



Stamford High School Old Girls' Guild Magazine 2014-2015



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EDITORIAL

I wonder how many of us reflect on our time at SHS and think about how far we have travelled, and how much we have changed, in the years since we left? My 1987 Leavers' Yearbook certainly makes interesting reading.

I'm ashamed to say that my aspirations included driving a rather flashy Porsche. In reality, the most exciting car I have ever owned was a 1951 Morris Minor which often had to be started with a handle, usually had to be stopped by using the engine to slow it and, on one memorable occasion, refused to turn either to the left or to the right.

I'm sure I'm not the only Old Girl whose life has not run exactly according to plan, although, judging by what I have heard of some contemporaries, there are many of us who have achieved their goals and lived their dreams. For the rest of us, life has certainly been interesting.

Last year saw two fabulous SHS Reunions. The first, in London on 8 May, saw girls from as far back as 1949 and from as recently as 2010 attending. Many of them had travelled from Stamford and, although the majority were from the London area, some Old Girls travelled from as far as Australia and the USA. The second was the Reunion Day held at SHS on 28 June. It was a riotous affair, and amazingly well attended, with over 130 Old Girls present. This time, the leavers were from as far back as 1945. I'm sure many Old Girls would not have recognised parts of the School, but more important than the building were their classmates, many of whom I'm sure would not seem to have changed at all.

In addition to former pupils the Stamford Endowed Schools also welcomed some famous faces in 2014. In October Mary Berry visited the High School to open the new Home Economics rooms. She was mobbed on arrival by adoring girls and by some rather envious neighbours of the School! In November Kate Adie visited SES to deliver an amazing Foundation Lecture, after which she signed copies of her latest book. Accounts of both these special events can be found on further pages.

2014 also saw the Centenary of the beginning of the First World War. Many young men lost their lives in the four years that followed, and many returned but were never the same again. Likewise, many families suffered from the stress and heartbreak that the War brought. The whole country remembered the event, and we found a poignant note in the original black notebook that was originally used to record the Minutes of the Old Girls' Guild, soon after its formation in 1908. It is reprinted in the 'Blasts from the Past' section.

Finally, grateful thanks are due to the SES Foundation Office for their help and support in the compilation of the e-Newsletter and of this Magazine. Without their assistance my task would be made far more difficult; they deserve our thanks for their kind efforts.

Lucy Findlay, (née Atkins) (87)

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

BY CLAIRE COLTON

Good morning and welcome, everyone. It's been a positive year for the Guild in many ways but I am sorry to report that Hazel Tourtel died recently. You may recall that, having attended as a pupil, she then worked here as Bursar and became a stalwart of the Old Girls' Guild Committee until about four years ago when ill health prevented her from attending.

I am also sorry to report that Daisy Temple has tendered her resignation after well over thirty years' input to the Committee. Daisy's ability to pour over the Stamford Mercury and note all the Hatches, Matches and Despatches relevant to SHS has proved invaluable over the years.

We are pleased to have many of our loyal attendees with us today and there will be just over 130 at lunch, including seven retiring members of staff, which I think is probably the most there has been at any one time. Former Head, Mrs Pat Clark, now living in Edinburgh, sends her best wishes to us for today's Reunion. She retains great affection for SHS.

Thanks, as ever, are due to many:

- Mrs Dyl Powell, SHS Head, and all the members of the Committee for their ongoing commitment to the Guild.
- Rachael and Maxine at the Foundation Office for their assistance with the design and production of this year's magazine; with the newsletter which I hope you are receiving via email and also for hosting the first social get together of the London branch since, I believe, the late '60s or early '70s. This was a great success and is set to become a regular fixture in the calendar.
- Thanks to the Principal's PA, Jackie Cattell, and the Headmistress's PA, Nicola Hindle who help us with organising meeting rooms and some of the administration.
- Penny Hudson and the catering staff.
- Sally Brittain, Site Manager and the caretaking staff.
- Goldie Bardwell who produces the beautiful flower arrangement in the Hall.
- Jill Hamilton's husband, Ian, who has once again come along to do the year group photographs.
- Mr Duncan McIlrae who is playing the piano for the School Song.

For the first time we have a Speaker after lunch – Jo Parfitt (née Gosling) – and I hope you will enjoy this addition to our timetable.

The area that some of us remember as the playground is in the process of being covered over and you will probably see other improvements on your way round the School which will be open today until 4.30pm.

All are welcome at the annual barbecue being held on Stamford School playing fields from 5.30pm this evening.

Before I close, I would like to record my personal thanks to everyone for their support to me as Chair over the last two years. I have no doubt that my successor will receive at least the same level of support.

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

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HEADMISTRESS'S REPORT 2013-14

Mrs Jill Berry, the former Head of Dame Alice Harpur School in Bedford, presented prizes at Speech Day. She has been Head of English, a Headteacher, President of the Girls' Schools Association and is now an educational consultant, working for the National College for Teaching and Leadership, and is currently studying for a Doctorate in Education.

Jill is a great advocate of using well written teenage fiction to promote literacy, and, in this respect, she is prepared to take issue with Mr Gove. She is on record as having said that "Force-feeding classics too early, and not giving enough attention to how to engage the learners, risks putting them off for life." Instead, a fruitful introduction to reading for pleasure through popular works like *The Hunger Games* or the *Twilight* series will, in time, lead to a proper appreciation of writers like Jane Austen and George Eliot. Jill is a strong advocate of single-sex education, understanding that girls in single sex classes learn and work differently. With sufficient encouragement, girls will become high achievers when sufficient attention is paid to the way they think and learn. Jill is also a prolific 'tweeter', using the medium to spread a collaborative infrastructure to help teachers and school leaders improve and enhance their educational experiences.

It has been a busy and in some ways very challenging year. In November, we underwent a successful ISI Intermediate Boarding inspection. I am pleased to report that all the National Minimum Standards were met. The Boarding Inspectors looked very closely at our range of boarding provision. Naturally everyone involved was enormously delighted and relieved that the Inspectors recognised and acknowledged the high standards achieved at both Welland and Park. Both Boarding Houses are full and demand is growing, so much so that we will be extending our senior Boarding facilities from September 2015 to accommodate the increased demand for 3, 5 and 7 nights. The success of Boarding is in no small way dependent on the hard work and dedication of the staff involved. The House Mistresses do an outstanding job but Alison Horton, Head of Boarding, in particular has led our Houses for a number of years and has made it the vibrant community it is today.

Exam results at SHS stand up to any scrutiny; our IGCSE/GCSE Results gave the girls a solid platform from which to progress to AS courses, and their future looks bright. In the Sixth Form, 92% of girls who applied to University gained their place. Our leavers went on to top universities to study high calibre courses and our current Year 13s should be confident about translating their hard work into excellent results. Amongst the numerous university offers this year are seven offers for Medicine and four Oxbridge offers: Molly Atkinson (Biomedical Sciences) Oxford; Victoria Braid (English) Cambridge; Josie Heesom (English) Cambridge and Katie Wickham (Medicine) Cambridge.

The results, on paper, do portray the picture of a successful school. As we all know, our role far exceeds that of preparing our girls for exams and securing universities places. Examination successes are only part of the all-round educational experience that go towards helping your daughters to become well rounded, confident and ambitious

individuals. The girls achieve academic success through hard work and dedication but still find time to take full advantage of the many other opportunities offered to them here at SHS. The huge range of stimulating visits, foreign exchanges, concerts, engineering workshops and essay competitions, drama productions and field trips, home and abroad, complement the academic curriculum and help give Stamford High School its essential character.

Our duty as educators is to challenge your daughters. In our teaching we challenge them with new ideas and with tasks designed to inspire them to develop a life-long love of learning, working above and beyond exam requirements. To this end we encourage participation in prestigious national competitions, so that they can test themselves against local, national and, sometimes, international competition.

The SHS senior debating teams participated in two such competitions this year: the 'English Speaking Matters' and 'Debating Matters', the latter being conducted in the magnificent setting of the debating chamber of the Cambridge Union. A junior debating society has also been created this year to follow in their footsteps. Despite a national trend against the involvement of girls in science, girls from SHS have participated in the challenging British Science Olympiad. In Physics eight Year 12 girls and 23 Year 11 girls took part in the challenge, whilst Year 10 girls entered the Extreme Physics event, an annual competition held over three days at Rugby School: the SHS team was awarded a cup for third place. Chemistry similarly saw success in the 2014 Salters' Chemistry Festival at Leicester University. Four Year 8 girls took part in two chemistry challenges, in competition with 14 other schools from around the midlands. They were awarded 2nd prize. A national Art competition, organised by the Rotary Club, saw five girls achieve first, second and third prizes locally. In the Intermediate Section, 1st was Iris Powell and 2nd Ella Mojer. In the Senior Section, 1st was Georgia Smith, 2nd Elis Burke and 3rd Caitlin Harrison. They were selected to go through to the National Competition where Georgia Smith was awarded 1st place, Elis Burke gained 3rd place, and Caitlin Harrison was Highly Commended. For the first time, SHS Year 7 girls were involved in the East Midlands French/Spanish Spelling Bee Competition and four SHS girls were selected to go forward to the regional final in Corby. There have been great successes in the National Mathematics challenges at all levels and age groups. Many girls were awarded bronze, silver and gold awards. Six girls were invited to take part in the Europe-wide follow-on round and very well done to Charlotte Warman, who achieved a result which placed her within the top 25% of students worldwide!

The Combined Cadet Force remains popular, with many girls ready to grasp the opportunities for promotion and take on roles of responsibility and leadership. Girls have taken part in camps and training courses throughout the year. The shooting teams have been particularly successful: five girls have been part of the team that won the Bermuda Cup at the Schools' Imperial Meeting. More recently, we enjoyed great success in the National Country Life Competition, with the A team coming first and the B team second. Superb individual performances saw Anna Pywell achieving top gun status with a maximum score of 95, closely followed by team mates, Emily Bilsby, Gabi Pywell and Rosie Coe and Emily Joyce, scoring 93, 89, 87 and 76 respectively. Future success awaits the teams at Bisley this summer, I am sure.

In this special year of Remembrance, the History Department have focused on topics to raise awareness about the national and worldwide impact of the two World Wars, weaving these into their schemes of work. As well as liaising with a School in America about 'The Home Front' in Britain during WW2, the History department has organized not one but two trips to the Battlefields – Lest we forget. Other departments have contributed as well; after their successful and highly popular Shakespeare celebration, the English Department used the theme of War to highlight and produce poetry, literature and displays stimulated by the sorrow, bravery, futility and triumph of those periods in our history.

The popularity of (LAMDA) Speech and Drama lessons is always evident by the participation and successes achieved. Throughout the year many girls achieve stunning results, but three girls secured notable scores: Julna Karavdra scored 95% and Jo Crombie a stunning 96%, but both were just outdone by Katherine Gibbons who, with a magnificent 97%, gained the highest mark ever achieved in the long history of LAMDA exams at SES.

