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Welcome

A very warm welcome to you reading this year's magazine. Thank you to all those who have contributed to this publication. As always, your feedback and continued support through your contributions are so welcome. If you would like to send in any news for next year's magazine, please do forward them to the SES Alumni Office. We wish you a wonderful year ahead.

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SHS OGG Chair's Report

Jill Hamilton (OS 1980) - from the SHS Old Girls' Guild Reunion Lunch 2018

This year will see our 109th AGM at the reunion day in June, everyone is welcome at the AGM, the times will be on the reunion day programme.

The reunion day is always very popular (and noisy) with everyone who attends. This year the reunion groups will be 5 year (2014 leavers), 10 year (1999 leavers), 15 year, 20 year, 25 year, 30 year, 35 year, 40 year, 45 year, 50 year, 60 year and 70 year. But do remember you are always welcome so if it isn't a '0' or '5' year for you why not get a group of friends together and join us.

In the past year, we have been forging much closer links with the Old Stamfordian Club and have started the embryo of an 18-38 group, for all those that left from a joint Sixth Form in the post-2000 'diamond structure' of SES. If you are interested please do contact Sarah Mahoney and she will put you in touch with the appropriate people.

Whilst the SHS Old Girls' Reunion Day and Lunch happens at SHS, former pupils of Stamford School hold similar events across the river with their own lunch. In the evening there will be a joint hog roast on Mainfields at Stamford School, which all are invited to attend. The event is free of charge, and if you want to join earlier, the Old Stamfordians have invited any former SHS pupils down to the fields, where you can bring a picnic with friends or the family. Refreshments available from The Wine Bar, Stamford (there will be non-alcoholic drinks too!) alongside cricket, hockey, tennis, and touch rugby. We hope you'll be able to join us.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the reunion on Saturday 15 June 2019.

May Christ us Spede.

**Jill Hamilton (OS 1980)
Chair
SHS Old Girls' Guild**

President's Address

From the SHS Old Girls' Guild Reunion Lunch 2018

Good afternoon. It is lovely to see so many of you here with us today; the biggest reunion lunch for some time. For those who have been wondering who on earth I am, I am Vicky Buckman and I am the new-ish head of Stamford High School. I have to apologise for not being here right at the start because I have been trying to be in two places at once; here and at our sports day. Multi-tasking, that is me.



If you look around today, you will see you are in some sort of time warp – because this is just how the Hall looked when it was opened in 1938. 80 years on, it is about to undergo another facelift so feast your eyes – because the “glorious pink” is going; the stage is going and in will come new seating, flexible staging and new lighting and sound systems – truly a venue for the 21st century... I look forward to welcoming you back to look at it!

Last week, we held our annual Speech Day – it was lovely to be able to celebrate the fantastic things that have happened, ‘Within these Walls of Grey’, over the last year with parents and prizewinners. It has been a very busy, very successful time and a year in which we’ve seen SHS continue to move forward. We also welcomed back Kirsty Murphy, Old Stamfordian and first female Red Arrows Pilot, to award the prizes. Her message of, “If you want to do something, you can do it”, certainly struck a chord with everyone who was there. Kirsty told the assembled company how she had come to be a pilot in the first place and how hard she had had to work in order to achieve her dreams.

A month ago, we said goodbye to our Year 13s and, in their final assembly, I looked back, with them, at the news stories and events from the years they had been in the School. In amongst the more light-hearted offerings, such as the ‘must have’ Christmas presents and the fashion disasters, I highlighted the achievement of women; exactly 100 years since women finally achieved some sort of democratic voice, it was quite depressing that we’d had to wait until the 21st century to get such positions as the first female bishop, the first female Red Arrow, the first female lead in the armed forces and so on – we’ve only just got the first female Dr Who. And even this week, the BBC have fielded their first woman commentator at the World Cup. It is hard not to feel frustrated that it has taken so long for women to be recognised for their abilities. However, I remain optimistic that, as a School, we continue to produce motivated, personable, generous, rounded and grounded, well-educated and skilful individuals who will go on to make a real difference in the world. We have very tangible reasons for optimism, even

this year, with a resounding campaign by one of our sixth formers, picked up by local and national press, to make the government reconsider its 100-calorie snack campaign.

The School has had its own notable firsts this year. Computing entered the curriculum for the first time. Our 'Challenge 7/8' programme in Year 7, has seen comfort zones being breached at every turn. We had the first Shakespeare festival for our young dramatists. 77 pupils from Y7-Y13 took to the stage to play 'Finlandia' in the first ever mass orchestra at SES. We have had some fabulous sporting firsts including being county champions in hockey in every age group and the U18 netball team getting to the national finals, our U13 footballers being runners up in the regional tournament and U12 D, E and F teams competing on a regular basis for the school. Individual successes too with one of our sixth form pupils making the final of a national biology olympiad; only a handful of people across the country achieve this – fantastic stuff and so much of which to be proud.

Our A level students did very well. It was a year with more university places than applicants, and so a great time to be a student with a respectable clutch of A levels; a third of the year group had grades A* and A – well done them. GCSE results were similarly splendid. 83% of grades were B or better and with, as ever, some outstanding performances with 25% of the year group achieving five A*s or better.

Slightly scarily, the year started with a visit from ISI – the independent schools' version of OFSTED and the School certainly rose to the occasion. The overwhelming tenor of the oral report – and sadly, what gets printed is rather generic and unexciting - was how warm the welcome was, how proud the pupils are of their school, how sensitive they are to the needs of others, and how confident they were to voice their opinions and demonstrate all the opportunities they have. Pastoral care, the boarding community and academic support all came in for much praise. We couldn't have asked for more... The second point of note was that the inspectors realised the school was at an exciting point in its evolution with a real sense of purpose and much excitement for the future.

And so, to the difficult task of trying to pull together some of the highlights of the last year from the veritable smorgasbord of possibilities.



Barely a week has passed without some musical offering, big or small. The Charity Rock Concert and SHS Music Festival featured wonderful music-making from all areas of the School. The Royal Marines' concert gave our pupils an unrivalled opportunity to play alongside professional players. The recent Concerto Concert, which showcased our very best musicians, provided the outstanding concert of the year for sheer quality. Individually, we have had 14 grade 8 successes and a diploma– top flight stuff, well done..

In November, the Middle School play was 'Blue Stockings'. It was a thought-provoking and humorous production but the message, that young women would take their rightful place in academic life, and it would not be detrimental to their health, was loud and clear. We had a spectacular dance showcase in January and then the County Dance competition, featuring a piece crafted entirely by the team. Of course, we then had the fabulous musical, 'Hairspray'. It is not often that a school production commands a standing ovation on every night; it was well-deserved and everyone went away humming the tunes and marvelling at the sheer energy of it all.

The CCF RAF section came second in the Squadron Trophy Eastern Area Competition and CCF teams and individuals have enjoyed much success in shooting at Bisley, Oundle and in the Eley competition here at Stamford. One of our pupils has been selected for the GB Full-Bore Shooting team.

The SES Blog was launched in September and our pupils have recently notched up their 100th blog. No subject is too small nor too controversial – America's unloved Presidents, original poetry, environmental concerns, trip reports, deep philosophical thought – you name it, it is there. A fabulous outlet for creative talent across the School.

Our cross-country runners have endured some dreadful weather ("mad, windy and indescribable mud" was how one parent put it) – but resilience is ever our watch word – and they have produced some creditable results in county and national competitions. Our sailors have been in action and two of our pupils have been selected for the RS Feva World Championships in the USA. We have had equestrian teams (three of which qualified for the County Championships) and Skiing teams out and about competing in the name of SHS. Our gymnasts have had a busy and successful year and, amongst other achievements, took bronze in the National Championships. Senior pupils were runners up in the Lincolnshire Schools' Golf Championship.

It has been another fine year for debating. Defending the motion, 'Why everyone should be a vegan', in French in the War of the Worlds competition (let's face it, some would struggle with this in English...) and, 'Compulsory non-military national service should be introduced for those leaving school at 18', in the English Schools' Union competition. Our debating team also won the Oswald Elliot debating trophy from Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge.

