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CHAIR'S LETTER

Dear Friends

As I write this the Reunion is just over three months away! The Committee has been busy with preparations and things are coming together well. With this newsletter you will find the most updated timetable and booking sheet that was recently emailed to all Alumni who we have on our mailing list. This is also posted on the website: www.kgvalumni.com.

Please make the most of the early bird discount by booking before the end of June and joining as a Life Member, if you haven't already done so, to get a further 10% discount.

There are some great privileges in having a Life Member card in Hong Kong with merchant discounts in shops and restaurants. We are looking at expanding these privileges overseas so if there is any way you can support this or have suggestions on how it can be improved, please don't hesitate to help us out.

Those of you attending, please send in any photos you have of your early school years so we can compile a special presentation for the Reunion. Ideally we would like to have 'soft copies' of photos sent to us by email. However, we realize not everyone will be able to do this. If you send original photos to us with your name and address we will be very careful with them and return them to you at the Reunion or post them back to you. We would like to have as wide a cross section of photos of Alumni whilst they were at school as possible. Your support with this project is appreciated.

We have also set up a new sub-committee, the Sports Committee. Chaired by Shiraz Vachha it includes Louie Win and Nassir Yoonis from our main committee and Sabrina Kitney and Michael Bentley. They'll be responsible for the sports events at the Reunion and others later in the year - a golf day is in the works and even a team for next year's dragon boat racing!

I'd like to thank James Shum and Reunion Administrator, Nina Shum, his wife, for their time and effort into getting the new website up and running and the website Forum underway. Unfortunately James and Nina have resigned from the committee due to personal reasons and on behalf of the Alumni I would like to thank them and wish them the best.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in September. I know there will certainly be a good turn out from my year as it will be our 30 year anniversary of leaving school!

With warmest wishes to you all



A recent photo of some of our Committee Members. Standing from L to R: Chris Mackreth, Deedee Chow, Dan Hooley and sitting Therese Thomas, Eleanor Sackett and Liz Muscroft.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP – Benefits for Life!



This summer sees the launch of our new look / new benefits Life Membership card.

"In the past becoming a life member was more about showing support to the Alumni body as this formed the basis of funding for all Alumni activities" said Chris Mackreth, Vice Chair and part of the team working on the revamped card. "However today it has evolved to be all those things PLUS providing some tangible benefits to the holder." As well as knowing that their contribution supports the Alumni, Life Members can gain discounts and offers from a wide range of goods and services

ranging from Food and Beverage to Floral services. "Overall we have found retailers to be very supportive as they recognise the KGV Alumni as an influential spending group", continued Chris, "Furthermore we have been so encouraged that we are exploring overseas alumnae to assist in extending this scheme to other countries". As well as these shopping discounts Life Members get reduced rates to all Alumni organised events such as the upcoming September reunion in HK.

We hope that more Alumnae can support the Life Membership programme. If you think you have ideas to extend benefits to your country contact us for suggestions.

Life Membership costs only HK\$500 and application form is below or if you wish to keep the newsletter intact you can download it from our website: www.kgvalumni.com

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Membership Application

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- For Life Membership: A crossed cheque or bank draft in HK\$ payable to "KGV Alumni" and mail to: **KGV Alumni Association, GPO Box 2156, Hong Kong**
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Life Membership Benefits:

- Receive termly alumni newsletter by email
- Email updates on Alumni Events
- Discounts on KGV Alumni Association organised events
- Discounts from participating restaurants & retail merchants upon production of membership card

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Associate Member*	Free
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**Only applicable to students for the first three years after graduation from KGV*

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3 out of 12 – a pass mark for KGV Alumni at the HK 7's by James Shum '91

KGV has a great sporting tradition and an enviable record in producing sportsmen and women of the highest quality. Many alumni have gone on to represent a number of counties, states and countries in a wide range of sports.

This year saw three KGV Alumni representing Hong Kong at the Hong Kong Sevens – Andrew Chambers, Ricky Cheuk and Rowan Varty, and they recently took time out to conduct an email interview.

Early memories of KGV

“Being terrible at French!” With his advancing years and history of concussions, Andy Chambers has only faint recollections of his time at KGV. Ricky Cheuk wondered what sport would be played with a rim and no backboard (netball) as he arrived for his entrance exam and Rowan, being the youngest of the trio, remembers being greeted by Mr. Muscroft as the first class of the post-1997 era. Rowan’s time at KGV was the continuation of a legacy of Varty’s attending KGV, and he was Head Boy and head of Upsdell.



