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EDITORIAL

Dear Old Girls,

What an interesting year it has been once again.

The theme for our discussion pages this year is 'Technology- always the way forward'. This was suggested a year ago when the possibility of an e-magazine was raised and is still an option being considered with the magazine in these two formats. We were sadly lacking in response to this theme, so our committee took pity on me and as you can see, have very interesting viewpoints to air.

Most of us now use 'Google' as an extensive encyclopaedia for anything and everything we want to know, as well as a communication tool, used frequently by the girls of the committee!

I thoroughly enjoyed our luncheon held in July. Well done, all the ladies who put an immense amount of time and energy into the organisation of the day. Thanks to Jill Hamilton, who was worried about the service (only you noticed, Jill) and for all her work as Chairman in a difficult year. Of course, we would not have our photos without the camera of Jill's husband, Ian; our thanks go to you also for all your work.

Our Font of all Knowledge, Anita Trowell is the only Secretary we can ever have as she does know everything about the Old Girls Guild and everything about the school as well!

Thank you to Barbara Hayre for keeping us on the financial straight and narrow and of course, to all the ladies on the committee who help throughout the year.

We are sad to say goodbye to Anne Brown, (hope you like the photo and article, Anne), a valued committee member of many years but thrilled to welcome Becca, her daughter, to the committee. We hope she will enjoy the time and bring lots of new ideas to our meetings and hopefully encourage other ladies to join to help carry on the necessary organisation of a day we all enjoy each year together.

Finally, we are looking for girls who live in the area around Stamford to come forward to help on the committee to meet three or four times a year at our meetings to discuss the way forward with the Old Girls Guild as well as organising the Luncheon each year. We send out about 2500 copies of this magazine so COME ON, GIRLS, give a little time to get a lot of friendship as the Guild is not done by computers but by us ALL.

I look forward to all your comments

Regards

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STAMFORD HIGH SCHOOL OLD GIRLS' GUILD

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Chairman's Address

by Jill Hamilton

Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen

Last year I was able to talk about leaving the School 30 years ago, which left me wondering what I could include in this year's speech.

I thought long and hard and decided that I would talk about tradition;

My first thought was what does tradition actually mean, well according to the dictionary it is

The handing down of statements, beliefs, legends customs, information etc from generation to generation.

So what does that mean in relation to you and your time at Stamford High School. Well, the Schools own website states that it aspires to develop individuality by giving girls the confidence and ambition to strive for higher goals.

I am sure that you all have things that you remember from the School that were either traditions when you came across them or became traditions from something you did.

But to me it means so much more. I was lucky enough to win a Scholarship to the School and from that I have achieved many things that I know I would not have been able to do without the excellent education I received here at School.

One tradition that I will certainly mourn passing are the Lincolnshire County Council funded places that will be reduced to zero by 2012.

The foundation trust are striving to fill the gap with one of their fundraising remits being to fund scholarship places at the Schools.

I have an ambition that one day the Old Girls Guild will be able to raise the funds to have a Scholarship place named after the Guild. It is certainly something that I have the ambition to try to achieve.

Something to think about

It is great to welcome so many of you to our reunion day

I have a list of people to thank for their support Stephen Roberts the principle of the endowed schools, Dyl Powell head of the High School who is a great supporter of the guild, Dyl is not able to be with us today as she has joined a School group to Krakow. I know Dyl was disappointed not to be joining us. Alison Horton is with us and would be able to answer any of your questions and Libby Craig for all the times we have used the junior school.

The committee are as always fantastic, providing support throughout the year. If any of you would like to join the committee please see one of us this afternoon or phone any of us after today – we would be delighted to welcome you.

Regarding today's luncheon, I would like to thank Penny Tinkler and the catering staff for another wonderful lunch. I would also like to thank Ian Hall and Sally Britain for organising the seating arrangements for the Hall, Margaret Bennett our pianist for the School song and Goldie Bardwell for doing the beautiful flower arrangements.

There is a tennis match due to start at 3.00pm on the astro-turf courts, please do go and watch the game and see the courts

and pavillion if you have not been there recently. Thanks to Dawn Gent for organising the tennis.

I am sure that those of you who have seen a copy of this year's magazine would like to join me in thanking Bev for all the hard work that she puts in as editor of the magazine. Bev will be doing this year's magazine and then will be handing over the reigns to someone new. If anyone can help with the magazine we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Talking of the magazine - on the table today you will see that we are requesting that you leave on the back of your place card any details for the magazine. Other people look forward to reading it as much as you do, so please tell us your news however small it may seem to you.

Tonight there is a Bar-B-Q and bar on the Stamford School Field with the bar available from 6.00pm and the Bar-B-Q from 7.30ish. The charge for this is £10 per head you are welcome to pay at the event. Why not round of the day with a Bar-B-Q listening to great songs in the sunshine.

Tomorrow there is a service in the Chapel in St Pauls Street, celebrating old girls and old boys. You are all welcome at the service.

I have pleasure in making some presentations to retiring teachers on behalf of the Old Girls

Firstly Kate Ainsworth who has taught at the School for 24 years leading the PE department. Kate says that in the 24 years that she has taught at the School much has changed within the PE department including new sports like football and rowing being taught and most importantly the old wooden hut at the tennis courts being demolished and replaced with a very nice pavilion.

Next Belinda Dade who taught at the Junior school for many years.

Also retiring from the Junior school but not able to be with us today is Sarah Pike.

There are two other guests with us today who give a lot of help to the Guild

Firstly Jackie Cattello who works for Stephen, Jackie arranges the meeting dates for the guild, she also keeps us up to date with technology and inputs things onto the web site. Thank you Jackie.

Secondly Jo Sanford, Jo works for Dyl at the High School, Jo has for the last two years prepared the menus for the tables, but much more than that, Jo is always available to pass on my e-mails to the correct department at the School or find out information from Dyl. Thanks you Jo.

Finally there will be a copy of the group photographs that were taken before lunch for each of you. They will be in the classroom round the quad, the first one you come to between the hall and the dinning hall. I have to say a massive thank you to my husband Ian and friend Lorraine who have been taking the photographs.

The School is open all afternoon, please feel free to wander, there will be drinks available in the dinning room from 3.30 for any one who needs a sit down!

Enjoy the rest of the day

The Headteacher's Speech Day Report, 2011 - 2012

by Dyl Powell

My theme at the beginning of the year was 'Fail to Prepare, - Prepare to Fail!' - a quote from Benjamin Franklin. They were sound words meant to offer advice on how to approach the challenges of the academic year ahead. The wisdom of those words was best illustrated by the examination results achieved during last summer. As in the past, we prepared the girls for the specifications on offer in an effort to ensure that they reached their highest potential via the best route for them. We were not disappointed.

We were pleased with the grades at 'A' level. There were 104 girls in Year 13 last year, a record number. A 100% pass rate was achieved, with 75% gaining A*, A or B grades to secure their University places. The high level of successful applications and girls going to their first choice university demonstrates the hard work of the students and the professionalism of the teaching staff and personal tutors encouraging their applications. Last summer we eagerly awaited the results as the new A* category was unveiled. I am pleased to say SHS girls here again did not disappoint, with 17.6% of grades reaching the A* category. Our Oxbridge students were able to fully demonstrate their potential, and all secured their places.

The best results in the history of the school were achieved at GCSE level: 71% of all grades at GCSE were A* or A. This gave the girls a solid platform from which to progress to AS courses and their future looks bright.

Those that oversee education policy in this country seem to relentlessly demand that everything has to be measured and quantifiable. Exam success and the subsequent league tables they generate, although not liked, are held up as the populist way of measuring a student's and a school's worth. Exam results are therefore important; I am pleased to say, as already outlined, that results at SHS stand up to scrutiny.

However, the true success of a school and the young people it educates can't be so easily measured. It is the feeling that pervades the corridors; it is the sense of purpose and ambition that shows itself in the attitude and actions of the students and staff; it is the shared joy at the end of a charity or House event when everyone knows they have 'done their bit'. Measuring these things would tax the world's brightest statistician. Here at SHS what we offer is an education in its broadest sense. It is one that offers girls the opportunity to test themselves, aspire and

achieve in a caring environment that nurtures talent and supports individual endeavour.

