

ST MARY'S HALL ASSOCIATION



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2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Committee of the St Mary's Hall Association hereby gives notice that the 90th Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held at 11am at the School on Saturday 10th May 2008. Read the minutes of the 89th AGM on page 41.

AGENDA

1. Opening prayers and remembrance
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the 89th AGM held on 12th May 2007
4. Matters arising
5. Reports from
 - President & Chairman
 - Hon Secretary
 - Hon Overseas Secretary
 - Hon Treasurer
 - Hon Editor
6. Committee members
 - Retirements
 - Nominations
 - Elections
7. Future of the Spring Draw
8. The May Event 2009
9. Any other business
10. Closing prayers

EDITORIAL

Today, January 11th 2008, seems a good day to write this piece because today, 100 years ago, St. Mary's Hall Association as we know it was born. In celebration of the centenary a copy of the SMH Newsletter, specially printed for the members of the newly formed Association of 1908, forms part of this 2008 Newsletter.

Musing on what might shape SMHA over the next 100 years, or just the next ten, led me to think of the challenges we could experience in meeting our constitutional objectives which are, in summary, 'to link' and 'to support' within the SMH and SMHA communities. As the 21st century gets into its stride, the linking piece, and arguably the support piece also, become ever easier with the help of computers. There are challenges ahead however and for SMHA I believe there are two big ones: to link *inclusively* and to support *generously*.

The options for linking are many. If you can think of it the internet will probably offer it. Excellent! But linking *inclusively* requires a means of communication that is accessible to all; for now that is the old-fashioned tried-and-tested Annual Newsletter. Supporting *generously* has many options too, something for everyone. Money is obvious; the less obvious options but just as valuable are time and skills. Some of our members are extraordinarily generous with their support; it would be wonderful for 'some' to become 'many'.

So what, as an SMHA member, can you do to help us rise to these challenges?

- Link *inclusively*
 - don't just read the Annual Newsletter, fill it with your news, views, articles and photos.
 - go to the AGM and/or reunion lunch May 10th ; SMH likes to see how we are and we like to see how SMH is.
- Support *generously*
 - think about what SMH did for you; is it time you put something back?

We look forward to hearing from you!

Penny (Buck) Gardiner; SMHA Hon. Editor

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REPORT FROM THE HEAD AND DEPUTY HEAD GIRLS

Having come to the middle of our term as Head and Deputy Head girls, it is a pleasure for us to report on a selection of the many achievements and events that the last two school terms have seen, and what future events we have to look forward to.

Last term we attended the Old Girls' reunion. It was a joy to welcome the Old girls back to their old School and to see them so happy with the changes to it,

particularly the newly refurbished Elliott House, which is now the Sixth Form centre and boarding house. They were amazed at the transformation of the building and delighted to see it running once again, its new facilities benefiting the students working and living there.

The Young Enterprise Company this year called "Dream of Fantasy" was the most successful the School has ever seen. The company worked to produce a children's storybook about growing up, both writing and illustrating the story themselves. They sold beautifully made and original books, as well as home-made necklaces and bracelets each day at School and at special events, both in School and around Brighton. The company reached the final for the area, and at the awards ceremony held at Roedean, came within the top three in all categories! This is an incredible achievement, and so well deserved for their hard work and effort, and most importantly, their fantastic team spirit!

On Friday 9th November at the Awards Ceremony Evening, it was an honour to have Lord Lieutenant Mrs Stewart-Roberts OBE, as our guest speaker. In her speech on 'volunteering', it was an inspiration for us to hear about some of the great many things she had done to help others, both young and old. We were reminded of the importance of 'volunteering' to help those in need, without expecting to gain something for ourselves in return.

We are greatly looking forward to this year's Senior School production of Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. The energetic and capable cast ranges from Years 5 to 13, and are currently rehearsing for the opening at the end of November. It's set to be another great and enjoyable production.

We send you our best wishes for the coming months, and we hope everyone has a happy and successful 2008.

Lily Vernon-Hunt, Head Girl
Rachael Smith, Harriet Butterworth, Deputy Head Girls

HEADMISTRESS'S SPEECH - AWARDS CEREMONY

Lord Lieutenant, Mr Deputy Mayor, Madam Deputy Mayoress, Governors, Ladies and Gentlemen, may I welcome you most warmly to our Awards Ceremony Evening to celebrate the success and achievements of the Senior members of the School from last year's Years 11 – 13.

