

Over the Hill

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The 2009 Reunion. (6th June, 2009)



It was one of those mornings in which one would expect people to wake up, look out of the window, and decide not to bother. There was a carpet of low cloud covering most of the country, above which there were rain clouds scuttling about with no clear direction or ambitions, occasionally throwing down the odd bit of water as a test that they still could. The general atmosphere was decidedly damp. But still a surprisingly large number of people decided to make the pilgrimage to a certain Hill that's far away from anywhere.

The proceedings started with a service round the Founder's grave in Daylesford. Usually this consists of checking that the church roof is still there and that no one has nicked the iron bars that prevent Warren Hastings from escaping, and a few words of thanks to the Founder, but this time the Rev Savage took time off from his school duties to lead a short service. Perhaps it was a bit ambitious to end up with the Founder's Hymn, as one had the impression that the words had been set to various different melodies over the years. But in these cases it's what you do, not how you do it, that matters, and we were able to show that the Founder was not forgotten by those who had cause to be grateful to him.

In the school library, coffee and biscuits were available, and a display of old photographs and

documents had been set up, with the opportunity to put names to faces and recall some who had fallen out of ones memory over the years. A number of those young faces in the photos turned out to be old faces amongst those present, though it was a bit embarrassing talking to people that you hadn't seen for 45 years or so and asking them who they used to be. The vagaries of hair had made some younger people seem older while others who had seemed incredibly ancient in ones youth now seemed much younger.

While the Annual General Meeting of the Kingham Hill Association can't be the most enticing possibility for old friends meeting again after numerous years, the Lecture Theatre in the Science Block was full, with standing room at the back and sides, and, I suspect, some people having taken a look round the door and moved on. 54 people signed the attendance register, though I suspect that not everyone present came near it. With the outgoing Chair, Rachael Callender, unable to attend, Keith Targett took the hot seat and ensured that the meeting ran smoothly.

The Headmaster, Nick Seward, took the opportunity to report on his first year in post and to let us know about future plans for the Hill. The most obvious change will be that when pupils return in September, they will not be expected to attend lessons on Saturday mornings. The school calendar is being adjusted to ensure that they do not lose any teaching time. Saturday mornings will then be available for boarders to go on educational trips and other activities. This change reflects the greater number of day pupils, which is expected to increase further without reducing the number of boarders. To provide better facilities for day pupils and sixth-formers, there are plans for an additional building.

Lunch was available in the dining hall, and it was memorable for the length of the queues. I suspect that some people had finished eating while others were still queuing, and, when I tried to make a rough calculation of the numbers present, I stopped at around a hundred. The draw for the 200 Club took place during the meal.



Despite the numbers present, cricket was out of the question because of the weather. However, the exhibition in the Library remained a focal point. One area of the display was taken up by old photographs and news clippings of the *Rohilla*, which went down 50 years ago. Many of those attending on the Saturday were of an age to remember the disaster and the people involved. The numbers attending on this dismal day were also a good example of what happens when people write, e-mail or twitter to their friends that "I'm going to the reunion on Saturday. Why don't you?" It's far more effective than general adverts in this magazine or centrally-posted e-mails. So next time you decide to come to a reunion, let your friends know beforehand that you'll be there.

In contrast, it had been advertised that people staying overnight in the area could get together in the Chequers at Churchill that evening, but in the event only three people turned up-unless others were there without recognising the others....

On the Sunday, a service was held in the chapel to remember the disappearance of the *Rohilla* fifty years earlier. This small boat, a former lifeboat of the Oakley class, disappeared on 13th September 1959 in the Channel on its second trip of the year to France and the Channel Islands. It was crewed by Colin Noble, a member of staff for the previous ten years who also ran the Scout troop and also arranged camping holidays; a friend of his named John Clewitt; and five boys: David Earle (Norwich), Robin Green (Clyde), Anthony Gould (Bradford), Peter Knight (Clyde), and Matthew Rudman (Durham). Many of those attending on both days remembered these people, having arrived at the start of the new school year just a few days after the incident. It is not known what actually happened. Only the bodies of the two Clyde boys and a lifebuoy were found.

But the service and the main reunion enabled many people who had not seen each other for nearly fifty years to meet again.

A Year on the Hill (A Letter from the Headmaster)



Time is relative! My wife Hannah feels that the past year has absolutely flown by, and while sometimes I do feel the same way, at other times it feels hard to remember a life before we arrived, so steep has been the learning curve, and so filled with enjoyable challenges.

The school is in great heart. We start the new academic year on the back of record results at GCSE, and with record numbers on the roll. This latter has seemed an unlikely prospect for much of the last twelve months, with the recession biting and costs rising for all of us, but the 2020 Vision seems to have really captured the imagination. With all of our boarding houses full, apart from Plymouth, we now have the nice problem of how to accommodate growth, should the coming year be as good. I'm by nature the most conservative of creatures, and never like to count chickens until they are hatched, but for now, it's a good place to be.

The family and I feel so lucky to be here, every day. As you will all remember, it is a beautiful place to live, and how privileged we are to enjoy the serenity and sanctuary of the Cotswold countryside, and the special grounds of the school. As a family we have settled into the congregation at Burford Church, where Hannah is organist and director of music. She's enjoying that opportunity to use her skills to best effect, as well as looking forward to the birth of our third child, due in October. We'll have three children aged three and under, and I often think we must be mad...Samantha and Benjamin, however, are loving life at Kingham. Samantha starts nursery school in the village this September, which she reminds us of most days of the week, several times

a day. We hope that in a few years' time she won't have so far to go, of course. Benjamin makes full use of the lovely garden which comes with our house, and is totally oblivious to the new arrival about to descend on him.

We're greatly encouraged by the sense of family and community here, and the staff have been wonderful in their welcome and support. The pupils continue to be a delightfully unpretentious and relatively innocent lot, and we've enjoyed getting involved in the local community as well. I've particularly valued being part of Kingham All Blacks Reserves FC, although I've had a hopeless season, and am often visited by a nagging sense of mortality, especially as my 40th birthday approaches. I couldn't go without saying what a big and enjoyable role the Chequers pub in Churchill has played in our lives this year, either. Assumpta and Peter are fantastic landlords, and if you are visiting the school or the area, do check it out (and say I recommended it!).

Most important for me this year has been keeping my focus firmly on the Founder's vision, which is really what the 2020 Vision is all about. He was a servant of Christ, who loved the Word of God. A Bible passage which has come to me often recently is this, from the letter of James:

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after widows and orphans in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

It is a reminder that caring for those less fortunate than we are is at the heart of Christian living, and that, of course, was why Charles Young founded the school. We want to continue to offer what he started, to as many as we can, without having the benefit of his financial legacy. A great challenge, which means we need to operate a school which is successful enough to accommodate those with a boarding need, and who without the special atmosphere and opportunities of the Hill would struggle to flourish and be successful. To that end we've done much work this year to make connections with the DCSF, and with our local LEA, to push the Boarding Pathfinder scheme, and to encourage Oxfordshire and others to see us as a viable option for some of their children in care. It amazed me recently to discover, in one of these conversations, that current costs to the LEA for some of these children can run to as much as £180,000 per annum. I think we can certainly offer an attractive alternative, and one which many of you will testify represents excellent value for money (and works!).