Educating our younger generation is a tremendous responsibility and is never just about acquiring knowledge, understanding and skills; equally important is motivating students to be independent learners and inspiring them to be open minded and curious about all aspects of the world around them. In our teaching we challenge them with new ideas and with tasks designed to inspire them to develop a life-long love of learning and work beyond the exam requirements. To this end we encourage participation in activities such as the Royal Society of Chemistry Young Analyst competition (in which our team came first in the regional round), national debating competitions, theatre trips and workshops, as well as activities as diverse as Physics lectures and authors' visits.

Our life beyond the curriculum is very active and purposeful. Here at SHS we continually strive to provide a wealth of opportunities through which the girls can develop as individuals academically, personally, and culturally. Nevertheless they are still very much part of a community which provides enjoyment and happiness, aligned with a system of spiritual beliefs and a moral code. During the last year we have been as busy, productive and successful as ever, and our girls have continued to throw themselves into every aspect of school life; their characteristic competitiveness and determination balanced by camaraderie and love of life.

This year, fourteen girls from a range of year groups were prepared for confirmation by Revd. Mark Goodman, SES Chaplain, and Lyn Harte. In a service held in the SES Chapel, they were confirmed, along with boys from Stamford School, by the Rt. Revd. Tim Ellis, Bishop of Grantham. Many proud parents and relatives attended this memorable occasion.

There have been numerous trips, both home and abroad, including cultural visits, languages exchanges, the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme, sports tours, subject specific trips such as History visits to the battlefields of the First World War, Geography and Biology field trips. This cultural enrichment available to girls of all ages has also been enhanced by Oxbridge conferences, AAAS and Politics trip to Washington, Classics and Art trips, a Psychology trip to Berlin and work experience activities.

Positions of responsibility such as Head Girl, Deputy

Head Girl and Senior Prefect, House captains, Sports Captains, Prefects, Form Captains and Green reps, FISH mentors, section leaders and the Junior and Senior School Council reps all add to the well-grounded nature of our school and challenge the girls who take on these roles, helping to develop skills of leadership, teamwork and organization.

Our sporting calendar involves an ever widening spectrum of sports. Successes in our major team sports are numerous on a weekly basis and the number of representative teams is ever increasing. It even extended this year into the boys' fixture list when Rachel Richardson was selected for the boys 3rd XI and returned highly impressive bowling figures, taking 6 wickets to win the match.

Our girls are to be seen competing at a high level on many different fronts from gymnastics, trampolining, swimming, badminton and indoor rowing to golf, cricket, sailing, horse riding and target rifle shooting with the CCF team.

The popularity of Speech and Drama is always evident by the participation and successes achieved. During the most recent six full days of LAMDA examinations pupils achieved their best ever set of results with a record number of passes at distinction level.

As a member of the Stamford Endowed Schools' family, we pride ourselves on having an ethos which helps develop well-grounded individuals; pupils who are valued as individuals and develop strong moral character and an appreciation of traditional cultural values. Extending our community and taking part in charitable works and service to others has always been a defining feature of SHS. The girls possess caring natures, allied with an almost inexhaustible supply of energy and enterprise. They truly comprehend the meaning of good citizenship and regularly put it into practice via their community involvement and fund raising activities.

As a community we have been involved in numerous charity fundraising events. Charities which have benefited (either directly by donations or from time given freely by girls and staff) include: Fairtrade, Hands of Hope, Teenage Cancer Trust, Diabetes UK, Comic Relief, Evergreen Trust, Japan Tsunami, Children in Need, Teenage Cancer Appeal and The Race for Life in which 70 plus girls, staff and parents took part.

Participation in the many choirs, ensembles, band and orchestras offers many girls other opportunities to work in co-operation with others towards a common

goal, that of rising to the challenge of a public performance, whether in front of peers, parents or other adults. Girls in Cantare managed to use their talents to combine performance and fundraising when they gave a concert in Barn Hill Methodist Church in aid of its charitable works.

To be part of a drama production requires commitment, talent, and not a small amount of courage. All three ingredients were in abundance at the most recent of our drama productions, A Midsummer Night's Dream, and also in the splendid Junior House Drama competition held in the Ancaster Studio. Performances were of the highest calibre and actors were ably supported by the backstage crews.

Teachers who joined the School in September were: Maria Higgins (PE department); Andrew Skailes (2nd in the Maths department and in charge of Cross Country); and Fabrice Vie (French teacher and coach of girls football).

As always at the end of the school year we say goodbye to a number of colleagues: Steve Bold, (Philosophy and Ethics), Felicity Pace (History and Politics), Tessa Hill (Head of Chemistry), Kirsten Burghardt (Psychology) and Kate Ainsworth, who is retiring after 24 years as head of PE. I thank them personally for being integral parts of our community and wish them all success in their endeavours in September.

There have been major capital projects that will benefit all students, both here at the High School and across SES. At SHS, investment in Art department refurbishment, Design Technology upgrades with a new IT suite, redecoration of English rooms and the replacement of a number of boilers and windows are evidence of this programme at work. This summer sees more improvements with upgrading and refurbishment of Science Laboratories, Welland Boarding House and the Library, together with supplementary IT facilities in the Geography and Languages areas.

My report has only touched on the types of activities and events that the girls and staff have experienced and enjoyed during the last year. A more detailed and comprehensive insert of successes has been produced for you to read at your leisure.

Going back to my theme for this year; Fail to Prepare, Prepare to Fail, I hope you agree that the content of my report illustrates that here at Stamford High School we are definitely not failing to prepare girls for their life ahead and we are definitely not prepared to fail in the future.

Christ us Spede.

Report on Junior School Year 2011 - 2012

by Libby Craig



The Junior School has enjoyed another successful year, both academically and in sport, music, drama, art and other extra-curricular activities.

During the Old Girls' AGM Miss Libby Craig (Headmistress of the Junior School) presented a PowerPoint demonstration of the many activities which the Earlybird Nursery and Junior School children enjoy.

The pictures here give a flavour of her presentation.



Letters to the Girls!!



Dear Daisy,

Since leaving S.H.S. in 1942, I have had a very full and varied life. After attending both college and University, I taught for several Education authorities in Norfolk, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire Staffordshire and for two years in Takawa (now Kiribati, previously the Gilbert & Ellis islands).

I have been married twice, and have a daughter, Vivienne, who is also a teacher. Unfortunately, I have also been widowed twice.

I am now living in Christchurch, Dorset and still coping with housework etc. with the help of my daughter who lives nearby.

I am a life member of S.H. S. Old Girls Guild and take great pleasure in receiving the magazine

Yours most sincerely

Sybil Bull

Sybil Story-Newstead-Bull

Don't forget to send new letters to bhopkins_1011@hotmail.com

Letters to the Girls!!



Dear Daisy,

I was a pupil at Stamford High School from 1935 to 1942. I have since had contact with Pamela Halsey who was a Latin teacher at the School.

In 1943 I went to Leicester Royal Infirmary to train as a nurse. Having passed my examinations I became a State Registered Nurse. When I left Leicester in 1947, I went to Northampton General Hospital where I became a ward & theatre sister.

In 1950, I married Sam Branson who was a First Class Honours Graduate in Mathematics of Bristol University. He taught Mathematics for many years before retirement. We have three daughters, and two granddaughters. They all went to university and have good degrees.

In 1949, I had a detached retina in my right eye and in 1962 a detached retina in my left eye. I had an operation but the eye haemorrhaged and I became totally blind. I trained with a guide dog, my first of five, and was the local representative for the Guide Dog Association in Grantham and Stamford for over thirty years. I gave talks to W.I. groups and schools.

My husband & I enjoy walking; we walked many long- distance walks including the Cotswold Way, the Coast to Coast (from St Bees to Robin Hood's Bay) and climbed Snowdon and many Scottish Munros. A few years ago, Bronchitis triggered Asthma; I can walk around the house but otherwise use a wheelchair.

I enjoyed History and Literature at School and have continued reading using Talking Books.

Sheila Branson (Franks)

Don't forget to send new letters to bhopkins_1011@hotmail.com

RETIREMENTS

Kate Ainsworth

I cannot believe that I am writing this article after teaching at the High School for twenty four years, it only seems like twenty four months; how time flies when you are having fun. I have to say it has been a largely enjoyable period, and I have been lucky to have worked alongside dedicated professional and ambitious members of staff, which has made my job of leading the PE department a real privilege.

