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WELCOME

A very warm welcome to all our former students from Stamford. We are delighted to bring you this edition through a whole team effort, something that is a true value of the Stamford Endowed Schools.

In this edition we are covering news from the Old Stamfordian community including events past, present and future and also updates from the School. We have also been working hard 'behind the scenes' with updating articles and accessibility on the website to keep you connected.

Thank you to all who have contributed to this publication. As always, please do get in contact and let us know of your news throughout the year as we love to share these across our Old Stamfordian community.

We wish you a safe and prosperous year ahead.

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NOTES FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD VICKY BUCKMAN



Adapted from the address given at the Autumn Get-Together 2021

Since I last stood up to address a group of Old Girls at an event, we have had a truly extraordinary time. This time last year, we had more and more students isolating at home so no one was really surprised when, come the New Year, we were once again online and learning remotely. I spent a very lonely half a term, working in my office whilst the Maintenance Officers, delighted by an empty school, redecorated the corridor. And so, I offer you a glimpse of the activities of the last 18 months.

So it all began in March 2020, following a lovely week where we had had an excellent Sixth Form dinner, with guest of honour, George Robinson (proud OS and star of Netflix's Sex Education) and a fabulous CCF Field Day and Dinner, we hurriedly said goodbye to Year 13 and a few Year 11

before we were truly locked down. SHS was mothballed and the corridors not only grey but eerily empty. By summer, we were allowed a few folk back – but socially distanced, windows open and with desks wiped down with disinfectant, worksheets and other resources had to be quarantined. SHS gained lots of sinks and I offered a prize to anyone who could spot a wall that didn't boast a hand sanitizer. Our cleaning staff did an amazing job, keeping every door handle, table, bannister rail and chair thoroughly cleaned. Public examinations were cancelled and we made up a few grades, only to be thoroughly disappointed by Boris' mutant algorithm and then all the teacher grades were re-instated before we had a real riot.

And so we came back in September 2020, and actually, when you go back through the year, it has been every bit as busy as any other – just different.

We had our first "virtual" Duke of Edinburgh Awards presentation and virtual prize-giving. The music department provided a series of concerts online, so we did not miss out on the lovely evenings of music-making that normally punctuate the term. They have also managed remote instrumental lessons and a "bubbled" choir. Those two sentences really do not do justice to the amount of time spent putting together music and editing it into a final package for performance – so well done, staff and students!

And the Show Must Go On(line) allowed us to get our usual "drama fix"; a variety of

different shows were performed, filmed and released. We managed two school plays as well, "Our Country's Good" and "Saturn Base Nova". Even dance showcase, Peter Pan, was rehearsed, whilst adhering strictly to guidelines, then filmed and popped online. Again, there was tremendous ingenuity to get all this to happen.

We have also made time for others – focusing primarily on support rather than necessarily raising money. Taking inspiration from Captain Sir Tom Moore, the students started the "Sponsored Century Challenge", raising money for the Captain Tom Foundation by completing one hundred of "something." We did not forget our Evergreen friends – a sponsored walk raised £1500 and Christmas cards, poems, biscuits and Easter eggs were all donated to fill the void left by the lack of a Christmas Party with Christmas and Easter cheer. The local Foodbank has benefitted from the generosity of our students. Our annual Poppy Appeal took place (despite a lack of poppies which we finally managed to correct – it was a long story...) raised £500. The SHS Readathon raised £784 for the "Read for Good" charity, and in amongst the corporate events, we had individual charitable fundraising events – a member of Year 12 shaved her head and donated the hair to the Little Princess organisation and also raised £2000 for the Cancer Research Campaign.

Our awareness of our community, and the diversity of people within it, has been much heightened by the formation of the SAID group (Stamford Allies for Inclusion and Diversity). Their regular newsletters and awareness weeks have helped us appreciate and understand each other's differences.

There have been House activities too and some unusual new competitions – a virtual

bake-off, escape room, jigsaws, walking challenges where the aim was to get to "Hull and back", maps of the world made from household items and photographs to "Make your Head of House smile". No cooking utensil was safe from Mrs Bewer's Lock Down Olympics, or items in wardrobes safe from the "House Upcycling Challenge".

We entered national competitions, remotely; CyberFirst and BEBRAS and the English Speaking Union debating competition. We've entered translation competitions, Mathematics and Physics Challenges and Olympiads. A flag, designed by one of our Year 7 students, was displayed in the Antarctic. We participated in the Geography Association World Wise Quiz, National Pi day (maths, not baking) and 2 members of Year 10 reached the finals of the Amazon Longitude Explorer competition.

Meanwhile, a member of Year 12 snapped up a handsome first prize in the New College of the Humanities Essay competition. Throughout the Autumn term of 2020, students had to make do with internal fixtures which, whilst it was good to be out and playing again, did not generate the same excitement of winning against an opposing school. In search of new and varied ways to fill Saturday, a game of mixed hockey was proposed and an exuberant game, in the rain, ensued.

Last term and this term, we have had proper fixtures against our local rivals and it has been good to see a return to competitive sport.

Somewhere in the midst of it, my new Pastoral Deputy, Mrs Searle, thought we needed a pastoral puppy; so we welcomed Wilson...who is a delight although I thought we'd lost him the other day when



During that first lockdown, I appointed a new Top 3, remotely. Pippa, Annabel and Eloise accepted the posts and stepped into the unknown! The one thing they can say is they have filmed a lot of assemblies with me, and they have read an awful lot of Mark's Gospel. I only wish, for them, it could have been different as they had all the makings of a super team. As it is, I thank them for their patience and their positivity as they faced each phase of the year with an admirable pragmatism. They were completely unfazed by being filmed, having to take part in events at short notice and they spoke movingly and fittingly when called upon to do so; I wish them well in the future.

he simply vanished. However, he knows that even some of the most hard-hearted of my staff have purchased dog treats for him – and he knows which drawer they are in...

And at the end of the summer, we said farewell to retirees Mrs Millinson, Mrs Wenban, Mrs Husbands, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Rackham, Dr Webster, and Mrs Bennie. I can only thank my staff for facing the challenges of the last 18 months with such skill, resourcefulness and good humour and, frankly, at times, Dunkirk Spirit, and the students were great too, trying very hard to keep up with it all, separated from friends and feeling a bit exposed by being online.

We saw the insides of our students houses, sometimes parents joined in with the lessons too and everyone in my Year 10 seemed to have a dog who wanted to be involved in the lesson! It would be very easy to simply be defined by the circumstances; yes, it was difficult and, at times, immensely frustrating, and students found it tough – but in all corners of SHS, students have grown, flourished and continued to learn.

This September dawned with just a ray of hope that it might all be a bit more normal, and it has. Our new Top 3 (Kitty, Millie and Ella) have already enjoyed more events than the last Top 3. We braved an open day, an open evening, a whole school assembly for Remembrance day and the much missed House singing competition!



We really are trying to be normal – and this event marks another spot on the road to recovery... My thanks to Natalie Pretsell, along with Jo, Dale and James from the Development and External Relations team, and Jill and the committee for their never ending support.

Christ us spede...



NOTES FROM THE OGG CHAIR JILL HAMILTON (OS 80)

Welcome to the Stamford Old Girls' Guild magazine!

I hope that you enjoy reading the latest news about the Old Girls and the School.

We have slowly started getting back into the swing of events after two years of interruptions and we hosted a small but enjoyable Autumn Get-Together in November which was the first face to face meeting for many of those present.

It was delightful to welcome so many of you back to Stamford, and everyone there enjoyed seeing the school (some for the



first time in many years), a great meal prepared by the school catering team and a very joyful rendition of the school song.

Thank you to Natalie, Jo, Dale and James from the Development and External Relations Office for their support in the organisation of this small event.

We are looking forward to a full reunion this June (Covid permitting) and hope that you will feel able to attend with a group of friends from your year. Full details and booking information for this year's reunion can be [found here](#).

We would normally be looking at 5 (2017), 10 (2012), 20 (2002), 30 (1992), 40 (1982) and 50 (1972) year reunions, however as many of you have missed a reunion in the last two years we would be delighted to welcome any and all year groups.

Please contact Natalie Pretsell, Community Engagement Manager at NPretsell@ses.lincs.sch.uk if you would like to contact your year group or for any queries about the event.

Reverend Mark Goodman left the Schools at the end of the Spring term, so Reunion Day will be a chance for us to welcome his successor, Reverend Matthew Phillips. I would like to thank Mark, on behalf of the OGG, for his contributions over the years, and wish him all the best for his next chapter in Scotland.

