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Editorial

This year has been one of “Firsts” and “Lasts” for me. For the first time, I was obliged to take a daughter to University Open Days. I'll have to go through this process twice more, but this year was certainly a baptism of fire. We are now in the midst of offers, first choices, insurance choices, offer-holder's open days, revision, mocks and melt-downs. On top of all this, she is learning to drive, finishing her Gold Duke of Edinburgh award, and holding down a part-time job. I think we sometimes forget how much we can do as a teenager, and how incredible our offspring – or nieces, nephews or grandchildren – really are.

More recently, I have been reminded that this is the same daughter's last year of school. I don't feel any older than the day I took her to school for the first time, or even much older than the day I left school myself. She represents the third generation of my family with a connection to SHS – my mother, Miss Carr, taught at the School in the 1960's.

A sad goodbye this year went to Dyl Powell, Headmistress for twelve years. She has left the School to become the first Head of Harington School in Oakham, and our good wishes go with her. An interview with her can be found later in the Magazine. She remains on the Old Girls' Guild Committee as a Vice-President.

As usual, we have updates from Old Girls all over the world who have written in, or completed the update forms included within the Magazine to tell us their news. Sadly, every year it seems that there are fewer of these updates for me to type out. Many of us probably feel that our news isn't that exciting, or that they will “do it next year”. Ladies, the time is now! Your contribution may spark a long-lost friend to get in touch and a friendship to re-kindle. The Foundation Office keeps a database of all Old Girls, and you can contact them to get in touch with your old friends if they are members of the Old Girls' Guild. You can also get in touch via Facebook and LinkedIn – see the pages at the end of the Magazine.

Our grateful thanks, as always, go to the Foundation Office for all their help with this year's Magazine, and for allowing us to use articles from the e-Newsletter which is published every month during term-time. Thanks also to Mrs Virgo in the Library, who has kindly helped me each year to find old magazines to use for our “Blasts from the Past”.

Lucy Findlay (née Atkins) (87)

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Chairman's Report by Jill Hamilton

I'd like to begin by welcoming you all to the lecture theatre for this our 106th AGM. I must say how pleased I am to welcome you all today. Members, as always, have travelled from far and wide to be with us today

Numbers for lunch are lower today and I must wonder if that is due to the economic climate, lunch is not what today's leavers want or is it just one of those years?

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

Firstly Iris Harris who has organised all of the tickets for today's event – thank you Iris. Iris has braved the world of electronic booking for which we are all thankful.

Next Lucy Findlay for, as ever, an amazing magazine.

Denise Speakman for taking over as minute's secretary.

Also Anita Trowell who is always on hand for a phone call and to offer advice and has taken on the role of treasurer.

Finally all the rest of the committee as ever hard working and loyal without whom today would not happen.

Thanks to Dyl our President for her continued support. Dyl as many of you know is leaving Stamford High School for Harington School, Oakham, but has kindly agreed to take on the role of Vice President due to the sad loss of Miss Medcalf.

We are always pleased to welcome Miss Bland and Miss Tennison to our event, always enthusiastic supporters of the Guild.

If anyone is able to help in any small way with the Guild we would be delighted to hear from you, the committee's details are in the magazine. Please contact us.

Thanks to Penny Tinkler and the catering staff and the caretaking staff who have worked hard on our behalf.

Once again I commend the Foundation Trust to you, Rachael will be with us at lunch and will be more than happy to explain the trust and will be offering coffee and cake later with a talk to explain more about the Foundation.

I apologise in advance for any of my spelling mistakes in the magazine – all my own work and nothing to do with Lucy.

I wish Stamford Endowed Schools a very successful year.

May Christ us Spede.

Headmistress' Speech Day Report

It is with great pleasure that I welcome Miss Victoria Holland to present the prizes and make an address at Speech Day.

As some of you will already know, Victoria is an old girl of the school who left in 2004 to study French at Leeds University. During her time at University, which included the opportunity to spend nine months in Paris, Victoria spent some of her summer holidays completing work experience placements at the BBC 1 o'clock news, Sky News, Rutland Radio, Hereward FM and the Stamford Mercury. It is no surprise therefore that she has chosen to pursue a career as a journalist.

She describes herself as a Video Journalist in East Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, and also a cyclist, skier, country pub enthusiast and cake baker. It is a pity we didn't invite her to report on Mary Berry's visit earlier this year. Victoria is now working as a Video Journalist for BBC Look North, which involves finding her own stories, filming them, as well as presenting the news.

It is with much satisfaction, a little sadness and great pride that I stand before you to give this, my 12th and final Headteacher's report.

The year has given us a few moments of despair and frustration, but these have been far outweighed by the many moments of laughter, inspiration and enjoyment. I hope my report reflects the busy, successful community that is Stamford High School.

Each year, this report, I hope, fulfils my objectives. It is an excellent form of communication, charting the progress of the last academic year and anticipating the next. It also provides an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of the girls, the endeavour which they demonstrate in striving for improvement, and the positive desire they have to work with staff in order to gain success. This year is no exception.

In August we were pleased with the grades at 'A' level: we achieved 41% at A* and A and 73% at A*, A or B grades. The very high level of successful applications and girls going to their first choice university confirmed the hard work of the students and the professionalism of the teaching staff.

Last summer's GCSE results gave cause for considerable satisfaction, with 62% of all grades being A* or A. 38 girls achieved at least 9 A* or A grades, with 18 girls gaining

9 A* or more. Many girls performed well and there were a number of very pleasing individual performances.

We are, of course, delighted by these successes, but SHS will not rest on its laurels. Everyone is acutely aware of the need to keep moving forward. This is an increasingly confident school – confident but not complacent. As educators we recognise that our role is not, and never has been, restricted to exam success (which, incidentally, we are very good at), nor is it just about preparing for university (although we do that very well too). It is about providing the wider elements of education.

The girls achieved high academic success through hard work and dedication but still find time to take full advantage of many other opportunities offered to them here at SHS. This year we have been spoilt by an unrivalled series of outstanding Foundation Lectures. These, together with a huge range of stimulating visits, foreign and cultural exchanges, maths challenges, concerts, competitions, drama productions, field trips, clubs, societies and the ever popular DofE and adventurous activities, complement the academic curriculum and mean that the cultural and extra-curricular life of the school continues to flourish.

Music is a strength, and central to our school life. There are large numbers of talented and enthusiastic musicians participating in a very full programme of 80 different concerts and recitals throughout the School year. The quality has been outstanding and choral traditions established over recent years upheld. The Chapel Choir, under the directorship of Mr Giles Turner, has performed regularly on Sundays, in concerts in and around Stamford and, last October, together with Cantare, performed in some of the most beautiful churches in Paris.

The SHS Music Festival, which took place in the Spring, attracted 130 performances. This two day Festival, which the external adjudicator, Mr Adam Summerhayes, described as, 'A lovely, friendly and inclusive festival with some really fantastic music making', was a showcase of talent. This year, Josephine Vie was awarded the Jane Page Cup for most promising musician of the Festival and Becky Taylor was awarded the Music Festival shield for the second year running for the best performance in the Music Festival Concert for her performance on viola (having been awarded the shield last year for her performance on the piano). This was no surprise to anyone except Becky because she is an outstanding musician, recently passing a Diploma exam on violin. Becky already has five Grade 8 exams; Violin, Viola, Piano, Theory of Music, and Musicianship in Practice, and Grade 5 in Treble recorder and Singing. She has also gained a place in the National Youth Orchestra 2015 on viola.

Drama continues to thrive at SHS, and indeed across SES. This year we were entertained by a truly memorable production of Grease. This was an exceptionally

good production, of a very high standard that left the audience wanting to dance and sing along (well me, anyway). This, together with curriculum and House drama productions, offers many girls the chance to be involved both on stage and behind the scenes, and it is very pleasing to see the array of talent we have here at SHS. And it doesn't end there; we still have Animal Farm.

Our sportswomen have had another busy and successful year. The fixture list is constantly expanding, with many teams participating at all age levels. Girls have taken part in many representative sports. The U16 Netball team won through to the National Finals near Liverpool. The competition was fierce but the experience has only whetted their appetite to train hard and return in the near future.

In gymnastics, Lottie Smith has performed to a very high level nationally, winning numerous trophies as an individual performer and part of the school team. Lottie has competed on the national scene and looks forward to the international arena.

The new school year started with great news, as Sofia Palmer (also in Year 9) was invited to join the Cadet England Judo Squad. She now competes in the Under 18 category. Weekend England Squad training events have been added to her usual training schedule. Sofia has also successfully secured a place in the Leicestershire and Rutland Go Gold funding programme.

For the last four years we have competed in the National Schools Sailing Championships at Itchenor and this year the team, which includes Jemima Leedham and Jess Flint, return to defend the trophies they won last June. Following a strong display at the East British Schools Dinghy Racing Association Championships, they have been invited to compete in the national finals in West Kirby. Jemima is part of the group of young sailors who are being coached and watched at national level and Jess will be competing in the RS Feva World Championships in Germany over the summer, having won the UK National Championships in the Silver Fleet division.

County and regional honours have been awarded to several of our hockey, netball, tennis, cricket and football players, alongside our swimmers and runners. All these successes are a result of the passion that is generated by the girls and the PE department for sport at all levels.

Our thrust for Independent Learning and Intellectual Curiosity continues. The old RiFTT club has been rebranded, from the start of the year, into the SHS St Martin's Society. This is a lunchtime society running separate weekly sessions for every year group from Year 7 to Year 13. It is an inclusive gathering but it forms part of the Academic Scholars programme at SHS for those girls with academic and allround scholarship titles. The response from the girls in all key stages has been phenomenal,

with strong attendance from all year groups each week. Sessions combine pupil led presentations, discussion, topic debate and guest speakers, which have been excellent. SJS have also adopted this framework under the heading of SJS 'Smarties'. There have been combined sessions with some Year 6 pupils and the plan is to develop this relationship still further.