Intrepid Year 12 chemists won the regional round of the RSC Schools' Analyst Competition and thus progressed to the National finals. Our biology prefects have visited local primary schools

to enthuse pupils about science. Y13 Spanish A level students impressed with their entry for the annual Hispanic Theatre Festival, finishing a splendid second. We have another Arkwright Scholar, to add to the distinguished line of 'Arkwrights' we have had at SHS in recent years. We have had winners in the Rotary Club Art and Technology competitions. We have pupils in print – in the publication, 'Artefact to Art' and the eMag Close Reading Competition and the NCH Essay Competition.

Outside school, we have many busy young ladies. We have junior rowers, including top flight performers in both the regional and national championships, GB Youth Squad sailors, medals in judo and a young lady with a prestigious golf scholarship to a USA university. We have national representation in sailing, county cricketers, swimmers, hockey players, a rugby captain, and now a member of the GB full bore shooting team. We have members of the National Children's Orchestra and the London Children's Ballet and Ballet Theatre UK. SHS is proud of them all. 'Courage to do or dare' – as the school song says.

And who could forget those lively bouts of house rivalry – football, fashion, and food are just three of the competitions that have been hotly contested this year.

SHS have certainly been places this year; Hunstanton, Cambridge, Leeds, Welwyn Garden City, Snowdonia, New York, Washington DC, the Menin Gate, Iceland, Italy, Norway, Spain, France, Russia, Sri Lanka and then to Costa Rica in the summer. And Year 7 Geographers are still grappling with that difficult question – 'Explain why Mrs Buckman should choose Hunstanton for her summer holiday this year...'. We welcomed our Norwegian exchange school again and our German and Spanish friends – and enjoyed fantastic return visits.

At the end of another hectic year, I can report that the Stamfordian spirit is both alive and well in SHS - long may it continue.

Christ us spede, thank you.

News

1950s

Mary Burdett (OS 53)

Living in Cambridge, retired from social work 22 years ago. Previously worked as a hospital pharmacist until 1971. Very involved with the local church, help at the children and toddlers' group there (since I retired). One of my nieces was at the High School and also one of my great nieces. Lots of the younger members of my family live in Stamford currently.

Doreen Platt (née Griffiths) (OS 55)

Child care approved schools. Married 1963 and moved to Cumbria - still there!! Three children with husband Keith: Catherine - New Zealand, Victoria - Sweden, James - Manchester. Husband died in 2016. Two grandchildren (Sweden) Elisabeth and Sofia.

Margaret Davies (née Swingler) (OS 58)

I live in the South Shropshire hills and can see for 40 miles and not see another house! I have two sons and grandchildren in New Zealand whom I visit every year as long as I am able! I still keep in touch with Julia Fleming (née Cusden) and Sue Condon (née Thornton) and Barbara Heath who lives in New Zealand.

Sue Condon (née Thornton) (OS 58)

Celebrated my golden wedding anniversary (Jan 18). Three children: two teachers, both girls, one son. Very much retired, recovering from cancer. Half time in France, half time in Northampton.

Joan Whitelaw (née Meadowside) (OS 58)

My late sister-in-law, Janet Nightingale, who was a boarder in the late fifties and early

sixties had three daughters - all married - two have children. I see them fairly frequently. They all live in the UK. Retired, married to Hardold Killingback.

Joy Holbrook (née Stafford) (OS 58)

Three sons, six granddaughters, one great-grandchild, one almost here. Have survived!

1960s

Margaret Wilson (née Willison) (OS 60)

Married Robin in 1971. Two children: Lucy born 1973, Anthony 1975. Now retired and living in a bungalow because of creaking joints.

Elizabeth Allen (née Day) (OS 68)

Brought my Auntie Betty to Reunion Day 2018. (Betty Wisbey) turning 97 this year. All five Creasey sisters attended the School. My mother, Joan, Peggy, Better, Nance and Enid. My own children attended SHS: Georgina and Francesca Allen.

Maryon Cook (OS 68)

I am now happily retired, after 26 wonderful years of teaching at Stamford Junior School. My husband, Richard, is an Old Boy of Stamford School - next year we will be celebrating our golden wedding. Our daughter Jenny, Old Girl of SHS, lives in Oundle and has two beautiful daughters, India and Isla. Our son, Alan, Old Boy of SS, lives in San Francisco and also has a beautiful daughter, Kaia. I keep busy helping with the granddaughters, swimming, aquafit, golf and gardening

1980s

Fiona Porter (née Hopper) (OS 83)

Running a fourth generation family jewellery business in Bourne and Grantham. My father was head boy in 1953 and all my sisters and brothers went to the Stamford Endowed Schools. Two sons at SS, Hugo (13) and Sebastian (14) and loving it!

Jane Culmer Seeberg (OS 88)

Interior Designer for the Norwegian Royal family.

Victoria Whiter (née Harris) (OS 88)

Now live in Nassington and run a local business.

Stephanie Beattie (née Hickson) (OS 88)

Scientific Advisor to Brian Cox.

1990s

Samantha Gordon (OS 91)

Both living in Stamford. Work in interior design, have three boys and am married with a dog.

Lavinia Brown (OS 91)

I am a life coach for mamas! I support mamas to reconnect to their true selves after the life bomb that is children, to find happiness and fulfilment both in and outside of the home. www.bobomama.net. I am also a wine specialist so I am privileged to be able to pursue both my passion (wine) and purpose (empowering women)! I have three lovely (but demanding) children aged 8, 6 and 5 which prepares my beautifully for coaching and drinking wine!!

Sarah Sutcliffe (OS 91)

Teacher, now married with children. Son in

Year 12 at present.

Nessa Bird (née Manley) (OS 92)

Owner Mendez and Bird olive oil. Mum of three Bristol based. Still living life to the full. Wife to a wonderfully talented chef. Did a degree in politics and post-grad Diploma in journalism. Traveled and landed back on home soil.

Kim Cardus (née Richardson) (OS 93)

After uni I worked in London, got married to Dave (Old Stamford boy) in 2007, had Bella in 2008, twins William and Molly in 2011. Now work with ex colleagues in hotel consultancy and also as part of my husband's business.

Helen Ellis (née Dermott) (OS 93)

Deputy Director of Finance for NHS Leicester City CCG. Two children aged 10 and 7. First reunion after 25 years has been amazing! Lovely to see so many girls - brings back so many memories.

Jenny Rudd (OS 93)

Editor of the world's best magazine: UNO Magazine. Three delicious children: Dusty (11), Sylvia (9), Delilah (9) and two scrummy stepchildren: Johnnie (14) and India (11) and the world's hottest husband: Mat Tomlinson.

Helen Davies (née Childs) (OS 93)

I am married to Charlie with two children, Minnie and Freddie. I am Head of Public Affairs at the charity Alzheimer's Research UK. We live in Bury St Edmunds. Kelly McClorey (née German) also a fellow SHS Old Girl and I are writing a children's book together.

Lynsey Tweddle (née Bigger) (OS 93)

I have one gorgeous boy called William who

is 8 years old. Having worked at the BBC for eight years, I now work for Sport England in London. I live in Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire.

Claire Bryant (OS 93)

I have two children. Dylan (18) and Daisy (13). I have recently remarried and am living in mid-west Wales in wedded bliss! I am a stroke specialist nurse and a leading member of the stroke team in Aberystwyth. I have lost five and a half stone over the past 18 months. The key is happiness and contentment, living in the here and now!

Charmaine de Souza (OS 93)

I moved to Miami with my two girls Angel (11), and Sky (8) in 2018. I have the happy challenge of balancing family life on the beach and work back in London. I am back in England once a month for work, a dose of culture and to stock up on Cadbury's.

Nancy Phillips (née Westcombe) (OS 93)

Live in St Albans with my husband, Robin, and two daughters. Elsie is four and Molly is two. After a twenty year career in advertising in London, I'm relishing being a full-time mummy.

Kelly McClorey (née German) (OS 93)

Living in Bury village near Huntingdon with my husband and daughter. I work as an illustrator and this year am collaborating with (fellow Old Girl) Helen Davies on a children's book.

Claire Hewitt (née Davies) (OS 93)

Living in Richmond, married with two children, Ben (13) and Francesca (10) - working as a criminal defence solicitor in London.

Joanna Stewart (née Marshall) (OS 93)

Living in St Albans, now working for the government as a lawyer. Very happy! Two boys, one dog.

Helen Stevens (née Preston) (OS 93)

My children now attend SJS and are hoping to attend SES seniors. I ran Preston's health in Peterborough, Chartered Physiotherapist. Passionate about applied science to the management of persistent pain.

