

Alfredians



A newsletter for Old Alfredians

Autumn 2023

KAS 125 Anniversary Celebration and Old Alfredian Lunch



Inset: KAS 125 programme cover designed by Jemima Roberts

The King Alfred School field



The Old Alfredian lunch



The KAS catering team



The Sixth Form Centre was transformed with a KAS archive exhibition



KAS bursars past and present reunite



Robert Lobatto and Naomi Hull

On 24th of June, we hosted our biggest reunion to date with over 450 Old Alfredians coming back to the KAS grounds to celebrate our 125th Anniversary on the day pioneering Suffragist Millicent Fawcett opened The King Alfred School. What a day it was! We were so pleased with the turnout with Old Alfredians from as far as Australia, the United States and Japan making their way back to KAS. OAs enjoyed a day in the sun with a lovely luncheon on the field at Manor Wood and joining our OAs for lunch was Dame Millicent Fawcett's great great

great niece, Fenella Dernie and The Fawcett Society. Robert Lobatto, Head, said, *"Having Fenella and The Fawcett Society with us for our anniversary event was a perfect nod to the School's beginnings. Millicent was independent, determined, and courageous. These are the qualities that King Alfred has always sought to nurture, and it is a fitting thought that she set the process in motion."*

The luncheon hosted Old Alfredians from as far back as the 1930s to present as OAs shared stories of their time at KAS and about life at the

School. Paul Davis, our 90-year-old Old Alfredian who started at the School in 1937, said: *"KAS will always hold a special place in my heart. The education I had here has had a lasting impact on me and the same is no doubt true for the many thousands of children who have come here over the decades."* Sharing thoughts like this was at the heart of why we brought our OAs together for the 125th Anniversary and the feedback our OAs gave after the luncheon was very promising for our future events.



We were thrilled that two Old Alfredians **Joel Mishcon (OA 1995)** and **Neil Gordon (OA 1995)** came up with the idea to take a drone photograph of the KAS 125 Celebration. Capturing a day like this, and its special community feel, on our school field for posterity provided a fun memento of a memorable day. Thank you to Joel and Neil for making it happen for us!



Neil Gordon, Robert Lobatto and Joel Mischon

Those Garrett Girls

This year we celebrated the opening of our school in 1898 by Millicent Garrett Fawcett, the leading suffragist who founded the NUWSS, Britain's largest women's rights association.

As we have discovered, she knew about the school because her cousin Elsie Garrett was newly married to Charles Rice, our school's first headmaster. Elsie and her siblings had been orphaned as small children and Millicent and her sister Agnes helped to raise them. Millicent had one daughter, Philippa, a ground-breaking

mathematician, who did not marry or have children. So, our search for a direct descendant of Millicent stopped there.

But Millicent's sister, Elizabeth, did have children. Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, also a suffragist, was the first woman in Britain to qualify as a doctor. With a bit more research, Tamlyn found Elizabeth's great great granddaughter, Fenella Dernie, who agreed to come to represent the bloodline on our 125th birthday. It was my privilege and pleasure to entertain her and show off our wild and bustling campus. A happy day and what really felt like a bit of history.

Kara Conti

President of the King Alfred School Society



Elizabeth Garrett Anderson



Kara Conti and Fenella Dernie, Elizabeth Garrett's great great granddaughter



Paul Davis



The class of 1979



Alex Hagensen



Harriet Fisher



Flowers from the KAS gardens



John Bayes and Diana Shelley



Howard Cheek & Anthony Soskin



Jane Hajioff



Peter Rutland



Liz Pulver and Kara Conti

"A belated thank you for all your hard work that went into making last Saturday such a fabulous event.

As always, it was magical going through those gates into the wonderful KAS. The archive exhibition was fascinating, and lovely to find a poem by the 8-year-old Sarah. The live music was inspiring, and it was great to see so many talented musicians and singers. The food was tasty and it was nice to sit down with old school friends and companions and catch up. The Namibia art display and photo exhibition was interesting – what an experience for children to get involved in.

I love that KAS is still true to the original principles upon which it was founded, and is still providing the co-educational, child-centric, well-rounded education that it set out to do when it began in 1898. It was lovely to see the children there looking so happy, as I was at KAS.

Best wishes, Sarah"
Sarah Eyles (OA 1975)

"This is just a "thank you" from an OA for the lunch and the day in general. I had a very good time and met quite a few people, roughly contemporary, who I was very pleased to see. Sadly, no members of my own sixth form – some of them must still be alive! I need to do more research.

I also saw how extensively the school has developed the site, with a few of the original buildings still standing. The old Squirrel Hall went long ago, I understand, but I think the ethos of the school is still intact.

Anyway, I had fun and wanted to thank you for inviting me.

Best wishes, Graham"
Graham Samuel (OA 1956)

"What a wonderful day you organised for so many people. My brain was in overdrive when I reached home... So many different thoughts and recollections of 14 years as a student and 10 years as a lower school teacher. And I still can't keep away!!!

Thank you.

I ordered the new publication which duly arrived... Still glowing from the day.

All the best, Jane"
Jane Epstein (OA 1964)

"I just wanted to say thank you for putting on such an amazing event on Saturday for the OA's. I know there weren't many of us in my age group, but we all said that it was so nice and we had a fantastic time, especially as we were able to have some really nice conversations with older groups of Old Alfredians! It was just so well organised and clearly took a lot of hard work from you to put on such a nice event before the main festivities, so I just wanted to say we really appreciated it and had a great time. I hope you all have relaxing summers ahead!

Best wishes, Georgina"
Georgina Cooper Friedlos (OA 2020)



Catherine Meeus and Jane Eyles



Christina Birt, Simon Cave, Dominic Walters, Dan Reiter, Arnab Banerjee, Heather Oakley and Arthur Haycroft



OA, Hugh Sheridan and his granddaughter



Jack Mann, Chris Potter & the Brearleys



Zak Ahad

"Great to meet you on Saturday, and just a quick thanks to you and everyone involved in putting on a really lovely day and delicious lunch! I've not been to a reunion before (school or university) so it was a splendid way to do so..."

