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EDITORIAL

It is sometimes said that the best stories begin with the line: “*So I was sitting at the computer with a glass of wine...*” I’m not sure that what follows is always exciting, but in my case it certainly tends to be not quite what I’d expected.

So, in about May last year, I was sitting at the computer with a glass of wine, when I read a request for help with the Magazine. At this point I probably should have taken the decision to switch off the computer and finish the wine, but I didn’t. I can only say in my defence that my actions may have been misguided, but my intentions were honourable.

This brings me to the present, when I find myself sitting in front of my laptop with a cup of tea. It should be noted that I am now soberly contemplating my actions in the cold light of day, and with a sensible (I hope) approach to life. I have also been forced to realise, in the course of the last few months, what a huge task the Old Girls’ Committee take on each year in order to keep us all updated and entertained. It is no easy task to produce a magazine to keep the interest of a readership of over 2,500 ladies, with a potential age range of 80 years, with careers, hobbies, and achievements of encyclopaedic diversity. I can’t imagine that any sensible professional would take it on, but then it is altogether possible that I couldn’t be described as such.

This year has seen the advent of the e-Newsletter, compiled by Antonia Scott, which many of you will have received and which has provided us with many fascinating and diverse updates from Old Girls. Some of these articles are reproduced in this issue, as we are aware that there are many Old Girls who do not yet receive the e-Newsletter and would otherwise miss out. Sincere thanks are due to Antonia for allowing us to reproduce them, and for her hard work in compiling the monthly updates.

We have also looked back to previous years in this issue, notably because in 2014 we will be remembering the centenary of the start of the First World War. Unfortunately we have not been able to source a copy of the 1914 School Magazine or the Old Girls’ Magazine for that year, but we were able to find copies of the 1939, 1964, and 1989 magazines, all of which make fascinating reading, and some of the articles have been reproduced further on in the Magazine. It would be wonderful to hear from any Old Girls who would be able to give us some memories of their time at school during the Second World War, in order to be able to put some of these into next year’s issue.

You’ll notice a change back to A5 format this year – please let us know whether you feel this is a change for the better, or whether the A4 format was preferable.

Please note that numbers in brackets after names are the year of leaving School.

Finally many thanks, on behalf of the Old Girls’ Guild, to the SES Foundation for their help and support in compiling, designing and distributing this edition of the Magazine.

Lucy Findlay, Editor

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT BY CLAIRE COLTON

Delivered by Claire to the OGG at the Reunion Lunch on 29 June 2013

Good morning and welcome, Ladies. You'll be pleased to hear that I haven't got a lot to say. It's been a very positive year for the Guild and we are pleased to have some younger members on the Committee – but I hasten to add that there's always room for more...

Mrs Emma Smith has taken over as Headmistress of Stamford Junior School, filling Libby Craig's – metaphorically speaking – size 14 shoes. We are pleased to welcome her here today to give the SJS report at our AGM.

As ever, we are grateful to Mrs Dyl Powell for her on-going support of the Guild in addition to her many day-to-day responsibilities towards the pupils and staff here at the High School. Miss Bland is another loyal supporter here today – thank you, Miss Bland.

Well-known faces who are not able to be with us today but who send their best wishes are: Patsy Tennison, Hazel Tourtel who has not been well but did mention that she's been retired for as many years as she worked at the High School – which is encouraging to any of us approaching retirement! Also, Hilary Lillford and Chris and Ann Feather send their best wishes.

We are very pleased to welcome the Principal, Stephen Roberts, who will be joining us for drinks and lunch. Also, Pauline Slater, who was on the staff of SHS for many years.

Interestingly we are acknowledging only one retiring member of staff: Mrs Mary Cade who has spent 26 years teaching within the science department and will now be helping her husband run a charity to educate all ages about sustainability - so Mary's teaching abilities will continue to be put to excellent use!

Sincere thanks go to all the Committee for the effort they put in behind the scenes and on Reunion Day. Every single member of the Committee contributes with their time and energy – thank you very much, ladies; today would not be possible without your help.

We are happy to have a new magazine editor – Lucy Atkins – who happens to be Miss Carr's daughter – for those of you familiar with the physics department of several decades ago. As usual there is a section on the reverse of the place card in front of you for your news so please do let us know what you've been busy with. Also, of course, Antonia Scott – Tooty – is editing a regular e-newsletter of news from old girls near and far. If you are not receiving this, you can contact Anita, our secretary or Rachael and Maxine at the Foundation office who will ensure you are added to the email list.

The Committee is hoping to locate a tennis co-ordinator to liaise with Heidi Myles, Head of Games here at School, and we're also looking for a volunteer for the position of vice-chair. It's not very onerous – but would mean that key committee members Anita, Barbara, Jill and I would have someone else to share the duties with.

I would like to acknowledge the assistance given to the Guild Committee by the Principal's PA, Jackie Cattell, and the Headmistress's PA, Nicola Hindle.

Thanks to:

- Penny Hudson and the Catering staff
- Sally Brittain, Site Manager
- David Morris and the Caretaking staff
- Goldie Bardwell who has once again produced a beautiful flower arrangement for us
- Jill Hamilton's husband, Ian, who has once again come along to do the year group photographs. Copies will be available from the classroom across the quad
- Queena Tse, a current pupil, who is playing the piano for us today for the School Song

It is due to the efforts of all these people that our annual event continues to be so successful and enjoyable.

Obviously the school is open today for your trip down Memory Lane. A cup of tea will be served in the dining room at 4 o'clock and the barbecue is being held on the playing fields at the Boys' School this evening.

Rachael Petrie from the SES Foundation is unfortunately not able to be with us today, but we have some leaflets detailing the benefits of the Foundation for current and future pupils and I do commend it to you. Last year I said that Stamford High School had provided a broad-ranging thorough education for girls for over 130 years – well, it's now over 131 years and I'd like to think this can continue into the 22nd century – though I'm not sure which of us will be here to witness it!

I wish the Stamford Endowed Schools every success in the coming year.

May Christ Us Spede

HEADMISTRESS' REPORT 2012-13

Delivered on Speech Day on 21 June 2013

Honoured Guests, Governors, Ladies and Gentlemen, and pupils; thank you for attending this evening and joining with us to celebrate the achievements of the girls of Stamford High School.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome Squadron Leader Kirsty Stewart to present the prizes and address us today. Kirsty is an Old Girl of the School who left in 1995. She joined the RAF in 1998, becoming a Hawk instructor and then a Tornado pilot. Kirsty made history in 2009 when she became the first woman to fly in the Red Arrows display team only twenty years after women were first allowed to become pilots in the RAF. It was the culmination of an ambition that started as a school girl watching her father as an RAF navigator. Every year about 30 fast-jet pilots apply to the coveted Red Arrows. Only the best are successful and the prerequisites include at least one front-line tour of duty as a fast-jet pilot and a minimum of 1,500 flying hours. She was not the first woman to apply for the Red Arrows, but she was the first to be shortlisted and then selected. Female fast-jet pilots remain a small minority in the RAF.

It was history in the making when Kirsty started as Red 3 in the iconic Team which showcases the excellence and professionalism of all the personnel in the RAF. She was a real 'trail blazer' in every sense of the word.

I am grateful to Kirsty for sparing the time from her busy schedule to join us on this occasion.

When looking back over previous Speech Days, I was astounded to see that this is my 10th year of delivering such a report. I still consider myself privileged to work in an environment that nurtures young people as they develop into young adults, ready to go out into the world. I know it keeps me motivated to ensure, with the help and support of a highly professional and dedicated staff, that the whole educational experience of each girl is of the highest quality.

We have had many joyous occasions to celebrate throughout this year and I hope my report will reflect the quality and variety of opportunities offered by the SHS community. So that I do not extend this evening's proceedings into the early hours, my report will give you a flavour of the numerous activities and events that the girls and staff have experienced and enjoyed during the last year. (A fuller, more comprehensive insert of successes has been produced for you to read at your leisure.)

As usual every year the summer months are full of nervous anticipation due to the agonising wait for the exam results. Unfortunately last year our thoughts and prayers were focused on the family of Harry Drain, a member of Stamford School, Year 13, who died as a result of a tragic accident. The whole SES community was shocked at the loss of such a bright and popular young man. Our deepest sympathy went to his family at that saddest of times.

However, as is the case every year, in the latter weeks of August, the exam results were published. Once again this brought with it many examination successes for the girls both at AS, A2 and GCSE level. There is always a 'buzz' on results day and it is a delight to see the joy AND relief on the faces of pupils and parents alike when envelopes are opened. This year was no exception. The speculation by the media about changes to the examination marking proved correct but I am pleased to say, as the results show, the SHS high academic achievement remained intact.

At 'A' level the results were impressive with A* to B grades achieved by 78% of the cohort, and of those 44% were A or A*. Many girls performed well and there were a number of very pleasing individual performances. Oxbridge students secured their places as did the vast majority of girls applying for University and if the postings on the social media websites are to be believed they are all enjoying the experience and even attending lectures.

Not to be overshadowed, the Year 11 cohort achieved a record of their own. Every girl in a cohort of 95 achieved 8 or more GCSEs at higher grade level. 72% of all grades were A* or A with A* grades outnumbering A grades for the first time by quite some margin. The results truly reflect the hard work of students and staff and the excellent support given by parents. It is always gratifying to see in so many cases sheer hard work being aptly rewarded.

Although we are delighted by all the successes we will never be complacent and here at Stamford High School we are committed to moving forward, embracing the changes and challenges life in the 21st century presents so that our young people are prepared both academically, mentally, socially and physically. It is my foremost intention to ensure that every single girl achieves her potential. We are confident that SHS, being part of the Stamford Endowed Schools family, with the support of our parents, who share our values and ambition, will continue to have much to celebrate.

Yes, results matter but they do not define all that your daughters are or all that they can become. Hard work is never wasted but neither are the experiences beyond the classroom that open their eyes to the world around them or the moments they take just to reflect about what is it that really makes life worthwhile.

Some facets of the media constantly promote the idea that standards of learning and teaching are falling but girls at Stamford High School are achieving at the highest level and gaining places in prestigious universities embarking on highly academic courses. Certificates gained can only be part of the true picture. The real measure of success is that girls, whilst achieving their potential in the academic sense, take full advantage of the opportunities offered, emerging excited, aspirational and confident about their future and prepared to fully contribute to a complex and rapidly changing world.

The Good Schools Guide recognised this feature of SHS when they stated:

"There is a good balance between the importance the School gives to academic achievement and the 'rounding' the girls get from doing other things."

Our thrust for ILIC, Independent Learning and Intellectual Curiosity is continuing and we want to further develop scholarship in the School by providing girls with the tools and the

desire to become skilled learners, able to question, analyse and be constructively critical of all they hear and read. Our aim is that all lessons promote subject rigour, depth of subject knowledge and the ability to communicate a love of subject to the girls. Our academic focus remains steadfast and the programme of activities offered is evidence that we are well along that path already. There are many examples of how girls are working beyond their curriculum diet but I can only spotlight a few.

The Extended Project Qualification was offered for the first time to Year 12 students. This extra qualification involves the production and presentation of an independent research report on a topic outside the normal curriculum content. I'm pleased to say 14 girls completed their EPQ, and their final projects and presentations were excellent. They truly 'extended' themselves intellectually.

In The National Bank of England Target 2.0 Competition, Tiffany Tse who was Captain, led her team to a top 25 finish from an entry of 300 schools. Their task was to analyse UK and global data and put forward their strategy for future UK monetary policy. I wonder if some of our monetary leaders would have ranked as highly if THEY had entered the competition.

Each department offers opportunities for girls to engage in activities outside the classroom, designed to broaden their horizons, feed their insatiable appetite for knowledge and provide both theoretical and practical understanding of a subject. Throughout the year the SHS community has been as busy, productive and successful as ever.

The calendar remains crammed with numerous trips, both home and abroad, including cultural visits, languages exchanges, the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme, sports tours, subject specific trips run by the Music, English, History, Politics, Geography, Science and other departments. The cultural enrichment available to girls of all ages has also been enhanced by Oxbridge conferences, AAAS trip to Boston, USA and a Classics trip to Greece. In house, departmental themed weeks have been added to our schedule. The Geography department led us through a week of natural disasters. Volcanoes, tsunamis, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes and floods were all explained as well as giving a lecture on World Energy Dilemmas. The Biology department introduced us to bugs, beasties and an amazing cuddly hairless rat called Ratima. We still have MAD week to look forward to, a showcase of Music, Art and Drama.

