "Things are well in Edinburgh (currently hosting Conference for the first time – just down the road at Heriot-Watt University). I'm into my third year working freelance as a writer (mainly magazines/newspapers but also for professional research organisations) and editor (Momentum is a key publication in my armoury at present, and one of the things I do that allows me to work again as part of a creative team – we're just embarking on my third issue now, for October/November). I still keep my hand in doing some media production work and am delivering media training courses as well. So it's varied – and done from our back room, where I look out on to fields and the base of the Pentland Hills. It feels good and keeps me on my toes."

Simon Whitehead (2000-02) <[smonkeyak@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:smonkeyak@yahoo.co.uk)> has graduated from Leeds University with a first in Music and Sound Engineering.

Chris Whittaker (1956-64) <[christopher.whittaker@tesco.net](mailto:christopher.whittaker@tesco.net)> came to our aid with an address for a 'missing' J M Eley (1956-63) who is very much alive and well. Chris writes "He was, and still is, "Martin Eley" although at school he was just "Mart" and a very good athlete and rugby player going on to Carnegie and has just finished a distinguished career in state sector teaching.

I became a tour guide at Twickenham Rugby Stadium in 2003 and Martin has just joined us. The stadium has the only world museum of rugby and the guides take parties around the stadium, and introduce them to the museum, 6 days a week. We have many school parties from around the world and would love to see a bus load from Kingswood or any Old Boys ( whoops, or girls!) A 'phone call to 020 8892 8877 would ascertain when Martin or I would be guiding and then a booking can be made.

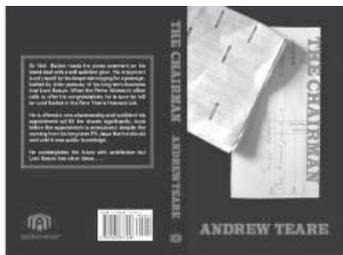
I have many happy memories of Kingswood, particularly on the rugby field with Bob Clark (1958-90) and Gordon Margretts (Staff 1962-68) who I was sad to see had died so relatively early. I attended the Hall House Centenary in 1996 and played in one or two of the annual golf matches but latterly they have clashed with family activities. Perhaps not this year, however the exact date is not shown in the magazine, or have I missed it? [October 8th - Ed.]

Bruce Williams (1968-76) <[b.williams1@homecall.co.uk](mailto:b.williams1@homecall.co.uk)> writes appreciatively after receiving past magazines "Thank you, they both provide welcome distraction from operations in and off Iraq.

"I am out here as the Commander of coalition maritime forces (US, Australian, UK, Singaporean, Iraqi and Kuwaiti) in the Northern Arabian Gulf and waterways up into Southern Iraq (an overview is at '<http://www.royal-navy.mod.uk/static/pages/9985.html>' if you are interested)." Having completed his period in command there Bruce took over as Commander UK Task Group, based out of Portsmouth, i/c a naval staff that is at short notice able to deploy to direct maritime

forces wherever the next crisis might be "keeps me on my toes!"

My brother Simon (1974-80) is in his second year as Headmaster at Churchers College in Petersfield and Iain (1997-82) is a Geologist based in Eire. My father Bill / CWL (1939-47) having retired from General Practice some years ago is making the most of the opportunity to expand his horizons by regularly travelling the Globe. John Crosby (1967-75) (Colonel Royal Marines) has just spent Christmas in Baghdad before returning to Portugal where he is working on the staff of the NATO HQ based in Lisbon.



## REMEMBERING JWG

John Gardner came to Kingswood at much the same time as I crossed the road from Westwood to join the Classics 4th form. I remained with him in the Classics 6th at Uppingham until he departed for Abyssinia, as it then was. I never met him again except at a reunion when I fear he had no idea who I was, for I was not one of the many who, in those pre-war years had seemed to Hoover up glittering awards to Oxbridge.

I remember him as cultured, elegant, yellow-sweatered and with a clipped accent. I was refereed by him in Under 14 Rugger; joined his archaeological expeditions and was given a one-liner in the Junior Lit play, "The Zeal of thy House" by Dorothy Sayers, directed by him.

1st Pilgrim: Beautiful, beautiful and everything in such good taste.

2nd Pilgrim: I wonder how much it costs to keep the place in candles.

I forget which line was mine or even if they are accurately remembered!

I even helped him dig out the old moke field into air-raid trenches where there is now a splendid astro-turf hockey pitch.

From him I heard for the first time the term "Our Lady" a term not in common usage in the Methodist manse. But then I believe he'd been at Ampleforth. I also heard from him the funniest of mixed metaphors: "Ancient history tends to go in one ear and out of the other, like water of a duck's back, unless you nail it down to something definite."

Why these fragments from the past? I don't know except that old men tend to lapse into anecdote. But also would-be teachers and those perhaps disillusioned in the profession should take heart that what they say, what they do and what they are may be remembered with warmth and gratitude 70 years on by those they scarcely knew and have long forgotten.

Dr R.L.H. Barnard. (1933-1941).

To John Lewis, (General Secretary (1947-56)

Thanks for the news about JWG. He and I had corresponded briefly in recent years, and I wish I had had the chance to meet him again before his ascent to Olympus. Certainly he was a crucial, if unlikely, figure in my choice of subject and career, and you and I won't forget his carefully worded homilies about the performance of the 1st XV when we all crowded into his study the day after the match. And his Ancient History lessons, which started when he was some distance from the class-room. You probably know Hubert Moore's poem - the first in Hubert's first published collection 'Down by a Bicycle'.

John Badcock (1948-56)

In Medias Res

Our Ancient History teacher  
was teaching Ancient History  
long before us : all the way  
up an empty flight of stairs,  
along an echoing passage,  
and in where we were waiting.

Sometimes the crack Numidian  
cavalry had already  
made their charge, and what seemed good  
to the senate and people  
of Rome was only half way through  
its brisk and only reading.

Effects we got, not causes :  
followed his jaunty lead but  
at the man's lateness grumbled.  
He grumbled, no doubt, at our  
repeated readiness to start.  
Start? he'd say, continuing...

H.R. Moore (1948-53)

## John Gardner's Funeral

St. John's Church, Bathwick was filled for the uplifting memorial service for John Gardner on Friday 24th February 2006.

The eulogy was read by his god-daughter, Tessa Jowell, and there were readings by former colleagues George Hubbuck and Jeremy Key-Pugh and by his cousin Godfrey Barker. A special feature was the music during the service by the St. Mary's Bathwick church choir.

There was a memorable gathering afterwards in the Moulton Hall, Kingswood School where guests ranged from those who had been taught by JWG before the war to others from the 1970s when he had been teaching both girls and boys. They were grateful to the Headmaster for making this possible and to Kingswood for hosting the occasion so well. It a very fitting celebration of John's long life with 34 years devoted to the school.

The Moulton Hall was particularly suitable as a venue where

John had produced many Senior Lit plays. Godfrey had displayed a number of historic photographs including one as a reminder of the Hall when it was furnished with the large multipurpose benches providing both seating and exam desks. This was the last such school occasion there as, by September 2006, the Moulton Hall will have been redeveloped



The Moulton Hall (2005)

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23rd September 2006 2.30 p.m.  
JWG Memorial Tree Planting

All welcome [See p 28]

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## NOTES &amp; NEWS (cont)

## Taking charge...in a US ship

Senior officer Cdre Bruce Williams has made Naval history by becoming the first RN commanding officer to command a task group...from a US warship.

The commodore took charge of Task Force 58, a multinational group of ships whose goal is to defend Iraqi oil platforms in the

northern Arabian Gulf from terrorist attack.

From [www.navynews.co.uk](http://www.navynews.co.uk) [Dec 2005]

Hannah Williams (1989-94) <hanabella@hotmail.com> graduated from University College of St. Mark and St. John, Plymouth with a BA in art and design in 1997 returned there in 1999 to do a P.G.C.E. and is now a teacher. She lives and works in Watford, Hertfordshire and is loving it and was recently promoted to Deputy Head of Sixth form and she will be getting married next year.