Julianne England (née Blair) (OS 93)

Practitioner/Art Teacher for 20 years. Head of Expressive Arts - Nottingham Trent Academies Group. Married in 2008, Andrew England, daughter of 5.

Philippa Last (OS 93)

Registered osteopath working in London. Baby girl, Eva, born in December 2017.

Sarah Graves (née Robinson) (OS 93)

Teacher in Norwich. Married with two boys now aged 13 and 11.

Emma Carter (OS 93)

Working as a solicitor at Hegarty LLP in Peterborough. Living locally with two children: Lily and Sam.

Caroline Dawson (née Allen) (OS 93)

Working as a teacher in Reception at St Gilbert's in Stamford. Got married to Nick in 2008, had Toby in 2011 and Amelia in 2013.

Nisha Patel (OS 98)

Academic Gastroenterologist working with robots for surgery. Married to one understanding husband, and one energetic and adorable three year old (who is a complete clone of me!!)

Jessica Douglas (née Wiggins) (OS 98)
Anaesthetist Universty Hospital
Southampton. Married. Three children:
5, 4, 2 years.

Vanessa Talbot-Brown (OS 98)
I am currently global Head of
Communications at BuroHappolg
Engineering in Bath. Married to a medic
in the Army, we live in Bath with our two
young daughters.

Zoe Warren (née Howard) (OS 98)
I left Oxford Brookes University and started
working in the city. I joined Goldman Sachs
in 2003 and worked in Client Services as
a Prime Brokerage Rep until 2010. I then
worked at a start up running their back and
middle office operations after which I
decided to give up my career to become a
full time mum to my two children Gaby,
who is now six, and Seb who is four now.
We now live in Chislehurst and we are very
involved with our local church where I have
been Parochial Church Secretary for the
past three years.

**Charlotte Calton-Watson (née Watson)
(OS 98)**
I now live in Ketton with my two little boys
(Arthur and Wilfred) and my husband.
I've been lucky enough to build a career in
media and am now Managing Director of
Bauer Media Digital, a global radio and
publishing company. I practice yoga
regularly, still play the piano and am
currently writing my own cookbook.

Nicola Vosser (née Ferreira) (OS 98)
Lives in London with husband and four year
old son. Pharmacist at Chelsea and
Westminster Hospital leading electronic
prescribing division.

Katherine Orr (née Haynes) (OS 98)
Living in Harpenden, Hertfordshire with
my husband and two children, Charlie (6)
and Sophie (4).

Ellie Mills (née Haworth) (OS 98)
Living in Surrey, working in London in
Asset Management. Two children - Leo (7)
and Molly (4).

Alison Cooper (née Rentowl) (OS 98)
Married to Andrew for 10 years. Two
children, Barney (8) and Imogen (5).
Self-employed. Living in Rutland.

Imogen Spurling (née Watts) (OS 98)
Married with two boys. Clinical
Psychologist.

Dee Lanyon (OS 98)
Married!

Sarah Parker (née Mawby) (OS 98)
Sarah Mawby got married to Graham Parker
in Lyddington on 12th September 2015 and
on 26 December 2017 their first baby
Araminta Rose Clementine Parker was born.
Sarah, Graham and Araminta live in the
Lake District.

Laura Magson (née Wykes) (OS 98)
Solicitor in Reading, Berks. Married with
two girls (6) and (8).

Charlotte Holley (OS 98)
Went to Glasgow University and Glasgow
School of Art. Returned to Rutland to
pursue a career in catering. Worked at
Hambleton Hall Hotel and Nairns in
Glasgow. Now working in Oakham for Spire
Homes, Housing Association.

Clare Tansley (OS 98)

Working as a vet in Norfolk. Married to a vet with his own practice and three young boys.

2000s**Vaila Finch (OS 00)**

Lives in Washington, D.C. where she and husband Owen moved to work as journalists in 2014 after spending eight years in Paris. They have a three-year-old daughter, Margot, and a son, Sandy, born October 2018, both of whom are dual UK/US citizens!

Emily Wingfield (née McCarthy) (OS 03)

Promoted to Senior Lecturer in English, University of Birmingham. First child, Sophie, born in December 2015.

Rachel Webb (OS 03)

Work as a senior biomedical scientist in Haemostasis Laboratory at James Cook University Hospital in Middlesbrough.

Hannah Biggs (OS 08)

ACCA Professionally qualified.

Bethan Leech (OS 08)

Engaged - getting married in 2019. Teacher (pre-prep boys - The Mall School, Twickenham).

Helen Bennett (OS 08)

Have just finished studying to qualify as an architect after 10 years at University following school. Working in London while studying.

Georgina Manning (OS 08)

I live near Henley-on-Thames and teach Year 1 at a primary school in Reading. I live with my boyfriend, John.

Irene Lam (OS 08)

I recently moved back to the UK from Hong Kong and am now working for a bioscience company in Cambridge.

Sophie Markwick (née Lyon) (OS 08)

In 2017 I moved to Teesdale in the North Pennines and in May 2018 I married my husband, Chris. We have a dog and four hens on our small holding. I work as a freelance communications consultant from home. We are hoping to add a herd of alpacas to our collection in 2019!

Laura Walsingham (née Flint) (OS 08)

Married (an Oakham boy!) in 2016, recently moved back from London to the Stamford area.

Joanna Whalley (OS 08)

Qualified as a chartered accountant in 2014. Might be getting a dog if my boyfriend lets me. Currently in London but wanting to move to Stamford!

Lauren Allen (née Shanks) (OS 08)

Recently married, have a dog, live round the corner and work in Market Deeping.

Olivia Taylor (OS 08)

Working in the wine industry!

Deaths and Obituaries

† Mary Bunning (nee Teesdale)

Died peacefully at home on 19 October 2018, aged 89 years. Beloved wife of Nicola, Bridgget, Ann and Lucy. She will be deeply missed by her daughters, six grandchildren, brothers John and Robin, family and friends. A private family burial was held on Wednesday 31 October at Ketton Park Green Burial. A service of thanksgiving took place at the Church of St Michael and All Angels, Uffington on Wednesday 14 November 2018.

† Margaret Ash (nee Jessop)

Of Dyke peacefully passed away in The Cedars on 4 November 2018 aged 87 years. Will be deeply missed by all her family. A thanksgiving service was held at St John the Baptist Church, Morton on Wednesday 14 November.

† Penny Jane Coggan (nee Read) 9 April 1949 - 2 July 2018

Penny was a day-pupil at Senior School leaving SHS in 1967. Happily married to Peter Coggan, mother of Matt, Hannah, Jonny and Tim, Penny was also a much loved grandmother, an avid gardener who had trained as a landscape architect, once parenting duties had diminished, and a devout Christian who in health had run a youth group at Knowle Parish Church. Penny had been successfully treated for breast cancer some years earlier but sadly it had recurred and it could not be controlled. She passed away at home looking out over her beloved garden with her family around her. The funeral was held on 23 July 2018 in her parish church and was attended by the Coggan and Read families, and her many friends.

† Joan Kudlinski (nee Patrick)

Joan passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on 16 March 2018 aged 94. Joan was a Stamford High School pupil between 1935 and 1939, and a successful and well known hairdresser and business woman for many years in Stamford. Born to Jack and Eva Patrick on 8 October 1923 in Stamford, she was a much loved mum, gran and great gran whose love and wisdom will be greatly missed by her family. Joan's funeral was conducted by Father Aran Beesley at All Saints Church Stamford on 18 April 2018.

† Maureen Matthews (nee Fox-Browne) 7 April 1930 - 19 November 2018

Maureen Matthews' (OS 49) funeral was held on Thursday 6 December at 12.00 at Essendine Church to a full church of friends and family, followed by a reception at Essendine Village Hall. Maureen among many connections with Stamford, was an Old Girls' Guild Committee member for many years, and will be much missed.

My SHS Network

Nicky Lambert (OS 90)

I joined Stamford High School as an Upper Fourth at the beginning of the summer term 1986 on the same day as Jo Angwin (née West) (OS 90) as boarders.

Jo had been living in France with her parents. I had been having a wonderful 'forces child' life, living in Germany, Holland and all over the UK.

We had an amazing time at school. We were the first year of the GCSEs to be taken in 1988, taking our A levels in 1990, when we left school to start our lives.