Participation in the many drama productions, choirs, ensembles, bands and orchestras offer girls the opportunity to work in co-operation with others towards a common goal: that of rising to the challenge of a performance, whether in front of peers, parents or other adults. To be part of any public performance requires commitment, talent, and not a small amount of courage. All three ingredients were seen in abundance if you attended any of the many concerts and drama productions that filled our calendar this year. Performances were of the highest calibre, and actors and musicians were ably supported by the backstage crews. Among the myriad of events was the SHS Music Festival, a two-day affair with over fourteen hours of performances, necessitated by the strength of the 169 entries. A professional adjudicator was extremely impressed with the variety of the music presented in performance, the personal interpretation of the students, and their preparation. The Music Festival concert reached its climax with the award of the Music Festival Shield to Becky Taylor for the best performance of the evening.

Our sportswomen have had another busy year. Many sporting fixtures have been contested, both home and away. The fixture list is constantly expanding and the array of sports is becoming more varied. Girls can represent the School in hockey, netball and football, but it is not just in the major team games that we have had success. This year the girls' cross-country teams were particularly commanding on the circuit, winning the Year 9 and 10 Fenland League and the East Midlands Trophy. The Under 14 and senior gymnastics teams were equally impressive, winning through to the British Schools finals. Gymnasts Maddy Young and Lottie Smith have gained notable individual success, and Lottie has now been invited to join the Junior England Squad. Badminton has had another strong year, and we remain undefeated against other local schools, including Oundle, Uppingham and Oakham.

What has been striking this year is the individual achievements of girls and the diversity of sports that they undertake: Three Day Eventing (with girls successfully competing at local, national and international level), Sailing, Swimming, Tennis, Athletics, Tae Kwon Do, Judo, Skiing, British Tetrathlon, Rowing, Golf, Cricket, Cross-country, and Gymnastics. Only a few weeks ago there was an inaugural Hockey and Netball Sports awards evening celebrating the girls' participation, achievement, effort and (arguably the most important element) enjoyment. This event is sure to be repeated and built upon next year.

Extending our community and taking part in charitable works and service to others has always been a defining feature of SHS. The girls possess caring natures, allied to an almost inexhaustible supply of energy and enterprise. Raising money for charity is only part of this. Funds this year have been raised for many charities such as Children in Need, Fairtrade, Nicholls Spinal Injury Foundation, Anna's Hope, Race for Life, Teenage Cancer Research, and The Evergreen Trust. For this last charity 64 Evergreen clients, some of them former pupils were given a Christmas tea party in the Hall. Included were a 90 year old, two 92 year olds, a 93 and 95 year old, and Ruth, who is now 101 years young!

Louise Marsh, the founder of The Evergreen Care Trust, commented that the event means an enormous amount to the older folk and makes them feel valued and special in the Stamford community. I think the pupils and staff who took part gained immeasurably from the experience. Some other events that have been supported by SHS pupils include displays of artwork at the Vivacity Exhibition in Peterborough for charity. Visits to Thorpe Hall Hospice have been organised and Sail-ability has been supported by volunteer bag packers and fundraisers in Morrisons.

Thanks go to the Parents' Association and Supporters of Stamford High for their continued support and engagement. They have raised funds and financed many projects this year. We are all aware of the wider issues facing today's young people and with their help we have implemented the forum of Teenage Challenge evenings. These reach out to parents about every aspect of helping girls grow into amazing young women. This alone demonstrates the strong, supportive partnership between the School and its parents.

You are probably already aware of the major building projects that will be concluded during the summer break. The total refurbishment of the Home Economics rooms is well under way and the new Atrium at the rear entrance to the School will begin to take shape over the holidays. These are only two examples of the projects that have been put forward to help enhance the learning environment at SHS. The work continues throughout the year and is part of our ongoing commitment as we strive to provide a pleasant and safe school for everyone.



Back in September a few new faces joined the staff: Mr Grant Weeks (Biology), Mr Luke Jones (Philosophy and Ethics), Miss Rebecca Cooper (English), Mr Edd Smith (SES Head of Outdoor Education) and Mr Mark Elwell (SES Head of DT). During the year Mrs Christina Skales joined the Maths Department and will continue with us as Acting Head of Maths from September.

Sadly as we approach the end of an academic year there are always goodbyes. However, this is a truly exceptional year in terms of staffing. Two long serving members of staff retired at the end of the Autumn Term: Mrs Linda Cannon from her post of Examinations Officer and part time Maths teacher and Mr Andy Eliot, whose major role in the school was co-ordinating the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme. We have a large number of staff leaving us in August, more than in any other year: Miss Arabella Reilly (Maths), Mrs Kim Jones (IT), Mrs Janet Roberts (Music) and Mrs Sarah Matthews (Philosophy and Ethics), who, together with her husband and two children, is relocating to Hong Kong to take up a boarding post. The others who are leaving are retiring from teaching after years of dedicated service: Mr David Nicholson (Chemistry), Mr Jon Greatorex (Drama), Mrs Isla Matthews (English and Debating), Mrs Linda Fisher (History), and two members of the Senior Leadership Team: Mrs Alison Horton (German) and Mrs Sue Killgren (Maths).

All will be missed but remembered for their valuable contribution over a long period of time to the SHS community. My sincere thanks go to all of them: in total there is over 175 accumulated years of teaching experience amongst those retiring in August. Such is the way of life. A new generation is coming with their own strengths, talents and passion for teaching. A new era is fast approaching to take SHS forward, secure for years to come. My thanks go to all my colleagues, who join me in supporting and educating today's young women, and tomorrow's leaders.

The academic year 2014-2015 is poised to become another challenging one, particularly in the light of the major revision of 'A' levels, some due to begin in September 2015. We remain committed to preparing girls to reach the next stage of their lives, and to anticipate the stages beyond that. It is about encouraging young people to aim high, to make the most of themselves and their lives, and to have a range of pathways that lead them forward. Only by holding true to these ideals and continuing with our thrust for Independent Learning and Intellectual Curiosity can we encourage girls to think for themselves and help instil in them the love of learning so they want to go beyond the confines of a syllabus. That, I believe, is what true education means.

As another full and busy year comes to a close, I remain extremely proud of the ethos and high standards of this community, but there is no room for complacency. I know that, as a school, we are committed to the task of imagining and realising the power of a learning environment that challenges and equips girls to assert themselves and aspire. We will always strive to subvert gender stereotypes and encourage girls to high academic achievements that can translate into career success whilst maintaining a healthy, balanced perspective on life. We will continue to do so with vigour and verve; that is the Stamford High School way.

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SHS STAFF LEAVERS

Mrs Kim Jones (IT)

Mrs Sarah Matthews (Philosophy and Ethics)

Mr David Nicholson (Chemistry)

Miss Arabella Reilly (Maths)

Mrs Janet Roberts (Music)

SHS STAFF RETIREMENTS

Mrs Linda Cannon, Examinations Officer

Mr Andy Eliot, co-ordinator of the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme

Mrs Linda Fisher (History)

Mr Jon Greatorex (Drama)

Mrs Alison Horton (German)

Mrs Sue Killgren (Maths)

Mrs Isla Matthews (English and Debating)

OGG RETIREMENTS: Daisy Temple (née Sharpe) (49)

Having been on the SHS Old Girls' Guild Committee for over 50 years, including five years as Secretary, Daisy has been the 'go to' person for all matters relating to SHS Old Girls for as long as I can remember.

When I joined the OGG Committee in 1982 as Assistant Secretary to Kathlyn Kettle (Fear), Daisy was already well established as the Leaflet Editor with Christine Race (King) as her Assistant Editor. At that time the leaflet was produced annually, the envelopes handwritten and many were subsequently hand-delivered. When Patsy Tennison asked Anne Marshall (Smith) to undertake a study of SHS Old Girls with a view to breathing new life into the Guild, everything changed, including the leaflet which became a new style magazine – and Daisy rose to the challenge. The first production was the glossy white cover A5 magazine which many of you will remember. It contained so much more than the leaflet could and included photographs too. The following year the cover was changed to red and remained in that format and colour for the remainder of the time Daisy was Editor. I'm sure many of you will recall seeing and speaking with Daisy at our Reunion Days as she could always be seen with her little book taking notes of all of your news. In her Editorial in the 1994/95 magazine, Daisy said how enjoyable and rewarding the experience was of contacting so many people of all ages and from such a variety of walks of life.

Daisy handed over the editorship of the magazine to Frieda Gosling in 1995, but she remained on the OGG Committee and continued to contribute extensively to the magazine. Many of you will have been in touch with Daisy over the years. She kept her own record of wedding anniversaries for inclusion in the magazine and would regularly give me updates of new addresses and name changes etc. for the OGG database.

Daisy very quietly informed us shortly before the AGM 2014 that she would be retiring from the OGG Committee. We are sorry to see her leave but wish her a very happy retirement.

Written by Anita Trowell (74)



ANNIVERSARIES, MARRIAGES & DEATHS

Anniversaries

BITMEAD, Marie (née Brittain) (92)
Marie celebrated her tenth wedding anniversary this year.

SAUNDERS, (née Medwell) (55)
Linda and Ian celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 31 October 2014.

STEWART, Maria (née Ramanoop) (89)
Maria celebrated her 20th Wedding Anniversary on 16 July 2014.

Marriages

THOMAS, Elizabeth (03)
Elizabeth got engaged last year in Sicily and was married in December 2014 in Henley-on-Thames.

Deaths

CALDWELL, Sheila, wife of OS Bob Caldwell, died peacefully in Woodstock, Oxfordshire, on Saturday 29 March 2014, aged 88. Sheila taught science and maths at Stamford High School for many years and was regularly seen riding her bicycle from her home in Rutland Terrace to and from School.

FOSTER, Cynthia (née Joyce) (50).

HECTOR, Ann (née Hetterley) (51) and **MONK, Sarah** (née Hector) (82).
Ann passed away on 16 June 2014 after living with cancer for two years. She fought it to the day she died. Her daughter, Sarah, tragically died the day before her 50th birthday on 19 September 2013 in Peterborough Hospital. Both loved their time at Stamford and had many fond memories. Paul Hector, Ann's son and Sarah's brother, wrote that "Sarah was a form prefect and was thrilled to be chosen

by the school. She was so much brighter than me and loved her time at Stamford."

HODGSON, Diana (97) died 2 March 2014.

HOUGHTON, Teresa (94)
Teresa passed away on 26 January 2014 at the age of 38 years after a short illness. She joined SHS at the start of the summer term in 1990 and left at the end of the Upper 6th in July 1994. She went on to Sheffield Hallam University where she graduated in Business Studies and then went on to Madrid to obtain her Master's in Marketing. She worked in Market Research for a number of companies in London and was employed in Strategic Research for the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors at the time of her death. Her funeral was held in Rushden on 26 February 2014 and was attended by many old school friends, including friends of her sister, Carol Sutton-Houghton, who attended SHS from 1990 to 1997.

TYLER, Cloda (née Risely) died in February 2014, aged 92.

ROLLITT, Dorothy (34) died in October 2013.

URQUHART, Joanna (94) died in 2013.

OBITUARIES

SHEILA CALDWELL (SHS 1962 – 1985)

Sheila first came to the School when her daughter became a pupil. Before long she was employed to do some part-time teaching of Maths, Physics and Chemistry. This later became a full-time post. At one time she also taught a course in the Sixth Form General Studies programme. True to her ideals that girls should be independent it involved practical skills such as changing an electric plug and checking oil, water and tyres in a car.



