



**Stamford High School
Old Girls' Guild Magazine
2017-2018**

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Editorial

It is a pleasure to find myself writing my second editorial this year. Welcome to the 2017-18 Old Girls' Newsletter with news from the past year of events, news and updates from the Old Girls' community and the Schools.

I am delighted that we have new committee members joining the Old Girls' Committee, of which you will be able to appraise yourself on the next page!

Please do get in touch with us with your news and updates, and help us keep this community of former pupils of Stamford High School thriving!

With very best wishes

Sarah Mahoney (10)

IMPORTANT MEMO TO OLD GIRLS' GUILD MEMBERS

Don't lose touch with Stamford...

As a former pupil of Stamford High School, we hope you value the contact you have with the School and the Old Girls' Guild.

You are receiving the Old Girls' Guild magazine in hard copy because we do not have an email address for you.

You will continue to receive the magazine in hard copy, but to ensure you receive information about news and events via email, we need your email address.

Please help us to keep in touch with you by emailing us at: **alumni@ses.lincs.sch.uk**

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Chairman's Report by Jill Hamilton

From the Old Girls' Guild Reunion Lunch 2017

Madam President and Ladies, and, of course, gentlemen. It is my pleasure as Chair of the Stamford High School Old Girls' Guild to start today's thanks and introduce the proceedings.

My first thanks go to all of the Old Girls Guild committee without whom the role of Chair would be impossible. A special thanks to Sarah Mahoney who pulled together this year's magazine and has done much of the organisation today, and Nicola Hindle who as always has been a fantastic help organising the service this morning at St Martins Church, printing the menu for the tables and generally answering all my questions.

I am really pleased to see Will Phelan here today. Will has taken over as Principal of the Stamford Endowed Schools, we are delighted you could join us. Regarding today's luncheon, I would like to thank Penny Hudson and the catering staff for another wonderful lunch.

If you have any details for the magazine please leave them today – other people from your year who are not here today look forward to seeing what you have been doing. The magazine is only as good as what you provide, any news, no matter what, is appreciated and any articles about you, your life or where life has taken you can always be emailed to me, or the Foundation whose email details are on the School website. Tonight there is a BBQ and bar on the Stamford School field with the bar available from 6.00pm. The charge for the BBQ is £10 per head, I would say please pay on the door but as it is in a marquee I don't think that there is actually a door!

The Old Girls' Guild AGM will be held at 2.30 in Room 38 please do join us for the short formal meeting. There will be a copy of the group photographs that were taken before lunch for each of you, please don't forget to collect them from Room 45. I have to say a massive thanks to my husband Ian who has taken and printed the photos. At the AGM I will mention that this will be our 108th AGM, it is also the 140th year of the School opening. Wow, what an achievement for both the School and the Old Girls' Guild.

There are a number of items of memorabilia relating to 140 years of the School that will be available for sale in the atrium after lunch - who can resist a teddy bear! There is also an exhibition of 140 years of the School put together by the School Archivist, James Buckman, in Room 47; do take some time to have a look.

As many of you miss Vicky's round up of the School year which is usually at the AGM we thought you would all like a short precis of what happens in the School today, so I would like to hand over to Vicky Buckman. For those of you who have not met Vicky, she has been Head of Stamford High School for two years.

May Christ us Spede.

President's Address

From the Old Girls' Guild Reunion Lunch 2017

Good afternoon and welcome to SHS. My name is Vicky Buckman, and it is great to have you here. I am well aware that you would rather be gossiping with your friends rather than listening to me – so I'll be brief.

So, what of the year? Well where does one start except with the end of the old – and the old ended with considerable examination successes for our departing Y13 and also for Y11.

At A-Level, nearly half the papers sat resulted in an A* or A grade and 20 girls obtained three grade As or better and all six girls got their Oxbridge places. 81% gained a university place of their choice. At GCSE 80% got grades A*-B with five girls getting 10 or more A* and 28 (nearly one third of the year group) gained five A* or more. At time of writing, 88 girls are holding offers at UK universities; some to read for traditional subjects such as History and Medicine but there is a rise in slightly more offbeat but nonetheless useful degrees such as Footwear Design and Wildlife Conservation with Zoo Biology.

The old academic year also ended with the Maintenance Officers at SHS ripping up the carpet tiles in the front hallway and we returned to find that it was “goodbye Virgin Mary blue” and “hello Farrow and Ball” in Reception. The Dining Hall pink and yellow banished, forever, to make way for brighter, lighter fixtures and fittings and a much improved dining experience for all.

And this September was something of a special moment because we began the 140th academic year since our founding...

In May 1877, Miss Chervet welcomed the first girls to SHS and was swiftly followed by the formidable Miss Munro who set out her eight school rules which included “No conversation permitted during School Hours” (not quite sure how that worked...) and “every pupil must be provided with low flat heeled shoes to change.” The Stamford and Rutland Guardian, covering the School's opening, commented that the curriculum provided “lighter education which made homes happy” and that they were also pleased to note “the provision for learning household economy and household duties”... I am so glad to say we have moved on! But please do visit our 140th Anniversary exhibition out in the corridor and in Room 47.

So what have been our highlights?

Like every year, this has been a busy one... the girls have enjoyed some 15,000 lessons, a choice of some 100 extracurricular activities per year group and they have sat some 1000+ public examination papers. We've enjoyed CCF events (including a fabulous Inspection) and a splendid result at the National Air Squadron Trophy where our team came fifth nationally. The girls have had 57 ‘performance opportunities’ in music from the spectacular concerts with all of Y7 singing on stage together to the lunch time concerts with solo artistes. There was also a splendid music tour to Spain. School plays. The Crucible, Italian Straw Hat and Tom's Midnight Garden played to packed houses and showcased the talent of girls both young and old.

There have been numerous trips; to the exotic (Greece) and the slightly less exotic (Hunstanton). Debating has been high on the agenda with tremendous performances and some fabulous motions to debate including 'America has made a monumental mistake electing Donald Trump' to 'There should be a 9pm curfew for all Under 16s' (defeated, I'm sad to say). And for those thinking debating in itself is an art they've never mastered, marvel at our talented young ladies debating in French, no less, – that 'Sue and Mel were absolutely right not to move with Bake Off to Channel 4.' We have had Foreign language exchanges to Spain, Russia and Germany which have been enjoyed by all the participants. Our Peer mentors, older girls trained to help diffuse the minor squabbles and misunderstandings amongst the girls, have done a great job and brought, at least some, peace and harmony to warring factions! Our sports teams have enjoyed considerable success as the 1st XI Hockey team reached the regional finals for the first time ever. Five different age groups have competed at County Championship level including U12 and U13, again, a first for SHS. Our Under 14, 16 and 18 teams are District Netball Champions.

Our gymnasts are national floor and vault finalists and U19 SES mixed gymnastics team are silver medallists. Our sailors have been 2nd in all regional performances with races still to come.

Mr Phelan's new initiative of 'becoming Stamford' which encourages us to share resources and expertise across the three Schools has resulted in a number of 'cross school' events. Boys have been sighted in the Home Economics department and the joint 'House Chef' competition saw some stunning creations and much good humour and team spirit. Our cross-country and gymnastics teams compete together at fixtures. A wonderful 'Stamfordian' magazine was produced jointly for the first time this year, largely by the pupils (the majority of the editorial team were girls!). However, this is not the slippery slope to full co-education, be assured, this is just a way of making sure that everyone gets the benefits of belonging to the SES family... We remain as committed to single sex education between the ages of 11 and 16 as ever we were.

It was my great pleasure to meet a number of Old Girls at an event recently and one of them proudly told me that next year she wanted to come back to the High School to celebrate the 70th anniversary of her last day at SHS; I challenged this year's Y13 leavers to do the same noting that I would be there as well even if I would be 121... However, it just shows the tremendous loyalty of those who come into contact with this place – a loyalty that is deeper than anything I have seen in a School before. It gives us, as a school, a tremendous responsibility – to continue to make this a School where girls learn, laugh, upskill and have all the necessary opportunities and experiences to take them out into the world; and my word, that is an awesome responsibility – we know it and understand it, and we will do our utmost to continue to move this great school forward.

Celebrations

New Year's Honours List for Old Girl

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

Old Girls 1965 Reunion

We were excited to welcome Judy Richardson (OS 65) back to SHS for a tour of SHS. Judy, on return from Canada this month also met with fellow 1965 leavers.

Pictured: Tricia Blakesley (née Benson), Nicky Molson, Judy Richardson, Diana Collins (née Hooker) and Ann Mayfield (née Oliver). Our 1965 Old Girls celebrated 70th birthdays with tea at the William Cecil, formerly the Lady Anne's boarding house where Nicky, Ann and Judy were boarders in the late 1950s.



Sally Smallman (née Smyth) (OS 54)

Congratulations to Sally who, after celebrating her 80th birthday last year, will be celebrating 60 years of marriage with husband, John, in July. Sally tells us she is still in touch with Old Girl Sandy Byrne!

Deaths and Obituaries

† Miss Claire Jocelyn Bostock (OS 77).

Travel Officer, Royal Household received the MVO in the Honours List published on 31 December 2011. She died on 19th November 2012.

† Nancy Bench (née Buzzard)

Late of Thistleton, passed away peacefully at home, on the 5 June, aged 88 years. A funeral service took place at St Nicholas' Church, Thistleton, on Friday 23 June 2017 at 3.00pm

† Libby Craig -

Former Head, Stamford Junior School

Many Old Stamfordians will already be aware of the death, last October, of Libby Craig, former Head of Stamford Junior School and PE teacher at Stamford High School. Principal Will Phelan stated at the

time, “Libby was an outstanding Head and a wonderful colleague. Although diminutive in stature, she was a colossus of the Endowed Schools and she will be fondly remembered by generations of our pupils and parents. It is a very sad time for the Schools and the community.” Libby died peacefully at home on 10 October 2017. Her funeral took place on Thursday 26 October at All Saints and St James Church, King’s Cliffe, followed by burial in the village cemetery and afterwards a gathering at the Oswald Elliott Hall at Stamford School. A formal obituary will be published in the next of edition of Stamford magazine.

† Jenny Cummings

Jennifer Mary Cummings, known as Jenny, passed away on 9 June 2017 at home in Ryhall. She was 69. Born to the late George and Dorothy Joyce in Morcott in Rutland, Jenny was educated at Morcott Primary School followed by Stamford High School.

† Barbara Drewienkiewicz (née Pritchard)

Passed away at home in Morton, Bourne, on 15 August 2017, aged 90 years. Wife of the late Wojciech, mother of John, Johann and the late Wanda, proud grandmother of six and great-grandmother of four. Her funeral service was held at 2.30pm on Friday 15 September 2017 at the church of St Peter and St Paul, Great Casterton, Stamford

† Nancy Ellwood (OS 1945-49) on 29 November 2017, aged 85 years.

† Joanna Fletcher (née Singlehurst) (OS 77) died on 4th January 2011.

† Anne Goldsmith (née Goff) (OS 75)

Taken away suddenly at the young age of 60 years at Peterborough City Hospital on 20 October 2017. Much loved daughter, sister, auntie and a lovely friend to so many. Her funeral service took place at Peterborough Crematorium on Thursday 9 November 2017 at 12.30pm. Guests were encouraged to wear something colourful...