“My foundation at SHS gave me the strength and determination to adapt to many challenges.”

We also met Eric Tomlinson (OS 89), a year above us, another 'forces child' whose father was in the Army. He was in the 1st XV rugby team, and introduced us to some lovely friends!

We also met Ian Gowing (OS 90) who was in our year at school and was another 'forces child' whose father was in the RAF.

Jo and I have had busy lives since Stamford but have always kept in touch. Jo initially went to uni then met her husband-to-be in one of her first jobs, and now lives in Salt Lake City, Utah America with his job.

I initially went to live in Lanzarote for a year, an amazing experience. On my return,



I initially worked in customer services, then moved into marketing in new product development at the same company.

I worked in Norfolk for some time, presenting across Europe and indulging in competitive shopping in London, so had an amazing time. Meanwhile Jo and her



Eric Tomlinson and Nicky Lambert 2017

Nicky's eyes are shut, but Eric and the bike were important!

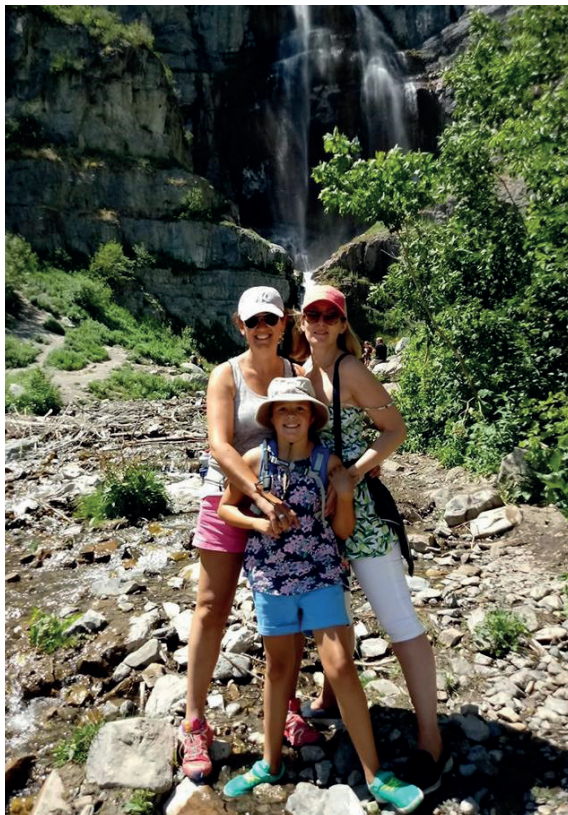
husband had a gorgeous daughter, Georgie. Jo worked in education at her daughter's school.

Unfortunately, in 2001 I had a serious car accident on the way to work. My injuries were quite extensive, including broken arms, legs and a brain injury. I undertook some

major rehabilitation culminating in some volunteering work as a Teaching Assistant at Stamford Junior School, and then volunteering at MIND charity shop. After a while, a paid position became available as Assistant Manager. I obtained the position and stayed at MIND for a total of 11 years.



Ian Gowing and Nicky Lambert 2017



Jo (West) Angwin, Nicky Lambert and Georgie

My foundation at SHS gave me the strength and determination to adapt to many challenges. Ian Gowing and his new wife Kim, who we reconnected with in Salt Lake, popped over to see his parents for Christmas 2018, where we managed to fit in a lovely lunch. Christmas 2018 was a glorious one. Visiting Eric who has a gorgeous wife Emma and three lovely daughters, who live in Manchester. Paul and I spent a lovely four days and three nights with them. I am the official 'Fairy Godmother', as they call me, and see them very often throughout the year.

The network of friends I met while at SHS, continues into my life. I also have many other friends I meet up with along the journey...

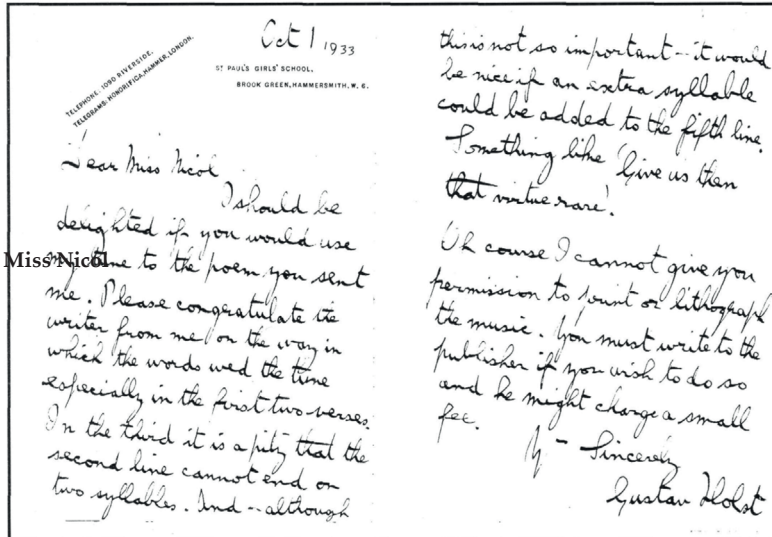
Nearly 30 years on, my lovely network of friends continue to remain with me.

I am now a member of the Stamford High School Old Girls' Guild Committee, which keeps me in contact with this amazing school and many great friends.

Reminiscing: the School Song

Doreen Stevenson (OS 52)

Prompted by a summer concert, held at Peterborough Cathedral, Doreen Stevenson (OS 52), reminisced on the School song and its connection to music, played at the concert, by composer, Gustav Holst...



Letter to Miss Nicol from Holst



Composer Gustav Holst

The music at the recent concert had a connection with Friend of Peterborough Cathedral, Doreen Stevenson. Doreen was a pupil at Stamford High School and their School song was set to music by Gustav Holst, part of the St Paul's Suite. The song was first sung at Speech Day in 1933. The words were written by an English teacher at the School and a maths teacher suggested the tune which was part of the St Paul's Suite. It is not know who contacted Holst but in his reply to the request he said that he would be delighted for the School to use it, provided the publisher gave permission which was obviously given. The suite is named after the St Paul's Girls' School in Westminster where Holst was Director of Music from 1905 to 1934. It was written with gratitude to the school which had built a soundproof studio for him. Doreen said that hearing the music took her back to her schooldays in Stamford.'

SCHOOL SONG.
Words by V. L. Temple.
to Gustav Holst's music, "England,
my Country."
(By kind permission of the late Composer and
the Publishers, Stainer and Bell, Ltd.)

WITHIN these walls of grey
How much do we gather,
Friendship and laughter gay—
Gifts indeed:
Strength of limb and finger's skill,
Cultured mind, undaunted will,
Hoping and praying still—
"Christ me speede."

Then, in return, to thee
Our service we offer,
Our love and loyalty
In word and deed.
Time and thought and energy
These will we render thee;
We will be true to thee,
"Christ us speede."

Oh Thou, to whom we pray,
Christ speed us in all things,
Help us from day to day,
In our need.
Give us then that virtue rare,
Courage to do and dare;
Grant us our simple prayer—
"Christ me speede."

The School Song

Report from 2018 AGM

Ladies and Gentlemen, I'd like to begin by welcoming you all to the room 38 for this our 109th AGM.

I must say how pleased I am to welcome you all today. Members as always have travelled from far and wide to be with us today.

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 Sarah Mahoney and Mark Goodman who arranged the service for us.

I would like to pass my thanks to Sarah Mahoney, some of you may remember the SHS 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.

Louise Rigby has done a great job as Treasurer, the most difficult part of taking over any Treasurer role is to sort out changing the bank account which has now been achieved, thanks to Anita for all her help during the handover.

Nicky Lambert and Isobel Bates have joined the committee, some of you may remember Daisy Temple, Isobel's mum.

I have to thank all of the committee, hard working and loyal as ever, 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 three years now.

We are delighted to welcome Miss Bland and Miss Tennyson both of whom are great supporters of the Guild.

