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Editorial

It is with great pleasure that I deliver your Old Girls' Magazine for 2016-17; a full round up of this year's events and news from the Old Girls' Guild, and, of course, news from where it all started for each of us reading this: Stamford High School.

I am immensely proud to return to SHS as a staff member this year, and I am hugely grateful for the help, direction and warm welcome from the Old Girls' Guild.

In early October, around a month into starting, I walked past a doorway at SHS with two Lower Fourth girls tearful, surrounded by friends. They had just held presentations on 'Inspirational People'. Both girls, without knowing, had chosen each other. I am reminded that this Stamfordian spirit – those who we have grown up with – is immensely inspirational, and I would count my own three closest friends, all Old Stamfordians, as testament to that. I hope that you feel, on reading this edition of the OGG Magazine, that we have similarly inspirational SHS Old Girls.

As usual, we have news from Old Girls worldwide this year, and from as many as has been possible to contact. I am hugely grateful to all those who have contributed to this issue. We are always looking for news and updates, and the production of magazines such as these are all due to their wonderful contributions.

The Foundation work with the Old Girls' database, enabling you to continue to stay in touch with old friends and the Schools. If you would like to continue to keep updated and to update our community, please do write in to us with your news and updates, and, of course, your changes of address! There are so many ways that you can stay in touch with Old Girls and the Old Girls' Guild. We have an ever popular Facebook page which we continue to update. This page is also yours to use, and we encourage posts, photos, and updates from you on it. We also have a LinkedIn feed in collaboration with the Old Stamfordian Club. It acts as a networking page for all SES Alumni. You can find out more on what is available to you from the pages at the end of the Magazine.

We are also trying to encourage events for all SES Alumni throughout the year. We will continue to update you with news and information as it is available.

Finally, I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at the upcoming Old Girls' Reunion. Please do come and say hello!

Sarah Mahoney (10)

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Chairman's Report by Jill Hamilton

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I'd like to begin by welcoming you all to the Lecture Theatre for this our 107th AGM, and I would just like to pause and repeat that fact, this is the 107th AGM a statistic that any organisation should be very proud of.

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 have improved significantly this year, so last year's pondering why numbers were down the answer must have been it was 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, sadly Lucy has decided to retire from the magazine production so if anyone can help in any way please do speak to me after the AGM.

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.

We have had a number of people this year who have decided that the time has come to leave the committee, if anyone feels they can help please do speak to me afterwards, there are a number of ways to help so please don't be shy.

Thanks to Vicky our President for her continued support. Vicky has been the Head of School for a year now, if anyone has not met Vicky I am sure she would be delighted to speak to you after the AGM.

We are always pleased to welcome Miss Tennison to our event, always enthusiastic supporter of the guild. I have received apologies from Gladys Bland she has for the first time in many years been unable to attend today, you will be pleased to hear this is only due to a double booking in her diary and she assures me she will be joining us next year.

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

Once again I commend the Foundation to you, if anyone would like any details I would be happy to provide Rachael Petrie's email details to you.

I wish Stamford Endowed Schools a very successful 2016-2017.

May Christ us Spede.

President's Address

Good afternoon everyone.

Before I launch into some of the finer points of the school year, I suppose, as it is the first time I have appeared formally as your 'president' – I feel very grand, that I ought to tell you a little about myself. I am come from an education background – and, unusually, am both the daughter and sister of head teachers. I grew up in the School House of a large urban Grammar school – before the comprehensivisation of the late 1970s. Initially a biology teacher, I gained my first promotion to a housemistress of a girls' boarding house in a large co-ed boarding school at the age of 25. Following a number of happy years looking after the interests and well-being of the girls I then moved to Surrey to be the Senior Deputy in a large co-ed school. And here I stand, rapidly approaching the end of my first year – and it has been very busy, action packed and I have loved every minute of being at the helm of this very special school.

I suppose the biggest thing you will notice about the school is the alteration to the quad classrooms and the arrival of some very brightly coloured lockers!

The result has been the opportunity for colleagues now to have their own classrooms and they have been able to really personalise the learning environment and keep resources and equipment together.

Thanks to the generosity of the Burghley estate, girls now have the opportunity to escape at lunch time and run off surplus energy in the lovely grounds that adjoin our school.

Year 8 pupils have been encouraged to bring tablets and iPads into school. The opportunity to consult the internet during class, to bring up an image or a video clip, to play a game, to find some useful resources or to make notes has been a revelation. Ask a class to sum up a biological concept in 140 characters, the length of a Tweet, and suddenly you have the electronic world meeting academia head on.

We are always looking for ways of refining and extending the educational experience and an aspect of the curriculum under review is our use of "Thursday B afternoons". Next year, a theme of mental health and well-being will be a feature of this, and our pastoral time, but, in addition, we have

invited departments to use the time to explore a topic or skills with a year group that are outside specifications but non-the-less interesting and useful. The programme is taking shape and I hope the girls will find it stimulating and challenging. I am looking forward, particularly, to "write and put on a play in 2 hours".

Of course, if you ask the girls what I have done you will be told that I will be bringing back the school hat, I've altered the words of the School Song, forbidden the caterers to serve chips on Friday and I've cancelled Christmas..... A parent shared with me that I had been likened to JK Rowling's Dolores Umbridge who made lots of rules for the youngsters of Hogwarts and nailed each new rule up in a picture frame outside her office. Well, I do have frames outside my office but I can assure you that it is the beautiful art work done by our Art scholars, no rules Although it is a thought...

Looking forward, the dining hall will be refurbished over the summer resulting in a much nicer and brighter environment – there are only so many times you can continue to smile cheerfully as another old girl tells you it hasn't changed since they were here The front hall and reception too will be given a facelift. My thanks have to go to our Maintenance Operatives and especially to Mr Marc Smith, the site supervisor, who has embarked upon an ambitious programme of improvement – and frankly, if something has been motionless for more than a few minutes this term, it has probably been painted.

Earlier in the week, our leadership team discussed, with representatives from SS, how we might draw the two schools closer together – continuing to share our expertise and resources whilst maintaining that unique arrangement of single sex education within a co-educational framework.

But how do you start to sum up a year which has seen so many activities which have made all of us glow with pride for our young people? Fixtures, plays, concerts, trips and individual successes in so many spheres; the booklet on your seats gives the fuller, and finer details. There has been a good deal of fun and laughter along the way and a large dollop of truly partisan House activity – from the loud and energetic House Music and Drama to debating and cooking. Highlights? The School gathering in St Martin's in honour of the Queen's birthday and belting out the National Anthem. Cantari and Canterini delighting us with their rendition of "You raise me up" in Chapel and

in Assembly. The wonderfully creative entries for both the Y7 Extended project Competition and the Shakespeare Competition. The solemnity of the top three laying the wreath of poppies on the ledge at the back of the hall on Remembrance Day; The spontaneous applause for our Y13 leavers as they left the stage after their last assembly; the gentleness and kindness of the girls helping at the Evergreen's Christmas Party and their dedication to fundraising for causes close to their hearts; the loyalty and enthusiasm of the boarders when showing any visitor around the boarding houses; the ferocity and passion of the argument as SHS opposed the motion "This House would abolish the monarchy"; the graciousness of the girls in victory on the sports field; the sensible and timely advice of my top three Charlotte, Hannah and Colette. I could go on, but I think you get the point – I am always very proud of what they do, how they behave and how they respond to each other – and how they instantly rise to an occasion. And, incidentally, the girls have raise £9.5k for a variety of good causes this year.

My son, a keen historian, has been sorting through the archives in an attempt to sort and catalogue the many magazines, reports, photographs, programmes and other memorabilia. When we put together the Remembrance Service this year, it struck me that we have no record of any girl who served or indeed was killed and there must be many. I would very much like to do this as it helps to give our ceremony an added focus. If anyone knows anything about anyone who served in either world war – or in conflicts since, I would love to know so we can put together a lasting memorial to service.

It has been a really lovely year – numbers are holding steady and we are still seeing pupils for possible September entry! When everything has settled down, I anticipate that we will have at least the same number of pupils we had last year – and possibly a few more! The School moves on into new territory with Will Phelan at the helm and I know we will become more "one school" – one big happy family sharing our resources and expertise. One thing will not change, however, and that is the firmly held belief that girls benefit enormously from single sex education between the ages of 11-16. I want girls to come to SHS believing anything is possible and that the ethos that supported and nurtured all of you will continue to be upheld at SHS.

Announcements

Births

Teryn Thorpe (11)

Congratulations to Teryn Thorpe and Chris Hicks who welcomed a baby girl, Autumn Rose Leah Hicks, on 13 September 2016 weighing 6lb 14oz.



Sophie Cornish (nee Smith) (96)

Married Dean Cornish (OS 96) in 2014 and on 12 May 2016 welcomed a baby girl, Beatrix Elizabeth Cornish, at 9lb 6oz.

Marriages

Sarah Jackson (nee Foreman) (07)

Congratulations to newly-wed Mrs Sarah Jackson who recently married in September to, now husband, Levi. Joining her (pictured left) was sister, Emily Foreman (11).



Marriages

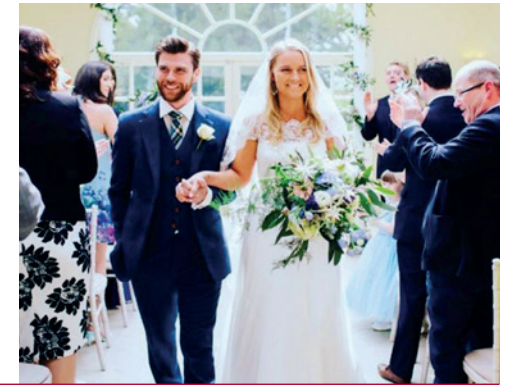
Lauren Colley (née Cox) (06) and Scott Colley (06)

Congratulations to Old Stamfordians Lauren and Scott Colley who were married at Asia House, London on Saturday 9 July. They were joined by Old Stamfordians from both schools, and held their reception at The Gherkin.



Laura Thomson-Dunne (née Dunne) (05)

Laura married William on 24 April 2015 at Stapleford Park. The happy couple travelled to Mexico for their honeymoon and continue to live in Stamford.



Christine Au Yeung (10) and Richard Sham (09)

Congratulations to Old Stamfordians Richard Sham and Christine Au Yeung who returned to Stamford for their pre-wedding photos and will be married on 30 September 2017. According to Hong Kong tradition, these are taken at a place they both hold in affection, as Christine and Richard met while boarding here.

Sarah Round (née Dunne) (07)

Sarah married Declan on 20 November 2015 at Wymondham Church and the reception was held at Stapleford Park. Bridesmaids included Laura Thomson-Dunne (05) (nee Dunne) and Laura Crees (07). There was also an extensive list of Old Stamfordians at the wedding. The couple honeymooned in the Maldives and now live in Yorkshire.