† Maisie Hand (OS 45)

Maisie, of Stamford, died on March 31, aged 87 at The Red House Nursing Home in Stamford. Born to Mr and Mrs Ernest Hand of Seaton, Rutland, formerly of Easton-on-the-Hill, Maisie attended Easton-on-the-Hill Village Infant School from the age of four in 1933 until 1940 and then Stamford High School from 1940 to 1945. Maisie joined Lloyds Bank Stamford, straight after finishing school as a clerk until 1958 when she was selected to join the Lloyds Bank Staff Training Team at Hindhead in Surrey. In 1967 Maisie was promoted to a ‘top post for a woman banker’ as Sub Manager at Gerrard’s Cross branch which led to further promotion to Regional Staff Manager based in Aylesbury until taking retirement at 55 in 1984. Maisie continued to work for the bank on a part-time basis as retired pensions liaison officer for a further five years.

In 1989, now fully retired Maisie filled much of her time with voluntary work, a visitor to HM Prison Aylesbury with the Women’s Voluntary Service and as a guide at The National Trust’s Waddestone Manor, Buckinghamshire. All of her life Maisie enjoyed her singing, as a member of the Uppingham Operatic Society and Stamford Gilbert and Sullivan singers from 1955 to 1958, and then with the Aylesbury Festival Choir until returning to Lincolnshire when she became an active member of Stamford U3A Singing for Pleasure Group, being one of the founder members. Tennis was a great passion of Maisie’s beginning in school and then as a member of the West End Tennis Club, Stamford and she continued to play in Hindhead and Aylesbury. Wimbledon was one of her highlights in the tennis calendar and was visited or watched throughout the whole tournament. Holidays were taken every year without fail and Maisie enjoyed trips with great friends; Mag and

Joan Walton, whom she met whilst teaching at Hindhead, with a first trip to Guernsey in 1961. They all had amazing trips abroad including cruising on the Nile and Danube, safari in Kenya, a road trip across America and horseback riding in Canada. Maisie had her first car in 1954 which was the beginning of a long love of sporty cars, a Triumph Vitesse, MG BGT, Alfa Romeo and Scirocco to name but a few. Maisie returned to live in Stamford in 2002 where she became involved in voluntary work with Browne's Hospital, Stamford. She was an active member of the congregation of All Saints', Stamford with a group fondly known as the '8 o'clockers' who were always at 8am Sunday service. She enjoyed the Church Fellowship and U3A Local History Group and regularly met with Rutland Farm Women's Club for their monthly lunches and talks. Family remained important to Maisie and she was very proud of all her nephews and nieces and great nephews and nieces and very much loved to hear of all the academic and sporting achievements. Rugby, football, music, riding, swimming and tennis results were all keenly followed and praised. There was always time and a smile for everyone.

The funeral service was held on Wednesday 19 April at All Saints' Stamford with the Rev Nikki Mann conducting the service.

† Iris Harris (née Cliff) (OS 51)

Iris was born on 8th November 1934 in Stamford. Her Mum died just a few days after her birth and she was brought up by her Grandmother, who lived in Austin Street, and her Aunt Ivy. Her first school was St. John's on the crossroads in Scotgate. She walked there with some friends – one of them was John Tyers, later to become her brother-in-law.

Her Junior school was All Saints, next door to where she lived in Austin Street. This was where she met her future sister-in-law, Megan Harris. They became good friends and Iris used to go to Megan's birthday parties. This was how Iris got to know Megan's brother, Keith – later her husband. When Iris was 10 years old she had Rheumatic Fever and was off school for a year. Iris, and Megan, both went to Stamford High School and so their friendship developed.

No-one is really sure when Iris joined the St John's Ambulance, a voluntary service in Stamford but Keith also volunteered there so their paths crossed again. Iris went to the Westminster Hospital in London and trained and qualified as a nurse. Keith and Iris were married in 1958 and took on a Greengrocers Shop in Lincoln Road, Peterborough. Iris looked after the shop and Keith was able to continue with his plumbing.

Mark and Simon were born in Peterborough and in 1964 the family moved back to Stamford living on Ryhall Road. Iris started working at Stamford Hospital and was Sister on Ancaster Ward. Here she won the hearts of many staff and patients over the years with her caring nature. She always put others before herself and showed great devotion in her chosen career.

The family moved to Queen Street, Stamford, around 1967/68 and this was their home until the early 80's. Keith, with Iris's help, renovated the property whilst they both maintained full time jobs. Keith was now working for the Anglian Water Authority (as it was known then).

After Mark and Simon were married, in the early 80s, Keith and Iris decided to move again and they bought Point House, in Barnack. This was another property that needed renovation. They did the work over the next few years with great devotion and love and ended up with the beautiful retirement home they both deserved. At the time of moving to Barnack Iris made a career change and became a Sister Tutor at Peterborough Hospital. She found this very rewarding. She was pleased to be able to give something back to the profession that had given her so much enjoyment. When Iris was in hospital, during her last few days, some of the nurses she had trained were the ones who were caring for her. They could not speak highly enough of her and all she had done to help them. Iris eventually retired in 1994.

During those years in Barnack Iris and Keith also managed to fit in their annual trips to South Africa, a place they grew to know and love. Also at this time Iris was able to assist with the Old Girls Guild at the Stamford High School doing secretarial work for their reunions. Retirement gave Iris more time to enjoy her family. She was immensely proud of Mark and Simon and their families which included five grandchildren and six great grandchildren. They were all dearly loved.

When Keith died 4 years ago Iris was exhausted and unwell due to all her commitment to him during his long illness. She battled through her illness, with great courage, and when she was better, even went on a trip to Australia, in early 2015, to her granddaughters wedding. She spent a few days in Sydney but she could not manage the Harbour Bridge climb!!

Both Iris and Keith enjoyed their time in the village of Barnack and being part of the community here. Iris was a member of the WI and has enjoyed attending this Church regularly over the past few years. She really loved the worship and time spent with her many friends.

† Daphne Hawkins (née Harrod)

(OS 47) Passed away peacefully at Peterborough City Hospital on 16 June 2017, aged 85 years. Much loved wife of John, mum of Shirley, Stuart and Graham; granny to Darren, Clare and Mark, and great granny to Bethany, Valentina and Tommy. She will be missed by all her family and friends. The funeral service took place on Friday 7 July 2017 at St Andrew's Church, Collyweston.

† Wendy Elizabeth Hickling (née Baldwin)

OBE, JP, DL, BA, Hon LLD, DHF (Leicester) (OS 55) Died peacefully at Peaker Park Care Village, Market Harborough on 21 May 2017. Wendy lived at Barholm, Lincs and was educated at Tallington Village School, Stamford High School and the University of Leicester. Eldest of four, grandmother of four and married to Roger for over 58 years. A country girl from a farm cottage in a tiny village who was able to become a teacher, a school and college governor, a charity worker, a magistrate, an OBE, a Deputy Lieutenant of Leicestershire, a hands-on chair of three NHS trusts and a Distinguished Honorary Fellow of University of Leicester, where she was an active member of its council for 20 years and twice chair of convocation. It was a life of service to others. Wendy's funeral took place in Leicestershire on 8 June 2017.

† Ann Munton

Ann Munton, 69, of Collyweston, died on July 2 2017. Educated at Stamford High School, Ann's first job was as a bank clerk at Barcalys Bank, leaving to become mother to three children. Returning to work as local Post Lady in Easton and Collyweston, and Receptionist at Sheepmarket Surgey for over 25 years until retirement. A supporter of many village and local societies and clubs over the years including Easton Cricket Club and Easton and Collyweston Women's Institute, more recently Easton Horticultural Society, King's Cliffe Heritage, Collyweston Community Shop, High Ground Tenants' Association and many more voluntary positions in the community. Always on offer to help others, loved spending time with grandchildren. She also enjoyed baking and knitting. She leaves husband George and children Juliet, Joy and Justin. Her funeral was held on 18 July 2017 at St Andrew's Church in Collyweston and led by the Rev Philip Davies.

† Daisy Temple (née Sharpe) (OS 49)

Daisy was born on 23 December 1929 at 'The Limes' just a short distance from the church on Main Street, Great Casterton. Her parents Iris and Frank Sharpe had married in 1924 and were tenant farmers of the Marquess of Exeter's Burghley Estate around Stamford and other members of the Sharpe family were well known local farmers too.

Daisy's father was one of eight children, was born in Stamford in 1893, educated at Stamford School and volunteered to join the Army soon after the First World War began, serving in France with the Lincolnshire Regiment from 1914-18. Her father was also churchwarden in this church for 42 years from 1929-71, served as a Special Constable in the Second World War and was later a governor of Stamford School. Daisy's mother Iris was the eldest daughter of Clara and William Kelland and was born in Cheltenham where her father had his own tailor's shop.

As a farmer's daughter, Daisy was very fortunate to have a happy rural childhood living at 'The Limes', a large farmhouse beside the busy Great North Road although it is now hard to believe that the A1 once ran through this lovely village. Daisy had no brothers or sisters but was close to many of her 11 cousins, particularly her cousin Jessie, and kept in touch with them for the rest of her life.

Educated at Stamford High School, Daisy then studied for a General Arts degree at the University of Durham from 1949-52. First meeting her future husband Stuart Temple in 1951 when both worked as student volunteers

on an archaeological dig at Corbridge near Hadrian's Wall in Northumberland, she returned to Durham to take a Diploma in Education from 1952-53.

Stuart graduated at Durham with a law degree in 1953 and started work that summer as a trainee chartered accountant in Sunderland but the couple kept in touch particularly through their common interest in archaeology, with both helping to excavate part of Canterbury's city wall in 1954. Although Stuart was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident near Durham later that year which put him out of action for several years, Daisy started her teaching career at a girls boarding school at Dorking, Surrey, in October 1954 and taught at Stanway School until 1958.

Having continued a long distance relationship, Stuart and Daisy became engaged during an archaeological dig at Glastonbury Abbey in August 1957 and they were married here in St Peter and St Paul's Church in Great Casterton on 9th August 1958. After a reception at The Limes, they went on honeymoon to the remote Scottish Island of Iona. That Autumn they bought their first home, a bungalow at 4, Norwich Avenue, Wide Open, near Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, where their next door neighbours Bob and Pat Davison and daughter Nicci became life-long family friends.

Volunteering again at Glastonbury Abbey excavations several times after their wedding and also on archaeological digs on a Roman wall and villa here in Great Casterton, Daisy's and Stuart's son Julian was born in April 1960 at Stannington Nursing Home near Morpeth and was first introduced to archaeological excavations at Glastonbury as a two year old. Daughter Isobel arrived to complete the family in July 1963 and two years later, they all moved to live in a 1930s detached house at 68, Holt Drive, Loughborough, Leics., when Stuart started work as an accountant for Loughborough engineers and crane manufacturer, Herbert Morris Ltd.

In mid-1967 Stuart started a new accountancy job with the Dowsett construction firm in Greatford, Lincs, but stayed with Daisy's parents in Great Casterton and saw the family only at weekends until a new detached house was completed for them in Belmesthorpe in January 1968.

Daisy returned to teaching later that year with a new job at Kirkstone House School in nearby Baston and both Julian and Isobel were pupils when she taught there before continuing their education at Stamford School and Stamford High School respectively. Working there for nearly 30 years, latterly slightly beyond official retirement age as part-time librarian and helping dyslexic children with their reading, she finally retired in June 1997. The Stamford High School Old Girls' Guild was a major part of her life and she became a longstanding committee member, serving as Secretary for five years and also editing the Guild's leaflets and magazine until 1995. After giving up these roles, she stayed on the committee which benefitted from her extensive knowledge and contacts until finally retiring in 2014.