Our guest speaker this evening is the Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex Mrs Phyllida Stewart-Roberts, OBE. Mrs Stewart-Roberts has been a most supportive friend of St Mary's Hall over the years, officiating at the opening of the new wing of Venn House in 2003 and then last year, as the Queen's representative in East Sussex, welcoming back to St Mary's Hall Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Gloucester to open our sparkling new Junior School in Gloucester House, as Her Royal Highness opened the original Gloucester House in 1989 I'm also delighted to

welcome back a former High Sherriff of West Sussex and Chairman of Governors, Mrs Judith Buckland.

This time last year, Years 12 and 13 had enjoyed the first six weeks of the wonderful new Sixth Form Centre in Elliott House and were planning the purchase of their leather sofas and café furniture.

Also this time last year I announced the plans for the launch of our Appeal to transform this wonderful Chapel of St Mark's into the St Mary's Hall Arts Centre. As you know, we hope to give our Chapel a new lease of life not only as a place of worship, but also as a multi-functional community arts centre. I am delighted to announce that, finally, one year on, after much to-ing and fro-ing of plans to English Heritage and the Ancient Monuments Society and back to the Architects – planning permission has been granted for the restoration and development of the Chapel. We have raised over £320,000 towards the project and we can now apply for Heritage Lottery Funding. The delay has meant we shall probably be unable to begin work until the Summer as we are not permitted to start until Heritage Lottery officials have given us the go-ahead. However, begin work, we shall.

So, at last, despite many delays and frustrating bureaucracy, the dream will become a reality – and I very much hope we shall not be holding our Awards Ceremony in here next year, because it will be a building site! When I was in Cardiff last November for the conference of the Girls' School Association, I noticed around the exterior of Cardiff's wonderful Millennium Centre, home of the Welsh National Opera, the words, in English and in Welsh, "In these stones horizons sing". And so it will be for the St Mary's Hall Arts Centre.

And now we have turned our attention to the Main School – the original grand old building which has accommodated students from the ages of 11 to 18 since 1836. How glorious the facade looks with its new facelift! Once the exterior work is completed we shall focus on the renovation of classrooms and Senior School facilities. We are all indebted to Governor Mr Robert Stiles for his energy and vision in his Chairmanship of the Premises Committee and for leading us so ably in our recent building projects and in our plans for the chapel. And here I should also like to thank our Chairman of Governors, Mr Andrew Russell and all the board for their ongoing support and commitment to St Mary's Hall.

And so to my review of the year – focusing especially on the excellent achievements of our Senior students. Before we cast our minds back, I should like to commend those of you who took GCSE, A/S or A Levels last summer. At A level we celebrated a 98% pass rate with over half of Yr 13 achieving As and Bs. Particular congratulations go to May Ho who was among the top ten students in the country to gain the highest overall marks in Chinese. The number of A* grades increased at GCSE level and nearly half the cohort achieved A* and A grades.

Particular high flyers include Vivian Lord who achieved 8A* and one A grade and Anna Campbell who achieved 5A* and four A grades. But success is not only about those who achieve top grades. We congratulate all those of you who achieved 'personal bests' whose determination and commitment paid off, despite a few headaches along the way. Very well done to those of you who surpassed your predictions and achieved grades which are a credit to yourselves and indeed to your teachers who have contributed so much to your success

This time last year we were also coming up for air following the intense scrutiny of the Independent Schools Inspectorate. Inspections take place every six years and however well-prepared a School is for the arrival of inspectors, it is inevitably a stressful time. However, we were relieved and delighted to receive an extremely positive and encouraging report with constructive recommendations for the way forward. Let me give you a flavour of the report if you haven't read it – because we won't have another opportunity for six years!

"Pupils' achievements are not limited to the purely academic. Many pupils from all sectors of the School play musical instruments and have met with success in public music examinations; others have done well in Speech & Drama examinations and in the national Mathematics Challenges. The swimming team was placed seventh in the Regional finals in the South of England. Last year a pupil in the County swimming squad was among the top ten for her age. Other pupils have played in various county squads. One girl came second in the County for her age group in table-tennis and another took part in National Show Jumping Championships.