All best and thanks again, Corinne"
Corinne Pearlman (OA 1968)

"Thank you so much for Saturday – and I have no doubt that you have hundreds of emails pouring in. Some of my O Level year ('85) I hadn't seen since 1985... With my very best wishes for a great end of term and then summer. Arnab"

Arnab Banerjee (OA 1987)

"First of all, please let me thank the entire staff team for a wonderful day today. It was so nice to see the school again, and I met a number of OA friends, some of whom I've not seen for 57 years!! Very best wishes and many thanks again, Mark"

Mark Roberts (OA)



Tom Bloch



Marla Altschuler finds one of the 125 King Alfred statues made by Lower School students and hidden around the school



Matthew Freeman



The Old Alfredian Team L-R Deborah Castillo, Tamlyn Worrall and Heather Roberts



Richard Salmon, Stephen De Brett and Danny Wood



Cassie Strauss-Jones, Ethan Saphira, Sarah Whale, Charlotte Senior, Pablo Nearchou, Zoë Morrall



Julie James Bailey and Peter Seglow



Celebratory KAS cupcakes



The KAS archive exhibition proved popular with Old Alfredians and KAS families alike

The KAS 125 Book launch

As part of our lead up to our 125th celebrations, we hosted a launch for the KAS 125 book. The Main Hall proved its multi-functional use (with a little imagination) as we transformed it into an exhibition space. With the help of the School's archivist, Sheila, we selected special objects and memorabilia from the past 125 years, usually carefully stored in our KAS Archive, but on show for the first time. Alongside large photos which feature in the new book, guests were able to see many of the special photos and records which did not make the final edition. Over the past two years, Heather and Tamlyn together with the School's photography team, and Honorary Member and former history teacher Androulla, have gathered your stories and memories of The King Alfred School and connected these with photographs and artefacts from the KAS Archive. The result is a book which captures our school motto perfectly: 'Out of the Heart Springs life'. **OA Gaby Roslin** wrote the foreword for the book: "The King Alfred School nurtures the individual. It is a very



Council members Jo Lucas, Lara McCann and Jo Tang

special place. This book has been produced to capture the unique spirit that has emanated from every corner of KAS since it was founded 125 years ago. I hope that when turning these pages, you feel the same pride that I do for having experienced such an

amazing, distinctive, exceptional School."

You are still able to order a copy of this beautiful limited edition book from the King Alfred School website: www.kingalfred.org.uk/kas-125-book/



KAS Parents, Sam Spiro and Mark Leadbetter with Annabel Cody and Claire Murphy



Deputy Head, Al McConville, Annabel Cody & Sarah Phillips



Zoe Antoniou and Caroline Clark from Profile Books

Ham & High

The Ham & High featured current Head, Robert Lobatto and year 2 students walking in the footsteps of KAS children from Edwardian times on Hampstead Heath to mark the 125th anniversary of the school.

Taking to the woods as part of a Year 2 Forest School lesson, Robert restaged a photo taken 112 years ago of then-Head John Russell leading children on an outdoor learning expedition. We've come a long way from the small student body and two staff members who made up the school which was then in a house on Ellerdale Road.

"Outdoor learning has always been a big part of what we do," Robert said. "Recreating this photo from our archive and feeling that connection with a previous headmaster from more than 100 years ago has been a powerful reminder that, while much has changed, our vision for outdoor



Walking in the footsteps of KAS children over 100 years ago



learning is as strong as ever."

The article also made an appeal for Old Alfredians who may have lost contact over the years to get in touch by email to oa@kingalfred.org.uk

Read the article here: [King Alfred School recreates 1911 Hampstead Heath walk | Ham & High \(hamhigh.co.uk\)](https://kingalfred.org.uk/2022/06/12/ham-high/)

What KAS Means to Me:

To commemorate the 125th Anniversary celebrations, Old Alfredians were encouraged to write down "What KAS Means to Me". We wanted to share some of your memories.

"I was here at KAS from 1982-1987 (4 years old to 9 years old). KAS is my spiritual home. My origin. What made me who I am. My years in KAS was (and is) the happiest moment ever in my entire life. Thank you so much. Love always, Noriko"

Noriko Morishima (OA 1996)

"The creative hub that rooted me in the Squirrel Hall corners and set the scene for many decades of bold thinking."

Maggie Norden (OA 1969)

"A memory of the 6th Form 1956 – I was walking up the steps to the library for some reason shouting, 'Glory, glory, glory'. Hettie Barber the headmistress was passing, and she just said 'Hallelujah'."

Graham Samuel (OA 1956)



Julie Catesby and Noriko Morishima

"The school made me what I am. I love it here."

Diana Kabadi (OA 1958)

"A community that shaped me. A family to which I can always return."

Z.M. (OA)

"A world of friends for more than 50 years. The best school ever."
JRM (OA)

"Freedom, confidence, enjoyment, and a well-rounded education"
Sarah Eyles (OA 1975)

"The availability of choices to try out subjects, sport, crafts without any judgement and great support from the staff. That has stood me in good stead for the rest of my life."

Julie James Bailey née Heyting (OA 1953)

"So many happy memories- school camps...or the field going into afternoon lessons. Nikki the craft teacher inspired me to carry on with crafts all my life."
Sophie (OA 1980)



The 'what KAS means to me boards'



Beautiful Bunting

If you came along to the KAS 125 celebration in June you will have seen all the stunning bunting adorning the entrance to Manor Wood. Over 500 flags were created by students, staff and parents and sewn together by Rita and Pauline.

OA Reunions and Events

OA v Sixth Form Football

We kicked off the May Bank Holiday with a friendly OA football tournament on the KAS Astro court. It was fantastic seeing so many familiar faces turn out to play against staff and sixth formers. OAs, staff, and current students alike enjoyed the friendly competition and opportunity to enjoy time together at KAS. Let us know if you are interested in returning to KAS to play on 26th April 2024.



Jeff Harlow, Tom Franklin, Old Alfredians and sixth formers ready to play



Theo Green, Leo Hinder-Green, Raffle Kay, Bogues Cooper-Friedlos, Michael Davies and Old Alfredian, Sal O'Brien



Oscar Hollis, James Blundell, Ed Dowling & Liam Michaels



Josh Novak



Claire Murphy and Takako Yeung



Oliver Zamek, Jeff Harlow, Mitul Patel, Zak Cheek, Harrison Raphael and Billy Hohnen Ford

OA Rounders

A bat, a ball and a beer were all we needed for a fun summer's afternoon on the KAS field this July. OA Eve got in touch and asked if her Year group could come back to KAS and play a game of rounders before the school closes for summer. It was a great way to meet up with everyone whilst back from University and in London. *"It was so much fun that we'd like to do it again next year!"*. Let us know if you want to get your year group together for a rounders game next spring or summer.



Calum Drake, Olivia Hogan, India Warshaw, Sophia Niarchos, Felix Ronneberger and Evie Biegun



The OA rounders game



George Dann, Leo Larche Hitchcox, Padmini Opie, Archie Wingate, Elvis Rasul and Oliver Van Sonsbeek



Charlie Coulthard and Samson Timmer



Eve Blekkingh and Evie Paphides



Class of 2021

Class of 2023 graduation and A level results

Congratulations to the Class of 2023 who celebrated achieving their fantastic A Level results last term and a huge welcome to you all as the newest Old Alfredians!

Robert, Head of KAS said "These results are a testament to the commitment and passion the students have shown to their studies, and I look forward to seeing what they all do next. Alongside their grades, KAS students are rightly proud of their independence, resilience and community spirit, and I know that they will carry these qualities with them wherever they choose to go in life."

Parents and students gathered in the sports hall for the inaugural Year 13 graduation ceremony at the end of June. **Fran Silverton (OA 1989)** was invited to talk about the KAS experience and how to apply it to life beyond KAS.