## TRIBUTES

The Rev'd ARTHUR FRANCIS BELL  
(Staff 1952-84)



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Francis, Rector of Charlcombe parish, was appointed to the part-time staff by Sackett in 1952 to teach Latin to pupils whose Oxbridge entries depended upon further satisfying the examiners in that subject. Several distinguished Old Boys owe their careers to his diligent encouragement! He later taught junior classics and Ecclesiastical History to 'A' level candidates and subsequently assisted John Gardner with the archives. He admired John Wesley and had a great knowledge of his life and work. Though seen later in school from time to time while he remained at Charlcombe, his formal association ended in 1984.

His self-effacing presence had a considerable influence upon those boys who made their way to the parish church to join in the fine worship, play the organ and enjoy his hospitality. His wit enlivened many a dull day in the Common Room and brought a smile to the most august mind.

I knew him for over fifty years and, like many others, gained enormously from the books to which he introduced me, the engaging spirituality that he presented, the friendship he offered and the example which he set. He enjoyed gardening, reading and learning to love God. He was one of a rapidly declining group, a genuine parish priest. He coped bravely with illness in his last years and died in his ninetieth year.

Kenneth Wilson (1950-56)

DENIS CAMPBELL BRAY  
(1939-44)



Denis Bray was born in Hong Kong in 1926, the son of Rev. Arthur Bray, a missionary in South China, and he and his younger brother Jeremy (1942-48) started their Kingswood careers in exile at Uppingham. Jeremy was later to become a member of Parliament for 34 years for Middlesbrough and Motherwell.

Denis read Physics at Jesus College, Cambridge, and there proved himself as an active and successful rower. He was in the Jesus College boat that won the Grand Challenge Cup at Henley in 1947. Then came National Service in the Royal Navy, before a

return to Hong Kong for the next 55 years. Starting in 1950 as a cadet officer in the British Colonial Service in the Hong Kong he worked his way through the ranks to retire in 1985 as Secretary for Home Affairs. In retirement he spent more time on charity work, one commitment being as Chairman of Christian Action. Putting his civil service experience to work, he found a niche, for a few years, in setting up a consultancy where he gave advice about anything to anyone.

He also found time to write a book Hong Kong Metamorphosis reflecting on the tremendous changes he saw during 35 years in the civil service in Hong Kong.

In 1967 he was second in command at the Special Duties section in the Secretariat dealing with the disturbances of that year, followed by appointment, as Deputy Secretary for Chinese Affairs to set up the City District Officer scheme. However he always looked back at his early days as a District Officer in the New Territories as one of the best times. Denis had a tour as Hong Kong Commissioner in London with Marjorie - they had married in 1952. It was an interesting time spent mainly lobbying MPs over trade; targeting the ruling Callaghan Labour Government of the time but also building an alliance with the Conservatives with 1997 in view. He returned to Hong Kong as Secretary for Home Affairs again, acting from time to time for the Chief Secretary and Governor when they were away from Hong Kong. He was made a Companion in the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George and a Commander in the Royal Victorian Order. He was also a Justice of the Peace.

The Hong Kong Film Archive was delighted to be donated a unique 30 reel archive by the Bray family recording local HK life in the 1930s and 50s. Rev Arthur Bray, who had been in South China and Hong Kong as a missionary from 1914- 39 and then 1949-52 had initiated the record with 16 mm film and this was continued by Denis and Marjorie from 1953-77.

Denis was a prominent member of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club and rowed and sailed a diverse number of boats. In the 1950s he was instrumental in getting the dragon boat racing re-established in Tolo Harbour. Initially this was a test of seamanship and stamina between the fishermen, but he encouraged so many non-sailors and foreign teams to take part that it became quite a spectator sport for the knowledgeable locals to watch them capsize and sink. Nonetheless the fishermen usually came back to fish them out. When Denis was established at Island House in Taipo he converted the garage into a boatshed and it was home to a large collection of canoes and kayaks, which were given much use by the youth of the district.

Denis purchased a scull and was able to move faster than the dragon boats, and it was a big loss of face to the fishermen that one man could overtake a boat paddled by thirty. Between 1975 and 1979 he sailed three Fastnets and two Admiral Cups, fortunately coming unscathed through the 1979 storm.

In May 2005 Denis and his wife Marjorie arrived in England, having decided it was time to be nearer family. Sadly soon afterwards he was diagnosed with a blood condition (CMML) and died eight weeks later on 8th July. His loss was noted across the world. An appreciative headline in the South China Morning Post that week remembered him: "Top civil servant shouldered huge challenges for HK". Denis Bray had given much to Hong Kong.

HARTLEY OWEN BRIGG  
1960-65

Hartley Brigg followed his father, uncles and grandfather into Upper house in 1960 from Seascale Preparatory School in Cumberland, an establishment on the wild north-west coast which

shared the bracing air with the establishment that has become known as Sellafield.

He went on to read English at Cambridge, gaining an MA, a love for languages, music and a yearning for travel. Long before the idea of Gap years had been dreamed up his first thought on coming down was to hitchhike alone to India. He returned only for his sister's wedding and to horrify any third person with tales of adventure straight out of the Boy's Own Paper. Questions as to his patriotism were asked by the police behind the Iron Curtain, fines were paid from home by telegraph, most notably when he managed to run over a Sacred Cow whilst driving a borrowed car in India. The fine had to be paid before he could be released from the police cell where he had been taken for his own protection.

All difficulties were overcome, despite his determination to speak only in the language of the country he was passing through, by determination and a fair amount of sang-froid.

After teaching in Sweden for a few years he moved to York, where as Company Secretary first at a large building firm and more recently with a law firm in Leeds he still seemed to have plenty of time to produce three girls, take up sailing, run a canoe club and acquire more languages prior to embarking on family holidays. Time that was already filled with constant reading and music making, and making regular visits to his father to deal with his affairs.

He died suddenly (aged 58) as a result of a brain haemorrhage just before Christmas, a terrible shock to his family and friends.

He leaves a wife of 32 years, Margaret, and daughters Kerstin, Rebecca and Charlotte.

Martin Copley (1958-65)



PETER MICHAEL CANNON  
(1969 -75)

Peter was the son of David S H Cannon (1939 - 45) and the late Margaret Cannon. He was born in London but spent the first six years of his life in Nigeria where his parents were Medical Missionaries serving at the Wesley Guild Hospital, Ilesha.

On returning to England the family settled in Watford where Peter attended Chater Primary School followed by Prior's Court and Kingswood. His mother died suddenly of a brain haemorrhage in June 1975 as he was sitting his A levels, but he gained entrance to Westfield College of London University where he was awarded a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science. This was followed later by a Master of Science in Natural Environments and Plant Growth.

Peter became Manager of the Customer Relations Department of Sanyo UK and deeply involved in the life and activities of Trinity Methodist Church Watford.

In September 2005 he developed and aggressive brain tumour which caused his death eight weeks later.

Peter never married but was frequently asked to be a best man at the weddings of his many friends and had seven Godchildren!

At the Service to celebrate Peter's life which followed the funeral the contributors spoke of him being caring, conscientious, thoughtful, empathetic, sensitive, fun and very witty.

A local preacher summed up .. 'As a preacher I cannot find a more true example of the life of Christ than that I saw in Peter.' He is sorely missed by his family and friends.

David Cannon (1939-45)

#### DONALD GARSIDE DAGGETT (1932-39)

Donald Daggett had a wonderful sense of honour - he was a gentle man and very well liked. His main interests were in film and photography, and he had been very active in the Photographic Society at school.

He was good with languages and enjoyed a term in France as an exchange student, but returned to school with some inappropriate colloquialisms!