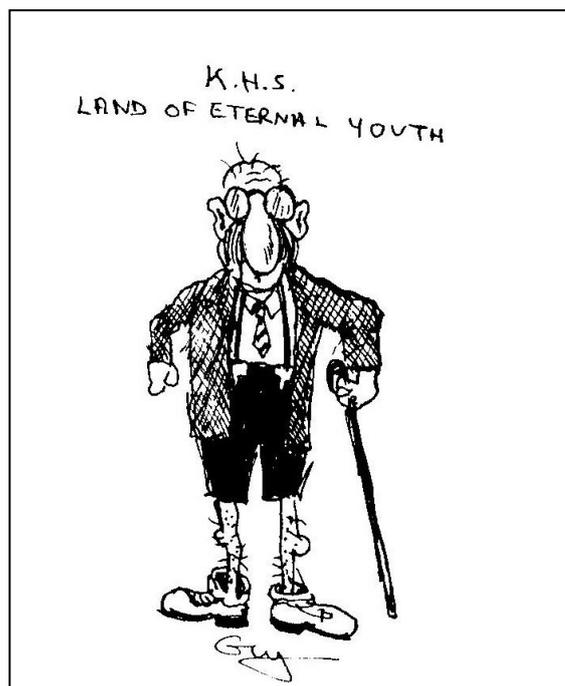
One of the most humbling things about the school is the deep affection that former pupils hold for it - especially those for whom it really was 'home'. For those of you who are able, I will be asking you in due course to help support our 2020 Vision financially, as we seek to continue to welcome children of all backgrounds to the school. As many of you know, we've recently appointed an Old Boy to be our Development Director, and to help raise funds towards our ambitious 2020 targets. You'd expect me to say that our alumni are a special group of people, and that we value you enormously - but it is said genuinely, and with deep affection on my side, too.

Kingham Hill is a unique school, and feels like a life's work, which I have been privileged to have been given charge of. I intend to give all that I can and am to help it to be true to its founding vision, and I know that you will feel it is a place which is deserving of your continuing support too.

With very best wishes.

Nick Seward

Your Letters and News.



Andrew Adonis (P+C 1974-1981) is Secretary of State for Transport.

Mark Alexander writes "I arrived that September afternoon, wandering round the garden at the back of the house. The first person I met was Richard Oldham, but the biggest memory is of the colour of the light and that September sun. I can't say I

enjoyed Kingham, but I can still remember a lot about it with fondness. I think it did all of us a lot of good. I can remember all the names and all the faces and even my number.”

Bruce Arnold (1944-50) is Literary Editor of the Irish Independent, and has written works from “A Concise History of Irish Art” to “Margaret Thatcher, a Study in Power”, and has recently completed a life of the painter, Derek Hill. His memoir, “He That is Down Need Fear No Fall”, which includes his time at Kingham Hill and mentions familiar names, is now out in paperback from the Ashfield Press.

Guy Arnold (N 1943-1950) lives in London W1, and wrote in to add that **Edward Rutherford**, whose death we reported in the previous issue, actually arrived in 1943 and was an exact contemporary of his in Norwich.

David Bacon (B 1972-78) is a Design Technology Teacher in the Netherlands.

Richard Baker (1975-79) is currently roaming around the South Wales area as a relief manager for Mitchell & Butler, having just moved back from Bristol to Cardiff. Would like to get in contact with Graham Smith. (F)

Peter Banbury (G 1965-69) recently made contact. He is married to Eve, and a member of the Institute for the Management of Information Services, but didn't say what he was up to otherwise.

Martin Bee (P+D 1946-55) now lives in South Africa after 50 years in aviation. He trained at RAF Cranwell on the Piston Provost and the Vampire Jet. After flying Hunters and Lightnings in East Anglia, he spent 5 years flying the U-2 for the CIA on loan. Subsequently he commanded a Squadron of Lightnings. After two years flying helicopters for the Sultan of Oman, he moved on to flying DC-10s for Freddie Laker's Skytrain. He then spent some time selling software for Ferranti before spending 17 years on the Dubai Royal Flight.

Rev. Patrick Beresford (C 1966-71) has been accepted for ordination in the Anglican Church. “This isn't a new thought process for me - many of you will remember that I grew up in the C of E and came to faith when I was 19 in that denomination and quite often described myself in clergy circles as an Anglican in a Baptist Church. So why now?

The last 9 years have been particularly interesting for me - the move to Hereford saw us worshipping in our village church, becoming a chaplain in a C of

E foundation school, and the majority of my outside preaching around Europe has been in Anglican Churches over the past 14 years. The move to St Paul's in Weston-super-Mare was both to have a new challenge and in a lesser way to test my thinking. If I were to home in on specific reasons they would be these: I have always believed that the Anglican Church is a bigger 'boat to fish from' - and that has been very noticeable in my first hand experience. That's not just people coming to the church for hatch, match and dispatch - it's going to the community and finding greater openness for involvement in chaplaincy-type roles because one is from the “Established Church” - that has been very noticeable, having tried so many times to have a part in previous places. Secondly, I am a fan of clerical accountability structures. I have seen it be ineffective sometimes, of course, but mostly it works well and I am already benefiting from that.

“I will be doing a small amount of research/study in areas that will be useful - largely tailored to my requests and will be ordained on 4th July 2010 at Wells Cathedral.”

Albert Blackburn (N 1988-93) now works for an oil and gas company in Dubai as Head of Online Solutions after 7 years with Reuters in London. “I have been in the Emirate for the past 2 years. I have recently added to my family with the birth of my son Oliver in May.”

Nick Bonnett (D 1961-64) “spent 33½ years in the Royal Navy, retiring as a Special Duties Engineer Lieutenant in 1998. I then worked as a specialist Engineering and Safety Consultant for Devonport Royal Dockyard dealing mainly with naval and commercial shipping and engineering systems, specialising chiefly in mechanical handling equipment - cranes, davits, lifts etc. The Chancellor of the Exchequer's ridiculous Higher Rate Income Tax demands finally convinced me to take very early retirement in 2005 and I now spend a lot of time undertaking voluntary work for the National Trust and Age Concern. I also am a School Governor at my local primary/junior school. I have been married to June for 38 years and have two daughters, both of whom are teachers, one married and living in Cornwall and one living in Bermuda (very good for the holidays). We have lived in Plymouth for over 35 years. I am a great music lover - Blues (Delta, Chicago and early British) Ska and Reggae (Roots only) and most versions of world music, (especially Arab, Sufi, West African, Portuguese “fado” and Cape Verde “morna”). I am a great fan of classic black and white films, especially the Ealing Comedies and very early horror films (Bela Lugosi, Boris Karloff and Lon

Chaney). I love to cook and am a graduate of Padstow Seafood Cookery School (Rick Stein), with a special affinity for Italian, North African and oriental style cuisine. Alongside the cooking, I appreciate decent beer, good wine, and single malt whisky (not necessarily in that order - in fact any order is fine with me). June and I enjoy walking - especially on southern Dartmoor and the North Cornish Coastal Path."