Special Events



Ann Bell (née Norman) (78)

On September 27th 2016, Colin and Ann Bell (nee Norman) (78) will have been married for 30 years.



They celebrated the anniversary on a Mediterranean cruise in October.

Ann Turner (née Ingram) (59)

David and Ann Turner will be celebrating their golden wedding anniversary on 10th September 2016. Congratulations!



Denise Speakman (nee Smith) (74)

Old Stamfordian and OGG Committee Minutes Secretary, Denise Speakman (74), has been awarded a British Empire Medal for public service in the Queen's New Year's Honours. Congratulations!

Deaths

Barbara Allen (née Tolley) (82)

We are saddened to hear of the death of Barbara Allen, née Tolley, on 6 October 2016. She was at Stamford High School 1975-82. She leaves a husband (Richard) and three children (Paul, Olivia, Natasha).

Obituaries



Jean Norris SHS History Teacher 1950s - 1965

Jean Norris was born on 4 July 1929 in Sherborne Dorset, where she was brought up and went to school. She studied history at Southampton University and entered the teaching profession, arriving at SHS in [the late 1950s] as head of the two-person history department. She remained at SHS until the summer of 1965, when she left to become house-mistress of Douglas House at Godolphin School, Salisbury, as she wished to be nearer her parents in Sherborne. After some years she left Godolphin because of her mother's failing health; she cared for her until her death in 1974, and then for her father until he died in 1981. Life was enlivened by successive bull terriers, of which I remember the first, Blenheim (son of Churchill).

After her father's death, leaving her with no close family in England, she decided to follow her only brother to Australia, where he had emigrated many years earlier, and took a post (I think pastoral rather than academic) at a school in Melbourne. She worked there until her final retirement, then remained in Melbourne until her death on 21 September 2015.

While in Stamford Jean lodged in Luffenham (later renamed Windmill) Cottage, Tinwell Road, with Miss Barbara Irons, who had taught music at SHS and continued her association with the school by boarding various young mistresses. Jean was a devout member of the Church of England and in Stamford attended St Mary's church. In Sherborne she attended the Abbey, in Salisbury the Cathedral, and in Melbourne she was a member of Christ Church, South Yarra, where her requiem was held on 14 October 2015.

Jean was always, I think, a much loved teacher. I can't honestly say that I think she was a particularly good history teacher, but there was never any doubt as to her interest in her subject, and in her pupils. She moved in an atmosphere of enjoyment, whatever life brought her – and some might regard her life as not particularly enjoyable. I believe she rejected the chance of marriage because her young man was Polish and it would have meant leaving her parents on their own. She gave up her teaching career when her parents required her care, and in her fifties courageously embarked on life in a new country. Of course she made a new circle of friends, and enjoyed being able to see her brother and his family, but it was a big break.

She was never ever heard to complain about anything. 'Where are these unpleasant people?' she asked once when some particularly nasty piece of news came up. 'I've never met any.' And she never had. She always saw the best in everyone and everything. Her teaching style may have been discursive – at SHS her nickname was 'Fog' – but it was because she found everything so fascinating. She was never sharp with a child, or sarcastic, or chiding, but I

don't think she had any disciplinary problems. The only time I remember her being even slightly out of temper was in the Upper Sixth, when an 'A' level class on the Thirty Years War decided to find the name Axel Oxenstierna exquisitely funny. Even then I don't think her ire took the form of anything more than a rap on the desk and a brief explosion of wrath. She took her pupils seriously as individuals, caring for their welfare as much – if not more – than for their academic progress. She was never judgemental – one could have told her anything, in the security that she would help and not criticize.

I was lucky in that Jean became a friend of my parents (Canon Edgar and Dr Wright), and of course I too was a historian, so continued to know her, and know her well, after my schooldays were over. She stayed with us when she visited Stamford, and I saw her in Dorset when at various times I was living there myself. She was always encouraging, and interested. The last letter I had from her was in the summer of 2015 – as I now know, not long before her death – shortly before I attended the 50 year reunion of my year, to which she sent her good wishes. Even on the other side of the world, I shall miss her.

Hilary Clare (née Wright) (65)



Iris Harris (née Cliff) 8 November 1934 – 16 February 2017

HARRIS Iris (Sister Harris of Ancaster Ward, Stamford Hospital) passed away on 16 February 2017, aged 82 years. Much loved wife of the late Keith, a dear mum, grandmother and great grandmother and a much loved friend to so many.

Iris joined the Old Girls Guild Committee in 1997 and has been an active member of the committee ever since. The introduction in the 1997/1998 magazine says -

"Left from Upper Vth in 1951, trained as a nurse at Westminster Hospital. For over 11 years was a sister at Stamford Hospital then until retirement in 1994 taught nursing at Peterborough. Now a part time teacher of NVQ courses at Catmose College, Oakham."

But to me it sounds like while Iris wrote that resume, what it doesn't tell you is that Iris was loved by all she met, she was fair and a calming influence whatever happened around her. She was always available for committee meetings. Even after her beloved husband Keith died she would find a way to get to Stamford from Barnack.

Iris' greatest achievement for the SHS Old Girls' Guild was that for the last five years she did all the bookings for the annual reunion, which involved her mastering the dreaded computer and email, those of you who had any communication from her will know she was always courteous despite all those late bookings!

Iris was brought up by her Grandmother and Aunt in Stamford after her Mum died when she was a few days old. She had two sons and several grandchildren and great grandchildren who she adored.

Iris' funeral took place at St John the Baptist Church, Barnack, on Monday 6 March 2017 at 11.30.

Jill Hamilton (née Betts) (80)

News of Old Girls

1930s

GADD, (Ethel) Mary (née Parrish) (37)

Now 95. I have 2 daughters who live near to me, 8 grandchildren (one in New Zealand and one in California) 5 great grand-children. After School I worked in the family business “Parrish and Sons” outfitters in Stamford High Street. Soon after WWII began I was called up to the WRENS where I served in Plymouth, Northern Ireland and Scotland. After the war I returned to Stamford and got married. My husband worked for Barclays Bank. We had our first daughter whilst in Stamford and moved to Lincoln where our second daughter was born. Later we moved to Boston and then Horncastle. After my husband’s death I moved to Somerset to be near my second daughter as she was a busy GP with five small children. I think I was rather useful! I made a new life for myself here being involved in the Church, Mother’s Union, music (I played the violin) and charity work. (Particularly with CRUSE and the local hospice in Taunton). I still manage to live on my own at home with support and enjoy going out for lunch with my family, going for concerts, church and Mother’s Union. I love my garden but sadly can no longer look after it! supporting the Regional Academies.

1940

BRADLEY, Mary (Bobbie) (née Sharp)

(45) Family life. 2 sons, 3 daughters, busy days. Animals. Gardening, farming, racing. New “retirement” – mother, grandmother and great-grandmother of nine.

OWEN, Joan (née Weston) (45)

My great grandson was born last April (2015) and my youngest grandson gained his wings in the RAF. I am an active member of the local U3A and also the mother’s union.

BROWN, Anne (née Holmes) (43)

Having celebrated my 90th birthday with a wonderful party, attended by all 5 children, 8 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, I suddenly found it too difficult to cope on my own! In spite of having daughter, Rosemary, near at hand, I am in a care home! Wonderful staff – always willing.

1950

SMALLMAN, Sally (née Smyth) (54)

Can’t believe my 3 sons are all over 50! Life not easy for them – eldest out of work for 2 years now, next is struggling too and Jonathan who is brain injured working for a charity now fighting to keep his job! You think it’s hard when they’re young!! Daughter, however, is doing fine! Still volunteering at Headway Shropshire for one day a week doing cognitive work with those with aphasia or memory loss – very rewarding. But volunteers becoming few and far between – from 12+ down to 6 in as many years. Also still sing with Community choir and (after auditions!) a small part of that choir to sing at the Haydn Festival in Bridgnorth in June! Art class too – still improving!

TURNER, Ann (née Ingram) (59)

David and I will be celebrating our golden wedding anniversary on 10th September 2016.

1960

DAWSON, Juliet Ann (née Samworth) (60)

Continue with voluntary work at Peterborough Cathedral. I was on duty when the Duchess of Cornwall visited recently. I celebrated my 73rd birthday in May, the same day as my grandson was four. The following week my granddaughter was six – it was all parties. I have been busy with various celebration for the WI Centenary.

RODWELL, Jane (née Crowder) (62)

I am a grandmother to the girls – one 5 yrs and the other 2 yrs old. Although retired, I invigilated a local school in exam times. I play bridge up to four times a week – which I enjoy.

TURNBULL, Suzanne (64)

Married, two daughters, three grandchildren – 18 yrs/14 yrs and 2 ½ years. Now retired, worked for local FE College as Contracts manager.

FLINT, Susan (66)

Just enjoying a very busy and sociable retirement back in the Stamford area.

HORN, Janette (née Richardson) (65)

After retirement now busy with residents groups, local choirs, grandchildren and Britain in Bloom locally.

1970

BELL, Ann (née Norman) (78)

On September 27th 2016, Colin and Ann Bell will have been married for 30 years. We will be celebrating the event on a Mediterranean cruise. On Sunday 12th June, Colin and I opened our garden for the Helpston Open Gardens. We had lots of praise from other keen gardeners. £1440 was raised by 10 gardens being opened going to our Church and Village Hall funds.

MORGAN, Jill (76)

Royal Hospital (2009 – Present) previously working for British Council (home and overseas) (1980 – 2006)

BEAUMONT, Kythe (76)

Happily living in Sheffield with Sally – partner of 33 years and 2 cats. Senior Lecturer Faculty of Health and Social Care, the Open University. Member of a choir in Sheffield, I was in one at School! Enjoy holidays and narrowboat on the UK canals.

O’CONNELL, Pat (née Bunning) (76)

Husband, Andrew, property developer. Children, Will (23), History and Politics degree at Trinity College, Dublin, Georgie (21), 3rd year at Exeter University studying Geography. Sally Bunning is still based in Rome working for FAO in Sustainable Development and Biodiversity in mainly Africa, but travels extensively. GP partner in North Walsham, Norfolk, now 3 days weekly. Enjoy playing tennis and just taken up golf.

STOKES, Melanie (74)

Secondary Teacher.

MERCER, Caroline (née Fisher) (76)

Married with 1 son (who is in his 1st year at Cardiff University studying Spanish and Portuguese). Currently working part-time as a kitchen designer as well as running a home-based network marketing business.