Throughout all age groups the School is successful in its aim of 'educating for confidence' by helping pupils to develop the qualities of responsibility, adaptability, self-discipline and the ability to work as part of a team. The pupils, in relation to both adults and one another, are amongst the School's strongest and most endearing assets. That personal development is assisted both through the curriculum and through individual contact with Staff, both formal and informal."

Although the School's motto is "Before Honor Humility" – I think we should be forgiven for feeling immensely proud that the School's strengths have been confirmed and that our students' 'natural confidence and sense of self-worth' shone through.

That confidence is developed at St Mary's hall through the range of activities students experience. Of course the experience in the classroom is fundamental. Good schools are about good lessons. But it is learning to listen to others, to lead, to take initiatives, to work as part of a team, to problem solve, these skills are acquired through the extra-curricular programme - performing in plays, in sports teams, in choirs and orchestras, through the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme and Young Enterprise.

And an outstanding example of teamwork at its best was last year's brilliant production of Lionel Bart's musical 'Oliver' superbly directed by Mr Wells. It was heartening to see pupils from Year 5 to Year 13 working together with such energy, enthusiasm and commitment. There were some really outstanding performances from Senior girls. Lily Vernon-Hunt captured the essence of Dickens' sinister yet kindly villain Fagin; Chloe Sachikonye performed the role of Artful Dodger with amazing virtuosity. Rachael Smith was a powerful and convincingly threatening Bill Sykes and Claire MacNeill sang with sensitivity, confidence and thrilling power as Nancy. And as living proof that there is no such thing as a 'small part', Rosalind Caldwell was delightful as the fumbling Mr Bumble and Rebecca Ridge and Natalie Banfield were hideously unpleasant as the funeral directors Mr and Mrs Sowerberry. The wonderful musical score was performed with skill both by the band led brilliantly by Mr Jay on the piano, and by all the singers from solos to principals, who showed enormous vitality and verve, even on the final night after four performances.

All in all it was a thrilling experience for the audiences and a most fitting celebration for the School's 170th anniversary – the novel Oliver Twist having been written in 1838 – only two years after the School's foundation in 1836.

In the Spring term we were delighted to welcome back ex-student Maria Redman. Maria was in her fourth year at Trinity Laban College in Greenwich and as part of her BMus Performance Course she returned to train her own choir, SMH singers.

The SMH Singers performed here at the Spring Concert and at Trinity College itself. Together with five Grade 8 pianists they were privileged to be invited to perform in the Peacock Room following a master class with Professor Stephen Jackson, Choir master of the BBC Symphony Chorus. Despite the bitterly cold weather the day was a memorable experience with tours of the Royal Naval College and the Maritime Museum before the concert. The final piece in the programme – The Rhythm of Life, in five parts - was a tour de force.

Also in the Spring term, our Senior Art students benefited greatly from a four week residency of a West Sussex based artist Belinda Stephenson. Her pieces are created mainly through paint and printmaking. Working chiefly from life, Belinda explores the tactile qualities of surface texture, decoration, colour and composition and creates semi-abstract images. Our students were given the opportunity to produce their own pieces for their portfolios and journals and they also had the chance to discuss the nature of the creative process with her. This was an excellent opportunity for extension work for our artists.

Those of you who have visited Mr Peebles' and Mrs Abbott's exhibitions will appreciate the excellence of the standard of Art at St Mary's Hall. Three of last year's Year 13 were offered unconditional places at London Art Colleges - Karen Ma, Chloe Sachikonye and Carol Pau. The Chairman of Governors – Andrew Russell, Mr Peebles and I were also given the daunting experience of having our portraits painted by Carol – the results of which now hang in the Drawing Room. One day, no doubt, they will be priceless! And this year, Art Scholar Sabine Van

Der Sande has had her work exhibited alongside professional artists at the recent Brighton Art Fair.