Many Bronze, Silver and Gold awards were secured and awarded in assembly to girls who tested themselves by taking the National Maths challenges this year. Maths and Science numbers have never been as buoyant as girls who have had a positive experience at GCSE level opt for these subjects as part of their Sixth Form studies. Girls have engaged in Physics activities with regular trips being organised to Cambridge to attend the Cavendish Physics lectures. Year 10 girls, Jasmine Farrow, Katy Lumb, Colette Russell and Maddy Young represented the School at the Extreme Physics event at Rugby School in April, whilst others took part locally in the all-day Institute of Physics competition at Uppingham Community College. The Chemistry and Biology departments have also been very active stimulating their students not only by their teaching but also by offering girls the opportunity to explore beyond the syllabus with field trips, national competitions such as

the Chemistry Young Analysts event and the Biology Olympiad, Biology week and dissection club.

In Music, the opportunities to perform have been further developed and the quality of SHS and SES music continues to rise to outstanding levels. The SHS music festival attracted 140 items and was judged over 2 days. It culminated in a concert where the top prize was taken by Abigail Martin, Year 11, a harpist, following in the footsteps of her teacher, an old girl of the School, Eleanor Turner, herself a professional musician and harpist of world renown.

The Sir Malcolm Sargent Concert, which combines the talents of the Endowed Schools' Choral groups and that of the more adult voices of the Stamford Choral Society was a splendid affair, performed in the magnificent setting of Peterborough Cathedral.

Many high level certificates from the Royal School of Music and Trinity College, London have been awarded this year for excellence in Music and similarly Speech and Drama continues to go from strength to strength here at the High School in particular. In the past year 170 girls have passed their London Academy examinations in a wide variety of performance based disciplines, 75 scoring in excess of 80% to achieve a Pass with Distinction. Fifteen girls passed their Bronze Medal examinations, 14 gained a Silver Medal and 15 achieved a Gold Medal – 6 of them with Distinction.

Our long established foreign exchange programmes to Norway, Spain, Germany and Russia allow the girls to visit other countries and immerse themselves in the language and culture. A new French connection has been made and the valued and popular exchange is due to be launched next academic year.

SHS Sport has had a superb year with huge successes across a variety of sports. Fixtures involving Gymnastics, Football, Show Jumping, Eventing, Sailing, Badminton, Judo, Swimming, Hockey, Netball Indoor Rowing, Athletics, Tennis, Rounders, Cricket, X-Country, Skiing, Fencing, and Trampolining have kept the girls and staff very busy. The number of girls participating has increased considerably alongside a growing fixture list.

I am conscious that I can only headline a small number in this report but they show the quality and commitment permeating throughout the department.

In the Autumn Term the senior gymnastics teams excelled in the GISGA two piece qualifying competition winning Gold in the U13 and Over 13 age groups and taking both team titles.

The Midlands Independent Schools' Gymnastics Championships was sensational with the senior team winning the Gold Medal and becoming Midlands' champions. Individually, five senior girls were placed in the medal rankings with Maddy Young taking Silver and Lottie Smith winning the Gold and the overall open Advanced Championship title. I was fortunate enough to be at this event and witnessed the new advanced skills being performed by our girls. Only last month the U14 senior team represented the East Midlands at the BSGA Floor and Vault Championships. They narrowly missed the medal podium this year, coming 4th overall in this national competition.

The Football team again reached the final of the Independent Schools' Football Association National Cup for the 4th year in succession but this year was narrowly beaten 1-0. One of the talented senior players, Abbie Brewin, who has been highly instrumental in the team's success, has been rewarded with a place in the England ISFA Team and a trial for Nottingham Forest Ladies this summer.

I was delighted to engage with the sailing group at Rutland Water when I was invited to take to the water myself in the safety boat. An exciting, bone jangling experience but it meant I got to see, at close hand, the SES crews battle against the elements and other teams to complete the races. In the recent RS Feva National Championships our crews improved on previous results gaining creditable final positions against high level opposition.

SHS Sport continues to be a central part of school life and the benchmark has been set for SHS to strive towards further achievements and increasing prowess on the sporting front. The numerous girls representing their county, regions or country in many different sports are to be congratulated. The staff are committed to maintaining the momentum to ensure the quality of the girls' experience in any sport of their choice is of the highest standard. Practice sessions, training camps and trips abound. The future looks bright for both sports teams and individual sportswomen at SHS!

Research from the University of Southampton suggests that there is good evidence to show that those who join the Combined Cadet Force add another dimension to their character and benefit greatly from their experience. The research findings said, "Cadets tend to have high levels of respect for authority and others, and high levels of self-esteem. They are likely to be committed citizens and have heightened aspirations."

Our own CCF remains very popular offering cadets opportunities for leadership and outdoor and adventurous activities. The challenges, competitions and camps are well subscribed. This year the CCF shooting teams have been particularly successful. Out of the 121 teams that entered, the A Team won the Country Life National .22 Competition outright with a score of 487 out of 500, and the B Team coming 6th, which was the Highest B Team in the Country with a score of 387 out of 500.

This was a fantastic achievement by both teams and of particular note was that Hetti Mintern shot the highest individual score in the country, 94 out of a possible 95 and Emily Joyce and Anna Pywell took 7th and 10th places respectively. 'Top Guns' in every sense.

Both girls and staff have continued in their efforts to raise money for numerous charities and engage in the local community. The girls and staff have continued to throw themselves into every aspect of school life, with characteristic competitiveness and determination balanced by camaraderie and love of life. A succession of events: sponsored walks, runs, a sleepover, a charity rock concert, an acoustic evening, an Evergreen tea-party, casual clothes days, cake sales, tuck shops, bring and buy sales, night sailing, craft sales, a Santa fun run and many others have meant that not only our three chosen charities have benefitted by many thousands of pounds but also other less fortunate than ourselves. Our 'Girls Go Green' – environmental awareness and charities week in March brought with it

much involvement, fund raising, humour and some very strange outfits worn by both girls and staff. Our fundraising efforts for next year were given a tremendous start when Claire Lomas, an old girl who suffered a tragic riding accident resulting in her being paralysed from the chest down, returned to give a Foundation Lecture and a whole school assembly which resulted in £850 being collected for Spinal Research. SHS has decided to adopt this charity next year and continue to raise funds for this worthy cause.

The Parents' Association has again been very active and staunch supporters of the School. They have given generously of their time to raise funds and sponsor events which have benefitted all girls in some way. My thanks go to the parents and members of the Committee for their hard work and additional engagement in their daughters' education. They have given generously of their time to raise funds and sponsor events which have added to the life of the School.

Teachers who joined the School in September were: Mr Oliver Roland (Maths), Mr Kiren Sekhar (Chemistry), Mr John Bean (Maths), Mrs Katherine Raitt (PE) and Mrs Charlotte Echezarreta (English).

As always at the end of the school year we say goodbye to a number of colleagues: Mr Ritchie Gale, (Philosophy and Ethics), Mrs Pattie Samuels (Speech and Drama), Mr John Bean (Mathematics), Mrs Alison Clack (Learning Support) and Mrs Mary Cade (Biology) who is retiring after 26 years as a member of the Science department. I thank them personally for being integral parts of our community and wish them all success in their endeavours in September.

Our commitment to the enhancement of the learning and teaching environment continues. Over the year various building projects have been completed.

In November, the official opening of the new Sports Centre by Lord Coe marked the completion of a true SES project. The magnificent facilities offer a place where all students, staff and parents can swim, train, learn and keep fit together.

Another two laboratories were refurbished leaving the remaining two on schedule for next year. All our Science facilities will have been upgraded to enhance the teaching and learning in these important disciplines.

The total refurbishment of both girls and boys toilets throughout the School and the installation of the Dyson hand-dryers literally had the students 'blown away'.

The PE walk-way was created, offering added space to display the work of the department. These projects all run alongside hidden yet essential work that has been carried out on windows, roofs and boilers as well as routine upkeep and developments in the Boarding Houses and around School. The Home Economics rooms' refurbishment and the construction of an Atrium at the back entrance to the School, creating an indoor space and welcome area are two major projects that are already at the planning stage for completion summer 2014.

We have also invested heavily to install Wi-Fi throughout the School which will underpin a strategy for the introduction and use of ICT in the form of handheld, mobile devices. This is our next step on the journey to further support our ILIC initiative and enable a wider variety of teaching styles and allow girls to take greater responsibility for their own learning and research.

My thanks go to the Governors and my colleagues, Mrs Emma Smith, Mr Will Phelan and Mr Stephen Roberts for their support and encouragement throughout the year, helping me to fulfil my vision that Stamford High School remains an exciting environment in which to learn, teach, live and work, recognised locally and nationally for the education and quality of care it provides.

As I said at the start, I hope you agree my report and the catalogue of successes achieved this year, demonstrates why I feel passionately that Stamford High School is committed to being a high achieving, ambitious and forward-looking community that will continue to thrive.

Christ us Spede

RETIREMENTS: Mrs Mary Cade

Mary began her career in 1977 in London, teaching Biology at the Green School for Girls until 1980 when she left to have her first child, Lucy. She returned to work part time at Richmond Adult College. Shortly after this in 1982 Mary gave birth to her twins, Roly and Alice, and then with three children under five, she took a break from teaching to focus on home life. The family moved to Ketton, where Mary and Adam still live, when Adam became the Education Officer for the Nature Conservancy Council, which is now Natural England.

Mary has never been one to sit still for long, so she combined the challenge of family life with part-time work, teaching Science to women seeking to return to work at Uppingham Community College, and sometime later teaching GCSE Health Studies to adults at Casterton College.

Mary began teaching at SHS in 1987 as a part-time teacher of Chemistry and then became a full-time member of staff in September 1998. Since then Mary has gradually migrated into the Biology department and only relatively recently ceased teaching GCSE Chemistry. She has been the co-ordinator of Year 7 Combined Science for many years and especially enjoys interacting with her enthusiastic young classes, who very nearly manage to match Mary's own enthusiasm for Science, and finding out for yourself through experimentation.

During Mary's 26 years at SHS she has taught many notable Old Girls, including Sarah Outen, Claire Lomas, and current SHS staff members Victoria Maskell and Charlotte Echezarreta. She is well loved by the girls, not only because she has run the Tux shop since 2008, with a keen team of student helpers, but also as an extremely kind tutor who always makes time to listen. The School will not be the same without her, and she will be greatly missed by her colleagues; she is irreplaceable.

Mary will not be relaxing as much as she possibly should though during retirement as she will be taking forward her 'Green' role from SHS into helping Adam run his charity, SUSTED, which promotes education for sustainability to all ages.

Dear Claire

Thank you, and the Old Girls' Guild Committee, for inviting me to lunch and for the very generous and thoughtful gift. The lunch was delicious and the company excellent and I thoroughly enjoyed chatting with former pupils and staff. I am looking forward to spending the vouchers on something for the garden – probably for the veg garden, as that is my passion!

Best wishes

Mary Cade



ANNIVERSARIES, MARRIAGES, BIRTHS & DEATHS

Diamond Weddings

ALLWOOD, Marie (née Sheppard) to John Allwood, on 20 June 1953 at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Great Casterton.

BURKE, Betty (née Smith) to Michael Burke, on January 8 1953 at St Martin's Church, Stamford.

CASSWELL, Marie (née Smith) (46) to John Casswell (OS 45) on 4 November 1952 at St Andrew's Church, Rippingale.

COLLINS, Maureen (née Stableford) to Arthur Collins, on May 24 1952 at All Saints Church, Sanderstead, Surrey.

HOLMES, Maureen (née Popple) to Peter Holmes, on 28 September 1953 at St George's Church, Stamford.

MONROE, Betty (née Hilliard) to Doug Monroe, on 5 September 1953 at the Register Office, Stamford.

MOORE, Patricia (née Cook) to Brian Moore, on 14 March 1953 at the Congregational Church, Stamford.

MORRIS, Jean (née Lamyman) (50) to Geoff Morris (OS) on 23 June 1953 at St Mary & All Saint's Church, South Kyme.

NEEDHAM, Jean (née Casswell) to Peter Needham, on 24 April 1952, at St Mary & All Saint's Church, South Kyme.

Golden Weddings

BLUNT, Hilary (née Burkett) (60) to Tony Blunt, on 16 March 1963 at All Saints & St James' Church, Kings Cliffe.

WADE, Judith (née Harvey) (59) to Maurice Wade, on 19 January 1963, at Trinity Methodist Church, Barn Hill, Stamford.

Silver Weddings

BLOODWORTH, Melanie (née White) (84) to Richard Bloodworth, on 5 November 1988 at St Peter's Church, Ropsley, Lincs.

DUNKLEY, Judith (née Shire) (81) to Stuart Dunkley, on 23 July 1988 at St Peter's Church, Aldwinckle.

GRICE, Debra (née Bradshaw) (79) to Philip Grice, on 13 August 1988 at St Michael's Church, Uffington.

WOLFENDEN-BROWN, Joy (née Wolfenden) (80) to Richard Brown, on 1 October 1988 at Trinity Methodist Church, Barn Hill, Stamford.

Marriages

BAILEY, Nicola (née Old) (99) Nicola married Tom Bailey on 25 April 2009.