TURNER, Revd. Elaine (née Williams) (76)

Married to Chris Tuner (ex Stamford School) in 1979. We have 2 daughters, Louise (25) who is a primary school teacher near Lincoln and is married to a Russian, Nikita Nefedov; and Lottie (21) who is in her second year at University in Nottingham and has just completed 4 months study in Prague. We also have a mad cocker spaniel, Ollie. Celebrating

out 37th wedding anniversary this year. BSc (Hons) 1979 in Civil Engineering, Birmingham University and Post Grad diploma. Worked in Civil Engineering for 33 years. Obtained my professional qualifications MICE and MISTRUCTE. Worked 20 years in private sector and 13 years public sector. Retired as Head of Highways at Lincolnshire CC in 2013. Was ordained Priest in Church of England in 2005 and wore a non-stipendiary capacity in a group of 11 rural churches. We have a narrow boat and enjoy long trips in summer months.

PITCHER, Diana (née Jessop) (74)

I run a property investment company in Gloucestershire with my husband, John.

ELDERGILL, Emma (76)

Retired from IBM.

HIRST, Elizabeth (76)

Married to Nicholas Webster – ex Stamford School. 2 children, Anna and Miranda. Principal conservator at Hirst Conservation with a 30 year anniversary in 2016. Voluntary Consultant Editor of The Journal of Architectural Conservation.

COBB, Carol (née Mountfield) (76)

I have 3 “kids” in their 20s now and was widowed 12 years ago. I am a Gastroenterologist and General Physician and Associate Medical Director in North West Birmingham living in Edgbaston in the middle of the city. I was part time from 1988 until 2000 and have supported women in medicine and advised what are now called full-time trainees for 18 years.

1980

EAVES, Alison (née Matthews) (80)

graduated with an MA in Applied Coaching from the University of Derby. Alison continues to work in television and film, and focussed her dissertation on actors and confidence.

GERVIS, Charlotte (née Stanton) (86)

In 2015, Hal and I celebrated 20 years of marriage, 11 of which we've spent living in Lexington, Kentucky. We are now back on this side of the pond and wondering where the next chapter will take us. We have three children Jemima (16), Tabitha (13) and Ned (7). Through the wonders of social media, I have connected with many old girls and enjoy friendly banter – on occasion it's like being back in the common room!

HOUGHTON, Emma (91)

With partner Simon for five years with two children, Billy (2) and Nancy (6 months). BA Hons Business and MSc Clothing Product Development with Distinction. Currently writing a biography.

GALE, Natalie (née Carter) (91)

After working for Cambridgeshire Constabulary and then Bedfordshire Police as a Financial Investigator from 2002 to 2013, I decided to take some time out and became a full time mum to my two children. In 2014 we moved to Silverstone due to a change in location of my husband's job and started our 4th House Renovation Project along with many a weekend spent at Silverstone Circuit watching the motor racing which we both love. I also became a Parent Governor at my children's school. In September last year I went back to work and I am currently an Office Administrator for a local company that sets up Exhibition Stands for numerous clients attending University Careers Fairs.

BRYERS, Katie (née Pattinson) (89)

Married with two children.

1990

DAWSON, Dr Sarah (97)

Married James Blackburn in Beverley on 27th June 2015. Baby Rupert James Blackburn born on 5th April 2016. Appointed as consultant in Anaesthetics and Intensive Care at Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust in September 2015 (but currently on maternity leave).

McCALLUM, Michelle (née Smith) (94)

Married in 1999, two children Emily (15) and William (14). Director of Remark Global Ltd.

SMART, Helen (née Shaw) (91)

Daughter Abigail (13) and son Harry (11). Settled in Rainham in Kent with husband of 17 years, Darren. Worked in International reinsurance before children. After children, went back to University and retrained as Primary School Teacher. Currently at home doing lots of volunteer work on School PTFAs, as school governor and as Treasurer of a community football club.

MYSKOW, Anna (91)

Married 13 years, two children, Grace (10) and Harvey (8). Accountant working for a media company.

HANCOX, Naomi (91)

Married to Vanessa for 8 years, daughter Molly (20). Consultant Anaesthetist at Barts Health.

CARESS, Jackie (née Wilkin) (91)

Three children – Joseph (12), James (10) and Grace (7). Primary School teacher in Leamington Spa.

FARRELL-WALL, Hannah (née Farrell) (90)

I have two children, James (13) and Joel (8) and a stepson, Jordan (18). Married to Simon. Work at Ragdale Hall as Senior Treatments Manager – been there for 23 years.

PRIDHAM, Rebecca (née Parker) (91)

Lives with husband John and daughters Georgia (10) and Kate (9) near Stratford upon Avon. Became a Chartered Accountant in 1999 and now currently working for BPP writing training manuals and questions for accountancy students. Hobbies are running, triathlons and being Mum's taxi service to the girls.

WATSON, Sarah (née Childs) (91)

Married to David with three children: Adam, Rory and Nicole. Graduated as an Occupational Therapist at Sheffield. Living in Newcastle, Staffs.

CORNELIUS, Lizzie (née Emery) (91)

We moved back to the Stamford area in 2014 after spending 11 years living in Chester. Our 2 daughters now go to the Junior School which they love. I am working for Anglian Water in Peterborough in Asset Management.

RAWLINSON, Jane (91)

Recently engaged! Beauty therapy tutor and lecturer at Peterborough Regional College for the past 4 years. Runs own beauty business part-time alongside teaching and currently studying for my 25 teaching degree. Previous career history: for 12 years working in management for skincare company, Clarins UK, working in salons and health spas across the country.

KETTERINGHAM, Clare (née Grove) (91)

Married Darren Ketteringham, year above me at Stamford Boys School, in 2000. 16 year anniversary this year (Aug). Have a boy (12) and a girl (11). Degree at Newcastle University – BSc Agric and Biol Food and Human Nutrition. Worked at Mars, moved to Australia for 3 years, had children, “retired” and now work part time for Claire Gibbons (OS 92)!

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WOOLLISCROFT, Amy

(née Robinson) (06) Married 11/06/16 to Neil Woolliscroft. First child, Sophia Peggy born 23/11/15. Ancient History and History BA from Cardiff University, graduated 2009. Now National Account Manager at Produce World.

WESTON, Sally (06)

Engagement in March 2016, to be married July 2017. Obtained 2:1 in Marine Engineering from Newcastle University in 2011. Worked for a Ship Repair yard in Middlesborough from 2011-2016 as Project Manager. Now employed as a Technical Support Engineer for Logistics Company, LV Shipping.

FLETCHER, Emily

(née Whittingham) (06) Married Chris Fletcher (OS 06) in August 2015.

2010s

PATEL, Sapna (10)

Currently working for Christies in Development. Previously I have worked for the London School of Economics, Sotheby’s Institute of Art, various private galleries in London and major London art fairs. I also worked in management consulting before going back to the art world. I currently also work as an Illustrator and sell my prints. I also work as a freelance henna artist and have accepted bridal henna commissions. Degree: BA (Hons) History of Art, University of Birmingham (2013).

OGG Reunion Day 2016

The Old Girls’ Reunion Day at Stamford High School was held on Saturday 2 July 2016. Another reunion enjoyed by all who attended.

Reunion Day Photographs



Ten year reunion



Twenty year reunion



Twenty Five year reunion



Thirty year reunion



Thirty-five year reunion



Committee



Fifty year reunion



The Catering Team



Fifty two year reunion



Sixty year reunion



OGG London Reunion 2016

On Thursday 12 May 2016, the third SHS London Reunion took place at the Lansdowne Club in Mayfair. We were joined by nearly 50 former SHS pupils, where wine and canapés were available to guests to catch up with old friends.

Head of Stamford High School, Vicky Buckman, along with Headmaster of Stamford School, Will Phelan and Foundation Director, Rachael Petrie, were in attendance, and the event was well received by all guests attending.

Please put Thursday 18 May 2017 at the Lansdowne Club for this year's event in your diaries!



Stamford High School and Stamford School London Reunion

On Thursday 18 May 2017, 6.30pm – 8.30pm
at the Lansdowne Club, near Berkeley Square, London

This promises to be a fantastic evening. A relaxed and enjoyable event in the Lansdowne Club, Mayfair, for all SES Alumni to meet with old friends and make new acquaintances.

There will be a charge of £15 to attend.
Tickets will be issued on a first come first served basis for alumni only.

Join us for this event by emailing foundation@ses.lincs.sch.uk with your name (and name at school if different) and year of leaving.



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

A conversation piece

Pauline Wiley (née Brown) 1947-54

As a 10 year old I entered the Senior School in September 1947. A severe shock to my system ensued as I was quite unprepared for the high standard of work, demeanour, and dress requirements combined with the draconian school rules at the time. It took me about 18 months to realise that this was something that I enjoyed as I adjusted to the demanding environment. Little did I understand that not only my speech would be modified by voice production but that my whole world would alter. Having been used to all female teachers I found that here were people who were really clever, although they looked quite normal. There was a great range of age and experience within the staff from those who had gone through both world wars to those who had just come through WWII. The words “role model” were not common at the time however I realise now that this was displayed every day, matters regarding work were on view.

It was apparent that within the structure of tailored suits, smart summer outfits and the beginning of “mix and match” that each staff member was an individual following fashions in ways that worked for them. The words “blue stockings” did not apply as there was such talent shown to us in our daily lives. The variety shown introduced the concept of never judge a book by its cover, modest dressing and demeanour very often had great understanding and flamboyance equal to that shown by more colourful characters.

At that time all staff were unmarried but that did not hold them back. Most staff members lived in the town, house or flat sharing, taking part in many clubs and activities becoming well known characters as the years went by. Another display of the need for the understanding that there is a world outside work.

In the late 40s early 50s we were taught in huts with stoves for heat surrounded by large, robust fireguards. A great deal of time was spent waiting for staff to scorch their skirts whilst perched on said guards. The House System was well in operation with house gardens, wild flower competitions weekly in Summer, with points being given for various activities: the house plays were a highlight during Summer. Stamp saving and funding for the SHS cot in the Elizabeth Garret Anderson Hospital were part of our house collections.

A great shock to me occurred on the games field, tennis courts and gym – achieved by re-modelling the Hall, high standards were demanded it put you truly off for life until college when it was not compulsory. In later years I understood the ceremony of the Wimbledon Balls – six used balls greeted with wonder by the assembled school, rubber during the war years was in short supply for frivolous games etc, hence the importance. It did nothing for my enjoyment of tennis then or now as did the introduction of Netball. Hockey was played in the Park beyond where the Golf Course is now; walks round the Park were de rigour when it was impossible to play. Opportunities to become umpires, tennis referees, were all on offer. Swimming was at the Town Baths in the summer with all the usual medals there for the taking.

New buildings appeared without too much being noticed by the pupils. The School Rules still reared large in our experience extending to demeanour in Park Lane with cycling as the victim. Road safety must have been the concern but not to us. Violin, Piano and Ballet were on offer as extras; visits to the school by the Royal Ballet, Donald Wolfit’s touring Theatre group, helping a young composer at Cambridge – Benjamin Britten no less! Various other talks and cinema visits provided a very rich learning environment.