The Class of 2023 went on to party the night away in the Phoenix Theatre. **Bogues Cooper Friedlos (OA 2023)** read out this beautiful poem he had written for his cohort:

*When the little bird strolled into King Alfred School
He chirped with delight for there was not a single rule*

*No Sir no Miss, simply a human teacher
No jacket or trousers, uniform wasn't a feature*

*The classes were small but encouraging and kind
The teachers thrived at developing our mind*

*The lunch ladies were honourable, nice and fair
The cleaning staff always dependable and there*

*The grounds made you feel like it was the wild
Climbing trees, running fast, smiling like a child*

*The atmosphere created was one of friendship and success
You worked together, with only yourself to impress*

*And when it came time for that little bird to go
He looked back in sadness for the friends he had got to know
He looked back with pride at the way he got to grow
And he looked back on the memories that made him smile and glow*

*For now, the bird's future was up to him
Would he fly, would he dance, would he smile and sing*

*Nobody knows what the little bird might do
For now, your future is up to nobody but you*



L-R Oscar, Rebecca, Robert, Helena, Eleanor and Jacob



Louis Venni, Helena Davis and Alex Marshall



Kiki and Rebecca



Ben Reed and Eleanor Broad



Eman Bundakji and English teacher Steven



Rebecca Ritterband, Helena Davis & Ben Reed



Robert and OA, Fran Silverton



Olga Favali Simoni, Eero Martin and Lilavati Guest Erler



Lily Price, Eman Bundakji, Ciara Thompson, Jasmine Larche Hitchcox and Carmel Laniado

We can't wait to hear more of their adventures beyond KAS and welcoming them to their first OA reunions later this year.

New College of Speech and Drama Reunion

On the same day as the Old Alfredian Day was being held, across the road, on what was for 40 years the Ivy House Campus for The New College of Speech & Drama, Middlesex Polytechnic then University, a similar event was being held there for its alumni.

Saturday September 16th brought together representatives from each of the courses that had studied speech, drama, acting, stage management and so many other aspects of theatre and the performing arts at Ivy Wood.

Links with The King Alfred School started in the 1950s with student drama teachers from The Royal Academy of Music doing their teaching practices at the school.

Throughout the New College years this tradition continued, and when Middlesex vacated the site in 2002, the New College Bursary Award Scheme was transferred over to the school, allowing our very special links to



The New College of Speech and Drama reunion at The Phoenix Theatre in Ivy Wood

continue.

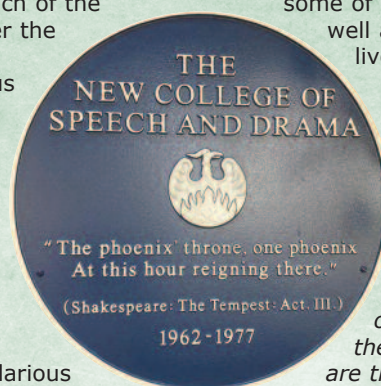
It was a most joyful occasion. Representatives from each of the courses looked back over the past with incredible affection and tremendous warmth. They had travelled to London from all over the country and from as far away as Canada and France.

It was held in The King Alfred Phoenix Theatre where all of us had performed or done technical work. Some hilarious anecdotes tripped merrily off the tongue, but all the memories that were

shared of either studying or working there were acknowledged as being some of the most important, as well as happiest years, of our lives.

We are so indebted to Tamlyn, her team and to Robert Messick for the constant support and help. The photographs really do confirm the observations of the poet Robert Southey -

"No distance of place or lapse of time can lessen the friendship of those who are thoroughly persuaded of each other's worth."



Awards galore!

KAS Head of Film, Nuray Jemil along with Takako, Head of Sixth Form and A Level Film students attended the first London Schools Film Awards at Mill Hill School.

KAS was allowed to enter one film, so they chose to submit 'Scared to Death' by **Flame Brewer (OA 2022)**, one of our A Level films from 2022. Drumroll please ...

Out of a total 12 awards, we won the following:

- Best Costume
- Best Sound
- Best Adult Actor
- Best Director of Photography
- Best Director
- Judges' Favourite Film

The field wasn't necessarily level, as most of the schools who entered don't study film, and their students made films as part of an enrichment programme, or in their own time. That said, ours stood out and was particularly applauded by the judges and compere for its economical storytelling, cinematography, editing and sound – the latter two being areas that young filmmakers usually find challenging. (We work very hard at this in the postproduction period of

our coursework when students are hidden away in the editing room for months on end. It's no wonder that editing is referred to as the 'invisible art of film'.)

We've let Flame know – and her dad, who won Best Adult Actor, beating many a talented teacher into the shadows!



KAS students receiving an award on Flame's behalf

OA Reunion Day



Alex Haagensen-Casas, Sam Leeney, Albie Morrisey, Freddy Stenberg, Joseph Nadler & Dash Fellner



Edmund Cherry, Eric Haagensen Casas, Freddy Sternberg and Joseph Nadler



Lucy Moy Thomas, Ulf Ehrenmark and John Bayes

We started the new school year at The King Alfred School with our annual OA Reunion Day on a Saturday afternoon. We celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Class of 2013 with an impromptu game of football on the field. We also welcomed back OAs and former staff from across the decades, the earliest being the Class of 1952, to enjoy the grounds over sandwiches, tea and cake. **Gemma Sheridan (OA 1989)** loved that the stinging nettles were still growing in the same spot when she attended KAS in the eighties. Gemma and Jo Robins remember picking them and making nettle soup with the leaves. Does anyone remember the recipe?

Look out for more Old Alfredian events coming soon and do get in touch if you would like us to organise one for your own year group.



Charlotte Lawson & Indianna Farrell



Christian Davies & Jo Robbins

"I really enjoyed Saturday.

What a wonderful well-arranged event. Congratulations!

Speaking of that, can I tell you I was one of four, who arranged the First Firework party. I think it was mid 80. It was made for 50 people. Everything (display and food etc) was done by parents and staff. (And the tidy up the next day !!!)

For many years there was no outside people involved. All done by parents and staff. Christian's brother's band did the music. It was fun.

But it was a great day. How lucky with the weather as well !!!

Kindest regards
Lisbet"



Damon Lillitos and Tom Lyle

"I just wanted to say to you and Tamlyn that the reunion was really great! Such a nice event. The Old Alfredians who were there I know all enjoyed it very much. We all went to The Spaniards afterwards.

I kept meaning to look at the slideshow but there was always someone to talk to. I wanted to see it and then forgot to before I left!

Thanks again for a lovely afternoon.
Christian"



Daniel Albert & Felix Moore

"Hi Heather,

Thank you so much for all the work you put in! It was such a lovely day, and everything was arranged perfectly. Everyone had a lovely time and were asking when we'd do something next. So we're hoping to get a better turnout next time and have agreed to meet at the fireworks event this year! All in all a very good result!