Over the last year we have had a number of SHS Old Stamfordians giving career talks to our current students - thank you to those that have taken part.

In the meantime, I hope you stay safe and well wherever you are in the world, and I look forward to seeing you later in the year.

**May Christ us Spede
Jill Hamilton (OS 80)
Chair, SHS Old Girls' Guild**

MEET THE OGG COMMITTEE

Honorary President: Will Phelan (Principal, Stamford Endowed Schools)

President: Vicky Buckman (Head, Stamford High School)

Vice Presidents: Miss GK Bland
Mrs P Clark
Mrs Y L Powell
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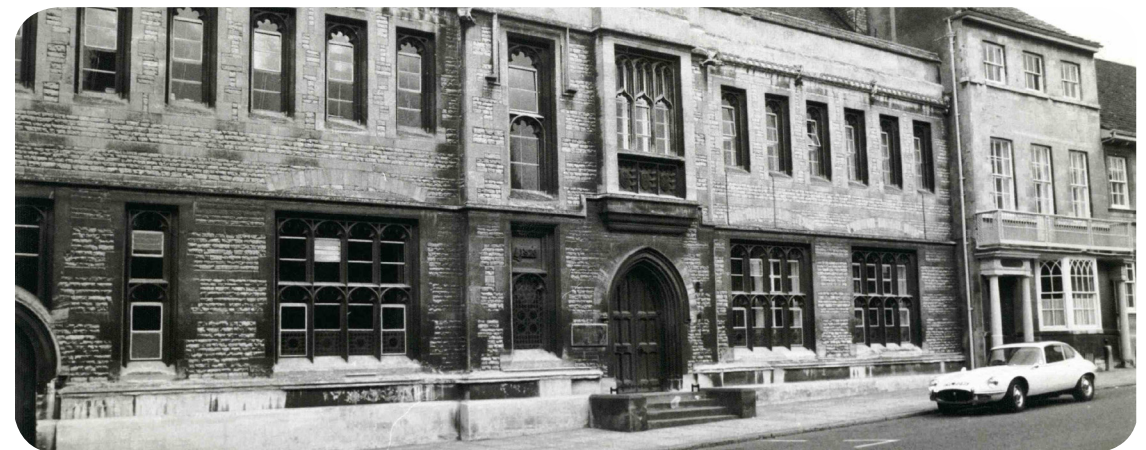
Chair: Jill Hamilton (née Betts) (OS 80)

Treasurer: Louise Rigby (OS 83)

Minutes Secretary: Anita Trowell (OS 74)

Committee Members: Isobel Bates (née Temple) (OS 80)
Sue Bradford (née Bradley) (OS 74)
Lindy Carter (Caroline née Gosling) (OS 80)
Alison Eaves (née Matthews) (OS 80)
Dawn Gent (née Hancock) (Staff 86)
Nicky Lambert (OS 90)
Denise Speakman (née Smith) (OS 74)

Ex-Officio: Hannah Hamilton (Director of External Relations & Development)
Natalie Pretsell (Community Engagement Manager)



Jill Hamilton (née Betts) (OS 80)

I joined the OGG committee some years ago having been persuaded by Frieda Gosling. I enjoyed my years at SHS and feel very lucky to have passed my 11+ and been awarded a scholarship. I enjoy seeing the delight on reunion day when people meet old friends and the noise as they catch up.



I retired from the Civil Service in 2015, after 30+ years service, and I am currently working Full time as a Housekeeper/ Carer (busier than ever, and no sign of me actually retiring). I am looking forward to my State Pension and Bus Pass on 31st March 2022!



Alison Eaves (née Matthews) (OS 80)

My mother was on the OGG committee for as long as I can remember. When the opportunity arose for me to join a few years ago when I moved back to the area, I jumped at the chance. For a while, both Mum and I were on it.



I found myself in a position to volunteer at Stamford School with the Alumni Department back in 2019 and supported in producing the mug and tea towel now selling in the School Shop. I believe the skills I obtained at SHS have guided me safely in my journey through life so far and look forward to what the future holds for Old Stamfordians.

Louise Rigby (OS 83)

I reconnected with the school after being encouraged to attend the 30 year reunion. My daughter was already attending the Junior School and subsequently went on to join the High School in 2015. Jill later persuaded me to take over as Treasurer in 2017. I have enjoyed attending the social events and catching up with other Old Girls and look forward to more in the future.



I am the younger daughter of Mr Bradley, French Master. I love meeting up with my School Pals regularly, and I love the Annual Luncheon Reunions, as All Old Girls are welcomed.

The Old Girls Guild Committee are a lovely bunch of " Girls", and we welcome new blood.

Lindy Carter (Caroline née Gosling) (OS 80)

I am delighted to be back in the UK and back in the area I grew up in. I am now working part time for myself so feel as though I have time to be more involved with the Old Girls now. It feels as though I am coming back to my roots.



Being a member of the OGG committee offers me the opportunity to give back to my school, to stay in touch with old friends and keep up to date with the development and activities of the school and pupils.

Dawn Gent (née Hancock) (Staff 86)

I taught PE at SHS from 1980 - 1986, and joined the OGG committee in 1986 (despite not being an 'Old Girl') and my role was to organise hockey and tennis matches between the OGG and the school.



Denise Speakman (née Smith) (OS 74)

I have been a member of the Old Girls Guild for a few years now. My reason for joining in the beginning was to still have an attachment to the school where I spent many happy years and also the opportunity to give something back to the school and meet up with old friends at the luncheons.



Anita Trowell (OS 74)

I joined the OGG Committee in 1983 as Assistant Secretary and have held several offices since including Vice Chair, Secretary, Minutes Secretary, Lunch Club Secretary and Treasurer



I shall be resigning as Secretary at the forthcoming AGM but will stay on the Committee until at least next year.

I am looking forward to working with a variety of new and existing committee members who have many years of experience and dedicated service. More than ever with things continually evolving and changing at SES to meet new challenges, we need to keep things relevant for a newer/younger generation of Old Girls/Boys, and I am privileged to be a small cog in that much larger wheel!

In 1985 I married the older brother of Rachel Gent who was Head Girl of SHS from 1980-81 and we have three children, all of whom attended the Stamford Endowed Schools. I am now retired and have three grandchildren who keep me busy!

Nicky Lambert (OS 90)

I joined the OGG Committee approximately seven years ago and enjoy being a part of something that can bring others together in a supportive and fun environment. After careers in Marketing and Retail Management,



I am now retired after 40 plus years as a civil servant but keeping busy with the Civil Service Sports Council organising events. My biggest achievement was receiving the BEM (British Empire Medal) in 2016 for my volunteering for Home Start and my union work.

We are always keen to hear from our alumni about the work of the committee. If there is an event you would like to see happen or have an idea for the future then we would like to hear from you.

Also, if you are interested in joining the committee as a volunteer or would like to suggest a project please do contact us either via email at oldstamfordians@ses.lincs.sch.uk or phone [01780 750032](tel:01780750032) and speak with a member of the Development Team who will be able to put you in contact with a member of the committee.

NEWS & MEMORIES

War Time at SHS (1942-45)

Josephine Richards (née Sneath) (OS 44) *Written in 2017 when aged 91*

I entered SHS in the Spring of 1937, just as the new school hall was being completed. War broke out in September 1939, and the newly installed showers were never used in case German bombers came over whilst the girls were undressed. What had been enjoyment became an endurance test for my remaining seven years at school. The blackout; gas masks to be carried at all times; difficult transport, in my case overcrowded buses from Thurlby, although the faithful Delaine bus never let us down.

Games at Burghley High Park, on the town football pitch and the tennis courts on the Easton Road. A lot of walking before the games actually started. A minor diversion could ensure a bit of time wasting by whacking the ball over onto the railway line – trains few and far between – or onto the allotments adjoining the tennis courts, and some blackcurrants to be scrumped. School uniform was rigidly enforced: hats, stockings and gloves.

No foreign trips of course and the bus journey to Peterborough for the verse speaking competitions was the most exciting outing.

We girls were submissive and docile which no doubt made things easier for the staff compared to today's teenagers.

Teenagers hadn't been invented then: one was either a school child or a young woman.

When the bombing was at its height in London and the Midlands, Camden Girls High School and Mundella Grammar School from Nottingham were billeted in Stamford. Both sides suffered a culture shock and the evacuee girls seemed very sophisticated to us. There was no television, and newspapers were restricted in size and content, so people in Stamford had no perception of what life was like in the cities.