Progression through the school was inexorable. To this day sheer fear prevents me from going on the grass in the quad – no roses then. This fear extends to other schools even when their quads are tarmacked – yours truly has to walk round the edge. Assembly was achieved in pure silence with the door knob being turned by the accompanying reader bringing that feeling of apprehension about reading daily for a week at Assembly. There were ways around everything, uniform included, with a rich life being lived as a result. Some people found the environment too much and wanted to leave as we all did when disappointments or our concept of unfairness occurred. It has to be said that for myself staff respected my views giving me no come back if my facts were correct. We were greatly aided by the debating society, sometimes being given the opposite view to argue, given our known opinions.

The school corridors were ablaze with colour and paintings from Old Masters to Matisse, Cezanne, Van Gogh and Picasso. The school appeared to belong to an Art Library organised from the Art Dept. in its prized, specially built studio, with very large North facing windows: a great feature for the 1930s.

We all remained at school after the exams. These were invigilated by a former Staff member who epitomised authority despite her diminutive size. Lessons continued with the Staff in a relaxed mode. We learned some Greek, Latin verse, myths and legends, a partial history and language of Burma and other Asian scripts, history of Art combined with Modern Art. We found that our teachers often had talents outside their usual subjects.

I enjoyed my school days but I was ready to move on. The draconian rules did me no harm, my individuality was not compromised, in fact all the expectations, subtly suggested, worked for me. The seemingly petty rules about behaviour etc. made us a generation of confident, problem solving people, a great advantage in the work place. Walking for the last time with friends to the Town Bridge, our hats thrown joyfully into the river, a new world opened but that's another story. Space and reader boredom mean that so much has been left out. I hope that long conversations about SHS happen as a result.

Lessons in Commuting

Brenda Hazel (née Dicks) (75)

While having a clear out in the loft recently I came across my first school bus pass (pictured) which brought back all sorts of memories of commuting to school.

The village I grew up in was King's Cliffe in Northamptonshire in the days of the Eleven Plus examination which meant that those of us who passed were given places at SHS courtesy of Northamptonshire County Council. We relied on the United Counties bus company to take us to and from school on their regular public bus services for which we received a bus pass from the Council. Our bus service route number was 275 (later changed to 245) and it ran from Corby to Stamford via the villages of Weldon, Bulwick, Blatherwycke, King's Cliffe, Duddington, Collyweston and Easton-on-the-Hill, stopping to set us down opposite the school before ending its journey at Stamford bus station. Going home it would follow the same route in reverse. The bus was a single-decker in the standard green United Counties livery, but as to make and model number I cannot say except I'm sure that bus fanciers today would be delighted if they came across any of the ones we travelled on still in roadworthy condition. Our rival bus was the United Counties double-decker bus service No 274/244 which also ran between Corby and Stamford but stuck to the A43, avoiding the detour at Bulwick to Blatherwycke and King's Cliffe. The two routes merged again at Duddington and the two buses would often leapfrog each other at the various stops from there all the way into Stamford.

King's Cliffe is quite a large village so there were several bus stops. Mine was at the far end of the village in West Street. My next-door-neighbour, Linda, was two years ahead of me at school and her house had a sheltered porch over her front door so Gillian and I from my year used to join her there to wait for the bus! As soon as we spotted it coming round the corner we would rush down the path to the bus stop which was just a few yards from her front gate.



When I look back on it now, many of the behaviours exhibited by myself and my contemporaries were just the same as those observed among London commuters, whose ranks I joined years later when I moved to North Oxfordshire, such as the habit of standing in the same position each day outside school waiting for the bus home with the same group of friends and once on board the preference for the same set of seats. And just as commuters always know where their season ticket is, the last thing you wanted to do was lose your school bus pass! The one big difference was that during the 1970s there were no such things as mobile phones or personal mp3 players to keep us entertained. The only diversions we therefore had were reading or chatting to our friends. Sometimes we did last-minute homework such as revising German or Latin vocab before a test or exam - much like today's commuters pouring over figures in a spreadsheet on their laptops on their way in to an important meeting.

And just as commuters have to remember to set the alarm in order to be ready in time to catch the train, so it was with the bus. I knew that if I wasn't downstairs and eating my breakfast by a certain time I would have to get a move on. I confess there was at least one occasion when my father had to get the car out of the garage at short notice and drive me to one of the other villages further along the route to drop me off at a later stop! Needless to say I never missed the bus home!

Buses still had conductors in those days and when I first started using the bus, our regular conductor was a rather strict gent whom I remember as Mr Bernie but I'm not sure whether this was his first name or last. No shouting or unruly behaviour when he was on duty! I remember an argument once breaking out over who was going to sit where (probably on the back seat) which brought him down the gangway to announce that there was no saving of seats as "this is an OMNIBUS".

Of course hats were never put on until we reached Stamford and certainly did not stay on our heads all the way home! The act of getting on the bus to come home could be a bit of a free-for-all (as with commuters trying to pile on the train). I remember we were all once reprimanded about this as the school had received a complaint from a lady who regularly caught the bus outside the school. Thereafter we were always on our best behaviour whenever this lady was present and all stood well back to let her on first! On Fridays the buses would be particularly full of shoppers as it was market day.

The route to and from school was quite picturesque so it was always pleasant to just look out of the window. One of my most vivid memories is from the year

that the Duddington by-pass was completed and the banks of the cutting through which the new stretch of road passed were covered with red poppies. When I was older I realised that this ability of poppy seeds to suddenly germinate en masse in disturbed soil was how the poppy came to be a symbol of World War I. The extra height at which we sat on the bus compared to in a car allowed us good views over the hedgerows. As our route would skirt past part of RAF Wittering it was not uncommon to look across the fields and in the distance see RAF Harriers hovering in a single spot above the ground, a feat I took for granted and didn't really appreciate until watching them replicate this manoeuvre as a crowd pleaser at air displays many years later.

However, my best memory of travelling on the bus was the day we were all sent home early because of the snow. I think it was when I was in the Lower IVth. I was sitting in the middle of a lesson when two senior girls from the bus came to collect me as United Counties had informed the school it was about to run the last bus of the day. I couldn't quite believe my luck! Once out of the town and off the main roads it was quite clear why - it had been snowing hard all morning so it was impossible to tell where the road ended and the verge began and on one corner in a dip coming out of the woods on the last leg of the journey home the bus got briefly stuck as one of the rear wheels lost its grip.

The next day I think we all enjoyed staying at home indulging in various snow-based activities. Every winter after that I secretly hoped for a repeat occurrence but none came. However, it did teach me how weather conditions can upset travel arrangements and my subsequent train journeys in adult life were often disrupted by not only snow, but frozen points, leaves on the line, fallen trees etc.

So, although the school song extols what might be learnt "within these walls of grey", there were also useful life experiences to be gained while travelling to and from those very walls.

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

Kati Warren (11)



I attended Stamford High School from 2004-2011 and in February 2016 I joined the Admissions Team to take on International and Boarding Admissions, which involves aspects of events and marketing and developing relationships with prospective parents and pupils. We welcome pupils from all over the UK as well as a variety of countries across the world, which is really interesting.

There are a lot of new faces around both the Schools and I've noticed a lot of changes, but at the same time it all feels very familiar - like I only just left. It's actually really lovely to see teachers and staff that I recognize; you almost forget that it all

carries on when you leave. Being back has brought back so many fond memories and reminded me of things like how exciting it was to be first into lunch and how unfair it was that staff are allowed to skip the queue!

I formed wonderful friendships whilst at Stamford and whilst I've remained in touch with close friends, social media has enabled me to keep up to date with the majority of my classmates.

My fondest memories are probably the times spent with my form throughout the years and we enjoyed relaxing in one of the gardens the School has. I also enjoyed the many trips we were able to go on including the geography trip to Cevennes, a ski trip to Switzerland, visiting Auschwitz in Poland and taking part in the Spanish exchange to Madrid. Other memories that stand out include representing the school in the tennis team, GCSE English lessons with Mr Austen, French lessons, and mostly, developing a friendship with Mrs. Wileman because I forgot my PE bag so many times!!

Straight after school I went to work in Australia as a nanny for three months. I then did some more travelling with Beth Scoble (OS 11), who I am still best friends with since we sat next to one another in Year 9 biology!

My favourite A Level subjects were biology and chemistry and it was Dr Hill's teaching and encouragement that led me to study Biochemistry at Royal Holloway, University of London.

At university I enjoyed being close to London and was part of the horse riding team, competing regularly around the country. In the future I'd like to travel more and hopefully move to London (or maybe somewhere warmer) and use the experience I'm gaining now to further my career.

Victoria Hobbs (08)



When I found out the Olympics were taking place in London, I just knew I had to be a part of it. I knew I could never be an athlete but volunteering was my way of making a difference and experiencing something that would be amazing.

Luckily, I was a ball girl for the beach volleyball at Horse Guards Parade. I met some fantastic people and being on the late shifts meant that I had a lot of the USA matches. My cousins in America even spotted me on the TV, as I was passing the ball to gold medalist May. I also got a free ticket to the tech rehearsal of the opening ceremony, which was unbelievable.

For the Paralympics I was a member of the athlete services team for the sitting volleyball and in total I got to be involved in 3 gold medal matches in London. I even managed to get a photo with me and a Paralympic Gold Medal and the Chinese lady gave me her flowers that they are given (which I still have today).

The field of play team at London Beach Volleyball, all vowed to meet up in Rio in four years' time and do it all again. I was the only one who took it seriously, so after saving over £3000 I went to Rio de Janeiro, to be part of the media volunteer team at the beach volleyball on Copacabana Beach. Not many people can say they have done that.

I had so many great experiences. I got to stay in an apartment with other volunteers of different sports, I saw Christ the Redeemer, Nicola Adams at the boxing, get in the crowd of the women's diving, see Usain Bolt in his 100m heat and plenty more. I spent a month of my summer holidays (I'm a teacher) being in Rio and having one of the best summers ever.

When it comes to Tokyo, I don't know. I'd love to be able to go but I don't know what my future holds for me. If not a volunteer, maybe a spectator.

If anyone is thinking of taking part in an opportunity like this: go for it. It will be amazing and you will never forget it. Even if it isn't volunteering at an Olympic or Paralympic Games, just go for it, because you don't know when the opportunity with next come up. Go and work at a camp in America, go backpacking around Europe, build homes or schools in Africa or India; you will be a more confident, independent person and the memories will stay with you for ever. It may even set you up for a new adventure.