Working with young people is demanding but extremely rewarding and I will take with me fond memories of warm sunny days on the athletics fields and tennis courts, crisp cold winter mornings on the hockey pitches and netball courts (instantly forget the many drenchings I have had from wet lessons or fixtures). I count myself very fortunate to have had the opportunity to teach my subject to receptive, enthusiastic students in lessons and coach many hundreds of girls who have willingly given of their time to attend after school practices and matches.

I have proudly watched the school achieve county, regional and national success in a wide variety of sports and I know many students treasure their extra-curricular memories; Old Girls often talk about instances that have happened at matches. I have had the opportunity to supervise numerous ski trips, sun sport activity holidays, netball and hockey tours, and the camaraderie of the staff and girls always makes these trips memorable.

What has changed over the years at the High School? Initially the department consisted of three full time staff, Miss Slote, Mrs Joint, myself and Mrs Clarke, who taught part time. We had to hand write (in triplicate) thousands of reports twice a year: what joy! We ran hockey, netball, cross country, swimming, volleyball, tennis, athletics and badminton teams, with some help from Mr Eliot. Seven hard netball courts and four grass tennis courts were situated where the Astro pitch is now and we had a wooden shack, nicknamed the Love Shack, which the PE staff wanted to paint pink, which housed the tennis and netball equipment. This shack, misnamed the pavilion, had no electricity or running water but was home to some gigantic spiders. I often worried about locking someone in during the winter months, when we played netball with only the street lights to illuminate the area at the end of a practice.

The millennium saw the shack demolished, and the netball courts moved across the road onto one of the two grass hockey pitches in front of the junior school. A full size athletics track was marked out on the bottom field replacing the 200 metre grass track outside the Junior school. A new pavilion and astro was built, water and electricity installed and floodlights allowed us to play hockey and netball throughout the winter months. Initially the PE dept. taught practical PE all day, everyday and had matches on Saturday mornings. Then GCSE PE was introduced in 1996, which naturally led to the introduction of A level in 2000. To cope with the extra work load, the department moved to four full time staff with the employment of Mrs Mount.

Increasing demand for sport saw the department grow to five full time members of staff in 2007, and more sports, like football and indoor rowing, have been added. We now have additional help from academic staff to assist the department. I am now the last of the old guard to move on, to make way for a more youthful and energetic department. I never was one for being relegated to the subs bench so, I leave behind a thriving and enthusiastic department which will continue to offer opportunities and encourage all students to bigger and greater achievements. I will not be hanging up my trainers as I plan to play lots of sport, enter golf competitions, complete some walking and trekking challenges, explore the islands around Britain and travel around Spain, Portugal and Italy.

Finally I would like to thank all the support staff, office, secretarial, caretaking, kitchen, cleaners and ground staff who have willingly helped me fulfil my duties as Head of the PE department. I wish you all staff and students alike all the very best for the future and I will think of you all on September 7th -when I am on the golf course.

RETIREMENTS

This academic year sees three departures from the Junior School Staff, and we pay tribute to three long-standing colleagues as their journeys take them to pastures new.

Mrs Belinda Dade

Mrs Dade joined the Nursery when it first opened in 1998, and had a short spell away before returning as the Nursery Teacher in 2003. She has worked with dedication since then and will now be taking early retirement. Mrs Dade has a great sense of humour invaluable with children so young and tremendous knowledge and experience with the Nursery age group.

She acted as mentor to Jo Green through her degree course and guided many young staff as they set off on their career path in the Nursery. Mrs Dade will spend more time with the family as her three children go through the Stamford Endowed Schools. She will be greatly missed by all at Early Bird Nursery.

Mrs Sarah Pike

Mrs Pike began her teaching career at S.H.S. thirteen years ago when she joined the school in 1998 after teaching in Japan. She taught many children in that time, with dedication, expertise and an unfailing sense of humour.

She has taught Years 4, 5 and 6. She was the English Co-ordinator and in the last four years a member of the Leadership Team as PC Leader where she championed the cause of good behaviour at play times as well as in the classroom. Her desire to improve her teaching led to a Cambridge Advanced Diploma L + L Distinction, and recently the credits to a further degree with the Open University. Her calm, relaxed demeanour has been invaluable to the school and we wish her well as she joins her husband in Exeter with his new business.

Mr Paul Wiggin

Mr Wiggin was appointed to Stamford Junior School in 1993. Throughout his teaching he has been a dedicated and professional teacher with the best interests of the children at heart.

During 2009/2010, Paul gained the National Professional Qualification for Headship, a notable feat during a very busy teaching year. Last term he was appointed Head Teacher to Tugby Church of England Primary School in Leicestershire. After eighteen years of excellent service to the Endowed Schools, we wish him well for the future in his exciting new role.

All three of these colleagues have touched the lives of many children with their strong leadership, boundless enthusiasm and quiet professionalism. We wish them well for the future.

Births, Marriages, Deaths and Anniversaries

BIRTHS

BROWN Lindsey (Jones) had Esme born 29th August 2010.

LILICRAP Charlotte (Phillimore) and Ben had a second daughter, Kathryn Elizabeth, on 13th June 2010 at St James' Leeds.

TOWNS Katherine (Joyce) had a son, Archie William who was born 12.9.2010.

MARRIAGES

DENHOLM, Olivia (Moore) married John on 22nd October 2004.

DEATHS

BRADLEY, Beatrice (Triss) (Hollis) died 11th December 201. She was 103 years old. (S.H.S. approx 1919-1925)

BETTINSON, Mary (Matthews) Died on 18th November 2011 aged 100 years.

BOLTON, Gladys (Matthews) died 23rd November 2011 aged 105 years (S.H.S. 1916-1922).

FLETCHER, Joanna (Singlehurst) died early in March 2011. She was at Stamford High School from 1970 until 1977 and then trained at Ilkley College to be a home economics teacher. She worked for over 25 years at Lodge Park School, working her way up from classroom teacher to deputy head. During this time Joanna gained an MBA from Leicester University. She then went on to become head teacher at St Guthlac's School, Crowland, near Peterborough.

FISHER, Wanda (Dewienkeiwicz) died on 19th January 2012 (S.H.S. 1962 - 1969)

HEAD, Wendy (Harvey) died on 19th September 2011. (S.H.S. 1931-1936).

NORTHEN, Sheila (Hayes) died 19th June 2011 (S.H.S. 1938 -1945).

OSBORNE, Benedicta Mary (Cooper) died at home on 29th July 2011. (1935 - 1941).

POPE, Rachael Mary died 28th September 2011 aged 100years (S.H.S. 1924 -1929)

RIPPIN Vera (Harper) died in May 2011 aged 94 years. (1931 -1936).

WALTON, Pamela died on the 24th January 2011. She taught swimming at the School pool for nearly forty years.

WARREN, Gill (Duff) died on 6th

February 2011. Her career included Barclay's Bank, a school governor, as well as a prison visitor and a magistrate on the Peterborough bench. Gill enjoyed singing and dancing with the Stamford Operatic Society and Gilbert & Sullivan productions for many years. (1952-1962).

GODFREY Lilian Mabel (Known as 'Nin,' Lillian was born on 29th March 1920 and died 19th March 2011. She attended S.H.S. in the 1930s'; she was a member of the O.G.Guild and was a regular attendee until recent years.

Lilian was an active R.S.P.B. member and rambler. She was widowed in World War Two, and her son died aged nine in the 1950s. Lilian bore such huge losses with fortitude while she brought great joy to her extended family and friends through her sense of humour, pragmatism, love of birds, flowers and life in general.

ANNIVERSARIES

SILVER WEDDINGS

BEECHEY, Lynn (Rollinson) to Richard, on 17th May 1986, at All Saint's Church, Stamford.

BELL, Ann (Norman) to Colin on 27th September 1986 at All Saint's Church, Stamford.

CLARKE, Sarah (Pople) to Tony, on 26th July 1986 at All Saint's Church, Stamford.