The spectacular phenomenon that is Big Biology Day and the Saturday gathering of the Medics Society are only two examples of the way the Science departments are extending girls' enjoyment and understanding of the world around them. Participation in crest awards schemes, chemistry competitions, extreme physics, and science olympiads, in all three disciplines, is flourishing.

The annual Careers Convention was enhanced this year, offering a fantastic opportunity for students and parents to find out more about university, alternatives to university, gap years and the world of work. 18 universities, 40 employers and organisations, and 4 gap year organisations attended.

Many visits and outdoor and adventure training activities have been on offer this year for all members of each of the CCF sections. A highlight of the year for the CCF was the visit of Air Vice-Marshall Rigby. The contingent, which now has equal numbers of girls and boys in its ranks, enjoyed Inspection Day in May. The parade, in front of the Air Vice-Marshall Rigby, earned the cadets and officers a much-deserved glowing report. The Shooting Team, captained by Emily Bilsby, won the National Country Life Competition, with the B team coming 3rd. A splendid achievement!

Cliodhna Burke has been made Senior Cadet next year, a great reward for her dedication to the CCF and preparation for her future career as she gained an Army Scholarship to fund her university course. Katie Lumb will be Head of the Royal Navy section and Rhianne Howarth will be leading the RAF section, ably assisted by her 2i/c, Sophie Peng.

The spirit of enterprise is alive and well at SHS. Our young entrepreneurs, after listening and learning from business owners in Stamford, produced handmade mini Christmas cakes, all individually designed and packaged, and sold them to the public at the Christmas Fayre. Team-work, creativity, innovation, marketing skills and plenty of effort enabled them to make a very healthy profit.

Speech and Drama continues to be a very popular pursuit, with many girls achieving awards. A total of 135 girls passed their LAMDA Speech and Drama examinations, many with Merit and Distinction. Eight girls passed their Gold Medal examination – three with a Merit and four with a Distinction. There were several outstanding

performances from girls in all years, but worthy of particular mention is Anna Little, who achieved a remarkable score of 94% in her Gold Medal Solo Acting examination. Information and Communication Technology is at the forefront of all our planning and teaching strategies. All teaching staff have been equipped with tablets to assist in using IT as a tool to supplement the other learning and teaching strategies employed. Encouraging pupils to bring their own device will enable increased class involvement and interaction in their learning. This is a future initiative to be unveiled for next academic year.

The House system, since its inception in 2003, has gone from strength to strength. All competitions are keenly contested by all ages. The friendly rivalry and intense competitive spirit it engenders brings passion and a heightened sense of community to the whole school. I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff who support this part of school life, especially the Heads of House who, ably supported by the House Prefects, rally their troops for each competition. Mr Austen, Head of Anderson, who has been present since its inception, has done much to shape the House system and has led his House to many successes over the last twelve years, including the overall House trophy three times, with 2015 still, at the time of writing, to be decided. The Parents Association, under the rebranded name of Supporters of Stamford High, continues to be active in its support of the School. My thanks go to all the committee for their sterling work, including the benches and other items they have funded, the many cake sales and the events they have supported throughout the year.

The start of the academic year saw a few changes to the facilities and the general environment. The completion of the new Atrium and the total refurbishment of the Home Economics rooms were truly celebrated when Mary Berry spent the morning with us and officially opened the areas, much to the delight of all the girls, especially the bakers and avid followers of The Great British Bake-Off. This is a programme, I must admit, that I hadn't watched until Mary accepted the invitation.

The Governors have continued to demonstrate their confidence in the future by their support for the projects that have been submitted, and we look forward this summer to the extension of classrooms down the main corridor to create five larger classrooms. This will enable a major reshuffle so that each full time member of staff will have their own teaching space, which can be personalised and therefore reflect the academic subject taught there. Lockers are being removed from the tutor group bases to facilitate more work display noticeboards and give more flexibility to the teaching spaces.

Also, this summer, due to the increasing popularity of boarding, an additional house, for our senior boarders, has been secured and refurbished. Wothorpe House, as it will be called, will together with Park and Welland boarding houses, make up what I term

our 24/7 heartbeat of the school; a high quality, caring, home away from home community.

All these projects will benefit the existing pupils and many to come to SHS in the future. Alongside these capital projects, the routine and planned maintenance, which is undertaken by the Maintenance team, must never be forgotten. May I extend my personal thanks for their commitment, enduring patience and the cheerful manner in which they undertake their tasks.

Back in September a few new faces joined the staff. They were: Mr Andrew Murphy (Deputy Head and Biology), Mr Roddy Keenan (Politics), Dr Yvonne Birch (Maths P/T), Miss Sarah Davies (History), Miss Victoria Sheriff (Philosophy and Ethics), Miss Kate Dixon (Graduate intern – PE), Mr Geoff Gould (Maternity cover – Maths).

During the year Alex Lynch, school nurse, and Louise Davies, Finance office, have joined the excellent team of support staff. All have been valued additions to the staffing compliment.

Sadly as we approach the end of an academic year there are always goodbyes. This year is no exception. Karen Court, one of our School Nurses, retired at Christmas, Miss Lucy Hornby, Head of Sport, returned back up north and Natalie Reed left the finance office, to relocate to Los Angeles.

There are a number of leavers at the end of this academic year:

Nick Faux, Head of ICT, Lorna Holden, Head of Year and teacher of Biology, and Chris Coles, Head of English are all retiring. Also leaving are Andrew and Chris Skales – Teachers of Maths, Glyn Austen – Teacher of English and Head of Anderson, Rebecca Cooper – Teacher of English, Fabrice Vie – teacher of French and football, Roddy Keenan – teacher of Politics and Kate Dixon, PE Graduate Intern. Our sincere thanks and best wishes go to them for all they have contributed to SHS. May I take this opportunity to thank all my colleagues, both teaching and non-teaching, whose work and commitment I applaud, and in particular members of my senior leadership team whose support I have very much appreciated, not just this year but throughout the last twelve.

So, to use a sporting analogy, for me this home fixture is coming to an end, and the final whistle will soon be blown. I remain very proud of the traditions, ethos and high standards of this community, but, as I said at the beginning, there is no room for complacency. The young people of today face some of the toughest challenges in generations. In today's society, the difficulties of starting a career, managing money

and finding somewhere to live have all become much, much harder. It is even more important that SHS provides an environment from which girls can emerge as rounded young women, confident, compassionate, well qualified, and intent on taking their place as an active member of an ever changing world.

I hope SHS will always be looking to the future and strive to improve in all aspects. I have found life at Stamford High School to be stimulating, demanding and always very, very rewarding.

Roland Barthes, a French Philosopher, defined a school as ‘walls surrounding the future’. I know that within these walls of grey, the people here have the potential for a fantastic future.

Christ us Spede.

Leaving Teacher Interview with Mrs Dyl Powell

This interview was published in the SHS Highlights Magazine 2014/2015. Our thanks to the Editor for allowing its publication.

I have never been one for looking back nostalgically, spending time saying how good things were in the past. For me, it is a waste of time and energy that could be spent living now, appreciating the present and planning for the future.

Many people have asked why I am leaving now, but the reality is that there is no perfect time to leave one place, just the right time. For the School, and me, this is it. However, my time at Stamford High School, in my view, has been “golden”. I have relished the opportunity to be Head of this fantastic school, marvelled at the talent of the pupils and staff, and cherished the time spent as part of the SHS community.

How has school changed since you have been Headteacher?

There has been a planned programme of refurbishment and ‘new’ build. The astro-turf was the first significant addition to the sports facilities but the time-line on display in the Library shows many other changes, the most recent being the Atrium and the new Home Economics rooms. I have left a few more suggestions that I hope

the new Head and Governors will consider for the future. This summer the extension to the teaching rooms along the main corridor will offer an opportunity to timetable classes and staff so they have their own teaching room and are therefore able to personalise displays with work from their teaching groups.

What has been your favourite of your annual mottoes that you give us each September?

I have used the assembly at the beginning of each academic year to send a clear message about what the girls should be striving for in the year ahead. The message is generally the same, just presented in a different way.

The general theme is: Don’t waste time and get stressed relentlessly comparing yourself to others. Be ambitious and be the best YOU can be, because, with that, comes resilience, determination, persistence and the reward of the ‘inner’ trophy that only you can award yourself.

The A.S.B.O. was quite fun to do and people tended to remember it.

A – Ambition – (aim high), Attendance – (100% if possible), Attitude – (positive at all times)

S – Stickability – (don’t give up)

B – Belief (in yourself and teachers)

O – Organisation – (get things sorted from the start)

What has been your favourite moment?

It is impossible to identify one moment. Every year there are examples when girls have gained success and exceeded their own expectations academically or in drama, art, music or sport. The shared joy at their achievement is always the latest favourite.

What has SHS taught you?

1. ‘It is all about the people!’ – bricks and mortar do not make a school. It is the people and the collective sense of ambition and the sense that anything is possible if you are prepared to give it your best.
2. Don’t ask people to do things that you wouldn’t do yourself.
3. What you allow in your presence are your standards. Keeping the standards high is a collective responsibility and can only be achieved if everyone buys into the ethos; pupils, parents and staff.

What do you feel is particularly important about educating girls?

The girls of today will be the leaders of tomorrow. It is therefore important that they will practise the skills essential for such important roles. It is not just about academic achievement. There are qualities which I consider provide a platform to support any exam results and provide the scaffold for personal success. They are: ambition, resilience, leadership, integrity, confidence, independence of thought and compassion.

These enduring qualities are vital if they are to succeed at whatever they choose to do when they enter the rapidly changing world in which we live.

What is your most bizarre memory of SHS?