Mr Tom Bowker (Sums + Sheffield housemaster 1960s) was at the Summer Reunion.

Edward Brown (P+C 1985-87) lives in Uzès in France.

Tom Chaloner, MBA. (N 1975-80) lives in Tonbridge. After obtaining the appropriate banking examinations, Tom has worked for Midland Bank, HSBC, Montagu Private Equity, and has held various non-executive directorships. He and Karen have two children.

Paul Chandler (C 1979-83) lives in Dorset.

Mrs Annette Chapman (C+St 1962-) lives in Churchill. She recently passed her 80th birthday - or so it is claimed in some quarters. (She arrived in 1962 with several years experience as a houseparent in Ghana, so it is theoretically possible.)

Paul Cherry (N 1979-84) recently made contact.

John Cooke (B 1970-75) was at the June reunion. "After leaving the Hill I spent 6 months at teacher training college before deciding it wasn't for me and took up a commission in the army, retiring as a captain. I am now happily married and live on a farm in the wilds of South Lincolnshire and work as a Probation Service Officer. My son is at Loughborough University on an army scholarship due for RMA Sandhurst in 2010 and my daughter is at Lincoln University reading Criminology.

"Would love to organise an informal "local" get together of old boys and staff for the eastern side of the country, perhaps early in the New Year. Possibly a meet for a pub lunch with wives and time for a good chinwag etc. If anyone in the East Midlands or East Anglia is interested, get in touch." (john508051@msn.com)

Andy Dutt (1982-89) lives in St Petersburg - Florida, and works as a music producer (All Wheel Drive). He also operates under the name Andy Mara. (F)

Adrian Foster (G 1967-74) and Eileen have three children (22G, 20B, 18G) and live in Northampton. He trained as a social worker, and worked for social services in Northants and Glos until 1997, when he "moved to the NHS and led the strategic development of children's services across the Leicestershire Health district. Since January 2003 I have been seconded to the Department of Health to lead the implementation of new policies on children's mental health for England and then added to these duties developing an online collection on mapping child health services and information tools to support local services develop. This is so not me, but it seems I'm good at it."

"I take time out from work about once a fortnight to act as a magistrate. I suspect that this will have many of you scratching your heads and wondering whether this can really be the boy who was deprected twice in one year. Oh, yes, I still play rugby (just)." (F)

Fabian Foster (P+N 1969-76) lives in Mèze, in the South of France, with a wife and two children. He describes his job as "Conseiller en Immobilier".

Michael Garber (P+B 1999-2003) writes: "After Kingham Hill, I completed my A-Levels at Dean Close School. My A Levels were Art, Physics, and Mathematics. I am currently studying Architecture at the University of Nottingham and am entering my fifth year (September 2009) for the Diploma Course.

Phil Gardner (1993-2000) works in Telecoms and lives near Banbury.

Paul Gibbon (P+S 1963-69) e-mails : "After retiring from the Police in 2003 I worked for the Pensions Regulator for 4½ years until being made redundant last year. Having been lucky enough not to have suffered redundancy before, at the time it came as a bit of a shock! However, time moves on, and I have since set up my own Consultancy Company, and am now working as a contractor for the Pension Protection Fund. I'm involved in assisting pension schemes who qualify for the Government's Financial Assistance Scheme to wind-up and in time transfer their assets to the Treasury. It's very challenging and interesting and given my previous profession a new sphere of work.

"I'm looking forward to the start of the new rugby season, and will continue to referee on a regular basis, and given that I'm significantly older and still faster than the majority of the people I referee I guess there's still a few years left in the legs yet!"

We hear that these days **Mr Pat Gilmore** (History + French 1964-89) is a resident in the Langston in Kingham. Unfortunately this building is no longer a hostelry but a rest home.

Martin Glover (Sh 1973-77), bass player and record producer, has been working recently with Paul McCartney, The Orb, and David Gilmour.

Amy Grimsley (2000-) is married with two daughters. She has a degree in History and Politics, but has done absolutely nothing with it. (F)

Peter Hayward (P+S 1965-67) is a partner in Hayward Mills Associates of Nottingham, specialists in hanging church bells.

Helen Highwater (Se 1970-75) has had a long and successful career in the USA as a soul and gospel singer, but this came to an end with the collapse of Dead Rooster Records and the death of its manager, her second husband, Joe Playola, in a bizarre ritual gun-cleaning accident. "It's one thing that all the money went," she sighed over the phone, "but he was the only guy who could get me to hit that top A". After various jobs in Las Vegas she returned to the UK with her fifth husband, the Hon. Algernon Sniffle, setting up in business with him as an independent financial advisor. After receiving compulsory redundancy with a pension at the end of 2007, she has filled in her time as a financial expert, appearing often on local radio, and also as a teacher of singing and soul bagpipes.

Desmond Jarvis (1935-1938) writes "It was nice to be included in Bill Collett's piece in OTH No 6 and to learn that he is still flourishing. A correction, however, about the Jarvis twins. We actually arrived in early 1935 and left in 1938. There were no real problems with our eyes (a bit myopic) and we both went on to become Central Buyers with the John Lewis Partnership, and spent many years visiting markets in the Far East, Africa, Europe and U.S.A. to buy merchandise for all their retail stores.

"Intrigued, too, by the fire at Plymouth House in 1938, as we both joined Geoff Ball and others to watch it burning. In fact, one of the staff ordered me to ring one (fire?) bell (somewhere above the Workrooms Block) "in order to alert the members of the fire brigade" presumably scattered around the school. I felt very proud to have done this, but cannot understand why he asked a small, spotty boy to do this. The fire-engine was a thing of wonder: a truly venerable contraption with solid tyres. It must have been built before the Great War of 1914-1918.

"One other memory. I see that John Hughes is listed as a member of the KHA Committee. John was one of my best friends at Kingham. We were exactly the same age (his birthday being a few hours before mine) and it was a sad day when I bade him farewell 71 years ago. By a strange quirk we found ourselves next to each other in a queue in a National Service Recruitment Centre in Hither Green, London, in 1945. I was turned down. I often wonder if John was accepted to serve in the Army or Navy."