CLARE, Hilary (Wright) to John on 10th August 1985, at St John's Church, Hampstead. This is a correction for last year, with apologies from the Editor.

HARDY, Susan (Dodkin) to Andrew Hardy on 26th July 1986 at All Saint's Church, Tinwell.

REES, Claire (Whitwell) to Timothy on 12th April 1986 at All Saint's Church, Stamford. They celebrated with a cruise on the Nile in Egypt.

SHARPE, Rachel (Kingston) to Richard Sharpe on 26th July 1986 at St James and All Angels Church, Kingscliffe.

SMITH, Judith (Hinch) to Charles Smith on 31st May 1986 at All Saint's Church, Little Casterton.

RUBY WEDDINGS

BARDWELL, Marigold (Walmsley) to John Bardwell on 24th April 1971, at St John's Church, Stamford.

CLEARY, Veronica (Pennell) to John Cleary, on 28th August 1971 at St Joseph's Church, Hobart, Tasmania.

COLE, Barbara (Rowarth) to Christopher Cole, on 10th April 1971 at St George's Church, Stamford.

HARDY, Susan (Dodkin) to Andrew on 10th April 1971 at All Saints' Church Tinwell.

HILLIER, Rachel (Blackall) to David, on 5th June 1971, at St Michael and All Angels church, Great Oakley , near Corby.

LONGMORE, Elizabeth (Beaver) to David Longmore on 14th August 1971, St Andrew's Church, Collyweston.

NOAKES, Eileen (Templeman) to William on 10th April 1971 at St Andrew's Church Witham-on-the-Hill.

PARKES, Susan (Rouse) married Clive on 17th April 1971 at All Saint's Church, Stamford.

RICHARDS, Judith (Wheeler) to Timothy (O.S.) on 15th April 1971, at St George's Church, Stamford.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

BIRCH, Mollie (Brooks) to George (O.S.) on 12th August 1961 at Trinity Methodist Church, Barn Hill, Stamford.

BLANEY, Jane (Barfield) to Walter on 1st September 1961, at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Uppingham.

BLISS, Patricia (Onyett) celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary on 25th June 2010.

BOND, Jane (Issitt) to Michael Bond, on the 24th June 1961 at St George's Church Stamford.

KINGSTON, Gillian (Ireland) to James on 5th August 1961 at St James and All Saints Church, King's Cliffe.

OLDFIELD, Erika (Cartwright) to Richard Oldfield on 29th April 1961 at St Peter's Church, Oundle.

SHIELDS, Jean (Rowarth) to Jim on 22nd December 1961 at St George's Church, Stamford.

DIAMOND WEDDINGS

LAMB, Betty (Nutt) to Tony on 17th February 1951, at St Michael's Church Stamford.

News of Old Girls

2000 LEAVERS

BELL, Charlotte is getting married in September 2012. She works as a surveyor for a House Builder in Birmingham.

BROWN, Becca was successful in her application to the Oxford summer school at Keble College in August 2011. The week long course allowed Becca to broaden her retail skills to help in the local family business.

CROSON, Amy graduated from University of Bedfordshire with a 2:1 in sport & Physical Education in 2010. She is working as a TA at Sharnbrook Upper School. She started a Graduate Training Programme with East Northamptonshire in September 2011.

DAVIES, Lynn (Prince) has worked in animal health for ten years but is now starting her own business practising veterinary herbal medicine and Acupuncture.

FOWLER, Katherine graduated from Birmingham University with a First Class Hons degree in Sport and Exercise Sciences. She is currently undertaking a Masters course in Physiotherapy at King's College, London.

HETHERINGTON, Samantha obtained a BA Hons degree in 2009 and now works in PR/Events.

LABSVIRS, Alice has a Newly Qualified Teacher (NQT) position at a primary School in Manchester.

MARTINDALE, Sarah (Sabin) married Tim on 10th May 2008. Sarah graduated from Guy's King's and St Thomas' Medical School in 2007 and is currently training to be a GP in Chichester.

MICKLEBURGH, Alexandra graduated from Warwick Medical School in 2009 and started her GP training in August

2011 in London.

REIGERSBERG-VERRLUYS Olivia graduated from Sheffield University and is now a doctor in Liverpool.

PELL, Sarah (Cross) married Nicholas in December 2008 at Burghley House Stamford. She qualified as a Solicitor in 2009 and works for a large City law firm.

SHAW, Nicola achieved a 1st class BA Hons Education Studies & Sport Studies as well as her PGCE Primary at the University of Bedfordshire. She has started in September 2011 at Hampton Hargate Primary School in Peterborough.

SWANSON, Kirstin gained a 2:1 BSc (Hons) degree from Nottingham University then a PGCE from Bishop Grosseteste University, Lincoln, and is now a primary School teacher (year 6) at Fulbridge School, Peterborough.

THAKRAR, Nishi graduated from Birmingham University with a degree in Business Studies and is now working for Deloitte LLP on a graduation scheme.

WALKER, Charlotte gained a Master of Pharmacy at Nottingham University and is currently finishing off her Pre-registration year at Peterborough City Hospital.

1990's LEAVERS

BAYLIS, Clare (Marshall) married in July 2004 and her son, William was born in 2008. She is a primary School teacher but at the moment a full-time Mummy!

MYSKOW, Anna married in 2003 and her husband changed his name to Myskow. She has two children, Grace (6) and Harvey (4). Anna works part-time as an accountant for a builder and

loves being a Mum!

BONNER, Victoria (Staley) has been married for eleven years and lives in North Yorkshire with two daughters. Victoria has worked in Newcastle for 4 years post graduation from Newcastle Dental School. She has worked in a busy N.H.S.

BROOKS, Fay (McCulloch) is married with two boys. She lives in Stamford where she runs her own accounting business called Stamford Bookkeeping. She is a School Governor at St Gilbert's Primary School.

BROWN, Lindsey (Jones) married Matthew in July 2009. They have a daughter, Esme born 29th August 2010. Lindsey achieved a 2:1 in International Business from Loughborough University. She is currently working for Romax Technology Ltd. as a Marketing Executive in Nottingham.

CORNELIUS, Lizzie (Emery) is married to Ian and they have two daughters, Emily (5) and Lucy (2). Lizzie works for United Utilities as an Asset Manager. She is currently on a two year career break to spend some time with the girls.

DENHOLM, Olivia (Moore) works for the North Yorkshire and York PCT as a Capital Accountant.

GALE, Natalie (Carter) spent 6 ½ years working at Cambridgeshire Constabulary as an Accredited Financial Investigator at Divisional level. Natalie moved to Bedfordshire Police in January 2009, to work in their Serious and Organised Crime Unit as an Accredited Financial Investigator. She investigates criminals who operate at local, national and international level and benefit from their crimes financially.

She then confiscates assets from them on conviction.

HARDY, Helen (Miller) is married to Tom and is a teacher currently working as Acting Head of Lower School at Belmont, Mill Hill Preparatory School. Next year she will be back to part-time SEN and English Teacher at the school. She wants to work part-time to be with George (5) and Elizabeth (3).

LEVY, Freya (Garbutt) married Adam in 2004. They have three children, Maya Florence born in 2006, Benjamin Thor born 2008 and Jemima Hope born 5th February 2011. Freya is a consultant in Emergency medicine at Stepping Hill Hospital, Stockport. They live in the Peak district with their dog, Kez and a goat called Horace.

PEEL, Aimi (Mackay) married Andy in July 2008. They had a daughter, Martha Rose in December 2010. She left St Andrew's University with a BSc in Geography and spent 5 years working in Marketing at Nestle. She went to live in Malaysia and New Zealand until 2004 when she returned to the U.K. and worked for 5 years as a freelance Marketing consultant. She is now a 'stay at home mum' and loves it!!

PRIDHAM, Rebecca (Parker) married to John with two daughters, Kate and Georgia. She is currently working as a Financial Controller for a company based in Northern Ireland.

RUDKIN, Clare (Bailey) and Steve have a daughter called Valentina who was born 15th July 2010

SHAW, Helen (Smart), is now married with two children, Abigail was born in 2002, and Harry was born in 2004. She recently achieved a PGCE Primary qualification and is working part-time as a primary school teacher.