The day I dressed as a chimpanzee to support year 13 on the day they left school before they started study leave.

What will you miss the most?

The people and opportunity to make a difference in people's lives.

What plans do you have for the future?

As I have repeatedly said to the girls, you must be open to all opportunities that present themselves to you. It was my intention to retire from SHS at the end of this term and take some time to consider what I wanted to do in the future, as I have been pretty busy over the last 12 years. However, a new and exciting challenge presented itself quite recently and I have been fortunate enough to be appointed as the first Head of Harington School (16-19) in Oakham. Harington is a Government funded 'free school', offering an academic Sixth Form and the opportunity to study successfully in a well-disciplined, yet caring and happy environment, where the overriding aim is to help all students make the best use of their abilities and strive to realise their full potential.

Interview by Caitlin Findlay, SHS year 13.

Staff Retirements

Mrs Dyl Powell, Headmistress 2003 – 2015

Mr Nick Faux, Head of ICT

Mrs Lorna Holden, Head of Year and teacher of Biology

Mr Chris Coles, Head of English

Births & Deaths

Births

Emily Wingfield (née McCarthy 03) and her husband Paul are delighted to announce the arrival of Sophie May into the world on 15th December 2015.

Deaths

EDIS, Barbara (née Haynes) (49)

PARK, Pamela (née Dartnell) (dates at school unknown)

SPENCER, Jean (née Bradley) (51) on March 26th 2015

Obituaries

MARGARET LILLIAN MEDCALF MA

7 July 1921 – 20 April 2015

Miss Medcalf was the Headmistress of Stamford High School from 1968 to 1978. She will be remembered by most of her girls and staff as a "femme formidable", who did not suffer fools gladly. She was short in stature, great in strength of mind and purpose, big hearted, generous and determined. She didn't mince her words – what she said, was what she meant. Generations of small girls will have quaked beneath her gaze in assemblies, but hundreds will remember her with affection for all the help she gave willingly to make their journey through education and life successful. She was generous of her time, and sometimes her money, with those few who she felt deserved help in reaching their academic potential. She encouraged everyone to aim high, even if this was difficult. She understood just how hard life could be, but she was certain that education could open doors - her own experiences proved that. If it was good enough for her, then it was good enough for others.

Margaret Medcalf was born in Romford, Essex not long after the First World War. She was the first child of parents who ran a butchery business. Life was hard and money short and she and her brother had a strict non-conformist upbringing. She would have been a bright, intelligent little girl and won a scholarship to her local grammar school, where she did well, but she had to leave at 16 and became a minor civil servant, probably working in the local town hall.

In 1939, when World War Two started, she immediately volunteered to join the RAF as a WAAF. Like many hundreds of other young people, this would be her method of escape from a dull and humdrum life. She worked in the meteorological section. She disliked service life intensely but started to learn a great deal about history as she cycled around Gloucestershire during

periods of leave or time off. She studied the churches in particular and read in the local libraries. She was never promoted and this caused great amusement in the High School where her private secretary had been a WREN officer.

Before being demobbed she was interviewed by an officer about her future plans, if any, and Margaret informed him that she wished to go up to Oxford. When other institutions were suggested, or teacher training college, she was adamant in her decision - Oxford! She was eventually interviewed and found to be unqualified, as she had not gained exemption from matriculation. She was given the opportunity to go up for the long vacation term (May to October) and study Latin and History. This she did, working all day and most of the night to make certain she would be accepted. She was, of course, and completed her three years at Somerville College with a Master's degree in History. Looking back at the report which the RAF wrote of her suitability for employment, it is amusing to note that they found her "capable of working with precision instruments and able to understand instructions, which would make her suitable for factory work. She did not have leadership qualities, but would work well." Little did they know!

After graduation she worked in Grammar Schools in London, Birmingham and Essex before becoming Headmistress of Lewes Grammar School in Sussex and eventually at Stamford High School. There she made several changes of educational merit and it was during her watch that the Junior School moved from Welland House to the site which we know today, leaving Welland as a boarding house.

Throughout her professional life Miss Medcalf took an active part in the work of organisations, which were primarily concerned with the education and working arrangements of women. She was selected to serve on a Parliamentary committee, known as "The National Council of Women", which numbered most of the good and the great, who were household names at the time. She much enjoyed this period and School benefited greatly from this.

If she had been young today, I have no doubt that she would have entered the business world and not education. Her sharp mind and quirky sense of humour, coupled with her uncanny knowledge and interest in financial affairs, would probably have taken her far, particularly as she enjoyed meeting people and instigating argument.

Late in life she discovered the joy of painting in oils. She travelled in Europe to enjoy the tutorage of Norman Reichter, who saw in her some talent and gave her encouragement.

I worked for only one year with Miss Medcalf, but I gained a friend for life and it was devastating to watch her health decline during her final five years. Life is not kind.

Winston Churchill supposedly said on one of his latter birthdays, in old age, "I am ready to meet my maker. Whether my maker is ready to meet me is an entirely different matter." I think Margaret might have felt the same when she was in her eighties.

I hope she will be remembered by us for what she brought to our lives as a result of the effort she put into her own. Christ me Spede.

Patsy Tennison, (Deputy Headmistress 1978 - 1992)

JOY CORDERY (née Cumberland) SHS 1934 to 1944

Joy Cordery died of natural causes on May 23 in Southampton, USA. She was 89. Known in Southampton as the charming solicitor for advertisements in the publications of the League of Women Voters, Ms. Cordery was also active in the Southampton Rose Society, the Old Town Garden Club, and the Southampton branch of the Herb Society of America. She had a passionate interest in botany, archaeology, classical music, travel and nature, especially birds.

Survivors said she was an energetic warrior on behalf of the environment. Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth" motivated her and others to present a "Go-Green" plan to the Town of Southampton and the Village of Sagaponack, resulting in their establishing committees and coordinators to protect the environment. Ms. Cordery had an illustrious career in rehabilitation and occupational therapy. She originated a treatment called joint-protection training to help arthritis sufferers reduce pain and maintain functional ability. This science-based innovation is still used around the world, helping millions of people, according to survivors.

For 25 years, she was administrative director of rehabilitation at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center in Manhattan, until her retirement in 1990. Before that, she held the following positions: instructor in research to occupational and physical therapy students at Columbia University College of Physicians, senior occupational therapist in research in the Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine at New York University Medical Center, and a researcher at Brookhaven National Laboratory.

Ms. Cordery wrote and edited extensively in her field, editing two special issues on rheumatic disease for the American Journal of Occupational Therapy. For 10 years she was editor of the Arthritis Health Professions newsletter, which was so successful that it grew into Arthritis Care & Research, an official peer-reviewed journal of the American College of Rheumatology. She had a first-class scientific mind, and was always eager to discuss a broad range of complex issues, but was warm, approachable and down to earth, survivors said. They added that Ms. Cordery loved life in all its variety.

She was born in 1926 to Ted and May Cumberland in Stamford, Lincolnshire, England, and is survived by cousins, Margo and Jennie Bierne, in England.

A memorial service was held at the Southampton Cultural Center, 25 Pond Lane, Southampton, on Friday, June 26 2015.

JEAN SWEETNAM (née Atkin) 1930-2015

After leaving Stamford High School, Jean trained to be a staff nurse at Addenbrooke's hospital. She then worked at Stamford hospital to be near her mother. She was a devoted nurse and loved her job and cheered up her patients with her lovely smile and vivacious personality.

A few years later she married Cecil Sweetnam who worked as a GP in Bourne. She used her nursing skills answering the phone to patients when Cecil was on duty. Jean had 3 children and 6 grandchildren and stayed in Bourne until she moved to King's Lynn in later years to be near her daughter, Judy.

She will be sadly missed.

DR RICHARD PALMER (SHS Staff) Died 2014

I remember Dr 'Tricky-Dicky' Palmer (as we girls cheekily nicknamed him!) from the early 1980's when he first arrived at SHS and introduced Drama into the curriculum, albeit as an addition to the English teaching programme.

For girls like Lucy Cohu, Rachel Piper and me, (1980-1987 alumni) it opened a door to a world of joy hitherto untapped. Dr Palmer was a teacher and director who inspired a generation of us to want to work in the performing arts one way or another and it is with enormous fondness that I remember those days of doing Drama in the SHS Hall. Dr Palmer was responsible for my first ever lead role at school - as Winnie the Pooh - clearly a man of vision! Rehearsals and lessons alike were notable for sarcasm and humour aplenty combined with a creative flair we all dearly loved.

It is with great sadness that I heard of his recent and untimely death. Without a doubt Dr Palmer is in part responsible for the career path I have taken which led me back to Stamford to take up the post of Head of Drama at the Endowed schools; I wish I'd had the chance to thank him for those early career-inspiring experiences in class and treading the boards in school plays.

Anneke Davies (87) Head of Drama, SES

News of Old Girls

2010s

GENT, Philly (10) Philly read Modern Languages at Birmingham University and since July 2014 has been working at Scott Dunn, the bespoke travel firm in Putney, London.

2000s

BENSON, Dee (née Sadler) (00) Dee married in August 2006, and has two sons, Harry (4) and Jack (1). She graduated from University College Northampton in July 2004, and worked as a Primary School Teacher at Great Casterton C of E Primary School from 2004-2009. She was then promoted to Assistant Head at Great Casterton in 2009. She is currently working at two Rutland Primary Schools one and a half days a week as a SENCO.

DONEY, Joanna (née Ostler) (00) Joanna is now working as a consultant in Old Age Psychiatry within Bradford District Care Trust. She now has two beautiful girls; Chloe (5) and Bethan (2).

GENT, Laura (02) Laura left SHS after her GCSE year in 2002 to go to Oundle School for Sixth Form. She went to Newcastle University to read Modern Languages and from September 2015 will be Head of French at Lancing College in Sussex. She got married in October 2015.