Maggie Smith (née Fairman) (49)



Only another 18 months until my 70th Anniversary Leavers' lunch! Some of you will have read details and photos of my life as an evacuee at SHS from 1941 – 49 in 'Arriving Where I Started', a memoir of my first three decades. How those years changed my life; although I have lived away from Stamford since I left school, I love going to the London Old Girls meetings, Old Boys as well this year, where I am treated as a valued golden oldie! I've met someone whose Grandma was in my year (Margaret Jessop), daughters of boys we knew and in May this year, two new Heads. The book has brought me emails and news of others, staff too, plus photos of sports teams I'd forgotten I was in! (Would Miss Tebbs have

found that grammatical?) Hockey is a little beyond me now, but TS Eliot, introduced in 1946 by a wonderful English teacher as the newest literary star is still my favourite poet. There were no trips abroad in my time – there was a war on for most of it – but we saw and performed in an amazing variety of the arts. Some of my contemporaries are still around – Jo Sibson, Monica Hudson, Daisy Sharpe, Maureen Fox-Browne and possibly others. An education at SHS definitely enriches your whole life, or it certainly did mine.

The plea in last month's Newsletter for old editions of the school magazine reminded me that SHS will inherit my copies of those from 1946 – 1950, when I left school. I have also, though I'm not sure why, kept every one of my school reports. Academic record not bad – behaviour sometimes left a little to be desired. I used them to research my Memoir, 'Arriving Where I Started,' which has several chapters on my life as an evacuee at SHS. I thought younger readers might be interested in a few magazine extracts which demonstrate some of the vast differences.

The 1946 Magazine, the first printed edition since war began, listed 'Some Academic results during 1939-44':

Oxford School Certificates	155
Oxford Higher Certificates	28 (with 4 distinctions)
Royal Drawing Society	33 Full Honours Certificates (Art played a vital part in our education)

Reports were presented rather more conventionally than today

'On December 11 1942 the school had the pleasure of a song recital by Mrs Pledger, accompanied on the piano by Mrs Tinkler.' I'm not sure if these were members of staff or parents, I know the Pledger boys were at Stamford School.

'In February 1944 we had a series of very helpful lessons on sex education by Dr Mary Collis.'

My friends and I were covered in embarrassments, trying desperately not to giggle.

Discussion Group 1947: The subject 'A woman cannot make a success of a career and marriage as well' proved interesting. A suggestion was made that if both husband and wife had a career, the husband should give substantial help to his wife with the housework when they returned home at night. The male point of view was not represented, which is probably why the suggestion met with unanimous approval. The motion was carried by 22 votes – 13!

July 1948 – Headmistress' address at Speech Day

Games and sports can never play such a large part in girls' as in boys' schools – girls are physically not fitted for some of the more extreme forms of sport. But this does not mean that games are unimportant. I must stress the importance of games in that they develop alertness, quick judgment and initiative; and at the same time self-discipline and unselfishness, when played as a member of a team. If women are to play their full part as homemakers and as members of the community. The development of these qualities is no less essential than to boys. Games, therefore, are a valuable part of the curriculum.

July 1948:

Those continuing to Higher education: University 2; Teacher training colleges 5; (not a degree course then); Physiotherapy 2; Secretarial college 2; Old Vic theatre school 1; Agricultural college 1 July 1949

University 3; Teacher training colleges 10; Webber Douglas drama college 1; Secretarial college 2.

Does the growth of feminism make sense to you now?

Danielle Harris (00)



As part of our U6 Stamford High School leavers' year book, we were all asked to write something about our future ambitions. I remember stating that I wanted to study whales, which, according to my parents, was an interest from early childhood that had never faded. In 2001, I took the first step to achieving this career goal by arriving at the University of St Andrews to study Marine and Environmental Biology. Over the course of my degree, I was able to gain valuable experience through research assistantships with the Sea Mammal Research Unit located at St Andrews - zipping around the Fife coast in a small boat studying the local bottlenose dolphins and flying around Scotland photographing seal colonies from the air were definite highlights.

These roles gave me some insight into what it meant to be a marine scientist, and a really important realisation was that data analysis is an integral part of the day job (in fact, a few weeks of fieldwork can easily generate months of sitting in front of a computer crunching numbers!). Maths and statistics go hand-in-hand with biology and I learnt more about the quantitative skills that biologists use during my Masters' studies. For example, how do you work out how many whales and dolphins are in the worlds' oceans? It turns out that estimating the size of animal populations isn't a straightforward task but an important one, given the wide variety of conservation issues threatening wildlife today.

One way to monitor marine animals is to listen to them. Sound travels exceptionally well in water and underwater microphones (hydrophones) can be used to eavesdrop on calling whales and dolphins. However, the challenge is then to convert the recorded calls into numbers of animals (imagine placing a few microphones around Stamford and then trying to work out the size of the town's population based on the recorded conversations). This research problem formed both the basis of my Ph.D. thesis (studying blue and fin whales) and subsequent projects that I have worked on in my current role as a Research Fellow at the Centre for Research into Ecological and Environmental Modelling in St Andrews.

I really enjoy the multi-disciplinary and collaborative nature of my job. This field of research encompasses not only biology, maths and statistics, but also oceanography, physics, computer science and working with cutting-edge technology. Working in teams comprised of people with different backgrounds, skills and expertise means

that there is always something new to learn from each other. I have been fortunate to work with colleagues from several other universities around the world and I'm currently spending a year in the US (visiting both Oregon State University and Cornell University) as part of a project funded by the US Office of Naval Research to investigate the use of ocean gliders (a type of underwater drone) to monitor whales and dolphins.

Another of my favourite aspects of working in science is the recognition that there is still so much to find out. For example, we find "mystery" underwater sounds in hydrophone recordings, made by as-yet unidentified animal species. One such sound recorded in the Indian Ocean could be made by a blue whale, and the fact that we don't fully understand the biology of the largest animal on the planet just goes to show that there are still plenty of exciting scientific discoveries to make.

I am very appreciative of the excellent teaching and education that I received at SHS, which provided the foundation for my career in marine mammal science. Other opportunities at SHS such as trips to Germany on the language exchange program and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award also helped to shape the confidence and independence that enabled me to first embark on my university studies in a windswept corner of north-east Fife (which, at the time, felt like a pretty long way from home) and, in more recent years, work and teach internationally. Finally, I am very grateful for the friendships and fond memories formed during my school years and, while the majority of my time has been spent in Scotland over the last 16 years, it's always fun to wander round Stamford and take a trip down memory lane whenever I am back in Lincolnshire.

Anette Mutton (née Knowles) (86)

As for my news, I'm not sure where to start. My mid-life crisis was to take up acting again! In 2010 I found myself doing a one woman show, "Shirley Valentine", as a farewell fundraiser for the boys' (Hal and Ben) Hertfordshire primary school. We then moved to Ramsgate in Kent, a wonderful, slightly run down, town by the sea (like Brighton used to be?) Ramsgate is a creative place and I seemed to do more and more acting e.g. murder mysteries, a theatrical bus tour, pantos etc. In 2014 I wrote, produced and performed a one woman show called "An Evening with Marlene Dietrich." With support from The Arts Council I took the show to over 40 residential homes for the elderly and 10 public venues/theatres. This spring I toured my second show "A Date with Doris Day," again with support from the Arts Council. It's on my website www.alberthouseproductions.co.uk During the summer I was in a play called "War Babies" for the Women and War Festival in London. I have just performed Shirley in "Shirley Valentine" again, this time as a fundraiser for The East Kent Unit for Breast Screening. There were only two performances so it was like revising for an exam but a total of £2500 was raised for the charity so it was worth doing. Finally, a therapist friend and I are working on a project about repressed emotions

leading to mental health problems. We shall be running a drama workshop on this subject with a group of Year 9 students in November this year. I am not planning any more one woman shows. I'd love to be in more plays with other people. Part of the fun is creating something with others and learning from them. At present I am an administrator temping for the NHS. Maybe it's time I got a proper job!

Sapna Patel (10)



Since leaving SHS, I completed my BA in History of Art from the University of Birmingham and somehow fell into the art world, a journey that was not planned but I have loved every minute of it.

During my time at university, I did the typical student voluntary roles at museums and galleries but after graduating, working in London really opened my eyes to the art world and its depth. This included completing internships for art fairs including Masterpiece London, which led me to work for a renowned Art Dealer in Mayfair, who specialises in the work of Egon Schiele and Gustav Klimt. Completing an assortment of internships both in and outside the art world led me

to my current role in Global Development at Christie's Auction House in their education division.

My role primarily focuses on managing the events calendar, which includes organising private tours for Christie's upcoming auction sales, private exhibition viewings at global museums and galleries, academic conferences, formal dinners and evening lectures. All events are on a global scale and have so far covered London, Paris, New York, Hong Kong, Sydney and more.

In addition to Events, my role also involves collaborating closely with Christie's HR where I've launched compulsory industry placements for all of the educational division's students (both undergraduate and postgraduate) where they are able to learn the operations of the auction house from both a specialist arts and business approach. Lastly, I manage the institute's external relations, which this year enabled us to partner with two global art fairs.

Outside of work, I work as an Artist and have spent the past year refining my style and selling my works – both originals and reproduced prints. This year, I was able to exhibit my works at Christie's Global Headquarters in Mayfair, which were

consequently auctioned during summer. I have fond memories of the school's art department (both at the girls and boys school) and will always be thankful to the art teachers for constantly encouraging us.

So what's next? I am constantly looking for ways to challenge myself and to keep learning about art history and will soon be taking a course on Classical Indian Paintings. My next goal is to complete a Master's in Religious Arts of Asia.

Looking back at what I wrote in our 2010 Leavers Book, I would have never seen myself working for an auction house. The dream was to chase the fashion industry and be a Buyer for a retail conglomerate. Not only do I thank the school but I know this would have never been possible without the support from my family and school friends I made in Stamford, who I'm proud to say I still regard as my best friends despite us moving to different cities and continents for our studies and work.

Was it always easy? Definitely not – building my path in the art world involved making the wrong decisions about jobs in other industries but persistence always pays off.

Lydia Kay (13)



Looking back at my SES leavers' book, I see I answered questions about where I would be in 3 years with some pretty ambitious answers.

Surprisingly, those aren't the stories you are about to read, but I feel my first 3 years away from Stamford have been an exciting journey nonetheless. Since completing my A levels, I have furthered my education at Newcastle University studying Marketing and Management (BA) and have just completed a year in industry at L'Oreal UK & Ireland before I go on to complete my final year of my degree starting at the end of September.

Moving across the country from Newcastle to London was extremely exciting, and I was able to live with three of my course friends from Uni in Fulham. My first few months at L'Oréal as an E-commerce intern for Kérastase (a professional hair care brand) went by extremely quickly. The role was exceptionally fastpaced, the workload was demanding and the long working hours were exhausting. However, this was nothing 14 years of late nights and early Saturday mornings on the sports pitches at Stamford hadn't prepared me for. Once learning the business structure of my brand and settling into my role, I started to grasp what was expected of me as an ecommerce intern.