Thanks again!
Indianna"



Alexei Kiddel, Christian Davies and Damon Lillitos



Kate Taylor and Elena Neokleous



Albie Morrissey and Gabriel Elston



Michael Hurwitz, Nettie Pollard and David Wolchover



Michael Peisley, Indianna Farrell and Samuel Griffith



Phillip Sharkey, Ulf Ehrenmark and Jonathan Savitt



Tom Lyle and Peter Hajioff



Sebastian Cody and Daniel Albert





Omar Karmi and Jon Cohen



Pauline Maloney and Charlotte Lawson



Sam Leeney and James Thompson



Chris Potter and Paul Fischer



Diana Kabadi & Hugh Sheridan



Tim Honnor



KAS flowers on the Main Hall steps



Class of 1993 & 1994



Old Alfredian Visits

KAS was buzzing in the weeks leading up to the 125th Anniversary Celebration in June, and during this time, we had the delight of two surprise visits to the school from Old Alfredians. **Eiji Eguchi (OA 1992)** was visiting the school from Japan after attending the school over 40 years ago. Eiji and his family still have such fond memories of living in London and attending the school. He was able to share some snap shots from their family album whilst he and his sister were here during the eighties. **Preeyus Patel (OA 2009)** stopped by and was able to catch up with Stephen to tell him how he has turned science into a career as an environmental consultant working all over the globe. Preeyus will be taking part as a speaker at Café Scientifique this term.



Eiji in the early 1980s stood on the edge of the Manor Wood field



Preeyus Patel



Eiji Eguchi at the iconic KAS entrance



Eiji Eguchi in the amphitheatre



Teacher, Stephen and Preeyus Patel

We were lucky to welcome more of our Old Alfredians visiting us from overseas in June and July at KAS. **Dana Karic (OA 2003)** popped in for a long overdue catch up having visited London from Dubai. We talked about the values she has taken from her time at KAS and instilled in her everyday life. It was particularly special for Dana to revisit the drama and music studios.



Dana Karic

Julie James Bailey (OA 1953) came from Australia especially to be here for the KAS 125 celebration. Julie and her daughter Robin spent a wonderful morning filming for KAS 125 Old Alfredian voices and finished off with lunch in the Main Hall. We wanted to say a special thank you to Julie for all she has done in years gone by to keep in touch with Old Alfredians, particularly in Australia. It is much appreciated and has ensured that we are still in touch with many OAs who are overseas. We hope that before too long, we will host an OA Reunion in Australia with Julie. Julie's memories of the enormous influence that KAS had on her were wonderful to hear, and we talked cricket in particular. Our School field used to be a full cricket oval, with a protected square! Julie told us about the Old Alfredian team playing cricket here every Saturday morning. Julie spent all her working life in various aspects of television – acting, writing, directing, teaching and media policy. Since retiring as professor of film and media at Griffith University she has driven her campervan over 250,000



Julie James Bailey outside the Main Hall before she had lunch alongside students

kilometres into remote Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory and Western Australia teaching video, governance and coaching English.



Joel Califa



As the school prepared to welcome students back in September, we were able to show off the beautifully green field to **Joel Califa (OA 2006)** who was visiting London from New York. Joel attended the Lower School and remembered the vast expanse of the

field as a little boy, the freedom to climb trees and the mutual respect teachers and students had for one another. If you are visiting London and would like to see your old school let us know.

Tim Honnor (OA 1982) visited KAS in July and spent the afternoon with us. He relived his memories of performing in the KAS amphitheatre, and later joined us to watch the Year 6 play. He enjoyed the play as the students, who used OA memories and the KAS archives, took attendees on a journey through the KAS 125-year history. Tim has subsequently been incredibly helpful in sending us names of those he remembers from school and helping us piece together classes from the early '80s. If you were at KAS in the 1980s, please get in touch with us as we may not have the right School years for you.



Tim Honnor in the amphitheatre



Tammy Yacobi, Leat Yacobi, Claire Yacobi, and Jane Epstein

Thank you to Old Alfredians **Jane Epstein (OA 1964)** and **Claire Yacobi (OA 1960s)** who visited KAS in September. Claire was visiting from Israel and after years of sharing stories of her school days with her children, she brought Tammy and Leat to KAS. We spent several hours wandering through special corners of our grounds. With particular interest in the innovative education offered at KAS, we looked into classrooms, libraries, and specialist areas such as our very own forge and DT centre. Whilst much has changed, Claire was thrilled to hear that building camps, Student Council, Choice and the lush KAS site remain constant. Thank you for making the time to come back, Claire and Jane.



Our beautiful Ivy Wood



Claire Yacobi and Jane Epstein at the Forge with Isabella



Leat Yacobi, Tammy Yacobi, Claire Yacobi and Jane Epstein in Ivy Wood

We had the absolute pleasure of OA, **Marissa Natkin (OA 1980s)** visiting the school in May with her husband, Paul, whilst on a trip from Seattle. Marissa had only attended KAS for a year in 1970 but her time here has stayed with her. She shared these wonderful photos that her mother took of her at school with her teacher, Penny and friends. We were able to recreate one of the photos with Marissa outside her year 2 classroom. It really was a special afternoon.



Marissa Natkin on the climbing frame in Lower School



Marissa Natkin with her teacher, Penny, and friend Dixie Linder



Marissa recreating the photo in front of the climbing frame



Marissa visiting her old classroom



Sarah Binn, Marissa Natkin, Dixie Linder, and other friends

In September, **Stephen Bolsom (OA 1967)** and his wife, Sue, stopped by KAS whilst visiting from his home in Israel. We toured all the special corners of the school that are still so vivid in his memories. We were also able to watch shaky footage of an old video of Billy Kramer and The Dakotas on a snowy morning in the 1960s at KAS. They were here to film a performance for Top of the Pops. Stephen commented that despite the physical changes, KAS still felt very much the same.

"Thank you so much for enabling my wonderful nostalgic trip around the school. And also, for being able to show Sue where I spent my school days."

As I said to you, so much has changed in the 57 odd years since I was there, but the ethos and atmosphere of the school is unchanged, and it was a delight to see.

Thanks again, Steve and Sue"



Stephen Bolsom at KAS



Stephen Bolsom in the amphitheatre



Billy Kramer and the Dakotas arriving at KAS



Stephen Bolsom at Squirrel Hall Tree

Paul Davis' 90th birthday – We rounded off another busy half term of Old Alfredian activity and 125th anniversary preparation with a lovely visit from OA, **Paul Davis (OA 1951)** in May. Paul came for tea and cake to mark his 90th birthday and we presented him with a cheese board made by DT Technician and outdoor learning teacher, **Chris Raymond (OA 1999)** using wood from a tree that would have been standing on Manor Wood when Paul joined KAS in 1937.