Rowan Varty scoring against Korea (Courtesy of Rugby Talk Magazine)

Naturally, all three have fond and vivid sporting memories. Andy recalls with glee the enjoyment of beating Crozier in any interhouse sport, and reflected on how the focus

on sports at KGV has changed, and not necessarily for the better. Ricky remembers being told to just run when given the ball in his first rugby training session, whilst Rowan was frustrated at not being able to swim in PE – whether or not that means he couldn’t actually swim or was just not allowed to he did not elaborate upon, but knowing his sporting talent, it is probably the latter.



Ricky Cheuk gets to grips with Japan during a RWC Qualifier (Courtesy of Rugby Talk Magazine)

They all recall the passionate support of the school at inter-school competitions, where the small band of travelling support would drown out the masses of La Salle, DBS and DGS, as an indication of the importance of sport in the school culture.

How they got started with rugby

Both Andy and Rowan had their first taste of rugby with Kai Tak Tigers (now DeA Tigers). Andy’s father has since told him that he was terrible at the time – obviously his father is no spotter of talent! Ricky was a late starter – he only started KGV in year 10 and was invited to rugby training by Charlie Riding (Head of PE at school). He knew nothing of the sport, but quickly fell in love with the social aspect of the game.

Influence of KGV

All three men, when asked how their time at KGV affected their development, are unequivocal in their belief that the multi-cultural make up of the school, their classmates and their teachers helped mould them into they who they are today. Common influences they cite are Charlie Riding and Jim Francis (who taught PE and Maths), for their enthusiasm and ability to encourage and develop all students’ sporting talents.

Being the oldest, Andy remembers Anton Xavier and St. John Towell, for their ability to excel in any sport they tried and James Henderson (son of Jim Henderson) as the greatest footballer he would ever see.



*Grace under pressure? Andy Chambers clears a HK scrum
(Courtesy of Rugby Talk Magazine)*

Ricky also mentions his form tutor Mr. Jackman as a major source of support in guiding him upon his return from Canada and as he advanced through the school. And when asked about their inspirations and influences on the rugby field, both Ricky and Rowan stated emphatically "Andrew Chambers".

"He fought above his weight and always gave 120%," said Ricky, "and took me under his wing at DeA and Football Club, whom we both play for now."

"Andrew was like big brother to me when I joined the national 15's and 7's squads." reminisces Rowan. Both credit Andy for helping in the development of

their rugby skills through the unselfish handing down of knowledge and experience, as well as being a model of professionalism and hope they can do the same for future rugby stars. (*Sorry Ricky and Rowan – Andrew asked me to put this in – Ed.*)

All three still maintain close contact with the school and have been involved in coaching teams and organising touch rugby tournaments during the KGV Festival.

Brains and Brawn

Their time at KGV was not only about playing sport – their intellectual muscle was challenged too. Indeed, in addition to forging a place in Hong Kong rugby history, they have also carved themselves a place in the history of Hong Kong business success stories. Andy is the co-founder and CEO of Tsunami Sports who provide playing and leisure wear to many of Hong Kong's sport clubs. Ricky graduated from the University of Newcastle and embarked on a career in finance with Bloomberg. Rowan will graduate from Nottingham University this year, and if his rugby accomplishments are any indication, he will be as successful off the pitch as he is on it.

I'd like to say big thank you to all three guys for taking the time to share their thoughts with me and I, personally and on behalf of the KGV Alumni Association, look forward to seeing and reading about their achievements on the rugby paddock for many years to come.

GLASGOW GATHERING

Derek Sloan (67) organised a wee reunion at the beginning of June in Glasgow. Despite sending out some 70+ emails, he ended up with only eight, but a very enthusiastic eight. He did manage to get Mrs. Margaret McArdle, former PE mistress, to come along. There was the usual good fun and banter, reminiscing about school days which increased everyone's enthusiasm about coming out to HK for the Reunion and attending other UK events.

Derek says, "We would have liked to have had more in attendance, especially as those invited said they were disappointed to miss it. Still our efforts to encourage more folks to get along to the Reunion in Hong Kong in September continue. No doubt Alan and I will arrange more events in the UK - probably not until next year now – but meanwhile we'll get as many as possible to get their act together and come to Hong Kong - wishing you all the best with the preparations. Alan and I are booked for HK and so we're really looking forward to it."



