

Collection courtesy of Robert Bolton King (OR 1951-59) who attended Rendcomb College along with his elder brother James and younger brother. Their father Ralph Bolton King taught Mathematics at Rendcomb from 1928 – 1932, and then was HM of Buxton College in Derbyshire for 30 years. (Photographs have been enhanced from originals).



A postcard from the '30s which but shows the College as my parents and their children (three - I was the middle one) remembered it.



R Bolton King's mother (E.M. Coy) with members of the Junior school. She (as matron or deputy matron) would take similar parties for half day excursions into the country on foot and on bicycles. Circa 1930.



Ralph Bolton King, Mother and unknown during a lighter moment. The original photo was of poor quality. Circa 1930.

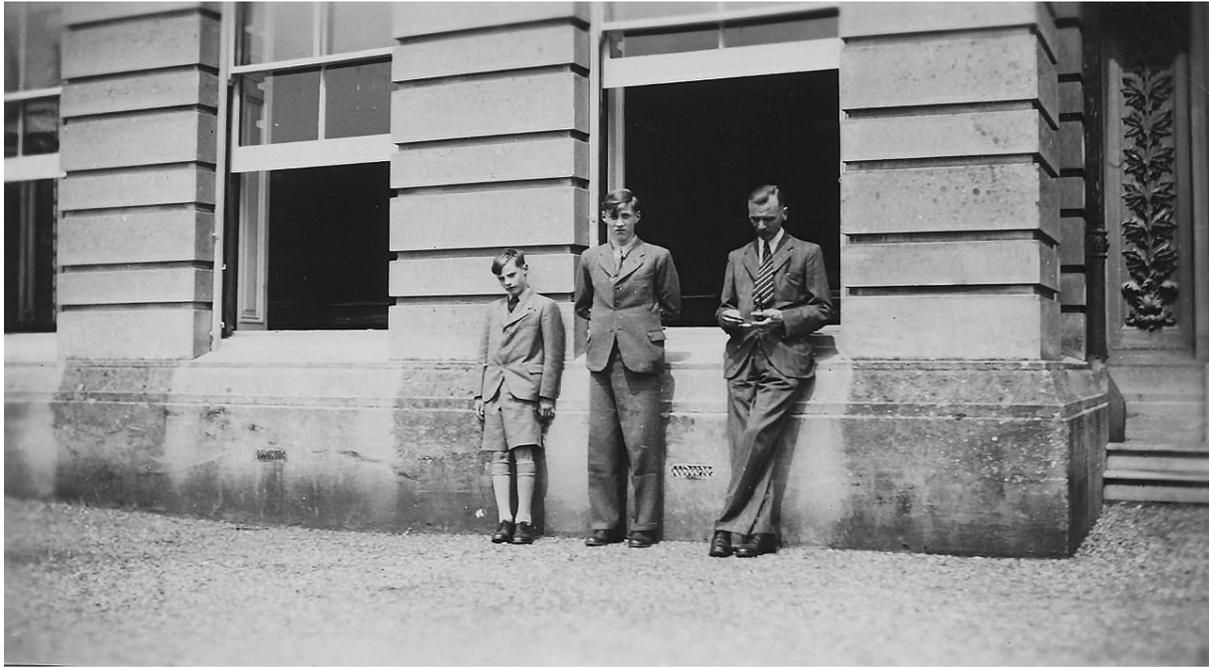


Unknown musicians. In past times the ledges were used for sunbathing with a towel for modesty or for a surreptitious "fag". We were sitting down to tea one day when D.W. L-B's nephew fell of a ledge on the first floor, bounced on the gravel, marched into the dining room (bleeding only slightly and having lost his towel en-route) and sat down for his tea. Circa early '30s.



The Shoemaker's Apprentice Founder's Day 1931. My mother designed and made the costumes for most of the plays during her time at Rendcomb. Location was the terraces above the College and I take my hat off to the prop department!





Founder's Day 1951. Robert Bolton King (the Summer before I went to Rendcomb and not looking very enthused about the whole thing), elder brother James who was 4th or 5th form and Father (Ralph Bolton King) who was then headmaster of Buxton College in Derbyshire.



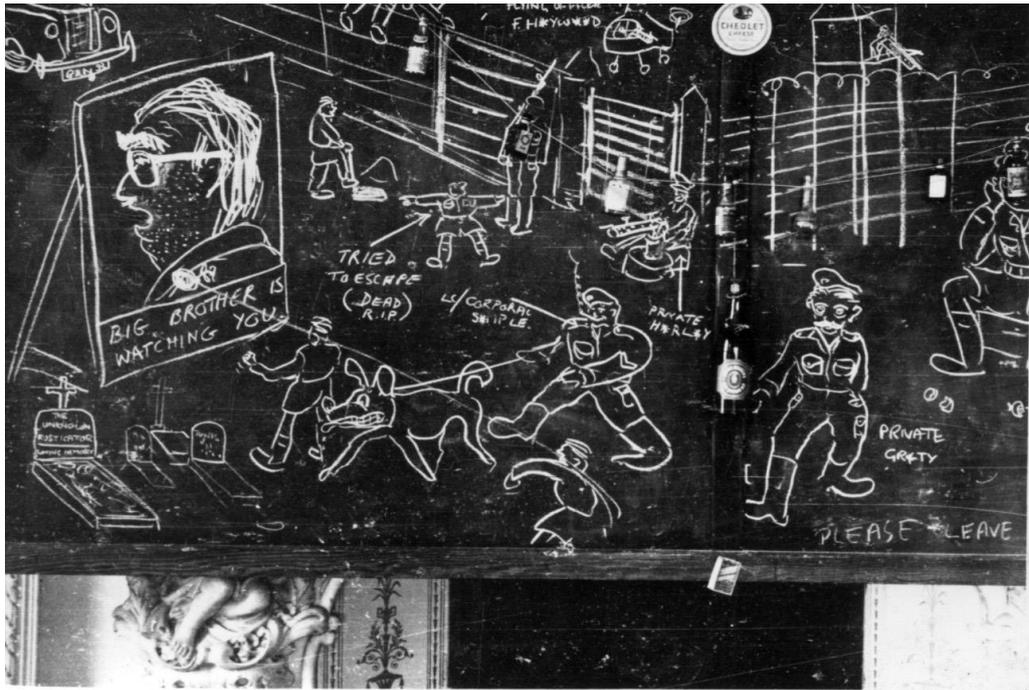
Founder's Day Tea in the marquee in 1951.



The Old rectory around the same time in 1951. The enclosure in the foreground contained the College tortoises. The tarmac tennis courts were to the right. The house provided keenly anticipated dormitory accommodation for us juniors in the Summer. There was an enormous stone flagged room on the ground floor containing huge ceramic sinks which was our sole ablution facility...

The large dormitory above the library after "lights out". On top is me (Robert B K) having an episode. Bottom, left to right: John Gooch, Mike Van Den Driessche, Dave Griffiths, Roger Stebbing, Peter Airey.





The whole College was “rusticated” in the Summer of 1953? because some of the senior guys had been caught in one of the local pubs somewhat the "worse for wear". We junior toads were furious at having the sins of the elders visited upon us and this appeared on the blackboard in the Third Form room. The Staff very wisely left it alone and we eventually got bored and removed it ourselves. Note the example of the very ornate fireplaces which were a feature of the original Wills building. The large and unflattering portrait was D.W.L-B (note the Bentley), Heywood was a newly arrived Junior Maths Master and must have wondered whether he had made a good career move, Graty was the Woodworks Master and the excellent cartoon of D de G Sells represented the much-respected French master. The rest were Prefects of the day.