During the February half term, as an innovative and exciting fund-raising event for our new Arts Centre, we were extremely grateful to St Mary's Hall parent Mrs Harriet Hoff who inspired girls from all year groups in her fashion workshop. "Wannabe" models spent the week studying couture fashion, styling and methods of expressing themselves on the catwalk. They were demonstrated on by a professional make-up artist and received coaching from a professional choreographer. The difference in this particular fashion show was that all the outfits were designed and made by the students themselves from unwanted clothes and bits of haberdashery from home (a marvellous lesson in recycling). The week ended with a professional photo shoot and to quote Mrs Hoff – the girls did a fantastic job of expressing their 'inner fashion selves'. And who can forget the transformation of May Turner as the cover star of this year's School Magazine with the headline 'Look at me now, how we appeal' – and Nadia Hamza, a Goth vision, in black net and rose prints and patent leather platform boots. Fantastic! And of course not forgetting the guest appearances of Miss Whittaker and Mrs Yacoub who reluctantly agreed to a fashion make-over and who both looked stunning, although Miss Whittaker clearly needs more practice walking in stilettos!

On the final day of the Spring term we held the House Play Festival, welcoming professional director and actor Mrs Judi Campbell as adjudicator. This year's plays were a mixture of fantasy and realism – an engaging mixture which reflected the students' interest and humour. The Festival was a most entertaining way to end the term, to lift our spirits and celebrate the unique team work of Drama! And my thanks to Mr Wells who so expertly co-ordinated the event.

In competitive sport last year, the 1st Netball Team had some tough games but the players made huge progress at the same time. St Mary's Hall swimming has also gone from strength to strength this year. The Senior Volleyball teams remain undefeated for the second season running. Rachel Boxall and Claudia Ching represented the School in the Mid-Sussex restricted tournament and won medals in both the Doubles and Singles badminton competitions. At the Brighton & Hove & Portslade Schools Athletics Championships Rachel Boxall came 1st in the Senior Girls shot. Miss Whittaker reports that Physical Education at St Mary's Hall is no longer just playing in the teams or recreational games. 2007 saw our second cohort of A-Level students go through and achieve excellent grades. At the present time we have seven candidates at A2.

In the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, seven girls achieved Silver. And three girls, Charlie Leak, Natalie Banfield and Lucy Monnery completed their Gold Expedition in the Cévennes. This was an excellent achievement.

Last year, every class in the School was actively involved in fund-raising for charity. The final event in the Summer was the Senior School sponsored walk, dodging the waves to Rottingdean and back with a picnic lunch and a swim at the

Saltdean Lido before the return journey - all in aid of the Martlets Hospice, and this extremely enjoyable day raised a total of £1,681.55.

Sadly we said Goodbye to several Staff at the end of the academic year: Miss Broudy joined us in 2006 as a part-time French Teacher. She has returned to France to teach. Mrs Harris taught part-time since 2003 in the English, History and Drama Departments and enthusiastically supported School plays. She has joined the staff at Newlands School. Miss Collins joined the ESL Department in 2002 and was a popular member of staff with overseas students. Mrs Vincent-Gill was Head of Modern Languages for 11 years. She is returning, eventually, to her home in France for a well-deserved retirement. Mrs Dempster was at St Mary's Hall for 20 years and for the last 4 years was an outstanding Head of Mathematics. She also coordinated the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme at SMH. She has joined Worth School.

Mr Elkins, the Bursar, who guarded our purse strings so avidly, has also retired after 11 years of superb service to St Mary's Hall and had been a valued member of the Management Team and Clerk to the Governors.

And finally, Mr Tim Elliott, descendent of our Founder Henry Venn Elliott, retired from the Board of Governors after 28 years of dedicated service. He will be remembered for his meticulous attention to detail. We are pleased that the family link will be sustained as Mr Hugh Elliott, Tim's son, has now joined the Board

And so finally we bid a fond farewell to our Leavers. I have great faith and indeed I am very proud of the young women gathered here who have moved on from St Mary's Hall to embark on the next stage of their educational journey. I trust they will carry with them the values which are the cornerstone of the education that St Mary's Hall provides. I trust they will remember whilst in pursuit of their own goals, always to be mindful of the needs of others.

I congratulate you on your achievements so far and extend warmest wishes for your success in the future. As a gentle reminder, I shall conclude with words from Albert Schweitzer, "If you truly desire happiness, seek and learn how to serve".

Good luck and God bless you all.

Sue Meek; SMH Headmistress and SMHA President & Chairman

NEWS OF FORMER HEADMISTRESSES

MISS OLWEN DAVIES

Miss Davies was very disappointed not to make the May 2007 meeting due to a minor heart problem which had resulted in a couple of days in hospital the previous week. She hopes we will see her in 2008!