Daisy also spent at least several decades enthusiastically researching her family history and enjoyed interviewing and tracing older and distant relatives. In her late seventies she even learned to use a computer and the internet to assist her research.

Otherwise until relatively recently and despite her failing health, Daisy led a remarkably busy and active life pursuing her many other interests, particularly reading, gardening, swimming and of course keeping in touch with her family and friends.

† **Kate Wallbank (née Smith) (OS 47)**

on 16 November 2014. Daughter, Alice Montague-Fuller writes, 'She was at the school from about 1941 onwards. I am a bit vague about the dates as she was born in 1929, but was put up a year and in fact left to go to Oxford at the tender age of 17, so I guess in 1946. I know she loved school and it gave her a great start. After Oxford, she went to Spain for two years to teach English to the children of the American Ambassador in Madrid. After teacher training at Hughes Hall in Cambridge she became an English teacher, and eventually became Deputy Head of Kind Edward's High School for Girls and later of Edgbaston High School for Girls in Birmingham. She was happily married to my late father for 51 years. I remember that we had a tea towel on our kitchen wall with your "Christ me spede" motto, and she loved to explain what it all meant. I know that she had very happy memories and attended reunions until she was too ill to do so.'

† **Liz Winfield (née Parkins) (OS 77)**

died on 22nd October 2013. She was married to David, had a daughter, Charity, and worked in IT, including at IBM.

News of Old Girls

1940's

Anne Brown (née Holmes) (OS 43)

Still in care! My goodness! How the school days have changed since my day! Gone are the separate little wooden cubicles for the boarders. No going into another girl's! 35 boarders - crocodile walks after breakfast and lunch! One girl whose twin brother was at the boys school, saw him one day and waved to him! Was sent straight to Headmistress for waving to a boy!

Joan Owen (née Weston) (OS 45)

Has acquired another great grandson, also enjoyed a lovely family party on my 90th birthday, still active in U3A and Mother's Union.

Margaret Woolley (née Hill) (OS 45)

One of my grandsons, Nick, got married to Katy on May 15 2017.

1950's

SPauline Ellis (née Dolby) (OS 57)

I am a retired medical secretary with four children and eight grandchildren. I lead a busy life involving my husband, family, church, volunteering, keeping fit and seeing friends.

Sheelagh Foulke (née Grummitt) (OS 59)

Still very active with Norfolk Federation for Women's Institute - Vice Chair of Arts and Crafts and teaching and demonstrating regularly. My younger daughter still lives in Stamford and eldest grandson attends Stamford School.

1960

Margaret Atkins (née Carr) (OS 67)

Married Barry John Atkins at St Martin's Church Stamford on 1 September 1966. Two children: one son and one daughter: Martyn Patrick Atkins (25.11.67) and Kathryn Lucy Atkins (09.09.69) Daughter Lucy is married to David Graham Findlay (14.10.94) and they have three daughters - Caitlin Patricia Findlay, ex SHS and now reading English at Newnham College, Cambridge, Amelia Rachel Findlay - 1st year sixth at SHS and Tabitha Irene Findlay - to enter SHS in September 2017.

Janet Christmas (née Banyard) (OS 67)

Teacher, with three children and four grandchildren.

Juliet Ann Dawson (née Samworth) (OS 60)

I continue with voluntary work at Peterborough Cathedral. I will be busy with the Summer music festival to celebrate the organ being re-pitched from old philharmonic to standard concertpitch, the results of eighteen months work. As a Cathedral Steward I am involved with our 70th anniversary lunch. My father was the first secretary for 36 years. I am the first lady steward.

Lis Downs (née Freeman) (OS 67)

Married to Peter Downs, no children, one cat of 20 years! Live in an idyllic spot that is beginning to be too much work for us. Love walking, travel. Retired from academia in 2011.

Eileen Noakes (née Templeman) (OS 67)

Still farming sheep, married to Bill for 46 years. Five children, four grandchildren, spend my time between farming with house renovating, maintenance and letting.

Jane Pedder (née Sharpe) (OS 67)

I left school having got my French A-Level, and took an au pair post in Paris where I looked after two youngsters as well as doing housework and a course in French at L'Insitut Catholique for a year. I decided to apply to a Teacher Training College in Tooting, and had three super years with Art of Movement as my main subject. We now have two boys, one is an architect and now a dad and living close by. The other is a business consultant and at present based in Brussels.

Janet Royce (OS 67)

I continue to be happy in my retirement. I enjoy socialising with friends and family as well as theatre, films and music. I'm a volunteer with the local mental health trust. I live reasonably close to my sisters, Susan Marsh and Elisabeth Lexton, both SHS pupils and see them regularly.

Pauline Wiley (née Brown) (OS 64)

Working was so peaceful in comparison to so called retirement. Continuing enjoyment of the Arts, Travel, Gardening, Family reunions - many cousins having attended SHS or Stamford School and much more. Regards to any contemporaries, especially as we now live in Stamford after 50 years away.

1970s

Elizabeth Allen (née Peschek) (OS 72)

Getting old (my body), Second grandchild due in Queensland Australia in July 2017. Travel frequently to Australia. Youngest Gill engaged to be married. Happy with life - so much to be thankful for when it's so difficult for many.

Tacey Bain (née Cronin) (OS 77)

I read Law at Bristol and became a Barrister, doing criminal work initially and family for most of my career. I have three daughters, now grown up (and almost left home!) and I seem to have spent a lot of time supporting my husband's interests including international hockey and motorsport. I remain challenged as far as sport is concerned but do a bit of running!! In 2010 I became a District Judge and sit in the County Court and the Family Court (still in Bristol): I thought it would be less fraught than life at the Bar – it is mildly easier to be in charge! - and by the time this goes to print I will have become a Circuit Judge in the Family Court.

Jo Barclay (née Harvey) (OS 77)

Medical degree from University of Newcastle. Got married and after junior medical jobs started having babies! Worked part time in a Symptomatic Breast clinic in Newcastle and also did family planning clinics. Moved to Edinburgh in 1995 for kidney transplant consultant husband's job. Worked part time in symptomatic breast clinics initially, but for the past 20 years worked for the Breast Screening Programme for the detection of breast cancer. Separated from first husband in 2005 but I met a lovely chap called Glen, a lawyer, five years ago and we have been married for four years. We both retired two years ago and are trying to fit in as much travelling as possible! My children are Jessica, aged 32, married with two little girls, Gracie aged 3 and a half and Evie 16 months. Gorrgeous! It's lovely for me as they live in Edinburgh, so I am a hands on granny! My son William is 28, recently married to Harriet, and lives in Hong Kong. Rebecca, my youngest, is 27 and is working in Australia. We are all meeting up in Tasmania for Christmas which will be fab! In my younger days I regularly played tennis, sailed, windsurfed and skied. However, being more creaky I have now taken up golf! My husband is a very good golfer so we have to take golf clubs on most holidays! Quite fun though.

Philippa Beagley (née Paige) (OS 77)

I trained as a primary school teacher, and had three children who are now aged 29, 27 and 25. I worked in community and arts education before moving into local

authority school achievement as a Dance Consultant. From there I moved into the 14-19 team and managed the new diplomas, Foundation Learning and alternative provision. I was made redundant in 2013 and set up PB Education Services. My work mostly involves training, moderating and centre support for Arts Award, which is a Trinity College London qualification; and some consultancy work with alternative education providers. I recently completed a Masters in Emotional Factors of Teaching and Learning, which was a wonderful, developmental experience. I divorced eight years ago and am living with my new partner in St Leonard's on Sea after 35 years in London, and I love it! We have set up Hastings Salsa and teach a couple of times a week, and now I am doing a small qualification with the Wheelchair Dance Sport Association so that I can set up some inclusive dance classes in Hastings.

Julie-Ellen Beeson (née Headley) (OS 77)

I trained at Norland and after graduating in 1980 worked as a nanny in London, Monte Carlo and France. After marrying, I ran a nursery in South London at a FE college and also taught NVQ childcare there. I did that until the late nineties when I was spending more time 'ticking boxes' and writing development plans than actually caring for and educating the children and students. After leaving the college I set up a web based business offering family research services thus turning my own interest in genealogy into work. We have recently moved to the Kent coast and will divide our time between here and our property in Chamonix in the French Alps.

Carol Bettinson (OS 77)

After leaving school I went to Norwich City College to study an HND in Hospitality and during the first year had a work placement at The George of Stamford. I enjoyed it so much that I didn't go back to college and stayed working there for nine years, starting as a full time waitress and ending as Deputy Manager. My then boss supported me to take a course for FE teachers and on completion of that I became employed full time as a tutor in hospitality at Stamford College. I was there for 17 years, latterly as a head of department and lead for the teacher training team, having completed a degree at the age of 46 (!). I felt a new challenge was needed and in 2008 was employed as an Education Manager at HMP Stocken, near Grantham, working for The Manchester College. After a year I experienced TUPE and joined Milton Keynes College and then became a regional contract manager for offender learning in the East Midlands. In 2014 I moved back into the FE sector as a Director of Curriculum at Swindon College – and experienced on a daily basis the dreaded Magic Roundabout! In 2017

Andy, my partner of 20 years, left the army after 39 years and so I left my job and we are now for the first time experiencing living together all week in one place, at our home near Stamford. I now work once more for Milton Keynes College and am still in the offender learning sector. I have not had any children but Andy has two boys and two grandchildren who live in Scotland so we spend a lot of time on the A1 going north. I am definitely becoming more nostalgic as I get older and love to have news of SHS and old girls and it was really lovely to see so many at our 40-year anniversary gathering in July.

June Boddrell (née Neilson) (OS 72)

Retired, enjoying more holidays with husband, Anthony, since his recent retirement. Recently celebrated 35th wedding anniversary.

Lyn Bourne-Weick (née Bourne) (OS 77)

After high school, I left to join my parents in America, stayed and married an American! Went to the University of Maryland for my undergraduate work and then Florida State University for grad school (MBA). I worked in university administration - mostly finance and operations but also as an adjunct professor at Florida State University. Also had an amazing opportunity as COO of the Ringling Museum of Art... then we moved to Chicago and I worked at Northwestern University - Senior Associate Dean in the College of Arts and Sciences. The past 10 years I have had my own business. Married twice - divorced once! Have two amazing boys and four grandchildren. One son lives in Seattle and the other in North Carolina and my husband and I live in Michigan with our two dogs!

Maggi Dawn (OS 77)

Maggi is Associate Dean for Marquand Chapel and Associate Professor (Adjunct) of Theology and Literature at Yale. Before that she was a chaplain and taught theology at Cambridge. She says: I live in the USA at the moment, I'm a professor at Yale. My son is at college over here so I think we'll be on this side of the Atlantic for a while longer. I'm making a trip home to the UK this summer but unfortunately not until the end of July, so I won't be able to come to the reunion. I hope it's a lot of fun-do pass on my best wishes to anyone who remembers me. It seems such a long time ago now, another world really. I'm still in touch with Elizabeth Murphy (née Butcher) - she lives in the Stamford area. Claire Bostock and I worked for the BBC for a while, she was making programs if I remember correctly, and I freelanced as a musician and presenter at Broadcasting House until I left for the USA.