Editors note: We were sadly notified by Josephine's son, Steven, of her passing on 12 May 2020, and these recollections are included with his blessing. Steven noted that Josephine was a proud life member of the Old Girls' Guild and we send our condolences to friends and family.

Doreen Stevenson (OS 52)

I entered the High School in 1942 when I was eight years old and I have vivid memories of what to me was an engrossing place.

Firstly, the lessons – the Greek World with Archimedes shouting, 'Eureka, Eureka!' as he leapt from his bath, which was to us an embarrassing story, told by the very strict Miss Cook! Then came the wonderful poetry lessons with Mrs Stradling when every week we learnt by heart and said verses of Georgian poetry – Walter de la Mare's, 'the Listeners',

Thomas Hood's 'I remember, I remember the house where I was born', Kipling, Allingham etc which bred in me a lifetime love of poetry.

Stamford at that time was visited by American servicemen stationed in villages such as Kings Cliffe - they appeared to have an endless supply of spearmint chewing gum. Stupidly I chewed some in class and was sent to the Headmistress, Miss Nichol, who, when she learned I had some more commanded that I bring it in to be confiscated!

The Quadrangle was surrounded by sandbags and there were two adjoining Nissan huts outside where lessons could be easily interrupted as there was no sound-proofing.

We performed 'Peter Pan' and I was the crocodile saying 'Tick Tock' as I crept along the back curtain on the stage. At breaks we had a half pint bottle of milk and could buy a sticky bun. My chief delight was either Horlicks or Ovaltine tablets which I brought from home and shared with others as we sat on the grass in the summer sun.

Those of us who lived in or around Stamford were hardly affected by war-time bombing, unlike London and big cities and coastal towns. However, I do remember one night when the drowning of Luftwaffe bombers could be heard heading for Coventry. I found a tiny metal shell in our yard which the Home Guard claimed and gave me sixpence for it!

Looking back we had a really good education and a lot of fun, with nothing

like the pressure children began to be under in later years.

Sybil McGhie (née Cotton) (OS 52)

I went to Stamford as a boarder in 1944, with Miss Nicol as a very awe-inspiring Headmistress and remained there until July 1952(I think!) when I left to read English at Westfield College, London University, having been Head Girl... and then with the surname Cotton!

I still keep in contact with Hazel Handy, now Hankins, living in Northampton and with Winnie Potter, now Goulthorpe, who lives near Huntingdon. I see regularly, Margaret Hankins, now Stanley, when she visits her daughter living near me and our memories of SHS boarding are very vivid!

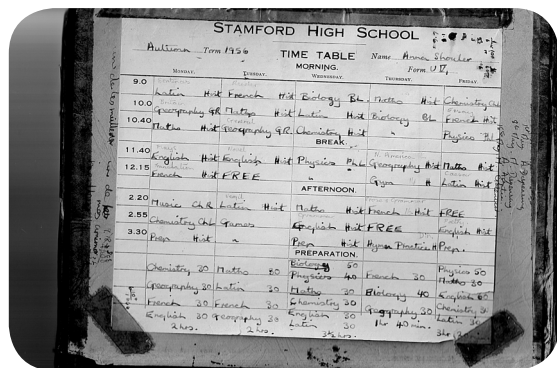
I also see Jenny Knight, now Carter whenever I visit my family in Oundle and whenever she visits her daughter, who is a close neighbour. I see June Robinson, now Churchill, who was a successful swimmer at Stamford, and now lives in Oakham. She was about three years ahead of us and a day girl.

I found the book, published about 18 months ago, 'Terms and Conditions' by Ysenda Maxtone Graham. It is so reminiscent of boarding life at Stamford in the late 40s with rationing, hockey-induced chilblains and the odd midnight feast, when we relied on contributions brought in by day girls!

My own young grandchildren live in Kenya but I hope that one day they will visit Stamford and be able to see where I went to school.

Anna Nikolic (née Shouler) (OS 57)

Sorting out in my attic I came across an old file full of notes taken during my student days at Nottingham University, now no longer scientifically relevant!! Still taped inside the cover were the below pictures! I wonder how it compares to a current COVID-upset school timetable!



I have had an interesting life so far, most of it in the Balkans, and try to keep up-to-date by reading 'Nature' a comprehensive weekly scientific magazine.

Juliet Dawson (née Samworth) (OS 60)

Stewarding at Peterborough Cathedral services and special events which I enjoy. I still enjoy baking and sharing this with friends and family.

Caroline Adams (née Crowe) (OS 80)

Just celebrated 30 years married to Chris. Two daughters Olivia and Camilla - both were High School girls. About to retire but not start gardening, still here to enjoy a G&T!

Ann Bell (née Norman) (OS 80)

Both myself & husband Colin are now retired & live in Helpston. I keep busy by doing work parties at some of the Langdyke Trust nature reserves. I have done some archaeological digs arranged by Freda Gosling in my village.

I'm in several village groups, knit & natter, Helpston Belles ladies group & the carpet bowls club. I'm also the Secretary of a charitable organisation called the Helcats. The events we arrange raise thousands of pounds which goes to help other village groups. I do lots of walking, cooking and socialising.

I'm still in touch with many from my school year - Helen Bentley, Alison Matthews, Kay Ford, Deirdre Woodcock, Julie Kibble, Katy Williams, Jill Betts, Corrinne Holland, Sharon Read, Lindy Gosling (Head Girl), Sue Hardy & Karen Hammond. Most of us hope to be at the 2022 reunion & hope others from our year will be there too.

Lindy Carter (Caroline née Gosling) (OS 80)

Having lived for 20 years in the USA, I have now been back in the UK since 2018. Oakham is our new home and we love being able to walk to shops and amenities, and am happy being 'home' after so long away! I have two grown-up daughters still living in Texas and two young grandchildren, both girls. We enjoy regular visits back to the US. I taught primary school-aged children in TX for many years, before doing my masters in counselling for children and young people and then working in counselling roles.

Since 2018 I have worked for a local authority, for a national counselling charity and in various schools and eventually took the plunge to run my own private practice. I run my practice from home in Oakham and also do some work in local schools.

I have the best of both worlds, and am doing what I love. I am delighted to have been able to reconnect with contemporaries from school days, and am looking forward to being able to be more active for the Old Girls.

Karen Crook (née Tilford) (OS 80)

I retired in April 2021 and have been kept busy since then on various build projects on our new house. I am looking forward to feeling properly retired, with free time to hillwalk and travel.

Kay Ford (OS 80)

I have been living happily up in the North East of Scotland with my partner of 20 years Graham.

I have two sons Alex (35) and James (33) and two grandchildren Luke (6) and Lily (4). I am currently working as a Slimming World Consultant and got through lockdown by going for long walks and gardening.

Jill Hamilton (née Betts) (OS 80)

In 1984, having left university and done some temporary jobs, I married Ian and joined the civil service (not connected!). On 31 December 2020 I took a planned voluntary redundancy and early retirement from the civil service, Ian having retired three years earlier. I regularly meet Julie Kibble, Ann Norman (Bell), Deirdre McClumiskey (Woodcock) Alison Eaves (Matthews) and Lindy Howard (Gosling).

Marianne Hare (OS 80)

Recently retired from the NHS! Living in the North West, recently became a glamorous granny to the lovely baby Iris.

Julie Kibble (OS 80)

Living in Oakham, with partner Chris, a retired policeman. We have two children, Lottie (20) currently studying at the University of Birmingham and Harry (16) studying for his A Levels. I work as a receptionist at a primary school in Oakham.

Kiffy Mitchell (née Murphy) (OS 80)

I've been teaching at Stamford Junior School for 24 years and I love it! Between 2001- 2007, we ran the Junior Boarding House (formerly The Nuns). Although I was a Year 4 class teacher for six years, I am now back in the SEN department, teaching three days a week.

Deirdre McCumiskey (née Woodcock) (OS 80)

I have lived in Wittering since 2008 with David, my partner who is a retired Lloyds Bank Commercial Finance Manager. I am working as the Parish Clerk for Sutton, Thornhaugh and Wittering Parish Councils as well as a Clerk to four charities in Boston (where I lived for 10 years). Epie, my daughter, will be 30 years old in June 2022. My main interest is genealogy/local history. Having undergone major life-changing surgery in 2020, I still try to keep fit and well within my limitations.

Nicola Regan (née Yeo) (OS 80)

Living in Newbury, counting down the days until retirement kicks in!! Have spent the last eight years in the Home Improvement industry - now time to do my own painting!