He joined the RAF in 1942 carrying out photo reconnaissance in North Africa, Sicily and Italy and by all accounts had a rather good time. He worked with various film companies in England, eventually starting his own business.

In 1956 I must have had some strange power over him, as he sailed out to Sydney, and we were married in June that year. (I had been working in London for 3 years)

Donald held various managerial positions with film companies in Sydney, and in 1983 developed his own business designing and manufacturing film and sound equipment.

He was very interested in architectural drawing, and designed our house in Sydney where we lived for nearly 30 years. In 1991 we moved to our new house in Moss Vale, south of Sydney, also designed by Donald.

We very much enjoyed travelling together and have been many times to England and Europe. We have one son Charles who lives in London with his family and 2 grandchildren.

Donald will be remembered with great affection by his family and by our many friends.

Claire Daggett



JOHN WILLIAM GARDNER  
(Staff 1937-41, 1946-76)

John Gardner was a man of surprises. Most of his friends, colleagues and former pupils have been surprised (or are about to be surprised) to learn that he was not 'John' at all, but 'Jack': for that is how he was called by his parents and still is known to his

relatives. But the latter have agreed, for the sake of simplicity, to let us call him 'John' in what follows.

There have been other surprises for many of us, for example with regard to the range of his activities and accomplishments. His spectacular achievements in scholarship, languages and royal assignments to do with Ethiopia are familiar, at least in outline, to most: but how many of us knew that as a boy he had run for his famous school in the cross-country team, or that in later life his party-piece on the piano was a (needless-to-say obscure) Gopak by Mussorgsky?

Any sketch of John's long, colourful, productive, and in many ways inspiring, life is destined at this stage to be slanted and incomplete, so one can but ask indulgence for any omission or mistake that may offend. In the autobiographical Notes and Recollections that John put together in 1990, he writes warmly of the parents who brought him up in modest material circumstances in Canonbury, North London. He describes his father as a self-made man who, from educationally unpromising origins, got himself trained as an industrial chemist and enjoyed a successful career with that engineering Company which was involved in laying the first transatlantic telephone cable (in fact, John used to keep a piece of such a cable in his Pulteney Mews flat and then in his Cranhill room). The picture given of his mother is of a quiet person, who, as a devoted wife, parent and home-maker, created an atmosphere of affectionate domestic security, supervised his early schooling and ensured that, as an only child, he took part in the social activities based on the local church which they attended.

J. writes appreciatively also of his first serious teachers at the enviably-named 'Paradise House School', which, however, he left at age 12 in favour of the distinguished City of London School; and it was here that his academic development took off. Not that he was exclusively a bookish boy: he was active in athletics and played the piano as accompanist in school concerts. But here it was that he was prepared, crucially, for entry to Oxford, and specifically to compete for the Open Scholarships in Classics. The efforts of teachers and pupil were rewarded when, before his 18th birthday and therefore significantly younger than most candidates, J. gained the top award at one of the top colleges, - Oriel.

It might be too much to say that the rest is history: but it was perhaps the end of the beginning. At Oxford there was, of course, further enrichment of personal development and cultural interests, in addition to the challenge and excitement of his studies in Greek and Latin literature, Classical philosophy and Ancient History. He was instrumental in founding a Music Society at his college (as a conscious antidote to that at Balliol), heard many concerts of which he especially valued the weekly chamber-music recitals at the Musical Club & Union, and made the acquaintance, - if only at a distance, - of that remarkable musician (then a Balliol organ-scholar) who was to become such a close friend on the staff at Kingswood: John Sykes.

William Maclagan, who, coincidentally, had also attended the City of London School some years before J., was the tutor who was most significant in steering him towards the crowning achievement of his first-class Honours in 'Greats' (as the final degree-exams in Classical Philosophy & Ancient History were known). This tutor's influence, however, went far beyond exam-results; for, half-a-century after the event, J. was still in the habit of re-reading Maclagan's book on *The Theological Frontier of Ethics*. Nevertheless, it was that 'first in Greats' that finally confirmed him as a top-flight classicist, and gave him his entrée to a high-level school-mastering career as a teacher of his subject. Characteristically, J. started at the top: at the prestigious Roman Catholic institution of Ampleforth College.

At Ampleforth, J. admired the seriousness of the monastic community, enjoyed the carefree company of the younger

lay colleagues, and grappled with some unexpected teaching tasks such as introducing bewildered fourth-formers to Hamlet. Vacations brought his introduction to Germany and its language, and a visit to Munich provided his first taste (which proved to be addictive) of Wagner. He also reached the peak of his career as a performing musician, when, having been assigned to fill in on the harmonium the woodwind parts missing from the school orchestra, he found himself accompanying two famous visiting soloists half-a-bar out of time, in Mozart's heavenly (or no longer so heavenly) *Sinfonia Concertante*. At Kingswood, J. did not play.

Also at Ampleforth, J. began to 'collect' the sort of distinguished pupil who would become the stuff of anecdote: one such was the future Grand Duke of Luxembourg, another grew up to be Cardinal Basil Hume. Of the former it is told that J. visited him after he had acceded to the title; and when J. mentioned the audience to a relative, the latter, curious to know how one should address a Head of State who is a former pupil, asked "So what did you call him?" -- "Oh, ... 'Jean', no doubt" -- "And how did the Grand Duke address you?" -- "Why, 'Sir' of course!"

The transition from Monastic Yorkshire to Methodist Somerset after three years cannot have been easy: he had made good friends in the North, with whom, typically for J., he would keep in touch. But there was much more scope in the job offered at Kingswood. However, scarcely had he climbed Lansdown and encountered, to his astonishment, John Sykes in the Masters' Common Room, than it was time to pack the School's bags for war-time evacuation to Uppingham. Little more than a year's teaching there, before being summoned to war-service, was long enough to acquaint him with another future long-term colleague and friend. This time it started as a pupil-teacher relationship, for Michael Bishop was aged 12 when they first met.

The pupil's-eye pen-portrait which AMB draws from those days is charged with affection, and also with a (much later) professional appreciation of J.'s colourful techniques for enlivening the drudgery necessarily involved in serious language-learning; and there was further enlivenment to be drawn (perhaps not unintentionally by their wearer) from compiling a catalogue of the garish ties and imaginative socks which their tutor sported. Some things did not change over the years!

The summons to war came in March 1941. It marked the opening of the extraordinary Ethiopian chapter in J.'s career, about which he wrote an 11,000-word Memoir in 1992. After two years with the British Legation in Addis Ababa came the assignment as Tutor and Counsellor to the Emperor's second son, Prince Makonnen, Duke of Harar. The resilience, physical, mental and social, which this outlandish task must have demanded can only be guessed at; and it would not be appropriate to try to outline here its ramifications. Nevertheless, one or two things cannot be passed over.

Once again J. made new friends, with many of whom he kept in touch over the years. He came away with considerable admiration for Haile Selassie (which seems to have been mutual, since J. was encouraged to return), and was appalled by the manner of his death in 1975. He had clearly been saddened previously when his protégé, the Duke, was also killed, in a car-crash in 1957. J. had been fascinated by his contact with Coptic Christianity, and in addition had had occasion to learn Amharic. A bleaker aspect of the episode had been that J.'s father had died shortly after it began, and he was unable, because of wartime conditions, to travel back to England for the funeral.

From the point of view of his friends, relatives and pupils, however, a welcome by-product of the experience was a treasury of unimaginable anecdotes; and, when one of Prince Makonnen's sons later came to Kingswood, the fund of stories grew. Since the boy sometimes went home to his Imperial grandfather in



vacations but sometimes did not, negotiations had to be undertaken. At the end of one term, he came to J. to ask whether he was supposed to go home this time; "Well, I'm afraid I can't say", said J., "you'll have to ask the Emperor". When Bath's telephone exchange had been convinced that the lad wanting to be put through to the Imperial Palace at Addis Ababa was not a hoaxer, the prince said "Excuse me, your Majesty, but am I to come home for Christmas?". To which the Emperor replied, "Well, I don't know: you'll have to ask Mr Gardner".