She particularly enjoyed her Maths classes as lessons were daily, so she had a chance to get to know the students as well as helping them to gain a vital skill. Her excellent memory and real interest in people meant that she remembered so much about students, their families and activities. She contributed to school life out of lessons as well. She was always prepared to participate in activities. This included taking groups of boarders to the Mid-Lent Fair and welcoming them into her family home in Rutland Terrace.

She always enjoyed swimming, walking and travelling both here and abroad. Many holidays were spent with family and friends in Scotland and, once retired, she could go abroad with her husband. While he worked she could explore. Even then she managed to meet Old Girls, once on safari in South Africa.

Sheila was always prepared to help others – many have good reason to remember her.

Written by Hilary Lillford

HECTOR, ANN (NÉE HETTERLEY) (51) and MONK, SARAH (NÉE HECTOR) (82)

It is with great difficulty that I am writing this about my mother and my sister, who have passed away over the past 18 months. Both attended Stamford High School, my mother from 1945-51 and my wonderful sister, from 1975 – 82. Both were very proud to have been part of Stamford High and will be greatly missed by all members of my family.

My mother, after leaving Stamford, travelled the world for 33 years with my father in the RAF. She was able to re-visit her strong ties with the School in the mid-70s, when my father was posted to head the engineering wing at RAF Wittering. It was this posting that led to both my sisters, Sarah and Jane, attending Stamford. My mother passed away peacefully after a long illness in the middle of 2014.

Sarah carried on the family tradition at Stamford and overcame all obstacles in her path that life threw at her. She had appalling problems re disability from birth, but fought to get to Stamford and follow in my mother's footsteps. She enjoyed immensely her time at Stamford, achieving excellent O and A level grades to take her to Nottingham University

to study law. She loved her life at Stamford and also achieved excellent grades in piano and music. She married Chris Monk in 1991 and has a wonderful daughter, Katy, who has her mother's determination. My sister had an excellent career at the Nature Conservancy Council, before her disability stopped her working. Her illness was fast, causing her death in September 2013.

Both my mother and my sister were remarkable women whose lives touched many and will be sorely missed.

Written by Paul Hector

HAZEL TOURTEL (NÉE PORTER) (SHS 1942 - 1949)

Hazel was a pupil at Stamford High School from 1942 to 1949. She held one of the local authority scholarships and was deeply appreciative of the scheme that made it possible for her to attend the School. Hazel was very sad when, finally, the LEA places came to an end with fewer opportunities for girls like herself to attend the School when it was impossible for a family to pay fees.

She was a very loyal member of the School and was, of course, a fund of entertaining stories of days gone by - an era when girls were told they could not attend the Mid Lent fair and all obeyed the instruction.

After school Hazel had a period of some five years in the Metropolitan Police, with Mrs Kirby, whom many old girls will remember as welfare officer. Hazel's years in the police certainly broadened her experience and was of great value to her as Bursar. Hazel's husband, John, was verger at St Martin-in-the-Fields, off Trafalgar Square. The London years enabled Hazel to widen interests and knowledge of human problems that contributed to the shrewd knowledge of human nature that again stood her in good stead. The years in central London were much enjoyed with so many cultural opportunities for her.

It was with some amusement that Hazel would relate she was appointed as Bursar at Stamford High School without the usual formalities.

Hazel loved Stamford itself as well as the School, so it was a joyful homecoming. As Bursar, she was totally loyal and hardworking, giving service that was far beyond the call of duty. She was constant in her attention to detail in all aspects of her work, caring for the fabric of the building – she did not stay buried in her office.

My first meeting with Hazel was at the headship interview in 1976. I shall always be grateful for her kindness to me in the year before I took up office in 1977, when she supplied information that was of great value. I think she felt I was too ready for the School to spend money, but she remained loyal and supportive. She was a good friend to me out of school and generous in her hospitality. Visits were always full of laughter - Hazel and her husband had great fun together. She enjoyed having time for her interests in retirement, particularly bird watching.

Hazel's continuing love for Stamford High School was shown in her work as Treasurer and committee member of the Old Girls' Guild. Until ill health made it impossible, she always attended the summer reunions.

Hazel was a faithful member of the Anglican Church, serving the parish church at Clipsham. Her faith was demonstrated by the manner in which she looked after her mother and her husband, both in sickness and in health. The many friends and family who came to her funeral showed the regard in which she had been held by so many of us who had been privileged to know her.

Written by Gladys Bland

"SHE LIVES IN TRAFALGAR SQUARE"

The following article on Hazel Tourtel (Porter) who works for the Inveresk Paper Group, is reproduced, by permission, from the Group news of August 1964.

HAZEL TOURTEL, S.H.S. 1942-1949.

How would you like to live in the world's most famous square — with a thousand pigeons on your doorstep — not to mention the endless presence of tourists from the four corners of the earth? And how, in addition, would you like to spend most of your spare time within the nearby hallowed walls of St. Martin-in-the-Fields? Mrs. Hazel Tourtel, "clerk-typist and general odd-job" (as she puts it) in the order department of Spalding & Hodge at Drury House does all these things — and finds her days of unending interest.

But then Hazel is a person whose life has always been interesting — and she has not found it necessary to travel the world to make it so. London has been her long-time stamping ground, ever since she left school and home in Lincolnshire, in fact. And "stamping ground" it certainly was for the first five years while she served in the Metropolitan Police. Woman and child welfare, point duty, C.I.D. investigations were her daily lot; and perhaps the most solemn moments were those served at the funerals of King George VI and Queen Mary, the most colourful those at the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth.

Just over six years ago Hazel joined Spalding & Hodge which (commuters please note), enables her to walk to work. "And I do enjoy it here", she says, "because it is a firm where one has a position. What I mean is, you get to know all your fellow employees and the opportunity to do a variety of jobs — translations for the Export Department, for example. Languages is another hobby of mine. I speak French, German, Spanish and Italian so far."

Another hobby? In addition to her languages Hazel dabbles in journalism and has been published in a number of periodicals including *The Guardian*; is a keen stamp collector and in 1959 reached the final of the "Stamp Queen" competition in connection with the international Stamp Exhibition; is learning to play the organ, practices calligraphy and does "all the normal work that women do — like knitting, leatherwork and embroidery", including church embroidery for such items as the altar furnishings at St. Martin-in-the-Fields!

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And that brings us to Hazel's main spare time occupation these days — for she is official Parish Archivist and Historian at St. Martin's.

She more or less "fell in" for this position — although it is difficult to conceive anyone more competent for it — when her husband was appointed Head Verger there. She had in fact — appropriately perhaps — met her husband at St. Martin's during a play in church. "I was wardrobe mistress and he was a scene shifter". They married six years ago just after she had joined Spalding & Hodge.

Her work as Parish Archivist involves genealogical searches, mostly for Americans. At the moment she is doing one which takes in most of the 17th and 18th centuries for a family in Australia. There are about two million entries in the registers, none of them indexed, she explained, and in the 17th and 18th centuries the parish of St. Martin's appears to have had a "fantastic" population.

The baptisms of Francis Bacon and Charles II are registered there, as is the burial of Nell Gwynne. And perhaps the highlight of Hazel's four years work as Archivist was when she was asked to make up the register entry for the baptism of Princess Margaret's son, Viscount Linley. The pages were signed by all members of the Royal family.

Hazel is also responsible for the preparation of exhibitions in the crypt. Her work as Historian has included some 20 historical articles in the official monthly parish magazine which is circulated all over the world. And she has just completed a new short history of St. Martin's, which was recently published in 28-page booklet form and printed, she was careful to point out, on Inveresk Group Paper!

Taking parties around the church — school children, foreign visitors, local historical societies and recently the London Appreciation Society — is all part of her normal duties. She has, in addition, lectured to schools, women's fellowships and other organisations. Last Christmas she made a broadcast about St. Martin's on one of the German programmes.

Housework is well down her list of priorities, this very active housewife admits, but she does find time for occasional trips abroad on annual holidays with her husband. Last year she visited southern Italy, which awakened her interest in the Italian language. And in September she plans to return again to improve it.

Life has never a dull moment for Hazel Tourtel. As busy as Trafalgar Square itself, she seldom has time to notice the pigeons!

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NEWS OF OLD GIRLS

The following information comes from Reunion Day reply slips and emails from Old Girls.

2000s

CONSTANTINE, Natasha (09) gained a BA (Hons) in Fashion at Birmingham City University, and is now working towards 3D CAD with a renewable energy company.

JOY, Charlotte (09) graduated from King's College London with a 2:1 Degree in Hispanic Studies and has spent three months travelling around South East Asia.

MORRIS, Hannah (09) after graduating from the University of Leeds having studied Textile Design, Hannah went on the start her own Bespoke Wedding Stationery business, 'Hannah Berry Designs'. In addition to running her own business, she has also started a career in Interior Design. She designs within the Healthcare Sector, which involves projects such as care homes and hospices.

THOMAS, Elizabeth (03) got engaged last year in Sicily and was married in December 2014 in Henley-on-Thames. She completed her qualification in marketing in 2012 and started a new job as Marketing Manager in December 2013.

WINGFIELD, Emily (née McCarthy) (03) is now working as a lecturer in English Literature at The University of Birmingham. Her first academic book, *The Trojan Legend in Medieval Scottish Literature*, was published at the start of 2014.

1990s

BITMEAD, Marie (née Brittain) (92) Marie celebrated her tenth wedding anniversary this year, and has two sons, Jacob (2009) and Thomas (2012). She graduated from Manchester University

in 1998, and works in Digital Advertising in London.

BULL, Joanna (94) works at Deloitte's for the global firm, developing leadership training for their partners, whilst also training to become a Pilates instructor and coach (specialising in Women in Leadership and women returning to work).

DIAZ-MUNOZ, Yvette (née Mottram) (94) is married to Jorge, who is Chilean, and has three children, Anthony (13), Isabelle (8) and Catalina (4). She is currently teaching English, but met her husband in Guatemala whilst working for Amnesty International with returned refugees, during her gap year from the University of Nottingham where she studied Hispanic and Latin American Studies.

MAILLEY, Jennifer (94) graduated with a PhD in Criminology in 2007. She has just returned from three years in Malaysia, working for NGOs concerned with tackling the illegal trade in wild animals. She is currently employed as a Senior Lecturer in Crime and Investigative Studies.

McGUIRE, Rosie (née Alabaster) (94) has recently become a full-time Mum to Jack (3) and Maeve (1), after eight years of lecturing in Theatre Design and Installation Art at Royal Holloway, University of London. She is married to Paschal McGuire (animator) and is now occasionally freelancing in illustration, theatre design and animation.

MOORE, Jennifer (94) is engaged to be married to Matt Anderson – their wedding is planned for 2015! She has recently been appointed as Director of Risk Management and Compliance for the Biocity group of bioscience incubators.

NOCK, Georgie (née Barradale) (94) is married to Rob and has four boys, aged 5, 3, and 1 (twins!). She works in the Pharmaceutical Industry and is currently fund-raising and training for a 400km cycle around Cuba in October 2014 in aid of Women V Cancer.

O'BRIEN, Katy (née Phillips) (94) is married to Geoff and has two little girls, Evie (4) and Madeleine (3). She is working as an HR Business Partner for NFU Mutual in Stratford-upon-Avon.