TAYLOR Annabel (Farlow) married Toby in February 2002 and had a baby

in August 2011. Annabel went to London University and took a degree in Financial Services. She currently works as a group Treasury Project Manager for Thomas Cook based in Peterborough. She has just completed her professional qualifications (AMCT) TAYLER Lucy (Parker) married Michael on 29th March 2008. They have a daughter – Elysia Grace Tayler born on 20th December 2008.

VASSALLO, Keira (Sawyer) married Tim on 8th August 2009. She qualified in 2003 and is an English teacher.

1980's LEAVERS

BARBER, Carolyn (Man) lives in Willingham, Cambridge, and has two teenage children (17 & 15). She remarried last year (2010). Carolyn works as a Clinical Nurse Practitioner with the Mental Health Services, N.H.S and Primary within the areas of Dementia and 'Anti dementia' medication. She has a retired greyhound and spends any spare time with the family, walking the dog and catching up with friends, old and new.

BARKER, Marion is married to John and they have two boys, Simon (16) and James (14). Marion left school in 1979 to go to school in Spain. She studied Spanish (BA Hons Spanish with French) and has worked in Marketing, Travel, PR work and teaching. She has taught G.C.S.E. and 'A' level Spanish and English as a foreign language.

GERVIS, Charlotte (Stanton) married Hal and they have three children, Jemima (11), Tabitha (8) and Ned (2). Charlotte is a stay at home Mum living in Kentucky, U.S.A. and is still in touch with friends through facebook.

HALES, Jane (Ash) was widowed in 1996 with three children under the age

of six. She owned and ran the Normanton Park hotel and is now a self-employed party and wedding organiser. Her eldest son had a serious fall in 2009, while an Undergraduate at Newcastle University and suffered a serious traumatic brain injury. A cutting edge C4 documentary was made about him & the family which was put forward for a BAFTA Award to raise awareness of brain injury. As a family they all now fundraise for Headway- the brain injury Association and are happy to talk to groups about head protection and Headway.

HAYES, Clare (Evans) Lives in London and is married to Ian. They have two children, Samuel is twelve and Eleanor is nine. She is a 'mum' at home with no plans at the moment to return to work yet. Her sisters, Rebecca and Charlotte are also Old Girls.

PENTON-VOAK, Helen has been a self – employed illustrator for greetings cards and the giftware industry for the last twenty years. She lives in Leicester and has a three year old son James.

TEESDALE, Anne (Fitzherbert) lives in Uffington and teaches at the Copthill School with her husband, Jonny. They have three children, Emily who is at the S.H.S. Sam is ten and Louisa is eight.

TITCOMBE Michelle (Sargeant) Moved back to Stamford area in 2008 with husband, Chris (S.S. 1986), daughter Olivia (12), and son Charlie (9). She is now teaching.

1970's LEAVERS

BRADFORD Sue (Bradley) is a civil servant, mother and housewife.

CARROTT Anna has three children and four grandchildren. She has worked for fifteen years in Social Housing and two years safe guarding children. She has been a Justice of the

Peace and a Coroner, in, and for the Yukon, Canada. She achieved an NVQ in Health and Social Care, City and Guilds, at the age of 58.

DOWNES Kim (Meacock, Herd) Having been ill from 1995 with CFS/ME she was healed in the summer of 2009 at a Christian holiday, Sole Survivor, for teenagers that went from her local church. She has the know-how to be 'well', by becoming mentally and physically fit without expecting too much from herself. She now lives in a 200 year old cottage and loves it!!

1960's LEAVERS

BLACKWELL Margaret (Shelford) does work for the local Hospice and is involved with the W.I. locally. Margaret is in touch with Juliet Dawson, Janet Graham and Janet Graves.

DALLEY Gillian (Arnold) has retired as a non-executive Director at Great Ormond Street Hospital after eight years. She is now an independent Consultant at BCD Care Associates.

DAWSON Juliet (Samworth) is very busy organising outings for the Friends of the Peterborough Cathedral and the Precincts Society. She attended a reception in the presence of H.R.H the Duke of Gloucester, to launch the Peterborough 900 Development Campaign. She is a steward at the services and special events as well as special catering. Juliet's daughter, Joanna has a daughter, Bethany Emilia on 27th May 2010.

DOWNS, Lis (Freeman) reports that she is making great progress following a double hip replacement operation in February '11 and hopes to do a one-mile sponsored walk with other ex-patients of the Norfolk and Norwich hospital in aid of their Orthopaedic unit in June this year. Her recovery is

just in time for the re-opening of the green energy B&B she runs with husband Peter. As their property straddles the river Bure, Peter has made good use of the river and installed a hydro-electric scheme, a water-sourced under-floor heating system and also a rainwater harvester for flushing loos. Lis continues to spend a small amount of time in medical education and is able to do most of her work from home providing the Internet is working properly in their rural location.

FLINT, Susan is enjoying her retirement having moved back to the area.

RAYDEN, Eleanor (Cockin) married Alan in 1972. They have two children, Francis (S.H.S. 1985 – 1990) and Timothy. Eleanor has two grandsons. Eleanor retired from Oundle School in 2003, where she was Head of Educational Support. She is Chairman of the Oundle Fairtrade Town Steering group. She is involved locally in the Christian Aid organisation and enjoys walking, gardening singing and Scottish Country dancing.

PARKER, Judith (Harcourt) retired last year but as she moved into an old farmhouse, she feels she has been working twice as hard and twice as many hours!!

SNELSON, Janet (Turner) is retired and enjoys voluntary work as well as the W.I. and walking groups. She loves travelling to the USA and has a daughter and grandson.

TOMPKINS, Marilyn (Page) is enjoying her year as Ladies Captain for the Market Rasen Golf Club. Would welcome any Old Girls to the course.

1950's LEAVERS

BLISS, Patricia (Onyett) has retired from the family farm as secretary but enjoys golf, an acre of garden and

running a lunch club by cooking for 30 village pensioners once a month.

FOULKE, Sheelagh (Grummitt) is Chair of Norwich Sugar craft Association; she is on the Home Economics Committee of the Federation of Women's Institutes. Sheelagh is involved in Textile Artists Group and on the Committee organising Wollerton Costume & Textile Fair at Wollerton Hall, Norfolk.

1940's LEAVERS

BRADLEY, Mary (Sharp) was at school from 1938 until approximately 1944/45. She had to move to Harlaxton near her family when Peter, her husband died. She is a keen gardener and has one of her grandsons designing for Chelsea 2012.

Reunion Day 2011

This year I have put **all** the names of the girls attending from each year at the side of the photographs as there has been confusion in the past and I do not wish anyone to feel left out.



Libby Craig and Belinda Dade.



Alison Horton and Kate Ainsworth.



Becca Brown and Friends.



Kirsten Swanson and Caroline Pierce.

Reunion Day 2011



5 Year Reunion

Olivia Van Reigersberg-Verrlys, Katherine Fowler, Nishi Thakrar, Kirstin Swanson, Charlotte Walker, Becca Brown, Sophie Widdison, Tessa Yates & Ginny Major, Laura Evans, Kelly Roche and Nicola Shaw, Samantha Hetherington, Lindsey Holden and Charlotte Bell.

10 Year Reunion

Charlotte Bell and friends



Reunion Day 2011



20 Year Reunion

*Fiona Lewis, Helen Hardy, Clare Bayliss, Victoria Bonner
Katherine Towns, Natalie Gale, Dr Freya Levy, Lynn Davies
and Fay Brooks Lizzie Cornelius, Lynn Davies, Olivia Denholm,
Jo Newcombe and Aimi Peel. Rebecca Pridham, Clare Rudkin,
Helen Smart and Lucy Tayler . Jenny Friday, Keira Vassallo,
Helen Hardy, Rachel Roe, Joe Ramsden and Nicola Allen. Laura
Sykes, Rachel Stewart, Sarah Rosemary Sinclair, Ginty, Sarah
Charlesworth and Rowena Harvey. Lucy Moore, Anna Myskow ,
Sharon Rouse Joe Scroggie, Deborah Simpson, Alison Woolf Sarah
Watson and Lucie Van Der Kooij.*

25 Year Reunion

*Miss Bland and Miss Tennyson with Charlotte Gervis,
Peta Duncan, Emma Larsen , Anette Mutton,
Helen Penton-Voak and Ann Teesdale. Viv Bradford,
Vanessa Kirby, Alison Wheeler, Michelle Titcombe
and Katherine Bennett.*



30 Year Reunion

Jane Hales, Carolyn Barber and Marion Barker.