Discharge from war-work came just in time for J. to help Kingswood to return to Bath, where he took up the post of Senior Housemaster to which he had been promoted. He assumed the headship of the Classics Dept. in 1950, was appointed Second Master in 1967 and retired, as a legend in his own lifetime, in 1976.

At various stages, he had run the Library for 17 years, and produced numerous school plays (of which more anon). He also introduced boys to the allure and rigours of archaeological digs, and his own archaeological credentials were endorsed when he was elected Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries in 1950; he coached the first tennis VI for 10 years, - to a run of straight wins in one season; and he was in charge of the rugby for 7, in the days when the first XV would more than hold its own with some of the toughest rugby schools in the West Country.

Retirement, mainly in his elegant Pulteney Mews apartment with its views over the Cricket Ground and up to Sham Castle, was active and productive for at least a quarter of a century: for, even after declining health forced the move to Cranhill, he continued to cultivate his friends by letter-writing, card-sending, receiving visits and even the occasional lunching-out. He also continued, conspicuously, to read: and to discuss his reading, and yours, whenever you visited or wrote. Several years before this last move, a hearing impairment cruelly deprived him of the enjoyment of music, then eventually of telephone-use and finally of convenient conversation. But he faced his final years with a kind of Stoic Epicureanism: "If I'm going to have to live in one room and a loo", he said, "then I'm jolly well going to enjoy it!".

By contrast, the first two decades at Pulteney Mews had been busy with theatre-going and concerts, travels abroad and visits to friends and relatives at home, keeping in touch with Oxford and his London Club, chairing the Bath 'Everyman Club', being Archivist for the School, actively following rugby and tennis, archaeological interests, - and so the list goes on. And, although Kingswood inevitably forms a back-drop to most of this, it must be remembered that many of J.'s friendships and concerns had developed independently of the school, as we have seen. He took

seriously, for example, his relationship to his notably successful clutch of God-children, some of whom had second-generation connection with Kingswood but not all. To them, as to his younger cousins, he had been initially a benign and entertaining visiting-uncle.

He also took seriously his membership of the Anglican Church, and retirement provided the opportunity to consolidate his regular participation in the worship at St Mary's, Bathwick, where he was a communicant member for at least 20 years. When his walking became impaired, he went dependably by taxi; and after the move to Cranhill, he received Holy Communion there. Pastoral visits from, and correspondence with, the clergy meant a great deal to him.

As to what J. had retired from, there can be no doubt that he had seen himself in the first instance as a classical scholar, and as one whose job it was to train up other scholars; but he did not see the study of the Classics as an end in itself. For most people, it would be a gateway to other accomplishments; but he certainly thought that translating a passage of good English prose or verse into the Classical languages was a uniquely educational exercise.

For it required an understanding not only of what 'they' would have said but also of how they would have said it in their time and in their cultures. So, besides demanding precise analysis of literal thought and meaning, the task cultivated an aesthetic, cultural and even psychological (not his word) sensibility which, it was assumed, would generalise to the learning of other languages, to the appreciation of the literature of one's own language, and to accurate and effective communication across the board. And, since a command of precision and nuance in language presupposes precision and nuance of thinking, that can't be bad educationally. Well, he did have a first in philosophy!

But he did not overintellectualise: balance and moderation are, of course, famous Classical virtues. He made it clear to his pupils that the Greek ideal of pursuing 'the beautiful and the good' was no foppish aestheticism. For the Greeks, 'beauty', - at least in that famous phrase, - embraced moral, and hence behavioural, beauty, as well as beauty of word, line or form. And the pursuit was to be tempered anyway by the much-quoted Athenian manifesto of Pericles, to the effect that 'we are lovers of beauty without overdoing it, and we are thinkers without being soft'. You cannot coach rugby on the Upper in winter, or survive the bugs of wartime Ethiopia, if you are soft.

Taking a subject as seriously as this, however, did not exclude humour. So that, although J. could sometimes seem, and indeed be, a forbidding figure to his more junior pupils, they soon discovered that classes would from time to time be enlivened by moderately amusing anecdotes about, for example, the verbal lapses of Warden Spooner of New College; or about an impatient German diner who, misjudging the English for bekommen, asks the waiter 'When will I become a sausage?'

Furthermore, those pupils also discovered that their teacher could, with a certain ingenuity, be inveigled into retelling the same stories term after term. For, such was John's mastery of language and of the turn of phrase, that, - as the children of relatives and friends would also find, - there was almost more entertainment in the manner of telling than in the (sometimes esoteric) punch-line.

It is true that, in the Notes & Recollections, J. writes with justifiable pride and in some detail about those pupils of his who went on to gain the highest honours in the field of Classical scholarship; but the pride is not exclusive. He is equally warm about those who have excelled in other areas: a famous actor, a successful script-writer, an eminent poet and literary editor, a



JWG in retirement at the Bath Rec

Covent Garden stage-designer, Foreign Office diplomats, a Director of the British Museum, a top professor of medicine, and so on. He also enjoyed, of course, the distinction achieved in Government and the Church by some of his 'God-children', whom he had never taught.

For J. himself, Classical studies did indeed lead to other languages: he became more than competent in a string of European tongues, and most impressively he mastered Amharic. The latter to the extent that he could not only surprise an Ethiopian taxi-driver in New York (more surprises!) but also function for several years as Chief Examiner in the language for the Univ. of London Examination Board. As for the spin-off in terms of English literature, his theatre-going was energetic and his reading was prodigious; but most notably he was also active in creating performances. Over the Kingswood years, he produced at least 15 'school plays', and although he usually chose what AMB has called "modern plays with strong themes", J. did venture twice into Shakespearean territory. His stage-designer colleague AMB, who had been that enchanted 12-year-old at Uppingham, recalls several of them as having been "extremely memorable".

One final observation. Although it is the province of others to speak of such things with authority, even the Scribes among his friends and relatives soon came to realise that, throughout his adult life, John's Christian convictions were central and profound; and he was gratified to number several distinguished Churchmen among his closest friends. But at school he never drew attention to this affiliation, maybe partly because he did not feel quite 'accepted' in, what seemed to him perhaps, the self-consciously Methodist atmosphere of K.S.. If so, it did not stop him contributing a chapter to a book about 'approaches to Christian education' which a team of Methodist heavy-weights put out shortly after the War. Did he know Erasmus on The Education of a Christian Prince?; and, if so, did he take a copy with him on that improbable tutoring-assignment in Ethiopia?

Whether he did or not, J. was a Christian Classicist and a Christian teacher, who opened up for many generations of pupils an unforgettable glimpse of the highest things. He used to say that in poetry the simplest lines were the best, such as Shakespeare's use of monosyllables and Tennyson's 'It may be we shall touch the Happy Isles / And see the great Achilles whom we knew'. Perhaps J. himself has now finally touched those Happy Isles, and seen One far greater than Achilles?

It is for others to say. What we can say is "Thankyou, John"; or should that be "Thankyou, Jack"?

N.M.Cheshire (1945-54)

ANTHONY HANDLEY JONES  
(1930-36)

Anthony (Tony) Handley Jones died on Monday, 31 October, aged 85.

Tony was born in Brighton in 1920. His father was a Methodist minister, so Tony went to Kingswood School in Bath. On leaving school he went into advertising to be a copy writer, and joined the Royal Navy as a radio operator when war broke

out. His ship was torpedoed and sunk during the Tobruk landings and he became a prisoner of war in Italy. After six months he was exchanged and returned to serve in the Royal Navy until the war ended.

Tony first met his future wife, Joan (whose father was also a Methodist minister), before the war, but they lost touch. They met again by chance in Piccadilly; married; and had two children.