PENNEY, Amanda (née Murphy) (94) has been married to David for 12 years, with two children, Kate (9) and James (7). Her brother Matthew (SS) is a Lt Col in the Army, and the new Commanding Officer of 3rd Regiment Royal Horse Artillery. Her sister Gillian lives and works in Bristol for the NHS. Her sister Karen lives in Stamford and works in recruitment, and her parents also still live in Stamford. Amanda now works as a secretary in a school, following a series of 'Mr Benn' type job changes. She is also a Cub Scout Leader, which she says helps to satisfy her bossy streak!

THOMPSON, Melissa (94) is still working at English Heritage, assessing buildings for listing, and has recently moved to Stamford.

YOUNG, Carolynne (94) is a Major in the British Army, and has served in the Royal Artillery since 1998. She has a BSc and an MSc in Human Resources, and has had no recent overseas adventures.

1980s

BLOODWORTH, Melanie (née White) (84) moved from a career in Banking in 2014, to help run the new £3.2m Tennis Centre in Grantham – a fantastic opportunity for her to work in a sport she

has loved since she could hold a tennis racquet. She still plays for Lincolnshire Ladies (Veterans now!) and club teams on a regular basis.

CASWELL, Lesley (née Goodwin) (84) graduated with a BSc in 1987, a PGCE in 1989, a Diploma in 2007, and is now a full-time Mum to Belle Sophie (2002), Sylvie Rose (2004) and Layla Marguerite (2006).

DOWSE, Clare (84) After taking a Drama and English Degree at London University (Goldsmith's College) from 1984-87, Clare worked as a journalist in the music business (amongst other things) until 2000, accumulating another degree (LLB Law from London University Birkbeck College) along the way. Whilst working freelance, she trained as a Barrister. She is now practising in Criminal Law from chambers in London.

GRAVES, Rebecca (née Evans) (84) is married to Rob, lives in Sunningdale near Ascot, and has three children; Laura (20), Ian (18) and Oliver (8). She is working as a Physiotherapist in a private practice near Ascot, and also runs Pilates and Tai Chi classes.

GRIFFITH, Natalie (née MacKenzie-Ross) (89) started her own business in 2013 – a PR agency for video game developers. She is also a STEM Ambassador to help encourage children into tech careers, especially girls.

GUMBRELL, Caroline (née Francis) (89) is married to Jonathan, and has two daughters. She works as a Solicitor in Peterborough.

HINDMARCH, Jane (née Morrice) (84) is married to Tom and has three girls aged 14, 12 and 8. She is a resident artist at Stamford Arts Centre.

HULME, Sandra (née Orme) (89) married Michael Hulme in 2008 and now lives in Cumbria with two children, Blake (6) and Lydia (5).

MOUNTFIELD, Donna (née Chappell) (86) After leaving SHS Donna obtained a First Class Honours Degree in Applied Biology and a PhD in Biochemistry, and began working in the pharmaceutical industry helping to develop new medicines. She has recently returned to Stamford, where she has developed a range of natural aromatherapy candles and established her own business, Stamford Holistic Candles.

NAYLOR, Clare (née Ellingworth) (89) has a BA (Hons) degree in English Major / Art Minor. She is currently working as a Teaching Assistant in Foundation Stage (Primary) with a view to doing a PGCE to teach (she previously worked for 18 years as Advertising Sales Manager at The Stamford Mercury).

STEWART, Maria (née Ramanoop) (89) celebrated her 20th Wedding Anniversary on 16 July 2014. She has a son aged 14, and returned from living in New Zealand for 14 years in December 2013. She is now working as an Educational Psychologist in Stockport and Blackpool.

SYLVESTER-SMITH, Amanda (née Sylvester) (81) has two children, Laura (20) who attended SHS and is now a student at Durham University, and Daniel (16) who is studying Engineering. Amanda left Lloyds Bank after 25 years to pursue her lifelong passion for fabric. She now runs a business called 'Sew Now', based at Stamford Garden Centre, specialising in home furnishings and alterations. She often bumps into old teachers and ex pupils through the business. She also does voluntary work for

Labrador Rescue Trust, re-homing dogs of all ages and fostering where needed until a suitable home is found.

TURNER, Melanie (née Alexander) (89) After working in various administration roles, Melanie is now back at the Stamford Endowed Schools in the Music Department, with old friends and teachers.

WELLS, Melissa (née Westley) (89) is working at Cambridge Regional College as an NVQ Assessor and Internal Verifier in the Management and Professional Team. She is currently completing a BA (Hons) Degree in Leadership and Management with the Open University.

1970s

BEXSON, Gillie (née Thomas) (79) is married to Robert and has two daughters, Alice (19) and Charlotte (17). After 25 years in the property industry as a Chartered Surveyor, she is now Head of Property for Greenwich Hospital, the Navy's oldest, and still the largest, charity.

MESSENT, Liz (née Dalby) (74) celebrated her 30th wedding anniversary in September 2013. She is now teaching Maths at Kings College, Alicante, Spain.

PARFITT, Jo (née Gosling) (79) is now living in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

SCHOLES, Joy (née Fisher) (75) Joy's sons are both now married and have children, making Joy and her husband proud grandparents. Joy is working for The Evergreen Care Trust, a charity in Stamford that supports older and vulnerable adults in the community, as a Home Support Supervisor.

SISSON, Carol (née Horsell) (74) lives in Victoria, Australia. She has three children, Claire (31) who was expecting a baby in June 2014, Oliver (27) who lives in Silicon Valley and works for Google, and Penelope (26) who has just moved to the UK and works as a chef in London. Carol does a lot of travelling and catches up with Sarah Dudgeon and Lizzy Mowat regularly, and also keeps in touch with Liz Dalby. Carol 'works' at The Smith Family in Collingwood, which gives out books, reading buddies, mentors in Tertiary Level and also helps fund books, uniforms, shoes and school camp.

SMITH, Christine (née Cole) (78) took over the Garden Centre and Tea-rooms, at Elton Hall near Peterborough, at the end of 2013. As she is not too far from Stamford, she would love to see any Old Girls. Anyone interested can get in touch through their Facebook page or via www.eltonwalledgarden.co.uk

WOOD, Stephanie (née Taylor) (79) married Michael Wood on 29 February 1992, and has two children, Nicholas born 1993, and Chloe born 1996. She is currently working as Regional Sales Manager for Dermatological Innovation.

1960s

PARKES, Susan (née Rouse) (64) has retired from teaching children with specific learning difficulties, and has moved to Worcester where she and her husband are enjoying living near their daughters and five grandsons.

DAWSON, Juliet (née Samworth) (60) Juliet's grandson was two years old on her 71st birthday. She enjoys spending time with him and with her four year old granddaughter. She has been a member of the WI for 40 years and won the WI Cup

this year. She continues to be very involved with Peterborough Cathedral; stewarding at services and concerts, reading the lesson, chairing a social society and organising Lent lunches.

LOCK, Maureen (née Gregory) (61) celebrated her Golden Wedding on 27 June 2014 and retired from farming last year. She moved to Norfolk in 2013. Her son, Greg, is still living in America with his American wife Sarah and their sons, Oscar and Gordon. Her daughter Deborah and her husband Robert have been farming in Brazil for the last seven years, with their children Frank and Ruby. Thankfully she has been able to visit them all frequently to keep in touch.

RODWELL, Jane (née Crowder) (62) is now retired from nursing and invigilates at a school in Wokingham during exam times for GCSE and A levels, and for mock exams. She finds it very interesting.

SPENCER, Gill (née Hunt) (64) will be celebrating her 46th wedding anniversary this year. She has four grandchildren, three of whom are at Oundle School; her youngest granddaughter Florence was two years old on 1 June 2014. Gill is still a JP, having been appointed in 1981, and spends a lot of time doing family work, mostly at Wellingborough or Northampton Courts. She has taken on Vice-Captaincy at Wellingborough Golf Club for the second time; she was Captain first time around in 1988/89. She is enjoying it very much the second time around, although her handicap is now higher!

WAREING, Sarah (née Brockbank) (64) celebrated 36 years of marriage in February 2014. She retired in 2011, having worked for six years as Education Administrator at Wormwood Scrubs Prison (cue jokes about sewing mailbags etc!) Before that, she

worked at Queen's Secretarial College as a Business Skills Teacher. Since retiring, she has been doing voluntary work in her local Cancer Research Shop 1 ½ days a week (a very good source of good quality, cheap clothes!). She is also still involved with OCR Examinations, setting and marking Audio-Transcription exam papers.

WATTS, Ann (née Laraway) (61) Ann's husband died nine years ago. She still works at Rockingham Castle for nine months each year, in a nice team. Her 12 year old grandson is at Sandbach Boys School and her 17 year old granddaughter is at Northwich Sixth Form College.

WOOD, Katherine (née Scholey) (65) has two sons, Orlando and Francis, and a new grandson, Tolomey. She is now retired after a career in teaching. Her last job was working as a senior manager for Birmingham Metropolitan College, responsible for teaching and training, quality improvement and inspection. She now enjoys family, travel and painting.

1950s

CUNNINGTON, Isobel (née Wright) (56) wrote to tell us that in the 2014 OGG magazine, the "Isobel?" on page 42 is her, and the girl standing next to her is, she thinks, Susan Evans.

FOULKE, Sheelagh (née Grummitt) (59) has now been married 52 years and has three grandchildren – all boys. Two are living in Stamford and the eldest started at Stamford School in September 2014. Her daughter, Victoria, has a business in Stamford – 'Two Little Birds'. Sheelagh was appointed Vice-Chair of Norfolk Federation of Women's Institutes. She is Chairman of Arts and Crafts, and Chair of Norwich Sugarcraft Association.

HARGREAVES, Patricia (née Sumner) (54) is still kept busy by her WI work and with various Cathedral organisations. Her garden is her big interest, but walking her Cardigan Corgi, and her friends, all seem to fill her time.

1940s

BEEVER, Jeanne (née Pepper) (44) now has a great-granddaughter.

BROWN, Anne (formerly Leeds) (née Holmes) (43) has no news, other than that she is moving house – not easy at 88! When settled, she has promised to write some memories of boarding during WW2.

OWEN, Joan (née Weston) (45) Joan's eldest grandson got married in London last June. Her elder daughter returned from five years in Hong Kong in October. Her twin granddaughters are now 15 and are studying for their GCSEs. Joan has joined the U3A and enjoys visits to the theatre with them, and also attends a Scrabble and a French group. She has taken on the role of Treasurer of her local Mother's Union and enjoyed a visit to Bath last year for their Annual Meeting.

OGG REUNION DAY 2014

Whilst every effort has been made to ensure that names are tallied up to faces, in the excitement of the day some people swapped places and disappeared before their names were taken down. Our humble apologies if your name doesn't appear in the correct place!



FIVE YEAR REUNION

Back Row: Camilla Sheppard, Susannah Laybourn, Olivia Carey, Mary Tatershall, Lucy Caistor, Lucy Whalley, Alice Essex, Natasha Constantine, Alice Manby.
Front Row: Imogen Shaw, Charlotte Joy, Francesca Martin, Hannah Morris.



TWENTY-FIVE YEAR REUNION

Back Row: Sarah Lovelock, Emma Shearman-Smith, Erica Bacon, Natalie Griffith, Isobel Howarth, Fiona Hogan, Catherine Little, Amanda Roxburgh, Melissa Wells, Emma Madge, Clare Naylor, Jacque Hughes, Sue Cunnington, Elizabeth Cobb.
Front Row: Ruth Gibson, Tamsin Craven, Sarah King, Paula Stenson.