Olwen Davies
SMH Headmistress 1965 – 1972 and SMHA Hon Vice President

MRS OLIVE LESLIE

Horsefair Cottage, Horsefair, Deddington, Banbury OXON OX15 OSH January 2008

There was no Christmas letter from me this year because unfortunately I lost most of my eyesight a little over a year ago. Now I only have one-third vision in one eye which is most inconvenient. Thanks to my extended family, however, I had a wonderful Christmas with visits to many of them included. It was a great pleasure to hear from so many of you and I hope you will continue to keep in touch.

I am still living in my home, with a wonderful carer who comes from Zimbabwe. Friends and family are very good about either coming to see me or taking me out, and that certainly keeps my mind active. My second grandson is still up at Oxford reading general sciences, and his older brother has finished at Cambridge and is now preparing for a career which I believe will be in some form of banking. David continues with his work at Barts and comes to see me when he can.

You would be surprised to know how much I think of so many of you, some from years ago and some from more recent times. All of you are valued friends. With love to you all.

Olive Leslie

SMH Headmistress 1972 - 1981 and SMHA Hon Vice President

MRS CLARE FEAVER

Oct 2007. Mrs. Feaver celebrated her 80th birthday but is not feeling 80!

Clare (Harvey) Feaver

SMH Headmistress 1981 - 1988 and SMHA Hon Vice President

MRS TERESA BROADBENT

Once again my apologies to the SMHA members as I was unable to attend on May 12th. I had an engagement in London earlier in the day and had to be back in Bath that evening to celebrate my daughter's 40th birthday.

It is hard to believe that the years fly by so quickly. Our son Chris will reach that milestone in two years and he was at University during our time in Brighton! WE don't like to think too much about our own milestones!

With very best wishes to all.

Teresa Broadbent

SMH Headmistress 1988 – 1991 and SMHA Hon Vice President

MRS PAMELA JAMES

Brighton, November 2007

Dear Friends

During this year I have become involved with a local council initiative called Creative Futures. It is an umbrella organisation which oversees and promotes groups formed under a variety of different council departments to promote the practice of the arts in order to enhance the skills of the participants, increase their confidence, and encourage them to express themselves creatively.

Creative Futures is not concerned with arts teaching in schools. Instead it reaches out to people in the community of all ages who are particularly vulnerable in one

way or another. They may, for example, have had problems with addiction, long-term unemployment, mental health, or homelessness.

At my church Saint Paul's in West Street, Brighton, we were privileged to host in the summer an exhibition of work done under the scheme. It comprised mostly paintings, but also some writings by people who had experienced homelessness. As I write we are preparing for an exhibition of photographs. also under the Creative Futures scheme.

Creative Futures seems to be a very positive name for this scheme. It suggests hope for the individual through creative expression and by giving, as the group leader put it, 'those with no voice a way to be heard'. And hope for the individuals in a community gives in turn hope for the community as a whole.

While I was at St. Mary's Hall I was time and again 'bowled over' by the very high standards reached by so many young people in the arts; in music, in the visual arts, in written expression. And I mean 'so many' - it was never confined simply to one or two people in each year group who were naturally gifted. So here's to Creative Futures for all of us, whatever the age, whatever the need.

With affection and good wishes to you all.

Pamela James

SMH Headmistress 1991 – 1997 and SMHA Hon Vice President

NEWS OF FORMER STAFF

MRS VALERIE BOYES 1966 - 1985

Mrs Boyes hoped to make it back to the UK on 9th May [Ed: She did.] Sue (Haydock) Forsyth keeps in touch as she has a lives just a few miles away in Bosham. Mrs Boyes is very pleased at future of St. Mark's and also thought Newsletter excellent and full of interest.

MISS MARGARET PAYNE 1966 - 1982

Miss Payne has not been in the best of health during 2007. After a spell in hospital and then a nursing home, she has been allowed to go home where her friend John helps with her care. Until recently Margaret was a stalwart of the SMHA, always ready to accept committee posts, always at meetings with characteristically cheerful personality and unflagging energy. We miss you Margaret and wish you the very best for a speedy recovery.