FRASER, Patricia (née Willett, previously Blackmore) (51) Patricia remarried on 22 April 2012 after 32 years of widowhood.

HAJJAWI, Eleanor (née Hunt) (05) Eleanor married Richard at St John the Baptist Church, Barnack.

MARVIN, Louise (née Baker) (93) Louise married David on 2 April 2011.

Births

BAILEY, Nicola (née Old) (99) and her husband welcomed twins, Sebastian and Carlotta, on 6 February 2013.

BELL, Susan (née Coxen) (83) had a son, Oliver, on 21 October 2013.

ENGLAND, Julianne (née Blair) (93) and Andrew welcomed a daughter, Erin, born 15 November 2012.

HARDING, Philippa (née Old) (02) Philippa is now Mum to Miles Benjamin, born on Christmas Day 2012 – well done Philippa, what a Christmas present!

JACKSON, Susan (née Hyam) (98) had a son, Alexander Oliver, in July 2012.

MARVIN, Louise (née Baker) (93) John Marvin was born on 7 September 2012.

REVIS, Emma (née Young) (99) had a daughter, Rosie Florence, on 3 January 2012.

RUDKIN, Clare (née Bailey) (97) Clare and Steve have a son, Tommy Alex Rudkin, born 20 June 2012, a brother for Valentina.

Deaths

ANGRAVE, Brenda (née Healey) (43) passed away in February 2013.

CLIFFE, Maureen (Former Staff) sadly passed away on 4 February 2014. Maureen taught German and French at SHS between 1964 – 1992.

COTTEW, Dulcie (née Fawkes) (43) taught at various schools in England after qualifying as a teacher at Derby Teacher Training College. She then went to Southern Rhodesia to marry her RAF fiancé in Bulawayo. She subsequently went to Aden and taught in the British Forces School. On returning to England she finally settled in Norfolk and taught in various schools. She had one son, now a Wing Commander in the RAF. Her sister Margaret (SHS 1941) lives in Uppingham.

KITCHING, Janette (née Ward) (51) died on 29 October 2013 in New South Wales, Australia.

LAWRENCE, Heather (née Green) (48) died in November 2011 and not February 2012 as stated in the last Magazine.

THOMPSON, Joy (née Pullen) Joy left SHS in 1963.

WOODBIDGE, Jean (40s) on 29 October 2013, aged 92 years.

OBITUARIES

MARY BUTLER (1928 – 2012)



From the 1950s to the 1980s (with a return to cover for a sick colleague in 1993) Mary Butler taught Biology at SHS. For much of this time she was Head of Department writing and rewriting courses, organising laboratory work and inspiring many pupils.

Her involvement, efficiency and concern for pupils led her to other activities – Sixth Form Tutor, Careers Advisor, Timetabler. Throughout she ‘went the extra mile’ as when she planned and organised the conversion of old changing rooms at the back of the Hall into a Careers Room – the first time such a room had been available.

One of her lifelong interests was plants, both in the garden and in the wild. This was reflected in the way in which the House competition for the Wild Flower Cup was organised. Many lunch hours in the Summer Term were given to this and she extended it from mere collecting to plotting the distribution of certain plants related to local geology.

When a small, enclosed area off a corridor was suggested as a Memorial Garden for a long serving school secretary, Mary planned it, planted it and cared for it. Her enthusiasm for gardening meant that she was always willing to pass on ideas to others as they started their own gardens.

Her interest in music was demonstrated in her membership of the Stamford Chamber Orchestra from its inception. She enjoyed playing the viola until, sadly, her arthritis made it impossible for her to continue, but she still worked behind the scenes at the concerts and extended the membership of Friends of the Orchestra.

Many people were helped and influenced by Mary over the years, some not even knowing how much she had done. Always the last thing she wanted was ‘to be in the limelight’

Written by Hilary Lillford (Former Staff)

CLIFFE, Maureen (Former Staff) *Excerpts from a letter written by her husband, John:* Maureen passed away peacefully on 4 February 2014 at Peterborough Hospital after a long illness. She taught French and was the Senior German teacher at SHS from 1964 to 1992. She was also much involved with exchanges with Bonn High School and worked in collaboration with Mike Chew from Stamford School. She was well regarded by many and will be remembered by all her friends, colleagues and the many girls taught by her.

Mike Chew also writes: Girls from the High School started to join the boys in the annual Sixth Form study trips sometime in the 60s when the Ernst-Kalkuhl-Gymnasium became co-educational. Maureen was my oppo at the High School, as far as the exchanges were concerned, and we must have worked together for some 20 years before I packed up after 25 years in 1985 upon retirement. These study exchanges were generally of three weeks duration in those days – partly in term-time and partly in the holidays. Quite taxing academically, intellectually and socially at times for the boys and girls, but good fun as well. I have very happy and satisfying memories of what we achieved.

LOCKE, Betty (née Gutteridge) Betty died in December 2012, not long after celebrating her 90th birthday. She had a long association with SHS, beginning when she joined as a pupil in 1935. Later, after training to be a teacher, she returned home to Stamford to her teaching career when she was appointed to teach second year Infants. She often spoke of all the changes she had experienced from her own days as a pupil to the homely atmosphere of Welland House and the transfer to the new larger open plan Junior School on Kettering Road. With her husband, Cyril, who predeceased her, she enjoyed a very active life until well into her retirement, playing tennis, swimming, and taking holidays abroad. Although needing a wheelchair in later years, with the help of a team of carers at her warden-controlled flat in Blackstone Court, she enjoyed many outings and holidays, and was a happy and contented lady. Betty, a loyal and kind teacher, was always interested to hear news of the Junior School. She will be remembered with affection by former members and staff.

Written by Monica Williams

NEWS OF OLD GIRLS

2000s

ALEXANDER-ORR, Harriet (00) Harriet worked at 'Hello' magazine and is now working for the Sunday Telegraph, as a Foreign Affairs Reporter.

COX, Nicola (03) Nicola is engaged to Neil Stevens and will be getting married in August 2014.

DAWSON, Jolene (03) is Head of PE at a secondary school near Cambridge and due to marry in August 2014.

DUX, Emma (03) graduated in 2012 with a PhD in Bioinorganic Chemistry from the University of York. She has stayed on in the University Chemistry Department, working in the Undergraduate Teaching Labs and for one of the research groups.

MATTHEW, Anna (08) has completed her training at Norland College and is currently studying Neuroscience at the University of Nottingham.

MINTERN, Rachel (08) completed a degree in Graphic Design at Kingston University in 2012, and is now working as a Junior Designer for Springetts Brand Design Consultancy in Baker Street, London. She won the RSA Design Competition 2012 and is a Fellow at the Royal Society of the Arts in London.

PARSONS, Rebecca (08) completed her degree in Textile Design (Retail Management) in 2012. She is currently working as Creative Projects Assistant at the fabric/wallpaper company Sanderson/Zoffany, helping with photo-shoots, exhibitions and showrooms. She is in the process of buying a house in Stamford with

her partner, Alastair Short, and now has two little sisters – Emilia (4) and Eliza (1).

REEDER, Lorna (08) is engaged and due to marry Harvey Thomas on 4 January 2014. She completed a four year degree at Harper Adams University and now works for the Townshend family on their Dorset estate as the Property Manager.

1990s

BAILEY, Nicola (née Old) (99) is currently working for Wolverhampton City Council, following relocation to Shropshire due to her husband's RAF posting.

BILSDON, Charlotte (93) after fifteen years living and working in London, Charlotte moved back to Stamford three years ago and is now very happily living in Stamford and working for Caterpillar in Peterborough.

BRASSINGTON, Julia (née Gilding) (97) Julia moved to Devon in November 2011 and was expecting her second child, a sibling for Jude (born August 2009), in May 2013.

CARDUS, Kim (née Richardson) (93) married Dave (OS 93) in 2007. Her daughter Bela was born in September 2008 and twins William and Molly in June 2011. After qualifying with both an HND in Hotel Catering and Institutional Management and a BA (Hons) in Service Sector, she worked in London for a hotel company for 15 years, rising to Director of Sales for the group. She is currently on a career break following the birth of her twins.

DAVIES, Helen (née Childs) (93) Helen married Charlie in 2009 and has two

children, Minnie (3) and Fred (2). She worked in the Houses of Parliament for two MPs, Alan Johnson and David Blunkett, for four years. She then worked as a Political Lobbyist for 10 years, before moving out of London to have a family. She is now working for OCR, the Cambridge Oxford Exam Board, as Head of Public Affairs.

ENGLAND, Julianne (née Blair) (93) has been married to Andrew since August 2008 and has a daughter, Erin. She is currently on maternity leave with her daughter, after teaching Art at secondary schools in Spain, Dartford and Nottingham. She took a PGCE at Greenwich, London, after a Fine Art Degree at Cheltenham and Gloucester.

GRAVES, Sarah (née Robinson) (93) has been married to Peter since 2001 and has two fantastic boys, Joseph (9) and Daniel (6). She graduated from Birmingham University in 1997 with a BEd (Hons) and taught in Billericay for three years before moving to Norfolk, where she taught for a further two years before leaving to be a full-time Mum. After eight years at home she has just returned to teaching on a part-time basis.

HEWITT, Claire (née Davies) (93) is married with two children and is currently a partner in a Criminal Law practice in London.

JACKSON, Gemma (née Elston) (97) now has two daughters, Phoebe Grace (2008) and Millie Elizabeth (2011), and son, Jude Antony was born on 6 March 2014. Gemma is currently on maternity leave before returning to work part-time as a languages teacher in Peterborough.

JACKSON, Susan (née Hyam) (98) is currently on maternity leave following the birth of her son. She was due to return to work in July 2013 as a Primary teacher in KS1 at North Clifton School, Notts.

MANCLARK, Nicola (née Ferguson) (95) married Kester in July 2010 and now has a baby daughter called Eloise who was born in September 2012. She lives and works (as a solicitor) in Bristol.

MARVIN, Louise (née Baker) (93) continues to work as a MacMillan palliative care nurse specialist and is currently on maternity leave.

McCLORY, Kelly (née German) (93) lives in Bury near Huntingdon, is a stay-at-home Mum to Elsa (3) and spends any free time painting and sewing.

PHILLIPS, Nancy (née Westcombe) (93) is a Senior Accounts Manager for a publishing company, IPC Media, working on the home interest portfolio. She married Robin Phillips in Uffington Church on 10 September 2011.

REVIS, Emma (née Young) (99) married John Revis on 12 June 2010, and baby Rosie Florence was born on 3 January 2012. Emma studied for a degree in Agricultural Marketing and Chain Supply at Manchester and is now working as a Contract and Sales Manager for a fertiliser company.

SADLER, Jennifer (99) graduated with a Master's Degree from the University of Cambridge in 2012 and is now a teacher of French and Spanish, and Head of Year.

STEVENS, Helen (née Preston) (93) has taken over the family business, Prestons Physiotherapy, in Peterborough and now Oundle. She is a Chartered Physiotherapist working in the clinic and in Oundle School. She has two children, George (5) and Tilly (4).

TWEDDLE, Lynsey (née Bigger) (93) is working for the BBC in London and has a little boy, William, who is three.

WEST, Claire (née Lukies) (93) after 15 years as a Senior A&E Nurse, Claire has taken on the role of Clinical Nurse Specialist Stroke Co-ordinator and is part of the team of practitioners leading developments in Stroke Care across Wales. She is married with two children, Dylan (12) and Daisy (7).

1980s

BELL, Susan (née Coxen) (83) is a Consulting Actuary at Towers Watson Ltd.

BULLIMORE, Victoria (née Butcher) (83) has been married for 26 years and has twin boys aged 18. She is currently working freelance for local magazines.

LINSEY, Sarah (née Jones) (83) is married with three children and living in Sevenoaks. Having qualified with a BA (Hons) in Communications, before working in the TV industry for 15 years, she is now working as a yoga teacher.

LUDLOW, Katharine (née Coppola) (83) is living in Viterbo, Italy, where she is Head Teacher of St Thomas's International School. She has two children, Peter (18) and Emily (15).

MINNEY, Sarah (83) is working as a fitness instructor and Pilates teacher. She has one daughter, Emily, born 9 September 2005.

NETHERTON, Alison (Clark) (83) is living in Bedfordshire. Alison became an illustrator for the British Army in Germany. She has been married to Jeremy for 25 years and has two girls, Abbi (20) and Rosie (18). She is now a fully qualified Florist and Silversmith.

PEACH, Julia (83) married Ivan Quetglas in 1995 and has three daughters, all at SES – Eloise (10), Natasha (9) and Francesca (4). She has had a successful career in

the City, being ranked in the top five bank analysts in the fixed income market. She now runs a wealth management business locally and has recently been appointed a Governor of SES.