"I want to write to you again about my birthday at the school, and to tell you how moved I was by the beautiful present I was given. The whole idea of a board made from a KAS tree, with the school logo and my dates, is amazing. I feel honoured, I really do.

Once again, with our grateful thanks for a great day.

Love Paul"

In early October, **Jonathan Savitt (OA 1972)** came in for a visit to spend some time helping us piece together his era and those within his class, and the years either side. We are missing contact details for many, so if you are in contact with OAs from these years, please do get in touch and ask your classmates to make contact with us via the School website, under Old Alfredians. Better yet, please give us a call!



Paul Davis



90th Birthday Tea



Cheese Board for Paul Davis



Paul opens his gift

KAS Masterplan

A key theme for our 125th anniversary year is 'inspiring our future'. To help achieve our educational vision, to fulfil our sustainability ambitions, and to maintain and enhance the School's unique physical environment, a comprehensive review of both the Manor and Ivy Wood sites has produced a 'Masterplan' for the School.

This Masterplan details long-term planned investment in our special sites – work which will support our efforts to help ensure children and young people are well-equipped to be successful in today's world. There is much to be excited about and we look forward to sharing details with you in the coming months.



News from Old Alfredians

London Marathon

"On Sunday, 23rd April, I watched my wonderful daughter, **Stephanie Young (OA 2010)**, run the London Marathon in 3hrs 27mins and 49 secs.

She was at KAS from 1996 – 2010 and the P.E dept at that time – Keith, Edo, Claire – may remember her as a willing but unimpressive athlete. Often it takes time to find your talent. Sometimes it's a slow burner. Anyone who runs knows it's not just about the day and the event. It's about resilience, courage, determination, and much more. It's about practicing in the rain and wind and refusing to give up even when your body tells you to stop. It's about having a goal and the confidence to keep trying. These attributes don't give themselves easily to short term educational measurement in schools, but they can be either stifled or encouraged. They need a personalised, non-judgemental, and nurturing environment in which to develop.

So, in your 125th anniversary, this is a thank you from both of us. In our different ways Steff and I benefitted



Steff Young crossing the finishing line

hugely from being part of KAS.

Long may you continue.

Mike Young – KAS Lower School 1982-2006, Ivy Wood 2006 – 2012"

Best Fundraising

We always love to hear from Old Alfredians and their lives beyond KAS and so we were delighted to see that **Noah Schneiderman (OA 2015)** took part in this year's Best Fundraising Strategies in 2023 discussion at the London Private Equity Insights conference in September. We rely on Old Alfredians' generous contributions of time and expertise to pass on to future generations of Old Alfredians as part of the Connections Series of talks and the KAS Connected platform.



Noah Schneiderman moderating the Best Fundraising Strategies in 2023 discussion at the London Private Equity Insights conference

Polly's photos

What a fantastic collection of photographs sent in by **Polina Boiko (2004)** in response to our email with the link to the latest KAS School films. We particularly had fun sharing them with Jeff, Claire & Rita! You can view the films here:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=2QwmsXeIU7k

and here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=I_uF0Bh-xrM

Do let us know if you recognise anyone - we have very few contacts for the 2004 year group.

Camp is such a highlight of the KAS year. The KAS 125 book captures photos and ephemera from a KAS camp in 1958! www.kingalfred.org.uk/kas-125-book/



Jeff Harlow, Rita Murray & Claire Murphy



Year 6 Camp with Tony, the Devil's Punchbowl around 1998



Polly and the class of 2004 skiing



Year 10-11 Camp on narrowboats, there was a girls and boys boat. Sue Boulton was definitely on board our boat. Probably 2001



Year 7 camp, Featherstone Castle with Will Lewer and the late Joan, must be 1999

Projecting the past

Keen photographer, **Hugh Sheridan (OA 1954)** kindly donated his old projector to the KAS archives. The Zeiss Ikon Royal AF Selectiv IR projector will enable the school to view the historic collection of slides kept within the archives. Hugh was kind enough to donate some apparatus to the KAS photography department too when he visited the school in September.



Hugh Sheridan and his donation to the KAS Archives

Photos for the Archives

We rely on the wonderful contributions of photos and videos that we get from the KAS community. Using images sourced from the KAS Archives we have been able to piece together the enchanting stories and imagery to create a book to commemorate 125 years of The King Alfred School. You can still purchase a copy of the book via the school website:

www.kingalfred.org.uk/kas-125-book/

We recently received a collection of photographs and videos from retired lower school French teacher, **Christine Prowse**. This selection were taken in 1997. The rest have been deposited in the KAS Archives.



During French class with Christine in 1997



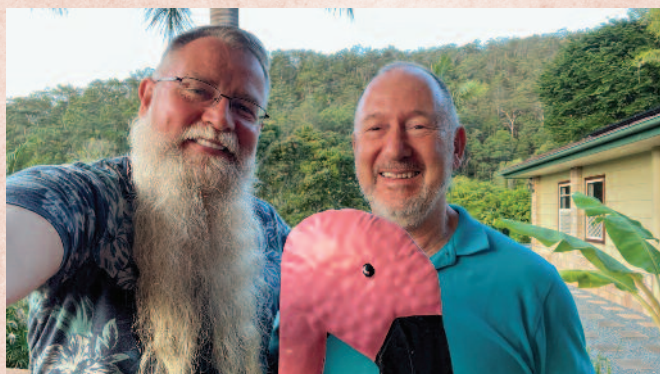
A game of twister



Students in the French class next to the Lower School Hall

Fun and games

Although **Andrew Berton (OA 1972)** could not attend the 125th Anniversary Celebration, he has been very involved in all things KAS, ordering his own copy of the KAS 125 book, and keeping us updated here at the Old Alfredian office. Andrew has enjoyed quite the adventurous life as a toy inventor based in the UK, USA and now in Australia with his partner Piotr and close to family. Andrew co-invented the game "13 Dead End Drive" which was just re-released in the UK and will be traveling to the UK in early 2024. We look forward to welcoming him back for a visit then.



Andrew Berton (right) and partner Piotr

"That was my year!"

In response to our feature on page 4 of the last issue of the *Alfredian* newsletter, **Tom Ludgrove (OA 2005)** got in touch and managed to identify some of his class mates. "That was my year! I can't be sure but I reckon it could be 1991 or 1992?"

Some faces I recognise/ remember: James Ingram, Joe Beattie, Nehal Patel, Lily, Katy, Grace.



Thanks to OA, Tom who identified his fellow classmates from the class of 2005

KAS Cricket caps

Ben Cripps (OA) is keen to revive the green cricket style caps. If you are interested in owning one, please let us know and Ben will initiate the order: oa@kingalfred.org.uk or 0208 5475175



David Howard

Criminal psychology

David Howard (OA 1978) got in touch to share his exciting news. David has just qualified at Essex University with an MSc in criminology and criminal psychology. He plans to work in the media doing interviews and articles with a focus on fraud as he specialized in this area during his studies. Additionally, he may work alongside investigation teams. He has already booked his first podcast to discuss fraud within governments, and ultimately hopes to get on GB News. Congratulations David!