THIRTY YEAR REUNION

Back Row: Jane Rickett, Sarah Minty, Jenny Allan, Nicola Bathgate, Clare Douse, Anna Cockling, Judy Nixon, Nancy Guttridge-Smith, Rosie Schmidt, Jane Hindmarch.
Front Row: Caroline Robinson, Polly Bonnor, Rebecca Graves, Melanie Bloodworth, Alison Lawrence.



TEN YEAR REUNION

Back Row: Sophie Blythin, Anna Rickard, Anna Lambert, Vicky Griffin.
Front Row: Laura MacNicoll, Natasha Eagles, Leesan Murphy, Jessica Briscoe.



THIRTY-FIVE YEAR REUNION

Jo Parfitt, Christine Jennings, Jane Turner, Cathy Robertson, Gillie Bexon

TWENTY YEAR REUNION

Back Row: Amanda Penney, Jennifer Malley, Melissa Thompson, Clare Laidler, Emma Walmsley, Helen Curzon, Jennifer Moore, Sam Benet, Charlotte Aris, Sonjia Shilhan, Carolyne Young, Joanna Bell, Maria Bitmead, Georgie Nock, Natalie Goodson.
Front Row: Nuala Beardsall, Amy Gibson, Lisa Homan, Katy O'Brien, Rosie McGuire, Yvette Diaz-Munoz.



FORTY YEAR REUNION

Back Row: Sue Bradford, Mary Riddel, Sue Ruddy, Denise Speakman, Helena Pook, Carol Sisson, Sandra Corby
Front Row: Bev Hopkins, Liz Messent, Barbara Hayre, Anita Trowell.





FIFTY YEAR REUNION

Back Row: Ann Watts, Jane Hill, Lucy Hitch, Sandra Scoley, Jane Rodwell, Pauline Egerton, Christine Edwards, Ann Bennett, Jean Sismore, Vivien West, Penny Stewart, Caroline Snow, Christine Ockenden, Ibis Channell, Susan Parkes.
Front Row: Hazel Darley, Margaret Broadbelt, Emma Turl, Judith Parker, Sarah Wareing.



FIFTY-FIVE YEAR REUNION

Sheelagh Foulke and Carol Threadgold



SIXTY PLUS YEAR REUNION

Katharine Butler, Jean Grant, Josephine Clementson, Margaret Parker, Joan Owen, Daisy Temple





SHS 30 YEAR REUNION 2014

by Jane Hindmarch (née Morrice) (84)



After a long period of research, involving various enquiries, accosting aged parents in the street, leafing through old address books and blind calling numbers from the phone book; together with the searches on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and, not least, the help of the Foundation's data on Leavers of 1984; I managed to gather contacts for 51 of the 72 girls in the year group who had left school with me in the summer of 1984. It was a very rewarding process.

But the contacts themselves were only half the business. The real job was to gather everyone in Stamford for the long-awaited 30 Year Reunion. Some of us had remained in touch and close friends over the years but for lots of people it had been an entire 30 years since we had seen each other, this was quite a daunting prospect!

Nevertheless an impressive group of 25 Old Girls accepted the invitation to attend over the weekend. Simon Richardson had gathered a similar number of Old Boys of the same year group for the SS Reunion.

On the evening of Friday 27 June we planned to kick off the weekend with an 'unofficial' gathering of Old Girls and Old Boys of '84 in the York Bar of the George. The evening built up from the slightly apprehensive arrival of the first few to an excited throng of familiar (and less familiar) faces!

The girls group consisted of Jenny Allan (Lyons), Rachel Johnson (Brown), Polly Bonnor, Emma Woolard (Crowson), Sarah Wells (Kefford), Judi Smith (Nixon), Sally Kay (Gooding), Caroline Robinson (Young), Sarah Minty (Ford), Jane Bunney and Diane Barker (York) and myself.

Stories were related, family histories updated, news exchanged, jokes remembered, even confessions and apologies made! There was just so much to chat about. My impression was that, bar a little more or less weight and a little more or less hair, nobody had changed at all.

It was strange and really lovely to be with people who, despite many years having gone by, you still know really well and feel instantly at ease with. As such the evening was characterised by a terrific atmosphere of genuine warmth and excitement.

On the morning of Saturday 28 another group of 16 old girls from the year group (including some who had attended the previous evening) arrived for pre-lunch drinks in the quad at SHS. Sadly Katie Dawbarn (Urry) was unable to attend at the last minute.

Much hugging and "OMG"ing was had and an extreme bout of catching up and exchanging 30 years of news. Nancy and Polly had unearthed some memorabilia to amuse us and this included a yearbook, a blue felt school hat and a boater! Alison did us proud in the official year group photo by breaking new ground with her daring reclining pose. Marvellous stuff! The class of '84 have not lost their edge!

This was only the beginning though. Ceremoniously we moved through to the hall where the tables were beautifully set out and laid for luncheon for 150! Our two tables were in a prime position close to the stage and the VIP guests, including Miss Bland our Headmistress of the time and other members of past and present staff. Miss Tennison our Deputy Head was sadly missed.

At one table were Jenny Allan (Lyons), Judi Smith (Nixon), Polly Bonnor, Alison Lawrence, Nancy Guttridge-Smith, Melanie Bloodworth (White) and Rebecca Graves (Evans).

At the other table were seated Clare Dowse, Caroline Robinson (Young), Sarah Minty (Ford), Rosie Schmidt (Whitwell), Penny Torpel (Wesley), Anne Cockling (Gobbett), Nicola Bathgate (Redhead) and Jane Ricketts (Conboy).

As we settled down to a lovely lunch and a good old natter Rebecca brought out her collection of old photos which delighted us all and caused a few hysterical fits. Polly was beside herself with excitement about winning her box of Quality Street in the raffle. Alison was wiping the tears (of joy, I hope) from her eyes as she tackled her Tarte au Citron. The caterers must be complemented as Judi, Jenny and the other 'A' Level cooks gave top marks to the food which we all agreed was delicious. (Particularly the Tarte au Citron!)

The speeches and the feverishly anticipated singing of the school song were followed by more than enthusiastic applause and clamour!

Then came coffee and we were able to gravitate to the other parts of the school. Class of '84 were thrilled by the chance to go up to the balcony where we discovered CUSHIONS on the benches! Photo opportunities occurred again and Jenny had the inspired idea of taking a group photo on the stairs. We just need someone now to Photoshop her into it so that she's included!

We then decided to take our coffee in the 6th Form common room where we happily shared Polly's chocolates and settled into our places just as if 30 years had never happened. We all felt very comfortable and very much at home chatting, reminiscing or listening as the reconnections were made and the conversations continued.

The staff room and upstairs study rooms were duly inspected and it was generally decided that life was very cushy now at SHS what with carpets and squashy chairs etc (although we chose not to make a direct comparison between our 'A' Level results and those of last year's leavers . . .) after all it's all very different these days!

Before 4 o'clock we all dispersed so as not to be locked in for the rest of the weekend and had a little 'downtime'.

The evening Barbeque hosted by Stamford School on the main playing fields kicked off at 6ish. This encompassed all Old Boys and Girls of SS and SHS and there was a multitude of faces from many periods of past and present.

Again a party of approximately 15 SHS 84 Leavers appeared refreshed for the evening and managed to stay warm on what was a rather chilly evening. We enjoyed Pimms and a Barbeque and had the traditional photos taken on the pavilion steps.

Retreating to the Lord Burghley we found ourselves and a selection of the '84 SS Leavers happily ensconced in the garden to continue the evening until way after what I remember as 'closing time'.

There were so many familiar faces from the past it was lovely to see people but also quite difficult to manage a proper conversation with everyone. I think we all felt that there were a few people we had missed the opportunity to talk to; not knowing for certain when we might all be there again.

All the more reason for making it a regular event!

Here are some comments from those who attended during the weekend.

"It was a fantastic weekend to meet up with all my 'old' school friends. I was really nervous and hesitant before going but once I met everyone in The George Hotel it was just like old times and those days we spent together only seemed like last week!

I do hope we will all keep in touch and at intervals meet up in Stamford and have a good chat." Jane Bunney

"One thing about school reunions, and I have only been to two since leaving in 1984, is the wondrous phenomenon of how the years fall away and we are transported back to those hallowed years at school. Memories of walking to biology along the draughty quad, having coffee in the common room, belting out the school song at the end of term...all these memories and 100s more come flooding back in the company of those who we shared our formative years with. Our year was particularly raucous and I am glad to see that, reunited we burst into giggles as we remembered stories of our time at SHS, tales of lessons and General Studies, of misdemeanours and also sharing our dreams of then and seeing the ways our lives have all panned out now... of Gladys and Patsy...being booted out of English by Mr Baines for uncontrollable fits of giggles and how it was ALWAYS Polly who got caught and genuinely missed her vocation as a reporter or stand-up comedian!

It was absolute heaven to catch up with everyone and I, for one, am not going to leave it another 30 years before we do it again! Here's to the leavers of '84....I love you all!"
Judi Smith (Nixon)

"I only made it to the Friday night, but on reflection, after the event it certainly felt like we went back in a time warp! Same gaggles of girls, same excited chatter, same humour and characters. What was undeniably and utterly evident though, was that we, us girls, had WITHOUT DOUBT, fared remarkably well when compared with our fellow male peers!" Sally Kay (Gooding)

"I was really nervous beforehand so was soooo relieved when Sarah suggested a few of us meet at her house and enjoy a glass of fizz (or three) to calm the nerves. We walked through town, trying to remember names and recall faces. When we arrived there was a clear gender divide in the room reminiscent of the old village hall cider-fests. Boys congregating on the right-hand side of the room – hugging the bar. Girls seated and looking gorgeous on the left hand side. Everyone was immediately recognisable, a wrinkle or two (self included) and some now minus a mop of new romantic hair sweeping that spotty forehead. What I really enjoyed about the night was the informality. We chatted about the old days rather than the journey since.

Everyone reverted to type (we were suddenly 17 again) and I was almost scalded by one of the old boys for walking away and leaving him with someone who once punched his nose!!! Hilarious! Gavin confessed to having recently written a book (or rather James fessed up for him), in which Gavin recalled a slightly unsuccessful encounter with a friend who was very dear to us both at the time. I think poor Gavin's failure that afternoon might have had something to do with the fact that I was tagging along in a rather green and prickly fashion. We both vowed to track her down but I bet neither of us has done so since.

I really enjoyed meeting up but I'm not practised at 'working the room' and ran out of time to talk to everyone I would have liked. My husband appeared from nowhere, looking rather frosty, to extract me and Sarah from the room. He had kindly spent the evening nursing a coke in the Tobie Norris with a friend and hadn't been able to coax me out of The George by text (no signal I cry). His irritation made me chuckle a bit as it reminded me of my poor father trekking out to collect me from parties – at least this time there was no need for Simon Gartside to be guiding a drunken female to her car (what a gent!)." Emma Woolard (Crowson)

SHS REUNION IN LONDON

8 May 2014

On the evening of Thursday 8 May in London 50 former pupils of SHS met at the Lansdowne Club in Mayfair for the first SHS London Reunion in many years. And what a great evening it turned out to be. The year groups spanned seven decades (1949 to 2010) with some of our alumnae travelling in from as far away as the USA and Australia.