PEASE, Jill (previously Millar) (87) retired from the Army in 2012 with the rank of Major. Now divorced and happily living in Bath with her son Ben, who is now 8 and at prep school in Bath. Jill set up her own training and development company in June 2012, working with the MOD, companies and academic establishments across the UK.

VERGETTE, Jo (née Palmer) (83) is married to William Vergette (OS) and has three children – Annie (20), Charles (18) and Louis (10). She is co-owner of Corner Farm Interiors in Thurlby near Bourne.

WAITES, Karen (Lambert) (82) has two daughters and is an Art Teacher.

WALMSLEY, Ruth (Darwin) (83) is currently a practice nurse in Sheffield, having taken her RGN training at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London from 1984-1987.

1970s

CRITCHARD, Sarah (née Cutting) moved back to the Stamford area in 2009, and has been married to Tony for 23 years, with five step-children and two granddaughters aged 6 and 3. She retired from LloydsTSB in 2006, after 32 years. She is currently involved in voluntary work at the Stamford Mercury Archive Trust.

GOURD, Linda (née Woods) retired from teaching in July 2012 after 34 years. She was Assistant Head Teacher for eight years in a large primary school in Taunton, Somerset. She has been married to Richard for 35 years.

MATTHEW, Ginny (née Smith) (73) married her longstanding partner three years ago. She gained a BSc in Psychology from Leicester University and a PhD in Learning Disability from University of Kent Tizard Centre. She is currently working for Sense deaf/blind charity and living in Stamford.

1960s

BLACKWELL, Margaret (née Shelford) (61) is very much involved with the WI and last year was outright winner in her craft section competition for an item 'Fit for the Queen' – a tray with an insert of handmade bobbin lace. She is also on the local Hospice Support Group Committee, as well as being involved with various craft groups.

DAWSON, Juliet (née Samworth) (60) continues to do voluntary work at Peterborough Cathedral – stewarding at services and concerts, organising outings, acting as treasurer of the stewards, organising Lent lunches, reading lessons and chairing a social society. She has been a member of the WI for 39 years, which she enjoys, and enjoys spending time with her two grandchildren Ethan (1) and Bethany (3).

1950s

BURDETT, Mary (53) continues to enjoy retirement and keeping in touch with her younger relatives. She is very involved with her local church, including helping with the weekly Parent and Toddler Group of about 60-70 families.

DARKE, Janet (née Lawson) (58) has another (step) grandson, Aaron James Darke, born 8 February 2013. She has three grandchildren and ten step-grandchildren, four of whom attended SES and two

of whom are still there. She also has a step-great-grandson and one step-great-granddaughter.

FRASER, Patricia (née Willett, previously Blackmore) (51) remarried on 22 April 2012 after 32 years of widowhood. She retired as an Occupational Therapy Manager from the Queen's Medical Centre in 1994. She has three children and seven grandchildren from her first marriage, and three step-sons and seven step-grandchildren from her marriage to her retired GP husband.

TREVARTHEN, Joy (née Fletcher) (54) Franklyn and Joy celebrated their Golden Wedding in 2009. They have two children and six grandchildren, all making their way to a range of interesting careers. Joy taught History in comprehensive schools in Welwyn Garden City and, once retired, became a primary school governor. She is now closely involved with her local Parkinson's branch.

1940s

MORRIS, Jean (née Lamyman) (50) celebrated her Diamond Wedding on 23 June 2013 with a big party at her home in South Kyme near Lincoln. She has six children, eight grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. Instead of presents the one hundred guests were invited to donate money to one of the local charities – the Lincolnshire Air Ambulance or Marie Curie. Everyone was very generous and over £1,500 was raised.

RICHARDS, Josephine (née Sneath) (43) has now moved from Derbyshire to Norfolk to be near her son, as she has recently given up driving. Now living in Cromer with a sea view; shops, bus and train all within walking distance.

OGG REUNION DAY 2013



FIVE YEAR REUNION

Back Row: Rachel Mintern, Claire Marsh, Rebecca Parsons, Anna Matthew
Front Row: Hannah Smith, Laura Flint, Lorna Reeder, Michaela Brice



TWENTY YEAR REUNION

Back Row: Charmaine Rothschild (née de Souza), Emma Dews, Charlotte Bloor (née Ryan), Kim Cardus (née Richardson), Helen Parsley, Lynsey Tweddle (née Bigger), Claire West (née Lukies), Kelly McClory (née German), Sarah Hays, Helen Stevens (née Preston), Louise Marvin (née Baker), Alison Farmery.
Front Row: Claire Hewitt (née Davies), Sarah Graves (née Robinson), Gail Workman (née Adam), Charlotte Bilsdon, Emma Dryden.



TEN YEAR REUNION

Back Row: Shoshana Hughes (née McCarthy), Emma Dux, Jolene Dawson, Nicola Cox.
Front Row: Victoria Osborne, Fiona Watt, Victoria Maskell, Amy Radford.

THIRTY YEAR REUNION

Back Row: Liz Pengelly (née Hodgkinson), Claire Greehy (née Culmer), Caroline Stephenson (née Parker), Fiona Porter (née Hopper), Susan Bell (née Coxen), Debbie Walker, Allison Netherton (née Clark), Vanaja Nadarajah, Penny Nixon.
Front Row: Sarah Minney (née Archer), Louise Rigby, Ruth Walmsley (née Darwin), Claire Geens (née Quinlan), Hilary Baxter (née Burley).



FIFTY YEAR REUNION



Back Row: Catherine Quinton (née Packer), Margaret Murley (née Bullimore)
Front Row: Jennifer Gonzalez-West (née Kingdon), Diana Smith, Felicity Nicholson (née Reddan).



Back Row: Margaret Gobbett, Elizabeth Astill (Neal), Rosemary Jordan (Tibbert), Pauline Slater
Front Row: Janet Darke (Lawson), Carol Threadgold (Morris), Ann Turner (Ingram), Gladys Bland

SIXTY YEAR REUNION



Joy Trevarthen (née Fletcher), Patricia Adams (née Young), Mary Burdett, Iris Harris (née Cliff).



OGG REUNION DAY 2013



ARTICLES

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Sarah Outen

Foundation Lecture interview from e-Newsletter issue 2 – April 2013

The Editor meets Sarah Outen MBE (SHS 03)

SARAH OUTEN, MBE – FOUNDATION LECTURE: 5 MARCH 2013

"Man cannot discover new oceans unless he has courage to lose sight of the shore" André Gide

After the sheer bravery and dedication illustrated by Major Chris Hunter, QGM in Stamford Endowed School's first spring Foundation Lecture entitled 'Strength Under Pressure', it was going to be a hard act to follow; but Sarah Outen, MBE could have easily based her talk under the same title and confidently retraced the imprint of those big boots, or rather, padded quietly in her bare feet across the floor of the SHS Hall, to tell a



spell bound audience tales of hardship and pain, exhilaration and friendships and finally unbearable defeat to the elements. Yet finishing on a positive, uplifting note of her planned return to the unforgiving Pacific Ocean on 1 April to finally finish her 'London2London: Via the World' trip using only human power.

Having first rowed solo across the Indian Ocean in 2009, to achieve a triple world record as the youngest person and first solo female, Sarah had clearly got a taste of extreme sport and decided to take it to the next level. It was only when Sarah showed her audience the map of her planned route that the enormity and sheer scale of the endeavour became so pronounced. Leaving Tower Bridge in London in 2011 so she could say goodbye to friends, family and sponsors in 'Nelson' the kayak, Sarah went down the length of the Thames and then crossed the Channel to France in 60 hours, a feat most people would gain a huge sense of achievement from, but this was just stage one of many yet to come.

Beginning her epic cycle ride on trusted 'Hercules' (sturdy, strong, sleek and black) she crossed a mammoth 11,000 miles in 7½ months to reach Japan, along the way encountering up-close and far too personal wildlife, including snakes and bears, which were fortunately hugely outweighed by acts of enormous hospitality, spontaneous kindness and a chance encounter on a provincial garage forecourt with a Chinese student called Gao! Who, on a whim, decided to ask Sarah if he could accompany her on the next 2,500 mile leg of her journey crossing the Gobi Desert to Beijing. A seemingly mismatched team at first, as Gao

didn't own a bike and the furthest he'd ever cycled was 10 km, but one that worked for all 35 days, each gaining respect for each other's tenacity and strength and resulting in Sarah's personal optimistic message to seize the moment: "Be Like Gao!" Sarah then continued cycling solo across vast stretches of landscape until she reached Japanese waters, where she would challenge herself yet further in a dangerous open water row from Choshi, Japan to Canada in 'Gulliver', a 7 metre solo rowing boat.

After 26 days experiencing the euphoric highs of seeing 20 metre long whales cruise under Gulliver, along with pods of leaping dolphins and exquisite sea birds, her paradise was lost when a tropical storm arrived in force. Sarah declined the offer of help and decided to physically and mentally 'baton down the hatches' but after being capsized numerous times, she discovered Gulliver was letting in water which meant he couldn't right himself, thus predicting the end. Exhausted, emotional and beginning to despair, Sarah finally called in the Japanese life guards and was rescued. Without her authorisation, the GPS tracker was removed from her beloved boat, meaning he was irretrievable. Sadness upon disaster.

But not one to dwell on what is in the past, Sarah is moving forward and after eight months 'r & r' for both the mind and body, is once again back to buoyant form – with Gulliver's sister boat 'Happy Socks' – eager to get back out there and finish her incredible trip. She is now back in Japan, ready for an April Fool's Day launch – no it's not a joke! Her aim is to be back in London, kayaking under Tower Bridge by September 2014. This time I feel sure she'll make it and the 'Welcome Home' party will be enormous!

Sarah is supported by 70 plus sponsors, the main four being, Accenture, Mars, Iridium and Ernst & Young. They benefit from her natural public speaking exuberance whenever her feet hit 'terra firma' and Sarah enjoys the perks of being offered in excess of 700 Mars Bars for each trip!

SES have kindly sponsored a set of oars and donated school sports kit to Sarah, so she should be easy to spot!

Along the way Sarah is raising money for charities personal to her:

CoppaFeel: a breast cancer charity to raise awareness of the importance of prompt diagnosis and treatment

MND Association: funds research into finding a cure for Motor Neurone Disease and helps support those living with the disease

The Jubilee Sailing Trust: supports people of any ability to get out on tall ships sailing adventures

Water Aid: their mission is to ensure that the world's poorest people have access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene education

To donate to any of these charities, please visit <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/SarahOuten>

For more information, please visit: www.sarahouten.com and follow Sarah on Twitter @sarahouten



Q&A with Sarah Outen:

The Editor meets Claire Lomas (SHS 98)

"I haven't been this scared since yesterday!"

How do you cope with homesickness?

"Sometimes you just have to give in to it, wallow in it until it passes. It's natural to feel sad or scared when undergoing something as momentous as this. Other times it helped massively to make contact with the outside world – speak to friends and family who would give encouragement and love. Knowing they were all at home wishing me well and waiting for me to come back gave me the drive and determination to get out of my tent every morning even when I really struggled."

Are there any particular foods you miss?

"Definitely fresh food, as the majority of my provisions are simply de-hydrated 'fuel'. But I also dream of roast beef and funnily enough there was no cheese in China, so I really missed that!"

What are your plans after autumn 2014?

"I will write a book and finish off the storytelling around the project. Then my plans will focus on enabling other people to have adventurous opportunities, while also going on the expeditions that are currently ideas filling my head."

What life lessons did SHS give you?

"I remember Mrs Clark, the Headmistress, picking out a line from our School Hymn, and telling us to "have courage to do and dare" which I firmly believe in. I also remember Kate Adie coming to speak at Speech Day whilst I was in the Upper Fifth and she said the greatest gifts a school can give you are: 'education, poise and confidence' which are three qualities that I still believe in today."

What are some of your best memories of SHS?

"I loved the school trips I went on to Ecuador and a Classics trip to Greece. We also did a Science trip to Boston and then obviously the Duke of Edinburgh expeditions gave me a true love of the outdoors and a sense of the world out there. I recently had a look at my SHS Leavers' Year Book and saw that I was asked the question, 'What three things would you take with you if you were marooned on a desert island?' and my answer was, 'A kayak, a paddle and some munchies so I could escape!' and 10 years later, that's pretty much what I'm doing!"

Can you remember a particularly inspirational teacher(s)?

"Mrs Owens, my Biology teacher, gave me the courage and conviction to apply to Oxford and was delighted when I was accepted into St Hugh's to read her subject. The sports teachers for believing in me, in particular Mr Elliot. I was really chuffed when he gave me his stripy jumper after my Indian Ocean row."

Are you in touch with many Old SHS Girls?