1990 Prom Memories

Christian Davies (OA 1990) kindly sent us these fantastic photos from the KAS Prom in 1990. When we hosted the OA Reunion day this September a number of the Class of 1990 met up, some of whom feature in the photographs of the KAS Ball sent in by Christian. Do let us know if you recognise anyone!



Some of the Class of 1990 were able to meet up at the OA reunion in September



L-R Oliver Chanarin, Saskia Wolbers, Ben Bates, Sebastian Espinosa, Nina Conti, Ned, Charlie Silverton, Hermione Cornwall-Jones, Tristin Bates, Michael Usiskin, Christian Davies, Samantha Greenway, Gil Rosen, Ed Fraiman



Class of 1990 at the KAS Ball

Fives Court

Sebastian Cody (OA 1974) got in touch with his recollections of the Fives Court during his time at KAS.

"You ask for memories of the Fives Courts? In the period when we used to go down there – the early 1970s – they were disused. I have no memory of anyone playing Fives there or indeed any other sport.

But that didn't mean they were deserted. It was a rather run-down facility, weeds growing through cracks like an across-the-railway-tracks piece of industrial wasteland. This was the exact opposite of today's "safe spaces" with lanyarded "experience" bureaucrats who carefully allow for "creative play". It was an off-limits place, rarely policed or even visited by staff, maybe even officially forbidden. So, of course, just perfect.

Others used it, in a general



Derek Cheek helped show families how to play Fives



Sebastian Cody and the exploded brick

mooching-around-being-adolescent way. But I don't mean to suggest it was a busy place, quite the reverse. It was the isolation and the desolation that made it attractive.

But we, what did we – I – use it for? We used it for explosions. We tried out combinations of chemicals (chemistry was a subject I abandoned before O level but the irresponsible mixing of chemicals was still something worth doing). And when that wasn't quite enough, we found out where theatrical explosives were sold (powders used for film special effects) and got samples sent to us.

The concrete walls of the Five Courts made this a – relatively – safe private entertainment. Everything was far enough away that the noise was not so obvious to people in the more populated areas of the school.

Sadly, no pictures. We did take film of the hut on the field which we built in



A Fives Court History at KAS

order to blow up, but I have no idea what became of that. But I still have the remains of the half brick we used to weigh down the explosives. It is a compacted piece of what looks like moon rock, smaller than a satsuma, so the heat of the explosion must have been considerable.

Here's hoping that today's KAS crowd are at least as diligent in science practicals as we were."

A Letter From the Head...

As we begin a new school year here at K.A.S, the sun is shining, the field has sprung back to life and there is a palpable sense of 'new beginnings' in the air.

I am delighted to let you know that our students achieved very well in the summer's public exams. At A-level over half of all grades were A/A*, three-quarters were A*/B and 90% were A*/C. This is very significantly above the national picture, and notably above the average for Independent schools (of course, many of whom are selective).

As a school, a key metric for us is the progress that each child makes. The results once again exceeded the projected expectations.

Another important indicator is progression to higher education, and all students gained entry to the courses at their chosen universities. In terms of locations, our KAS graduates will be travelling far and wide. Five students will be starting university abroad in the States, France and the Netherlands whilst closer to home, they will range from Edinburgh to Bristol, from Aberdeen to Leeds, and from London to York.

Before deciding on future direction, some students are taking a year to do Art Foundation courses, gain industry experience in fashion, finance and photography, or take part in

volunteering projects abroad.

At GCSE, 2 out of every 5 grades were 7 and above (A and above in old money) with 90% at grade 4 and above (C and above in old money). The 7+ grades are double the national average and close to the Independent School average. Value-added progress was again good.

The achievements of this cohort are particularly noteworthy as they were undoubtedly hit hard by Covid lockdowns at the sensitive time of early adolescence. Unlike in Wales and Northern Ireland, no account was taken of this in the way the exams were set and marked, which puzzled many of us who work in Education.

Many congratulations to all the students, their families and the staff. It is fantastic to see this academic achievement alongside the holistic education and less pressured environment that are the hallmarks of KAS.

As we celebrate our 125th year, the School is in healthy shape. We have a great staff team and are completely full, with waiting lists. The provision has never been stronger and the KAS ethos continues to shine brightly. We are developing significant innovations and our voice is increasingly heard in the education debate.

What the founders envisioned - an education that achieves strong



academic progress without undue pressure and which pays attention to the development of the whole child – is even more relevant and important today than it was in 1898. And whilst many schools say they do this, it is hard to find places in the UK which actually do.

I am excited about what is going to be a rewarding and enriching 2023/24. A strong connection with our Old Alfredians has always been at the heart of KAS, and I am looking forward to continuing to build the partnership with you – both individually and collectively – over the year to come.

Robert

Robert Lobatto, Head



School News

KAS 125 Play by Year 6

Earlier this year, year 6 students wrote to Old Alfredians from across the decades and invited them to share their favourite memories of their time at school. We had a fantastic response from our OAs and using these recollections and the KAS Archive, Year 6 wrote, produced and performed a journey through the KAS 125 year history.

From Millicent Fawcett opening its doors via Top of the Pops filming a performance on the grounds to KAS going online during the pandemic, we celebrated the school's every decade.

Old Alfredians, **John Bayes (OA 1962)** and **Tim Honnor (OA 1982)** joined Tamlyn and Lower School students and staff to enjoy the end results during their dress rehearsal in the Phoenix Theatre.



The 125 years of KAS finale



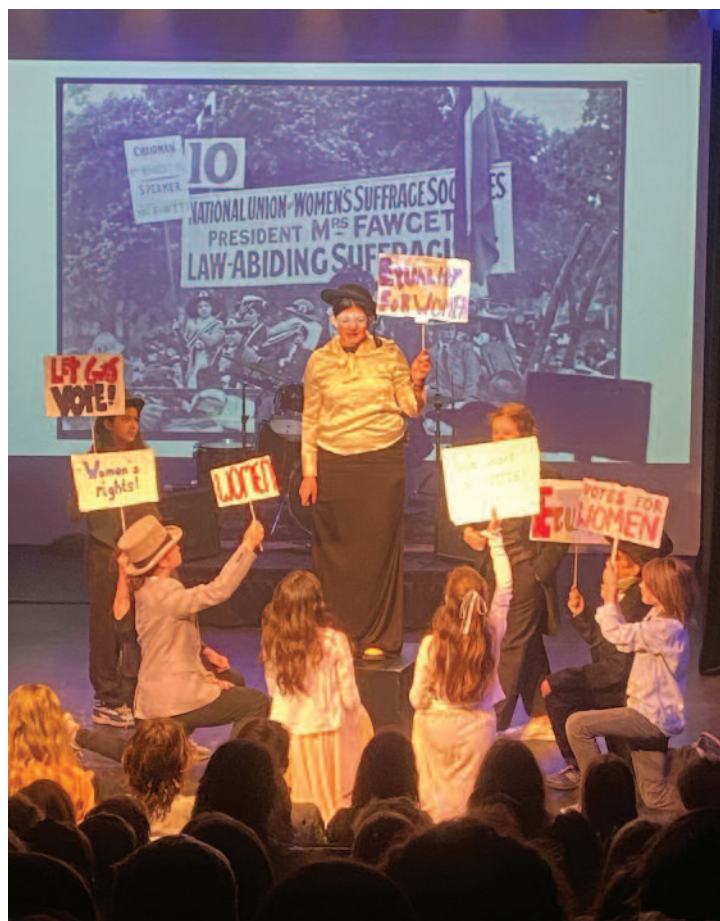
The first meeting amongst KAS founders in 1897



KAS in the noughties



When KAS went online



The Millicent Fawcett connection

LOST

We love to stay in touch with our Old Alfredians, but we're missing contact details for over 1,600 OAs!