Amanda Vivian (née Jeavons) (OS 80)

Currently working part-time as a midwife following a mad mid-life career change.

Married for 33 years to Bryn who I met on the annual SHS/SS German Exchange run by Mrs Cliffe and Mr Chew to Ernst Khalkul Gymnasium in Bonn.

We celebrated the 50th anniversary of the start of the exchange programme with a dinner at SHS 10 years (I think) ago.

Joy Wolfenden-Brown (née Wolfenden) (OS 80)

Still living in Bude, Cornwall with my husband Richard. Mother to two boys (men!). Continuing to work as an artist and enjoying cold water swimming in Bude Seapool following a few years treatment for breast cancer.

Vicky Whiter (née Harris) (OS 88)

Back living locally and building Peters' Cleaners, the local dry cleaners I own into a national brand by expanding our 24/7 automated pods. Looking forward to my daughter, Charlotte, starting at the High School in September 2022.

Nicola Allen (née Sloss) (OS 91)

Moved back to Stamford in 2015 with my young family. Recently added to our family with a puppy called Luna. Currently working at Morgan Stanley in Anti-Money Laundering, Executive Director, Client Regulatory Services.

Deborah Simpson (née Whittle) (OS 91)

I married in 1996 (25 years!) straight after graduating from Sheffield Hallam. In 2014 we moved to New Jersey in USA and I worked in NYC as a Senior Director in HR for ADP until 2018, when we moved to the state of Georgia. We flew from the USA specifically to be at the Autumn Get-Together! I love coming back to the school as I have such happy memories. We are

always the most represented year - go 1991!

Lucie van der Kooij (née Barker) (OS 91)

I am working as a GP partner in Suffolk. I am now the Clinical Director of a Primary Care Network of GP practices and have set up a covid vaccination centre. I'm married with three teenage kids and a Dutch husband (hence the name change!)

Alison Woolf (OS 91)

Engaged to Mark (finally!) Mother to George who is currently studying for his A Levels. Professional legal contractor, currently Head of Law for a SaaS company. Keen gardener and purveyor of fine wines. Looking forward to retirement.

Rebecca Taylor (OS 15)

I came through the Endowed Schools right from reception at the Junior School, all the way through to Year 13, making some very fond memories and meeting some fantastic people along the way.

Following my time at school I've completed a degree in Psychology and a Master's in Marketing. I now work in 'Content Marketing', and so my day job essentially involves being creative to make publications, videos, photos, websites... and involves lots and lots of writing!

I'm a 'Young Ambassador' for The Brain Tumour Charity, and sit on their Strategy steering committee, and I actively volunteer at my former University, the University of Birmingham, as a careers mentor and through speaking at panels and events for their Business School.

OS NEWS

Vicky Whiter (OS 88)



Vicky Whiter, owner and Managing Director of Peters' Cleaners has won the award for Tech Woman of the Year 2021 at the Women in Peterborough Awards. Congratulations to Vicky for the honour - a well deserved award to that recognises her innovation in technology.

Claire Lomas (OS 98)

Claire competed in the London Marathon on Sunday 3 October, completing the course in six hours and 40 minutes in a wheelchair and dressed in her motorcycle gear. Claire was raising money for Whizz-Kidz and collected over £16,000.

Annabel Britton (OS 13)

Annabel, who runs All Good Market on St Paul's Street, Stamford, has been welcoming students to her business to teach them about sustainability.

Annabel was visited by pupils from SJS, as well as geography students from Year 9 at Stamford High School, who learnt about the processes involved in running the shop sustainably and the different options you have to be environmentally conscious when shopping.



Annabel was also involved in a careers talk with students as part of their enrichment week.

Megan Stoker (OS 16)

Megan competed in the 2021 Women's Boat Race, racing for Oxford against Cambridge. Held at the beginning of April, it marked the 75th anniversary of the race.



Photography by: Benedict Tufnell/Row 360

Megan discussed the race in an interview with Natalie Pretsell, Community Engagement Manager at the Schools:

“On the day I was feeling nervous as you would expect, with all the cameras on us and knowing this is the one chance we have; however, at the same time we were all very excited to show everyone what we are made of. It was not the result we wanted but it was an extremely hard fought race, full of tenacity, which I could not be more proud of. I feel extremely lucky to be part of a team with such strong and inspiring women and I cannot wait to try again next year to get the win we came here for.”

Izzy Forster (OS 16)



Izzy received the Service Excellence Award in December 2021 within her company, IBM. Following completion of a Business Management degree, Izzy went on to a business consulting graduate scheme with the majority of work to date being focused on the NHS Test and Trace service, which Izzy feels now has turned out to be a ‘once in a lifetime opportunity’.

With the world of ‘business’ being so broad, Izzy has found her time to date at IBM “interesting, and it is the people that makes the company as good as it is – everyone wants you to succeed and you are supported to try lots of new things.”

Ella Tapson (OS 16)

We are thrilled that Ella has won the South Kesteven District Council Award: Neil Smith - Beyond the Call of Duty Award for her work attending emergencies, fundraising and attending community events while training to be a paramedic.

The life-saving volunteer was presented with her award by Candice Smith, whose late husband Neil, an SKDC employee up to the time of his sudden and untimely death, inspired the award. Neil saved their infant son Tommy’s life by administering CPR until medical help arrived - from a LIVES first responder. She is pictured below with Candice Smith, her son Tommy and SKDC Leader Cllr Kelham Cooke (OS 08).



Photography credit: LIVES

Ella spoke to the council and said: “It’s a real privilege to be able to help people, sometimes needing to use the defibrillator that I carry and sometimes just to sit with them until an ambulance

arrives. It’s wonderful to get recognition for what we all do and the difference that first responders make.”

Emily Howard (OS 17)

Emily set up her business selling her artwork in August 2021, and has seen a massive interest in a short amount of time, to the extent that she created her own studio space to fulfill demand!

“I took my very first commission in 2016 of a pony. In 2017 I sold my first original painting of two pigs and in 2018 I made my first limited edition framed prints. It was so hard to let go of my original paintings at first, I was so attached to them!”

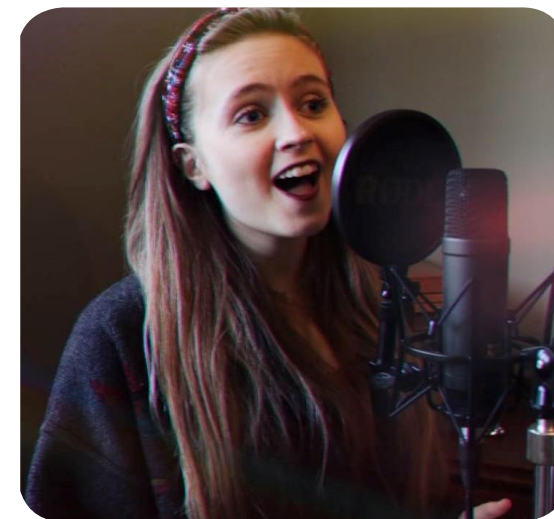


Emily’s plans for the future involve travelling to gain inspiration for her art, being a part of exhibitions and one day opening up her own gallery.

Kitty Richardson (OS 18)

We are delighted that Kitty, a singer-songwriter currently at the University of Leeds, has won the Emerging Artist Award at the MY HERO International Film Festival.

Kitty was a music scholar whilst at the Schools who won Rutland’s Got Talent in 2015 with her song ‘Wonderland’,



and has been on BBC Introducing twice.

MY HERO first became aware of Kitty when she applied to be a college intern in 2020 while attending the University of Leeds for her year in Industry.

Her contributions to the project include award winning music video productions, short video portraits of heroes from the MY HERO Calendar, outstanding interviews with winning filmmakers and original short films that profoundly explore her unique vision and perspective.

Kitty says: “At the age of 12 - I was diagnosed with autism and EDS, a rare connective tissue disorder. This spurred me on to writing, producing and publishing my first song to raise money for the EDS charity. Soon after an album followed.

Ever since then I have been passionate about creating music of all types. I must credit my teachers and Mr Turner from Stamford High School, for not

only introducing me to music, but for encouraging and believing in me at such an early age.

Lottie Smith (OS 19)

Lottie Smith has won two medals competing for England in the Northern European Gymnastics Championships in Cardiff.



The competition was a success for Lottie and England as a team. Lottie earned seventh place in the all-round individuals out of 45 competitors and a close second place in the bars, only just missing out on first, helping the England team achieve first place overall.

Rachel Dawson (OS 21)

Rachel is a founding member of Dowland Youth Works, an organisation which runs English Renaissance music choral courses to teach the young musicians how to read and perform with the original facsimile.