Over wine and canapés (most notably the mini burgers) in the Lansdowne Club's fabulous Shelburne Room, the conversation flowed and the memories came flooding back. Old friends were reunited and new acquaintances were made.

The Head of the School, Dyl Powell, said a few words of welcome and provided an update with regard to what is going on back in Stamford. In the background old school photographs were displayed on a big screen. But the main theme of the evening was simply to reunite and for over two hours the sound of chatter and laughter rang around the room.

The year group of 1993 won the prize for most attendees (11) and the most senior Old Girl in attendance, Maggie Smith (née Fairman) (1949), provided fascinating stories about her time at SHS during the 1940s and brought her school photos and magazines to share. The 2010 leavers were particularly enthralled by her stories.

The full list of attendees can be found below and photos from the evening can be found on the Stamford High School Old Girls Facebook page.

Olivia Adams (10), Caroline Aldridge (69), Harriet Alexander-Orr (00), Lucie Alexander-Orr (05), Charlotte Allanby (83), Caroline Aspinall (née Last) (95), Sue Bell (née Coxen) (83), Vanessa Bird (née Manley) (93), Lavinia Brown (91), Lisa Clavering (née Hopkins) (00), Olivia Cliff (10), Tamsyn Coffey (née Curley) (93), Claire Colton (née Hollis) (70), Helen Davies (née Childs) (93), Zoe DiNanno (née Brown) (92), Emma Doughty (née Wright) (00), Alison Eaves (née Matthews) (80), Alyona Filonova (94), Rebecca Ford (83), Philippa Green (93), Katherine Grice (83), Barbara Hayre (née Lilley) (74), Abi Heath (93), Rachel Henry (75), Emily Horrell (05), Sarah Johnson (née Spencer) (66), Emma Kennedy (00), Philippa Last (93), Alison Lawrence (84), Kelly McClorey (née German) (93), Claire Morris (00), Julia Peach (83), Nancy Phillips (née Westcombe) (93), Fiona Porter (née Hopper) (81), Ros Price (née Broadhurst) (70), Sarah Robertson (93), Charmaine Rothschild (née de Souza) (93), Holly Rowlands (10), Carol Sisson (née Horsell) (74), Maggie Smith (née Fairman) (49), Arabella Smith (née Day) (83), Denise Speakman (née Smith) (74), Aimee Taylor (05), Penelope Topel (née Wesley) (84), Anita Trowell (74), Lynsey Tweddle (née Bigger) (93), Charlotte Waldock (née Last) (00), Alison Wilkinson (née Wesley) (82), Stella Willmott (née Jenkins) (75), Philippa Wills (00).

The next London reunion for SHS Old Girls will take place on Thursday 14 May 2015. For full details please see the advert on page 47.



NEWS OF OLD GIRLS

The following articles have been extracted from recent SHS Old Girls' e-Newsletters, which are sent to SHS Old Girls every month by email. If you do not currently receive it and would like to do so please email foundation@ses.lincs.sch.uk

A Tale of Two Head Girls

Henrietta Hammant (12) bumps into Sarah Outen (03) in Alaska

Ever since the High School packed me off on my Gold Duke of Edinburgh expedition when I was 16 I've had an overwhelming desire for adventure. So when four years on I was offered the opportunity to write my undergraduate dissertation on, 'whatever you like' it felt like a gift. One of the reasons why I chose to read Anthropology at University was because I love the opportunities it gives to learn about as much as possible. If it's connected to people, however loosely, there is an anthropologist studying it.

Choosing just one place to go was one of the most difficult decisions I had to make – though funding was available from my university, I couldn't help but feel that a round-the-world ticket might be pushing things a bit far. My criteria were pretty minimal: I've always found animals fascinating and so I knew that I wanted to write about human and animal interactions. On top of that, as possibly the palest person in the universe, the draw of a nice cold place was something that I couldn't resist. So, before I really knew what I was doing, I was planning a trip to Alaska to visit the polar bears and the people who live with them.

It hadn't really occurred to me that Sarah Outen might be there at the same time as me. I remember her leaving on her incredible trip while I was still at School – long before I had to decide on what to do for my final year undergrad dissertation. Incredibly though, it did come to my attention that Sarah would be there, in Alaska, at the same time as me and not only that but in the same city as me. It seemed like too good an opportunity to miss. Sarah really embodies the sort of brave, adventurous spirit that everyone wants to have, and that I think is something of a trademark of the Stamford High School girl.

It was so lovely to meet Sarah, in a café in mid-town Anchorage, because it's always lovely to meet someone who knows your home-town while you're abroad and also because,



to be honest, she's brilliant. Talking to her about her trip was to talk to someone really inspiring, doing what they love, for a fantastic cause and there's nothing better than that. Though we couldn't meet for long (she had preparations and press and massages to deal with, and I had interviews to conduct and a lot of museums to visit) I'm so pleased we did, and it's something that will really stay with me. It's so wonderful to know that such an incredible challenge can come from someone who walked the same school corridors as you, and if I've learnt anything from my trip this summer it's that, no matter how far you travel, real adventures almost always start at home.

Written by Henrietta Hammant

Sarah Johnson (née Spencer) (66) Returns to SHS for GCSE Presentation Evening

SHS often invites guest speakers to its various celebrations but when such a speaker is also an Old Girl it makes the event particularly special. Such was the case on 29 October 2014 when Sarah Johnson (née Spencer) (66), recruitment consultant and founder of Sarah Recruits Ltd, returned to SHS to present GCSE certificates to the Lower Sixth girls.

After handing over an impressive array of certificates, Sarah addressed the girls and their parents. Delighted to be back at school after so many years she briefly reminisced about her time as a pupil and observed that the School was ahead of its time then and still is today.

She then went on to provide an insight into why the next few years would be so important for the girls and advised them to make the most of the 'limitless' opportunities that lay ahead. She reassured them that it is OK not to know what you want to do and predicted that many would likely have a career that they never expected. Exam results were very important but they need to be supported by extra-curricular activities, work experience, attitude and depth of character. In her closing statement she advised the girls to be the best you can be in every way.

Many thanks to Sarah for making the trip back to Stamford and for inspiring the next generation of High School Girls.



SHS NEWS

Mary Berry Visits SHS

6 November 2014

Mary Berry's visit to SHS was certainly a day to remember for the current pupils and judging by the comments on the Old Girls' Facebook page the excitement was shared by the Old Girls too.

Arriving from The George Hotel, Mary walked up the SHS front steps on a red carpet and spent a busy morning with pupils, staff and guests. She addressed the entire School in a special assembly where she credited her HE teacher, Mrs Date, for instilling in her a love of cooking and revealed that it is OK to cheat in the kitchen. She was then whisked (excuse the pun) off to the library to be interviewed for the school magazines. The interviews will no doubt make their way into the Old Girls' newsletters but, as a teaser, we can share that she prefers butter to margarine, marmalade to jam and did indeed write on Paul Hollywood's Aston Martin with a permanent marker pen!

After the interviews she visited the newly refurbished Home Economics Rooms where she observed girls and boys cooking and baking. After formally declaring the rooms open and unveiling a plaque she moved downstairs to the new Atrium to admire a most impressive display of cakes made by current pupils. It was then time to formally open the Atrium and unveil another plaque before saying her good-byes and leaving to spread her magic at another event.

It was a wonderful day for SHS and one that will not be forgotten for a long time. Many thanks must go to Mrs Hawkins and the team at SHS for making it such a memorable occasion.

Many of you may remember Mrs Viv Angele, who taught Home Economics at SHS for many years. It was great to see her back at SHS for Mary Berry's visit.



Kate Adie OBE Returns to Stamford

Kate Adie OBE, former chief news correspondent at the BBC, delivered the third Foundation Lecture of the term on Tuesday 18 November, to a sold-out audience of parents, pupils, former pupils and members of the local community.

Her lecture focussed on the topic of her new book; 'Fighting on the Home Front: The Legacy of Women in WWI'. She discussed the state of women's rights leading up to the First World War, and how, despite initial outrage at the thought of women assisting the war effort, the work provided by these women back on home soil created a pivotal moment in the battle for getting the vote.

She spoke about how the Suffrage movement used the war as a way of proving themselves; a demonstration of female strength in a time when opportunities were sparse, especially in the world of work and education. WWI saw practising female surgeons, a Yorkshire-born woman rise to Sergeant-Major in the Serbian army, and even the introduction of women wearing trousers.

Kate Adie captivated a packed-out audience with these tales of women's role 'behind-the-scenes' of the First World War and encouraged students to apply themselves and focus on what they can do, not what they are allowed to do.

Principal of the Stamford Endowed Schools, Stephen Roberts, said: "It was an incredibly insightful lecture about a relevant topic of history, and it fascinated the audience. It was an honour to welcome such an iconic journalist to the Schools."



OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE NEW SES PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

On Friday 5 December, the Stamford Endowed Schools were delighted to welcome Tony Hall, the Lord Hall of Birkenhead and Director-General of the BBC, to officially open the brand new Llowarch Performing Arts Centre.

The Performing Arts Centre has been named with grateful thanks to the Llowarch Family for their generosity to the Schools, and in particular Martin Llowarch who is a former Chair of Governors and former Chair of the SES Foundation.

Guests were invited to tour the new facilities and were treated to live rehearsals of choirs, orchestras and bands taking place in the new dedicated practice and teaching rooms. They also enjoyed a taster of the SES production of the musical 'Grease', starring and produced by SES pupils, which will be performed in March 2015.

The official Opening Ceremony provided the opportunity to see three performances from talented drama and music students, including a dramatic and spellbinding performance from violinist Becky Taylor of Praeludium and Allegro by Kreisler.

Lord Hall emphasised the vital importance of the performing arts to our culture and stressed how it is the most powerful and honest way we express ourselves. He shared his wisdom about the value of teamwork, saying all the best work he has been part of is based on good teamwork. He congratulated the Schools and their performers on a fantastic commitment to the arts illustrated by the new facilities and hoped a number of SES students would go on to be the star performers of their generation.

Afterwards Lord Hall met with a number of pupils and gave his time generously to interviews for school magazines.



Lord and Lady Hall with violinist Becky Taylor and SHS Head, Dyl Powell

BLASTS FROM THE PAST

Letter from Katharine Butler (née Neenan) (46)

Dear Lucy

Thank you for the OGG magazine. I much prefer the new format since, for the first time in years, I sat and read it cover to cover as soon as it arrived.

Anna's impressions of being a new boarder in 1949 are very little removed from mine in 1938, although she appears to have enjoyed the experience. The boarding house then was upstairs from the dining room, with dormitories each side of a long room ending in steps opposite the Head's Study.

Sundays were much the same with boring sermons. On our return two junior 'sacrifices' were selected to sit next to the Headmistress, for Sunday lunch. As soon as you found the name of the other unfortunate, you rushed to find her to 'no sit bang'. Even so wherever you sat you were expected to be able to give the name of both the Old and New Testament readings.