MRS KATHLEEN MILTON (MISS FARMER) 1955-1985

Mrs Milton wrote to tell us of the death of Mrs Parsons (see below), a teaching colleague of many years and also a close friend for almost half a century. [Ed:Who could forget Geography with Miss Farmer and Maths with Mrs Parsons? Lovely, both of them]

Mrs Milton says that at 80 years of age she still corresponds using pen and paper. In her letter she wishes all associated with SMHA every success and happiness.

MRS KATHLEEN PARSONS DECEASED 1955 – 1979

Mrs Kathleen Parsons, former Head of Mathematics Department, died on 13th November 2007, aged 93 years. Mrs. Parsons came to St Mary's Hall as a part-

time assistant in the Mathematics Department in 1955. In September 1956 she became Head of Department and continued to build up the very successful teaching of this subject.

Born in 1914, she went up to Girton College, Cambridge in 1932 from where she gained a Double First degree in Mathematics. She married Reginald Parsons and became mother of three sons – James, Michael and Anthony. When her husband retired she resigned her post at SMH so that they could enjoy their family and do “many things they had hoped for a long time to do”. After her husband died in 1985 she made a new life for herself, enjoying her grandchildren and taking up various hobbies; she was a talented water colour painter, a gifted needle-woman, and she delighted in her small garden.

It was sad to see her declining health in the latter days of her life. She spent several years in a nursing home where she was loved by all.

ON BEING AN OLD GIRL GOVERNOR **by ANNE (LEVISEUR) COMMUN 1969 – 1979**

Recently I had a lovely surprise. Gillian Green, a schoolmate who I haven't spoken to since 1976 when she left SMH after O levels, phoned me. She wanted to know if I would be at the reunion because she hadn't set foot in the school since leaving and felt she might be rather emotional. I can't wait to see her and talk it all over because I'm coming at it from the opposite direction. My father in law became a governor a few years after I left SMH which I attended for a full ten years starting in 1969 as a boarder and ending as a day girl and university entrant in 1979. My daughter Jenny started at SMH in 1992 and I became involved in SMHA shortly before she left so, unlike Gillian, I've been in touch with the school one way or another since I was nine years old and entering Miss Plowman's prep form with the overwhelming feeling of homesickness which you can't understand unless you have experienced it.

As a mother of four bouncy children aged between 21 and 10, laden with the responsibility of maintaining a home and working part time at our local state primary school, I find that time does not exactly hang heavy on my hands. The only brief opportunity you have to lure me in to taking on further duties is to get me in the summer. The sun shines, my garden is a glorious, rampant bundle of colour and I don't worry so much that the windows are about to rust to pieces and that there is an ominous leak round one of the chimneys. The washing dries in a trice and nobody has a cold. So of course Andrew Russell timed it to perfection and I agreed to become an Old Girls' governor. It couldn't be too hard or time consuming and I rather relished the idea of a quiet day in the small library upstairs and a behind the scenes look at what went on behind closed doors all those years ago when we had to keep extra quiet and Not Run In The Corridors.

And so it has come to pass that I spend much time wondering how to raise shedloads of money. Yes, of course the main governors meetings go on and on

and of course I am extremely interested to see what academic direction the school is taking and how the ethos of the school has remained strong. With the Bursar's help I gamely do my best to get my brain round the Budget figures (sorry Mrs Parsons and Miss Rogers, you did your best). But what has got me is the Chapel Appeal. As far as I am concerned the things which leaven the lump of life are gardening, hillwalking and the Arts in all their glory and variety.

D'you know what? It wasn't till Jenny started at SMH that I ever noticed the church. The girls called it chapel and enjoyed the acoustic and atmosphere. I loved the concerts, the magic of candlelit Christmas services and the bird's eye view from the gallery. My most cherished memory is of Jenny's last winter concert when the chamber choir sang Britten's Ceremony of Carols, candlelit with a virtuoso harpist accompanying them. They all wore black and no applause was permitted. And then there was the time Jenny's best friend Maria played a double piano concerto with her sister Hannah. Maria is poised on the brink of what we all know will be a starry career as a concert pianist. And don't start me on the Jazz. Believe me, that joint really does jump. When life is dull, stressful or disappointing it is experiences like these which are keep me going.