Dame Emma Kirby is a patron of the group, and is pictured in the upper picture opposite, alongside Rachel. They have enjoyed the contributions

of fellow Old Stamfordians such as Thomas Mollett and Sam Hilder (both OS 21), as well as current students including Year 12s Will L and Oliver M. The group can be seen in the bottom picture below.

The connection to the Schools runs deeper as the current rehearsal space is in the former home of Peterborough Cathedral organist, Dr Haydn Keeton. This is the house where he taught his pupil, Sir Malcolm Sargent (OS 1912), how to play the piano.



TRIBUTES

Audrey Clarke (née Morris) (OS 48)



Barbara Midgley informed us of the passing of Audrey. Miss Gladys Bland has written the following tribute:

Audrey Clarke was very proud and grateful to be an Old Girl of the School. She felt the school had given her an education and opportunities that otherwise she would not have had. I always appreciated her unfailing love and loyalty to the school.

It is not always appreciated how much a school owes to its support staff. A school could not function without its cleaners, cooks, groundsmen and all its maintenance staff. Secretarial staff are of prime importance in promoting efficiency and are often the first place where prospective parents form a first impression of the school.

I worked with Audrey for many years and valued her qualities as one of the extremely important team of office

staff and secretaries. She was efficient, hardworking, punctual, loyal and discreet.

Audrey was diagnosed with lupus and that is known to be an unpleasant and not always recognised health problem. However she enjoyed her life and holidays travelling abroad. She delighted in and deeply loved her family, to whom I extend sympathy.

May Christ Spede her soul to rest in peace."

Marie Littlemore (OS 49) 1931-2020



Marie's son Christopher writes:
My mother, who was at the school from 1941 until 1949, sadly passed away in October 2020 after a short illness. She had been diagnosed with a brain tumour in the July and whilst there was no immediate suggestion that she had little time left, things did accelerate and she spent several spells in hospital during the last 4 months of her life.

This was challenging for her and for the family – as it has been for so many this last year. However, she is now at peace thankfully.

I do know that she had attended a reunion of her vintage a few years ago (I think she was then around 80 at that point) and she was always very interested to learn of the accomplishments of other OS girls of both her age and younger through the OGG Magazine. She spoke fondly of her memories of her time at school and of her friends there and at Stamford School too.

She was always known by her second name, 'Marie', and after leaving school attended Teacher Training College in Lincoln and then The Royal Academy of Music in London. Her life's work was spent teaching and performing the piano and there are at least four generations of pupils in Warwickshire, where she lived all her married life, who benefited from her influence. It is a wonderful reflection of her education at Stamford that so many of her pupils felt comfortable in treating her not only as an expert music teacher, but also as a 'soulmate' and surrogate 'Auntie'. Her wisdom and guidance to them, myself, my wife and her two grandchildren (both of whom are now professional musicians themselves), has been tremendous.

I know that her formative education at Stamford must have been the foundation of this character. She was someone who was always interested in

people, in travel and wildlife and in the arts. When something really inspired her, she 'gave it her all'. In her 60s and 70s between extensive global travel with her late husband Frederick, she taught herself Spanish and enrolled on a History of Art Education Programme covering painting, sculpture and architecture which lasted until a year or so before her death. She was throughout her life a regular Opera goer.

Mother was the first Lady Chairman of the Rugby Music Union. The Union was founded in 1895 and until 1968 was an all-male group, which met for the performance and enjoyment of its member musicians. She became one of the first lady members and subsequently through membership of the committee, its first Chairwoman in 1977.

She gave many recital performances in Warwickshire over a period of 50 years; several of the last between 2002 and 2012, being charitable lunchtime concerts for churches in Rugby. She taught her last pupils in her 80th year, recognising that it was then time to just play for her own amusement and pleasure. She continued to play the piano for herself for at least an hour every day, until July 2020 with a chosen 'composer of the week'.

Her legacy lives on in her grandchildren and many hundreds of pupils, all of whom have been inspired by her.

The Old Girls' Guild wish to send condolences to the friends and loved ones of all those we have said farewell to over the last year. Our thoughts are with you.

SCHOOL NEWS

Kettering Road Sports Facility

As announced last year, the Schools are currently building a new sports facility on Kettering Road, the site of the previous, smaller sports pavilion. The new site will include two astroturf pitches and a new pavilion; a single-storey construction with a pitched roof, overlooking the pitches.



The additional all-weather pitch will allow us to double our capacity for training and competitive fixtures on the site, which will enable greater participation at all levels. The building has been designed to increase provision and opportunity across a wide range of sports and physical activity.

Two studios will accommodate dance, pilates, yoga, indoor cycling, and a range of other activities that are growing in popularity. The building will also contain a gym, and four changing rooms with capacity for 100 people.

All of these facilities will be made available outside school hours for use

by the local community. Discussions are already underway with England Hockey regarding the formation of a new Stamford Hockey Club: at present, the nearest community clubs are based in Bourne (eight miles away) or Oundle (11 miles away).

This project will support all of our students, and the wider community, in developing a lifelong, positive attitude towards sport and physical activity, and realising the health and wellbeing benefits that come from being physically active.



Rev. Mark Goodman

Reverend Mark Goodman will be leaving the Schools at Easter to take up the post of Rector of St. Columba's, Largs in the Scottish Episcopal Church. Mark has had an unquantifiable influence on countless Stamfordians, including students, staff and parents in his time here.

He has taken a full part of every aspect of life and his support and approach

epitomises all of the values we hold most dear here at Stamford; happiness, kindness and engagement.



Mark writes:

“It’s hard not to live and breathe the Stamford Endowed Schools when you are here. I was the first Chaplain to work across all the Schools and have found a real warmth, acceptance and glorious humour in all the staffrooms.

I couldn’t have done a fraction of what I have done without the extraordinary support of the staff here. It is full on here, every day, and the care that the staff have for each other and their students is wonderful to know and experience.

It is, though, through the everyday things that you see these schools at their best: when you see students who have had to tough it out right to the exams, pull it out of the bag. On the sports field our students show how to win well and lose well and have the

best of that Corinthian spirit in their competitiveness. I have been on the graveyard shift on hockey fixtures for years but it has been the commitment of the students who have made it worthwhile.

And that’s the thing, it’s the students who have made it worthwhile. In classrooms, on the sports fields, in MAD Weeks, (remember the opera in a week?), trips across the world, as well as just down the road, in assemblies and Chapels. And all I can say is, ‘Thank you.’”

Reverend Matthew Phillips will take over from Mark at the beginning of the Summer Term 2022 and he will teach Philosophy and Ethics in both senior schools as well as supporting the outdoor education of the schools.

The committee would like to extend their thanks to Reverend Goodman for all of the time, support and memories he has given to our Old Girls over the years and wish him all the best on his next endeavours.

Community Outreach Award

The Schools are delighted to win the Independent School of the Year Award 2021 for Community Outreach. The national awards celebrate and recognise extraordinary and compelling student experiences, and are hosted by Independent School Parent magazine each year.

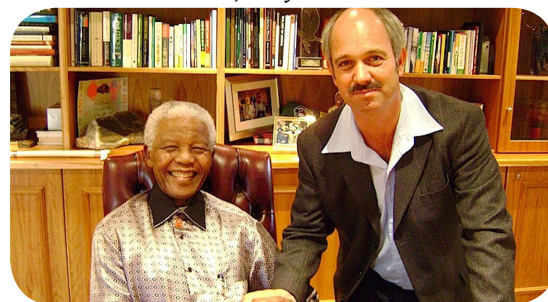
Principal, Mr Will Phelan, said “It’s fantastic to be recognised for our



ongoing commitment to supporting the Stamford community, and my congratulations to all of the students and staff who are supporting our town in so many different ways.”

The Stamford Lecture Series

The Schools have hosted three Stamford Lectures for our Stamfordian community since our last OGG publication, including a Stamford Lecture first as we broadcast live from South Africa when we welcomed Christo Brand, former prison warder to Nelson Mandela, in June 2021.



Christo became a close friend to Mandela, and shared his first hand experiences of the historic decades spent together. Presented by Mr Nick Gallop, Head of Stamford School, over 190 households registered to listen to Christo speak, with viewers welcomed from the Stamford community around the world, including as far as Brazil, Peru and Canada.

This lecture was followed in November 2021 by a talk from Professor Rose Luckin, known as the ‘Doctor Who of Artificial Intelligence’, hosted by Stamford Junior School Head Mr Matthew O’Reilly.