Alastair Lee (1983-88) lives in Tettenhall, near Wolverhampton. He has worked as a data handler for the police, and is now a Clerical Assistant for Sandwell Council. (F)

Han Léonov (P+B 1992-95) obtained a Bachelor of Music Degree from the University of Victoria, Canada, and a Bachelor of Fine Art from Concordia University in Montréal. Amongst other qualifications, he has qualified in the oboe from the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music.

Jolyon Limbrick (-2001) lives near Sherbourne.

Tim Lofts (N 1963-69) comments about the KHA www.wakha.co.uk website: "Finding old friends is quite simple via the Search function. In fact, as a result of the latest 'Over the Hill' magazine and a quick search on WAKHA, I'm going to meet an old Boy (David Rodgers) this Wednesday. Nothing great about that, you might say, except that I'm in Auckland, New Zealand, and I discovered that he lives in the South Island, but comes to Auckland regularly because of his job as a pilot. So, A combination of Yogi's magazine and the data on WAKHA means I'm about to meet up with someone I've not seen since 1967!" Tim and Anne have just reported that a baby is due in late February/early March.

Tony Marfleet (P+N 1956-63), after a career in the Navy, is running a Christian Bookshop in Yeovil.

Mark Mitchels (Sh 1960-66) moved on to the University of East Anglia, and for much of his time he spent teaching English and Drama at Woodbridge School. Now retired, he has written some travel and heritage books, mainly covering East Anglia, and he was last heard of considering lecturing on cruise liners.

Sunit Narendra (1984-87) was last heard of in Portugal. (F)

Adam Newton (P+Sh 2000-07) lives in Marlborough.

Mike Packer (D 1952-55) lives in Chippenham.

In the September 2009 edition of Record Collector magazine, two pages are given over to **Alex Paterson** (Sh 1971-76) and his record collection. www.theorb.com should provide updates on what he's up to. The latest Orb CD, which also features **Martin Glover**, is entitled "*Baghdad Batteries*" and unleashed on 7th September.

Barry Peters (1972-79) lives in Buckinghamshire. After leaving KHS he spent 8 years as an officer in the Royal Marines, and then has spent 16 years running events for companies such as Orange, Skoda and Visa. (F)

George Radanov (B 89-94) lives in East Sussex. "For the past two years I have worked for Toyota, and the current climate is challenging, but it makes the job more interesting. I would be happy to hear from any past pupils that may remember me, and my e-mail address is: g_o_radanov@hotmail.com

Paul Robertson (D 1964-67) led the first UK performance of "Towards Silence" by Sir John Tavener in Winchester Cathedral on 6th July. This work, for four string quartets and large Tibetan bowl, was the final event in the Winchester Art and Mind Festival. Paul was interviewed on Radio Four about this piece, and the story behind it is a strange one. John had been discussing the possibility of a piece about near death experiences with Paul, who had considered reforming the Medici Quartet, which had been out of action for some years, for this work. Then both John and Paul had near-death experiences, with Paul suffering a series of strokes. Paul reported that he didn't think he'd live, let alone play violin again. (Sir John suffers from Marfan syndrome, and suffered a series of heart attacks.) Another performance is due on 9th October at Guildford Cathedral.

Amongst other activities, Paul is a Director of the Music, Mind and Spirit Trust and Visiting Professor of Music and Medicine at the Peninsula Medical School in Devon. He is a member of the European Cultural Parliament. When using Google to find out what else he's up to, input "Professor Paul Robertson" so as to avoid distractions.

Jerry Rudman (P+S 1960-67) is the bursar of Uppingham School.

Jonathan Rudman (P+S 1966-71) works in IT outsourcing.

Johanna Sönne (S -1996) lives in Värnamo in Southern Sweden.

Andrew Stulpa (P+D 1971-77) lives near Norwich.

Stephen Tan (D 1981-84) gained a BA in Business Administration from Brunel University, and now lives in Buckinghamshire.

William Tanoto (D 2003-05) now lives in Hatfield.

Sven Targett (P+G 1989-94) now lives in North Dandalup in Western Australia.

Rev **John Tonkin** (C 1939-45) writes "I was ordained in 1960 into the Church of England ministry, and in 1963 went as a curate to Keynsham, where I had the pleasure of meeting Mrs Barbara Foster and her three young sons. So I must take some responsibility for the fact that Julian, Adrian, and Fabian came to the Hill !!!

"But to come to the main reason for writing to you now. Recently Margaret, my wife, and I spent a holiday near Southampton and went to Chichester on one day. At the end of an excellent guided tour of the Cathedral the guide referred the fact that many of the crew of H.M.S. Hood were from the Chichester area and that there was a Book of Remembrance in the Cathedral, and I spoke to him about how some boys whose fathers had gone down with the Hood came to Kingham Hill School. Eddie White also mentions this in the April Edition of "Over the Hill".

"When I got home I got in touch with my good friends Reg Ayers (C 1935-45) and Geoff Ball (C 1936-45). Geoff came up with the names of three boys whom he thought were "Hood Boys" but I wondered if you could mention this in the next edition in case any one else might have some thoughts and names to add.

"Just one other matter. In the July 2006 edition of the "Hill and Beyond" Mike Tadman included a photo of the interior of the Cathedral at Iqualuit in Nunavut in Arctic Canada. It showed two chairs which had been made by former Kingham Hill boys. In 2007 the Cathedral was very badly damaged in an arson attack and one of the chairs was totally destroyed, but the other was untouched, and will be included in the furnishings of the new cathedral which is being rebuilt in the same igloo shape but will be much larger to accommodate the ever-increasing congregation.

Gideon Tozer (P+C 1973-80) is a stonemason, and lives in Essex.

Guy Trimbee (N 1984-87) lives in Guernsey and works for the wholesale department of Specsavers. (F)

Simon Wadham (P+B 1982-86) joined the army after leaving the Hill, but now lives on a houseboat in Chelsea and is head chef of Rivington Bar and Grill. (F)

Ewan Wallace (P+N 1982-87) works with Trowers & Hamlins, Solicitors, in the City of London.

Rev. David Walsh (1970-77) was ordained 6 years ago after working for the Department of Education for 10 years, and is now a C of E minister living and working in Kensington.

David Ware (P+C 1961-68) is a partner in Wake, Smith & Tofields, Solicitors, in Sheffield.

Stephen Watson (N 1979-83) lives in Mold, Clwyd, and is an inspector for the CSSIW. (F)

Mike White (P+G 1963-69) e-mails from a new address in Teignmouth. "I keep meaning to write about my rather alternative adventure in life since leaving the Hill but you know how it is, life just seems to get in the way. It would be nice to hear from anyone who remembers me from those days." wandmwhite@btinternet.com

Michael Williams (Sh 1950-56) lives in Victoria, Australia. He was sent to Australia by Dr Barnardo's homes, and has seen most of the place in different jobs, working on farms, in factories, and making concrete water storage tanks and troughs for farmers. He has now retired.