"Yes, loads and it's always lovely to see so many familiar faces and their parents at the talks I give. I love hearing messages from people when I'm on a trip, so do please stay in touch by emailing hello@sarahouten.com"



Sarah after her lecture with the Head Boy and Head Girl

Claire Lomas

Foundation Lecture interview from e-Newsletter issue 3/4 – May/June 2013

CLAIRE LOMAS – FOUNDATION LECTURE: 24 APRIL 2013

Believe, Inspire, Motivate, Dream

It's six years since Claire Lomas' life changed forever after breaking her back falling off her horse, leaving her paralysed from the chest down; but to hear her say, "I've had the best days of my life since the accident – just amazing days" demonstrates just how remarkable she really is.

Claire packed out the Hall at SHS to tell of her inspirational story and reason for returning for the first time since she left in 1998.



Claire captured the nation's hearts with her grit and determination last year by walking the London marathon over 17 days in a robotic suit and raising an astonishing £210,000 for spinal research. She was helped enormously by the huge press coverage and support she gained after a new rule stating that competitors have to finish the 26 miles within 24 hours, resulting in Claire not being eligible for a medal. On completion of the marathon, Claire appeared on numerous television channels and her natural spark and self-deprecating humour won her a loyal following and she was overwhelmed to receive 18 medals from other competitors outraged at the injustice of the new rule. Claire proved that she's not one to let things stand in her way and used her high profile status to boost her fundraising for research to help people with similar spinal cord injuries.

Along the route of the marathon Claire was supported by various celebrities, including Ben Fogle, the intrepid adventurer, who asked her what her next plans might be after completing the marathon. This got Claire thinking and beginning to plan her latest endeavour – a 400 mile cycle ride around England, using hand power only. The route started in Nottingham on 22 April and finishes in London on 13 May, stopping in various towns and villages to give lectures in schools, on a further fundraising mission for Spinal Research and The Nicholls Foundation. Claire is a Patron of The Nicholls Foundation and firmly believes a breakthrough in olfactory cell research will take place if enough funds are raised.

"The research is looking hopeful for the treatment of paralysed people; I'm hoping a cure will be possible one day. Not just for myself, I've got a pretty good life, but for those who are paralysed from the neck down and, unlike me, aren't fortunate enough to be able to use their arms."

Q & A with Claire Lomas:

What happened on that day in May 2007?

“I was at The Osberton Horse trials which weren't an important event for me, it was just a training run. The horse clipped its shoulder on a tree. I hit the tree quite high up, knocking the bark off it, and knew straight away what had happened. It was total shock. A nightmare. I thought: I can't get up and I always get up. No one can imagine what being paralysed feels like but when it happens to you, you know what it is instantly.”

Claire was airlifted to hospital and had surgery immediately, but contracted pneumonia soon afterwards and was admitted to intensive care. However, she was unhappy with the rehabilitation she was being offered and felt that as a trained chiropractor and sportswoman, she could do a better job herself, so discharged herself after just eight weeks in hospital. The hospital staff all tried their hardest to persuade her to remain under their care, but Claire's inner strength won, despite the fact they wouldn't give her a wheelchair so she had to ask to be carried out!

“They didn't work my legs. Their view was the legs don't work, so they'd only offer physiotherapy to the bits that do work that could improve. I wanted to exercise the bits that didn't work and try to maintain my fitness in case research reaches a point to enable me to use them again. They don't want to give you false hope – but I don't think a bit of hope is a bad thing.”

The first year after her accident was the most difficult, as not only did Claire have to undergo months of rehabilitation, but she

had to accept that the sport she'd planned to devote her life to was no longer on the horizon, and mentally re-adjust to being disabled.

“Simple things, like not being able to sit on a bench, were incredibly frustrating. Within six months of my accident I did actually sit on a horse again, but I just couldn't stand the sedate pace that I had to go at – there was no thrill left anymore.”

So Claire decided to seek the much missed adrenalin rushes the equestrian world gave her, and discovered that she was a very able skier and was selected to attend a Paralympic training weekend. However, Claire's main worry was that her disability would prevent her from becoming a parent.

“Not being able to walk was a huge loss, so was not being able to do Eventing, but the biggest thing on my mind was would I meet someone and become a mother?”

Although her confidence was at its lowest, a friend persuaded her to join a dating website and within three days she had met her husband, Dan! Claire was upfront about what her disability entailed right from the start.

“It was probably one of the scariest things I've done. The fear could easily have stopped me but thank goodness it didn't. I told him about my catheter on the second



date, as it's a big issue. With spinal injuries, not walking is the easy bit, it's so much more than not walking; it affects your bowels, bladder, temperature regulation, everything – it's really difficult. Luckily, Dan is pretty exceptional.”

Their story has a happy ending, they got married in Oakham Castle and two years ago Dan and Claire had a beautiful daughter, Maisie. Last year her baby girl was learning to walk at the same time that Claire was practising being upright and taking her first steps in the robotic suit. Both Dan and Maisie, along with her parents and friends, supported her throughout the 17 day marathon and were all there at the very emotional finish line. Unable to feel her feet, Claire had to look down at every step she took over the 43 km route, averaging 2.4 km each day, often in the pouring rain.

Claire is giving talks to schools along the route of her 400 mile bike ride and loves the children's responses.

“They say: ‘You've changed the way I think.’ I just want to encourage them to get out there and do stuff. It's strange, as I'd never have had this opportunity if I was still on horses.”

“For a long time after the accident I sat and dwelt on the things I couldn't do and then stopped and turned it around. If I hadn't, I'd still be sitting there thinking ‘poor me’. But that just creates a miserable life. Thank goodness I stopped myself because I've had the best days of my life since the accident. Just amazing days. And I'd never have believed that was possible in the first year, ever.”

There are over 2.5 million people worldwide living with paralysis caused by spinal cord injury. Around 130,000 people every year join them.

To join Claire on part of her fundraising journey, go to www.clairecycle.co.uk. To donate via Vodafone's free Just Text Giving service text **LEGS60 £3** to 70070.



Claire has also finished her first book, *Finding My Feet*, which was published on 20 February with an eBook being released shortly. It has received great reviews on Amazon. To order a copy visit www.clairechallenge.co.uk

“Claire is a force of nature. Give her a challenge that seems impossible and she will smash it to bits. She knows no limits, sets no boundaries and never takes ‘no’ for an answer.” Clare Balding



Interview with Dyl Powell

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As the School year drew to a close, I was fortunate enough to have a cup of coffee with Dyl Powell, the current Headmistress of SHS. It was as if time had stood still walking up the stairs to her office – I'm pleased to say I was never 'sent to Miss Bland' – so didn't feel any trepidation walking down the corridor, past rows of school photographs to enter HQ! Dyl's warm welcome immediately made me feel at home and happy to return to SHS after so many years.



Dyl is a dynamic and down to earth Headmistress whose influence on the School and the girls is clear to see. Having previously been Deputy Head at The King's School, Peterborough, and with a teaching career in PE, Maths, Economics and Business Studies, she is a great role model and leader and still finds time to teach IGSCCE Maths.

Having just completed her tenth year in office, Dyl cannot conceal her pride when she talks about the SHS Girls and the School. Things have certainly gone from strength to strength during her time in post.

Dyl finished our chat by speaking about this newsletter:

"Please do keep the stories coming. It is a great way for the extended SHS community to stay connected. We want our former pupils to stay in touch with us and wherever they are in the world we hope that this regular email newsletter will enable them to keep a little bit of SHS in their hearts as well as in their smart phones."

Written by Antonia Scott



Dyl and Kirsty on Speech Day

What is so special about Stamford High School?

"SHS is not a typical girls' school. It is part of the Stamford Endowed Schools' community and as such it has access to many more resources and opportunities than 'stand-alone' girls' schools do. And we have boys around too. Our Sixth Form is a joint Sixth Form with Stamford School which means we have boys roaming the corridors! Many of our music and drama productions include both boys and girls, as do many trips and exchanges. The influence of Stamford Junior School and Stamford School add to the richness of SHS (in the same way that siblings influence a person) but fundamentally it is a girls' school and the girls make a wonderful community. They are certainly competitive, but at the same time they are caring and supportive. They are ambitious and have a great love of life."

What is so special about SHS Girls?

"SHS girls are not stereotypes – they take advantage of every opportunity we can offer and they demand more too. Girls and boys are taught separately in the formative years between 11 and 16 and this provides massive (and proven) advantages. The girls do not have to conform to stereotypes. For example, no-one ever asks 'Why are you good at Science and Maths? Aren't those boys' subjects?' because all girls do those subjects and success is expected and encouraged. As such our girls are particularly strong in these areas and our results are bucking the national trends."

What is the best part of your job?

"I love the fact that we are always moving forward and evolving. We have a tremendous history that has shaped the School and now we are building on that, but we constantly ask 'What more can we do for our current girls and what can we

do for our future students?' The goal is to ensure that we constantly adapt to the 21st century. I am proud to say that in recent years we have seen tremendous progress in our teaching and with our facilities, and our exam results and the number of girls going to well-respected universities reflect that. We prepare our girls for a world of unknowns by teaching them to think about learning and to develop their intellectual curiosity. We do not spoon feed them. They must be ready to learn for themselves and to be ready to take on careers that do not yet exist."

Dyl is president of the SHS Old Girls' Guild and is very keen to include former pupils (or 'leavers' as she calls them) in the SHS community. She was quick to tell me that all Old Girls are always welcome back to School.

"Whenever our leavers return to SHS they are always so inspirational and, more often than not, they can tell us how they have built on their time at SHS and how SHS has influenced their life. It seems that they have truly valued the preparation for life that they received here. We try, where possible, to invite an Old Girl back to School to present the prizes at Speech Day and this year we were thrilled to welcome back Squadron Leader Kirsty Stewart, a former Head Girl and the first woman pilot in the Red Arrows. She spoke about ambition but also about setting realistic goals and also interim goals to help reach the big targets in life. She also talked about overcoming life's obstacles and the reality that some obstacles cannot be overcome and how to accept that and to move in a different direction. Clearly she has achieved so much in her life, but her wisdom and humility were just as impressive as her career and she is a great example of an SHS girl."

Anneke Davies (87)

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My family has a long history with the Endowed Schools. My dad, John, left in 1958 and my brother left in 1985. My dad's sisters Judith Davies and Susan Davies left SHS in the 1960s.

I loved my time at Stamford High School. I loved every part of it especially boarding, drama, singing and swimming. I boarded through Nuns, Welland and Park and my best friends at school are my best friends today. My big brother (Mark) was at the boys' school and I loved that too – there were definitely advantages to having a brother two years older than you! I clearly recall the boys bricking up the door to Park House so that we could not get out on our last day of school! Miss Bland, through most of my schooldays, always (quite innocently) pronounced my name 'anarchy' ... the irony was not lost!

My first major role at was as Winnie the Pooh at the Arts Centre, aged 12, and others included the lead (Mabel) in the Pirates of Penzance, opposite my brother who took the part of Frederick – there exists to this day some excruciating photos of the event (see next page!). I was also in Godspell with David Lovell-Brown playing Christ and Mark (again) who had stayed on at School for his Oxbridge seventh term.

When I left School I returned to my parents in Holland and then took a year off in Australia. I completed my degree in English and Drama at Brunel University before taking up jobs in the advertising industry, first with Haymarket Publishing and then with the Guardian newspaper. But that was not the career for me. I took my PGCE at the Institute of Education and spent two years teaching at a school in London.

In 1997 I emigrated to Australia and taught at Knox Grammar School in Sydney as the Head of Drama, where my pupils included a boy called Jonathan Murray (more about him later). From there I taught English at Kambala, a C of E girls' school (and more about that later too). My time in Sydney was wonderful and I was lucky enough to have highlights such as singing in the opening ceremony of the Sydney Olympics as part of the Sydney Philharmonic Choirs.

Annabel and James were born in Sydney in 2005 and, at that point, we returned to the UK and to Stamford, where I happily stumbled across a part-time position in the English department at SHS. In one of life's great twists I found myself teaching a girl called Alison Murray and at parents' evening, upon meeting her mother, I realised that Alison



Neil Pattinson, Bruce Dodworth, Liam Tebb, Jim Allin and Anneke Davies, circa 1985



was the sister of my pupil from Sydney, Jonathan. The Murray family had also moved from Sydney to Stamford. Sylvia Murray, their mother, is now the School Nurse at Stamford School. There is clearly a magnetic pull about Stamford as so many of us end up back here.

Since 2007 I have been Head of Drama at Stamford School and making one final link back to Sydney I helped to establish a gap year exchange programme with my old school, Kambala – one of my A Level Theatre Studies pupils, Hatty Spark, is winging her way over there almost as I type this.

I am so pleased to say that the Performing Arts are going from strength to strength at SES. In the last five years we have staged seven major productions including Les Misérables in 2012. The new Performing Arts Centre, which is the next big SES development, will be an amazing addition to the Schools. It's a funny turn of events ending up teaching back at your own school and one I would not have predicted – having said that, we are enjoying life enormously back in Stamford and find ourselves surrounded by family and friends dating back some thirty plus years; so a good place to be!