Elisabeth Eastburn (née Firth) (OS 77)

On leaving school I completed nurse training at The Radcliffe School of Nursing in Oxford and after working in several fields I took a commission with the Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service in 1983 where I stayed until 1999. I thoroughly enjoyed my 16 years with the Service as I was given the opportunity to work in Jerusalem, Israel and Germany as well as four different hospitals in England. In 1990 I met Gary, a widower from Missouri with a 6-year old daughter called Jana. We married in 1991 and moved to Washington near Seattle in 1999 when I finished my commission. In the USA I worked as an ophthalmic assistant until I managed to pass my American nursing licence in 2005, staying with the same company to work in the operating room as an RN and occasional scrub Tech. In 2011, with Gary retired, we moved back to England and settled in Market Rasen. Although I initially worked in a local nursing home I have now retired to enjoy my hobbies, holiday with my husband and say yes to every invitation to visit my SHS friends.

Karen Evans (née Leeson) (OS 77)

I have been very happy working as a GP, married to George, and living in Eastbourne. With three children, a dog, and sail most weekends, life has always been hectic. Last year we downsized our house and my work to allow more time for sailing, travelling and 'doing things'. This year we have been to the Canaries, France, Australia, New Zealand, and Majorca. I am currently touring the Garden Route in South Africa. So lucky!

Penny Falconer (née Chown) (OS 77)

I did a degree in biochemistry at York and then a PhD at Imperial College London, having decided research wasn't for me I joined the civil service as a factory inspector. Initially I worked in London but about 21 years ago I moved to Inverness and married. I have one son aged 20. I was widowed in 2008 and spent the years since as a single mum with a lot of standing on freezing touch lines at rugby matches. Am still a health and safety inspector - my patch covers Shetland, Orkney, Highland and Moray..anything and everything..I have a house on the north west coast of Sutherland which I would like to spend more time in... But if anyone is doing the NC500 we are on the route...

Sandra Hine (née Brighton) (OS 77)

Most will know that I had very much wanted to be a vet when at school. My 'A' level results however didn't meet the grades required to take up the place I'd been offered at Edinburgh. Consequently I went to Leeds instead

and read Food Technology before entering the graduate training programme with Sainsbury's. I quickly decided I'd rather be in a faster paced environment and moved into sales where eventually, over a long period, I was part of the senior management team that launched 'Good Old Yellow Pages' onto the stock market. I left there in 2010 joining the board of a telecommunications company and managed the SME sector until 2014 when I retired.

I now work as a freelance consultant and work hard enjoying life!! I've never had children but until a few years ago had a horse and competed at rather a lowly level. I still ride and occasionally hunt with the Belvoir. I have a wonderful surrogate child - a rather lively English Pointer, and seven lovely nieces and nephews. I live in Leicestershire with my partner in a quintessential old English rectory and enjoy holidaying in the sun. I have a passion for Africa having visited a large number of times. In September I visited Bwindi National Park Uganda to see the Gorillas which was just fabulous. I also enjoy sport and in December we're off to Australia to watch the Ashes.

Tamasin Hochberg (née Little) (OS 77)

I went off to Oxford to do my BA in Jurisprudence, without intending to become a lawyer, but since I had no clue what I did want to do (a recluse with a second hand bookshop?) I was duly steered by the careers office into practice as a solicitor in the City. Worked as a company commercial lawyer in London, Hong Kong and Sydney for several years doing things like buying the Port of Bristol, which was all quite interesting. My longer-term career in that capacity would have been severely handicapped by my objections to networking and difficulty in getting organised enough to close a deal. Fortunately, my then firm seconded me to the Bank of England for a year or so when it had a committee reviewing legal risk in the wholesale financial markets in London. That experience confirmed what my firm's view had always been - I was going to specialise in financial services regulation. So I got my partnership and have had an endless supply of work for the subsequent decades, moving between City firms a couple of times and writing one book. Regulation is showing no sign of cessation but I am eagerly contemplating retirement from it later this year. I've had some very nasty spells of clinical depression (though it's been under control for many years which I trust will continue to be the case) and I'm now Vice Chair of Bipolar UK, the national charity for those affected by the condition (all donations gratefully received and badly needed www.bipolaruk.org). One husband, a very civilised man, no children, alas. Living in an 18th century

terrace in Twickenham. Both parents still alive (my mother well, my father less well) and they haven't moved from Nassington so I'm in the area quite often. My brother was more adventurous and has been running a bar restaurant above Cadaques in Catalonia for the last 25 years or so. He has recently produced 2 children so I'm endeavouring to learn some Spanish.

Yee San Horvath (née Foo) (OS 77)

After leaving SHS I went to the London School of Contemporary Dance and then Arts Educational Trust in the Barbican. I worked in dance and drama, theatre, film and TV until 1985 when I went to the USA for a three-month tour. While staying with my aunt, Madame Sylvia Wu, and accompanying her at her restaurant in Santa Monica, California, I met my first partner, Gary Hender, and stayed for eight years! ("Darling, when are you coming home?", "Soon, Mummy, soon!"). Gary was a lawyer and the founding president and CEO of Tri-Star Pictures, so I moved into a different type of work, briefly in casting at 20th Century Fox, but mostly keeping a fine household for a movie producer and former head of a Hollywood studio, with a bird's eye view of Hollywood.

I met many fascinating people; some of the highlights were dinner with drop dead gorgeous Mikhail Baryshnikov and Zubin Mehta at Danny Kaye's house, regularly sitting next to Billy Wilder at Spago, spending much time with Ismail Merchant and James Ivory and staying at Robert Redford's gorgeous house in Sundance at festival time, just the three of us, Gary, Bob and me. Berry Gordy and Kirk Douglas are still close friends, Anne Douglas my self-appointed godmother. We spent a lot of time with Sean Connery and Berry, so also with Michael Jackson, Diana Ross, Smokey Robinson and many other Motown artists. My aunt's best friend was Cary Grant, so we regularly dined with him. Gary was also the lawyer for the Verve and Pablo companies, and we travelled to some fantastic concerts around the world with Norman Granz to see Oscar Peterson, Sarah Vaughan, Joe Pass and Ella Fitzgerald. He remained Ella's lawyer until his death and I got to know her well. He taught me, whenever we were having tea at her house and she was discussing her set, to say "I don't know that song", so that she would sing it for us! I entertained many of these and other household names at our beautiful house in Beverly Hills, which Miss Prytherch hadn't prepared me for in the SHS cookery room! Julie Fisher came to visit me and took some lovely photographs,

After Gary's tragically early death from cancer I moved to Vence on the Côte d'Azur and have lived there for most of the last twenty five years. I had always been interested in

fabrics, costume, art and design, and I created a collection of lingerie that was bought and sold by Liberty of London. I also became a graduate gemologist and diamond grader at the Gemological Institute of America, (GIA). I eventually married and have three children, 22, 18 and 16, so I've been very busy. I defy anyone to put their children through the French educational system and stay sane! I divorced ten years ago and have only just recently severed all financial ties with my former (English) husband. It has been as arduous as my previous life was glamorous, and I am creating a foundation to reform the law, educate the judiciary and help others who have/are/will be going through the same trauma in the English family courts. I would be interested in speaking to any of you who have worked in or had any experience in any related field.

My sister, Yee Wah, lecturer in political science at Lincoln University, has headed a long term family project to make our grand-father, Foo Ping Sheung's diaries available to the world, and his photographic archive is now available via the Bristol University website, <https://www.hpcbristol.net/collections/fu-bingchang>. It was wonderful to see my daughter learn about her great-grandfather as she worked on editing his diaries for publication and I hope that she will read history at SOAS come September. If you're interested in WWII history, Allied military politics in the far East and the beginning of the Cold War, they make fascinating reading.

There's a BBC Radio4 programme about him here: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b07kpy46>

Julia F Houlton (née Wishart) (OS 70)

I have retired after a career in hospital based dentistry. My family all inherited my love of travelling; I have one son in New Zealand, a daughter in British Columbia and my other son is still in the UK (for how long!?).

Sally-Ann Jackson (née McCormack) (OS 72)

Retired Landscape Architect, Parish Councillor, Trustee Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CPRE. 3 grown up children: Edward left SS 1998, Jennifer left SHS 2000, Emma left SHS 2005. Three grandchildren at present.

Ginny Lyons (OS 77)

I have been living in Huesca (Spain) since 1984, where I run an English academy. I still do some teaching but running the Cambridge Assessment English exams centre takes up most of my time. I have two grown-up children, Ines in Toulouse and Leandro in Granada, so my life is based around my work, gardening and my dog, but when I get a break I have great destinations for long weekends!

Sara Millard (née Bradley) (OS 72)

Celebrated 40th wedding anniversary this May.

Sue Potter (née Ash) (OS 77)

I trained as a nurse in London, lived in Oxfordshire and moved with my family to Devon where I'm continuing to nurse and run holiday cottages on our farm. Alice is in Bristol and teaches in Clifton, Charlie doing Part 2 architecture in London and Harry doing a neuroscience PhD in Manchester. We have animals on the farm and are in the process of setting up a pedigree Hereford herd – three calves so far and one imminent! Piglets, ducks and hens keep us busy and visitors amused! I have just moved my mum to a retirement home in Honiton so will be losing her tie with lovely Stamford.

Kathy Quinlan-Flatter (née Quinlan) (OS 77)

Between school and university I worked in Paris as a waitress and that is where my heart still belongs. I studied Linguistics and International Studies at the University of Surrey, with periods of working and studying in Vienna, Paris and Bonn, so I got used to living in Europe. After university I worked at Siemens in London for two years, then moved to the Black Forest area in south Germany in 1983. I have two children with my German ex-husband, and they are now 30 and 32. As we split up just after my son was born, I brought up the children alone. To support us I started a business as a self-employed translator and interpreter, but in 1990 was hired by SAP as a technical writer, trainer and consultant. I travelled a lot with SAP, spending periods in Japan and other Asian countries. In 2000 I became self-employed again and continued this work in my own business. Over the last four years I have turned to history and journalism, writing historical features for two German newspapers as well as for publications for our town. In my spare time I used to work as a dance teacher/trainer and am still a member of one of our local Carneval clubs.

Amanda Richardson (OS 77)

After SHS I went to Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford to study Physics. After graduating, my first job was in Edinburgh – as a Design Development Engineer with Ferranti. I then moved to Heriot-Watt University to be a Research Associate in Signal and Image Processing. This technology area has remained a theme to my work since then. I moved out of academia to work in semiconductors at Inmos in Bristol - at the start of the Digital Image Processing revolution. In 1992 I relocated to Grenoble in France to work for the parent company STMicroelectron-

ics. STM chips went into the very first Digital Satellite Box worldwide and we became the number one MPEG chip supplier. At the same time I managed to achieve a part time MBA. In December 1998 I returned to the UK to work in Pace Micro, as Head of Strategic Alliances. Pace was a leading STB company, especially known for the Sky Digisat box but also providing cable television STBs for partners across the USA. By 2004 I was back in Edinburgh, running Product Marketing in an audio semiconductor specialist (Wolfson Microelectronics). Wolfson chips were used in many millions of small devices sold across the world: mobile phones, ipods and iphones, Sat Navs and all small gadgets with audio. In 2010 I returned to Bristol working with several technology start-ups. After a couple of years I joined a small company called Fusion Processing as VP Operations - where I remain today. Fusion provides Intelligent Sensing and Situational Awareness Technology for automotive and smart city applications and is involved in several of the UK government CCAV (Autonomous Vehicle) projects. I also run a small technology consultancy company.