(F = found on Friends Reunited.)

200 Club Draw

The 2009 draw for the 200 Club was held in the Dining Hall at the reunion on 6th June. Prizes were as follows:

George Winspur	£ 132
Mike Tadman	£ 82
Peter Johansen	£ 64
John Timmins	£ 32
Malcolm Perry	£ 16

The Centenary Fund benefited by £ 324, plus donations of £ 182 made during the weekend.

All Change for The Hill

It is sixty years since the Kingham Hill Trust looked at the remaining part of the Founder's legacy and concluded that it wasn't that easy to spend the interest and simultaneously keep up with inflation, and announced that they wouldn't mind receiving donations to assist with costs, though several more years would elapse before a formal fee was introduced. Since then the Hill has made its educational facilities available to children of parents paying an economic fee, so as to enable everyone to benefit from the savings of scale. It has become clear that an increasing number of parents in the area are driving their children to schools in Oxford and back every day, and would prefer somewhere more local. The more pupils, the more subjects the school will be able to support.

Consequently "Kingham Hill 2020 Vision" is a development plan by which teaching would be concentrated on Monday to Friday, with other activities arranged for boarders on Saturdays. A side effect would be a slightly longer Autumn term. A weekly boarding fee would be introduced for those boarders who are able to return home on Friday nights. Separate boarding accommodation will be made available for the upper sixth, so that they can concentrate on their studies in their own rooms.

The development would involve a new building, which amongst other things would provide a proper base for the extended number of day pupils. It is hoped that the total number of pupils would increase to 400.

This may seem an odd time to choose to expand. Nevertheless, the demand is there, and it's not a market that changes quickly. Indeed, switching from an Oxford school to Kingham Hill will be seen as a saving for local parents.

The Hill is setting up an appeal to bring in the cost of this building work, and has appointed a Development Director. In this role, Michael Tadman (C 1962-68) is unlikely to forget the Founder's original intentions. We can also do our bit to carry on the Founder's work by donating to the Centenary Fund.

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Standing order and gift aid forms should soon be available from the **Treasurer, Mike Kent** at: Danetree Cottage, Dunley's Hill, Odiham, Hants. RG29 1DU. or mike.kent@inbox.com .

He will also be happy to receive cheques, whether made out to KHA, KHACTION, Kingham Hill Association, or Kingham Hill Association Centenary Trust Fund.

Where are they now?

People trying to input www.wakha.co.uk into their computers in the hope of finding the KHA database may have had some difficulties. Writing it down somewhere, watch it turn blue, and then click it while holding down the Control button should do the job. Otherwise, if you want to ensure that inaccurate information isn't being held about you, or if you want to find out what an old friend is up to, your best bet is probably to Google "Kingham Hill", at which point you will be given a multitude of choices, including the school's Wikipedia entry and its own website, as well as KHA and the wonderful site www.kinghamhillschooldays.co.uk, which has all kinds of information about the place. If the Kingham Hill Association website isn't immediately obvious, go into "Schooldays", and roll down the screen until you see the link on the left under "Friends", and then click it. This will bring you to a blue screen with a picture of the cricket pitch and the new building containing the "new" swimming pool.

As this is a secure website, to ensure that your details don't end up with salesmen or even stranger people, you have to answer some impertinent questions to make sure that you are you. The first time you try, you will need to register, inputting your name, last boarding house, and your dates, and then wait for e-mailed confirmation that you can proceed, with an identity name that the computer can recognise and a password. This may take a day or two, but now that Mike Tadman is working for the Hill full time he has no excuse for being slower.

Once you're registered, you need only input your agreed user name and password and click login. This will now move you to a screen setting out some recent changes, which isn't that useful if you're not used to the earlier version. But on the left are some headings that may be of use.

"Community" contains a number of useful bits of information. There are some tutorials showing you roughly how the system works. However, they are based on a standard system, and not everything applies to KHA. Furthermore, they are now a bit out of date. But it may pay to give yourself some time to look through it all so as to get a general impression of how they system works.

Click on "Personal Summary" and two headings emerge. "My Who's Who" shows what information the machine currently is showing to people about

you. "Personal Details" breaks down into six subheads, which you can update and correct, using the icon that looks like a pencil in the top right of what looks like an old fashioned personnel card. "My Personal Details" is basically name, titles and birthday, and whether you're alive. If you're making changes, click the pencil before and after updating the relevant boxes. "My Current Contact Details" enables you to update your address, e-mail and phone numbers. "My Addresses" allows you to show alternative addresses, and there's a box here to click if you want to receive this magazine in print.

The important things to input are your name, address, e-address, main house and dates on the Hill. That way we can contact you about events involving your age group or house, and you can look up other people. Other things such as sports teams and CCF membership can also be added, and there's even space for a photo, but these will be covered later on.

Searching for friends. If you are looking for someone in particular, click on "Community" and then "Find other members". You will then come to a screen with a number of options. Usually the surname should be enough. So put the surname in the "Family Name" box and click "Search" on the right of the screen. Clicking "Smith" gets you 19 Smiths and a Smitheman, so it shouldn't be that necessary to specify further. If the Smith that you're looking for is shown, click on "Show Who's Who" to the right of the name, and that will show the information that Smith has provided for general consumption.

If you want to hold a reunion for members who live in Oxford, scroll down to Current Location, and put "Oxford" in the City/Town box. It'll come up with about 50 names, but some of them are deceased or have moved. Nevertheless, it gives you something to get on with. You can look for all of those who came or left in the same year as you did. You can pick out all those who were in the school while you were. You can find all those who were in Durham at some point between 1961 and 1970, for example. Or the Bradford boys from the 1980s who live in London.

There are lots of possibilities - but it does depend on everyone having kept their information up to date.

If you get stuck, contact our tame (?) expert on the Hill : m.tadman@kingham-hill.oxon.sch.uk .

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Playing around.

The 2009 school play was a musical - Les Miserables, starring Ross Townsend Green, Victoria Stokes, Celine Rampa, Holly Darby, Jordan Lee Hixon, Kimberley Wright, and Jay Darby, not to mention the school orchestra, which had quite a job to cope with.

This was reviewed in the last issue by David Shepherd, who ended up by asking for reminiscences of other school plays. Are they an example of the things one remembers from school being those from outside the classroom?