THORPE, Anna (née Larkin) (00) Anna celebrated her tenth wedding anniversary this year. She has two children; Lewis (6) and Olivia (2). She was previously manager of a nursery school, but since having children she now works part-time as Deputy Manager and SENCO Area Manager for Sitters.co.uk

1990s

EPPS, Georgie (née Allen) (95) Georgie graduated from Northumbria University. She teaches at St Gilberts School in Stamford, but is currently on maternity leave. She has three sons; Freddie (5), Ben (3) and Jack (0).

FITZJOHN, Lauren (née Armstrong) (98) Lauren lives in the Middle East with her husband and son, who is two. They are expecting their second child in October 2015.

GIBBONS, Claire (95) Claire lives in London and Ryhall. She has worked at the Rugby Football Union for twelve years, in the International Player Development Department, and has travelled the world working as Team Operations Manager with the England Under 18s, Under 20s, Saxons and Seniors. She is now focussing on Player Development, working with the Under 17s, Under 18s and Saxons, and supporting the Regional Academies.

JOHNSON, Caragh (née Wilk) (94) Caragh is married to Neil, and has two beautiful daughters, Arabella (5) and Francesca (3). She graduated from Durham University in 2000 with a First in Music, then a Distinction in her MA in Ethnomusicology in 2001. In 2007, she graduated from Anglia Ruskin University as an Adult Nurse. She currently works at Park House Nursing Home in Peterborough.

KEEBLE, Charlotte (née Baker) (95) Charlotte graduated from Newcastle University. She is married to Julian, and they have two daughters, Florence (6) and Matilda (5). They moved back to Stamford after 13 years in London. Charlotte works for Claibon, a recruitment company owned by Old Girl Claire Gibbons.

McLEMAN, Katie (née Norriss) (95) Katie married Fraser in September 2009. They have two daughters, Molly (3) and Daisy (1). She gained a 2:1 Masters in Engineering (Aerospace Engineering and Italian) and is currently a Captain in the British Army Reserves – Army Air Corps, having previously been a Captain in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, and a Resort Manager.

WHEELER, Kathryn (née Tweedie) (95) Kathryn married Dave Wheeler in September 2007, and has two children – Owen (6) and Jessica (3). She is currently working as Global HR Manager at Cummins for Manufacturing Operations.

WIGGLEWORTH, Yasemin (née Tatlioglu) (95) Yasemin is married to Tom, and lives in Stroud with her husband and two sons, Charlie (10) and Jonas (8). She runs AEGIS, the Association for the Education and Guardianship of International Students, following a stint running her own International Language School. Yasemin also designs bespoke papercuts and works in collaboration with photographer Kate Beer to create silhouette portraits of children. One of her Thumbelina papercuts has been used in the 2015 redesign of the Rosegard Shopping Centre in Odense, Denmark – the home town of Hans Christian Andersen. Recently Yasemin designed and handcut a window display for Richard Booth's Bookshop for the Hay on Wye Literary Festival 2015, celebrating 150 years of Alice in Wonderland.

1980s

BARRETT, Lucy (née Hemsill) (85) Lucy married Andy in 1994, and has three children – Thomas, Peter and Anisa. After leaving SHS in 1985, she went to Brighton Polytechnic and obtained a BA (Hons) Business Studies Degree. After working in London for a few years, she and Andy got married and moved to Hong Kong. Fifteen years and three children later, they moved to Japan in 2009. Andy works in Finance and Lucy works as a style coach. As well as raising her family and working part-time, she does some voluntary work and makes regular donations to the charity Smile Train. Asia has been a fantastic home to her and her family for the last twenty years.

BEADSWORTH, Alison (85) Alison lives near Arundel in West Sussex. After school, she took a Law Degree, then went on a volunteer trip to Romania with Dame Anita Roddick (founder of The Body Shop). She then studied medicine, and is now a consultant in Emergency Medicine in Brighton. She runs a medical charity working in Lebanon, Ethiopia, Tanzania, East Timor, Kosovo, Albania and Brazil. She will be moving to Qatar in the Autumn of 2015 to take up a post as Senior Consultant in Emergency Medicine. Alison's sister, Dawn is married to James, and is a Lecturer in Law at Leicester University. She has a PhD and three children – Amelia (18), Sam (17) and Jemima (12). They live in Cottingham, Northants.

CROWTHER, Pippa (née Greer) (85)
Pippa is currently working as a personal trainer in Surrey, running her own business. She previously worked as a nurse until she was medically retired. She underwent innovative spinal surgery and went from being disabled and housebound to her current job.

GENT, Dawn (Former Staff SHS)
Dawn retired from teaching P.E. at Laxton Junior School, Oundle in the summer of 2014. She is trying to be a farmer's wife after 30 years of marriage!

MARSHALL, Julie (née Whittle) (83)
Julie is single, with three children, and works as an HMRC officer.

RYAN, Claire (née Lomas) (85)
Claire is living in South Cheshire and is married with two daughters, Eloise (17) and Mia (15). She works at Keele University in the School of Medicine.

SANDERSON, Kate (85) Kate works as an HR Manager for an educational software company in Oakham. She is Chair of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Sole Practitioners Group and is a volunteer fundraising officer for Melton CFR.

SEAMER, Sarah (née Wood) (85)
Sarah is living near Lincoln, and is working as a Speech and Language Therapist. She is married to Andy Seamer (O.S.) and has two daughters – Rebecca (20) and Kate (17).

WALKER, Lucy (85) Lucy is working as a Medical Writer in North London. She is married to Anthony Walker and has three children – Annie (11), Milly (8) and Isaac (5).

WILLIAMS, Corrine (née Hollands) (80)
Corrine has three children – boys and triplets, aged 17, David, Jack and Matthew. She is still a Response Officer with Nottinghamshire Police, and is also looking after her Mother, who is 78.

1970s

AITKEN, Katherine (née Hampson) (75)
Katherine is retired, living in Blackheath with two dogs (Ben and Jerry). Her daughter is settled in Cambridge as a Patent Attorney, and her son is a fourth year Medical Student.

BARLOW, Rosie (née Dring) (75)
Rosie married Richard Barlow in 1983, and has two sons – Simon and Jon. Simon lives in New Mexico and is married with a daughter born in 2015. Jon is getting married in 2015 and changed his surname to Dring. Rosie has a Higher National Diploma in Horticulture from Writtle Agricultural College. She works on the family farm, F. Dring and Sons, in Moulton. Farmers don't retire – her husband runs the farm with help from their son Jon. Daffodils and potatoes are their main crops. Rosie was a Boarder at SHS – she meets up with 9 other boarders every other year, which is lovely!

BROUSE, Sheila (née Bion) Sheila is living near Sittingbourne, running a business and looking forward to the golden goal of retirement!!!!

CRITCHARD, Sarah (née Cutting) (74)
Sarah celebrated her 25th Wedding Anniversary this year, and has two granddaughters aged 8 and 5. She retired from Lloyds Bank in 2006, and is now doing voluntary work as Secretary of the Stamford Mercury Archive Trust.

DENNEY, Jackie (née Canham) (74)
Jackie is living locally at long last!

GRENZ, Carol (née Wills) (77) Carol now lives in the South of Cambridge. She married in 1991 and has two children at University. She currently works at Addenbrooke's Hospital as a Living Donor Transplant Co-ordinator.

HAWTON, Nickie (née Morrison) (75)
Nickie founded Definity Ltd in 2011 – a specialist consultancy focussing on employee and manager behaviour, and impact on customers/brand image. She offers analysis of customer interactions and training in communications, relationship building and assertive influencing skills (face to face, over the phone and in writing/email)

HAZEL, Brenda (née Dicks) (75)
Brenda is happily retired and living in North Oxfordshire.

HENRY, Rachel (75) Rachel is still working part-time as a Sub-Editor at The Independent Papers and is living in London and Stamford.

KANTOROWICH, Hilary (née Shrive) (75)
Hilary has two boys, now in their 20s. She qualified as a Landscape Architect in 1982 and works in practice from home with her husband.

LUCKING, Mary (née Dawn) (75)
Mary is currently working for an adoption agency in London, The British Association for Adoption and Fostering.

MYALL, Debbie (née Rodwell) (75)
Debbie lives in Devon and works as a note-taker for students with disabilities at Plymouth University

PRING, Gillie (née Evans) (75) Gillie is still married, with two grown-up daughters and a dog. She previously worked as a Tour Manager with Thomas Cook, based in several countries around the world, before

joining the Logistics team at Meyer Intl. She went on to establish "Lets Inventory" in 1997, specialising in pre and post tenancy inspections in Central London.

SINGLETON, Marian (née Barton) (75)
Marian has been married to Geoff for 33 years. She has four children – all working – a surgeon, a teacher, a civil servant and a research mathematician. She also has four grandchildren. She is still working as a Veterinary Surgeon in Somerset. She has taken up trekking in the last three years, and has been to the Himalayas and Vietnam, raising money for the local hospice. She is also a Primary School Governor in her spare time – including three years as Chair of Governors.

YATES, Marion (née Sinker) (75)
Marion is, sadly, not yet retired! She is currently Head of International Development at the University of Cumbria.

1960s

BROWN, Erica (65) Erica continues to enjoy retirement and opportunities for travel. She recently visited the Baltic, Northern Norway above the Arctic Circle and New Zealand. She enjoys regular trips to Europe with German and French Town Twinning.

CLARE, Hilary (née Wright) (65) Clare has just finished a six-year stint on the Council of AGRA (the Association of Genealogists and Researchers in Archives), during which time she also served as Vice-Chairman, and as Chairman of the Board of Assessors; she will continue in practice as a Genealogist.