Professor Luckin discussed some examples of the work that they have achieved with educational organisations using the ‘AI Readiness framework’ and shared her personal thoughts on the aspects of AI that make it useful to education, and suggested criteria that the audience at home could use to assess whether an AI they are looking at or interacting with is likely to be useful to them.

February 2022 saw Dr Melanie Windridge join Mrs Vicky Buckman, Head at Stamford High School, to talk about the science of climbing Mount Everest, after achieving the feat herself in 2018.

Over 150 households tuned in to listen to Dr Windridge, with one viewer afterwards saying it was “both a fascinating and inspiring lecture. Whilst

there is no doubt that Dr Windridge achieved an amazing feat, her down to earth explanation of her experience made it sound wholly achievable. In short, with the right preparation and mindset, anything is possible!"



Mrs Natalie Pretsell, Community Engagement Manager at the Schools, said of the Stamford Lectures: "It is a privilege to be able to host and share these lectures with so many families. We really enjoy opening up conversations that promote critical thinking through the topics that are shared and providing opportunities to think differently."

Quiz Champions

The Schools have won the local round of the Worldwide Geography Quiz, with Stamford High School becoming the champions of 2021.

The quiz involved schools from across South Lincolnshire competing against each other in a range of geographical rounds. Both Stamford School and Stamford High School competed in the quiz with two teams each, SS A and B and SHS A and B, involving Year 10 and 11 students. Other schools competed with a mixture of one or two teams. The quiz consisted of eight rounds, some including quick fire questions,

and others with picture reveals, multiple choice or map based questions.

Mr Smith, Head of Geography at Stamford High School, said: "I'm very proud of our GCSE SHS Geographers who took part in the annual Geographical Association Worldwide Quiz this year.

Particular congratulations must go to our 'A Team' who came top of the leader board – something that has never happened for an SHS team before! The students worked so incredibly hard and really committed to additional study and practice in preparation – which clearly paid off! I was especially impressed with their performance in Round 6 where they had to answer a series of questions relating to the impact that air travel has on our changing climate. Really well done!"

School Structure

The Governors of the Stamford Endowed Schools have announced their intention to restructure the diamond-model Stamford Endowed Schools as a fully co-educational School.

A scoping exercise will be carried out during the course of the Spring term 2022, the findings of which will allow the Governors and Executive to determine detailed views on the process before plans are finalised. The exercise will be completed by Easter this year, and headline findings will be shared with the School community in the first half of the summer term.

Doreen Hunt (OS 28)

#archivestories



Doreen Hunt was a force in the world of botany, and our Archivist, James Buckman, tells her story.

Doreen Hunt first joined Stamford High School in 1922. At the time, she was living in Ketton and commuted to the School by train. Of her journeys, Doreen recalled 'It was an interesting little journey from Ketton to Stamford. The station garden was well kept and a roaring fire in the stone fireplace in the waiting room cheered us in the winter. Spring brought yellow laburnam and red may blossom cascading over the side of the track and in wet winters the Welland Valley was often one huge sheet of water'.

Later in life, Doreen wrote: 'Stamford High School fostered my love of plant life'. She studied under Miss Sunderland-Taylor (Headmistress, 1910-

27) who was enthusiastic about plants and wildlife, and initiated a wildflower competition (Doreen remembered participating in one of those).

After Stamford High School, Doreen joined St Peter's Training College, Peterborough. In 1930, she passed the final examination of the University of Birmingham and Midland Training Colleges Joint Board with Distinction in Teaching and Advanced Biology.

We have a gap in Doreen's movements during the Second World War, other than it must have been around this time that she moved to South East Australia. An OGG Magazine from the 1990s says that it was in 1944 that Doreen first took up teaching at the Bool Lagoon Primary School (established 1888). She wrote to the OGG that her pupils 'have made their own garden and playing field, and they see in their district kangaroos, emus, and snakes'. She also mentioned that she was District Commissioner for the Girl Guides and owned 'a small Fiat car'. For the South Australian "Education Week", Doreen researched the history of her school.

Outside her teaching commitments, Doreen made a hobby of collecting wildflowers for the South Australia Herbarium in Adelaide. One of these, she wrote, was sent to Kew Gardens for examination.

She told the OGG: 'I am particularly interested in orchids and have over 60 species in my personal collection. In the past three years I have found quite a few new records for the South East'. In 1961, Stamford High School joined the Wild Flower Society of Great Britain and two groups, from the Senior and Middle Schools, kept special diaries recording all plants they had found. These were sent for checking in November, and the results came in. The Senior School came first and the Middle School fifth. Doreen followed this story with interest, which she expressed in the following statement that was published in the OGG Magazine: 'I was delighted to know that such good results were being obtained in this field'.

In September 1965, the Bool Lagoon School closed and Doreen took a Long Service Leave. She used this as an opportunity to 'indulge in unrestricted plant collecting for the South Australia Herbarium', moving to Finnis, which is thirty-five miles from Adelaide and very near the coast. Doreen told the OGG: 'It's an interesting area botanically and historically and I've already added two new species of orchid (both greenhoods) to my private collection. Really it's a good move as I can now enjoy living in the country, and also have benefits of the city when I so desire'.

It is gratifying to know that expeditions which gave me so much pleasure, have provided material in use in various herbaria round the world.

Doreen's collection of plants for the Herbarium continued until 1973. Her collections of Euphrasia proved a great source of help to the Chief Botanist in his publications on this genus. Also, the Herbarium of Munich was celebrating its 175th anniversary in 1988, and it published its list of collectors whose specimens they had and Doreen was among them. 'It is gratifying to know that expeditions which gave me so much pleasure, have provided material in use in various herbaria round the world,' she said.

By the 1980s, Doreen had returned to Britain. She visited SHS for the first time in sixty years and remained an active member of the Old Girls' Guild until the end of her life. Despite her age, she visited many places of botanical interest from the New Forest to North Wales. For her eightieth birthday, she took excursions to the Pennines and later to the South Downs in Kent 'where she found thirteen orchids'. She gave her blue and white Staffordshire china to the National Trust to go on show at Attingham Park in Shropshire 'and despatched her coffee cans to Leicester Museum'. In her final update to the OGG, Doreen said she had received a photograph of a plaque erected to acknowledge her contributions in setting up the Nature Reserve at the Bool Lagoon School.

She died in March 1997, just a month short of her 87th birthday.

Sources
SHS Magazines
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EVENTS

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Old Girls' Guild Reunion Day

Saturday 11 June 2022

[Please click here for more information and booking.](#)

Old Stamfordian Lansdowne Drinks

This event has been postponed and will now take place in the Autumn term. Further details to follow.

Contact: [Natalie Pretsell](#)

[Community Engagement Manager](#)

For enquiries please contact the Development and Alumni Relations Office: oldstamfordians@ses.lincs.sch.uk

Autumn Get-Together 20 November 2021

We were delighted to welcome back former students of Stamford High School to an Autumn Get-Together in November 2021.

With over 50 attending, the event was a wonderful occasion to be able to hold a church service followed by a delicious meal prepared and served by the School's catering team. Having not been able to meet for such a long time due to the pandemic, this was an occasion marked with joy and reminiscing. A tour of the school and a look through the archives, the day really was a trip down memory lane for many.

We look forward to being able to host a full reunion event on Saturday 11 June. Please [click here](#) for more details or contact the Development Team on [01780 750032](tel:01780750032).



Old Stamfordian Autumn Get-Together

20 November 2021



Keep your contact details up-to-date:

It is important for us to have the correct contact details and preferences for you as we are keen to ensure that we communicate with you in the most effective way for you and about the things that are meaningful to you. In order to keep your details up-to-date, please [click here](#) and follow the instructions.

Old Girls' Guild Reunion Day
Saturday 11 June
Timetable



Join us at this year's Old Girls' Guild Reunion!

All events will be subject to government guidelines and restrictions and are subject to change.
 In case of cancellation, a refund of your ticket price will be given until 31 May 2022.

Date/Time	Event	Location
Saturday 11 June		
09:45	Registration & Coffee	The Atrium
10:30	AGM	TBC
11:30	Church Service	St Martin's Church
12:30	Buffet Luncheon (OGG Members)	School Hall
12:30	Buffet Luncheon (Non-OGG Members)	School Hall
14:30	Tours of Stamford High School	Quad
16:00	School Closes	
16:00	Refreshments	Stamford School, Mainfields
17:30	Andrew Carter Touch Rugby	Stamford School, Mainfields
18:30	Hog Roast (Joint with OSC)	Stamford School, Mainfields

Purchase tickets swiftly and easily through our Box Office:

www.stamfordschools.org.uk/about-stamford/news/events/old-stamfordian-reunion-weekend-2022

Contact Point:

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AGM 2019

Chair's Report

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I'd like to begin by welcoming you all to this Geography room for this our 110th 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.