During my first summer holiday, war was declared and I became a train girl. This was much more fun. I left home at 7.10am and caught the Peterborough train to the next stop at Seaton where, walking and on bikes, came girls and boys ready to catch the 'Doz' – the push and shove train. It had to collect from Uppingham first and then deposited us all at Stamford station in time to get to school for the 9 o'clock assembly.

We seemed very little affected by the war. Just once we were all waiting to go home and hadn't crossed the line for that purpose when a low-flying plane opened fire. Quick as a flash one of the older boys took charge and shepherded us into the waiting room, from where we heard bullets rattling on the tin roof above us.

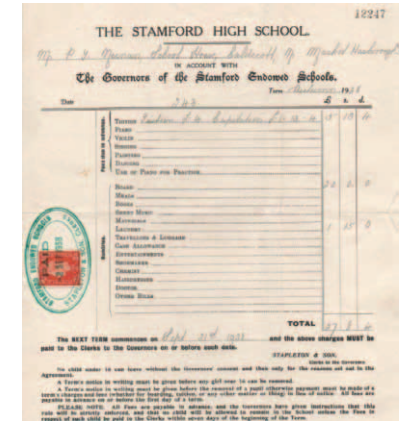
I don't remember that there were any outings anywhere during my time at school. It was wartime all the time. I can't remember any inter-school matches. I suppose there must have been some tennis and hockey with other schools, but I was neither an athlete nor a gymnast.

In my last term I was Head Girl which has always made me proud. That last term there were three Head Girls – Jean Ross, Christine Dunleavie and me. The amazing things the girls do, are able and encouraged to do now, fills me with awe.

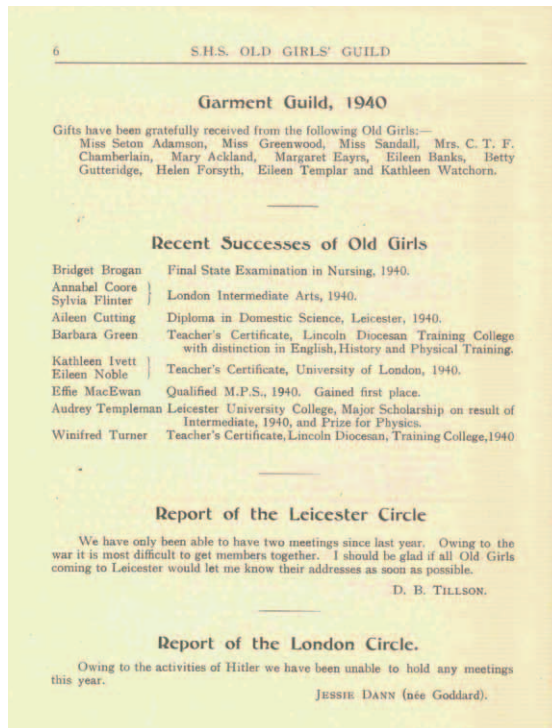
Best wishes, Katharine

PS Since writing this I have contacted two contemporaries and we hope to come to the reunion.

Editor's note: Katharine did indeed come to Reunion Day and it was wonderful to meet her and chat with her. She kindly brought her scrapbook containing some precious papers from her time at school.

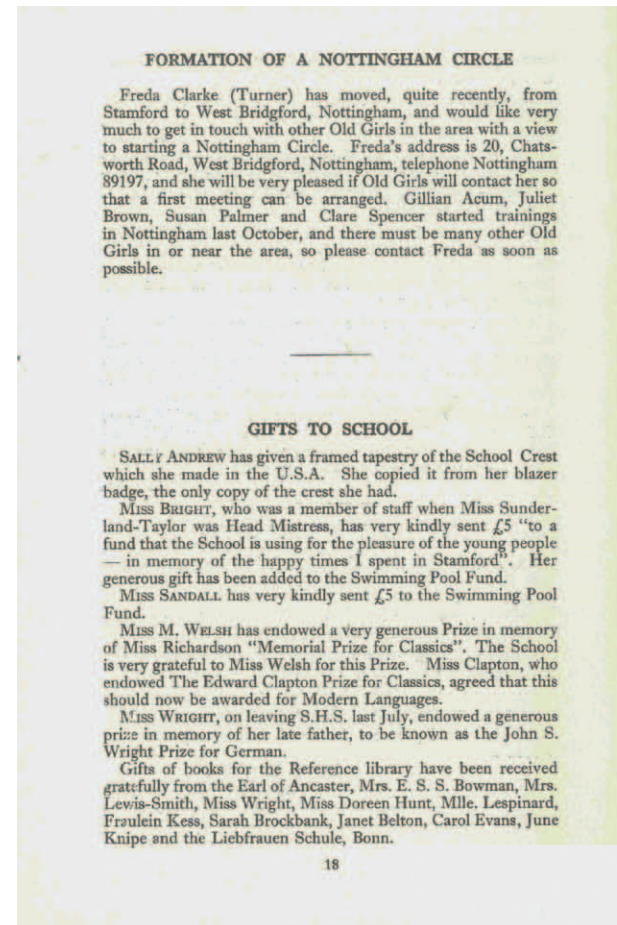
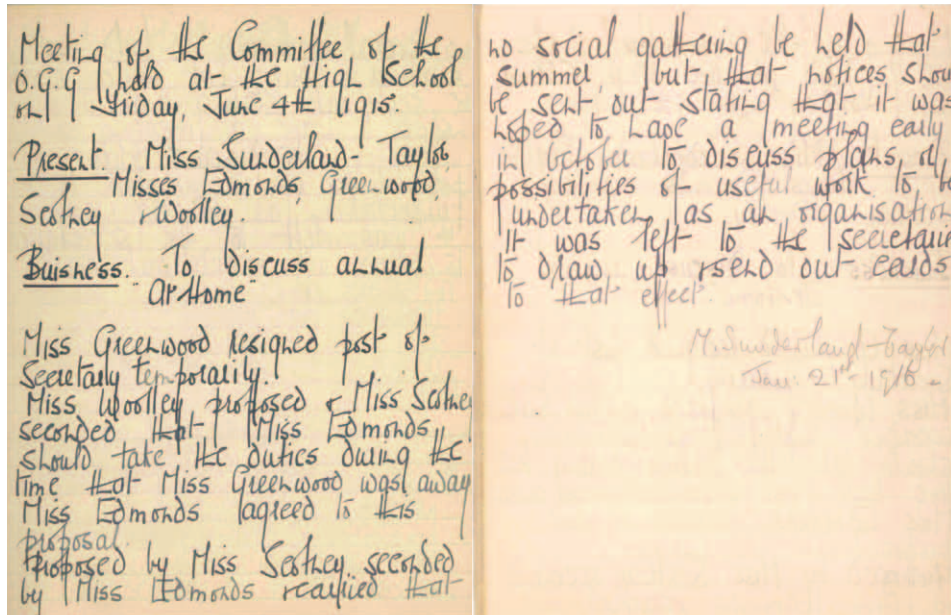


The following articles have been reproduced from Old Girls' magazines and Stamford High School magazines, from 1915, 1940, 1965 and 1990. Some are poignant, some funny; some refer to long-lost practices and some to reunions. We thought they were interesting and hope that you agree.



1940

Extract from OGG Minutes 1915



1965

1965

FAILURE

I tried, Miss Carter,
How I tried
To pass my maths. exam.
Those last three days
I worked and slaved
But all in vain 'twas done.
I filled my pen,
So nervous then,
And so it all began.
And then, oh then
What was to come —
Results! — where can I run?

SHEILA JONES, L.IV.2.

THE CAR OWNERS 23RD PSALM

The Ford is my car:
I shall not want another.
It maketh me to lie down in wet places:
and leadeth me forth beside the hard shoulder.
It shall torment my soul:
and bring me forth in the path of bankruptcy.
Yea though it runs through the valleys
it is towed up the hills:
For the AA is always with me
my seatbelt and parachute comfort me.
It prepareth a breakdown for me
when I am in a hurry:
it annointeth my head with oil
and my wellies shall be full.
Surely to goodness the damn thing won't stay with
me
all the days of my life:
or I will dwell in the house of loonies
for ever.
Amen!

1990

Catherine Hodoke L6

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Reminiscences

Bus Girls Reply to the LNER Train Girls and Boarders (1929-36)

Living in Deeping St. James we went to the High School on the service bus which set off at 8 a.m. picking up passengers at many stops en route. As well as High School and Grammar School pupils there were senior children from Tallington who went to the Bluecoat School, so there was always a full bus when we reached Stamford. Star Lane was the terminus, so there we alighted and formed a crocodile to set off on the walk to school - along High Street, down Cheyne Lane, by St. Mary's Church, with a quick glance at the portraits in Gordon Turnill's window; over the bridge and past the little bow fronted shop opposite the George Hotel that had Daniel Lambert's marvellous waistcoat and stockings on display in the window; up St. Martin's Hill, down Barnack Road to the Back Gate - across the playground and we had arrived. Quite a walk!

The long trek had to be undertaken in reverse in the afternoon to catch the bus at Star Lane at 4.30 p.m. No joke, particularly on Hockey days when we had already walked to Jacob's Ladder, over Burghley Park to the hockey pitch, suffered the agony of the game usually in wet and cold weather, once even in moonlight, trudged all the way back again to school, and still in our damp clothes with no hope of drying off until we got home. The Grammar School boys had compulsory Cross Country Running on Wednesday afternoons and often boys would almost collapse from sheer exhaustion as they got into the bus.

On the way to school everyone did revision or went over the homework in preparation for the day. We had to learn long speeches from the set Shakespeare play and used to ask each other contexts as well. There were always reams of history and geography notes to learn, long lists of French vocabulary and the dreaded theorems to struggle with. We certainly worked very hard all day under strict discipline so it wasn't surprising that sometimes high spirits prevailed on the homeward journey and at times we made life unpleasant for the passengers. No doubt they made their complaints in the right direction because one afternoon Miss Best and Miss McIntosh were at Star Lane to look into matters and from then on the sexes were segregated - boys upstairs - girls downstairs. Our journeys were made or marred by the bus conductor of the day. If he was a good natured lad all would be well and the trip would be fine, but if it was a disagreeable young man on duty there would always be trouble as he knew how to provoke us into cheekiness and mischief. One officious individual turned a boy off the bus for some silly misdemeanour and the poor child had to walk home to Market Deeping from Tallington.

The bus girls were the lowest level in the class system of the High School of our day. We came from the direction of the Fens and were not used to wearing hats and gloves at all times, so we sometimes rebelled, but if we did not always conform, after seven years at the High School we had learnt how we ought to behave, and it has stood us in good stead ever since.