To kick things off, when I arrived in Plymouth House in January 1962 I found myself surrounded by fairies still coming down from their performances in "Iolanthe" at the end of the previous term. It was amazing how ambitious some of the productions were. In 1965 Robert Bolt's "A Man for All Seasons" was the first play to be produced by the boys, with Mr Meerendonk giving some advice to David Astley, and Peter Rozycki, as the Common Man, provided both a continuo role and comic breaks from the more serious stretches, with Mark Mitchels and Chris Jordan playing the leading ladies. "Despite his shattered leg-bone and confinement to a wheel-chair, Brian Shorter tackled Wolsey's part with great enthusiasm. Having to sit down and yet display movement was a task which he completed with flying colours."

Peter Rozycki shone again in Ben Jonson's "The Alchemist", just before which the smiting of the leading man with a plague meant that Jonathan Young had to learn the central part at very short notice. In 1968 Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors" saw Mrs Forbes saving any of the boys the embarrassment of having to play the female lead role. In 1969 the sixth form inflicted a play in French, a thankfully abridged version of Molière's "Le Médecin Malgré Lui" on the school, but after such torture, some lighter entertainment followed immediately afterwards, in the form of Shaw's "Passion, Poison and Petrification". According to the school magazine, "When the curtains opened there was an overwhelming uproar at the appearance of a buxom, peroxide blonde, six foot tall, decaying gentlewoman with shoulders bearing a remarkable resemblance to the 2nd XV scrum prop" (i.e. Charles Vernon).

So often, one observed, or indeed shared, a possible feeling among the audience going in to the hall that they would rather be somewhere else. The choice of plays to perform also suggested

upcoming boredom or incomprehensibility. But every time the boys on stage, some of whom were far from leading lights in the daily life of the Hill, would pull something unexpected out of the bag, letting hidden talents emerge and work together to provide entertaining and memorable evenings.

Does anyone else have memories of any school plays from their time? psj

The End of the First Boy.

Further to the item in the April issue about the first boy to enter Durham House in 1886, Liz Buckland, his great-niece, has now been able to obtain the death certificate of Walter Balfour.

He died on 17th May, 1949, at 149 Copenhagen Street, Islington, aged 72, of bronchial pneumonia. His occupation was listed as Journeyman Electrician (retired). His death was reported by his daughter Phyllis, whose married name was Skelton and died near Croydon.

His son, Victor, died in September 1929 in hospital, shortly after returning from Havelock Farm.

Liz comments that "One distant relation said to me recently 'I wonder what all our ancestors would think or say if they knew that they were snooping around in their past'. I thought that was quite funny as we certainly have discovered some things that I think even my Mum and Dad didn't know."

Where do we stick the little blighter?

It must be quite an intellectual exercise when the Warden or Headmaster puts on his Sorting Hat and decides which child goes into which top school house. Firstly, there's the question of how many people left at the end of the summer term, and where the resulting vacancies are. Then you have to look at the people due to leave the junior house, and work out where they would fit in best.

If Abercrave, Babworth, and Cannock are always causing trouble together, it obviously makes sense to split them up. The same goes for Dalrymple and Edgbaston, who are always fighting each other.

If there's a pair of friends, with Fairymount finding a lot of difficulties in life and Godalming giving him help and good advice, it might make sense to move them to the same house. Or is it time for Fairymount to stand on his own two feet?

And then there are the housemasters to consider. Will the boys get on with them? The

houseparents have to act as substitute parents, and this is no small point to consider. If Hoddlesden has shown that he is good at games, housemasters will all want him to beef up the house teams. On the other hand, if Ibstock is always losing his temper and throwing the furniture about, the housemasters will all find good reason why he would do better in another house. Mr Jarrow might be low on his quota, but would his methods provoke Ibstock into running away? Mr Kelling is good at containing boys who reject the whole idea of school, but would his relaxed approach to noise suit a studious boy like Little Urawick?

Less is known about the behaviour of children arriving at the age of 13, but clues may be obtained from elder siblings at the school, if such are to be found. But they can be slotted in when the Plyms have been potted. The few arriving at the age of 12 can go either into a top or junior house, according to where there is still room.

Then there is the vexed question of brothers. For most of the 1960s the policy seemed to be to keep them apart, though if Mapledurham Minor was moving up just after Mapledurham Major had left, he'd usually go to the same house. Perhaps the idea was to avoid a junior getting special treatment. When the Swinbank twins arrived, Andrew went to Sheffield, and Stephen to Clyde. Pretty well identical at first (they once got detention for swapping identities and spending a night in the other's house) they were clearly different people when they left. But when Greenwich stopped being the place you went to see the doctor and dentist and became another boys' house, the brother separation rule ended with the arrival of the Davies twins, who arrived as second formers in Greenwich. I could never tell them apart, though I suspect that my brother, who was their contemporary in Greenwich, can. In school photographs it was usually thought a neat idea to have one at either end, though, given that they used one of those cameras that slowly panned round from one end to the other, not only is it impossible to tell which is which, but there's no guarantee that the same one hasn't run round the back.

By the mid-seventies other criteria were clearly being used. The Bradford house list for Christmas term 1977 contains two Freeman and two Montgomeries; two Nutters and a Pratt; a brace of Pheasants and a Quail, together with a tame Leghorn, with the final name on the list demonstrating that indeed Bradford in those days was a den of Vice (T).

(Initial names A-M are selected placenames; then reality sets in.)

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Escape and Surrender.

Cornwell Manor to the north of the Hill is a place of majesty and abundance if you are 11/12 years old and like a little adventure.

On Sunday afternoons we were encouraged to take ourselves off for walks. Unsupervised. There were many places to explore, and one of these was the Manor. With its magnificent façade, lake, walls, and, of course, the orchard.

The walls were easily climbed and the apples begging to be gathered. On one of our scrumping forays we had the misfortune to be caught red (apple) handed by the Lady of the Manor, who, seeing that we had done no damage, suggested that in future it might be better if we used the front gate and be her guests.

One can only imagine the fear and trepidation that reigned during that meeting. The thought of humiliation and the ultimate receiving ones just deserts via the seat of ones pants!

However, it would appear that we were never reported - at least Teddie Cooper never made any reference to the event - and on subsequent visits we were entertained to lemonade and cake. Apples ceased to be the forbidden fruit.

All's well that ends well. Hey, ho!

Simon Briggs (P+S 1945-54)

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Who's Who.

Committee Member : Mike Kent.



KHA TREASURER AND ARCHIVIST.

From a single parent family with no settled background at the age of nine and totally illiterate I spectacularly failed the KHS entrance exam. However much cajoling and pleading from my mother got me an 'intelligence' test with one Stewart Brindley. He thought I was a bright little lad and worth the effort, so blame him for taking me on

May 1951 saw me in Plymouth House with three other new lads. Alan Balls, Ken Jones and John Shearer. Where are you now chaps?

House Master 'Dickie' Durrant started my love in life for Art, Woodwork and Design. Colin Noble was our form master.