Kérastase is a luxury, professional hair care brand that sells exclusively into top salons and through select online retailers. We worked in marketing cycles that ran for 6 weeks containing either a new product or new promotion. Each cycle the marketing interns were responsible for preparing any point of sale material, and my manager and I were responsible for launching these as 360 degree campaigns on the **kerastase.co.uk retail website**. The role was very different on a day-to-day basis and building up to the launch of a cycle was very demanding. However, I was lucky enough to build best friendships with the marketing interns on my team, meaning we could work together efficiently in and out of the office.

The most exciting project I worked on was the first launch of Fusio-Dose; an in-salon exclusive ritual for instant hair transformation. I had to tease and glorify this through our site, creating landing pages, newsletters and banners. I also designed an e-campaign that was sent through Emerald Streets database of over 1 million subscribers. We got to attend the launch night at one of Kérastase's largest national accounts; House Of Rush, as models, where the field sales reps were showcased the product. I also worked on implementing Olapic; an online content generator. This was an extremely exciting project as we were finally able to obtain rights to user generated content on our social channels. This allowed us to create widgets on our site and become more interactive with our customer base.

Aside from work, I loved working for L'Oréal on a social level. There are over 80 interns working across the business and the social culture was great. There were socials every Thursday night and the sports sec also regularly arranges activities for everyone to do outside of work- for example trampolining. Every last Thursday night of the month a brand takes over the top floor and arranges a bar and product giveaway, and this is a great way to socialise with managers across different brands in a more relaxed, informal setting. I found that my team really made my placement what it was; I have definitely made friends for life and contacts I will be using when I leave the business.

So what's next for me? I am back in Newcastle for the year completing my degree. I will really miss the buzz of living in London, it is a completely different place to anywhere else in the country and although it is exhausting I can totally understand when people say it is an 'addictive' place to live. However, I will start applying for graduate jobs when they open and hopefully be able to return there when I graduate. But until then, I think I will enjoy the extra free time and reasonably priced rent in Newcastle!

Annie Britton (13)



I studied at Stamford High School from 2006 to 2013, before going onto the University of Edinburgh to study French and Portuguese. When Rio de Janeiro was announced as the host city of the 31st modern Olympiad, I soon cottoned on that this would coincide perfectly with my year abroad, and my two languages (Brazilians speak Portuguese, and the IOC's official language is French).

It was just as well, because in 2014 I began a very lengthy process of applications, online training, and interviews - it began to feel as if it would never arrive! The international press poured a lot of scorn on the event before it even began (perhaps jealous of the most beautiful city in the world) and it's fair to say that cariocas (natives of Rio) themselves weren't too enthusiastic about this use of their taxes, either. The feeling of apathy for the whole venture was a bit contagious, especially coupled with the stress of finding accommodation which wasn't extortionate!

I wasn't prepared for the electric excitement which took over me and everyone else in the city on that Friday night in August. A beautiful opening ceremony, with the themes of sustainability and humanity at its heart, set the tone for what was possibly the most exciting fortnight of my life.

I was fortunate enough to work with members of the public coming to the Olympic Stadium, host to a few games of football and the athletics competitions. It was fascinating to see the different tribes of people who came to cheer on their respective athletes: uber-patriotic Americans, rowdy Argentineans, even rowdier Brazilians, Dutch people in head-to-toe orange, sprinting-mad Jamaicans and of course, Team GB.

And then, of course, there was the sport. Not sporty myself (I got onto the 'C' team for netball once at school) I felt that my contribution to the team would have to be vocal, as it often had been when supporting my house, Anderson, on Sports Day. Pretty sure Mo heard me from up in the stands as he was heading down the final strait!

Reflecting on the experience now, I would say to anyone who is still at school that the not-so-glamorous traits of hard work and persistence really pay off and can turn into very exciting opportunities - and I have the teachers of Stamford High School to thank for teaching me that.

News from Former Staff



Pat Clark
Deputy Head 1992 - 1996
Headmistress 1996 - 2003

A Time of Journeys

When I left Stamford High School in 2003, I knew that I was embarking on a challenging journey, to volunteer in the Third World. Serving with V.S.O. (Voluntary Service Overseas) for two years in Cambodia meant a complete re-adjustment in terms of basic living conditions and lack of material comforts. These were few and sanitation also left a lot to be desired, so that disease and parasitical infection were ever-present dangers. My personal encounters included a bad dose of hookworm but since this relates to one's intestines, I will not furnish any further detail. However, the rewards were more than adequate compensation - the Khmer people I grew to love and the country itself, ever beautiful in monsoon and the dusty dry season.

In Cambodia, I was told, the palm trees grow tallest where most bones are buried. The country still lives with a deep scar on its collective consciousness, after the atrocities of the Khmer Rouge period. In the capital, Phnom Penh, one can still visit the school that became a torture chamber, where photographs of the victims bear silent testimony to the suffering within its walls. On the outskirts of the city lie the pits where they were buried, the ossuaries of skulls now the only historical record. My Khmer colleagues had all lived through those times and had witnessed the cruelty and deaths of family and friends. Once I started to speak some Khmer and we could share more than smiles, I found a real depth of warmth and affection for the new woman in their midst. So much laughter used to come out of our office that others would come to find out the source of the fun. When the electricity went off (a reasonably frequent occurrence), we could not use our antiquated computers. One day we compared tongue-twisters in English and Khmer.

'Sister Suzy....' was one of my offerings and I seem to remember that theirs involved a spider with a hairy stomach.

Returning home to grey Scotland after the warmth of Asia proved challenging in more ways than one. Part of the solution lay in embarking on another journey, researching and writing a book. This offered a path to genuine historical research, investigating sources, places and paintings, since my subject was a Scottish artist, Charles Hodge Mackie. Having acquired one of his paintings, I became curious about his life. There was no biography and he seemed to have been neglected, unjustly overlooked in favour of the Glasgow Boys and the Scottish Colourists. This journey involved visiting many a dusty basement, climbing ladders in gallery racks, graveyards, one exquisite Georgian mansion and a trip to Melbourne in Australia. His only son had died without issue and the main branch of the family lived on the other side of the world. His great-nephew, Bill Mackie, invited me to visit and see his collection of paintings. He was also willing to share the fruit of his family researches since, now aged 94, he could foresee they might never make it into print. That collaboration was made so much easier by the advent of email. Bill has counted our current total as running to over 500.

Securing a publisher, entering the maze of copyright clearance, commissioning professional photographs and working through the technical demands of publication proved daunting. Looking back, the writing of the text was the easy bit and the most enjoyable. It was certainly on a par with the joy of actual research, ever the delight of an historian. Seven years on, this journey resulting from idle curiosity has now made it into print. 'People, Places and Piazzas. The Life and Art of Charles H. Mackie' is the result. There is a wealth of colour illustration as well as historical detail. Anecdote and descriptive memoir are also used to bring him back to life.

In France, he met Gauguin, Vuillard and the Nabis. He was a close friend of Edward Hornel and numbered other 'Glasgow Boys' among his friends. Laura Knight benefited from his teaching and he showed her how to lay out her palette. His art reflected the range of his travels - Kirkcudbright, Staithe, Paris, Brittany, Normandy, Italy and Venice and its piazzas. He also worked in an impressive range of media: oils, watercolours, murals, wood block prints, tooled leather and sculpture. The book traces his path through life and the development of his art. It is a journey we have shared over the past seven years. I hope you will find time to read about this unjustly neglected artist who has produced works of exquisite beauty.

Order the book from any good bookshop or direct from the publisher's website or from Amazon. Enjoy!
Published by Sansom & Co.



Sunderland-Taylor Memorial Lectures James Buckman, SHS Archivist

Alice Maud Mary Sunderland-Taylor (right) became headmistress of Stamford High School in 1910. A graduate of Newnham College in Cambridge, her tenure saw SHS through a critical period: the First World War. Under her leadership, the first uniform was introduced, the student body increased from 100 to 266, and three new buildings were added. Ever a 'great traveller', Miss Sunderland-Taylor not only spent some of her retirement years abroad but also organised the school's first overseas trip; the itinerary for that visit to Paris in 1924 is still intact and can be seen in the archives at SHS. She is also remembered for her work with the Old Girls' Guild.



By the time Miss Sunderland-Taylor arrived, the Old Girls' Guild had been in existence for five years. During the First World War the Guild lapsed, but it was at her invitation that a hundred Old Girls met in 1919 for the purpose of reviving it. A Reading Circle and a Debating Society were founded. Hockey and tennis matches with current school teams were initiated. It was decided that members of the Guild were to support some charitable causes, which led to the origins of the Garment Guild.

At the end of the fiftieth anniversary celebrations in 1927, Miss Sunderland-Taylor retired from the school. However, she was listed as a Vice-President of the OGG for the remainder of her life and following her death in 1942, the OGG was keen to find a way to perpetuate her memory and the service she had rendered to the school. Towards the end of the Second World War, they set up the Sunderland-Taylor Memorial Fund, but they were uncertain how to use the money they raised.

In 1947, the Memorial Fund had reached £87 15s 6d. By this time, the OGG Committee had come up with the idea of initiating a Memorial Lecture named after Miss Sunderland-Taylor. Open to both Old Girls and current students, each talk would cover a subject of general interest, and the Memorial Fund would enable the school to invite well-known speakers to deliver the lecture. For the first lecture, Miss Lomax, the then headmistress, hoped to invite Lord David Cecil to give the talk. As he wasn't available, she had to think again. By July 1949, she had secured A.L. Rowse, a well-known historian and Fellow of All Souls' College, Oxford, to give the talk for a fee of 25 guineas.

The first Memorial Lecture was delivered on 6th October 1949. It was chaired by William Cecil, the 5th Marquess of Exeter and Chairman of the Board of Governors. Rowse's talk on the Elizabethan Age was described as being 'vigorous, exciting, enjoyable' and 'a fitting prelude' to the foreseeable series of similar lectures.

The lecture had been a success, but even after the second was scheduled, the Committee recognised that they needed a way to supplement the Memorial Fund. In 1951, the school held a Harvest Sale. A combined effort of both Old Girls and current students, and opened by the Marchioness of Exeter with a tribute to Miss Sunderland-Taylor, the stalls of handicrafts, books, produce, cakes and sweets raised £128. Following this early success, the Harvest Sales were repeated in later years.

On 18th October 1951, Miss Phyllis Bentley, an English novelist, gave the second Memorial Lecture. The subject of her talk was "The Three Bronte Sisters". She delivered this speech using no notes, talking about the family 'as though she had known them personally' and providing 'a wealth of intimate detail and charming anecdotes'. This lecture was a splendid and fitting tribute to Miss Sunderland-Taylor who was known for her 'keen appreciation and great love of literature'. The second lecture was also the first to be open to the general public.

The next lecture was scheduled to take place in 1954. Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, daughter of former Prime Minister Herbert Asquith, gave a talk entitled "New Worlds for Old", which covered changes that had taken place over the last fifty years. By this time, the Sunderland-Taylor Memorial Lecture was becoming a regular event. One year later, in 1955, Dr Glyn Daniel, a well-known television personality, lectured on digging for prehistoric remains. In 1958, Prince Chula of Thailand showed a colour film of his country. In 1959, the poet John Betjeman charmed an audience with readings from his own poems.