L to R: Elaine Mullen, younger sister of Helen (Elaine didn't go to KGV but had attended Quarry Bay to Primary 6 before returning to UK). Helen Mullen ('62), Maureen McColl ('62), Alan Sloan ('65), Joan Summers (nee Baxter('62)) and Mrs. McArdle.

To contact either of the two Sloan Brothers who are helping to coordinate UK Alumni to attend our reunion please email: derek.sloan@gmail.com or alanksloan@aol.com

KGV KARNIVAL by Wayne Liddell '77

April in Hong Kong is the time for festivals. Ching Ming, Tin Hau and in early May, the bun festival on Cheung Chau Island. It is also the time of the annual Spring Fair at KGV. This year the "KGV Karnival" was the highlight, not only of my three day visit to Hong Kong, but possibly of my whole year so far.

Having participated in seven Spring Fairs at KGV by helping at some of the stalls in the period from 1970 to 1977, I was keen to come back to the school on a day where I could wander about and have a good look around whilst anonymously being part of the crowd. It was also a chance to see the school in action with pupils and teachers having a good time and enjoying atmosphere of the Karnival. I was pleased to witness the same level of enthusiasm and commitment from the students as there was when I was at school.

I arrived early and my day at the school started with a tour of the buildings and classrooms. I was very impressed with all the new facilities and very envious when I saw the prefect's room remembering the tiny room we were allocated back in the "good old days". The school may

have changed, with the addition of new buildings and updated facilities, and the faces of the students and teachers are different, but in many ways it was as if all those years had not passed. The atmosphere was still the same and I swear that some of the stalls at the Karnival were exactly the same as they were thirty years ago.

There was a "haunted house" and a "dunk the teacher" stall. Stalls were set up in both courtyards with things to buy and several food tents situated between the new and old blocks. The beer tent was well populated all day. The variety and ingenuity shown in the setup of the student's stalls was truly impressive. There were also special events during the day to provide entertainment. The teachers put on a fashion show which drew a big crowd, the school orchestra performed in the hall and outside there were student rock bands playing for those who were having lunch.



years we were both at KGV. I met some old and dear friends at the school along with many of my classmates from my time at KGV. To meet these outstanding people back at school is priceless. I've had many meetings with friends and classmates around the world but nothing is as good as standing in the corridor outside the fourth form classrooms talking about your childhood memories with the people who are an integral part of those memories.

Some opportunities only present themselves once in a lifetime. To spend a day being 18 years old again, with the people that were important to you at that time in your life, in the school that shaped your future life and career, is so rare that the opportunity should be seized.

I hope to see you all at the Reunion in September at KGV.



Class of '77 line up along the 4th Form corridor and a wannabe - Chris Mackreth! From L to R: Evelyn Chu, Nigel Wightman, Sae Takai, Wayne Liddell, Peter Barnes, Heather Chapman, Bolin Jones, Loletta Chu and Eleanor Sackett. Other classmates turning up on the day but not in this photo include Louie Win and Nigel Scott.

The KGV Alumni Association operated a stall at the fair which was well attended throughout the day and there were many new names added to the growing list of those who wish to keep in touch with friends and classmates.

Teachers were on hand to supervise and to answer questions and I took the opportunity to have a long chat with the Vice Principle, Arnett Edwards, who was able to bring me up to date on the school and the direction it is headed.

On a personal note; I derived a lot of satisfaction from the day at the fair. I finally got to walk to school with the love of my life. Something I never managed to do in the seven

IN MEMORY OF LESLIE HARVEY

We are sad to report the recent death of Leslie Harvey in April. Leslie had been suffering from Alzheimer's for a few years and in the end his passing away was a blessing as his quality of life had become quite poor.

Below are two extracts from emails sent to Maunie Kwok in Australia who passed on the news about Leslie's death to the many KGV Alumni that she is in contact with:

***From Les Baker:** "..... I thought you may like to know I managed to get to Leslie Harvey's funeral in the Gold Coast after all and found myself free to fly up early Friday morning.*

Nick and Jennifer Vargassoff had driven up the day before, and Jennifer's Mom was also there. Together with Hilary Sayers, Bobby Walker, Phil and Tini Rosenberg and I, we comprised the KGV contingent. Eddie Xavier was also there.