Tony had a lifelong love of cricket and played as a wicketkeeper for Taplow. He served the club, including as chairman, for many years. He set up his own business which brought him into contact with Chris Box-Grainger (the then Chairman of The Cricket Society), which explains how he became an active member of that Society. He was their publicity officer for a number of years, and then became Vice Chairman. Joan had agreed to take on the job of organising the Society dinners but died in 1987. Tony took over as dinner organiser or, as he preferred to call it, dinner monitor. This included organising the highly successful Golden Jubilee dinner in 1995, when some 550 members and friends celebrated the Society's fiftieth birthday. Tony carried out this duty with distinction for ten years.

Tony continued to support the Society XI and regularly attended dinners after he ceased to be an officer of the Society. He was hugely popular, and there were always more people asking to sit with him at dinners than the table plans could allow. He was referred to at several dinners as "the most popular boy in the school"

Tony moved from his home in Buckinghamshire to Seaford as his health declined so that he could be closer to his daughter, and he continued to be an active supporter of the Society.

Tony was a most congenial companion, much loved by all who knew him. He was kind; cheerful; thoughtful; and efficient. He will be greatly missed within the Society.

He leaves a son; daughter; and three grandchildren.

Dave Allsop

ARTHUR WILLIAM HOWELL  
(1940-42)

We are sad to report that Arthur William Howell late of Shepherds Bush London passed away on 21st February 2005 after a short illness at the age of 78. Arthur was born on the 5th May 1926 in Bath and attended Kingswood/Uppingham School from 1940 - 1942.

After leaving Kingswood Arthur went on to join the Home Guard during the latter years of the war and from there took time out to travel to New Zealand working his passage before taking up a post at the RSPCA in the early 1960's in London. Latterly he worked for the London Education Authority as a coach driver transporting special needs children to and from school.

After retiring Arthur enjoyed current affairs, gardening and following football, particularly the London clubs.

He was well known locally as a private man of quiet dignity and was noted for his smart appearance and his generosity to his fellow human beings.

Arthur never married and is survived by a niece and nephew.

Julia Bolton

DAVID LIDDELL  
(1929-34)

David Liddell was born in Coleraine, the third child of 3, and a sickly one expected to live to age of 6. He moved to Illkley as a young child, went to boarding school - Kingswood in Bath,

at the age of 13. After school, he attended Birmingham University and then took Articles with Wragge & Co, a firm of Solicitors.

In 1938 he went on his first sailing voyage on a converted Falmouth Quay punt, and sailed from west coast of Ireland to Salcombe via Brittany, which started a lifetime of sailing holidays.

When the war came, he - volunteered early and spent the first half of the War in India and Pakistan, keeping the routes open through the mountains and dodging the occasional sniper. He learned to ride and play polo, and also learned Urdu. On one period of leave, he organised a month long trek in Kashmir. Next he was posted to Burma, where he served in the Mountain Artillery, working with screw guns carried on mules

After the war he returned to Wragge & Co, where he worked with a wide range of clients rising to become the Senior Partner and President of the Birmingham Law Society.

He met his wife Abi at a party, they married 4 July 1949 and had two children, John & Caroline. It was a traditional family life, working in Birmingham and holidaying on Rakia, a boat in which he had a share, in Scotland, France and further afield

David had a strong sense of duty and this was passed on through the family and throughout his life, he made time to work with charities, amongst others, doing voluntary work at a housing association and local home for retired nurses. When retired, he continued to work on medical tribunals

After retirement, he gave up the boat and brought a dormobile and continued to enjoy, many happy holidays – Scotland (via Yorkshire) and The Pyrenees in France

He died peacefully on 15 March, within a year of his wife's death.

John Liddell

#### CHRISTOPHER NORTH (1928-34)

Christopher North, who has died aged 87, was head of plant breeding at the Scottish Horticultural Research Institute, at Mylnefield, Dundee, where he and his team developed vegetable and fruit varieties, as well as lilies, that are suitable for Scottish conditions.

Notable successes include the Celtic cabbage, the first F1 hybrid brassica produced in Britain; a uniform variety of the January King cabbage; the French bean variety Gamis; improved Brussels sprout varieties; and the Glen series of raspberries and Ben series of blackcurrants, now grown by commercial fruit growers and gardeners all over Britain.

Chris North's work on lilies began in 1966 when, increasingly bogged down with administration (he became deputy director of the SHRI), he was looking for an outlet for his plant-breeding skills. The institute's then director, Colin Cadman, knew that North had made some lily crosses in his garden at home, and suggested a small improvement programme.

As food production dominated horticultural research funding, only a very low-key effort was possible; yet North's work was so successful that the Mylnefield lilies he developed were to be hailed as a remarkable achievement.

Characteristics required from the new cultivars included adaptation to northern British conditions and freedom from virus disease, as well as vigour, elegance of form, unusual colours and an ability to stand without staking - in short, garden qualities rather

than suitability for the florist.

By crossing different varieties and species from the Asiatic group of lilies, North produced the varieties Orestes, Odysseus, Minos and Phoebus in 1974, followed by Achilles and Pandora.

In the next stage, the true pink *Lilium lankongense* was used as a parent. Where others had failed, he obtained interspecific hybrids from it by using the new technique of embryo culture. Among the resulting cultivars were Ariadne and Adonis, the latter being awarded the Reginald Cory Memorial Cup.

A second series of 300 hybrids was obtained by backcrossing the first hybrids to Asiatic ones. When the SHRI lily programme came to an end in 1978, 10 of the best numbered lines were sold to the RHS Lily Group and became known as the "North Ladies".

North named one "Marie North" after his wife, and the others after female relatives. These varieties and the other Mylnefield lilies are now maintained as a National Collection, housed at the National Trust for Scotland's Branklyn Garden in Perth.

Christopher North was born at Bromley, Kent, on September 12 1917. His father, the Rev Dr Christopher North, was a prominent Methodist minister and Hebrew scholar.

After school, North read Horticulture at Reading University; his way there lay through acres of January King cabbages - a crop that, at the time, struck him as the dullest imaginable. He spent the Second World War in the RAF, where he met his wife Marie, who was also serving.

On demobilisation, North joined the National Institute of Agricultural Botany at Cambridge. There he came to realise that the cabbage was probably the most important vegetable crop grown in Britain, and that January King lacked uniformity and produced many unmarketable heads.

His appointment, in 1953, to the SHRI, now the Scottish Crop Research Institute, gave him the chance to produce his impressively uniform variety of January King; and, making use of the new thinking at the time, he bred the Celtic cabbage by crossing two in-bred parent lines.

In retirement, Chris North, accompanied by his wife, travelled extensively in Mediterranean countries, studying the local flora. He published *A Botanical Tour Round the Mediterranean* and, at the age of 85, produced a CD with 1,000 digitalised images of Mediterranean plants.

He also published *Plant Breeding and Genetics in Horticulture*, which has proved to be an invaluable resource for both students and practitioners.

North's own one-acre garden was in a narrow valley, through which flowed a stream that had formerly powered a mill alongside his house. North used the stream to power a homemade turbine to provide him with electricity. He planted the garden, all on a slope, with interesting and unusual plants, many with foliage of good form and colour.

A gifted artist, and president of the Dundee Art Society, he staged exhibitions of his landscapes.

Chris North, whose wife predeceased him, died on July 12; he is survived by their son.

[With grateful acknowledgement to the Daily Telegraph]

HAROLD MORLEY RATTENBURY  
1926-34

Rev Harold Morley Rattenbury was born in Kuling, China in 1915, the son of a missionary who later became President of Conference. His Grandfather, great-grandfather and an uncle were also Methodist ministers.

When he was nine Morley came to England to be educated at Kingswood, the second of four brothers who made their way through the school in the inter-war years. He went on to Oriol College at Oxford where he read medieval history and met Elizabeth Overton, a student from Hull. He then moved to Wesley House, Cambridge to train for the ministry, and served first in the Newcastle District as Chairman's assistant.