The OGG Committee tried to schedule the lectures as an annual event. However, there were occasions when lectures had to be cancelled. In some cases, this was because there were other events which took precedence. For example, a Sunderland-Taylor Memorial Lecture did not take place in 1961 because there had already been several other lectures arranged as part of the quinquenary celebrations in Stamford that year. The Memorial Lecture was delayed until the Spring of 1962, in the hope that Miss Lomax would be able to invite David Attenborough to give the talk. Sadly, she was unable to secure him. Despite the difficulties associated with finding suitable speakers, the Committee modified its aims to ensure that every girl who passed through the school would get to attend at least one lecture.

In 1978, Miss Bland became Headmistress. As President of the OGG, she attempted to rejuvenate the Guild by introducing new traditions to those already established. It is possible that this was why the Sunderland-Taylor Memorial Lecture became a biennial event. In 1981, Edward Storey, a founding member of the John Clare Society, gave a 'stimulating lecture' on the Helpston poet. In 1983, Malcolm Bradbury, the well-known author and Professor of American Studies at the University of East Anglia described 'the development of the novel over the past hundred years'. In 1985, Professor Girourad lectured on 18th Century Socialites in Georgian England. And in 1987, Baroness Young, the former Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House of Lords, traced the history of the rise of women in politics around her own career. This schedule continued into the 1990s.

It is not clear why the Sunderland-Taylor Memorial Lecture came to an end towards the close of the twentieth century. Magazines from the 1990s describe each talk as a successful event, but the fact the 1991 lecture was given by Miss Bland herself strongly suggests that the Committee lacked the funds to invite well-known speakers. The last talk to be named a Sunderland-Taylor Memorial Lecture was given in 2002 as part of the school's 125th anniversary. Miss Bland spoke on how the battle for girls' education had been won against the prejudice which was commonplace during the school's origins in 1877. The end of the Sunderland-Taylor Memorial Lecture may have coincided with the retirement of Miss Bland but its spirit lives on in the form of the Foundation Lectures.

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School News

Superb GCSE Results for Stamford High School and Stamford School

Stamford Endowed Schools students are celebrating superb results in their GCSEs, with a phenomenal 57% of girls and 52% of boys achieving A* and A grades.



At both schools, students achieved impressive pass rates. Record numbers of the very highest grade were awarded with over 27% of every examination taken being graded at A*. The percentage of pupils gaining 5 or more GCSEs at Grade C or above was 98% at Stamford High School and 94% at Stamford School.

Principal of the Stamford Endowed Schools, Mr Will Phelan stated: "I am absolutely delighted with the impressive results of our

Stamfordians and extremely proud of them. I know that they have worked tirelessly for these examinations and I congratulate them on this significant achievement.

These results are a testament to our students' graft, determination, careful preparation, and the Schools' excellent teachers. This has given our students the base to thrive in the Sixth Form and I look forward to further success at A-Level."

Mrs Vicky Buckman, Headmistress of Stamford High School said: "I am absolutely delighted by the performance of our girls; we are all very proud of the determination and effort they have shown over the last two years which has brought them to this point."

New Headmaster of Stamford School, Mr Nick Gallop noted: "It is remarkable to see the boys of Stamford School doing so well academically at the same time as being involved in so many other high-performing areas of school life. I feel very proud indeed to be taking on the role of Head with the school in such fine academic health."

A-Level Students Celebrate Their Results

Students at the Stamford Endowed Schools - Stamford School (boys) and Stamford High School (girls) - are again celebrating strong A-level examination results.

Overall the 175 students gained grades of A*, A, B or C in 86% of their examinations. The percentage of A*, A and B grades was a pleasing 66%. Of the 518 A level exams taken, 193 resulted in either A* or A grades. 34 students (about one in six of all students) gained at least three A grades.

Will Phelan, Principal of the Endowed Schools, said "I am delighted to congratulate the students on their exam results. Overall the results have been strong, particularly set against a background of flux and change in the A Level examination system. There were many outstanding individual performances which are the culmination of two years' dedication and hard work. I would also like to thank the teaching staff for their professionalism and commitment to the students. It is very pleasing that the vast majority of our students who have applied will have gained a place at university. For those pursuing other paths, their good grades and broad education will give them a strong advantage in the job market. I wish all of our departing students every success in the next stage of their educational journey."

The Sixth Form open evening will take place on Wednesday 12th October 2016 and will give students and their families an insight into what makes our Sixth Form so special. Please visit www.ses.lincs.sch.uk or call 01780 750311 for more information on joining our Sixth Form.



Key facts: %A*/A: 37.3%, %A*-C: 86.1%, %A*-E (passes):99%

Sarah Outen (03) Back to Stamford, via the World

On Friday 11 November, Sarah Outen MBE (OS 03) visited Stamford Endowed Schools as part of the latest talk in this year's Foundation Lecture series. The lecture -the second in the Autumn term- depicted Sarah's four and a half year adventure around the world; 'Longdon2London: Via the World'. Her goal: to row, bike and kayak around the northern hemisphere.

Sarah, a former Stamford High School student, described her expedition on Friday evening as 'a journey of contrasts, of diversity', detailing the presence of humility in the face and strength of nature. Sarah's lecture particularly focused on how she prepared herself mentally for the emotional strain that came during her journey. Additionally she encouraged students in the audience to never give up in the face of adversity and spoke of the power and value of learning that comes from failure.

Sarah, who read Biology at Oxford University, also detailed her trip as a real connection to the world, weaving through environmental themes as she encountered different climates and wildlife, and the effects of human engagement on the environment.

Her final message to the audience was a call for them to continue to challenge and empower themselves by trying things seemingly out of reach. The younger audience of the lecture were encouraged to stay curious. Sarah credited her time at Stamford for her self-belief and journey after School, bringing her Junior School beret with her on the evening, and summarising with her fond memories and connection to Stamford.

Rachael Petrie, Director of Communications and Development at SES said, "Sarah is an inspiration to all and we are always delighted to welcome her back to School. She is a wonderful role model and has a huge following within our Schools' communities. It was a great evening."



Izzy Bizu (12) Wows on Return

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The assembled audience, which was constructed by lucky winners of Rutland Radio's competition, were treated to a dazzling performance from Izzy, the type of show which has seen her receive so much national recognition in recent years.

Izzy's stock has soared in 2016, with achievements such as being shortlisted for a Brit critics' choice award, longlisted for the BBC's Sound of 2016 poll, touring with Sam Smith and singing the sound track for the BBC's coverage of Euro 2016. Izzy has now also recently released her debut album, 'A Moment of Madness'.



Before her show Izzy met with Mr and Mrs Mitchell, her former boarding parents from her time in St Michael's boarding house. For 45 minutes Izzy performed some of her acclaimed songs including; Skinny, Diamond and White Tiger. At the conclusion of her performances she took questions from the audience, before later signing copies of her album and posing for photos for the thrilled audience.

Izzy, fresh from performing on BBC Radio 1's prestigious Live Lounge earlier in the day, kindly sat down after her show to talk about her time at the schools and her route into singing.

Izzy commented on what made her start singing. "It first started here, when I got back from a long day at school I liked winding down on a piano and I found it really calming."

OG Claire Lomas (98) completes Great North Run

Stamford High School Old Girl, Claire Lomas completed the famous Great North Run, whilst wearing a 'Bionic suit'.

Claire, who is affectionately known as the 'Bionic woman' in the media, was paralysed from the chest down as result of a riding accident in 2007. She used a ReWalk robotic exoskeleton, which uses motion sensors to help her move and lift her legs.

She started the half marathon – covering about three miles each day- and crossed the finish line at about 10:00 five days' later. This astonishing achievement is made all the more remarkable by the fact that Claire completed the run while being 16 weeks pregnant.

Claire has visited both Stamford High School and Stamford Junior School on a couple of occasions to talk about her disabilities and how she overcomes them to undertake high profile challenges for charity.

In 2012 Claire completed the London Marathon, becoming the first person to do so in a robotic suit. The following year she also completed a 400 mile, Nottingham-to-London bike ride using an arm-powered bike.

Gymnast Selected for England Squad after Excellent Performances



Having started the Easter holidays in 2016 with a great performance at the English Gymnastics Championships, Lottie Smith (Y10) concluded her holidays by performing at the prestigious British Championships held at the Echo Arena in Liverpool.



She was the youngest senior gymnast in the competition which also served as an Olympic trial for some of GB's top performers. Lottie performed without major error and finished in a very pleasing 16th place all around and 12th on the beam. It was a huge experience for her and she is delighted with her performance.

At the end of March 2016, Lottie competed in the English Gymnastics Championships held at Loughborough University. As she turns sixteen later this year, she is now classed as a senior gymnast and was up against all of the top GB stars. She competed very well and was delighted to finish 6th overall in a very strong field. Lottie was also recognised by the judges who awarded her a special artistry award.

As a result of her performances in both of these major championships, Lottie has been selected for the 2016 England Squad and she will attend several camps throughout the year in Aldershot.

U19s County Netball Champions

On Wednesday Stamford High School hosted and won the Lincolnshire U19s County Netball Tournament, after an incredibly close finale.



A strong start in their five games before the designated lunch break meant the side racked up the goals in wins over Lincoln College, Bourne Grammar, Lincoln Minster, Spalding and Franklin College. After a short break for lunch at midday -allowing the girls to warm up after an extremely wet morning- the side faced Caistor Grammar, Carre's Grammar and Skegness Grammar in their final three matches.

A win against Caistor Grammar set-up a winner-takes-all match against Carre's, who had also won all of their matches, to determine the county champions and who would thus advance to the Regional tournament. A fabulous end to end game ensued, eventually resulting in a thrilling 10-10 draw. High on adrenaline after a fantastic game, the girls went on to win their final match 23-2.

With a tie for first place, there was huge tension during the final presentation with the knowledge it would take goal difference (GD) to decide the winners. Finally it was announced that SHS's +109 GD bettered Carre's +64 GD, crowning the side county champions. Astonishingly this meant the side had managed to score 130 goals in just 128 minutes of action.

Stamford High School sports teacher, Catherine Raitt was full of praise; "What a phenomenal achievement. The whole squad played some of the best netball I have ever seen here. All the fitness and hard work this term has truly paid off. A special mention must go the parents who came out in force on a bitterly cold and damp day."

Fundraising at Stamford

Helping local children to benefit from a Stamford education

Stamford has a long history of inclusivity. Many former pupils benefited from a Stamford education without having to pay full fees and the Schools have always worked hard to ensure that local children are welcome irrespective of their parents' financial means.