When they asked if anyone would like to join Sharon and Cecil and view Leslie, Nick and Jennifer went in so I thought I should do the same, representing the Baker/Barros families. I have not seen Leslie myself for a few years so I got quite a shock to see all 50 kilos of him.

Cecil gave a very moving eulogy and gave the clear message of how close they were as brothers all their lives, doing such things as investing in properties together and keeping in constant touch with each other's lives though they eventually lived a great distance apart.

We were all deeply moved when reminded again of the enormous sacrifice Sharon made for Leslie and how devoted she was until the very end. Cecil reminded us that Sharon and Leslie were married only after Leslie had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's. What an example of true love that is.

I also heard the most beautiful rendition of "Unchained Melody" I have ever heard at the service, sung by Al Green. During the service they asked those present to say a few words if they wished, and a couple did, but no KGV'ers. Nick told me later he wanted to stand up to say a few words but he was afraid he would have choked up. I thought briefly of standing up and saying a few words on your behalf but I'd learned my lesson by the viewing.

At the end of a very beautiful service they played "Time to say Goodbye" sung by Andrea Bocelli and Sarah Brightman.

After "refreshments" most of those attending had left and there were only the KGVers remaining so we had the privilege of having "yum-cha" with Sharon and Cecil that Friday afternoon (except for Phil and Tini who had an unavoidable other lunch appointment, and Bobby who had left earlier).

***From John Wall ('65) :** I knew Leslie in 1964. That year he won the Sportsman of the Year - the same year I won the Victor Ludorum. Les was always a quiet and unassuming gentle man and was "cool"....just one look from him could frighten the s... out of you or if you were a woman...(his wife), melt her away.*

Les did many things for many people (quietly). He was a generous and kind man with a strong and passionate sense of "family".

Les left his mark long before the ravages of life took their toll...I will miss his energy.

Blessings and Love...John Wall K.G.V. 1964

For those of you wishing to get in touch with his wife, Sharon, or his brother Cecil, here is the contact info:
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KGV GROUNDS - A GARDEN OF EDEN by Liz Muscroft

The KGV school site has undergone many significant changes over the years in terms of building developments to meet the needs of an ever-expanding school population and curriculum.



Plaque commemorating the gardens

A more recent development has been targeted on enhancing and nurturing the environment in terms of plant life and establishing a 'green' focus which brings educational, aesthetic and environmental principles together harmoniously and strategically. The school field reflects the modern response to efficiency with its



One of Hong Kong's increasingly rare trees - the indigenous Buddhist Pine

Astroturf surface while large areas of the site have moved to natural greenery and an increasing range of forms and colours. Not all of these 'nature' developments are new; there has been an ecological pond for many years, for example, and a large variety of trees and shrubs have been planted over a considerable period. The footprint of the 'green lung' of KGV is well recognized and used by birds including kingfishers while fruit bats have a long-established 'home' in their favourite palm tree.

An obvious question would be: how has this development come about? The answer is inter-linked; involving staff, students, KGV grounds staff, the essential funding from school and other sources together with donations from groups and individuals. The input and efforts of the 'EDEN' student environmental group has been a mainstay of the development.

Funding sources for the KGV Garden include a large subsidy from the government's Greening Schools Project and a significant donation from the KGV PTSA. The Class of '87, with Tim Chow liaising, gave funds with which a splendid pair of Chinese lions was purchased together with a stone table and stools set which sits attractively in the Millennium Garden area. The KGV grounds reflect many hours of hard digging and planting to create a blend of trees, plants and shrubs which display the wisdom and attractiveness of placing native species in a well balanced and natural setting designed to enhance growth and provide a location suited to attract insects and butterflies. The garden project has benefited greatly from the efforts of Paul Melsom, a Hong Kong horticulturalist who worked closely with Roger Muscroft a teacher of Design and Technology at KGV and the students of the project.



Stone lions donated by the class of '87



Roger Muscroft and some of the student team of the Eden project

The garden was officially opened on 14th June by the Chairperson of the Hong Kong Gardening Society, Suzanne Weston, mother of Sophie and Matthew (KGV alumni).

At the opening also were representatives from ESF including CEO Heather De Quesney and School Development Manager Chris Durbin who remarked "KGV is a leader amongst the ESF schools in all things environmental"

On your next visit to KGV take the opportunity to stroll through the grounds, a great additional pleasure to savour and enjoy as you recall life at KGV.