Mark, Mum, me and Dad
in Rose Bay, Sydney



Pirates of Penzance 1985

Back row: Vanessa Rigby, Sarah James, Penny Dawson, Rachel Piper, Katie Lankester, Joanna Hill, Victoria Elphick, Helena Gleeson, Clare Harkey

Middle row: Lucy Cohu, me (as Mabel)

Front row: Victoria Hunt, Fiona Smith

Julia Peach Reunion Review

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2013 Reunion – a quick chat with Julia Peach, the 1983 year group organiser

This year's 1983 reunion was a huge success with 24 girls meeting for lunch at SHS, with many other Old Girls; who then joined 24 boys from the same year group on Stamford School Mainfields in the evening for the barbeque, hosted by the Old Stamfordians. We caught up with year group co-ordinator Julia Peach to ask her about the day and how it came about.

What inspired you to organise the reunion?

There was no grand plan. The idea came out of the blue at a dinner party in February, hosted by a local old Stamfordian, when I heard that John Chew, the 1983 Head Boy, was planning a get-together. They'd been planning it for a full two years and there were only a few months to go before the reunion weekend, but I couldn't resist the challenge... or the opportunity to try to meet up with my old school friends again.

Going through our year book and pulling on a few friends and contacts, I managed to gather contact details for a good number of girls. Victoria Bullimore kindly set up a Facebook page, which was an excellent method of reaching out to old school friends. We tried to contact everyone, but sadly there are still some people that we didn't manage to connect with. However, we have not given up and we continue to try to find them. Some old girls have come out of the woodwork since the reunion and are keen to be included next time. It was great to work with John Chew, the year group co-ordinator for the boys, to bounce ideas and build momentum.

What were you hoping for on the day?

I really hoped that I would find a very happy group of girls, reminiscing about old times and catching up on what has happened since school, and that's just what happened. We all got along like a house on fire. No-one had changed, we were all very comfortable with each other and we picked up from where we left off 30 years ago. It was a truly lovely day and I have such great memories. The lunch was fun and then we retired to my mother's Stamford residence for drinks mid-afternoon before heading over to Stamford School to meet with the boys. The walk over the bridge to meet up with people from the distant past was quite surreal and the evening was terrific fun. But overall I was simply struck by how warm and welcoming the boys and girls were and how special it was to be together again. It is a credit to both Schools that they produce such down to earth and generous spirits. I have never come across such positive feedback from other school reunions. The Stamford Schools enable their pupils to create such strong resilient networks and long-lasting friendships. Many of us have stayed in the vicinity of Stamford or have returned. There are numerous old boys and girls who have put, or are putting, our own children through the Schools. This is surely the biggest compliment of all.

So what next?

Well, there is still a lot of catching up to do! We only scratched the surface! We are planning to get together again next year and in 2015 it will be the 50th birthday year for most of the 1983 leavers so we need to do

something special for that. I am working with John Chew on ideas. In the meantime there are lots of small gatherings of 1983 leavers and others. The connections have been made again and we plan to keep it that way.

Written by Rachael Petrie, SES Foundation Director



Down Memory Lane

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Junior School: 46 High Street St Martins, Stamford, 1949 – early 1950s

Late afternoon mid-September 1949, one ten-year-old Morris 8 drew up in front of a plain terraced building with no apparent garden and somewhat shy parents delivered their 8-year-old elder daughter to the care of others, together with a mound of luggage. After a short discussion with Mrs Bryan (Bryant?), the kindly Housemistress, a kiss and a hug for Anna, they drove off leaving her with a sinking feeling in her stomach in a plain front room with coco matting on the floor, while other new arrivals were greeted.

This Junior Boarding House was home in term time to 16 girls aged 8-11. The front door led in straight from the street. First on the left of the corridor was the Girls' Sitting Room with lockers for each child to keep personal items, including the mandatory wicker sewing basket. Next, was the Housemistress's Sitting Room and then a door out to the back yard. The room first on the right was more spartan, but there was a piano around which hymns were sung on Sunday evenings and a bookshelf with rather old-fashioned books. I seem to remember



Summer 1949: Anna at home in her brand new school uniform

reading about David Livingstone's travels in Africa in one of them. Next was the curving wooden staircase leading up to the 1st and 2nd floors, followed by a cupboard under the stairs, and then a door leading to the dining room with large central table. The small kitchen, where breakfast was prepared, led out of the far end of the dining room. Upstairs there were four bedrooms each with four two-foot-six iron bedsteads for the boarders, Matron's room and the bathrooms. Younger girls occupied the first floor where I was allotted a bed in a room with Valerie Beaton, Patricia Onyett and Janet Pontin. Although in the same academic year, Val and Pat were nearly 9-10 months older than Janet and me and had been in residence during the previous Summer Term, so they helped us to settle in. Janet, a month younger than me, was the youngest boarder and destined to become my best friend.

There was a wealth of necessary garments to unpack, each carefully labelled with a Cash's woven nametape – 18 handkerchiefs, three pairs of navy knickers and six knicker linings, ordinary white panties, three aprons, an afternoon dress, a skirt and jumper for Saturdays, a plain Sunday dress, the complete school uniform (my mother had sewn the badge on in the middle which immediately set me apart and had to be corrected!), sheets, pillow cases, rug (mine was a knitted one, smaller and different from everyone else's and pretty useless in the summer, as it picked up grass alarmingly when we were allowed to sit outside on the occasional hot summer Saturday afternoon), laundry bag, hot water bottle, toys and tuck. The last had to be handed in along with our blue ration books, pocket money and medical cards.

The beds had flock mattresses that went down in the middle and a couple of army style grey blankets, but were cosy enough. On weekdays the rising bell rang at 7 am, but except for those down for 15 minutes piano practice before breakfast and those whose turn it was to help fry the bacon, we had 30 minutes before breakfast to get dressed and use the bathroom. Most loos were outside through the backyard. Beyond that was a fairly large garden tended by Mr Mitchell, the sole somewhat taciturn man to appear in our entirely female existence. He was the subject of many whispered jokes in the dormitory after lights-out around 7 pm.

The routine was strict with monitors to check that all obeyed it. There were duty rotas for everyone, fixed bath nights – Monday and Thursday, Tuesday and Friday, or Wednesday and Saturday. Otherwise we used white enamel bowls for washing, eventually sitting on the lino floor with our feet in them. Each Friday evening was 'hair-wash night' for half the girls and, after vigorous towel-rubbing, one's hair was dried by crouching in front of the gas fire in the sitting room. One was asked about bowel movements every day and received a dessert spoonful of syrup of figs on Wednesdays regardless. A day missed meant a dose of liquid paraffin, so an occasional untruth was told!

Unfortunately motherly Mrs Bryan left before Christmas and a new House Mistress was employed – Miss Allott. Unlike young Miss White, our capable Matron, she could not keep order. I have forgotten, or never knew the pretext but late one dark evening on Miss White's day off, we awoke to a commotion. The older girls had got up and some had gone out on the street in their pyjamas. Miss Allott flapped about shouting and eventually someone came over from the senior house to restore order. Miss Allott soon left and a strict new Housemistress, Mrs Middleton, arrived for the Summer Term. I can still see her sitting upright at the piano playing and lustily singing 'O Worship the King', 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' or 'Bless this House' at our evening singsongs. Misdemeanours were punished by writing lines or learning a psalm, usually No 1 or No 2 'Why did the heathens rage so furiously?' and 'Why did the people imagine a vain thing?' I found learning by heart difficult and was always too nervous to say it through properly even when I thought I knew it.

Many articles of food were still rationed in 1949 but the diet was reasonably healthy. Except for scrambled eggs, partly from powdered eggs at first, and kippers once a week, breakfast consisted of a rasher of bacon on fried bread, toast with jam, honey or marmalade often brought from home, all washed down with tea. After making our beds tidy, we would don our outdoor shoes and coats, which were kept in the corridor, and then assemble two-by-two in croc, with the youngest at the back, to walk down to Welland House for school. Each of us had a list of whom we would walk with each day of the week. Jan and I usually paired but sometimes I walked with Katharine Betts, a fairly big girl a month older than me. Her year-older sister, Felicity, was also a boarder. Their parents were on a tea plantation in India and sent an enormous crate of mangoes, a complete rarity in England at that time. Having no fridge the crate was kept in the cupboard under the stairs. Unlike me, lots of the girls did not like the taste so many mangoes went bad before we could eat them all.

The only person I knew before arrival was Annette Elphinstone, a contemporary, but both she and Katharine slept in another dormitory. For lunch we walked up to the main school dining hall and sat at a special table for boarders. We were met out of school at 3.30 pm and marched back for high tea. Bedtime was 6 pm for the younger girls and 6.30 pm for the older ones. The garden was enjoyed when the weather and season allowed, i.e. after school in summer and at weekends. There was a lawn where we could skip and play tag and a side extension surrounded by small box hedges where snails lurked. We collected them and kept them hidden under the hedges in cardboard boxes. Some got out and some died but the remainder had to take part in snail races from time to time.

On Saturdays we rose at 7.30 am and were taken for a walk in the morning. Any homework was done. There might be a supervised sewing/knitting session. I remember having a large pot baby doll called Judy, which had been completely dressed in garments carefully knitted from oddments of wool by my maternal grandmother, who had died in February 1948. There was a knitting competition in the boarding house. At 8 years old I had only just learned to knit and decided that the only thing this doll lacked was a scarf, so about 10 stitches wide I managed to produce a blue scarf for it. So adorned it was dutifully admired by the judge, possibly even the Headmistress, Miss Lomax, but I am unsure about that. Anyway looking down at the ground, I had to admit that I had nothing to do with her lovely dress, cap, vest, knickers and socks but only the scarf which, on being handled, was already starting to unravel because I had not finished the casting off properly, so gained no prize.

On Sundays we were left in bed until 8.30 am, which was terribly boring especially in summer. Then we donned our Sunday dresses and put on our Sunday shoes and, with our pennies for the collection (worth about 20p now), were marched down to a morning service in St Martin's church. The priest gave boring sermons lasting 30 minutes but the prayers and hymns have stayed with me. Sunday was also writing-home day. Seated round the dining table we would concoct suitable scripts to be read first by the Housemistress who then sent them to fond parents. If there was time I sometimes wrote to one of my aunts as well. Any free time was used for drawing, playing cards, reading or just chatting and arguing. We borrowed books from each other; Enid Blyton's probably being the most popular.



The 16 boarders at 46 St Martins in the summer of 1950 with Miss White at the back.

From the top left to right: Tessa Christian?, Jane Theaker, Jennifer Smyth, Isobel ?, Susan ?, Christine Potter, Annette Elphinstone, ?, Valerie Beaton, Katharine Betts, Felicity Betts, Patricia Onyett, Patricia Manion, Deirdre Thorlby, Anna Shouler (me), Janet Pontin.

The first three weeks at 46 High Street St Martins passed very slowly and then there was the possibility of an outing, i.e. after Sunday church twice a term our beloved parents could collect us, give us lunch and return us by 6 pm. Melton Mowbray, my home town was near enough for a trip there and back. We could take a friend with us whose parents were unable to provide this treat. Annette occasionally went with me and at the hurried tea before return we once had a competition who could eat the most. I do not know who won, but I was sick afterwards, much to my mother's chagrin!

Then there was the welcome half-term break from Friday afternoon to Tuesday evening. The shortage of petrol meant that I often travelled home and back by train with my carefully packed weekend case. In those days there were about ten small village stations along the line from Stamford to Melton. A small proportion of the day-girls travelled every day to school and back along that line. They were usually a few minutes late arriving in school and had to leave early and were known as the 'train-girls'.

We boarders were all registered with Dr Till, a somewhat vague medical practitioner, but simple ailments were dealt with by Matron - a spoonful of cough mixture here and there, attention to finger and toe nails, eye ointments for styes, Vaseline for chapped knees etc. One afternoon in the autumn of 1950 I suddenly felt unwell and there was an itchy place on my back I could not reach. Chickenpox! I was immediately transferred across the road to the small 'San' and the care of Senior Matron, Miss Smythe, a small, brisk, authoritative lady hailing from Belfast, who insisted on covering me with at least four blankets and an eiderdown. Alone in a far wing of a large building I spent a miserable overheated afternoon trying desperately to lessen the number of bed coverings and repeatedly getting scolded for my efforts. Luckily the prospect of 2-3 weeks isolation was tempered by the arrival, next day of Pat Manion, a fellow boarder in a higher class. We were placed together in the large 'San', which had six high comfortable beds and calamine lotion was already lessening the itchiness of the ever increasing number of blebs. Miss Smythe popped in regularly and we were not allowed out of bed but we became fairly deft at sliding books and other amusements to each other across the floor between the beds. No one else contracted chickenpox but the following year there was an epidemic of German measles (rubella). Since half the girls succumbed, we sick ones spent a cheerful week together in a designated dormitory in the boarding house.