In 1954 I moved to Bradford House where Francis 'Adolf' Meerendonk became my mentor. The best compliment I can give is that all teachers should be based on him. His mantra of "second best is not good enough, no one owes you anything" and "all problems are solvable" have stayed with me throughout life and should be taught to all modern youth.

I loved and participated in all sport and I remember Basil Benson introducing possibly the first seriously organised Rugby training: fantastic. I finally learnt to read and write and usually managed to win the Speech, Art and Woodwork prizes every year: was everyone else that bad? Frank Ball was without doubt my final inspiration for Woodwork, Engineering, Design and Gardening.

In one report he said "Michael would make a good draughtsman" possibly prophetic.

I left in 1959 for a job in Mitcham, Surrey, organised by an Old Boy Dennis Smith. Armed with seven 'O' levels, a new suit from the school, £2-10s and a fatherly pat on the back from 'Adolf' and Teddy Cooper with "Okay son, now just get on with it!"

I moved into Electronics with 'Decca Radar' that became 'Racal Electronics' then 'Thompson CSF' then finally 'Thales'.

I worked my way up to Project Manager in charge of and responsible for the post-design, implementation and installation for most of the Electronic Warfare systems in the UK Royal Navy, from Polaris/Trident Submarines, Frigates through to Lynx and Sea King Helicopters with the flattering grade of Senior Principal Design Engineer. My love of engineering got free rein!

I have been to many unusual world locations, the Falklands in winter! Speaking by cell phone to my family on Christmas Day 2001 from the casing of a Nuclear Submarine in the middle of the Indian Ocean was different, to name but two.

Despite my life of active sport, I still played veterans Rugby at fifty two, but a serious cardiac health scare convinced me to retire from work. Worn out knees had already ended league squash and five-a-side football but golf still remains.



I have two adult children. My daughter, a qualified solicitor, manages and runs a highly regarded Hampshire Advocacy Service. My son, a research scientist, is employed by one of Europe's largest engineering companies and is married to a vet. They have given us a gorgeous three and a half year old grand daughter.

My wife, a registered nurse, still works part time. I try to keep active with gardening, golf and D.I.Y. My house I rebuilt in 1979 needs constant upkeep.

In an attempt to give something back to KHS for what the school did for me (where would I have been now without them?) I've become more active with KHA first as Sports Secretary now Treasurer, organising the Archives and scanning photos to go onto the schooldays web site.

Having recently written a booklet entitled 'How to get that job!' a guide to CVs, interviews etc. I have, with a fellow committee member, started to get involved with careers advice with KHS 5th and 6th formers.

The new Headmaster is excellent and has great vision for the future of the school and needs all the support we can give him. It's up to us to help and keep the original principles of the Hill alive.

(Refer to the April 2008 Magazine 'Made by Kingham Hill - My life with an Old Boy' by Elaine Kent for more detail.)

Governor and Trustee : Carol Anelay



My first contact with the School came through the appointment of Michael Payne as Headmaster. Michael and Nicola were friends of ours from the time they were our neighbours in Oxford. On their arrival at Kingham my husband and I were invited

out to Speech Day. At the time I was teaching at Headington School in Oxford: a school where prizes are most usually awarded for academic success. It was a delight to see Kingham pupils receiving prizes not only for academic achievement but also in recognition of progress and the efforts they had made. From the expression on their faces it was obvious that they found real encouragement in these awards.

But I was asked to introduce myself. I was privileged to be brought up in a Christian home, by parents who taught me the faith by word and example; I cannot remember a time when I did not own Jesus as my Saviour.

My husband and I met at University in Oxford and have lived in the city for most of our married life. Jonathan is the University's Director of Legal Services and a fellow of Green Templeton College. We have three children and, at the last count, eight grandchildren under the age of eight-remembering their names is becoming a challenge!

As I have indicated I was a teacher; Religious Studies being my subject. My degree was in Biblical Studies and that is what the subject required me to teach initially. However syllabuses change so that by the time I left the profession I had become a specialist in Christian Ethics, with a little elementary philosophy alongside. The change certainly kept me on my toes as although the principles may stay the same the issues are always moving on.

Since our student days we have belonged to St. Ebbe's Church and we still attend the service which is composed mainly of undergraduates. I continue to use my teaching skills as I help with the workshop groups within the Ministry Training Course which runs out of the Church (and which the Pastoral Assistants - previously gappies - from KHS attend).

I am also involved with the University Newcomers' Club which exists to provide a welcome to partners of visiting academics and postgraduate students; some of whom arrive in Oxford with little or no English and therefore can feel very isolated. Other interests include gardening, cooking and walking - my husband and I are walking the South West Coast Path in a relaxed fashion, having completed about a third of its 600 mile length.

When I left Headington Michael Payne asked me whether I would consider becoming a governor: it did not take me long to agree. There were two reasons for that decision: the first being that I

could continue to be involved in education; the second that I had come to love the School and to respect the work being done there by a dedicated staff.

What then do I bring to my governor's role: I always felt that I became a better teacher once I had children of my own and so combining that with the experience I built up over my years in teaching I hope that I bring some appreciation of the mind and needs of the child. But as a former teacher I do understand the pressures which teachers face as well as the rewards which the job brings. However above all this, I do long to see each person involved at Kingham become the person God wants them to be; and so my prayers for the School are that through all our efforts this may be so.

A Kingham Hill Chronology.

(This was cobbled together as an A5 booklet for the Centenary of the Hill, but I've tried to add new items and corrections as I come across them, with a view to perhaps issuing a new version for the Hill's 125th birthday in 2011. Does anyone think this is a good idea or have any suggestions as to its format?)

Part 5

1920 Mr Goddard reformed the Scouts.

October. The Rev. W. Mitchell-Carruthers became Chaplain, replacing Rev. Hankin Turvin, who moved on to a living near Mildenhall.

1921 Departure of Mr Stanley Meacher, who had joined in 1898 and was the Lower School Master, to join the Educational Army Corps.

12th March. A party of Old Boys left Euston Station for Canada, arriving at Havelock Farm on the 24th.

14th May. Mr Cleary also succumbed to the lure of Canada, and Mr and Mrs Rose took over Norwich House.

22nd May. The Founder's hymnbook, "Hymns of Prayer and of Praise", containing 1240 hymns which had taken the Founder and Miss Young 30 years to compile, now entered use. In his preface, the Founder gave full credit to his sister for her role.

3rd June. Marriage of Fred Meehan and Miss Hilda Widdows of Churchill.

2nd October. Former Chaplain, Rev. Hazeldine made a farewell address in Chapel before moving on to mission work in Uganda.

"As Christmas Day fell on a Sunday, we kept up our festivities on Monday, the 26th. The Squire paid a visit to each house and wished one and all the 'Old Christmas Greeting'."