DAWSON, Juliet (née Samworth) (60)
Juliet continues with voluntary work at Peterborough Cathedral. She recently attended HRH The Duke of Gloucester opening

the new West Front of the Cathedral, followed by a champagne reception. She was Runner-Up for the W.I. Cup this year. She celebrated her 72nd birthday in May, on the same day as her grandson's third birthday. The following week, her granddaughter was five years old – it was all celebrations! She is in contact with Angela Wilson (Lane) and Margaret Blackwell (Shelford).

JONES, Eileen (née James) (66)
Eileen finally went on the internet in January this year, and is finding it to be a large learning curve.

MAPLE, Lyn (Marilyn) (née Grimes) (64)
Lyn downsized to a chalet bungalow, still in Fakenham. She is enjoying retirement and is chair of a local archive group. She is Steward of the Museum and a volunteer at Sculthorpe Moor Nature Reserve – she has no time to work! She has now retired from Primary Mental Team, having previously been a School Health Advisor in North Norfolk for 17 years.

NEWELL, Bridget (née Sykes) (65)
Bridget is enjoying being the “older generation”, with three grandsons growing up fast. She is now five years into retirement, but keeping busy with a new interest in canals and narrowboats; being a Primary School Governor in the local Church of England school, and of course all the family fun.

SHEPPARD, Christine (née Carter) (65)
Christine is still married to Colin, for almost 47 years. They now have four grandchildren, three boys and one girl, aged from 6 to 14. She is still working one day a week as a family mediator. She has trained as a Volunteer Guide in York Minster, and takes tours

around the Minster; she is also a volunteer for a local National Trust property, and takes guided tours around the gardens.

1950s

HUNTER, Valerie (née Rusdale) (53)
Valerie and her husband celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary in March 2015. One of their daughters lives in Turin, Italy, one daughter lives nearby to them in Gainsborough, and their three sons live in East Anglia. Their grandchildren range in age from 5yrs to 32! There are ten of them altogether. Since retiring from teaching, Valerie has taken up painting and runs a local group. She does voluntary church work, and is a driver in a village voluntary taxi scheme. In her spare time, she enjoys gardening.

LEWIS, Sheelagh (née Dack) (55)
Sheelagh graduated from Exeter University in 1960 and is now retired, but was a lecturer in “Oriental Rugs” for NADFAS. She has a holiday home in New Zealand, and travels extensively, especially in Australia and the USA.

SCARBER, Ann (née Wilcox) (55)
Ann lives in Hitchin, where her two daughters and their families also live. She has six grandchildren, two at university and the other four at senior school – how time flies! Since retiring she enjoys quite a lot of voluntary work, including with her church and being a School Governor for twelve years. Her other interests are flower arranging, gardening, yoga, walking and travelling – so she keeps rather busy.

TURNER, Ann (née Ingram) (59)
Ann's great-granddaughter, Lilith Isabella, was born in September 2011.

1940s

BROWN, Anne (née Holmes) (43)
Anne says she is “Old and dodderly” – she will be 90 in November, and enjoys living closer to her daughter.

MERCER, Cecily (née Barnet) (45)
Since Cecily's youngest son settled in South Africa in 2001, she has visited the family each year. However, this year they visited her and her son David (ex Stamford School) was expecting to attend the Old Boys Reunion in June

OWEN, Joan (née Weston) (45)
Joan is still enjoying U3A, and has taken up Mah Jongg. She is looking forward to the birth of her first great-grandchild.

PARKER, Margaret (née Eady) (48)
Margaret has been living on the Isle of Wight in Bembridge since 1990, moving back there from Lincolnshire with her husband, Alan, who sadly died the following year. Her younger daughter, Kay, was born in Shanklin in 1964, so they have one “island-born” in the family. She is very happy there, in a good friendly village, with many activities and good neighbours. She would welcome any SHS Old Girls to visit, whether known or unknown to her – her family with 7 grandchildren visit her quite often!

SCATTERGOOD, Noreen
(formerly Humberstone, née Eady) (44)
Noreen's family are in Australia – a daughter, three granddaughters and two great-grandsons. She last visited them in June 2014, travelling with her son, who lives in Cowes on the Isle of Wight, near her sister Margaret Parker. She is involved with Cancer Research UK and NHS Blood Donors, and loves her garden.

OGG Reunion Day 2015

Saturday 27 June 2015

By Maj (Retd) Jill M Pease (87)

It was a lovely sunny day for the Old Girls' Guild Reunion as we gathered in the Stamford High School dining hall for coffee. It was good to see so many Old Girls across the different year groups returning and sharing reminiscences of their time at the school.

As we all prepared for lunch we had the chance to enjoy a glass or two in the quad, meeting up with our school friends and former teachers. Despite the passage of time between leaving and returning it was clear that old friendships were reinforced and, in some cases, rekindled. We were all ready for the delicious buffet lunch that was provided by the catering team at SHS and, as usual, we were not disappointed. The conversation was flowing and the stories took us all back to our school days as well as giving us a chance to talk about what had happened in the intervening years.

I was then privileged to give an after lunch speech to the OGs and, as it was Armed Forces Day, I decided to talk about the values and standards of the British Army and how they accord with the School Song (Within These Walls of Grey). The values are: self-less commitment, loyalty, discipline, courage, integrity and respect for others. I used the verses in the School Song to link with instances in my 17½ year career as an Army Officer when these values and standards were either displayed in myself or others. The School Song was ideal as framework with such lines as 'Our service we offer, our love and loyalty in word and deed' and 'Courage to do and dare'. It was clear to me as I spoke that the School Song was something that binds all OGs together and when we sang it that day it showed a real 'esprit de corps'. It is also wonderful to know that the words that we sang are still being sung today and it is a link between SHS past and present.

It was sad to say farewell to the members of staff who were leaving, especially the Headmistress, Dyl Powell. After lunch we were given the chance to hear about the SES Bursary programme from Rachael Petrie, Foundation Director, whilst sipping Pimms and eating cake. It was a sobering thought that the rich diversity of SHS, as we knew it when the County Scholarships were in place, is something that now must be supported, in part, by former pupils and benefactors

When I had to leave I was pleased to see so many OGs taking the time to go round the school and seeing the wonderful additions such as the Home Economics rooms,

which now resemble the set from Master Chef. Also to feel the common bond that we all share as OGs and to know that it is something to be cherished and reunion days give us a chance to 'keep the flame alive'.

Reunion Day Photographs

Our apologies that, this year, we have been unable to put names to faces. It has been a tricky task in past years, but this year it proved to be beyond our capabilities! The photographs, as ever, are fabulous and our grateful thanks go to Ian Hamilton for his time and hard work on the day.



Five year reunion



Fifteen year reunion



Twenty year reunion



Thirty year reunion



Thirty-five year reunion



Forty year reunion



Fifty year reunion



Sixty plus year reunion



Committee





Stamford High School Old Girls' Reunion in London 2015

On Thursday 14 May 2015 the second SHS London Reunion took place at the Lansdowne Club in Mayfair. Nearly 50 former SHS pupils met in the beautiful Shelburne Room to enjoy wine and canapés while they caught up with their year groups, former teachers and, in some cases, siblings.

Old school photos were on display and there were short speeches from Headmistress, Dyl Powell, Foundation Director, Rachael Petrie and SHS Old Girl, Julia Peach (1983)

The largest year groups in attendance were 1983 (11 girls) and 2010 (11 girls). We were delighted to, once again, welcome Maggie Smith (née Fairman) from the class of 1949 who was our most senior Old Girl at the event.



The Brass Rubbings in the Hall

At some point, whether it has been as a pupil or as an Old Girl, most of us will have seen the brass rubbings of William Browne and his wife in the Hall. I remember hazily wondering why they were there – and where they had come from – and then just taking them on as part of the “furniture” of the Hall. However, a chance email from Christine Smith, an Old Girl who got in touch this year, cleared up the matter of their provenance once and for all. I thought you might like to know where they came from:

“My memories about the brass rubbings are quite hazy to say the least. I know someone else was doing it with me - possibly Caroline Parker - and one of the teachers (I think Miss Hill?) facilitated it, so if you are in contact with either of them you may be able to get more details - their memories of the events are probably much clearer than mine! We did the brass-rubbings for the skills section of the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award which I completed in 1976. It's not easy to tell from the picture but I think it is the one of William Browne which is in All Saints Church, Stamford which is up on the wall in the hall. We didn't just go brass-rubbing in Stamford, however, and I do recollect feeling very special being taken out in a member of staff's car - and having to take great care not to get muddy footprints in it when we'd been tramping around grave yards in the rain! I can't remember all the rubbings we did - my parents were roped into taking me out to do them too. I know we went on a trip to Cambridge and came back with numerous ones. I think my mother just rolled most of them up and stored them in a fairly inaccessible cupboard and I don't know what happened to them in the end. It's a shame really, because nowadays you wouldn't be allowed to do many of these rubbings (maybe even all of them) because of the damage rubbing does to the brasses.”

Christine Smith

ARTICLES FROM THE SHS OLD GIRLS' e-NEWSLETTERS

The following articles have been extracted from recent SHS Old Girls' e-Newsletters.

The SHS Old Girls' e-Newsletter is 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

Charlotte Echezarreta (née Lawrence) (90)

Midnight feasts and pillow-case mini-skirts: The Stamford Endowed Schools from the perspective of an ex-pupil, teacher and parent.

Life at Stamford High School began for me when I was 11; I was a full boarder in St Michael's, although at the time it was called The Nuns' House. I shared my first room with about nine other girls, some of whom I am still in touch with all those years later, either through Facebook or having bumped into them again in Stamford. We got up to all sorts. One of the most fun but least advisable activities was the termly midnight feast, planned meticulously down to the finest details such as who was pilfering the cutlery from the dining hall and who would supply the cheese and biscuits and flying saucers; we would invariably fall asleep before tidying away all the evidence resulting in fierce housemistress admonishment at dawn at worst or roulade-encrusted hair and a tummy ache at best.