He and Elizabeth were married in 1942. The war blocked plans for working in the Ivory Coast, and Morley volunteered to serve as a chaplain in the RAF with postings in Britain, France, Holland and Germany. This was followed by work in the Watford and Leamington circuits, and then thirteen years as tutor in Church History at Wesley College, Headingley.

Morley's interest in the world church was reflected in a course he taught on the worldwide spread of Methodism. He spearheaded the creation of a Methodist International House for overseas students in Leeds, and edited the Missionary Bulletin.

When Wesley College was closed Morley returned to circuit work, first in Hoylake and West Kirby, and finally in Horbury and Ossett, serving as superintendent minister. He retired with Elizabeth to Otley where he remained active in church life, and then moved to Silverdale in Lancashire where he continued to preach as far as weakness and failing eyesight allowed.

In his youth he enjoyed sport – especially rugby, and remained an enthusiastic spectator throughout his life. He is remembered as a great listener, never judgmental, but always supportive and encouraging, and had the capacity to make friends with people of very different backgrounds. Morley's preaching drew on biblical and methodist tradition, and was filled with everyday images and a concern for social justice. His published works were "A Sketch of Church History", "Lively Oracles" (a study guide to the Bible), and "Rat Rhyme" (a memorial of the ministers in his family).

Morley died in St John's Hospice in Lancaster in his 90th year, survived by Elizabeth, 4 children (3 at Kingswood between 1953 and 1971), six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.  
Michael Rattenbury (1959-65)

#### DAVID SPENCER SMITH (1944-53)

Born in Wimbledon on 10th April, 1934, to quote David, he considered himself very fortunate in his choice of parents, Mary Edith and Harry Chadwick Smith. As the son of a Methodist Minister he and his family moved a number of times during his childhood; firstly to Liverpool, shortly before the war started; to north London 6 years later and finally to Sussex, from where, in 1952, he went up to Cambridge.

From an early age he had an eclectic mind and, like so many of his contemporaries in those troubled times, he followed the progress of the war with enthusiasm, charting the advances of the troops and drawing sketches to illustrate the news reports. Daily his collections grew: stamps, cigarette cards, marbles, books, comics, newspaper cuttings, fossils - the list was endless! Family discussions ranged around numerous topics and he and his younger sister, Anne, received every encouragement from their parents to extend their interests and horizons. However, the early purchase of a book entitled, "Insect Ways on Summer Days" gave the first clue to the passion which was to enhance his entire life. At the age of 10 he was fortunate enough to gain a place at Prior's Court. It was there that his interest in Natural History was fanned. Geoffrey Mellor, a young schoolmaster on the staff, guided his

young charges with inspiration. Within weeks David had acquired a "stink bottle" - a horlicks jar containing plaster of Paris and cotton wool steeped in cyanide, which enabled him to preserve a wide variety of butterflies and moths which he eagerly sought in the spacious grounds surrounding the school.

On reaching his teens, he entered Kingswood and it was there that his academic potential was fully appreciated - one glowing report stated that he was, "A school master's dream, which comes once in 50 years." Throughout the following 5 years, his natural ability, aided by skilled teaching, enabled him to thrive happily in a sympathetic environment. He was, indeed, fortunate to be a member of a school, which gave him complete freedom to develop his talents - a most unusual situation in that era. In addition, he was blessed by having parents who, at personal sacrifice to themselves, ensured that he was given the best possible encouragement, education and opportunities. At the age of 17, therefore, to the delight of everyone concerned, he was awarded an Open Exhibition to St. Catharine's College, Cambridge. [By Ann Dearle, David's sister]

#### David the collecting companion - Eric Classey

David and I first met when he was an eleven-year old schoolboy and I was 29, a father of three children and manager of an old established naturalist's firm, next to Charing Cross station in the Strand. His father had brought him in to look around and, perhaps, purchase collecting and preparation equipment for his interest in insects in general and butterflies in particular. Within minutes I realised that he was no 'stamp collector' but, like me; through collecting, handling and observing insects, seeking a knowledge of their place in nature, though I doubt whether either of us realised that at the time! That meeting proved to be the start of a life-long friendship and many happy days in the field. We met from time to time and, when he was 16, I proposed him as a Fellow of the Royal Entomological Society.

We went three times in all to the Dominican Republic (Hispaniola) And they were, perhaps, the highlights of our collecting trips. There are a number of small mountain ranges, or groups of mountains, on Hispaniola, and there is a genus of butterflies by the name of Callisto, a few of which are generally distributed but most have individual species peculiar to individual mountains. We were interested in this, as it seems to add proof of rising and falling sea levels in recent geological history. Now who would think of a close link between the sciences of Geology and Entomology other than fossils?

A few words about David, the man, as I saw him: A man of strong views and opinions. A gifted teacher and scientist. A great and indefatigable field worker. A highly discriminating collector. The staunchest and most generous of friends. And - thus - Jolly good company!

#### David the numismatist

I first met David about thirty years ago when I was working in the coin department at Spink. At that time David was particularly interested in the 19th Century coinage of China, and as this was a field of numismatics in which I worked, we met regularly as he looked through all the Chinese coins we had available. From the very beginning it was a pleasure to deal with David; his easy, open manner combined with his enthusiasm for the subject made our meetings lively, social occasions.

As his collection grew so his interest extended. He became particularly fascinated by the coinage of Sinkiang/Chinese Turkestan, and today his collection of this series is without doubt the finest in private hands. Ever fascinated by the subject, David's interest then turned to earlier coins, and in part inspired by his frequent travels to Pakistan and Central Asia he focused on coins with Chinese Turkish and Mongul inscriptions, and most especially

on the post Indo-Greek imitation coinage (c. IOBC -100AD) to be found in that region. This was a great challenge as the subject was little understood and David sought to bring order to the series understanding where, when and why the different issues were struck. His searches in distant and exotic places led to many interesting discoveries, most notably a new Indo-Greek imitation of a coin of Eucratides with Kushan symbols upon it. This discovery led to the re-dating of this coin series and to a greater understanding of it as a whole. When not wandering in the foothills of the Himalayas, David would track down coins from the comfort of his home by browsing the Internet discovering unusual coins on offer from dealers in Mainland China and elsewhere

The collector's side of his character was equally matched by his academic excellence. He researched his subjects thoroughly which ultimately led to his writing a series of articles published in the highly regarded *Celator*, a journal devoted to classical and mediaeval coins.

David was both a passionate collector and a serious student, a rare combination, and his death is a great loss to numismatists. He carried his knowledge lightly and possessed a warm touch rarely found amongst the coin fraternity.

#### Some personal reflections - Peter Mirfield

(From an address given at the memorial service in Jesus College Chapel, 21 January 2006)

It was in one of his views of America that a most important element of David's character showed itself. Though certainly not a communist, or even a socialist himself, he had no time for the US Government's attitude to Cuba. For him, it smacked of bullying, a fault that he could not abide. There must, then, have been a wry smile on his face, at least, when, in 1994, he was awarded the prestigious Juan Christobal Gundlach Prize by the Cuban Zoological Society, for his contributions to the zoology of Cuba.

I discovered at a relatively early stage of our friendship, that he was a keen watcher of sports, but, in particular, cricket and American Football. He and I shared the view that cricket was an incomparable game. As a thirteen-year-old, he witnessed Denis Compton's *annus mirabilis* with Middlesex in 1947. At Oxford, he liked nothing better than to spend an hour or two in the Parks. Indeed, it was there, if I recall, that I first met his daughter, Tamsin, who was listening attentively to her father's instruction in the elements of the game, and in particular its finer points. David loved the easy rhythm of the game, having no need of big crowds, just the simple noise of wood on leather. It was David who made to me a most brilliant observation about the value of cricket, in terms of a peaceful world. He pointed out that no two cricketing nations had gone to war. So, there had been no war between Australia and the West Indies or between England and New Zealand. He was honest enough to acknowledge that there was one, rather minor, exception.