One of the best ways to stay in touch is through email. If you're not receiving emails from us, please let us know. Simply use the QR code below to enter your details. If you know of other Old Alfredians who are not in touch, pass along the QR code below so they can submit their details as well.



OAS

KAS Society News: the impact of the membership subscription

The Society Committee is responsible for how to use the funds from the membership subscriptions and our remit is summarised as ***preserve* progress *promote***.

Under 'progress' we spend money on educational research and under 'promote' we share our ideas and ideals with other schools and educators.

Last year we paid for a most successful conference in association with Rethinking Assessment which attracted some of the brightest minds in education today. We invested in the Big10 programme with nine other state schools to work together on new ideas and best practice. We have invested in a programme for our students facilitated by Harvard University on research techniques. We offer research grants to any of our own staff who develop a research project; currently a member of staff is working on the acquisition of higher order thinking skills in our 6-8 explorations. We put money into the production of a major book on The Village which will record forever what brought this project to fruition and

describe the philosophy behind it. And now we are about to invest in mounting a TEDx event in January 2024.

For those Old Alfredians, Friends, former staff and past parents who are Society members, I thank you for your subscriptions and I hope you will agree that the money is well spent. I am so glad you are members and hope you will continue your interest in our Society activities for many years!

Kara Conti

Chair of the KAS Society Committee
President of the King Alfred School Society



The Village



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KASS (Society) Membership

Society membership is offered to all parents and staff on joining the school – and indeed to any former parents, staff and Old Alfredians who want to remain actively involved. Membership entitles you to take part in the running of the Society, attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, and elect or stand for Council. The annual subscription fees for membership fund educational research projects and conferences.

By becoming a member of the Society, you are able to have a voice in furthering the aims of the Society and the school.

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The Fawcett Society

The Fawcett Society has invited two of our sixth form students to attend their annual conference this year entitled 'Women Win Elections'.

Fawcett
Equality. It's about time.



Connections



KAS Connected Creative Industries Forum

Imagination. Playfulness. Ideas. The freedom to explore and experiment. Being your true self. Authenticity. Intuition. Making a great cup of tea!

Bringing together Old Alfredians, current parents, staff and students, the Creative Industries Forum held on Thursday 12th October in the Phoenix Theatre provided a stimulating and inspiring discussion about working in creative sectors. Parent Jez Bond, Director of the Park Theatre skilfully prompted our panel to share their insights, advice and anecdotes about their careers. Jez was joined by Justin Thornton, fashion designer and owner of Preen by Thornton Bregazzi; and Old Alfredians **Anthony Engi Meacock**,

architect and founder of Assemble collective; **Moira Tait**, production designer and professor and tutor at the National Film and Television School; **Oli Rockberger**, songwriter, producer, keys man, vocalist and recording artist as well as a Professor at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama; **Paul Moore**, comedy writer, comedian and TV producer; and **Milla Lewis**, photographer and filmmaker.

Alongside our current students, we were very pleased to welcome 11 students and their ADT teachers from Archers Academy providing a rare opportunity to hear from, ask questions of and network with our panel.



The forum audience of students, students that came from local school, KAS parents and Old Alfredians



Architect and OA, Anthony Meacock, TV producer and comedy writer, Paul Moore and OA Peter Wallis



Old Alfredians, Paul Moore and Harriet Fisher



Jez Bond from The Park Theatre and panel facilitator with OA and set designer, Moira Tait and OA, Peter Wallis



The Creative Industries Panel L-R Milla Lewis, Oli Rockberger, Justin Thornton, Jez Bond, Paul Moore, Moira Tait and Anthony Engi Meacock



Students connect with the panel after the forum and Q&A

The Asia Analyst

In June, we rounded off this year's Connections programme with a visit from **Jonah Kaplan (OA 2015)** to speak to a captivated year 12 audience. The talk covered topics such as applying to Oxbridge, studying in China and the ins and outs of his career as an Asia analyst.



Jonah Kaplan (right) and year 12 students

Obituaries

Virginia Spate (OA 1951) 1937 to 2022

Virginia Spate: A role model for young art historians By Julie Ewington

Edited and reprinted from the Obituary in *The Sydney Morning Herald*

Virginia Spate is one of the very few art historians to make an enduring impact on Australian cultural life. This was based on life-long connections with artists: she was always a part of art communities – in Melbourne, Paris, London, Cambridge and Sydney.

Spate's most celebrated writing was on 19th and early 20th century artists, but friendships with artists like Australians Janet Dawson, Clement Meadmore, Ian Burn, and Janet Laurence, and especially her close relationship with Italian designer Germano Facetti, were crucial to her. Her first book, in 1963, was on John Olsen: Spate always wrote history through the lens of the present.

Virginia Margaret Obione Spate was born in the United Kingdom in 1937 and in 1951 the family arrived in Australia.

Spate gained her first degrees at the University of Melbourne, studying with Joseph Burke, Ursula Hoff, Franz Philipp and Bernard Smith. Her master's thesis on Tom Roberts, published in 1972, is still authoritative. She was awarded a PhD at Bryn Mawr College in the USA for a thesis on the modernist Orphist painters; her teaching career in the United Kingdom culminated with eight years at the University of Cambridge.

Virginia returned to Australia in late 1978 to take up the twin roles of power professor of art history and director of the Power Institute at the University of Sydney. At 42 years, she was one of the youngest, and one of only three women, among more than 130 professors. She continued as power professor until retirement in 2003, and in those 25 years shaped the most progressive centre for art history in the country.

A staunch supporter of Australian art studies, and keenly aware of the

implications of doing art history here, Spate enabled the introduction of courses in cinema, feminism, design, postmodern theory, and Asian art, many offered for the first time in an Australian university. Crucially, she supported the introduction in the early 1990s of teaching on Aboriginal art (as distinct from anthropology). In 1991, she lectured on *The Aboriginal Memorial* for the National Gallery's birthday lecture, and helped curate the video interviews *Talking About Aboriginal Art*.