At the end of each school year we boarders just had to arrange a midnight feast. That entailed secreting away some of our tuck and hiding some pocket money to give a day-girl to buy something to be smuggled in. I do remember one year trying hard to open quietly a large tin of peaches under the sheet at around 2 am and sharing the sticky contents with my room-mates - juice into tooth mugs, peaches eaten with fingers!

My sister Jill, aged nearly eight, joined us for my last year in the boarding house. Although Mrs Middleton's conduct reports continued to state 'Good', they were twice followed negatively, '*She must learn to take more responsibility in the house*' and '*An effort must be made to take more interest in the activities of the house*'. Jill did better than me and eventually became Head Girl.

Welland House

The back of Welland House around 1950. The girls are returning from lunch in the main school. The tree on the left was (or still is) a mulberry. Morning assembly and music and dancing lessons took place in the single storey pavilion on the left.



My first contact with Welland House was the interview and entrance exam probably in the spring of 1949. It was a daunting experience and I was border-line, fourth in the list for three new boarding places in the autumn. One family backed down and I found myself in 1A with Miss Ingham the following September. She taught all subjects except Scripture, Arithmetic, Music and Gym. Obviously I learned fast because my report at the end of the year was very good. Moreover, despite being around the average age of the class, I was among the few to jump over Form II to enter Remove the following year, where I was nearly a year below the average age.

Miss Cottrell, our elderly but capable Form Mistress taught Geography and Arithmetic, which I liked, even though every class started with recitations of multiplication and Imperial Measures tables, as well as Writing. Being left-handed that was difficult to master as we had to use old-fashioned dip pens and the ink-well was at the top right-hand corner of the desk. Thus, the possibly drippy pen had to be repeatedly passed over the newly written script, blotting paper at the ready! Moreover, while right-handers gently draw the nib over the paper, left-handers have to push the pen which can dig into it! Naturally my reports for writing were sometimes just 'Fair'! Although I missed a chunk of the autumn term due to chickenpox, I eventually caught up and was second in the class for the History, Arithmetic and Nature Study exams. The four classes from IA to Lower III each had about thirty pupils but covered just three years of our education, so about 40 girls moved up to the Senior School every year.

Miss Huttley, our attractive Form Mistress in the Lower III, took us for Nature Study, Art and Handicraft. Miss Cook, the Junior Headmistress, gave us History and English lessons, which included separate marks for Spelling, Recitation and Reading. Set books included 'Wind in the Willows' and 'Hiawatha'. Mrs Pert, Form Mistress of IB, took everyone for Music. We formed a sort of percussion band and I was usually designated to tap a triangle, the drums and tambourines being bagged by more agile classmates. Unlike most boarders I did not enrol for piano lessons. We had no piano at home and my parents considered it unnecessary.

The only pupil from Leicestershire, I sat the three 11-plus exams in a small side room in splendid isolation. I can remember that the English and Intelligence papers seemed absurdly easy, and the Arithmetic one more challenging but solvable. Naturally I passed.

The asphalt playground was across the road and reached down to a fence on the bank of the River Welland. It tended to be damp and dark, as it was surrounded by poplar trees which dropped twigs for us to play with at break. Before going out I always drank the small bottle of milk provided, ice or no ice on top. Average at all sports, I was never first to be picked for a team but not last either. Besides gym lessons inside or outdoors with Miss Noon or Miss Henton, we learned to play netball and in the summer were taken to the town swimming pool as soon as the water temperature reached 59 0F (15 Celsius)!! Actually, changing in the draughty cubicles was worse than being in the water once one had got in and I did learn to swim. I also enrolled in extra dancing classes and the report always stated that progress was being made! Actually, apart from Miss Ingham (I must have been a favourite!) the teachers at Welland House were somewhat parsimonious in their reports, an average term grade of B+ earning a grudging 'Good on the whole'. German measles put paid to my sitting the final exams in Lower III.

All in all the days in school were interesting and full but boarding was sometimes marred by a group of girls periodically ganging up against an unfortunate individual for some imagined reason. By being shunned, laughed at and taunted by the 'gang', the victim's life was made constantly miserable with no recompense in sight. Any attempt to inform matron or House Mistress would be roundly condemned and would only make matters worse. The weekly letter home was out of the question, so one just had to grin and bear being sent to Coventry etc. until it was someone else's turn and then one shut up and thankfully looked the other way. In the three years at 46 St Martins it only happened to me once when, among other things, my surname was laughed at for a fortnight! However, it made me vow never to send my children to boarding school at the tender age of eight. This did not happen once we moved on, probably because, entering puberty, we were more occupied making a united front against authority!

BLASTS FROM THE PAST

This year, with many centenary events planned to commemorate the beginning of the First World War, we thought it would be interesting to look back through the Magazine archives and show you some of the articles published in the School and Old Girls' Magazines over the last hundred years. Sadly we weren't able to find copies of either Magazine dating back to 1914, but we did find some little gems from 1939, 1964, and 1989, some of which follow.

From 1939 – a fascinating view of English life, from Barbara Kornicker, a German student who joined the School at the outbreak of war. Was she a refugee from Nazi Germany, as seems likely? Does anyone remember her - or, even better, is anyone in touch with her or her family?

From 1964 – probably inspired by the Cold War, a poem about 'War'. And from the Old Girls' Magazine, a view of working in Hong Kong, which was at the time a British Colony and would remain so for many years.

And from 1989 – 'The Neighbours Poem' – this may bring back memories to Sixth Formers at the time of watching 'Neighbours' at lunchtime in the Economics Room with Mrs Main! Also an Old Girl who will be known to many for her glorious wedding dresses and prom dresses – an article from the Old Girls' Magazine on Helen Kirkwood, with an update on her current life.

Helen Kirkwood Updated

Since the article in the 1989 Old Girls' Magazine (opposite), Helen moved from the basement of Jeunesse in St Mary's Street to her own shop in Stamford Walk, where Trechers is presently. She remained there for five years before moving back to work from home, scaling down the business. She still makes wedding dresses, bridesmaids' dresses, evening gowns and prom dresses to order.

Helen still runs Welland Ladies Netball team. The team has mainly young players, something Helen has promoted in later years. The team is currently doing very well in the Stamford Netball League.

Helen is also very involved with St Mary's Church, and is responsible for the fundraising, organising concerts and other social events, and singing in the choir.

Helen Kirkwood (1966-1973)

Helen trained as a fashion designer at Leicester Polytechnic after leaving SHS in 1973. She initially worked as a freelance designer for a Lingerie Company. During this time Helen cut out the occasional wedding dress at home. A local shop, Needlecrafts, used to display her work. She soon became well enough known to make a living designing and making wedding, bridesmaids' and christening dresses.

Helen's business has expanded over the years from six wedding dresses in 1979 to sixty five to date in 1989. In 1985 she moved to her present premises on the lower floor of Jeunesse where she now designs ball gowns. She does the designing, cutting, some handwork, beading and embroidery herself, with four employees doing the machining.



Helen married Richard Drake in 1979. They have three children, Joseph born in 1982, Sam in 1984 and Harriet in 1988. All the children as babies came along to her work-room.

In her spare time she is a fully accredited Netball Umpire and manages Welland Ladies Netball team, which she first formed in 1982.

Her ultimate goal in life would be to design and make a Royal Wedding Dress.

Helen Kirkwood fits a dress for one of her customers (Printed by kind permission of Rutland & Stamford Mercury).

First Impressions

May 1939. England, and walking in a busy street having the traffic on the left hand side! Seeing double-decker trams! Playing tennis on grass courts! Listening to films in a foreign language! Recognizing the freedom of the boys in a big English Public School! These were the first things I saw and every day something new and different.

When Germans think of an Englishman they usually think of somebody in a very dirty mackintosh and a felt hat, smoking a pipe and of course carrying an umbrella. This idea I had too when I first came to England. In Harwich as in London, I saw hardly any "real" Englishmen at all. They all looked very much like Germans. On my first day in Bath I saw two gentlemen dressed as I thought all Englishmen were dressed. But when they came nearer I hardly believed my ears when I heard them talking German! I was so very disappointed that I gave up looking out for "real" Englishmen. Once I heard somebody saying that the Englishman's home is his castle. Well, I can quite understand that he likes being at home when there is a nice cup of tea for him, and a fire in the drawing room. At first I laughed when I saw people drinking tea five times a day. Now I have got quite used to a cup of tea in the morning and afternoon, but I still can't understand people who drink more than that. Food was very difficult too at first. I was very suprised when I had to eat green asparagus! And certainly I missed and miss the hundred kinds of German sausages.

Quite a new idea was that so many houses had a garden. Everybody I met boasted how many roses were blooming in his garden just now, how many had to come yet and what kind they were.

And then cricket!! In May the season was just beginning. Wherever I went I heard people discussing cricket. After about a week of being in England I had to go and watch a match of this wonderful game of cricket. I must confess that I thought it was terribly boring and everybody was shocked about it. There are some people who say that cricket shows the Englishman's character, and who doesn't understand cricket doesn't understand an Englishman. So next year I will have to study cricket very carefully, and till then I won't be able to understand any Englishman.

Barbara Kornicker, Upper V. Age 16.

TEACHING IN THE SUN

Eiler Mellerup returned last Summer after teaching in Hong Kong for three years and at our request has sent a delightful account of her experiences.

In September 1961 I arrived at Kai Tak airport. After twenty-eight hours in the sky I was in Hong Kong at last. My first impressions were of heat and the very bright light. Customs in Hong Kong present no problem — it is a free port so I was soon whistled away and found myself crossing the harbour. This is an experience never to be forgotten and even in my third year I could still be excited by this crossing.

I spent a week in a large Mess on the Island and did a considerable amount of sight-seeing and then moved to Sek Kong in the New Territories. This is the area immediately south of the Chinese border and north of Kowloon.

Sek Kong is built on the side of a mountain and consists mainly of army quarters, amenities and, of course, a school. It was here that I taught for three years. My daily life was very different from my present one. I lived in a Mess with seven other teachers and we had a staff of nine Chinese to look after us! So there were no domestic chores at all.

The school had a headmaster and staff of about eleven. It was light and airy, doors and windows constantly open and of course the fan blowing the paper around all the time. Classes were small and the children very lively. We had a percentage of Gurkha children because we were in the Brigade of Gurkhas. I found them irresistible they had such charm and enthusiasm. One aspect I enjoyed very much was teaching swimming. It was no hardship to me to take three classes a week, especially after my training at the Stamford Baths in temperatures below 60°F. I took the four, six and seven year olds and only about four of each were non-swimmers. Most of them were very proficient.

Shopping in Hong Kong was always exciting, and money went very quickly. It was wonderful to see "real" jewellery in shop windows and to be able to afford it. Or, to see a rather expensive item and get the item for half the marked price. Some things, such as household linen, hand embroidered table-cloths, silk, cameras and watches were unbelievably cheap, but if you wanted a pair of good English shoes you paid three times as much as at home.

Since my return people have asked me whether the Chinese are down-trodden or being exploited by the British. In my opinion they are not. The refugee problem is enormous and it will take years before all the squatters are properly housed but much is

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THE NEIGHBOURS POEM

Madge whittles and worries all day,
While Harold is always bright and gay,
Charlene is a bit of a tear-away,
And Henry is always ready to play,
Paul is a hard-working business man,
While Daphne is usually baking a flan,
Gail is a bright and clever girl,
And Scott's looks are like a pearl,
Jim is a bit of a hard type of guy,
Helen is soft and sweet,
And Lucy you can never beat,
Mike is a clever clogs really,
And Jane is just a superbrain,
As for Nell Mangel what can I say,
All she does is gossip all day.

Caroline Grindal U3CS

being done and there is a great feeling of hope. The large factories where so many are employed do give people a chance to earn a living wage. Without these factories millions would be unemployed.

Holidays were no problem with Macau, Japan, Thailand and Malaysia on the doorstep. It is just a question of seeing as much as possible. My first holiday was for a week-end in Macau, the Portuguese colony on the China coast, a complete blending of the Chinese and Mediterranean way of life. The next holiday, which took three weeks, was to Japan in a cargo passenger boat. This was a mixture of exhaustive sight seeing and complete relaxation on the ship. In 1963 I went to Bangkok and was entranced by the wonderfully preserved architecture. Never have I seen so many temples and Buddhas. The final holiday in Penang, a little island on the west of Malaysia, was in my mind perfect: days of sea, sand and sun and beautiful scenery.

After all these holidays it was wonderful to return to Hong Kong by sea or air and feel this exciting place was home. It has such a magical harbour with lights, ships and mountains. Sailing out of the harbour for the last time in July 1964 was a very moving experience. Floods of memories crowded into my mind as the lights became more distant and yet I had no real regrets at leaving. I found I was looking forward to a month at sea, visiting new and interesting places and finally home to England.