On several occasions, we travelled together to Lords for the first day of the Oxford/Cambridge match. As we were both Oxford members, we were entitled to sit in the Pavilion, though subject to the ordinary dress rules of the M.C.C. It will be known that David was not the most natural of formal dressers. On these occasions, he got his dress just right, with his (required) jacket and tie set off by a (just about permitted) pair of sandals.

I can imagine now the huge grin that must have been on David's face as Michael Vaughan lifted the Ashes urn at the Oval last September.

#### David the Scientist - Michael Locke

David Spencer Smith, our David Smith. Fate tried to conceal him by naming him Smith. How unsuccessful fate was. Our

special Smith is known to many in such disparate worlds. There is D. S. Smith the Scientist, Electron Microscopist, Cell Biologist, Insect Biologist. There is Smith the entomologist, specialising in butterflies and beetles: David Smith the collector, antiquarian and observant traveller: and David the storyteller, specialist cook, friend, lover of cats and family. He excelled in all. He excelled because he loved what he was doing.

Science was the central theme of David's life. He was one of that now rare breed of scientists who undertake projects discovered directly from their own observations. He had the mind of the scientific observer. He saw the winking lights of fireflies for the first time at a garden party given by a colleague in a New Jersey. It so excited him that he took some of them back to the Rockefeller Institute and discovered how their light organs worked. Much later, when cooling his beer after a long trek in the Blue Ridge Mountains, he noticed tiny points of blue light coming from the gloom at the back of a waterfall. They were made by larvae of the midge *Platylabus fulvoni*. All was grist to the mill of his inquiring mind, leading to genuine discovery, not details added after reading about the research of others.

Love of the small was at the root of David's delight in insects. He begins his book on "Insect Cells" published in 1968 with a quotation from Thomas Mouffet, one of the first entomologists and father of little Miss Mouffet, of tuffet fame- "Little Miss Muffet, sat on her tuffet..." In 1658 Thomas Mouffet wrote :-

"For you must not think that only Man is magnified in the Art of the Great Artificer.

Whatever creature you may dissect, you shall find the same art and wisdom in it.

Such creatures as you cannot possibly dissect you will admire the more, the smaller they are".

Almost 300 years later, the Hope Collections have been greatly enriched because of David's love for these "tiny creatures", especially butterflies and beetles. Collecting led to his 1994 book describing 650 species in "Butterflies of the West Indies and South Florida". He was especially proud of fieldwork on the 53 butterfly species from the island of Mona, between Puerto Rico and Hispaniola, which he thought rivalled the Galapagos Islands in potential for studies on evolution. Collecting in Puerto Rico had its challenges. Only a dedicated Lepidopterist would continue to catch butterflies in the centre of Old San Juan where the occupants of the dining tables lining the main square greeted every swipe of the net with a roar of "Ole".

David was a collector, not just of butterflies and beetles but also of many kinds of antique object: Chinese porcelain, orchids, stamps, coins, (and cats). It all meshed with David the antiquarian and traveller. Everywhere he went he was a perceptive observer of the times. He was lucky, doing his observing just in time, before tourists had desecrated destinations at the ends of the world like Tikal or Uxmal, and before developers had destroyed England.

At the end of the war David was at school at Priors Court, Berkshire, and remembered expeditions to nearby woods. Most of the British butterflies could be found there - Pearl Bordered and Dark Green Fritillaries, Browns, Purple and Green Hairstreaks, Common and Adonis Blues, White Admirals and Marsh Fritillaries among others. When he returned there recently he found the countryside destroyed by a six-lane motorway and herbicide treated meadows filled with ugly yellow rapeseed. I share his angst. I looked for a village in Devon where I spent the first three years of the war only to find it completely missing; fields that used to be filled with butterflies were bulldozed away and replaced by modern apartments. We both decided, sadly, never to revisit places that have given us so much pleasure in our youth, preferring to keep our earlier memories intact.

We can only envy David his memories - two nights

alone at Machu Picchu, dawn on San Marco square in Venice with no tourists or pigeons, snow visible on a Popocatepetl without pollution, a pension in Bolivia with a sign on the bedroom door reading "No skinning animals", watching Japanese tourists joyfully posing for their pictures on the memorial to Australian troops who died on the Sandakan death march, catching two new species with one swipe of the net at Bone's Bight, a 26 hour ride to the Kilik pass at 16,000ft - on the bare back of a black Yak, and, most of all, views of the Hunza valley shared with his beloved wife Sylvia.

When I talk to new graduates about to start the next phase of their careers in academics I always ask them "Have you enjoyed what you did, do you like what you are doing?" David has just graduated. "And what of your life?" the Great Artificer may ask, "Did you enjoy it?" "Yes Sir, I did" will be David's reply.

RICHARD FRANCIS STIMSON  
(1948-55)

Frank Stimson died on 20th July 2005, aged 68, on the Isle of Wight, the home island to which he had retired to in 1994.

After a lifetime's passion for motor bikes, mostly Vincents and Ridges, Frank had sold his last Triumph V-Twin in 1996. He also loved steam trains and road vehicles and was proud of his special licence obtained to drive Excaliber (top speed 3 mph), but he also loved fast and exotic cars. There were stories told of a motor bike hidden in the woods at school and many Whole Hol escapades.

Frank's career was first in electronics with Philip's, both in London and for six months in Holland. He then moved into management and took over the running of a plastic fabrication company in Bedworth, near Coventry as managing director, at the age of twenty seven. He retired in 1994. It was varied, and not always easy steering the company through good times and recessions, so it was with some relief that he and Beryl, his second wife, were able to retire early. She from teaching and he from Varicol.

## The Kingswood Association (South West Section)

### Early Summer Luncheon Saturday, 20 May 2006

Thirty four of us met at Mullion's Restaurant, Street, Somerset, for an excellent lunch. Our principal guests for the occasion were Mr Peter Gornall (KS 1953-58) recently retired NHS Consultant Paediatric Surgeon in Birmingham, where he trained and qualified, and the Headmaster of Kingswood School, Mr Gary Best.

Both were good enough to speak to us. Peter Gornall told us of hilarious incidents that took place involving A. B. Sackett when Peter was Head Boy in Sackett's next to last year as Headmaster. He talked of his time in the NHS and of his commitment to the importance of good communication with patients. Once, after consultation with a Japanese patient he said she just broke down and wept: she then explained that no doctor had ever troubled to explain anything to her before. He was highly supportive of the NHS and we should remain well-disposed to it. The Headmaster gave us a customarily masterful discourse, entertaining, engrossing and informative, of the importance of the spiritual dimension in the educational sphere and society, that the Christian faith matters, and of the immense value of a Christian education.

Mr Martin Cutland (KS 1944-50) rose to thank both speakers on behalf of all.

## Visitors to KS



Zoe Gradwell (née Brewer) (1994-96) {with Jemima} and Ben Oliver (1986-94) at KS for a L6th careers Seminar

Maurice Pearson (1935-38) visited KS and had to look underneath the date label to find his face in the 1937 school



## Westwood Prefects Return



[L.to R.] John Lewis (WW 52-3), with Peter Lewis, Peter Ede, Nick Rowley, Charles Westcott and John Padbury [Photographer & inset] - all in the 1975-76 WW PR and members of a successful Ten Tors Team in 1976.