Reunion Day 2011



40 Year Reunion

Anna Carrott and Maggie Hopkins

50 Year Reunion

Juliet Dawson, Gillian Dalley, Janet Snelson, Eleanor Raynor, Susan Parkes, Annette Howard, Margaret Bennett, Helen Holmes and Margaret Grainger. Margaret Allsup, Sonia Stubbs, Jill Powell, Jane Crowley, Marilyn Tompkins, Catherine Kitching and Eleanor Rayden.



60 Year Reunion

Patricia Bliss, Sheelagh Foulke and Marigold Lamin.

Committee members and others present though not on above reunions including, Jill Hamilton, Pat Hargreaves, Bev Hopkins, Anita Trowell Diane Jackson and Claire Colton. Judith Parker, Ann Turner Janet Darke and Carole Threadgold.

This year our guests included Stephen Roberts, Gladys Bland, Patsy Tennison, Libby Craig Alison Horton, Kate Ainsworth, Belinda Dade, Jackie Cattello and Jo Sanford.

Technology. Always the way forward?

by Becca Brown

Isn't it a great feeling when you go on holiday and switch your phone off for a whole week? After the initial withdrawal symptoms have dissipated and the incessant need to check your device has abated for some it's a very liberating feeling, for others its hell! After travelling in Africa for 4 months it was with reluctance I returned to the digital age and soon fell back in to old habits. But is it really necessary? How did we manage before iPhones, 3G and Google? In previous generations arguments were settled without 'Googling' it and arranging to meet someone would have been set in stone without texting 'Sorry I'm not going to make it now.' Maybe I'm being unrealistic in having a simplistic outlook on this topic and some may call me mad for suggesting no type of technological communication is anywhere near a good substitute for face to face talking or picking up a phone and having a conversation. On occasion when conversation is flowing there's nothing more infuriating than the person you're talking to starts fiddling around on their phone mid flow, especially at the dinner table!

The speed in which technology has developed may also have wider implications beyond just lack of normal conversation. It may be responsible for the widening gap between the elderly community and younger generations. A lot of 70 plus individuals won't know what 'Tweeting' is and would assume it's something to do with the dawn chorus rather than social networking which makes one wonder how easily older people can relate to younger generations of today. Gone, it seems, are the days when an 18 year old lad would jump up from his seat on the bus with the appearance of a mature lady as he's got his earphones in and eyes glued to a screen of some device or another, rendering him oblivious. (On the other hand maybe this is just down to the shocking level of manners in many people these days!)

When you stop and think about the aspects of life that technology has affected within the last 50 years it's hard to find an area which is untouched. Yes, in some respects it's made communicating with each other a lot easier but it's not just the world of communication. Working in retail, there's a massive pressure to embrace technology and become internet friendly, constantly thinking about SEO (Search Engine Optimisation) and being smart phone friendly. But again, is there any real substitute to getting your friends together and going out shopping, in to a real shop, with a real basket, to a real check out. There's no way to convey the quality of a leather briefcase through a 4 inch screen. Is this really the future?

How many of you reading this, when waking up in a morning check your phone before doing anything else? How many times a day do you look on Facebook or check emails? Maybe soon there won't be any need to leave our houses as everything will be available on an electronic device and face to face interaction will become obsolete. So instead of quickly compiling an update email to your friend, take 15 minutes out and sit down and have a proper chat on a telephone or even better pop round for a cuppa! And if technology is going to continue developing at the rate it has then it will inevitably be important to embrace it in some areas of life (just maybe not all.) But more important to encourage usage and explain the advantages to the older generations, even if it's just a reason to sit down and interact with them because if we're not careful there will be a divide so wide it'll become unbridgeable. So next time you're round your Grandparents ask their opinion on the development of technology or ask your Grandchildren to explain how social networking sites work, guaranteed you'll get more than just a mumbled grunt!

As a 24 year old its assumed I'm au fait with technology and must have the latest gadgets but quite the contrary. I admit I'm a technophobe and use technology out of necessity rather than choice; you just need to see my current phone to believe me! So just see how it feels to switch your phone off for an hour, I've a sneaky suspicion the world won't stop if you don't update your status or answer that text straight away.

Technology is always the way forward - Fast forward

by Barbara Hayre (1966 – 1973)

Technology is always the way forward – fast forward. It is time and labour saving.

We are steered towards it in every area of our lives.

To cut down on the time spent in the supermarket there is a choice of individual zappers for customers to tot up their shop as they go along, self-service speed tills or internet shopping.

In the work place there are iphones and ipads. You are always contactable by phone or email. No time is wasted, not even when in transit thanks to hands free kits and wifi. Emails speed up transactions such as sending invoices, there is no printing, folding and posting. No ‘lost in post’ scenarios.

Internet banking is amazing. You can pay bills en masse whenever you want, and no tedious multiple cheque signing. Customers make payments straight into accounts, no filling out paying in slips or trips to the bank.

The introduction of new technology within the leisure industry enables us to book tickets on line for just about anything and pick them up at the venues or at points of departure, thus avoiding queuing.

Each generation is living life at a faster pace than the previous one. Technology promises to free up time, but that ‘free time’ just means we can – and we do – fit in even more activities, so instead of making life easier it makes it fuller and faster.

Yet technology will always be the way forward, and if you do not embrace it, you will fall behind, or miss out.



Technology - Always the way forward?

by Claire Colton

Technology is what enables Sarah Outen to keep us spellbound with her cycling and kayaking circumnavigation of the globe. The internet allows us to talk to our friends and families almost anywhere in the world – and probably see them too via a webcam or video link. We are now able to share the joys and grief of peoples around the world on a 24/7 basis. At any moment of the day, global information is at our fingertips.

Technology allows elderly people to stay in their own homes independently knowing that help is available via the ‘lifeline’ they wear round their neck. Pressing the button in an emergency will bring assistance. Even if they are barely physically mobile and not ‘silver surfers’, they still have the TV and phone to keep them in touch with the outside world.

Via technology we can remotely organise our home – set the temperature, close the curtains, set the timer to record favourite TV programmes, set the timer on the cooker, dishwasher etc and access voicemail on a landline. Thus when we arrive home, everything – in theory – is as we intended.

Professor Brian Cox and Sir David Attenborough transport us via TV programmes out into the universe and to the every part of this planet allowing us to access the pleasure and pain of life in all its forms over millions of years. Carbon dating and forensics enable deeper understanding of matter.

However, as with so many aspects of life, technology has the ability to give with one hand and retract with the other. Consider developments in weapons of war – the ability to destroy huge densely populated areas at the touch of a button. Factory fishing vessels can locate their prey and with expansive modern equipment are rapidly diminishing fish stocks around the world. The global population has reached 7 billion – can technology via birth control and education ease the mass starvation and inequality that currently persists?

The technology that enables us to set the temperature in a building and power petrol and diesel modes of transport permits us to abuse energy and increase carbon emissions. It enables us to be selfish and avoid social interaction with family, work colleagues and neighbours. It has been said that our brains absorb as much information in one day as the Victorians absorbed in one year.

The ability to regenerate and repair broken bodies using technology is magnificent. The ability to use technology against our fellow human beings is terrifying.

Technology. Always the way forward?

by Sue Bradford (Bradley)

I am one of those Old Girls who prefer to receive a printed Magazine.

When it arrives I make the time to sit down, and read it through, cover to cover. I can do other things in between, and “come back to it” when I choose.

So far, I have two full A4 Exercise Books at home, full of the OGG Magazine cuttings. Articles, Photos, BMDs, Obituaries, Updates, Records etc. of Old Girls and Former Staff that I knew while I was at School. Of particular interest to me are the “Memories” articles and photos...telling and showing how School used to be in The Old Days. (Myself, and the rest of Form Upper 1V 3 appeared in one photo of the Science Lab!)

I find it fascinating to look back and see what Old Girls are “doing now” or “have done”.

