

Student editor Pearl Dare writes:

As you can probably see, this month's theme is a celebration of KEVICC's past for its 50th birthday as a comprehensive school. Yay – middle-aged! We have pictures of former headmasters, architecture, a poster from an arts festival held in 1972 and others from KEVICC's collection.

Interesting stuff for some but, back in the present, the pressure is on for the year 11s as the exams draw closer, and I feel nothing but pity, and a slight sense of foreboding, thinking of the year 13s going through their A-levels.

I'm pretty certain we are all going to make it through in one piece ... I probably wouldn't put money on it, but I'm still feeling optimistic. I can't help but find myself chanting 20th of June to myself (the date of my last exam) with a sense of near desperation that any student past or present knows.

It's not all bad though – Spring is definitely in the air and, in my opinion, daffodils make everything a little better!



KEVICC @ 50



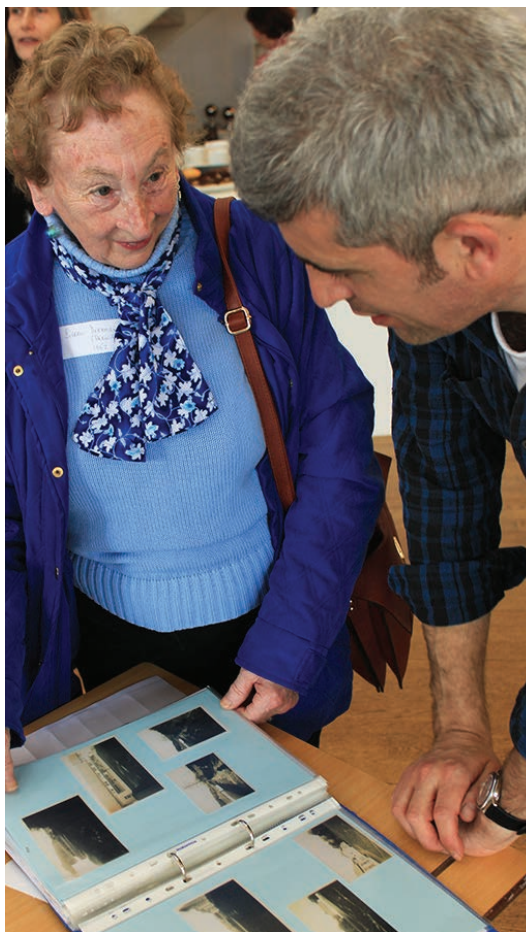
Over a recent weekend, KEVICC celebrated not only its last 50 years as a Comprehensive School – the first in Devon in 1966 – but also its history right back to its foundation in 1553, when King Edward VI granted the Foundation Charter of our school. Our Parents' Association ran a 1960s disco one evening, and Governor Bethan Edwards put together a fascinating exhibition of old photos and documents.

A BBC documentary titled *Behaviour & Belief* filmed here in 1973 was shown both in our Theatre, and also on Audrey, the wonderful mobile vintage cinema bus that we were privileged to have on site, courtesy of the Transition Town Totnes Film Festival. Our Parents' Association came to serve tea and cakes, and our students came to perform songs from *Matilda* and

Les Misérables, with Joe Pratt-Johns playing the piano beforehand. The Old Totnesians were represented by their new President, Hazel Brand, and Sheila Sharp came from the Totnes County/High School for Girls, organisations which have announced they are to merge.

Alan Salt was delighted to accept a very special record of the schools from 1939–1966, carefully put together by Totnesian Eileen Drennan. Several former members of staff were there, as well as many people from the town, and it was a very happy occasion. Andrew Rothery was also able to talk to people about our plans to seek funding for a regeneration of the gardens at Kennicott.

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