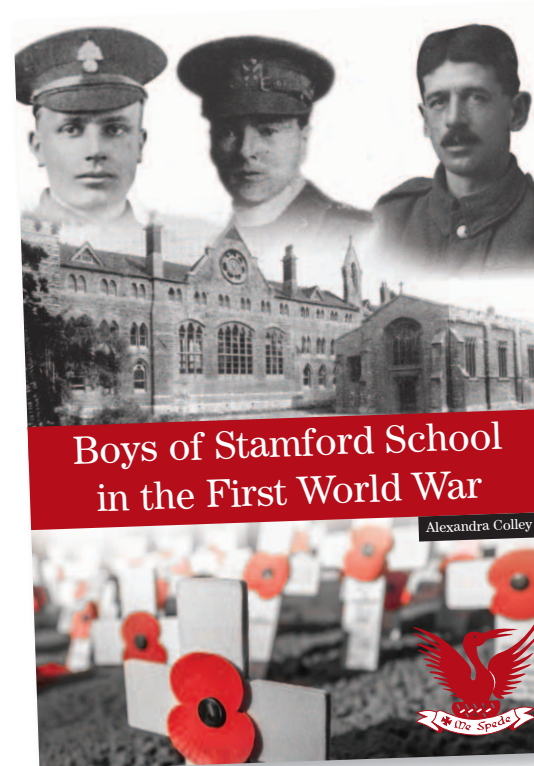
Nancy Titman (Swift)
Mary Winn (Freeman)

1990 - 91

'BOYS OF STAMFORD SCHOOL IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR'

Written by Stamford School History teacher, Mrs Alexandra Colley, with support from current and former pupils, 'Boys of Stamford School in the First World War' commemorates the tragic loss of 53 Old Boys and Masters of the School in the Great War of 1914-1918. The book tells the story of each of the short lives of these Old Stamfordians, contrasting their upbringing and often colourful school years with the harsh realities of war.

Copies of this limited edition record of a momentous episode of Stamford School's history are priced at £10 each can be obtained from the SES Shop on St Paul's Street, or by contacting the SES Foundation Office at foundation@ses.lincs.sch.uk or by calling 01780 750032.



"The boys who fell in the Great War walked in the same halls as current boys do now. Personalising the magnitude of the loss is vital in recognising the effect the War had on the nature of the School community and on the town of Stamford."

Will Phelan, Headmaster,
Stamford School

RETURNING HOME

by Maj (Ret'd) Jill M Pease (87)

After serving over 17 ½ years in the Army as a training and education specialist I decided to leave in 2012 and set up my own company, Step-in Step-out Learning and Development Solutions (S2LDS) Limited. This was not easy but I was able to draw upon my military experience and contacts to gain some interesting and challenging projects. Then in 2013 I decided another life changing decision was in order (!) and I decided to return home with my son, Ben, to Stamford.

Being an educationalist I clearly sorted out Ben's schooling first and could think of only one place that he would be happy in – my old junior school. I knew that he would be well supported there and it would be a good step towards going to Stamford School, as clearly being a boy the High School was not an option! Ben loved his visits to Stamford Junior School and the welcome he received was touching. He has always known Stamford and the Schools so to actually be in one of them was very exciting. I asked him what he liked most and he said it was the friendliness of the pupils and teachers, as well as it being so calm in the classroom.

When he was awarded a place I cried with relief and joy as I knew that he would now be going to a school in which he would be safe and where his 'scientific brain' would be fulfilled. Then came the not so easy task of finding somewhere to live and my best friend from school, Lucy Findlay (née Atkins), kept 'an eye out' but to no avail. So we moved into rented accommodation with a view to buying when a suitable house eventually comes on the market!

Now I have returned home to Stamford I feel a sense of well-being and calm and I love cycling to school with Ben and his best friend Caleb (Sam Roddan's son) on their scooters. We do miss some aspects of Bath but the friendliness we have encountered in Stamford and the chance to spend time with friends has more than made up for anything that we miss.



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 14 May 2015**, 6.30pm – 8.30pm
at the **Lansdowne Club**,
near **Berkeley Square, London**

It promises to be another 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 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



Stamford
Endowed
Schools

REUNION DAY – SATURDAY 27 JUNE 2015

TIMETABLE

DINING ROOM

10.00 am Coffee and biscuits

LECTURE THEATRE

10.45 am AGM

ON THE QUAD

11.30 am OG stall
Collect name badges. 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
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.

MINUTES OF 2014 AGM AND ACCOUNTS

- **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Stamford High School Old Girls' Guild held on Saturday 28 June 2014**
- **Apologies for absence:** 39 apologies received
- **Minutes of AGM 2012** were signed as a true record. Proposed by Claire Colton (Hollis) and seconded by Iris Harris (Cliff)
- **Matters arising:** None
- **President's address:** See Report
- **Junior School report:** There was no report from the Junior School as Emma Smith was unable to attend
- **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 Pat Hargreaves (Sumner) and seconded by Denise Speakman (Smith).
- **Election of officers:**
Chairman: Jill Hamilton (Betts) was proposed by Anita Trowell and seconded by Carol Threadgold (Morris)
Minutes Secretary: Denise Speakman (Smith) was proposed by Sue Bradford (Bradley) and seconded by Bev Hopkins (Garwood)
Treasurer: Anita Trowell was proposed by Sue Bradford (Bradley) and seconded by Denise Speakman (Smith).
In her absence Alison Eaves (Matthews) was proposed by Anita Trowell and seconded by Iris Harris (Cliff) to be elected to the committee.
- **Any other business:** None

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 11.25 am.

STAMFORD HIGH SCHOOL OLD GIRLS' GUILD

Income and Expenditure Account for Financial Year Ended 26.04.2014

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Balance brought forward from previous year	14,450.51	AGM 2013 Presentations	71.98
Subscriptions	192.00	Gratuities	100.00
AGM 2012:		Flowers/Piano	75.00
Lunch	2,097.00	Food & Drink	1,620.00
Raffle	135.00	Sundries	11.62
Magazine donations	5.00		1,878.60
Building Society interest (nett)	7.46	AGM 2014 Invitations & tickets	50.00
School Pins	15.00	Magazine Printing & Postage	5,877.00
		Total expenditure	7,805.62
	<hr/> \$16,901.97 <hr/>	Balance carried forward at year end	
		Norwich & Peterborough Building Society	9,092.13
		LLoyds TSB	5,843.74
		Unpresented cheques	-5,899.52
	<hr/> \$16,901.97 <hr/>		9,096.35

Note to the accountant:
The Guild has not received any subscriptions via SES this financial year, which would historically be in the region of \$4,000. This is reflected in the balance of the Building Society. Also there is a possibility that future subscriptions could be down, as the school has decided that students leaving at the end of the year now have to 'opt into' rather than 'opt out of' becoming a member of the Guild.

Join the 'Old Stamfordians' LinkedIn group



Are you looking
for work or
careers advice?

Do you want
to engage with
a range of
experienced
professionals
or find an ideal
employee?

Would you like
to be invited
to business
networking
events for former
SES pupils?

If so, join the 'Old Stamfordians' LinkedIn group and take advantage of the expertise of this professional community of former Stamford High School and Stamford School pupils.

The group now has over 700 members and is steadily growing. We hope that it will form the basis of a strong and useful careers and business network to benefit Stamfordians, young and old.

Don't miss out on connections with your fellow alumni, as well as an invitation to SES alumni business networking events in 2015!

Join today!

‘Like’ the Stamford High School Old Girls Facebook page and join the conversation!



We will bring you news, photos and information about upcoming events and we hope there will be lots more conversation and reminiscing.

Please ‘Like’ this page and do encourage your old school friends to join as well.

The page is administered by the SES Foundation and if you need to contact us please email foundation@ses.lincs.sch.uk or simply leave a comment.

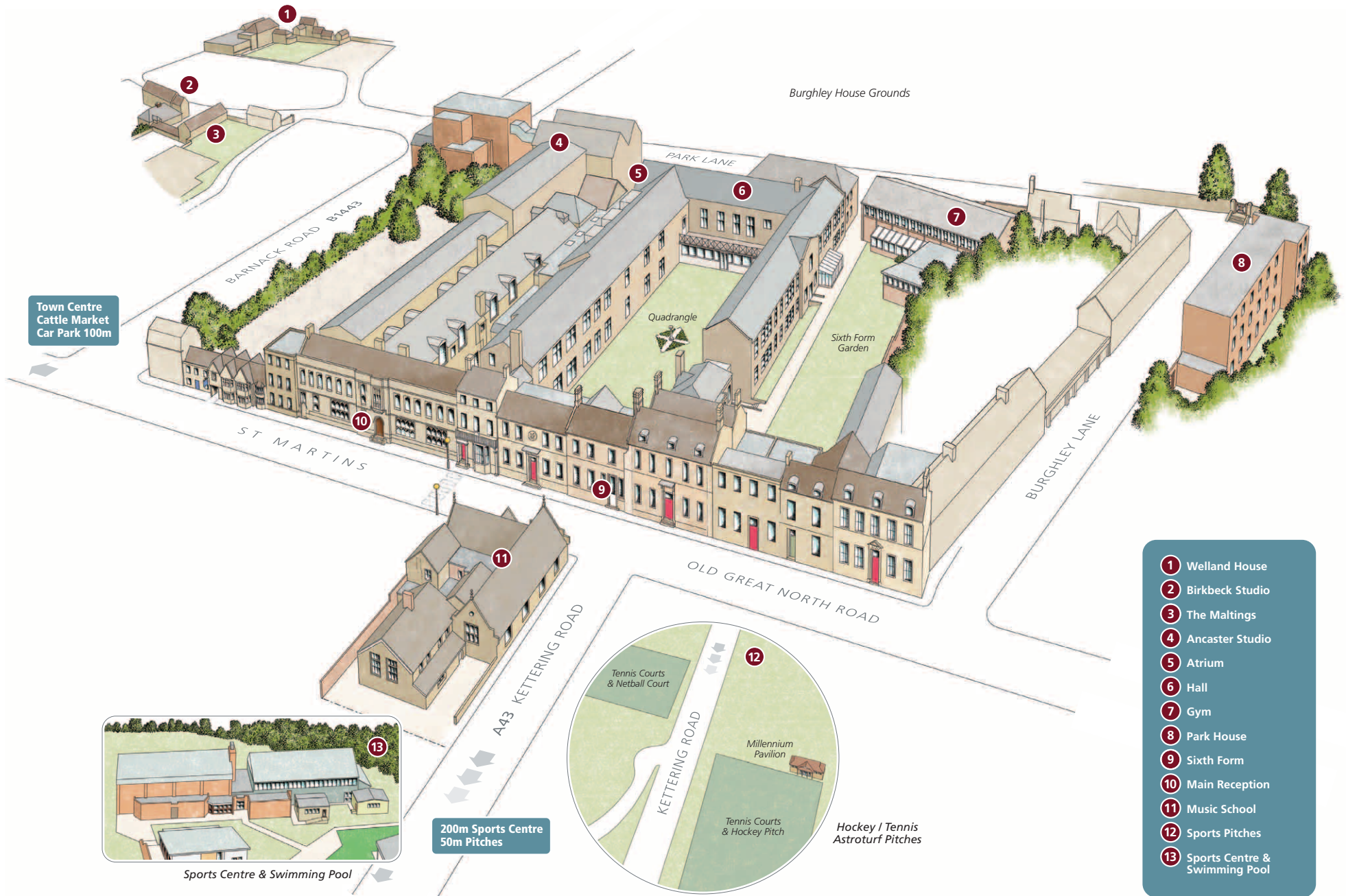
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Why not follow us on Twitter?

The Stamford Endowed Schools have a number of Twitter feeds, each reflecting different areas of SES life. You might want to follow:

- @SESFoundation – find out what the SES Foundation and your fellow SES alumni are up to
- @SpedeNews – keep up to date with all things SES – a one-stop news hub for the schools.
- @SHS_Head – for all the latest news and events at Stamford High School
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