Old Girl friends of mine love to look through the Books, and comment “I had forgotten that \ Oh, I remember that \ She does / doesn’t look any different!

I hope that the OGG Magazine will continue in hard copy. I think that if it is only available on Spedeweb I will not sit at the PC long enough to read it cover to cover, and the printed-off photos will not be of the same quality, to put in my Books.

Bring On Technology... but also keep Traditional ways for those of us who enjoy them.

The Technical Age

by Daisy Temple



Modern technological inventions and achievements are as revolutionary to us as the Industrial Revolution must have been to our great, great grandparents. The older generation is in danger of being left far behind in the ability to use and benefit from the scientific developments achieved in the last 20 years.

Today’s youngsters are given every opportunity to learn and use the new technology, when they are at school, whilst our generation, brought up in all the familiar, traditional methods, have to rely on their own initiative unless grandchildren are nearby and give help or correct mistakes.

It all seems so easy for them but how do you go about discovering the latest gadgets and procedures? Meanwhile, at the end of televised programmes we are constantly irritated and frustrated by being told that further details can be obtained on www.A.b.c etc. This is no good at all if you are amongst the eight million, mostly elderly people without internet access at home. If you do not, there are sometimes opportunities to take up a beginner’s course at the library, but without continual practice it is difficult to remember all the proper sequences as library sessions are only available for one hour a day.

This is not going to result in any significant advance towards being computer literate and competing with youngsters’ expertise after being brought up on computer skills while at school from an early age.

OLD GIRLS HOCKEY

The SHS 1st XI were delighted to welcome back some old faces in the form of an Old Girls Hockey squad 10th December 2011. As the first time this event has been hosted, even the frost wasn't enough to deter the two squads who were raring to go for the last game of the season. With a couple of sisterly rivalries present in the teams, it was set to be an excellent match.

The Old Girls started strong and put the 1st XI on the back foot straight away with some fabulous attacking play from Zoe Andrew, Georgie Bendle and Jess Dalglish and were extremely unlucky not to score in the first ten minutes. The 1st XI, adamant not to lose to their predecessors, came back fighting with some lovely linking play from Aimee Blay at the back, through Rachel Richardson, Hannah Paish and up to Lydia Kay up front. The Old Girls back line consisting of Beth Parr, Grace Macdonald at sweeper and a sterling performance from Alice Smyth in goal denied countless attempts from the SHS 1st XI and the first half ended 0-0.



A shell shocked first team entered the team talk with discussions about they were 'so much better than we thought they'd be!' and decided to up the pace of the game and show what they are really made of! Some lovely attacking play down the lines allowed the 1st XI to put away 3 goals throughout the course of the second half. This should do no disrespect to the Old Girls who fought admirably and were denied a goal only by the skill and experience of Vicky Salt in goal. The game ended with a 3-0 win to the 1st XI, however this by no means reflected the skill and athleticism which the Old Girls demonstrated.

The supporters ensured the atmosphere around the pitch was friendly yet competitive and the post-match buffet allowed for some catch ups between Old Girls, current players, parents and teachers. I would like to express my thanks to all those who came along to show their support as well as Mrs Powell for her superb umpiring. The game was a huge success and is something which will now become an annual occasion to mark the end of the hockey season.



HOCKEY



**Hockey match played on 10th December 2011,
Next years match will be on 8th December 2012.**

STAMFORD HIGH SCHOOL OLD GIRLS' GUILD

CONSTITUTION

1. **The function of the Guild** is to encourage contact between Old Girls themselves, maintain links between them and the School and arrange social events and other activities for the fulfilment of these purposes.
2. **The business of the Guild** to be conducted by the President, Honorary President, Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer.

SECTION 1: OFFICERS OF THE GUILD

3. **THE PRESIDENT:** who shall be the current Head Mistress and shall Chair the Annual General Meeting. In the event of equal voting at an Annual General Meeting, to have a casting vote.
4. **THE HONORARY PRESIDENT:** who shall be the current Principal of The Stamford Endowed Schools.
5. **THE VICE-PRESIDENTS:** which shall be honorary positions and be filled by past Head Mistresses, retired members of Staff or distinguished Old Girls. The Vice-Presidents shall deputise for the President if the President is unable to attend an Annual General Meeting.
6. **THE CHAIRMAN:** who shall be an Old Girl, elected every two years at the Annual General Meeting. To take office immediately following the Annual General Meeting. To be responsible for the proper conduct of all meetings in accordance with the Constitution of the Guild. To have one casting vote in the event of equal voting at a committee meeting.
7. **THE VICE-CHAIRMAN:** who shall be an Old Girl, elected every two years at the Annual General Meeting. To take office immediately following the Annual General Meeting. To deputise for the Chairman at committee meetings and to be Chairman-Elect.
 - a. In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman at committee meetings. An acting Chairman to be elected from those present for the duration of that meeting only.
8. **THE SECRETARY:** who shall be an Old Girl, elected every two years at the Annual General Meeting. To take office immediately following the Annual General Meeting. To be responsible for the calling of all meetings, preparation of agendas and the safekeeping and circulation of the Minutes. To be responsible for all correspondence and records on behalf of the Guild.
9. **THE TREASURER:** who shall be an Old Girl, elected every two years at the Annual General Meeting. To take office immediately following the Annual General Meeting. To be responsible for the financial aspects of the running of the Guild. To make all approved payments on the Guild's behalf and issue receipts for payments to the Guild. To be responsible for the maintenance of proper accounts, to furnish statements of account at all committee meetings, to prepare a balance sheet and statement of accounts at the end of the Guild's year.
 - a. The books to be audited prior to their presentation to members at the Annual General Meeting.
10. **MAGAZINE EDITOR:** who shall be an Old Girl or past member of staff elected every five years at the Annual General Meeting. To take office immediately following the Annual General Meeting. To be responsible for producing and publishing the annual magazine. The editor is to ensure that she regularly consults the Committee on the content of the magazine and obtains their approval for printing and distribution costs. Before publication the Editor must submit a draft magazine to the Committee for approval.

SECTION 2: COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

11. **THE COMMITTEE:** who shall be Old Girls or past members of staff, elected every four years at the Annual

General Meeting. To take office immediately following the Annual General Meeting. To consist of a minimum of eight Guild Members.

12. It is considered that age and ability to serve as a committee person are unrelated but a mix of ages would seem sensible. Committee members are expected to attend as many meetings as possible. One committee member is to assume the duty of organising the annual tennis match against the school.

SECTION 3: COMMITTEE MEETINGS

13. The committee to meet no less than three times a year. Full Minutes to be taken and recorded at each meeting.
14. A minimum of six committee members, plus officers, will form a quorum at a committee meeting.
15. The Committee must obtain The Annual General Meeting's approval to spend in excess of £3,000 on any individual item, project or donation.

SECTION 4: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

16. The Annual General Meeting is to be held on the last Saturday of the summer term each year unless otherwise decided at a committee meeting.
17. A minimum of twenty Guild members will form a quorum at an Annual General Meeting.
18. **NOMINATIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE:** may be accepted any time during the calendar year but will be formally proposed and seconded for acceptance by the Annual General Meeting,
19. **VOTING:** shall be by a show of hands, except at the discretion of the President at an Annual General Meeting and the Chairman at a committee meeting. When a secret ballot is deemed necessary, every question before either meeting shall be decided by a majority of the votes of members present.
20. **MEMBERSHIP OF THE GUILD:** the current subscription of £50 for life and £15 for life (for age 60+), having been paid to the Treasurer will entitle the member to one vote at a General Meeting. This subscription will be reviewed on a bi-annual basis.
21. **ALTERATION TO THE CONSTITUTION:** no amendment may be enacted or addition accepted except at a General Meeting. Any member proposing alteration shall give notice to the Secretary at least one month prior to the meeting and the alteration shall appear on the notice convening the meeting.
22. **QUESTIONS NOT COVERED BY THIS CONSTITUTION:** in case any question shall at any time arise which is not provided for in this Constitution, the question shall be determined by the committee whose decision shall be binding, or unless or until varied or revoked by them.
23. Should the Stamford High School Old Girls' Guild be disbanded, any monies which have accumulated will be given to Stamford High School for the benefit of their Bursary Fund.