Spate's teaching was electrifying, informed by broad interests, passionate convictions, and scholarly rigour. She filled lecture rooms: students knew they were hearing current thinking.

A stickler for research, Spate brought imaginative openness to history. This was based on scrupulous looking at actual works. One enduring impact of Virginia Spate's work is, in fact, insistence on looking without prejudice. The citation for her AC mentions she was "a role model for young art historians".

Virginia Spate's most acclaimed book was *Monet: The Colour of Time: Claude Monet* (1992), which won the prestigious Mitchell Prize from the College Art Association; she is the only Australian to be so honoured. She made important curatorial contributions to such major exhibitions as *The Revolutionary Decades: French Painting 1760-1830* (Australia Gallery Directors' Council, 1980-81); *Dreams, Fears and Desires* (Sydney, 1984); *Claude Monet, Painter of Light* (Auckland, 1985-86); and *Monet and Japan* (NGA, Canberra, 2001). This work attracted recognition. Spate was elected a fellow of the Australian Academy of Humanities in 1981; she served on the Council of the then Australian National Gallery (now NGA) between 1981-84 and was

present at the gallery's opening in 1982 by Queen Elizabeth II. She was elected a fellow of the Academy of the Humanities in 1981, awarded a Centenary Medal in 2001, and made a Chevalier des Arts et des Lettres in 2003.

Finally, in June 2018 Spate was made a



Virginia Spate, Power Professor of Contemporary Art Sydney

CREDIT: FAIRFAX

Companion of the Order of Australia (AC).

Spate made a decisive contribution to Sydney's cultural landscape: the establishment of the Museum of Contemporary Art at Circular Quay. As power professor and titular custodian of the Power Bequest, she supported the development by Leon Paroissien and Bernice Murphy of the Power Gallery (then housed on university grounds) into the MCA. In 1985 she told writer Meg Stewart: "A sculpture garden on the roof, film and video spaces – the gallery should be buzzing with excitement, open all day and well into the night." Then she added: "It's even more important to me than Monet." Time has long proven her right.



Professor Virginia Spate in 1988 CREDIT: FAIRFAX

- **James Carty (OA 2015)** 1996 to 2023.
- **Ralph Steinberger (OA 1962)** passed away in 2004, but we have only just heard this news.
- **Marjorie Phillips (Former Staff)** Born 6 March 1930 has died on the 12 February 2023. Marjorie was a long-standing member of staff in the KAS kitchen. Marjorie was a lovely lady and rang the School each year to say thank you whenever there was a pension increase.
- **Eva Goodliff** Former Member of Staff and Honorary Member passed away this summer. Our sincere condolences to Eva's family, Old Alfreddian **Mark Goodliff (OA 1977)**. Eva was Head of Admissions at KAS.

Janet Wardman née Samuel (OA 1952) 1934 to 15 April 2023

Naomi Hull (OA 1952), her friend from school, let us know the sad news. Naomi sent us the speech she gave at Janet's funeral for the newsletter:

"I met Janet at the King Alfred School in 1944, shortly after the war, on its return from the farm at Royston. We were both aged 11. I think she must have spent some time at the farm; I was amazed by her commonsense, her friendliness and her interest in all manner of subjects. She was a month younger than me, but much abler at asking questions and at taking part in discussions. On leaving school, she dealt skillfully with any challenges she encountered.

Janet never complained to me in later life about the discomforts she suffered; her sense of humour, and her caring family helped her through. She did talk frequently, however, about having had enough; much as I loved our nearly 80-year-old friendship, I am glad that she is at rest."



Alan Holmes, Janet and Naomi on Alpha (Sixth Form) roof, 1950



KAS Friends Diana, Naomi, Michael and Janet in 2002



Richard II at KAS. Janet is the nearest hooded person and Naomi



Sixth Form Photo, 1950. Janet is seated in the middle

Lisa Ratner (OA 1994) 7th October 1976 to 1st June 2023

Lisa's Mum **Angela (Honorary Member)** and sister **Suzy (OA 1990)** recall that Lisa's happiest days were at KAS. Beth Levinsky was her favourite teacher and she would have stayed in her class for her whole school life if she could have. Lisa always remembered her best day at KAS, when one of the goats had a baby in the lower school hall and Lisa along with her class watched Beth deliver it.



Lisa Ratner

Mandy Pearlman

My sister **Miranda Mary Grassie (Mandy Pearlman)** who died aged 72 after a short illness in October 2020, attended KAS between 1956 and 1965, when she left after O levels to pursue a career in the theatre before attending art school and then a job in stage management at the National Theatre, via a brief foray in the spotlight as an understudy in 'No Sex Please We're British'.

Survived by four of her five children with Peter Grassie, and her six grandchildren, Mandy had been a great fan of book series like The Famous Five, and I believe she achieved one of her greatest aims by having a large family. Her partner of 30 years, Peter O'Donahue, gave her great happiness and also support through difficult times including the loss of her middle son, Tamm.

Mandy did KAS with a quiet fury, as well as glamour and intelligence, instilling admiration and not a little fear in both classmates and teachers. She would glide beside me on our walk to school, both wearing our black PVC coats with felt collars, and Panstick on our lips; Mandy, wordless, while I blithely chatted beside her. Our journeys back home were separate: my aunt remembers my mother telling her she had to have a quick sherry before Mandy arrived home.

She had no intention of hanging around school longer than necessary, despite her ability to get amazing results, to the despair of teachers who saw her as one of the brightest pupils.

An impressive writer at school, she



Mandy Pearlman

has left us with at least two complete manuscripts (as yet unpublished memoirs) which she wrote in between a variety of jobs as the children were growing up. Before she died, she was studying for an OU degree in art history and looking forward to Peter taking early retirement so that they could plan a new phase in their lives, preferably by the sea. Sourcing summer holidays, scoping out the charity shops, watching endless sport on TV, giving helpful advice and forthright opinions (the latter not always solicited), Mandy was always herself, without any pretension or preciousness. As a favourite cousin wrote: 'We have lost a bright, irreverent, warm, imaginative spark, have we not?' But she has left us with an amazing family and I hope a legacy of writings that we are yet to discover.

Corinne Pearlman,
12 September 2023

Old Alfredian Diary

Saturday 11th November 2023
KAS Fireworks & OA Reunion Drinks

Wednesday 29th November 2023
KASS Honorary Members Festive Tea

Thursday 14th December 2023
Recent Leavers Drinks

Wednesday 10th January 2024
A Level Certificate Presentation for Class of 2023

Thursday 8th February 2024
Old Alfredian Reunion lunch and old film screening (1968-1973)

Wednesday 28th February 2024
Old Alfredian Lunch (1940s – 1960s)

Friday 26th April 2024
Old Alfredian Football Tournament

Wednesday 8th May 2024
Class of 1979 Dinner (1978 – 1983)

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