Lessons were either great fun or really quite terrifying. I think Chemistry terrified me the most. Displayed in one particularly scary teacher's lab were a number of huge glass jars. These jars were labelled authoritatively with what I could only imagine were life-threatening gases if released: 'Nitrogen', 'Hydrogen', 'Oxygen'...

But what made the situation so precarious was the fact that these jars had easily removable glass stoppers: a temptation for anyone just a little bit too curious about chemical experiments. I can't remember who it was who lifted the 'Nitrogen' jar stopper, but I do remember the entire class making a collectively horrified gasp and scurrying for the door, Bunsen burners still alight, pipettes and iodine flying everywhere as we fled from certain death by 'Nitrogen' exposure. The funny thing is, all these years later, the lab still smells the same, and the memory often comes back to me if I venture across to the Science Department.

I loved English, which isn't a surprise, as I'm teaching it here at SHS now. One of my clearest and fondest memories is listening to Miss Haynes reading Steinbeck's 'The Pearl' to our class in what I seem to remember was an oak-panelled room (or is that just my imagination?) with polished wooden floor boards. It was so atmospheric, and the story just came alive in that room. The space no longer exists as it did: it was transformed into a large DT teaching space, and has now been modernized and re-born once again as an English teaching room. It is just opposite my own teaching room in which I happen to be teaching Steinbeck to my Year 9s....

I also loved textiles. One of the best things about this subject for me as a little 'Upper Third' or 'Lower Fourth' pupil was being taken to the fabric shop on St Mary's Street at lunch time by one of the 6th formers to buy my material. For me this was a very exciting and privileged excursion! I also distinctly remember there was a particular craze while I was at Welland which involved 'borrowing' the brightly patterned pillow cases from the dormitories and smuggling them up to the textiles rooms where they would be deftly transformed into mini-skirts ready to wear at Church the following Sunday! It was a while before the Housemistress caught on to what was happening to her ever-diminishing supply of pillow cases....



Coming back to Stamford High School as a member of staff was a strange but interesting experience. At first I was reminded of so many memories of myself as a schoolgirl as I turned each familiar corner: laughing with groups of friends, making huge bacon and tomato sandwiches at boarders' breakfast in the dining hall, or queuing at the tuck shop near the mysterious staffroom with my pocket money burning a hole in my navy regulation school purse (remember those?!). Four years later, however, those memories are fading as I tread the corridors as a teacher, or chat with my colleagues over a quick lunch in the dining hall, or make myself a welcome cup of coffee during break in the staffroom.

What is strikingly similar after all these years is the atmosphere. There was a genuinely down to earth atmosphere at SHS which is as present now as it was then. There was also a real sense of camaraderie amongst the girls, and I believe that exists still today; it certainly does amongst the staff, and I'm reminded of this feeling every time we sing the school song. There was also a very real sense of belonging and every girl seemed proud to play their part in this nurturing yet aspirational environment, as they do now. There has always been a 'quiet confidence' about the school, even though we do not hide our lights under any bushels!

I haven't always been a teacher, although teaching had always been in the back of my mind. I began a career in Marketing and Advertising in London, which I loved. It was fast-paced, creative, and was generated by dynamic and fantastically quirky people. I have discovered that actually teaching is much the same, and for me, it is a career which offers incredible fulfilment and satisfaction. This may not be immediate: it may happen months, years or decades later, when a pupil says 'thank you' for igniting a passion for something which may never have been awakened otherwise.

So now as a mother of three boys, two of whom are pupils at the school, it seems things have come full circle. I'm not sure if this was fully intentional but there must be good reason for us returning to Stamford and happily sending the boys to the Junior School. As I take my son to St Michael's for before school care, I sometimes look up at the window of the dormitory where I once ate sherbet-filled flying saucers and laughed with friends into the early hours of the morning, and I am reminded of how fortunate we all are - whether past, present or past and present members of SES, to have been able to take advantage of so much that this happy, fulfilling and aspirational school has to offer.

Elizabeth Watchorn (57)

I am very ancient, having started at SHS in 1950 when I was 10 and leaving in 1957. So far, I have not seen any of my contemporaries in print and would love to know how everyone is and what they are now doing.

Miss Lomax was our Headmistress. She seemed a remote character, striding majestically down the corridors, gown billowing. With hindsight, I think I should have pursued science but Miss Roughton and English literature were so important to me that I opted for English, History and Geography at A level.

I was such a pseud; a slim volume of Keats in my blazer pocket (even though I did not much like Keats, but it was all for effect) with the title just arranged to peep casually over the edge. I would have liked to have taken part in a school play but in those days, they were only produced every other year and if you were taking O or A levels on the years of the school play, you missed taking part completely.

I went on to Leicester University to read sociology. I knew nothing about sociology but it sounded rather exotic and exciting. It was not. Rather boring, especially endless Factory Acts, growth of railways (yawn). However, I found, from spending seven years in an all-girls community, girls were in short supply at university. And I enjoyed the difference! I met my husband there.

At school, I had read a short story about 'Beth, student almoner' and decided that that was what I wanted to do, knowing absolutely nothing about social work whatsoever

So I enrolled on a year's course at the Institute of Almoners. I was too young to start as I was still only 20, so I went to work in a factory in Macedonia exporting timber to Canada for six months. Very few people spoke English or French and, of course, I knew no Serbo-Croat and it was Cyrillic anyway so I communicated in sign language for several weeks. I can remember seeing a car (a rare thing there then) passing through Skopje and noticing after it had passed the GB on the back. I ran after it shouting 'Stop, stop. I'm English too'. They seemed to speed up, probably thinking there was a mad woman back there.

I enjoyed the year at the Institute of Almoners, working in hospitals, first the Middlesex in Soho and then Cowley Road in Oxford. I stayed on at the Middlesex for 18 months until I got married. We then moved to Cardiff where my husband was an indentured trainee reporter on the South Wales Echo and I worked in the local hospital.

And in a way, that was the end of my youth. Life became much more sober and probably more responsible but less fun. I worked until I had my son and returned to work when he was six. We had moved to a village in Rutland and my husband commuted to London every day. I worked in Peterborough district hospital and then in Stamford, a bit closer to home.

We moved to Lincoln and then to Stevenage where I now live. The marriage broke up eventually and I reverted to my maiden name of Watchorn.

I have kept in touch with just one school friend, Janet Neale who lives in Farnham, but have lost touch with everyone else and would really love to hear from anyone of my vintage.

Charmaine Rothschild (née de Souza) (93)

I was fortunate enough to gain a scholarship to SHS at 11+ and I spent seven very happy years within those walls which were anything but grey in my opinion. On leaving SHS in 1993, I impatiently took myself off to London University to follow in Miss Bland's footsteps at QMW College. I had known since I was 14 that I only wanted to go to London for university.

I spent four years studying Economics and French with a year abroad teaching English in Vaison La Romaine (South of France) as part of my degree. In my second month at university, my dorm bestie tried to introduce me to her friend "Rich" whom she described as my "future husband". 22 years later, she was right in her prediction and I was right to choose London!

Whilst I was at SHS still, Mrs Gosling had painstakingly arranged a work experience in London with Price Waterhouse Coopers. At the time, I had had no intention of becoming an accountant but I took the work experience simply because it gave me an opportunity to hang out in London for a few days (sorry Mrs Gosling!)

In my final year at university, my SHS friend, Amanda Davis came to stay with me for a few days from Cambridge. She told me about her interview at Deloitte and Touche and suddenly being an accountant sounded intriguing AND for the right reasons this time. By the time I had taken my final exam at QMW, I already had my job lined up as a trainee Audit and Business Advisor with Deloitte and Touche. Amanda Davis started at the same London office too off Fleet Street.

In the summer between Uni and starting at Deloitte, I helped Rich start his Telecoms business. After my year in France, and our extortionately high phone bills, Rich had learned everything there was to know about the telecoms industry and saving people money so it was a natural choice of business.

From 1997 to 1999, I worked the day shift at Deloitte (including the painful ACCA exams) and by night I laboured away in the company. Eventually, the dull winter commute into the city made me decide that I liked being a business owner better than I liked ticking and bashing. In May 1999, I left Deloitte to start a call centre mobile phone company with Rich. The company grew from a six person operation in the basement of an off license to 50+ employees today.

Running a company has been an exhilarating experience and, like any career, requires inspiration along the way. Mrs Thomas' Young Enterprise in the Sixth Form where we ran the tuck shop and introduced the new vending machine was an inconspicuous start to my business life. Mrs Thomas awarded me the Business Prize for two years running which gave me the confidence to believe in myself in a business context. The little seeds that are sewn in our early years can be monumental later on in life!



After 11 years of being together, and raising a company with 50 kids, Rich and I decided it was time for some real kids! Raising Angel (8) and Sky (5) is far more challenging than running a company yet the profit is immeasurable. Sky was diagnosed with a moderate hearing impaired at age two and so I am learning daily about the deaf world.

Soon after Angel was born, Rich and I bought our dream house on the beach in Miami Beach. However, Miami does not cultivate schools like SHS and by the time Angel was due to attend school I knew that giving her the educational experience I was blessed with was my main priority. Coincidentally, our local school in Ealing, West London is a replica of SHS so it was without hesitation that I decided that we would spend term time back in London and return to Miami for the six holidays a year. My year group are spread

around the world and quite a few of them in my two favourite countries NZ and Australia. I recently managed to meet up with two of them on a trip to Oz and I hope I will see more next time I am there. It's amazing to me how none of them have aged (in my eyes). My best friend from school was Kate Martin and she is still my go to for sanity and humour. Sharing memories of school with Kate is one of my favourite things to do!