1922 "Mr Young's birthday, March 19th, falling on a Sunday, the general holiday was observed on Monday. In the morning the annual match between Norwich and the School took place, and ended with Norwich repeating their success of last year." *(At that time, Norwich was the building between Swansea and the Headmaster's House, and filled with young males who had finished their schooling and were working on the farm or elsewhere on the Hill.)*

11th August. The marble tablet with the Roll of Honour of those who fell in the Great War was unveiled by the Chaplain-General, Bishop Taylor-Smith. 63 former pupils and staff members were named on it.

7th October. 18 scouts from Kingham Hill attended a rally of 70,000 scouts and cubs in London to welcome the Prince of Wales after his three years of travel.

1923 Mr J Davidge, Manager of Havelock Farm, paid a visit to the Hill.

15th April. Death of Mr John Shrimpton, a friend of the Founder and a regular visitor to the Hill. He had been present at the opening of Durham House and "done the honours" for Plymouth House in 1893.

News arrived of the death of Rev. Hazeldine, who had gained the Military Cross in 1918, and ended his days as Chaplain in Kampala, Uganda.

There were 50 old boys present on Christmas Day at Havelock Farm.

1924 The Chapel was closed for a period while the organ was cleaned. Services took place in the school hall.

16th February. The Football XI defeated Chadlington to win the Rollright Engineers' Cup.

6th August. The Bishop of London paid a visit to the Hill, and was impressed by what he saw.

30th August. The upper school was invited by Colonel Dugdale to Sezincote. They inspected the grounds, and games took place. Sheffield won the Tug of War. Dinner and prizes were provided by Col. Dugdale. (Sezincote, near Bourton on the Hill, shares an architect with Daylesford, and was built for a friend of Warren Hastings. The domed building was inspired by the Taj Mahal and inspired Brighton Pavilion.)

1925 “Sunday School re-opened on April 19th, when the various classes met and Messrs Cave, Davies, Floyd, Harwood, Meehan and Melton took up their work.” *(It looks as if in these days Evening Chapel and Sunday School were replaced by Afternoon Chapel in the winter months.)*

June. The school magazine includes an article from Old Boy Charlie Devine, now an employment office manager in Canada, reminding prospective emigrants that over there, it's farm work or nothing.

Help !

As reported at the Annual General Meeting, the Kingham Hill Association was able to assist 12 pupils to stay on the Hill, and this cost a total of £60,000. We also were able to provide the Design and Technology Department with a Router and Laser Cutter at £ 30,000. This sounds good, but we were only able to do it because of a couple of huge bequests to the Centenary Fund.

Many of the people reading this were only able to attend Kingham Hill because of the Founder's money, and perhaps some assistance from their local council. At the time of the AGM only one pupil was receiving support from a council, and there is very little of the Founder's money left.

The Centenary Fund was initially set up to provide a new stage for the Hall and stained glass windows for the Chapel in time for the Centenary in 1986, but after then it became clear that money was needed to enable pupils to stay on the Hill.

With the 2020 appeal, the Kingham Hill Trust is working on ways to bring down the cost per pupil. However, the role of the Kingham Hill Association in supporting individual pupils in need is becoming increasingly important.

While we are very grateful to former pupils who have left some money to the Centenary Fund in their wills, regular income is needed before we can agree to support a child throughout his or her time in the school.

If you received your education and upkeep on the Hill for next to nothing or less, now's the time to pay back some of the money that was used.

If you make payments to the Kingham Hill Centenary Trust Fund by bankers' standing order each month, not only can it be the equivalent of a round of drinks or two, and one of the deductions that you allow for before you work out how much you have left for the month, but you can also ensure that the fund reclaims the tax that was initially deducted from that part of your salary. Alternatively - or additionally - you can enter the 200 Club draw, where at least half ends up in the Fund.

It is possible to download the required forms from the KHA website. Log in, click on home, and there's an item on the right advertising gift aid. Click on it and you'll be able to find the gift aid form and standing order forms for the centenary fund and the general fund. Download the ones you want, fill them in, and send them to your bank manager. At present the monthly option isn't showing, but just cross off "quarterly" or "Half-yearly" and write in "monthly". Or contact the Treasurer (see Page 8).

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“Pub” Quiz

Mixed teams including former pupils, sixth-formers, and staff, probably in the dining hall.

16th October, 2009
7.30 pm

(Who played the first doctor of that name?)

And for my next trick....

The deadline for the next issue of “Over the Hill” is **23rd December, 2009.**

Get your news and articles to :

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or at

37, Mount Ephraim Road, London, SW16 1LP



Forthcoming Events.

16th October, 2009. KHA Dinner and "Pub Quiz"
at 7.30 pm.

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For updates on the reunion plans, and loads of other good stuff about the Hill, check:

www.kinghamhillschooldays.co.uk/noticeboard.htm

Have you joined the 200 Club ?

The results of the 2009 200 Club draw appear earlier, showing a top prize of £132.

This isn't good enough. The idea is to have enough entries to allow for a first prize of £ 200, and proportionate increases in the other prizes. And if you're wondering why the same names keep appearing amongst the winners over the years, it's because some of us buy "strips of five tickets" in much the same way as one does in pub and fête draws. And at that draw each individual ticket had a one in eleven chance of winning a prize.

A single payment or annual standing order for £12 gets you one ticket, as does a monthly standing order for £1. But how big a hole would a monthly standing order for £5 make in your pocket? It's the price of two pints of beer, and would get you five chances of winning in the draw.

The main purpose of the 200 Club is to bring in money for the Centenary Fund while providing a bit of fun at the same time. And if your spouse doesn't see the point in your involvement with KHA, a present purchased from the proceeds of a win may provoke a change of mind.

Could you do this?

You don't have to be male and over fifty to get on the KHA Committee. (Monty's white hair is purely a matter of fashion.) You don't have to have known the Founder personally or to have been in Clyde House in the 1960s. These are vile calumnies put

about by people seeking excuses not to get involved or to turn up to reunions. At present there are two opportunities to infiltrate the committee and bring our average age down into double figures. Indeed, these are jobs where being under 30 would be a definite advantage.

1. **Sports secretary.** The requirement here is to know enough people without arthritis and rheumatism to be able to field a team against the school at reunions: cricket in June, and the other's up for negotiation since old boys' teams were banned from playing school teams unless the school team was older than the old boys. To start with, it may involve a lot of twittering, phoning, and e-mailing, but once you've got things up and running you might even get some volunteers turning up. It won't be easy to begin with, but at least you'll know that you'll see some people you know at the next reunion.

2. **Ladies' representative.** The main requirement for this post is bravery. Your main task would be to nag the rest of the committee into arranging events that women would find worth attending. You could work (alone or with the sports secretary) to gather ladies' teams to play the school at reunions. But if you find that the KHA doesn't seem interesting for you, here's your chance to make it interesting.

Contact Bryan Shaw (shaw.wight@virgin.net) if you're interested in either post.

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