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

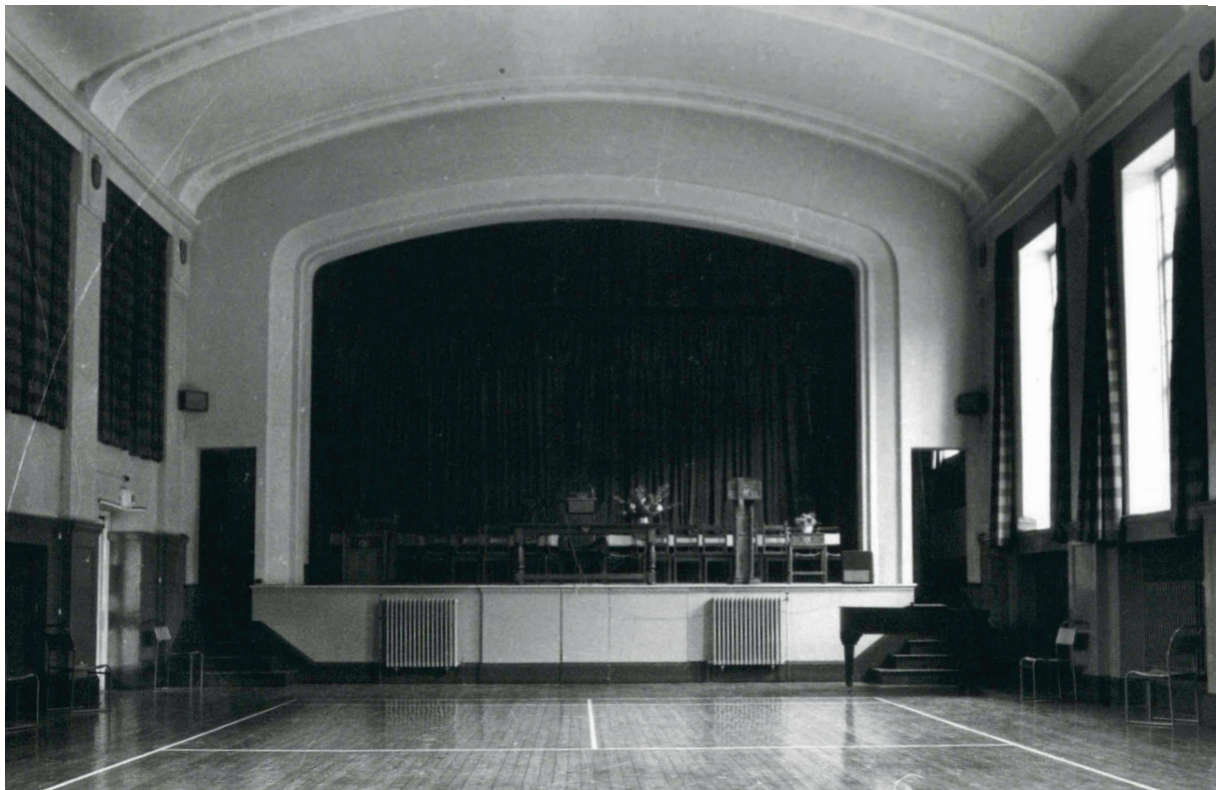
Once again I commend the SES Foundation to you, which continue to support the Schools' major building projects as well as the provision of means tested bursaries.

For anyone who didn't hear, there will be big changes to the Hall after today, with flexible staging, new lighting and sound and seating to accommodate the School.

Do take the opportunity to look at the archive material presented by James Buckman with sincere thanks to James for putting together the display for us.

I wish Stamford Endowed Schools a very successful 2018 – 2019.

May Christ us Spede.



SHS Old Girls' Guild Reunion 2019

Timetable

Do join us at this year's SHS OGG Reunion with lots happening throughout the day in Stamford.

FROM

9.45am	Coffee and Biscuits	(SIXTH FORM COMMON ROOM)
10.30am	AGM	(GEOGRAPHY ROOM)
11.30am	Church Service	(ST MARTIN'S CHURCH)
12.00pm	Pre Lunch Drinks	(SIXTH FORM LAWN)
12.30pm	Buffet Luncheon	(SCHOOL HALL)
2.30pm	School Tours with current prefects	(QUAD)
4.30pm	School Closes	
7.30pm	FREE Joint former pupil hog roast	(MAINFIELDS,STAMFORDSCHOOL)

Sport and Spectatorship on Reunion Day

Throughout the day across all of our sites, we will be hosting sport for former pupils of Stamford High School and Stamford School.

Cricket

Netball

Tennis

Touch Rugby

Hockey

Football



If you would be interested in spectating, playing, please do contact the SES Alumni Office for further information. We are encouraging all our alumni to bring a picnic with the family to Stamford School Mainfields at any point during the day with the site open to all.

We are also happy to host The Wine Bar, Stamford owned by Old Stamfordians on site at Mainfields covering all your Pimms requirements!

Alterations to Constitution

Following a committee meeting in November 2018 it was decided to update several items of the Constitution particularly relating to the Treasurer brief and addition of Alumni Relations Manager. These changes will be discussed at the forthcoming AGM in June, and in the meantime, if anyone has any objections or comments to raise relating to these amendments, please contact the SES Alumni Office:

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SHS Old Girls' Guild Constitution

1. The function of the Guild is to encourage contact between Old Girls themselves and their contemporaries from Stamford School under the Stamford Endowed Schools' 'umbrella' and maintain links between all parties and the Schools and arrange social events and other activities for the fulfilment of these purposes.

2. The business of the Guild to be conducted by the Officials and Committee.

SECTION 1: OFFICERS OF THE GUILD

3. **THE PRESIDENT:** who shall be the current Head Mistress and shall Chair the Annual General Meeting. In the event of equal voting at an Annual General Meeting, to have a casting vote.

4. **THE HONORARY PRESIDENT:** who shall be the current Principal of The Stamford Endowed Schools.

5. **THE VICE-PRESIDENTS:** which shall be honorary positions and be filled by past Head Mistresses, retired members of Staff or distinguished Old Girls. The Vice-Presidents shall deputise for the President if the President is unable to attend an Annual General Meeting.

6. **THE CHAIRMAN:** who shall be an Old Girl, elected at the Annual General Meeting. To take office immediately following the Annual General Meeting. To be responsible for the proper conduct of all meetings in accordance with the Constitution of the Guild. To have one casting vote in the event of equal voting at a committee meeting.

7. **THE VICE-CHAIRMAN:** who shall be an Old Girl, elected at the Annual General Meeting. To take office immediately following the Annual General Meeting. To deputise for the Chairman at committee meetings and to be Chairman-Elect. In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman at committee meetings. An acting Chairman to be elected from those present for the duration of that meeting only.

8. **THE MINUTES SECRETARY:** who shall be an Old Girl, elected at the Annual General Meeting. To take office immediately following the Annual General Meeting. To be responsible for the calling of all meetings, preparation of agendas and the safekeeping and circulation of the Minutes. To be responsible for any correspondence and records on behalf of the Guild.

9. **THE TREASURER:** who shall be an Old Girl, elected at the Annual General Meeting. To take office immediately following the Annual General Meeting. To be responsible for the financial budgets relating to the running of the Guild. To authorise payments to be made on behalf of the Guild. To prepare a balance sheet and statement of accounts at the end of the Guild's year.

10. **ALUMNI RELATIONS MANAGER – (ex officio) :** who shall be employed by the Stamford Endowed Schools to liaise between the Stamford High Schools Old Girls Guild and the Old Stamfordians Club and who will be responsible for producing and publishing the annual magazine in association with the Stamford Endowed Schools Foundation Office. To ensure that they regularly consult the Committee on the content of the magazine and obtain their approval for printing and distribution costs. Before publication a draft to be submitted to the Committee for approval.

SECTION 2: COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

11. **THE COMMITTEE:** who shall be Old Girls or past members of staff, elected every at the Annual General Meeting. To take office immediately following the Annual General Meeting. To consist of a minimum of six Guild Members.

It is considered that age and ability to serve as a committee person are unrelated but a mix of ages would seem sensible. Committee members are expected to attend as many meetings as possible.

SECTION 3: COMMITTEE MEETINGS

12. The committee to meet no less than three times a year. Full Minutes to be taken and recorded at each meeting.

13. A minimum of six committee members, including officers, will form a quorum at a committee meeting.

SECTION 4: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

14. The Annual General Meeting is to be held on the Reunion Saturday of the summer term each year to be determined by the President and Committee.

15. A minimum of six Guild members will form a quorum at an Annual General Meeting.

16. **NOMINATIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE:** may be accepted any time during the calendar year but will be formally proposed and seconded for acceptance by the Annual General Meeting,

17. **VOTING:** shall be by a show of hands, except at the discretion of the President at an Annual General Meeting and the Chairman at a committee meeting. When a secret ballot is deemed necessary, every question before either meeting shall be decided by a majority of the votes of members present.