Janet Rochester (née Cumberland) (OS 77)

I have three 20 somethings, all of whom have left the nest and live in Manchester - the two girls - and Brighton - my youngest son. I work in Paediatric Emergency Medicine but have been coerced into a fairly big management role introducing electronic records into the trust as well at the moment, I seem to be working twice as many hours in my 50s than I did when I was younger. Looking forward to retirement!

Angela Rowlands (OS 72)

I left SHS in 1972 after nine years. After a degree in Nutrition I went on to study Medicine. I retired in 2014 as a GP though I continued to do some locums. I am now fully retired and live in France. I am now following my first love of plants inspired by Miss Butler. I am creating a large garden.

Denise Speakman (née Smith) (OS 74)

I was awarded the British Empire Medal in the New Years' Honours and received my medal at Peterborough Town Hall on March 27 2017 and recently attended a garden party on 1st June at Buckingham Palace.

Zofia Stott (née Tkaczyk) (OS 72)

Director of Assimilia Limited - a scientific consultancy company dealing with space systems, particularly earth observing satellites for monitoring global climate change.

Jane Thicknesse (née Bryant) (OS 77)

After school I read PE and Geography at Loughborough before joining the WRNS where I met my dashing Falklands War hero, Philip. We have three grown up sons and having followed the flag around the country are about to return to West Dorset to, perhaps, finally settle. I've continued my love of anything sporting (still running and playing tennis) and recently completed the 500-mile Camino de Santiago.

1980s

Ruth Chislett-McDonald (née Lamin) (OS 82)

Working as a driving examiner in Nottingham. Amy is a methodist minister. Simon (22) graduating from Durham in Physics, staying for PhD. Charis (21) in final year at St Andrews, evolutionary biology.

Jill Pease-Macaulay (née Pease) (OS 87)

Married Lt Col Don G Macaulay on 29 October 2016 at Stamford Registry Office with the Reception at the Hong Kong Restaurant, Stamford.

1990s

Lucy Booth (née Pugh) (OS 97)

I am married with two sons and continue to work as a Physiotherapist in the NHS.

Julia Brassington (née Gilding) (OS 97)

Living in Devon with my three children, Jude (8), Daniel (4) and Francesca (2). Working as a criminal defence solicitor and crown court advocate in sunny Exeter.

Jo Cooper (née Buckley) (OS 92)

Daughter, Anna, just about to finish her year seven at SHS!

Sarah Derwent (née Cade) (OS 97)

Married, three children, and working part-time at the Department for Education. Still in touch with High School friends.

Rachel Dobson (née Bamber) (OS 97)

Married to Alastair Dobson, with two sons - Angus (5 yrs) and Gilbert (2 yrs).

Mary Hinton (née Sutcliffe) (OS 97)

Working as an Accountant in Ascot, married with a son. Charlie will be 2 in September.

Samantha Houchen (née Harris) (OS 97)

I have been working as a primary school teacher for four years in Hampton, Peterborough after gaining a degree from the university of east London in 2012.

Ivana Knauer (OS 97)

I graduated from Northumbria at Newcastle University with a BA (Hons) History of Modern Art, Design and Film. I lived in Girona, Spain for 10 years. Initially working for the Foreign Office, I then went into hospitality owning and running five bars and beach bars. I later went into Hotel Management and Event Management. I later lived in Australia for 4 years (Tasmania and Sydney). I have 3 children: Alejandro (13), Sofia (6), and Sebastian (5). We have been back in the UK for 3 years now and most of my time is spent running the fundraising as PTA Chair for our local primary school, Bringhurst.

Jennifer Sadler (OS 99)

Had a baby boy May 2017, Charles Peter Dook.

Sasha Tilson (née Kinch) (OS 97) Currently on a break from my career in law while I look after my son, Noah (age 5).

Nicola Wood (née Vernal) (OS 92)

Now living in Killaloe, County Clare Ireland since 2008.

2000s**Laura Fryer (née Gent) (OS 03)**

A baby girl, Elena, born 18 October 2017.

Natasha Leeding (née Wolfe) (OS 02)

After spending the last nine years being a full-time mummy and childminder, I have now taken the plunge along with my husband into property developing and building full-time.

Married Old Stamfordians

In January 2018, we began to search for Old Stamfordians who had married Old Stamfordians. Stamford Endowed Schools has now formally run a diamond structure with a joint Sixth Form for the past 18 years. However, many joint structures even before 2000 have connected Old Stamfordians across the river with formal dances and societies that have led many to find their long-term partner at Stamford. We welcomed all those who made contact with us after our small 'appeal' and would love to hear from further former pupils of the Schools if you are indeed 'married to an OS'!

Lisa Clavering (née Hopkins) (OS 00) and Will Clavering (OS 00)

Will (Clavering, obviously!) was in my year at school and though we spent time with the same people in 6th form we didn't really get together until we left school. We both went to university in Nottingham and in 2004 when we both graduated we moved to London together. We were married at Barnsdale Lodge in 2012 (fellow OS Carl Brewin and of course Will's sister Emily Clavering in attendance!) and our first baby, Oliver arrived in 2014. Last year we moved to St Albans and had Benjamin. Life is definitely hectic with two small boys but lots of fun... most of the time!



Sophie Cornish (née Smith) (OS 96) and Dean Cornish (OS 96)

Dean and I were in the same year at school and first met when I joined the school at the age of 13. We were friendly and mixed in the same circles but were never good friends, so after leaving SES we went our separate ways. Coincidentally, and unbeknownst to each other at the time, we had both done languages at A-Level and we both went on to study French and Spanish at university in the same town (Newcastle), except I was at 'the old poly' and Dean was at 'the proper uni!' When it came to our 3rd year - placement year - we had both been allocated Grenoble and Malaga by our respective universities but our paths didn't cross even then as I dropped out of university after second year and never made it out there! Other than one chance (and very brief!) meeting outside Stamford Post Office in 2004 just after I had my first child with my now ex-husband, it wasn't until 2011 that we saw each other for the first time since leaving school in 1996. Our mutual good friends who are a couple, (Katie Morris and Justin De Toney - also from SES!) happened to arrange to meet both myself and Dean one Saturday in London's Borough Market and whilst we got on really well that day, we didn't actually speak to each other again until a year later. I moved up from London to live with Dean in Stamford a year after that and we married in Stamford in August 2014. We are now parents to 20-month old Beatrix and are constantly amazed at the fact that we ended up together after 15 years apart.

**Sarah Delaney (née Thorne) (OS 92)
and John Delaney (OS 91)**

John and I got together at school, I was a boarder and John was in the year above me. We went to uni in London together and got married in 1997. After our degrees I followed John around as he did his house officer jobs and he is now a GP in Corby. Five children later we feel incredibly lucky to be able to send all of our children to Stamford Endowed Schools. Joe (19) finished last year and is currently having a gap year, Olivia (16) is in her first year of A levels, Patrick (15) is about to do his GCSEs, William (12) has just finished his first term at the boy's school and Edward (11) is in his last year at the Junior school!



**David Denney (OS 74)
and Jackie Denney (née Canham) (OS 75)**

As a boarder in Browne House in 1973 our weekends were taken up with either playing sport for the School or meeting the High School girls in Burghley Park - or both. One of my friends at the time (Don Fairgrieve - who was later to be our best man) was 'going out' with Jackie and it was through him that we met, just at the time when Jackie was leaving the High School to go to college in Leicester. I also knew the Canham family through playing rugby for the School with Guy (Jackie's brother) and for Stamford Town where Jackie's father was the President. Having completed her course, Jackie took a job in catering in Cambridge to keep me company while I finished my degree. After I graduated in 1978 we became engaged and then married on a very wintry St Patrick's Day in March 1979 in All Saints Church, Stamford.



**Catriona Drake (née Smith) (OS 07)
and Ben Drake (OS 07)**

Ben and I met during Sixth Form, he joined Stamford School at that time and despite studying three of the same subjects we had lessons at opposite sites, so did not meet until some social occasions during the following summer. He eventually worked up the courage to ask me out in October 2006! The following summer we set off to our respective universities; Aberdeen for Ben, Hertfordshire for me. Despite this seemingly huge 500-mile separation we stuck together and when I finished university three years later I moved up to Aberdeen and found a job there. In 2011 Ben proposed and we were married in 2013. We have moved a few times since then with Ben's job and currently live in Newcastle where we have just welcomed our beautiful daughter Harriet into the world!



Hayley Hibbins (née Smith) left 1992 and Christopher Hibbins (OS left 1988)

I met Christopher Hibbins at a charity ball at Witham Hall School while I was still at college studying BSc Podiatry at Eastbourne and he was a dentist in Peterborough. We were married at Witham on the Hill in 1996, with many OS in attendance. Now living in Northborough where Chris has his private Dental Practice attached to our home and I practice Podiatry here and at clinics in Stamford and Wansford. We have two children, Phoebe currently studying Fashion Buying in London and Edgar in the sixth form at The King's School, Peterborough, hoping to study medicine.



Nicola Kidston (née Knipe) (OS 88) and John Kidston (OS 88)

I am an old girl of the school from the class of 1988 (year we left school). I met my now husband, John Kidston also of the class of 1988 on Saturday 7 March 1987 at The Gateway pub in Scotgate, where he was performing with his band, Honeycomb Veil. I had gone to watch the band with a few girlfriends when he stopped me on the stairs for a chat. The rest is history. We dated for 14 years before marrying in 2001. In 2003, we departed the UK to make a new life in Sydney, Australia with our one-year old son. Our daughter was born in 2005. In March this year we will have been together for 31 years! Here is a photo of us both at Mollymook beach in NSW last week.



Rachael Szymborska (née Marriott-Hancox) (OS 88) and Justin Szymborski (OS 88)

We knew each other at school as we were in the same year, but it wasn't until the summer of 1991 that we got together romantically. During our first year together, Justin was at Durham University in his final year and I was in Birmingham for my first year of my second undergraduate degree so there was much train activity between the two cities. After he left Durham, he came to Birmingham to live with me for the next two years while I finished my degree. We then came back to this area and have lived and worked here ever since. We married in August 1996 and have two daughters; Natasha (OS 17), now at Hull University, and Amelia (currently Upper Sixth at SHS). We live in Market Deeping - Justin works in Spalding as MD for a Fruit Importation Company (Fesa UK Ltd) and I work locally as a Community Pharmacist.





**Peter Thompson (OS 62)
and Anne Thompson (née Fowler) (OS 62)**

It was decided by Miss Lomax and Mr Deed in the autumn of 1961 that members of the respective Sixth Forms should be allowed to meet on school premises and the Film Society was formed. Peter and I were chosen as the representatives of our schools and we had never met before. The first films to be shown were Sergei Einstein's classical films, including Battleship Potemkin, Ivan the Terrible and Alexander Nevsky. Peter and I found we had common interests and the friendship continued on and off for a few years. However, in 1967 when we were both living in the West Country our friendship flourished and we were married that September. Recently, we celebrated 50 years of marriage and enjoy living in Portishead, near Bristol. We have two sons and three grandchildren.