Sarah Outen (03) Completes her 'London2London: via the World' Challenge

Sarah Outen has finished her 'London2London: via the World' challenge. After four and a half years and over 25,000 miles, Sarah kayaked under Tower Bridge to a huge reception from the press, school children and the public. Sarah left London from Tower Bridge in April 2011 with a goal to row, bike and kayak around the Northern Hemisphere, inspiring children and adults alike, and fundraising for her charities. The journey has not been easy. Sarah has had to overcome many difficulties and has experienced extreme weather conditions - cycling in 40 degree heat across the Gobi Desert, Mongolia, and in -40 degrees across North America, as well as facing tropical storms in two of the most dangerous oceans in the world.

Amongst those there to welcome her home were 40 school children from SES. The trip allowed the lucky students the chance to witness Sarah's homecoming. Later on in the afternoon, they had the chance to meet Sarah, hear her talk about her adventure and pose for photos. We hope that she will soon be able to return to the Schools to talk about her time away and her adventures.

Sarah is raising money for CoppaFeel!, The Jubilee Sailing Trust, MND Association and WaterAid and you can still donate by visiting Sarah's website www.sarahouten.com.

Congratulations Sarah!

Ellie Turner (00) Joining the dots

I left SHS in 2000, desperately ready for those endless school years to be over and for adult life to begin –freedom, I thought! How I'd love to pop in on my 17-year-old self and give her a reality check! I thought I was stepping out into a well-trodden path of musical opportunity and success; Royal College of Music scholarship, lots of concerts and beyond that, who knew? In my head, there was no room for failure and broken dreams. A combination of innocent optimism and an annoyingly know-it-all attitude was at the root of too many bad judgements to mention and, although my public biography reads like a success story, it will come as no surprise to any of you reading this, the full picture is peppered with darkness and desperation.

At SHS, I was lucky to have a broad education that allowed music to choose me, rather than it being my only option. I made my professional debut in London at the age of fifteen and sympathetic, music-loving SHS teachers such as Mary Cade (biology) turned a blind eye on my scatty prep and tardiness on the correct assumption that I would have just run over from the Music School, eventually tearing myself away from a composition or piano practice. When I was in sixth form, Nora Anderson showed that she was concerned about my French A Level (I sadly got a D) but understood that music was my priority and told me later that she wasn't going to stand in the way of that!

My two English teachers were both music enthusiasts with dramatic tendencies. Mr Baines encouraged me to improvise on the harp to poetry; a creative and expressive skill that has lain dormant since my teens and I have only recently found an outlet for it in my performances, finally starting to combine spoken word with improvised electro-acoustic music! My other English teacher, Mr Bowden, shared my devotion to the works of Dmitri Shostakovich (I used to spend my £30 birthday money on getting the 'DSCH' magazine in the post from Russia, pre-internet!) and furthermore, introduced me to several female Russian composers who had an enormous influence on my composing. I imagine he would be absolutely delighted to learn that one of my missions is now to include at least 50% music by female composers (including myself) in all my concerts. It's not always possible but it's the right thing to aim for.

It is no accident that I still love literature and art, having enjoyed those subjects most at SHS, and despite being a shockingly poor French student, I have on many occasions muddled through in French harp masterclasses, both as student and, in recent years, as tutor. It brings me a huge amount of pleasure and inspiration, as I plough my own furrow through life as a freelance musician, to combine all of these passions and skills, the seeds of which were planted at SHS. Next year's projects include improvising with a Tourette's afflicted actor-comedian and investigating possible links between music and bio-medicine. I can't wait to tell 'Mrs Cade' about these when I see her at one of the next folk music events at her house in Ketton, where I occasionally join in with apple-crushing for cider making, or have a jam with one of Mary's daughters, Alice Cade, who was in my year at SHS and is also carving a unique career in the performing arts!

Fifteen years after leaving SHS I am aware of how all our experiences really do shape us. At this point I have to fondly mention Paul White, the Director of Music back in my day, who was supportive, generous with praise and really wacky –all the best teachers are! I will never forget how he decided one day that it would be a great idea for me to perform the Handel Harp Concerto with a string orchestra of students in a Boys' School assembly – so we did. It was spontaneous and more than a little scary, but it was also great fun and crucially, it was all done for the love of music.

Note: Eleanor lives in Stamford with her two children. Since 2013 she has been running a series of very informal family concerts called 'Cosy Concerts' - check out the website www.cosyconcerts.co.uk and find Cosy Concerts Stamford UK on Facebook to keep in touch. There is NO concert etiquette and as well as classical music there is folk, jazz and sometimes bands!

Joyce Webb (née Swan) (44)

Joyce recently wrote to the Headmistress, Vicky Buckman, telling of her time as an evacuee from London during the Second World War. We thought her letter and poem, Nostalgia, were a truly wonderful insight into her time in Stamford, and hope you enjoy reading them too.

Dear Head Teacher,

I wrote the enclosed poem recently and have been persuaded to send it to you, as it was thought it may be of interest.

My sister and I were evacuated to Oakham in October/November 1940 and as we had not evacuated with our London High School, we were enrolled at Stamford, because all the Oakham girls went there and for us to do so also, was under the emergency regulations and we therefore became part of the group known as “The Oakham Train Girls” who daily arrived late and left early.

My sister left Stamford in July 1942 being 16. I left in July 1944, then being 16.

I was very happy at Oakham and Stamford, I can still remember the school badge and motto, also the tune to and many words of the school song. I doubt if you have either of them now.

I was last in Stamford about 32 years ago, and looked through the side gate which was open and I noted that the two hutted classrooms had gone and I think the netball court and top lawn had been built over.

By the time I left I do not think anyone thought of me as an evacuee, there were never many evacuees at Stamford but I know I can claim to be the last one.

My name was not Webb in those days as I have since been married. My sister was June Swan and I was Joyce Swan.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely

Joyce Webb

NOSTALGIA (or four years of joy)

I would like to go back to Oakham
and see Springfield again,
but I know that could I do so
it could never be the same.
I think that if houses covered the fields
That; I could hardly bear, and perhaps
see the house all altered
Or maybe no longer there.

I was twelve when I first saw Oakham
I was an evacuee,
Leaving behind the London blitz
Oakham looked good to me.
We lived in a house called Springfield
The town about a mile away,
There were no buses or transport links
but people walked then anyway.

The girls who attended the High School
Went to Stamford each day on the train,
We caught the 9.02 in the morning
So on time we could never arrive,
and although school finished at 4.00pm
we had to leave at 3.45pm.

The Head Mistress she complained
often to the railway crew, saying this
timetable is no good it really will not do.
But she got no satisfaction,
Was told the saying of the day,
There's nothing that we can do
“There's a war on.” Go away.
When I was on holiday
I sometimes helped on the farm
Getting the potato crop in

It didn't do me any harm
The carter's job was heavy and hard
Usually done by a lad you see
But I remember I was ‘over the moon’
When they gave the job to me.

I also worked at the Post Office
Delivering Christmas mail, what a lark,
Out at seven o'clock in the morning
In the blackout, dark.
There were two deliveries every day
and parcels to go in between.
There was one delivery on Christmas Day
on that we were not so keen.

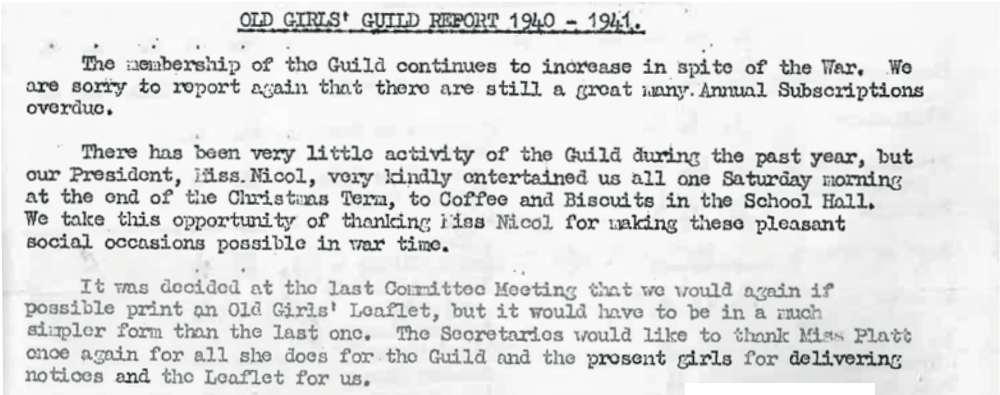
But four years had passed and I had
left school
The day coming that I could not shirk,
I knew it was time, I had to go home
It was time that I went out to work.
So I said my farewells to Stamford
To Springfield and Oakham too
and went back to the home I'd left
four years before
to start my life anew.

I would like to go back to Oakham
To Stamford and Springfield too
But I am not able to travel around
As I used to do
So I'll sit here and remember
How it all used to be
and think how strange, it was a war
that gave
those four years of joy to me.

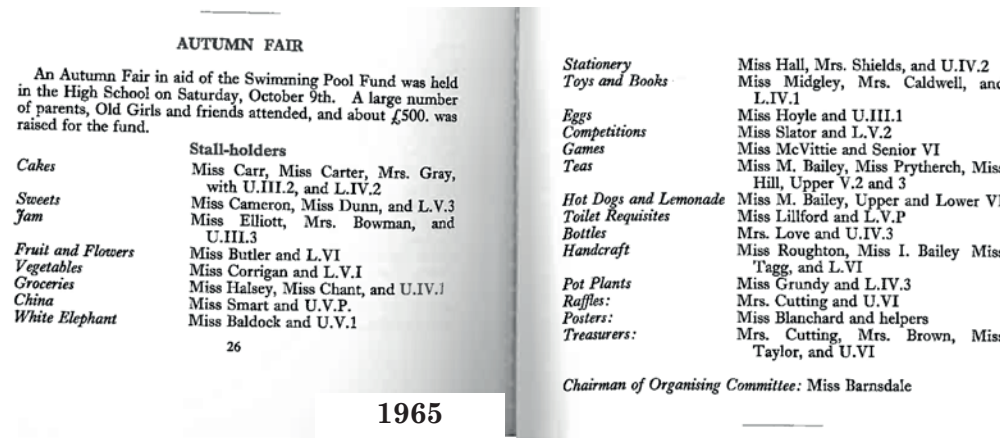
By Joyce Webb
World War 2 evacuee

BLASTS FROM THE PAST

The following articles have been reproduced from Old Girls' magazines and Stamford High School magazines, from 1941, 1966 and 1991. 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.