18. **MEMBERSHIP OF THE GUILD:** with effect from September 2019 all pupils of Stamford High School will automatically become members of the Guild upon leaving school.

19. **ALTERATION TO THE CONSTITUTION:** no amendment may be enacted or addition accepted except at a General Meeting. Any member proposing alteration shall give notice to the Chairman and with the consent of the committee the alteration shall appear on the notice convening the meeting.

20. **QUESTIONS NOT COVERED BY THIS CONSTITUTION:** in case any question shall at any time arise which is not provided for in this Constitution, the question shall be determined by the committee whose decision shall be binding, or unless or until varied or revoked by them.

21. Should the Stamford High School Old Girls' Guild be disbanded, any monies which have accumulated will be given to Stamford High School for the benefit of their Bursary Fund.

..... President

..... Date



SHS Old Girls' Reunion Day - Saturday 15 June 2019

Booking Form

9.45am Coffee and Biscuits

10.30am Annual General Meeting

11.30am Service at St Martin's Church

12.00pm OGG Reunion Day Lunch

Members' Rate: £23.00

Non Members' Rate: £26.00

2.30pm Tour of Stamford High School

7.30pm FREE Beef Roast at Mainfields,
Stamford School for all alumni



All arrangements subject to change and alteration. All guests will be alerted to any changes (if at all) of location before the event. All rooms will be signposted on the day.

Name:

Maiden Name (if applicable):

Address:

Telephone No:

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

I wish to be sat with:

Dietary requirements:

Accessibility requirements:

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News Update:

Let us know what you have been up to in the last year...

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I am happy for this information to be published in next year's OGG magazine.

I would not like this information to be published in next year's OGG magazine.

Please be aware that we are normally oversubscribed for bookings at this event. We will do our best to accommodate all requests at the event, but cannot guarantee.

Payment:

By post:

Cheques payable to: SHS Old Girls' Guild

Applications to: SES Alumni Office
Brazenose House
St Paul's Street
Stamford
Lincolnshire
PE9 2BE

Online:

SES Box Office: www.ticketsource.co.uk/ses

Queries:

For any queries about this year's event, please feel free to contact the Alumni Office:

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**Closing date for applications to the SHS Old Girls' Guild Reunion Day:
Monday 10 June 2019**

The Life and Achievements of Dora Abdy



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Amongst the material in the SHS archive, I came across the admissions registers. These go as far back as the School's origins in 1877. They give the names of the thirty-two girls who walked up St Martin's, and were received at the front door to the new School by Miss Chervet. I took the name of each girl and ran it through the censuses on Ancestry to try and find out the lives she led after leaving the School.

For this year's magazine article, I am going to share one of these stories.

Dora Channing Abdy was born on 16th November 1872. This was just months after her family moved to Stamford for her father, the Reverend Albert Abdy, to take up the post of Rector at St Mary's Church.

Dora was the third of ten children. Mary Abdy, the eldest child, joined the recently opened Stamford High School in 1879. Dora was admitted in 1883, along with her younger sister, Agnes. Mary left the school after five years, while Dora and Agnes' time was cut short after three years by a tragedy.

Just five days after Dora's thirteenth birthday, on 21 November 1885, her father died from apoplexy. Dora and Agnes were withdrawn from Stamford High School in Midsummer 1886, and the family relocated to Guilford, Surrey. Dora completed her school days at Guildford High School. In the summer of 1894, Dora received a certificate in the first Oxford University examination for women, and went up to study at St Hugh's Hall, Oxford.

During her university days, people and things were Dora's interests before abstractions and the fine arts, and the Church always came first. A friend claimed that Dora had a tendency to attend unorthodox meetings which were addressed by independent labour speakers, Christian socialists and the like; at a time when socialism was not fashionable in academic circles.

Furthermore, Dora became friends with the Reverend Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, better known by his pen name, 'Lewis Carroll'. On many occasions, they had dinner together or went for walks in Guilford or Oxford. Dora came down from St Hugh's Hall in 1897 with a first class honours degree in English. This would have been the qualification with which she was able to fulfil her ambition to become a teacher. Her first teaching job was at St Mary's College, London. This was followed by a post at Tunbridge Wells High School in Kent and at the turn of the century, she made a life-changing decision.

Dora and her family had a deep interest in the work of missionaries, though Dora never envisaged that she would become one herself. However, she kept this interest very much at heart. In the end, she found the temptation too strong. She joined a group called the Universities' Mission to Central Africa. On 9 January 1902, she set sail for Magila in German East Africa. Her adventure had begun.

Dora's first role was as Headmistress to a school for Indian children in Zanzibar. One year after her arrival, her school took in the pupils from another school. As a result, Dora was not only overseeing the education of children from three different nationalities, but she was attempting a co-educational system.

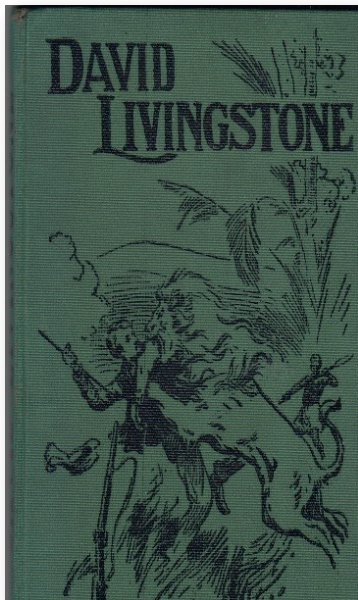
In October 1905, Dora was transferred to German East Africa (modern day Tanzania). At the time, gender inequality was rife. Girls were taught that their duties were to cook, work the fields and bear children. Fathers could not see any benefit in having their daughters educated. From 1906, Dora trekked from village to village. In each one, she attempted to bring communities together to form girls' schools. This was an experiment without funding or even a building. The schoolhouse was the shade under a tree. Every morning, the teacher would bring all her school materials and collect the children as she went along. The task of finding a woman who would be willing to educate the girls was very much a challenge in itself.

Dora made her first attempt to overcome that problem in August 1906. She knew that the former students of a fellow missionary were now the wives of male teachers. The solution was to ask them if they would teach the girls and work side-by-side with their husbands. These women would work for only one hour a day so that the job did not interfere with the domestic work at home.

Dora aimed at giving these girls a secular education and religious instruction. The hope was that these 'out-schools' would help spread the Christian faith among the women and girls who lived far away from the Mission Centres. Dora wrote that most of the female teachers managed to collect fifteen to twenty girls through their own efforts. However, there were some cases when her intentions did not always work out.

On one occasion, a teacher's husband declared that his wife could not perform two types of work and her priority was to weed his field. No substitute could be found, so a European teacher had to be brought in to oversee the girls. Furthermore, these schools were subject to opposition from the parents. Dora recalled another teacher, half of whose students were taken

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away by their parents who insisted on sending them to an initiatory tribal dance. Nevertheless, it seems that the teachers did not allow themselves to be daunted by this resistance. By 1907, Dora had lots of people to teach at odd times. The teachers' wives were coming to her on a regular basis. Those who did attend teacher training were known as "Miss Abdy's Grey Angels".

When the Great War broke out in the summer of 1914, Dora was in Britain on leave. The conflict prevented her from returning to her missionary duties and severed all communications between her and her fellow workers in German East Africa. Under her direction, the King's Messengers of the Leatherhead Missionary Association gave a very successful Christmas play. This raised £6 towards the work of missionaries.

In April 1915, Dora returned to Zanzibar. She then waited anxiously for over a year before the British Army finally managed to force the Germans into retreat from East Africa.

By 1917, Dora and the rest of the Mission Staff were back on mainland Africa, and were able to revive their work which had been shattered by the war.

Dora provided invaluable help with this recovery. She spent the mornings teaching women and girls, and would then travel the countryside visiting all the out-schools. She encouraged and helped the teachers and looked after both the lost and the strayed. After the war ended in 1918, Dora began to feel the strain of teaching and long walks. She resigned from the Universities' Mission in 1919 and returned to Britain.