## SPORT

## SUMMER TERM

2006

## CRICKET 1st XI

April	29	Dauntsey's School	A L
May	4	Wycliffe College	A W
May	6	King Edward's School	H W
May	13	Monkton Combe School	H W
May	20	Queen's College Taunton	H C
May	25	XL Club	H C
June	10	Bristol Grammar School	A W
June	17	Prior Park College	H W
June	24	Beechen Cliff School	H L
June	29	Colston's Collegiate	H W
July	1	King's School, Gloucester	H L
July	3	Australian Touring XI	H W
July	4	Old Boys	H W
July	5	M.C.C. (11.30)	H A

Check the team's 2nd Place record in the PS League on:

<http://www.colstons.bristol.sch.uk/PS2006>

## AUTUMN TERM

2006

## RUGBY

You are welcome at the School 1st XV fixtures in 2006 as always

Sept 9	Prior Park College	H	2.30
Sept 16	Queen's College Taunton	A	2.30
Sept 23	King Edward's School	H	10.30 a.m.
Sept 30	Wells Cathedral School	A	2.30
Oct 7	Wellington School	H	2.30
Oct 14	Beechen Cliff School	H	10.30 a.m.
Nov 11	Queen Elizabeth Hospital	A	2.30
Nov 18	Warminster School	H	10.30 a.m.
Nov 25	King's School, Bruton	A	2.30
Dec 2	Monkton Combe School	H	2.30
Dec 9	Dean Close	H	2.30

## 2006 CRICKET RECORD BREAKERS



Matt Horsley (117) &amp; Robbie Hynes (133\*)

Prior Park were on the receiving end of a batting onslaught on the Upper on Saturday 17th June 2006. Robbie Hynes (133 n.o.), making his maiden century, was partnered by opener Matthew Horsley (117) in a record 2nd wicket partnership of 252 out of a 40 over total of 304 for 2.

The record individual score for KS is 137 by Rod Kedward in 1956 against Queen's Taunton on the Upper. The ground record was made in 1959 by John Jameson 163\* (of Taunton School, Warwickshire and England)

## GOLF

Sunday 8th October 2006 -

## The Association Challenge Cup

K.S. v. Association

at Lansdown Golf Club

(Cup lost in 2005 &amp; 2006)

- tee-off at 1.45 p.m.

Offers to play please to Phil Hollywell

(01225 311889)

(a contribution towards costs may be requested)

**As always MORE GOOD GOLFERS are NEEDED !**

## SPRING TERM

2007

## OLD BOYS' &amp; OLD GIRLS' HOCKEY

Sunday March 18/25th 2007

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 will challenge KSODA at Hawksmoor, Cheadle on Feb 11th 2007 at an Inter-County fixture

Offers please to John Lewis

(01225 859776)

## 2006 CRICKET RESULT



2006 Old Boys XI

OB 140  
(20 overs)  
Raisbeck 50

KS 132  
(20 overs)

Old Boys won by 8 runs

### Form to update addresses and give news for the magazine

Please photocopy or tear this sheet out and return it to:

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View from the Theatre Entrance



The New Mathematics Department is on the first and second floors overlooking the Junior Quad.

Sited in the old Lower & Middle junior dormies

Latest Sixth Form Paper at KS



Eco-Schools 'Green Flag' award for Kingswood



KS Biology teacher Mary Patterson (née O'Brien) (1974-76), who was nominated as a regional finalist in the Guardian Teacher of the Year Award for her involvement with Eco-Schools, [See p.12] said she was pleased at the expansion of the program. "Encouragingly interest in Education for Sustainable Development is growing. When we started the Eco-Schools programme two years ago we were the only school registered between Malmesbury and Bristol. Today there are 8 schools registered in Bath alone."

From the old Posnett library .....

to the new JO Heap Library now taking shape.....



A corner of the traditional 'upstairs library'



Moulton Hall July 2006



A more comfortable bay upstairs in 2005



The CAREERS shelves are ready

Books on the move



View from the site of the internet stations on the stage of a red carpeted Moulton Hall (July 2006)



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## Connections @Kingswood

connections@kingswood includes our internet database, which all members are encouraged to register with. Change of address, as and when necessary, and update of certain personal information can then be carried out by members themselves.

connections@kingswood can carry News items from members including pictures.

connections@kingswood has the latest calendar dates of events

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Kingswood Association News No 1 (Spring 2005)  
Kingswood Association Magazine No 12 (2004)  
Kingswood Association News No 2 (Autumn 2005)  
Kingswood Association News No 3 (Summer 2006)  
(should you need another copy! - Ed.)

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If you could help us expand it further and would like to have your name added next time then please email to <alumni@kingswoodschool.org.uk>

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## The Kingswood Association web-site

[www.kingswoodassociation.com](http://www.kingswoodassociation.com)

This has open access to pdf copies of  
Kingswood Association News No 1 (Spring 2005)  
Kingswood Association Magazine No 12 (2004)

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It also allows

Links to Member websites:

George Styles (1986-96) John Yeo (1968-73)

Jonathan Livingstone (1969-76) Peter Simpson (1963-69)

Graham Jones (1964-70)

Why not add yours ?

## KA Webmaster Required

"New webmaster needed for [www.kingswoodassociation.com](http://www.kingswoodassociation.com)

<<http://www.kingswoodassociation.com>> .

Need to know your way around HTML and TYPEPAD or a similiar service."

"Responsible for looking after the domain name and uploading content passed on by the Website Development Group Team Leader (Barney Coleman). Knowledge of Photoshop would be helpful."

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You don't need to be local to Bath to apply.  
Great opportunity to take new initiatives.

"Contact [kingsasc@rmplc.co.uk](mailto:kingsasc@rmplc.co.uk) ."

## 2006 Calendar

Activities for the Association in the coming year are listed here and include details of events that are being planned by the Friends of Kingswood. All members of the Association and their wives and partners are most welcome at all the events.

Friday 8th September 2006  
7 p.m. for 7.30

### MJSD Dining Club

A regular dining night at the school every quarter on the second Fridays of

March, June, September & December

Join other members of the Kingswood Association for a meal in the school Dining Hall.

No speeches; no formal agenda just an atmosphere that will be conducive to good conversation among past friends

Cost of the meal is set at £15.

There will be a cash bar serving beer and wine as well as soft drinks. The menu will include a starter, a main course and a light desert.

For information & booking form

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John Allison at Kingswood School, Bath BA1 5RG

Saturday 9th September 2006

### *Kingswood in France*

Members and partners will be gathering AGAIN

at Le Haut Clos in Chinon, near Tours, France

Guest Speaker: Sir Nicholas Fenn GCMG

(45 euro Kirtley on 02 47 95 87 30)

Saturday 23rd September 2006

### Tree Planting Ceremony

2.30 p.m.

at Kingswood

in memory of

John W. Gardner

(Staff 1937-41 & 1946-76)

Everyone is welcome.

Contributions to the cost of the occasion are welcomed and we also hope to make a further contribution to the Ethiopiad appeal

Please dress as you please and join us for a cup of tea

in the Creed Room afterwards.

Cheques to "Kingswood Association" KA, Kingswood School, Bath, BA1 5RG

Sunday 8th October 2006

### GOLF

School v. Association

at Lansdown Golf Club

Friday 8th December 2006

7 p.m. for 7.30

### MJSD Dining Club

[See above]

For more information on any event please contact John Allison on 01225.734260

or by e-mail to jca@kingswood.bath.sch.uk

or for further information about any event send your e-mail address with your details.

Friday 9th March 2007

7 p.m. for 7.30

### MJSD Dining Club

[See above]

Saturday 24th March 2007

## BIG CONCERT

The school invites the Association to join it in a performance of

### "Carmina Burana"

by Carl Orff

\* Audience wanted

\* Singers wanted

- all parts - morning rehearsal

Concert to also include works by

Sykes, Wesley,.....

More details in the Association News

Saturday 19th May 2007

### South West Lunch

at Mullions Restaurant, Street, Somerset

(Contact Ian Macgregor at

4 Ropewalk Cottages, Newtown, BRADFORD-ON-AVON, Wilts, BA15 1NG

or on 01225 866 395 by 30th April please)

Friday 8th June 2007

7 p.m. for 7.30

### MJSD Dining Club

[See above]

Friday 23rd June 2007

### Kingswood & Scouting

## Situations Vacant

Editor of this magazine

(Previous Editor retired)

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