Eiler Mellerup.

WAR

The split, blackened oak
stood out in the gloom,
Destroyed by the lightning
of last night,
A night of doom.

Uniformed bodies
lay in unnatural fashions:
Destroyed by the fighting,
fighting of men,
Prompted by cruel passions.

Light, grey rain fell softly
on to their muddy graves.
Washing away their blood,
making them clean
For a death that saves.

Embracing his corroded helmet,
the outflung arm of a soldier;
And in death's mask
his young features froze
Into a face so much older.

Frost glazed the pastures,
and in a glimpse of dawn
This mission of protest
showed us how futile
It is to mourn.

SUSAN GROVES U.V.G.

Mary Trinder Chervet

The Forgotten Headmistress

I recently came across my sister's (Emily Wingfield (née McCarthy) (03)) copy of Frieda Gosling's *Within These Walls of Grey*, and upon reading I was struck by how little information there was on the High School's first Headmistress, Miss Mary Trinder Chervet. Having conducted research in the past on some of the lesser-known Headmasters of Stamford School, what follows is what I have been able to unearth on Miss Chervet, and I hope that not only will it add to the collective knowledge and history of the High School, but also make for an interesting read.

Nick McCarthy (OS 08)

Mary Trinder Chervet was born in June 1827 in Middlesex, London¹. The second eldest of five children² born to James Chervet and Priscilla Pyne³, Mary's father was a schoolmaster and had acted as the literary executor for the estate of his uncle, the famous Welsh Unitarian minister, John Jones⁴.

Most likely homeschooled from a young age by her father, Mary's subsequent career, save her time as headmistress at Stamford, came to be that of a governess.

The earliest record from the 1851 Census shows that Mary worked as the governess in the home of James Vibart, a civil servant and retired commander in the Royal Navy, at Gatchell House, Trull in Somerset. By 1861, she was governess to Charlotte and Bertha Godman, children of Joseph and Caroline Godman, at 55 Lowndes Square, Chelsea, and then by the time of the 1871 Census, she was governess to Caroline and Katherine Stuart-Wortley, the children of The Rt. Hon. James Archibald Stuart-Wortley⁵ and his wife Jane, at 16 St James Place, Pall Mall, Westminster.

In 1876, Mary's career took a change of direction. At this time she was residing in Cromford, Derbyshire⁶, and perhaps longing for more in her career, Mary applied for the position of headmistress at the soon to open, Stamford High School for Girls. Four candidates - Miss Monro, Miss Hamm, Miss Richardson and Miss Chervet, applied for the position, which carried an annual salary of £250⁷. Miss Chervet's application was ultimately successful and she was appointed Headmistress on February 6th 1877⁸.

Her tenure as headmistress however was to be only brief, lasting just one term, from May to

¹ Christened 6th June 1827 in Croydon, Surrey

² Siblings: James Fairlie Chervet (1826-), Catherine Fanny Chervet (1828-1916), Fanny Hannah Chervet (1829-1901), Elizabeth Agnes Chervet (1831-1910).

³ James Chervet (c.1800 -1844, son of Claudius and Catherine Chervet). Priscilla Pyne (1792- 1833), daughter of John Pyne of Charlton House, Berkshire. They married in 1825 in Hackney St John.

⁴ **John Jones LL.D.** (1766 – 10 January, 1827), Welsh Unitarian minister, critic, tutor and lexicographer

⁵ **The Rt. Hon. James Archibald Stuart-Wortley** (1805-1881), Barrister of Inner Temple, Member of Privy Council

⁶ *Stamford Mercury*, 9th February 1877

⁷ *Within These Walls of Grey*, Page 12

⁸ *ibid*

July. *The Stamford Mercury* reported that her resignation came due to 'ill health'⁹ but an Old Girl of the School writing in the 1920s recalled that the "real reason was that we were a little too much of a handful for her." The same Old Girl however remembered Miss Chervet as a "charmingly pretty woman with golden hair."¹⁰

Mary's resignation was accepted on July 21st and the Governors subsequently offered the post to Miss Lucy Margaret Monro, whom they had already interviewed. Upon her leaving, she was presented by the scholars with "a handsome album containing photographs of the pupils, the school buildings, the churches and other places of interest in the Town."¹¹

Clearly overwhelmed by the pressure that being a headmistress had brought, Mary returned to her career as a governess and by 1881 she was employed in the home of The Rt. Hon. Lord Edward Thynne¹², to care for his youngest child Mary Isabella Emma Thynne. During her time as Lord Thynne's governess, Mary inadvertently became involved in her employee's personal affairs, when she was witness to a public altercation that came to make the front pages of the national press.

On the afternoon of Wednesday, May 24th 1881, Lord Thynne, his daughter Mary and Miss Chervet were travelling by carriage between Laverstock and Salisbury. En route, the carriage was stopped, and Lord Thynne was attacked by the Marquis Townshend, Colonel Henry Mack Nepean and Mr. Francis Ellis.

In the criminal trial that followed, Mary gave the following evidence.

"I was coming to Salisbury on the 24th May, in company with Lord Thynne and his daughter, who was riding behind on a pony, and I saw three men walking in front. Lord Edward was driving very slowly, because the roads were being mended. One of the defendants turned round and looked at the carriages. I saw the Marquis Townshend. Lord Edward pulled up the carriage because the men were in the way, but then Lord Townshend came forward and struck Lord Edward violently with a stick or something he had in his hand several times. Lord Edward got out of the carriage. The Marquis looked very much like a maniac, and was very excited. Whilst the Marquis Townshend was striking he said, "Have you had enough," or words to that effect. I entreated the other men to stop the assault. They made no reply."¹⁴

The attack came as a consequence of an incident in 1872, whereupon Lord Thynne had regularly frequented the house of the Marquis, Townshend and had eloped with the

⁹ *Stamford Mercury*, 3rd August 1877

¹⁰ *Within These Walls of Grey*, Page 12

¹¹ *Stamford Mercury*, 3rd August 1877

¹² **Lord Edward Thynne**: Born 23rd February 1807, 6th son of Thomas Thynne, 2nd Marquess of Bath and the Hon. Isabella Elizabeth Byng. Educated at Charterhouse School (1820-21), Oriel College, Oxford (1825-8). Served in Duke of York's Rifle Corps. MP for Weobley, Herefordshire (1831-1832), Frome, Somerset (1859-1865). Married i) Elizabeth Mellish ii) Cecilia Anne Mary Gore. A lifelong gambler, he died intestate at his Wiltshire home, The Hill, Laverstock, near Salisbury, on the 4th February 1884, and was buried with his second wife in nearby Fisherton Anger.

¹³ *The Times*, 1st June 1881

¹⁴ "The Fracas Between Noblemen Near Salisbury" *Bristol Mercury*, 1st June 1881

Marquis' wife to France. The jury in the trial found the defendants guilty of assault and Lord Townshend was fined £500 and the other defendants were each fined £100¹⁵.

By the time of the 1891 Census, Mary had retired, and had taken up residence at *The House* on St Paul's Road, Whippingham, Hampshire. The building was a private institution for training servants and was located to the rear of Queen Victoria's royal residence, Osborne House.

The final record relating to Mary comes in the Census for 1901. Now aged 74, she was living at 7 Trinity Road, Tulse Hill, Surrey with her younger sister Katherine Fanny Chervet, who likewise, was also a retired governess.

On the 12th November 1909 Mary died at her residence, aged 82, and was buried at West Norwood Cemetery and Crematorium, Greater London. Her effects were left to her relative Frederick James Menzies Pyne.

¹⁵ *The Times*, 30th June 1881

FORTHCOMING REUNIONS

Stamford High School Old Girls' Reunion in London

Stamford High School, the SHS Old Girls' Guild
and the SES Foundation will be hosting an
SHS Old Girls' Reunion in London
on **Thursday 8 May 2014**, 6pm – 8pm
at the **Lansdowne Club**,
near **Berkeley Square, London**

It promises to be a relaxed and enjoyable event in a lovely location and a great opportunity to see old friends and make new acquaintances.
Drinks and canapés will be served.

There will be no charge to attend but admission will be strictly by ticket only. Spaces are limited and tickets will be issued on a first come first served basis to SHS former pupils and former staff only.

To apply for your ticket please email foundation@ses.lincs.sch.uk with your name (and name at school if different) and the year you left SHS.

Please do contact your old class mates and gather a group to come along together.



The Lansdowne Club



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Reunion Weekend 2014

The OGG will be hosting their annual Reunion Lunch at SHS on Saturday 28 June 2014. This year's special guest will be Claire Lomas (98). It promises to be a wonderful opportunity to spend a lovely day back at School with many old friends. Old girls of all ages are most welcome to join us for a relaxed and enjoyable lunch with other old girls and members of staff.

A full agenda for the day can be found opposite. If you would like to join us for the lunch please ensure that you complete and return the registration form (centre pages of this magazine).

On Saturday evening there will be a BBQ with the Stamford School Old Boys on Stamford School Mainfields.

Year Group Representatives

We hope that the Reunion Weekend will be of particular interest to girls who left SHS in the following years:

2004, 1994, 1984, 1974, 1964, 1954, 1944 but, of course, all year groups are welcome.

We currently have the following year group representatives:

- Jane Hindmarch (née Morrice) – 1984 (hindmarchfamily@hotmail.com)
- Jane Rodwell (née Crowther) – 1964 (janerodwell@aol.com)

If you would like to be a representative for an other year please contact Jill Hamilton (née Betts) at hamilton.jill@btinternet.com

Reunion Day – Saturday 28 June 2014 – Timetable

DINING ROOM

10.00 am Coffee and biscuits

TENNIS COURTS

10.00 am OGG v School tennis match
At the School Courts, Kettering Road

LECTURE THEATRE

10.45 am AGM

ON THE QUAD

11.30 am OG stall
Collect name badges. Information re memberships, magazines, raffle tickets and Spede Bird pin badges
Pre-lunch drinks
Official photos to be taken including Reunion Year Groups

HALL

12.30 pm Buffet luncheon with special guest Claire Lomas (98)
Speeches and presentations and raffle prizes
School Song
School is open after lunch

DINING ROOM

4.30 pm School closes

NB Name badges can be collected upon arrival at 10 am in the dining room and from 11 am onwards from the OG stall on the Quad.

STAMFORD SCHOOL MAINFIELDS

6.15 pm The Committees of the Old Stamfordian Club and the Old Girls' Guild invite you to an informal evening on Saturday 28 June 2014, being held in the marquee on Stamford School playing fields: Bar from 6pm, BBQ from 6.15pm, tickets on the door.

Alumni and their families are welcome to swim in the Memorial Pool at the SES Sports Centre between 2 pm – 4 pm. Life guards will be present.

MINUTES OF 2013 AGM AND ACCOUNTS

- **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Stamford High School Old Girls' Guild held on Saturday, 29 June 2013**
- **Apologies for absence:** 29 apologies received
- **Minutes of AGM 2012** were signed as a true record. Proposed by Becca Brown and seconded by Iris Harris (Cliff)
- **Matters Arising:** None
- **President's Address:** See Report
- **Junior School Report:** Emma Smith was introduced as Libby Craig's successor
- **Chairman's Report:** See Report
- **Treasurer's Report:**
Barbara presented the Accounts, the notes for which are self-explanatory. Acceptance of the Accounts was proposed by Fay Brooks (McCulloch) and seconded by Daisy Temple (Sharpe)
- **Election of Officers:**
It was proposed Lucy Findlay (Atkins) and Antonia Scott (Williams) be elected to the Committee, proposed by Anita Trowell and seconded by Becca Brown
- **Any Other Business:** None

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 11.45am.

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Income and Expenditure Account for Financial Year Ended 26.04.2013

INCOME			
Balance brought forward from previous year			11,848.77
Subscriptions			7,712
AGM 2012:	Lunch	1,768.95	
	Raffle	91.00	
	BBQ	90.00	1,949.95
Magazine donations			15.00
Building Society interest (nett)			9.77
School Pins			35.00
			21,570.49
EXPENDITURE			
AGM 2012	Presentations		135.78
	Gratuities		100.00
	BBQ		90.00
	Refunds		46.00
	Flowers/Piano		55.00
	Labels		3.90
	Food & Drink		1,309.00
	Sundries		84.86
			1,824.54
AGM 2013	Invitations & tickets		57.60
	OGG Prize		50.00
Magazine	Printing		2,788.79
	Postage		2,399.05
			5,187.84
Total expenditure			7,119.98
Balance carried forward at year end			
	Norwich & Peterborough Building Society		7,433.67
	Lloyds TSB		7,196.84
	Unpresented cheques		-180.00
			14,450.51
			21,570.49

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The SHS Bear as she appeared on the front cover of the Stamford High School Magazine in 1986, created by Pip Lawrence