1940-41



1965

THE SWIMMING POOL

At last we have our swimming pool. The school started a swimming pool fund in 1961 when an Autumn Fair raised the first £500. Since then, efforts by the school, ranging from cake and buttonhole sales to record "hops", concerts and judo displays — anything that would inveigle money from pupils' pockets — have raised a total of £2,000. But although girls have worked with considerable success to raise money, a large vote of thanks is due to parents who have contributed most generously by deed of covenant, by making up school bills to a round sum, and by supporting school efforts in general: because of these contributions the fund now totals over £7,000. However, in order to prevent the overall cost becoming prohibitive, we have already spent more than twice the money raised; there is still quite a long way to go before we have paid everything.

As the pool is now in use, it is pleasant for the present members of the U.VI to take advantage of something for which the majority have been saving throughout their school career. The school will be able to use the heated pool during the winter months and the general moan associated with the mention of the Swimming Pool fund has given way to sincere appreciation.

Our grateful thanks are due to all those who have worked to provide the school with so useful an adjunct, in particular Miss Lomax, for her sustained interest, Mr. Hemmings, the architect, and the committee at large who have given their time and patience to this venture. With the possibility of swimming in our own pool all the year round, we are indeed grateful and appreciative.

U.VI.

1966

Parents shake their heads and ask,
"What do you scream about?
All you do is listen to
A long-haired lazy lout".

"You will never know", we say,
"Which things are out or in.
All you do is listen to
Yehudi Menuhin".

1966

So the battle never ceases
"Twixt parents and teenagers.
Although they try, they'll never be
Screaming teenage ravers.
ANN SHELTON, L.V.3.

School News

The SES Economics Dinner – June 2015



In June 2015, as part of a Sixth Form economics trip to London, a group of over 30 SES Economics students visited the Adam Smith Institute, the Royal Bank of Scotland and the Social Market Foundation.

At the end of the day the students had dinner with 11 former pupils and two former parents, who all worked in the City or had an economics or finance background. The event was sponsored by the SES Foundation

and provided a unique opportunity for SES students to meet with a diverse set of experts – all with a Stamford background. The students were able to hear about their career paths, discuss their experiences and ask questions. SHS Old Girls in attendance included: Laura Flint (08), Jess Fox (10), Sarah Johnson (née Spencer) (66), Julia Peach (83), Ros Price (née Broadhurst) (70) and Gina Yea (10).

The SES Creatives Evening – September 2015

In September, SES hosted a careers evening for current students and recent leavers, focusing on the creative industries.

The Llowarch Performing Arts Centre was filled with students and their parents from across SES, who were given a chance to interact with and hear from professionals in different sectors of the creative industries as well as representatives from Universities. The line-up included a number of SHS Old Girls including fashion designer Emily Carter (10), casting assistant Alex Sedgley (11) and SES Head of Drama Anneke Davies (87).



BBC Question Time Broadcast from the Stamford Endowed Schools

On Thursday 28 January the BBC's flagship political debate show, Question Time, was broadcast from the Oswald Elliott Hall (the School Hall) at Stamford School.



The panel consisted of Transport Secretary Patrick McLoughlin, Labour MP for Birmingham Yardley Jess Phillips, SNP Westminster Leader Angus Robertson, author and writer for The Independent Yasmin Alibhai-Brown and CEO of M&C Saatchi Moray MacLennan. They tackled topical questions about the refugee crisis, Google and large corporations paying less tax, the costs of UK transport and the EU referendum.

Earlier in the day David Dimbleby spent time with SES Sixth Form politics students and gave them an opportunity to become panellists and take part in their own political debate. The five student panellists had to field questions from their peers who were making up the audience. The Question Time production team also worked with SES Theatre Studies students during the day and allowed them to tour their production trailers and the set. This provided the students with a fascinating insight behind the scenes, including the huge tasks of transporting and building the set each week. The students had the privilege of speaking to the director about their interests in programme production and tips on how to enter the industry.

Fundraising at Stamford – The Vital Importance of Bursaries

Over the years the LEA County Scholarships, the Assisted Places Scheme and other programmes have enabled many local children to benefit from a Stamford education which, due to financial circumstances, would otherwise have not been available to them. All of these schemes are now gone and the Schools themselves are now the only source of funding.

This long history of assistance with fees at Stamford means that it is part of the Schools' DNA and fundamental to the character, culture and structure of the Schools and, in many ways, to the town of Stamford too.



Demand for support is not diminishing - in fact the Schools are seeing an increasing demand for large bursaries - and their goal is to retain the level of assistance historically provided.

Raising school fees to pay for bursaries would be self-defeating, taking the schools out of the reach of many current and prospective parents. The Schools therefore remain dependent upon the generosity of their supporters to help with this challenge.

Many SHS Old Girls have generously donated to the bursary fund and the Schools are very grateful for all the support received to date. Donations or legacies to provide bursary funding can change lives – please do consider if you can help.



Donations can be made as a lump sum or covenanted over a number of years. Gifts of all sizes are welcome. Donors of £1,000 or more (£10 per month or more for seven years with Gift Aid) will be invited to join The Browne Society.

Benefits of membership include a named seat in the new SES auditorium, invitations to Browne Society events, regular news updates and, in the case of significant donations, the opportunity to name a room or space at Stamford School.



Legacies are also most welcome. Anyone who informs that Schools that they have made provision for the Schools in their Will will be invited to join the new SES legacy society – The 1871 Society. Their generosity will be formally recognised and all members will be invited to an annual Society Lunch. The next lunch will take place in May in Stamford. If you would like to attend please contact the Foundation Office on 01780 750032.

If you would like more information about making a donation or leaving a legacy please contact the Foundation Director on 01780 750034.

REUNION DAY – 2 July 2016 TIMETABLE

DINING ROOM

10.00 am Coffee and Biscuits

LECTURE THEATRE

10.45 am AGM

ON THE QUAD

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

Pre Lunch Drinks

Official Photos to be taken including Reunion Year Groups

HALL

12.30 pm Buffet Luncheon
Speeches and Presentations and Raffle Prizes
School Song

School is open after Lunch

DINING ROOM

4.30 pm School Closes

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

Note: Jane Rodwell (nee Crowder)(64) has been in touch to say that because fewer people than hoped were able to attend the 50 year reunion in 2014, anyone who would like to attend as a 1964 leaver will be able to attend this year's reunion day. Anyone who would like to attend can contact her on 01189734848

Stamford High School and Stamford School Reunion in London

on Thursday 12 May 2016, 6.30pm – 8.30pm
at the **Lansdowne Club, near Berkeley
Square, London**

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

There will be a charge of £10 to attend and admission will be **strictly by ticket only**. Spaces are limited and tickets will be issued on a first come first served basis to SES former pupils 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 school.

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



The Lansdowne Club



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MINUTES OF 2015 AGM AND ACCOUNTS

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Stamford High School Old Girls' Guild held on Saturday, 27 June 2015.

Jill welcomed everyone to the AGM and said this year we were making an amendment to the constitution at the approval of those present at the AGM

Apologies for absence: 20 apologies received.

Minutes of AGM 2012 were signed as a true record. Proposed by Carol Threadgold and seconded by Claire Colton

Matters Arising – None

President's Address: See Report.

Junior School Report: There was no report from the Junior School

Amendment to Constitution
The amendment was to take the present subscription of £100 out and replace it with subscription to be renewed as necessary
This was carried unanimously

Chairman's Report: See Report.

Treasurer's Report:
Anita presented the Accounts, the notes for which are self-explanatory. Acceptance of the Accounts was proposed by Jill Pease and seconded by Claire Colton

Any Other Business
Claire Colton formally offered her thanks to the committee.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 11.20am.

SHS OLD GIRLS' GUILD

Income and expenditure account for financial year ended 30.04.2015

Note to the Accounts:-Subscriptions were received a late (after the 2014 AGM) but were in line with previous years. Subscriptions being increased to £100 for life membership. Printing & Postage costs had not been invoiced as at the end of April 2015.

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Balance b/forward 26.04.2014			
AGM 2014		AGM 2014	
Lunch	2775	Presentations	140
Raffle / Donations	248.00	Gratuities	115
Pin Badges	35	Flowers	40
		Food & Drink	2747
		Raffle Prizes	11.38
		Sundries	142.46
			3184.46
AGM 2015		Magazine 2015	
Lunch	270	Re-design	672
Subscriptions	4272.39	OCG Prize	50
Building Society Interest	14.8	Sundries	
		Postages	3.18
		Pin Badges	100
		London 2014	58.65
			161.83
		AGM 2015	
		Ticket printing	27
		Balances carried forward	
		Norwich and Peterborough	8355.55
		Lloyds TSB	5032.7
			13388.3
		Less unrepresented cqs	772
			12616.3
	16711.54		16711.5



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Stamford High School Old Girls

January 28 · 🌐

Throwback Thursday!

Who remembers spending their break times and lunch times here? What was your favourite part of the school?



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.

Do you want to know what's going on across SES?



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.
- @SES_Head - for all the latest news and events at Stamford High School
- @Stamford_Head - for all the latest news and events at Stamford School
- @SJS_Head - for all the latest news and events at Stamford Junior School

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