Many Old Stamfordians say that they would not be where they are today without their Stamford education and they are grateful for the opportunity they had to attend the Schools, particularly when their parents would not have been able to afford the fees.

More recently, Caitlin Findlay, (SHS 16), who is currently studying at Cambridge University has said, "Attending Stamford High School as an Alltech Bursary student has given me so many opportunities. Apart from the academic side, being a Sergeant in the RAF section of the CCF has encouraged me to become a leader and help others."

Traditionally the financial support for these pupils has come from both the Schools and external sources such as the LEA Scholarships and the Assisted Places. Today, all external sources of funding have gone and the Schools themselves must provide almost all assistance with fees. They do this through careful financial management, generous donations to the SES Foundation and by collaborating with other charities such the Marshall's Trust.

Demand for financial support is increasing and the Schools are particularly keen to raise funds for large bursaries (providing 50% or more of fees) which can have a life-changing impact on the recipients. To do this they are dependent upon alumni, former parents, local business partners and others. Many have already supported us and the Schools are deeply grateful for their help, but they need more support in order to achieve their goals and meet the demand they are experiencing. If you have not done so already, please do consider if you can help.

There are many ways to support local children including:

- Making a donation to the SES Bursary Fund – as an individual, a business or as a group (eg a year group) – depending on the size of the donation you can name a seat, a room or a building at the Schools.
- Subscribing to the Foundation Card – donate £10 per month (or more) and receive a 10% discount every time you shop at almost 100 businesses in Stamford.
- Leaving a legacy in your Will – an increasingly popular way (and tax efficient) to leave a gift to support local children in the future. Large legacies can be invested to provide a gift in perpetuity.

In addition to providing the traditional bursaries the Schools have been working with an independent charity, **The Stamford Young People's Charity (SYPC)**, to develop a scheme to fund free places for less privileged Stamford children. The Schools will provide a small number of 100 percent bursaries (known as the **Stamford Endowed Schools Awards**) and the SYPC will cover the non-fee costs, such as uniforms and school trips,

for these children, through the **Florence Desforges Fund**, which has been established specifically for this purpose.

For more information about the different ways to support local children, and the benefits of doing so, please contact **Rachael Petrie at 01780 750034**.

For information about the Florence Desforges Fund please contact **Malcolm Desforges at m.desforges@btinternet.com**

MINUTES OF 2016 AGM

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Stamford High School Old Girls' Guild held on Saturday, 2 July 2016.

Apologies for absence: 30 apologies received.

Minutes of AGM 2015 were signed as a true record. Proposed by Carol Threadgold and seconded by Ann Turner.

Matters Arising – None

President's Address: See Report.

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 Becca Stubbs and seconded by Lyn Astill.

Any Other Business

None.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 11 am.

REUNION DAY TIMETABLE – SATURDAY 1 JULY 2017

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

10.15 Service to commemorate 140th anniversary of founding of SHS

ATRIUM

On early arrival please register at the Registration Desk in the Atrium to collect your name badge.

10.00 Coffee and Biscuits

QUAD **OG Stall and Registration Desk**

11.00 Collect Name Badges and all enquiries including memberships, magazines, raffle tickets and merchandise

Pre Lunch Drinks

Official Photos to be taken including Reunion Year Groups

140th Anniversary Exhibition

HALL **Buffet Luncheon**

12.30 Presentations and Raffle Prizes

President (Mrs V Buckman) address

School Song

School is open after Lunch (Tours available)

Room 38

14.30/14.45 AGM

16.30 School Closes

N.B. Name badges to be collected upon arrival at 10am in the Atrium and from 11am onwards from the Registration Desk on the Quad.

SHS OLD GIRLS' GUILD ACCOUNTS

Income and expenditure account for financial year ended 30.04.2016

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
AGM 2015		AGM 2015	
Balance b/fwd	30.4.2015		
	12616.25		
AGM 2015 Lunch	1915.00	Presentations	216.56
Raffle/Donations	295.00	Gratuities	155.00
Pin Badges	55.00	Flowers	40.00
Magazines	4.00	Food & Drink	2145.00
		Raffle Prizes	35.75
		Sundries	26.48
		Refund	25.00
		Photos	52.40
AGM 2016 Lunch)	120.00	Magazine 2015	2696.19
Donations)	120.00	OGG Prize	5250.23
Subscriptions	8627.00	London Evening	50.00
Building Society Interest	28.45	Sundries	1279.40
		Flowers	39.50
		AGM 2016	Flowers/Gratuities
			55.00
			Ticket Printing
			30.00
		TOTAL EXPENDITURE	85.00
		Balances Carried Forward	9400.32
		N & Peterboro B/Soc	
		Lloyds TSB	6384.00
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		Plus Cash in Hand	10.00
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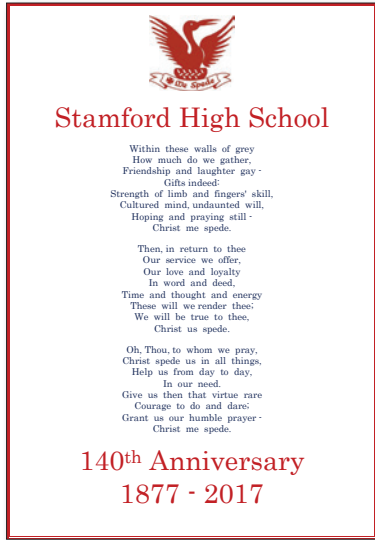
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Note to the Accounts:- The increase in subscriptions allowed us to contribute towards the cost of the London Evening. The balances look healthier than usual as the Foundation Office has paid for the 2016 magazine and will be refunded out of subscriptions due in August, this was agreed to help our cash flow. An agreement has been reached with the Foundation Office to contribute £5000 from our reserves to fund the new Alumni Relations Manager position (to be discussed by the Chairman)

SHS 140TH ANNIVERSARY LIMITED EDITION MERCHANDISE

Merchandise to celebrate the 140th Anniversary of Stamford High School will be available to purchase at the Old Girls' Guild Reunion, Saturday 1 July 2017.

Tea Towel
£7.00



Charm
£13.00

Teddy Bear
£18.00



Umbrella
£18.00

*Prices correct at time of print.

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Old Girls' Guild



The SHS Old Girls' Guild helps SHS pupils to stay in touch with each other after they have left School.

We publish an annual printed magazine and we organise the annual Reunion Lunch at SHS in July of each year. We currently have almost 3,000 members from all year groups going back as far as the 1940s.

Lifetime membership of the OGG only costs £150 (£15 for over 60s) and provides a subscription to the OGG Magazine, a discount at the lunch and the opportunity to network with other former pupils.

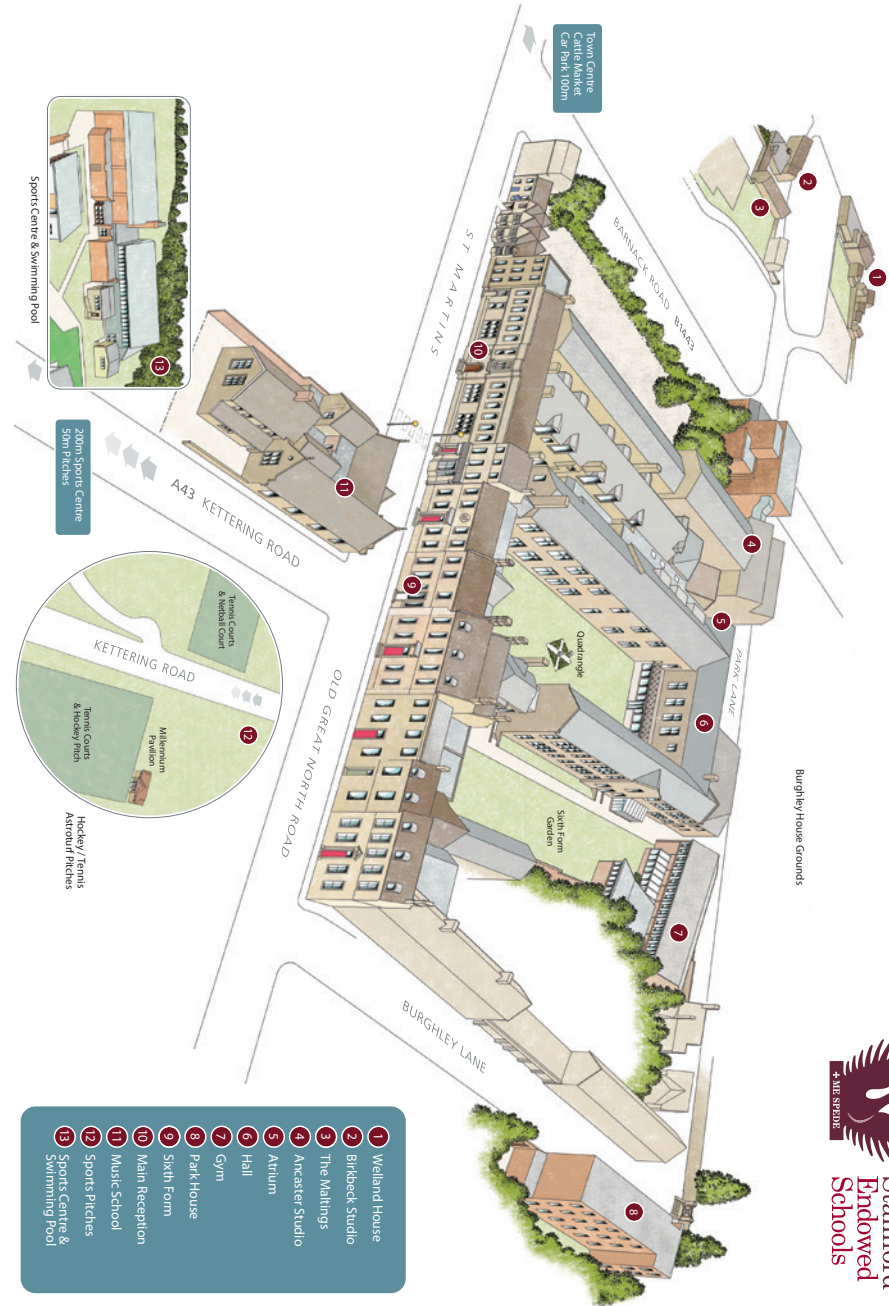
New members are always welcome. To apply for membership please complete and return the form below with your subscription fee.

Membership Form

Please complete this form and return it to the Treasurer, Anita Trowell, 52 Churchill Road, Stamford, Lincs, PE9 1JG, together with your subscription—details of which are appended. Please make cheques payable to the Old Girls' Guild.

Name :	
Maiden Name:	
Email:	
Address:	
Tel. No: (H)	
Tel. No: (Mobile)	
Date of Birth:	
When did you attend SHS (give dates):	
Day Girl/Boarder:	
Universities/Colleges attended:	
Qualification gained:	
Present occupation:	

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