There will be a Church Service at St Martins after this AGM, don't forget to join us for pre-lunch drinks on the 6th form lawn and your Group Photograph.

I would 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.

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.

Lindy Carter is about to join the committee and I am sure many of you remember Frieda, Lindy's mum.

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

Thanks to Vicky our president for her continued support, Vicky has been the head of School for a four years now and there have been a number of rumours during that time - changing the school song, prayer and hall, with the school hall changes being the only truth.

We are delighted to welcome Miss Tennison who is a great supporter of the guild, this is the first year Miss Bland has not been with us, she sends her apologies but due to the earlier date she was already away this year

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

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

Do take the opportunity to look at the archive material presented by James Buckman a big thanks to James for putting together the display for us. James wrote the excellent article in the recent magazine about one of the first girls at the school

All that remains is for me to wish Stamford Endowed Schools a very successful 2019 - 2020.

May Christ us Spede.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Stamford High School Old Girls' Guild held on Saturday, 15 June 2019.

Apologies for absence: 7 apologies received.

Minutes of AGM 2017 were approved and signed. The Chairman confirmed no business was agreed at this meeting due to low attendance.

Matters Arising – None

President's Report: Deferred to Luncheon.

Chairman's Report: see previous page.

Treasurer's Report:

Louise presented the Accounts which were approved and signed. Proposed by Ann Turner (Ingram) and seconded by Janet Darke (Lawson). Louise reported the Accounts are looking better and we have a surplus of £3,000 this year. This is down to reduced costs for the magazine. Going forward we are looking to work more closely with OS and changing our year end to coincide with theirs.

Constitutional Change/Membership Rates

Anita presented the paperwork to indicate the minor constitutional changes and structured membership rates which are to be introduced. The membership rates will bring our rates into line with those of the OS and the constitution amendments being made reflect the alignment relating to the Treasurer's brief and Alumni Relations Manager brief. Proposed by Christine Cocks (Bennett) and seconded by Janet Darke (Lawson).

Any Other Business

Vicky asked for thanks to be recorded to the Committee for their hard work throughout the year and for organising Reunion Day, we have a record 167 attending today.

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

(No Annual General Meetings were held for the year ended June 2020 and June 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.)

**OLD GIRLS' GUILD ACCOUNTS
Financial Year Ending 31 August 2021**

There have been no transactions in the period 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 from the OGG-owned account, therefore no formal accounts have been prepared.

The balances held remain as follows:

Lloyds Bank	8.00
Barclays Bank	14701.41
Cash in Hand	7.00
	14,716.41

For information:

The Stamford Endowed Schools have a budget allocated separately to both the Old Girls' Guild and the Old Stamfordian Club each year to support the committees in achieving their overall objectives.

There are currently three sources of funding for alumni relations:

- The OGG owned bank account
- Funds allocated to the OGG by SES in the form of an agreed annual budget for the provision of OGG activities
- SES owned alumni relations expenditure

BLAST FROM THE PAST

A selection of memories from the SHS Magazine through the years. Magazines in full are available on [the 'Publications' page](#) on the Stamford Schools' website, or at [our online archives](#).

Click each image to be taken to that magazine.



1978, p.30

UNDERSTAND?

Usually Uitlandic urchins and other ultramarine upstarts upset urbanity by using umpteen ukules, ululating in Urdu and uttering uncalled for ultimatum with ulterior aims giving uxorious upholsterers ugly ulcers upon upright ulnas. Unless umpires in umbrage urge the use of ubiquitous umbrellas, ulsters and urns as useful utensils, unrivalled Uffingtonions in unison with unfrocked Uppinghamian ultraists will upset ungrateful uncles uniting ubiquitous, ulotrichans and utilitarian Utoxitans. Union is unlikely otherwise ultramundane ushers will unloose uncontrollable ultra-violet and uranium unsettling unfortunate unicorns from Uranus unused to the unpronounceable umlauts and upsilons of the universal utterances of the underground undertakers and unkempt undergraduates which undercut understanding by understating the utility of unanimous ukases urging Ulemas up at university to uphold ultimogeniture and upbraid uliginose ulmin.

1972, p.47

Elizabeth Peschek UVI

We leaped for Oxfam

In February we celebrated Oxfam's 50th anniversary in a variety of ways. Some intrepid volunteers from the Upper 3 and Lower 4 spent their dinner hours on sponsored leapfrogs, others enjoyed hokey - croakey hops or made magnificent frog posters and frog masks. The money collected at the Penny Fair was also given to Oxfam this year. Altogether we collected £423.92.



1992, p.35

The Life of a Daffodil

Spring is near!
 A small bud pushes its way
 Up through the soil
 For all to see.
 Its green stalk grows to
 One foot tall.
 The golden sunlight,
 Shining bright,
 As the small delicate petals
 Open and the golden trumpet
 HEAD OF THE BED
 Stands proudly,
 All on its own.
 Spring is here!



1993, p.54

1986, p.4

STAMFORD HIGH SCHOOL



1969

MAGAZINE

1969, Cover

'THE MIRACLE WORKER'

'The Miracle Worker' was a beautiful play. The set was delightful, and the lighting and sound effects were very professionally done.

All the characters were well-casted and played their parts superbly, the cast supported each other throughout and the audience was captivated from the start.

Kate Wratten and Rachel Piper played their contrasting rôles as mother and teacher brilliantly and were ably supported by Simon Heywood and Joe Bamberg as Helen's father and laid-back brother.

Stephanie James gave us an impressive portrayal of the Kellers' black mammy and, together with the rest of the cast, managed her difficult accent very naturally.

Helen herself was brilliantly played by Claire White - how anyone could have so much energy on stage for so long, while looking continuously at the ceiling throughout the whole performance, I found quite incredible.

Congratulations to Mrs. Goddard and all those people who helped to put on this lovely and heart-warming production, which brought tears to the eyes of many in the audience.

Claire Padley



1976, Cover

1995, p.6



1972, Cover

Rugby Match SHS v SS

STAMFORD HIGH SCHOOL - 7
 STAMFORD SCHOOL - 4

The long, anticipated match took place on Sunday 8th December at the Boys' school. The boys probably felt a little upset about being beaten by a stronger team, but they played with high spirits and good humour throughout the match. The referee was Mr. Haynes and he was to be congratulated for the way the rules were adhered to throughout the game. The scrums were perhaps the highlight of the game despite the efforts of 'The Phantom Tickler'. The girls' methods of tackling were novel but effective. Later on in the first half, Amy Flanagan was sent off for unruly behaviour, but the general opinion amongst the girls' team was that there was nothing wrong with leaping on members of the opposing team, and pinning them to the ground to prevent them from getting the ball. Throughout the game the try-scoring abilities of Emma Sage were much appreciated, as was the valuable conversion by Karen

Wise. The Boys' efforts at try-scoring were frequently thwarted by brilliant defensive play, and they were more than a little distracted by the fact that twenty girls were chasing them. The numerous fouls by the boys' team included running too fast, trying to score, and loitering with intent to receive a pass. As punishment, the boys were prevented from tackling the girls, and scrums were called off before all of the boys had got the chance to get too close to all of the girls. There was nothing wrong with the girls' team being allowed a penalty when they made a mistake. The hours of last minute practice put in by the girls' team certainly paid off. The girls romped home to a resounding victory. Much to the losing teams disappointment, shirts were not exchanged at the end of the match.

Jo Edward U6MPC

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| Karen Wise (Captain) | Tanya Lay | Claire Sturgess |
| Jo Edward | Katie Homewood | Emma Sage |
| Claire Paszkiewicz | Sara Evans | Hayley Smith |
| Amy Flanagan | Sarah Davison | Jo Nicholson |
| Laura McLeod | Lucy Morris | Keri Cocksey |
| Elaine Irvine | Jo Buckley | Merith |
| Kirsty Devereux | | |



1992, p.28



1986, p.10



TEACHERS' ALL TIME GREATS

A list of teachers' favourite records or artists and comments.

Dr Palmer

'Oscar Peterson in Tokyo 1964'
'Best cross-section of Piano Playing I've ever heard. Also, a very happy and swinging record!'

Mr Gilman

'I went to your wedding' — Spike Jones.
'Because it cheers me up after marking LVH work!'