**Mark Walmsley (OS 64)
and Sue Walmsley (née McKenzie) (OS 69)**

Mark and Sue Walmsley were married in the School Chapel on 1 July 1972, with the reception held on Brazenose lawn. Mark was at Stamford School from 1956 – 1964 and born and bred in Stamford. His six sisters went to Stamford High School and his brother attended Stamford School. Mark's father was an Old Stamfordian and past Chairman of the OS Club as is Mark. Sue, née McKenzie, was at Stamford High School from 1958 – 1969 and her brother James also attended Stamford High School. Sue's father, Bruce McKenzie was Second Master and Head of Mathematics at Stamford School and served under three Headmasters, Basil Deed, Alan Staveley and Geoffrey Timm. Mark and Sue met in late 1970 and were married in 18 months later in July 1972. Their three children Emma, James and Sarah all attended Stamford Endowed Schools.



Life after SHS:

Vicky Whiter (née Harris) (OS 88)

It will be 30 years this June since I left Stamford High School and in 1988 I would never have imagined that, 30 years later I would live in Nassington and own a local dry-cleaning business, Peters' Cleaners (those at school in the 70's and 80's may remember it in Stamford as Peter Bulbick).

I was not an academic high achiever, it wasn't that I was stupid, but I think it would be fair to say, to the frustration of my parents and many of the teachers at the High School, I didn't apply myself. Consequently, I had to retake my A-Levels at Peterborough Tech to get to Northumbria University, or as it was in my time Newcastle Polytechnic where I gained a Business Studies Degree.

Whilst certainly not a diligent student, I did have bundles of energy and a love of life so when, over a pint in the Lord Burghley in June 1993, Pippa Laxton (née Hoctor) (OS 88) tempted me to follow her to Hong Kong for a three-week stay I couldn't resist.

I instantly loved Hong Kong. It was full of likeminded people and as Hong Kong was then a British Territory, no work visa was required enabling me to immediately get a job. Three weeks flew by and my return flight didn't get booked.....in fact, a three-week trip turned into a 10 year adventure.

During this time, I had the privilege of seeing much of South East Asia, Australia and New Zealand, forged some lifelong friendships and had the opportunity to do things I could only have dreamed of including learning to dive, owning a sailing boat and playing international rugby.

With no idea what I wanted to do career wise, it took a while for me to find my feet which I eventually did with a small entrepreneurial

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business in London which had a fast-growing operation in Hong Kong. I loved my time with the business and worked for them initially in Asia for seven years and then back in London for a further 11 years.

When I moved back from London in 2003 I initially lived in Clapham, but after four years in London I started to appreciate the beauty, quality of life, and convenience Stamford and its surrounding area offered. My parents still lived in the area and I wanted to see more of them, so I made the decision to move to Fotheringhay (near Oundle). This meant a daily commute either on the train or to an airport as I was often required to travel overseas for business, but I never regretted the decision to move.

In 2009 I met my husband Dan and he proposed to me at the Winter Olympics in Whistler. We got married that summer and had a daughter Charlotte, now 7, who goes to Nassington Primary School.

Sick of the early starts and travel, I gave up commuting in 2015. After 18 years it was time for a change of lifestyle and a new challenge. Dan, who had been in the Army for 16 years had given up his career to look after our daughter and he was keen to get his career back on track (there is only so much Postman Pat a man can take in a day!).

The opportunity to buy Peters' Cleaners (two shops in Peterborough, one in Stamford and a dry-cleaning unit and laundry in Peterborough) came up when my Dad had a pint in the pub with the owner, a friend who wanted to retire and was contemplating closing the business down.

I have now owned the business for 18 months and after an exceptionally challenging first six months which involved learning about the business, its operation, market and customers, changes were implemented, and I am proud to say revenue is on the rise and profitability around the corner.

The cleaning staff I inherited with the business are fantastic and the addition of good shop staff, one of whom is an ex Stamford High School girl, has ensured the customer is at the heart of what we do. Peters' Cleaners is 55 years old this month and I think the next 10 years will be an exciting time as there are certainly opportunities to develop the business.



OGG Reunion Day 2017

The Old Girls' Reunion Day at Stamford High School was held on Saturday 1 July 2017. Another reunion enjoyed by all who attended.



Five year reunion



Fifteen year reunion



Twenty year reunion



Twenty Five year reunion



Thirty year reunion



Fourty year reunion



Fourty Five year reunion



Fifty year reunion



Fifty Five year reunion



Sixty year reunion



Seventy year reunion

OGG Reunion Day 2017 – 1977 Leavers’

A number of ‘40 year leavers’ joined the Old Girls’ Guild Reunion Day on Saturday 1 July 2017. Organised by Tacey Bain (née Cronin), 20 ‘40 year leavers’ were pictured at the lunch, with a further two at their later afternoon tea at The William Cecil (once Lady Anne’s boarding house) and a further 14 unable to make the day. The attached photos were sent in by Tacey after the event. We wish a very happy ‘40 year anniversary’ to all those who left in 1977!



Standing, left to right

Lyn Bourne Weick, Amanda Richardson, Clare Boam, Elisabeth Eastburn (née Firth), Karol Bailey (née Brown), Penny Falconer (née Chown), Tacey Bain (née Cronin), Jane Thicknesse (née Bryant), Carol Bettinson, Karen Evans (née Leeson), Sandra Hine (née Brighton), Catherine Wilmore (née Shire), Joanne Alston

Bench and kneeling

Judith Eynon (née Holdsworth), Trudi Brunskill, Phillippa Beagley (née Paige), Sue Matthews (née Cumber), Katie Millar, Tamasin Hochberg (née Little)

In the Facebook group but couldn’t attend

Julie Beeson (née Headley), Susan Lawrence (née Wightman), Kathy Quinlan-Flatter, Joanne Barclay (née Harvey), Caroline Sindall, Cheryl Page, Maggi Dawn, Sue Lockyer, Julia Low (née Wiles), Linda Glossop (née Morrice)

In touch but not on Facebook

Sue Potter (née Ash), Ginny Lyons, Liz Murphy (née Butcher), Janet Rochester (née Cumberland)





Came to lunch but missed the photo
Jane Giddens (née Fisher)



Turned up for tea!
Yee San Horvath (née Foo) and Julie Fisher



Report from 2017 AGM

Ladies and Gentlemen, I'd like to begin by welcoming you all to Room 38 for this our 108th AGM, and I would just like to pause and repeat that fact, this is the 108th 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.

I hope you are finding that the change of time for the AGM is working, please let us know what you think.

If any of you joined us at the service this morning I am sure you would like to join me thanking Nicola Hindle who arranged the service for us. In previous years I have always had the delightful task of thanking Iris Harris who was a member of the Old Girls Committee, sadly Iris died earlier this year and will be very much missed.

I would however like to pass my thanks to Sarah Mahoney, some of you may remember the Old Girls' Guild agreed to part fund a post with the Old Boys and the Foundation. Sarah has been fantastic all year, pulling together the magazine for us and doing much of the organisation for today.

Anita Trowell who has been our Treasurer this year has decided to step down as treasurer, although I am delighted she is remaining on the Committee.

I am really pleased to say that we have been able to persuade Louise Rigby to join the committee as Treasurer, Louise is an Old Girl and currently has a daughter at the school. Also Nicky Lambert has been in touch and I will be meeting her after today's event to welcome her to the Committee.

I have to thank all of the Committee as ever hard working and loyal without whom today would not happen.

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

We are delighted to welcome Miss Bland back after missing last year, it is always good to see her supporting the event.

Thanks to Penny Hudson and the catering and 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 the Foundation's email details to you.

I wish Stamford Endowed Schools a very successful 2017 – 2018.

May Christ us Spede

Lansdowne Reunion 2017 and 2018

On Thursday 18 May 2017, the third SHS London Reunion took place at the Lansdowne Club in Mayfair. We were joined by nearly 60 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 Principal of Stamford Endowed Schools and Former Headmaster, Will Phelan, and Foundation Director, Rachael Petrie, were in attendance, and the event was well received by all guests attending.

Our 2018 event will be held on **Thursday 17 May 2018, 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. Please do contact your old class mates and gather a group to come along together. Tickets will be released via our Box Office in due course and issued on a first come first served basis for alumni only.



SHS OLD GIRLS' REUNION DAY – 30 JUNE 2018 TIMETABLE

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

10.15 / 10.30 Old Girls' Guild Service

ATRIUM

10.00 Coffee and Biscuits

ON THE QUAD

11.30 Registration Desk and OG Stall

Collect name badges and all enquiries including memberships, magazines, raffle tickets and Spede Pin Badges

Pre-lunch drinks

Official Photos to be taken including Reunion Year Groups

HALL

12.30 Buffet Luncheon

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 to be held in Room 38 (off the Quad)

16.30 School Closes

N.B. Name Badges need to be collected upon arrival at 10.00am in the Atrium and from 11.00am onwards from the Registration Desk on the Quad..

SHS OLD GIRLS REUNION DAY 30 June 2018

SECTION 1. REPLY SLIP FOR LUNCHEON

I shall / shall not be able to attend the Annual General Meeting.

I shall require:

Tick

Coffee and Biscuits

Members Lunch £22.00

(Cost includes Coffee and Biscuits,
pre-lunch drink and wine)

Non Members Lunch £26.00

FREE Joint Stamford Alumni Hog Roast
at Mainfields, Stamford School Saturday
Evening 6.30pm

Name (in block capitals):

Maiden name:

Address:

Telephone No:

Years at SHS: From To Left from: U5 L6 U6

Are you attending a special reunion? Yes/No Year

Organiser's name:

PTO for Section 2

SECTION 2. REPLY SLIP NEWS UPDATE 2016

Please send to Alumni Office, Brazenose House, St Paul's Street, Stamford, Lincolnshire, PE9 2BE.

Name (in block capitals):

Maiden name:

Telephone No:

E-Mail Address:

Years at SHS: From To Left from: U5 L6 U6

News including change of address, family and career news.

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This form is to be returned to Alumni Office, Brazenose House, St Paul's Street, Stamford, Lincolnshire, PE9 2BE.

There will be named place settings for the luncheon so **advance booking is essential** - please book early. It will **not** be possible to pay at the door. If you are unable to attend, 48 hours' notice is required in order to obtain a refund.

CLOSING DATE FOR REPLIES IS 15 JUNE 2018.

Methods of payment

Post: All cheques to be made payable to SHS OLD GIRLS' GUILD and please enclose an A5 sized Stamped, Addressed Envelope for the return of your ticket(s).

Electronically: Please email alumni@ses.lincs.sch.uk

SHS Old Girls e-Newsletters



SES Alumni Clay Pigeon Shoot

Alumni gathered over the recent Easter break for a Clay Pigeon Shoot, with a number of guests walking away with prizes on the day. We hope to plan a similar event again for Stamford alumni, with the promise of bacon rolls and a morning's shoot in the future.

Stamford Alumni pop-up event in Leeds

We were delighted to host a small gathering of Stamford alumni based in and around Leeds on Thursday 27 April 2017. We are hoping to hold another 'pop-up' in Leeds again, with similar events around the country in the coming months.