On her return to Britain, Dora went to work with the U.M.C.A. Sisters at the Christ Church Mission House of St Frideswide's, Poplar. After two years, she relocated to Reading, Berkshire where her widowed mother resided until her death in 1924. Dora attempted many jobs, both missionary and educational, as time and strength would allow. She started to write her own books. Her first book published in 1922 was a non-fictional account on the life and work of the pioneer, Dr David Livingstone. The Universities' Mission commented that this book was not only recommended for readers who were interested in the history of the Mission, but it would also be useful as a textbook in a series of school lessons on the subject.

One year later, Dora published her second book, 'Dafa Wins Through'. This story was a work of fiction, in which Dora used her knowledge and experience to provide a vivid account of African school life. As soon as she learnt about a plan to reorganise a Central School in Zanzibar, Dora wrote to the Universities' Mission, and offered assistance with this project. This was accepted by the Mission Staff in the diocese of Zanzibar who considered it a sporting offer.

The headmaster to the Central School took leave in preparation for his new duties, so the first stages of the reorganisation were carried through by Dora herself. She shouldered the way through any initial difficulties, and the school started off on the right lines. The most important development with this project was the start of a training college for Grade II teachers. The padres and school inspectors of the diocese had asked if this could be established, but it was Dora who took on the pioneering role. She capitalised on her rich experience in the needs of village schools, and of the village school teacher. Dora laid the foundations of a training course in which training was practical as well as theoretical.

Dora's return to Africa was always intended to be a temporary posting, but none of the staff could have anticipated how significant her contribution would be, nor how long she would stay for this period of service. Both the diocese and the Mission were very grateful to Dora. Her second resignation from the Universities' Mission in 1932 was no small loss.

Dora continued to be involved with the Universities' Mission to Central Africa until the end of her life. She returned to Africa for one final period of service in 1936. This was a temporary posting and was to help cover a shortage in staff. At home in Britain, Dora taught Swahili to candidates for the Universities' Mission; a language which she spoke fluently. At the outbreak of the Second World War, Dora provided tireless help to refugees from Europe. In 1940, Dora was elected onto the General Council of the Universities' Mission. She retained this role until her death during the early hours of the morning on 15 April 1950, at the age of 77.

Dora Abdy had been with Stamford High School for only three years and was never actively involved with the SHS Old Girls' Guild. However, the Guild's committee were proud to acknowledge the connection between the School and Dora, "...the pioneer of secondary education for women in Africa." A priest associated with the Universities' Mission said in tribute to Dora, that the success of her efforts in the founding of girls' schools became the foundation for a complete revolution in the African attitude to women's education.

My impressions of Dora are that she was a woman ahead of her time in two ways. Firstly, Dora had grown up in a time when women were only expected to get married and have children, but she clearly did not intend to go down that path. Her ambition was always to take up employment. Secondly, she believed that girls deserved to be educated to the same level as boys, even if it meant changing the expectations of African women and encouraging them to break with their customs.



About the Author:

James Buckman has been working as Stamford High School's Archivist for almost three years. He has obtained a BA degree in History from Canterbury Christ Church University, and a Master's Degree in Museum and Gallery Studies from Kingston University. James has been researching the story of Dora Abdy for over a year. He has given a talk about her work in Africa to a historical society in Lincoln, and has written a similar article about her for Lincolnshire Past and Present.

School News



Charlotte Crowned Junior National Rowing Champion

Stamford High School pupil, Charlotte Bolton and her partner Poppy Shipley were crowned Women's Junior National Champions in the 15 x 2 sculling event on the Olympic Rowing lake at Eton Dorney near Windsor over the recent bank holiday weekend. The pair rowed 2000 meters in 8 minutes and 33 seconds winning the final by a clear six seconds leaving the competitors in dismay as the pair have only been rowing together for a few months.

This latest win is the second success for Charlotte after securing third place at the National Junior Indoor Rowing Championships held at the Lee Valley Athletics Centre, London in the Year 10 sprint race rowing 1,313 meters in five minutes.

In her first year with the GB Rowing Development Programme, Charlotte, is certainly showing great promise and has continued to go from strength to strength with her commitment and training paying huge dividends.

Jessica crowned Rutland Sportswoman of the Year

Year 12 student Jessica Nelson was crowned Rutland Sportswoman of the Year at the Active Rutland Community Sports Awards for her recent successes in sailing. The awards champion outstanding athletes based on hard work, commitment and sporting success over 2018.



Jessica has had an incredible season which culminated in her selection for the GB Youth Sailing squad after a strong performance with her sailing partner at the RYA Youth National Championships. The GB Youth Sailing squad is designed to enable the best British sailors to develop their racing skills so they can succeed on the international stage, with the intention of successfully competing at the World/European Championships and following the Olympic pathway to Team GB.

Jessica commented, "It was amazing to win the award and be named Rutland's Sportswoman of the Year, as there were so many other outstanding athletes in attendance. Since the awards evening, I have been asked to talk to the local Rutland Youth Sailability group, to encourage them to continue with the sport."



U13 county champions progress to regionals

After defending their county championship crown, the Stamford High School U13 hockey team were one of 16 teams to progress to the regional rounds of the National Schools' In2Hockey Championship.

The Stamford team were pooled against Coopers Coburn, Town Close and Bedford Girls' School drawing (0-0), winning (1-0: C Dean) and losing (0-3) in each respective game.

The results of the pool games were very close, and Stamford narrowly missed out on progressing to the later rounds of the regional championships with a greater goal difference than that of Coopers.

England Netball CEO inspires sports scholars

England Netball CEO Joanna Adams visited Stamford High School in 2018 to talk to the sports scholars about the values and characteristics that underpin success in sport.

Joanna's inspirational talk highlighted the importance of hard work, perseverance, resilience and staying true to oneself. After meeting the Director of Sport and Performance and the Head of Netball, Joanna led an assembly where she spoke about her journey into sport and how girls need to have the confidence to back themselves and strive for the top positions in both business and sport.



Stamford gymnasts adorned with medals

The Stamford Endowed Schools' gymnasts, who fielded four teams (U9, U10, U11 and U15), were adorned with medals at the Independent Schools Gymnastics Championships (ISGA) National 2-piece Championships hosted at Stamford Junior School.



With over 600 gymnasts taking part from as far afield as Belgium and Holland, the fiercely contested competition, which was deemed to be of an extremely high standard, also acts as a qualifying event for the Premier 5 Piece Nationals in March 2018.

The Junior teams, who competed managed to hold their nerve and show real determination. The gymnasts were all delighted to have successfully qualified for the nationals and, as a bonus, the U9 and U10 teams made the podium,

receiving bronze medals. The U11 team are to be highly praised as it is a newly formed team, and they only just missed receiving a medal.

The very experienced U15 team showed poise and confidence, challenging all the way for one of the top spots, securing bronze medals and a podium finish. A special mention goes to Elysee Mordel and Daisy Fox, who both received individual recognition for their performances, by finishing in 3rd and 5th place respectively.

Trudy Smith, Head of Gymnastics and teacher at the Stamford Endowed Schools, as well as organiser of the recent ISGA Championships at Stamford Junior School, commented: "We are thrilled that the effort and hard work from all our teams has been rewarded with these very well-deserved medals. It was a mammoth, yet highly rewarding week-end which I hope will continue to inspire our pupils and encourage them to enjoy their gymnastics."

County championship title for Stamford equestrian teams

The newly established Stamford Endowed Schools' Equestrian Team were crowned Lincolnshire County Show Jumping Champions in the 80cm and 90cm competition at the National Schools' Equestrian Association (NSEA) event at Epworth, near Doncaster on Sunday 18 November 2018. They will now automatically qualify to compete at the NSEA show jumping finals at Bury Farm, Buckinghamshire in April 2019. We wish them the best of luck!



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.

Charlotte ends 2018 on a high with another gold

Stamford High School pupil Charlotte Bolton (Year 11) has achieved a gold medal and set a new GB record in the mixed junior relay at the British Rowing Indoor Championship (BRIC) held at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, London last weekend.

Charlotte was one of 1500 competitors, from elite Olympians to student novices, taking part in the event at the iconic



Olympic velodrome in London. After being crowned women's junior national champion with her partner, Poppy, at the junior national rowing championships in the spring, Charlotte is going from strength to strength in the sport. This latest win is the culmination of a year of hard work and shows how far she has come since her bronze medal at the indoor championships in December 2018.