(Revised and approved at AGM 2 July 2011)

ANNE BROWN (ROBINSON) RETIREMENT

After serving on the OG Committee for almost 30 years, Anne Brown has decided to retire. Anne joined the Committee about 18 months after I did and shortly before Anne Marshall (Smith) undertook the modernisation study and formed the new Steering Committee in 1985-86. Anne Brown became the Secretary of this Committee and continued in this job until 1992 when she became Membership Secretary – a job she continued to undertake until her retirement in July 2011. Whilst holding this job she also became Vice-Chairman in 2000 and subsequently Chairman of OG between 2002 – 2004.

Following our September Committee Meeting, Jill Hamilton (Chairman of OG) presented a framed print of Stamford High School to Anne as a token of thanks for all her hard work and support of OG.

I am also delighted to report Anne's daughter, Becca, is carrying on the family tradition as she has now joined the OG Committee.

We all wish Anne well and I look forward to seeing her and Becca whenever I drop by their shop – T & C Robinson in St Mary's Street - where I always receive a warm welcome and, if they can spare the time, a cup of coffee and chat.

Anita Trowell
September 2011



Anne Brown being presented
a gift by Jill Hamilton



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Stamford High School Old Girls' Guild held on Saturday, 2 July 2011.

In the absence of the President of the Guild, the official documents of the meeting were signed by the Vice-President, Miss G K Bland.

Apologies for absence: 29 apologies received as below

Dyl Powell (President of SHS Old Girls' Guild)
Kate Quinton (Packer)
Judith Ann Popple (Lee)
Nicola Shaw
Sara Ginty (Wheadon)
Sharon Rowse
Lucy Moore
Fay Brooks (McCulloch)
Helen Smart (Shaw)
Rosemary Anne Sinclair (Pare)
Rosemary French (Green)
Clare Hayes (Evans)
Janet Graham (Byham)
Helen Foster (Shearer)
Jill Powell (Shouler)
Margaret Woolley (Hill)
Denise Speakman (Smith)
Iris Harris (Cliff)
Lauren Cox
Marie Marsh (Vaira)
Nicola Allen (Sloss)
Annabel Farlow (Taylor)
Laura Sykes (Marks)
Clare Bayliss (Marshall)
Anna Carrott
Janet Snelson (Turner)
Kathleen Butler (Neenan)
Maureen Matthews (Fox-Browne)
Alison Eaves (Matthews)

Minutes of AGM 2010 were signed as a true record. Proposed by Claire Colton (Hollis) and seconded by Pat Hargreaves (Sumner).

Matters Arising – None

President's Address: As the President was unable to attend, her report was delivered by Alison Horton. See Report.

Junior School Report: See Report.

Chairman's Report: See Report.

Treasurer's Report:

Barbara presented the Accounts, the notes for which are self-explanatory. The Accounts were proposed by Pat Hargreaves (Sumner) and seconded by Juliet Dawson (Samworth).

Amendments to Constitution

The Committee have recently undertaken a review of the Constitution as many aspects of it were in need of updating. The amended Constitution was circulated to the membership in the recent Magazine and no complaints, objections or queries have been received. The new Constitution was proposed by Anita Trowell and seconded by Claire Colton (Hollis).

Election of Officers:

Anne Brown (Robinson) has now resigned from the Committee with effect from this AGM; however her daughter – Rebecca (Left 2006) – has agreed to join, proposed by Barbara Hayre (Lilley) and seconded by Anita Trowell.

Any Other Business

Miss Bland thanked everyone on the Committee for all their hard work throughout the year and for the organisation of Reunion Day.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 11.30am.

AGM Report

by Chairman – Jill Hamilton

Madam President, Ladies and Gentleman

I'd like to begin by welcoming you all to the lecture theatre for this our 102nd year AGM.

I would also like to say how pleased I am to welcome you all today. Members have travelled from far and wide to be with us. Numbers for the day are encouraging, with just over 100 for lunch and large numbers for this evening's Barbecue being held on the playing fields at the Boys School.

I'd like to single out a few people who deserve special thanks from us all:

My first thanks go to Iris Harris who has organised all of the tickets for today's events, Iris is not with us today as she has recently had an operation on her knee. I am sure you would all join with me in wishing her well.

Whilst wishing people well, Hazel Tourtell who many of you know from her time as treasurer of the association has been unwell and we all hope that she is feeling a little better.

Next, Clare Colton who has agreed to stand as vice chair to take over as your chair person at the next AGM – I am sure you will be pleased to hear from someone other than me at these speeches.

I would also like to thank Bev Hopkins who does a fantastic job as editor of the magazine, Bev will be doing this years magazine and then will be handing over the reigns to someone new. If anyone can help with the magazine we would be very pleased to hear from you.

A special thank you this year to Clare and Anita Trowell, I have been working away from home for the last few weeks and without their help today would have been very difficult for me to organise.

The Committee as ever are loyal and hard working and without them today would not happen.

Thanks to Mrs Dyl Powell, our president, for her continuing support and for the availability of the School today to enable you all to be able to see what changes have been made and remember your days here and how the School was then. Dyl is not with us today as she has joined a group from the School on a visit to Krakow, a trip she was very keen to make but I know she was very sorry to miss you all today. Alison Horton one of Dyl's senior staff will be telling us all about events at the school.

Also thanks to Libby Craig who each year keeps you up to date with events at the junior school and will be around during lunch. I am sure if you would like to look at the junior school Libby will be able to tell you where you can go.

Thanks to Stephen Roberts for the use of Brazenose house for our committee meetings. Stephen is the principle of the endowed schools, He will be with us at lunch.

We are very pleased to welcome Miss Bland and (Miss Tennyson) to this year's event, both are always enthusiastic supporters of the Guild.

If anyone is able to help in any way with the Guild we would be delighted to hear from you, all the Committee's phone numbers are in the magazine, phone any one of us.

Penny Tinkler and the Catering staff and Ian Hall and the caretaking staff have yet again worked hard on our behalf and I am sure that you will enjoy the day.

It is Pennys second year in charge of the catering and I am sure that if you enjoy lunch she would be pleased to hear your comments.

Your committee has again had a number of meetings with the Old Stamfordians and tonight's barbecue looks like being a successful joint event. We must all look to the future and remember that the 6th form of the Endowed Schools is now mixed.

Once again I commend the Foundation Trust to you, if you are unsure of the Trust Rachael will be with us during drinks in the quad and will be happy to explain the trust.

I wish Stamford Endowed Schools a very successful 2011 - 2012

May Christ us Spede

BARBECUE



Please contact any of the committee if you would like to attend the joint BBQ in the evening after the Old Girls reunion.

SPECIAL REUNIONS

These are groups of girls who went through school together. To avoid confusion, year means the year in which that particular group of girls left or would have left in the Upper Sixth. In 2012, we welcome, in particular, Old Girls who left in:

2007	(5 year reunion)	1982	(30 year reunion)
2002	(10 year reunion)	1972	(40 year reunion)
1997	(15 year reunion)	1962	(50 year reunion)
1992	(20 year reunion)	1952	(60 year reunion)
1987	(25 year reunion)		

If anyone could come and help with the organisation of the Luncheon next year we are looking for new and interested girls to continue the yearly event. Although we are known as a committee, we are a group of Old Girls that enjoy the Luncheon as much as you do and we do not want it to have to finish through lack of organisational support. Also if you are interested in organising a Reunion year, please contact any girl on the 'Committee' mentioned at the beginning of the magazine.

AGM and Luncheon 30th June 2012

Timetable

DINING ROOM

10.00 am Coffee and Biscuits

LECTURE THEATRE

10.45 am AGM

ON THE QUAD

11.30 am OG Stall
Collect Name Badges and all enquiries including memberships, magazines, raffle tickets and Spede Pin Badges

Pre Lunch Drinks

Official Photos to be taken including Reunion Year Groups

HALL

12.30 pm Buffet Luncheon
Speeches and Presentations and Raffle Prizes
School Song
School is open after Lunch

TENNIS COURTS

3.00 pm OGG v School Tennis Match
At the School Courts, Kettering Road

DINING ROOM

4.00 pm Tea

N.B. Name Badges can be collected upon arrival at 10am in the Dining Room and from 11am onwards from the OG Stall on the Quad.