Report from Janet Darke (née Lawson) (OS 58) - A DNA Story



In December 2016 I had my DNA analysed with Ancestry.co.uk (I have been researching my family history), and through the Ancestry website I contacted the nearest DNA match to mine, who also kept her family tree on Ancestry. It turned out that this lovely lady (Caroline) lives in Kettering, not very far from me. We are related through my paternal 2x Great Grandparents, William Blades, born 1795 at Uffington, and Frances Blades (née Brown), born 1796 at Morton, Lincs. We each descend from a different one of their children, and had no idea that each other existed. That was exciting, and a few emails passed between us. Then Caroline added her mother Peggy's DNA results to her tree, and that was almost a perfect match with mine! What is so interesting is that Peggy (born Peggy Smitheringale in 1927) turned out to have been born in Stamford and attended Stamford High School, as did her two older sisters, Kathleen E Smitheringale born 1915 (died in 1999), and Evelyn Smitheringale, known as Eileen, born 1917 (died in 2006). All three sisters were teachers, as I was for many years. The family of Peggy's husband (Pearson) had lived in Stamford for generations. When I saw a photo of Peggy I could hardly believe it – she looks so much like me. I attended Stamford High School from 1953 to 1958, and I attend the Old Girls' Guild Reunions most summers. I think it unlikely that anyone would remember any of the Smitheringale sisters from their schooldays, but it is just possible.



Never Forget Your Hat!

'I lived in St Martin's and one morning a lorry lost control coming down the hill and deliberately ran into our front window in order to stop. Someone came rushing up to me at break and said "There's a lorry in your front room" I rushed across the road to find out if anyone was injured (fortunately no one was) and when I returned to school I got a severe telling off from Miss Gregory for leaving the school premises without a hat!' -

Sarah Wareing (née Brockbank) (OS 64).

Report from the RS FEVA World Championships 2017, Medemblik, The Netherlands

Emma Crawford (née Parker) (OS 88) writes: 'As newly elected President of the International RS FEVA association, I was delighted to meet three competitors from the Stamford Endowed Schools: Alice Lucy (Y10) Issy Leetch (Y7) and Alex Middleton (Y11). I have very fond memories of my first ever trip in a dinghy on Rutland Water with fellow alumna Judy Nixon and I am delighted to see Stamford students competing on a world stage. I very much hope to see them again in Florida or Weymouth in 2018.'



SHS Welcomes back Old Girls for Hockey Match



Eleven old girls were welcomed back to the SHS Astro to play the school 1st XI as part of their pre-season development on Saturday 9 September 2017. Due to Y13 commitments it gave 1st XI coach and Head of SES Hockey Matt Bartell, and SHS Head of Hockey Lucy Meadows, a fantastic opportunity to see much younger players in action. University experience provided a strong, confident and composed opposition that proved challenging throughout the first half, resulting in a 3-0 lead to the Old Girls at half time. A well-structured and inspirational team talk ensured the SHS girls went out fighting in the second half. April Gay soon found the backboard and SHS heads started to rise. Resilience from the Old Girls allowed them to demonstrate some excellent defense resulting in a final score of 3-1 to the Old Girls.

I would like to thank all the parents for their support, and also a huge thanks to Mrs Dyl Powell who we were thrilled to invite back to umpire the game. A buzzing atmosphere in the Bull and Swan afterwards allowed all the girls to catch up with SHS girls and staff alike. I very much look forward to next year's re-match! - SHS Head of Hockey, Lucy Meadows.

Old Girls Squad: Charlie Crombie, Lizzie Plyte, Charlotte Brookes, Beth Pinder, Chloe Sidwell, Immy Bromwich, Colette Russell, Oonagh MacDonald, Sarah Bloomer, Danielle Darke, Emma Dodworth

Old Stamfordians: Legal Group meets again for Quiz Night in London



Several members of the Stamfordian Legal Group met up on Monday 2 October 2017 for a quiz night and sausage-and-mash supper held in the Old Hall of Lincoln's Inn. This beautiful medieval building is the setting of the first page of Dickens' 'Bleak House', where the Lord Chancellor presides over the interminable chancery case of Jarndyce v. Jarndyce. Our evening proved to be a rather more cheery occasion and, while the Lord Chancellor was already spoken for, non-OS ringer, Her Honour Judge Khatun Sapnara joined the Stamfordian team to sprinkle a little judicial stardust over proceedings. Flowing ales and fine wines didn't prevent the Stamford team from reaching a podium position at the end of the first half but Lincoln's Inn's finest minds managed to pull ahead after the dinner break and we failed to win the fiercely contested cash prize. We did,

however, win a bottle of champagne as the prize for the best team name ('We thought this was speed-dating') and since, as everybody knows, choosing a name is easily the hardest question in any quiz, we were pretty satisfied with that. The Stamfordian Legal Group will be meeting again in the new year – *Simon Stanley (OS 85)*.

Economists Attend OS City Networking Event

Twenty five pupils and ten alumni gathered in June 2017 at the City of London Club, for the annual City Networking Event.

On Tuesday 20 June 2017 a group of Sixth Form Economists from Stamford School and Stamford High School travelled to London, as part of an Economics visit to Cyrus Capital Partners, the Adam Smith Foundation and the London Metal Exchange.

In the evening, over drinks and canapés, pupils were then introduced to a number of Old Stamfordians, working in the financial services industry, willing to share their experiences and offer careers advice.



For alumni, it acted as an opportunity to network with others in their industry with a Stamford connection. Guests were able to share advice and offer insight into the sector with our pupils in segments of ten minute conversations, enjoying the roof terrace looking over the city.

Blasts from the Past



A Trip to Paris (September 1950)

James Buckman, School Archivist for Stamford High School, shares memories from the School Archive:

‘MEMORIES FROM THE PAST’

On Thursday 7 September 1950, 18 girls from Stamford High School had ‘a decent run up to London, despite the fact that the train was 25 minutes late.’ They were met at King’s Cross by the staff who would be accompanying the party. This included Miss Dix and Miss Ripley, the two teachers who arranged the school’s first overseas trip amidst Britain’s recovery from the devastation caused by the Second World War.

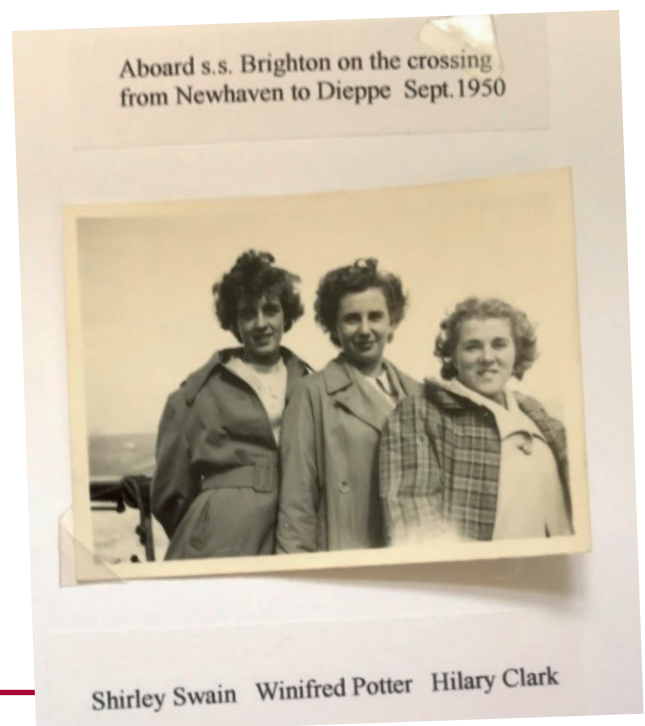
Throughout its 140-year history, Stamford High School has had many trips to far flung countries; just last year, the School visited Iceland, Russia and Sri Lanka. A trip to Paris may sound like a routine expedition, but when one examines the context, it will be found that this particular trip is significant. In 1950, Paris was the farthest destination the school had ever visited.

The School’s first overseas trip was organised in 1925 by the then-headmistress, Miss Sunderland-Taylor, who was an enthusiastic traveller. That visit to Paris was so successful that it was repeated the next year. An itinerary from one of these trips is still intact and can be found in the SHS archive. After Miss Sunderland-Taylor’s retirement in 1927, the overseas visits continued under her successor, Miss Nicol. However, these trips were few and far between. The SHS girls who got the opportunity to go on the trip considered themselves to be very fortunate to visit the city and came away with great memories. With the outbreak of war in 1939, trips even to the Home Counties became impossible.

After the war, life at SHS returned to normal. It was the ambition of Miss Dix and Miss Ripley to organise a trip to Paris which filled the girls with great excitement. In April 1949, ten girls visited the city, and admired many of its attractions, including the Palace of Versailles, the Louvre and Notre Dame Cathedral. For most of the girls, this had been their first trip across the English Channel. The only record of this trip is an article in the SHS Magazine from 1950. The author, Beryl Mawer, recalled that the girls left Paris “with reluctance”, and were very grateful to Miss Dix and Miss Ripley, under whose guidance they “managed to see many wonderful sights which will remain long in our memories.” This trip had been so successful that it was repeated the following September.

Like the 1949 trip, the only record of this expedition is a magazine article, written by one of the girls from the trip, Janet Gray. This article is also available in the SHS archive, and is her description of the many sights seen on the 1950 trip. Other quotations have been reproduced with the kind permission of Sybil McGhie (nee Cotton) who supplied the letters she sent to her parents during the trip. I am also grateful to Win Goulthorpe (nee Potter) who allowed the use of her photographs.

With the introduction of the Eurostar in 1993, a person can travel from Peterborough to Paris, via King’s Cross and St Pancras, within five to six hours in one day. In 1950, the girls had a two-day journey in both directions. After meeting Miss Dix and Miss Ripley at King’s Cross, the party spent a night in London



before they assembled at Victoria Station, and boarded a train for Newhaven. It was here that the girls went through customs “without any entanglement in official machinery,” and boarded the SS Brighton for Dieppe.

Janet commented that the crossing was “thoroughly enjoyed by most of us, and borne with great fortitude by an unfortunate minority.” Sybil claimed that several of the girls did feel seasick. She also recalled that they “went below once and had a thoroughly good [and] amusing time, especially when we tried to walk.” Eventually, the cliffs along the French coast came into view, and the SS Brighton docked at Dieppe. The school party disembarked and boarded a train for a three-hour journey to the capital city. “We had tea in the train [and] felt very English [and] inexperienced” Sybil claimed.

Upon arrival in Paris, the girls made for the Metro. Each bought a book of Metro Tickets for 140 Francs (or 2/6d (12½p in today’s money)). This part of the journey was uncomfortable. The people on board were jammed together, and the suitcases made matters worse. The girls were tired and the heat on the train was terrific. Sybil commented, “I have never felt so utterly like a sardine as I did on the Metro.” The girls finally disembarked at Montparnasse and, at 7.30pm, were welcomed at 49 Rue de Vaugirard, a hostel run by nuns.

The girls’ first morning in Paris was rainy but this did not deter them from visiting the Jardin du Luxembourg; “a blaze of wonderful flowers, well [laid] out lawns, statues, a fountain [and] the palace; the Pantheon,” as Sybil described it. The palace referred to in the letter is the Luxembourg Palace. This was constructed in 1615 to serve as residence for Marie de Médicis, the widow of Henry IV of France, and Regent to her son, Louis XIII. Construction work on the Gardens began in 1612. Since 1958, the palace has housed the French Senate of the Fifth Republic.