Jessica selected for GB Youth Squad

Jessica Nelson, a student from Stamford High School, Lincolnshire, was selected to be part of the GB Youth Sailing Squad. The squad is designed to enable the best British sailors to develop their racing skills so they can succeed on the international stage with the intention of successfully competing at the World / European Championships and following the Olympic pathway to Team GB. Jess and her partner Hannah from Monmouth School achieved third place in the Welsh National Championships.

The selection was based on Jess and her sailing partner's, Hannah (Monmouth School), performance at the RYA Youth National Championships, their development over the winter and the successful physiology profiling. The latter is a gruelling test of strength and fitness taken by all sailors sailing an Olympic pathway boat.



Since September 2017, Jess has been attending Stamford Endowed Schools' gym twice a week, under the coaching of James, the School's strength and conditioning personal trainer, to help prepare her for the profiling.

Jess commented, "My fitness and strength has increased significantly due to the support and training received from the School which has helped me to achieve one of my goals. The first real signs that the work in the gym has helped, came when I completed the School's Burghley Run, finishing in 6th place beating my previous best of 30th. In the recent profiling in Scotland, I pushed all the upper boundaries expected from a GB Squad Sailor which I believed helped in my selection for the squad. I will now be training with future GB Olympians which is very exciting. I am also very grateful to my previous Stamford School sailing partners, Tom Proffitt, who introduced me to competitive sailing and James Leetch who first taught me how to sail the 29er. I am looking forward to training and competing in Helsinki in the summer".

Outstanding GCSE results for Stamford Endowed Schools

Students of the Stamford Endowed Schools, Lincolnshire, have achieved outstanding results in this year's GCSEs. Stamford High School, for girls, achieved impressive results with 24 pupils passing at least five exams at the top grades of 9, 8 or A*.

Mrs Vicky Buckman, Head of Stamford High School, said: "I am delighted for the girls and very proud of everything that they have done over the past year. It is evident from the results that they have worked extremely hard in preparation for their exams, but it is notable that their personal successes in their academic studies are being achieved alongside their much broader learning, across music, drama, CCF and sport, and in dedicating so much of their time to their School, and to their wider community. Their attitude to learning is outstanding, and their acquisition of academic skills – and not just knowledge – will underpin their future studies. Their performance throughout their GCSE years, in every sense, has provided the ideal foundation for happy and successful studies at Sixth Form and beyond."

Showjumping students compete at nationals

Three teams (70cm, 80cm and 90am teams) from Stamford Endowed Schools competed in the National Schools' Equestrian Association (NSEA) National Showjumping finals at Bury Farm, Buckinghamshire on 21 April after successfully qualifying earlier in the season. Schools from across the country attended the event some coming as far afield as Scotland and Cornwall. The level of competition was extremely high showcasing equestrian talent of the future.



A clean sweep for Helena

Stamford High School student and all-round academic Helena Millet has achieved the highest possible grade in 13 GCSEs with a clean sweep of 9 A*s and 2 grade 9s.

Helena has gained an exceptional 13 GCSE grades including French last year and German in Year 8. She is an accomplished linguist and has today received the coveted A*/9 grades in Russian and Latin to add to her accolades in languages.

Helena is an academic and music scholar with Grade 8 in violin and Grade 6 in piano, and she still finds the time to be part of the Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, the Cantare choir and the Year 11 String Quintet.

Head of Stamford High School, Vicky Buckman, said: "We are absolutely delighted for Helena; she has juggled her numerous commitments to achieve the highest grade in every subject. Her hard work, determination and commitment are to be admired and we wish her every success as she enters the exciting world of A Levels."



Stamford students set for the future

Students from the Stamford Endowed Schools have a long history of rising to the challenges ahead, showing independence of mind and readiness for the future. Today epitomises this with students at the Stamford Endowed Schools - Stamford School (boys) and Stamford High School (girls) - once again celebrating strong A level examination results.

Overall, the 202 students gained grades of A*, A, B or C in 82.7% of their examinations with 34.9% of the entries being graded at A* or A. 33 students gained at least three A grades or higher. The success of these students has ensured that many have gained places at the country's top universities or embarked upon their chosen career paths after school.

Will Phelan, Principal of the Stamford Endowed Schools, said, "I am absolutely delighted for our Stamfordians! Overall these were a tremendous set of results with many individuals exceeding expectations. They are testament to the hard work of our students and their teachers, supported by their families.

When aligned with some breath-taking drama productions, stunning music performances, a culture of participation and excellence in sport and 25 Gold Duke of Edinburgh awards, these results certainly shine even brighter. This year many more students were marked only on end of session examinations rather than through coursework or modular work as has happened since 2000. This added greater pressure but our Sixth Formers were more than up to the task. Individually, there have been many success stories of students whose hard work has resulted in outstanding results, many surpassing their predications. Many congratulations and good luck to all."

In a joint statement the Heads of Stamford School and Stamford High School, Nick Gallop and

Vicky Buckman, added, "We are incredibly proud of this year's results, which are a true reflection of the hard work that has taken place. This is an outstanding year group and they have made the most of all the opportunities and support offered to them. These Stamfordians can look forward to exciting futures and we wish them well."



OS Reunions 2001 Leavers' Annual Christmas Dinner!

Held at The Britannia, Kensington, London, a group of 2001 leavers met for their annual Christmas Dinner. Photos courtesy of Layla Powell...

Top: Sinead Heames and husband, Will Simpson, Emma Williams and boyfriend, Dan Moran, Beth Crockatt and boyfriend, Nathan Bates, Guy Willoughby-Ellis and girlfriend, Stephanie Hogarth, Laura Staab (nee McKelvie) and husband, James Staab, Rosie Smith and fiance Sam Dovastan and Layla Powell.

Bottom: Laura Staab, Rosie Smith, Layla Powell



OGG Reunion Day 2018

The Old Girls' Reunion Day at Stamford High School was held on Saturday 30 June 2018. Another reunion enjoyed by all who attended with a record-breaking 130 girls sat for lunch!











Stamford High School Old Girls' Guild Accounts

Financial Year Ending 30 April 2018

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
AGM		AGM	
AGM Lunch	2454.00	Food/Drink	2268.00
Magazines	15.00	Gratuities	110.00
Pin Badges	<u>35.00</u>	Presentations`	0.00
		Tickets	32.00
Donations	0.00	Refunds	0.00
		Photos	<u>69.16</u>
Subscriptions	9148.00		
		Magazine	3836.00
		Prize	50.00
		Alumni Mgr	5000.00
		London Evening	55.00
		William Cecil	250.00
		Sponsorship	50.00
TOTAL INCOME	<u><u>11652.00</u></u>	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u><u>11720.16</u></u>
Balance Fwd 01/05/17	10629.46	Represented By:	
Add: Total Income	11652.00	Balance Lloyds TSB	1004.30
Less: Total Expenditure	11720.16	Cash in Hand	7.00
		Balance Barclays	14550.00
		Accrual 30/04/18	-5000.00
Balance CFWD	<u><u>10561.30</u></u>		
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Merchandise

Teddy Bear
£18.00



Umbrella
£18.00

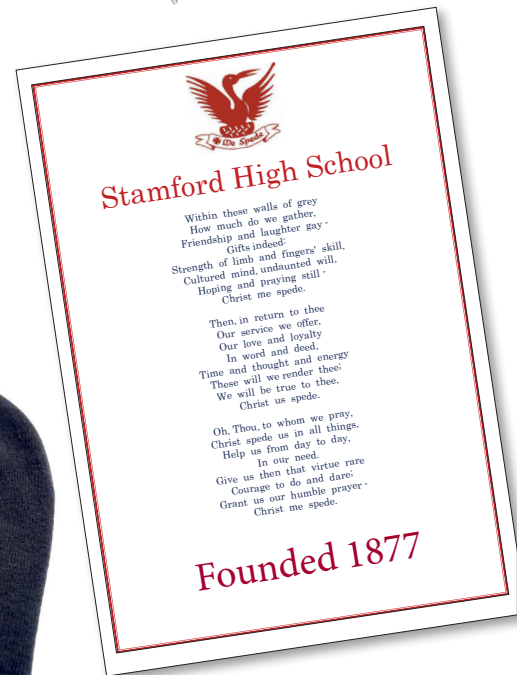


Tea Towel
£4.00

Charm
£15.00



Notebook
£25.00



Beanie
£8.00



Shopper Bag
£6.50



Headband
£6.00



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