Mrs Gobbett

'Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring' (played on the piano) — J.S. Bach.

'I had it played at my wedding, will that do?'

Miss Harvey

Favourite Artist — Neil Diamond.
'I like all his songs in general!'

Miss Carter

'Dvorak's new world symphony', especially the track 'Going Home'.
(Miss Carter actually sang an extract for us!)

Miss Lilford

'Mozart Piano Concerto No. 21'
'Because I don't like any pop music at all!'

Mrs Cauldwell

Bing Crosby's music.
'The music dates me, because I liked his music when I was young (14-15)'

Mrs Wrigley

The Police, Dire Straits, John Lennon, E.L.O., Rod Stewart's song — 'Tonight I'm yours' 'because of the lyrics' and Wagner.

To avoid being misquoted Mrs Wrigley mentioned a FEW of her favourites.

Mr Gibbs

'Dies Watalis' — Finzi Gerald.
'Because it's beautiful. It makes me go all funny when I think about it. It makes tingles go up my spine. When I just heard it I had to stop and listen. It is beautiful!'

Mrs Feather

'Birthday Ode to Queen Mary' — Henry Purcell.
'It's jolly, it makes me feel cheerful!'

Miss Pope

'St. Matthew Passion' (in German) — J.S. Bach.
'The music's very beautiful and I like the way the German language has a neat way of expressing things. It is also very moving!'

Miss Thurgood

Favourite Artist — Bruce Springsteen.
'I especially like 'Thunder Road'. He's so good fun, don't quote me on that! (But we did)'

Mr Jones

'Greatest Hits' — Blondie.
'When asked why he liked it Mr Jones replied, 'I'd better not incriminate myself here! Um, I've just bought the L.P., it's got all the songs on it which I think are very catchy!'

Miss Tension

'Elgar's violin concerto'.
'It's super and beautiful, it makes me cry!'

Mr Bradley

Any of Haydn's symphonies.
'It is the quintessence of music!'

Mrs Uhlenbrock

'Schubert Quintet in C'.
'Because it's sad and beautiful. It has a strong association, reminds me of the days of my youth!'

Miss Little

'Imagine' — John Lennon.
'Aaah, memories!'

Lofty

'Singing in the Rain' — Gene Kelly.
'Asked why he likes it Mr Davies replied 'Why? I dunno!'

Mrs Stables

'Life isn't everything' — Elton John
'Because it's soothing!'

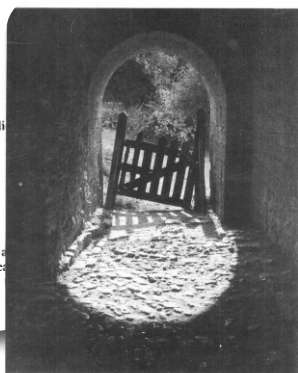
Miss Midgley

'For me most music is an ephemeral & transient thing. I have no one 'all time great' but enjoy most of the songs of ABBA and Beatles!'

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"Looking for Snow White?"



CARRIE RHYS DAVIS

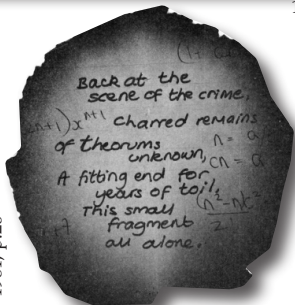


POLLY COOK



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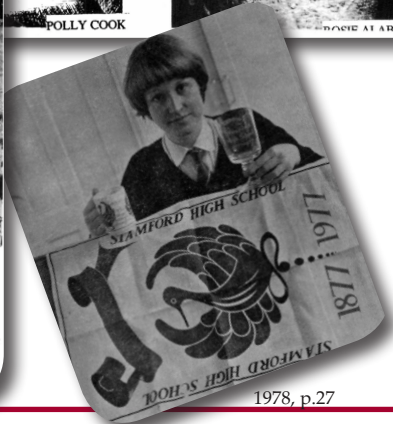
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MENTORING AT STAMFORD



The Old Stamfordian Network is launching the trial of a mentoring scheme for OS.

Mentoring is a professional relationship during which an experienced person (the mentor) helps another individual (the mentee) develop skills and knowledge that will assist in their personal and professional development.

Serving as a mentor brings many challenges and rewards, with the best mentors working to shape their mentees into other leaders, rather than just good followers; while the opportunity to access a mentor's experience, positive challenge, guidance and network can be invaluable to a mentee's career development. If done well, the long-term impact of mentoring can offer life- and career-changing benefits to both parties.

The objectives of the trial are:

- to test the extent and nature of benefits which a mentoring scheme for OS could provide
- to identify the most effective means of administering such a scheme
- to identify and confirm the briefing/

training requirements of those engaged in the scheme

- to determine the requirements involved in a subsequent larger-scale implementation, including how this might be phased in.

The number of participants - both mentors and mentees - is being deliberately limited in this first phase so that these objectives are manageable and can be assessed. However, the ambition is to create an enduring scheme which supports the development of those in their first few years of leaving both Stamford School and Stamford High School through accessing the experience and advice of those who are further ahead in their subsequent careers.

Robert Thorpe (OS 78) and Rob Forster (OS 14) initially commenced the scheme however the pandemic caused it to be postponed. Lindy Carter (OS 80) has also joined as a Stamford High School Old Girls' Guild committee representative.

Full briefing material and 1:1 support will be provided at the outset and through the duration of the trial. They will also be responsible for the initial "matching"

process of mentors and mentees, with the support of the Development Office. The “rules” regarding who would qualify as a potential mentor/ mentee for the trial are few – as a mentor, you will have sufficient career experience to be able to offer advice and guidance to a less experienced alumnus, which means that you may be some 10 + years post leaving the School; as a mentee, you will be within the first three/ fours years of departure. In both cases, you must be prepared to invest sufficient time and effort to meet the expectations of the other party; though it is not expected that this will be at all onerous or time-consuming.

If you would like to participate as either a mentor or mentee, please contact the Development Office at oldstamfordians@ses.lincs.sch.uk with a very short note explaining why you would like to participate and what you think you would bring to/ gain from the experience and, in the case of a potential mentor, a short CV. It will then determine who best to include in the initial trial to provide an appropriate cross-section of participants. Please do get in contact if you wish to be considered for inclusion in this first phase.

Sector Groups

In recent years, we have launched a Sector Group Programme through LinkedIn where groups of Old Stamfordians, from various industries/professions, are meeting for informal networking and to share ideas. These groups are open to people at any point in their career, including those simply considering a sector and who would like to speak to someone to explore the various opportunities open to them through career advice, practice interviews,

talks, careers fairs, as well as to receive wider experience, direction and general advice.

Geographical groups

Asia-Pacific
Overseas
United States
France
Asia
Australasia
Canada

Employment/Advice and Guidance

Property Sector
The Arts, Culture and Music
Medicine
Education
Military Services
Marketing, PR and Advertising
Accountancy and Finance
Public Services
Legal
STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

If we do not yet have a group for your sector, you would like to set up a group or for any further assistance please contact the Alumni Office:

oldstamfordians@ses.lincs.sch.uk

Meet the Alumni Relations and Development Team



Natalie Pretsell

Development Manager

Having moved into this sector from her previous experience in social care, Natalie is using her incredible social and interactive skill set to promote the benefits of being part of the Stamford Endowed Schools community and aims to build, and further develop, engagement within that extensive group.



Dale Harrison (OS 03)

Development Officer

Alongside being an internationally-selling author, Dale supports the team with all aspects of their work: database management, management of the Stamford Card fee assistance fundraising initiative and centralised communications with the Old Stamfordian network are just a few of his areas of expertise.



James Buckman

Archivist

James volunteered as Archivist at the Stamford High School. This role was then converted into a part-time, paid role due to the interest that James’s work gained. James now maintains and is in charge of the SES archives and he also supports with Old Stamfordian events to promote the Schools’ extensive history.



Jo Peck

Some of you may be aware that Jo has left the Schools for pastures new, and both the OGG and the OSC would like to express their thanks and appreciation for the hard work and professionalism Jo has shown in her time at the Schools. Jo has been an integral part of the success of the Development Team during her time, and we are sure you will join us in wishing her all the best in her future endeavours.

Gifts & Memorabilia

All items pictured, and many more, are available for purchase from the School Shop.



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Katie Cardew for the Stamford Endowed Schools



Exclusive SES memorabilia by Katie Cardew, including prints of the Schools, are available to purchase and can be ordered online at

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