On the morning of Sunday 10 September, the group attended a service at the British Embassy Church. In the afternoon, they travelled to the Louvre. Janet emphasised the awe the girls felt for the famous works on display: ‘We were particularly thrilled to see the Venus de Milo, the Mona Lisa and The Winged Victory; the striking position of the latter at the top of a flight of steps we thought most effective.’ These students were not the first SHS girls to admire The Winged Victory. One girl, Maisie Hare, who visited the city with the school in 1929, commented that the sculpture was ‘the most impressive of all the beautiful things we saw there.’ For the rest of the day, the girls did “the thing everyone who visits Paris has to do”: a walk up the Champs Elysées. The Champs Elysées is two kilometres long and stretches from the Place de la Concorde to the Arc de Triomphe; the sheer immensity of the latter ‘overawed’ the girls.

The next day, Monday 11, was devoted to visiting Versailles, the seat of political power from 1682 until the royal family returned to Paris during the French Revolution. The photograph shows the entire group on the steps outside the Palace. Janet commented that after ‘spending the entire afternoon walking through the Palace, we were ready to sympathise with the famous complaint that the dinner was always cold on reaching the Dining Room.’



On Tuesday 12, the group visited Notre Dame Cathedral. ‘The Church is huge and has some really lovely old stained glass in it. It has to be seen to be believed.’ The girls’ visit happened to coincide with ‘a most impressive service.’ The afternoon was given to shopping at Aux Trois Quartiers and ‘Au Printemps.’ The former has since been reconstructed as a shopping mall. French currency, Janet commented, gave the girls ‘the absurd and unreal sensation of playing Monopoly.’

Other destinations recalled by Janet include La Madeleine, a Roman Catholic Church which is another monument from the reign of Napoleon Bonaparte. The girls also covered Les Invalides, a complex of museums and monuments linked to France's military history, and La Conciergerie. The latter, formerly a prison from the Reign of Terror (1793-4), was "a grim reminder of the Revolution" as Janet described it. On the last night, the girls were promised the thrill of seeing the city lights.

Like their predecessors, the eighteen girls enjoyed their time in Paris, but the "days flew by all too quickly" as Janet put it. Before they knew it, they were travelling home on Friday 15 September. After another night in London, they were back in Peterborough by Saturday 16 to share their experiences of the week with "envious friends and parents". Not long after this Paris trip, SHS began to branch out to further destinations. In Easter 1952, Miss Dix and Miss Ripley took a party of girls from the Sixth Form and Upper Fifth on another enjoyable week-long visit, this time to Bruges, Belgium.

- *James Buckman, School Archivist, Stamford High School*

SCHOOL NEWS



Jumping to Success

The new Stamford Endowed Schools' Equestrian Team fielded six teams of four at the Inter Schools show jumping competition at Epworth, near Doncaster, a qualifier for the Lincolnshire NSEA County Challenge.

All the team members rode with professionalism, maturity and were a credit to the School. The results speak for themselves: 70cm class - All rode solid rounds to finish 7th overall and 1st in Lincolnshire, therefore qualifying for the County Championships.

80cm class (two teams entered) - Also rode fantastic rounds to finish 6th and 11th overall, placing us 1st and 2nd in Lincolnshire also qualifying for the County Championships.

90cm class (two teams entered) - We had three clear rounds between them to finish 5th overall, 1st Lincolnshire with another championship qualification. The second team all rode brilliantly but were not placed this time around.

1m class - They rode lovely rounds to be placed 3rd as a team.

Rutland Junior Sailor of Year Award

Stamford High School student Jess Flint has won the Rutland Junior Sailor of Year award. There is a lot of competition for this award as Rutland produces many excellent junior and youth sailors.

Jess has been focussed on the 29er performance skiff boat which is an Olympic pathway boat has been sailing with former Stamford School pupil James Leetch. Earlier this year they won the Silver fleet at the Youth Nationals and they were placed second or third at mixed crew events over six National meetings throughout the year, then winning an overall 3rd place despite missing two events. Jess was then selected to join the National Class Squad in September as well as the Welsh National Squad consisting of only five boats.

Sailing alongside other students from Stamford Endowed Schools Jess also took part in the International Tall Ships Race in which they came 8th following a week-long day and night race.



Geography Lecture at Lincoln University

On a mild mid-September night in 2017, we went to the first Geographical Association lecture in the new academic year, which was offered to all Sixth Form geography students.

It was based at Bishop Grosseteste University, about an hour away from school. We left at 6pm on Thursday 14 September from LMS and returned to school at around 10:30pm (after stopping off at McDonalds on the way back from the lecture, which was a bonus to the trip!).



The lecture was about Megacities and Earthquake risk: disaster in the making, which we found an extremely interesting topic. Additionally, the lecturer, Dr Martin Degg was highly engaging throughout the lecture, which made it a very beneficial for our course outline, which covers earthquakes. Moreover, we learnt a lot of very interesting facts, for example: a 'Megacity' must have a population of over 10 million people; a hazard only becomes a disaster when it affects vulnerable people and due to an increase in urbanisation, many megacities are developing in areas with much seismic activity - putting more and more lives at risk.

The case study discussed was that of Mexico City. Although 300,000km away from the nearest plate boundary, Mexico City is particularly affected by earthquakes as it is built upon a dried out lake bed, meaning that its foundations are weak due to unstable sub-soil which amplifies the earthquake's affect.

The knowledge we gained through this lecture will enable us to adapt it to the course in the upcoming weeks. Overall, we found the lecture very beneficial and will be planning on going to some more throughout the course of the next academic year, as it is a great opportunity to get a broader insight into the subject.

By Aragon Greenway and Zoe Bertuzzi (12AJC)

SHS 1st XI Captain Wins Gold at School Games National Finals

Sophie Skelton (Y13), SHS 1st XI hockey captain, won gold at the School Games National Finals. Sophie was a member of the victorious England Blue team who defeated Ulster, Scotland and England White, to win Gold medals on goal difference over the silver placed England Red team.



“Overall it was a really enjoyable and also tiring four days that was different to any other tournament that I had been to because of the fact that it was a multisport tournament. There was also a professional atmosphere throughout the tournament which created an exciting and unique experience.” – *Sophie Skelton (SHS)*

We are excited to welcome Sophie back to the school team this season and very much look forward to her leading the team, and sharing her growing knowledge and experience with our youthful 1st XI squad.

Dancers Selected for the English Youth Ballet's Coppélia



Five Stamford Endowed Schools' dancers had successful auditions for the English Youth Ballet's *Coppélia*, which was performed at Stamford Corn Exchange Theatre on 14 and 15 July 2017.

The girls; Amelia Davison, Jessica Westwood, Marianne Vié, Joséphine Vié and Isobel Laventure completed their first rehearsals in spring 2017. This first rehearsal was a casting rehearsal for the girls to audition for their parts. Joséphine was cast on pointe as one of Swanhilda's friends and each of the other four girls will play 'younger friend' roles.

The English Youth Ballet has been running for many years, and has a fantastic reputation throughout the UK. The ballet will give the

students a fantastic insight of a big ballet production, working alongside professional dancers and other like-minded ballet students.

During their auditions, the girls had to line up across the stage at The Stamford Corn Exchange, along with around 60 other budding dancers. They performed a normal ballet class and had to switch rows to ensure the same row was not at the front. Then, they were split into groups and asked to do different exercises to demonstrate their technique. At the end, all of those taking auditions were called back to the stage, where the numbers of the successful dancers were called.

Sixth Form St Martin's Society

The student led Sixth Form St Martin's Society have had another successful term with presentations and debate on a range of topical issues. The topics have included 'a teenage guide to sleep', 'the impact of television on modern life' and 'Eastern vs Western education systems'. The sessions involve the students presenting issues from numerous perspectives, giving everyone an opportunity to reflect and comment.



Mrs Victoria Saunders said: "St Martin's is an excellent forum for students to test out their presentation skills; it gives an opportunity for a wide variety of topics to be discussed in a tolerant and critically constructive academic environment. Students develop questioning skills and improve their critical thinking approaches, skills which are invaluable in university interviews and in their future careers."

Stamford High School Girl Crowned Rutland Radio's School Star!



Lottie Pike, a Year 10 pupil at Stamford High School has been awarded the prestigious 'Rutland Radio School Star Award', after being nominated by her teacher, Luke Jones, a teacher of Philosophy and Ethics at Stamford High School.

Rutland Radio's Rob Persani and Lydia Meredith surprised Lottie with the award during a maths lesson on Tuesday 12 December and interviewed her. Lottie was not only surprised, but also delighted with this accolade.

The School Star Award celebrates a pupil in the Stamford and Rutland area who has been recognised for exceeding all expectations in their academic life, often going above and beyond. The School Star Award is the only 'school' award in a series of five 'Star Awards' presented to outstanding individuals around Rutland and Stamford in categories including sport, community, talent, and hero, and all sponsored by local vehicle specialists Adams & Sons at Morcott.



Stamford High School

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:	

STAMFORD HIGH SCHOOL OLD GIRLS' GUILD ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2017

<u>INCOME</u>			<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Balance b/fw/d 30.4.2016	14524.88		<u>AGM 2016</u>	
<u>AGM 2016</u>			Presentations	235.31
Lunch	2615.00		Gratuities	110.00
Magazines	69.10		Food & Drink	2480.00
Pin Badges	<u>25.00</u>		Frieda Flowers	35.98
			Refund	75.00
			Photos	<u>49.78</u>
				2986.07
Subscriptions	7312.00		Magazine 2016	5753.82
			OGG Prize	50.00
			London Evening	97.88
			SES Alumni Relations Mgr	5000.00
			TOTAL EXPENDITURE	13887.77
			Balances Carried Forward	10622.46
			Lloyds TSB	28.75
			Building Society Interest	7.00
			Plus Cash in Hand	10658.21
				£24545.98

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Note to the Accounts:- We have closed the Building Society Account and amalgamated the balance to the Current Account. As the magazine went out later than usual this year, there are no receipts or payments for the 2017 Luncheon, these will all be shown in the Accounts for 2018. As previously reported, the increase in subscriptions allowed us to contribute towards the cost of the newly appointed Alumni Relations Manager.

STAMFORD HIGH SCHOOL OLD GIRL'S GUILD MERCHANDISE

Teddy Bear
£18.00



Umbrella
£18.00



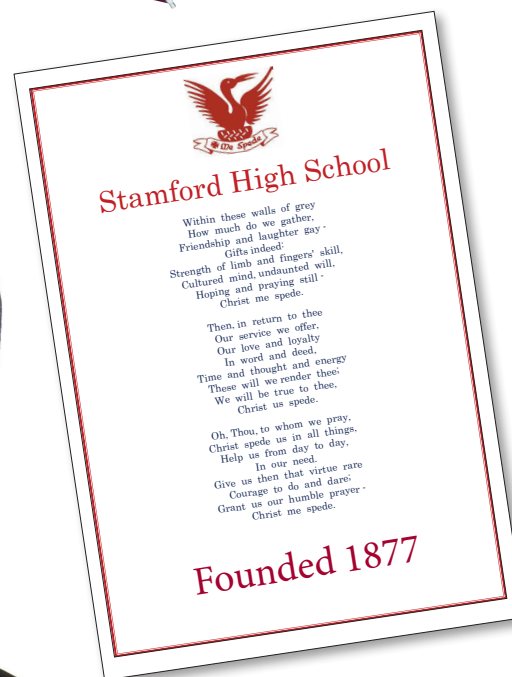
Charm
£15.00



Beanie
£8.00



Tea Towel
£4.00



Shopper Bag
£6.50



Headband
£6.00



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