A while ago at the Appeal Launch for the parents I saw an electrifying dance display. The girls were so expressive, energetic and joyful and have you seen the type of shoes they wear nowadays? One of the dancers let me have a look. They may appear to be clumpy, cumbersome boots. But they are light as can be and have completely bendy soles. The entire event pointed towards a future for the chapel which we hope will be as flexible as the dancers' shoes. The Centre will be church, concert hall, dance studio, theatre and visual display area. Have I forgotten anything? There is so much scope that you can probably think up lots of other stuff? What about a cinema? The All Saints Centre in Lewes has one and it's great. In conclusion, there's loads to tell you about being a governor. Much of it is mundane and what you would expect if you have ever been involved with a committee. But as far as I am concerned it is the Chapel Appeal which has really got me fired up. I feel proud that I have the opportunity to work towards the Arts Centre. Behind the scenes is the work I like best. But the girls love to tread the boards, sing, dance, act their hearts out and make our spirits soar with their beautiful music. Go for it girls - centre stage.

MAY EVENT - REUNION 2007

In the Dining Room – left to right

Mrs Sue Carnochan
Charlotte Sabel
Yalda Saddigazadeh
Mrs Olive Ridge
Mrs Susan Meek



In the background -Frances (Moojen) Bearn and Linda (Belasco) Kings

ST. MARY'S HALL ASSOCIATION ACCOUNTS – YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2007

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

		2007	2006
INCOME:			
Membership Subscriptions		2,036.50	2,300.25
Donations:	Spring Drive	289.00	389.00
	Donation	91.00	91.00
Re-unions:		219.00	439.00
	May lunches	172.50	103.00
Interest:	Bank premium account	31.22	45.71
	Bank current account	-	-
	Scottish Widows account	827.44	391.69
		858.66	396.70
Total income:		3,277.66	3,238.95
EXPENDITURE			
Printing/postage costs:	Magazines	1,223.07	989.66
		1,223.07	989.66
Postage/Stationery:	Friends Reunited sub	10.00	-
	SMH entry	-	7.99
		10.00	7.99
Re-unions:	May lunches	13.800	82.00
Spring Drive:	Prize money	109.00	100.00
Other expenses:	SMH flags	358.05	-
	Retiring Gifts	9.98	45.00
	Treasurer's expenses	-	-
		365.91	45.00
Total expenditure:		1,804.98	1,124.65
SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE:		1,449.68	2,014.30
<u>BALANCE SHEET</u>			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Scottish Widows:	Deposit account	19,178.43	16,890.89
		19,178.43	16,350.99
Cash at bank:	Premium account	2,566.06	1,534.88
	Current account	139.61	2,694.50
		2,705.67	4,139.41
Creditors (Capital expenditure):	May lunches	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS		21,884.10	20,490.42
Representing:			
General Fund at start of year		20,490.42	18,476.32
Surplus of income over expenditure		1,449.68	2,014.30
Fund at end of year		21,884.10	20,490.42

The above accounts agree with the financial records maintained by the Honorary Treasurer.

Chris Elkins, Retired Bursar
January 2008

We send our congratulations and best wishes to Andrew Russell, Chairman of the Governors, on his marriage to Kate on 27th December 2007, and thank Chris Elkins, retired Bursar SMH for signing off the Accounts in Andrew's absence.

"BEFORE HONOUR IS HUMILITY."

The
St. Mary's Hall
News=Letter.

Specially Printed for Members of the St. Mary's Hall Association.

MOTTO FOR 1908:

*We'll keep our aims sublime, our eyes erect,
Although our woman-hands should shake and fail.*

E. B. Browning.

N.B.—The News-Letter will in future be issued in the autumn, so that it will include news for the whole of the School year, which closes in July.

LETTER TO OLD GIRLS.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

The suggestion made in the last News-Letter for the re-organisation of the Old Pupils' Association met with a warm welcome, and I am glad to tell you that since the beginning of the year we have added some fifty new members to the list. An account of the meeting of January last has been drawn up by a member of the Committee, and will be found below, together with further details about the Association. I hope that we shall have a large gathering on January 9th next.

The most important matter to be discussed, and the one which appeals most strongly to our interest, is the Miss Birrell Memorial Fund; the total amount already subscribed is a little over £70. On account of the urgent claims of the Capital Replacement Fund, it has not been possible for some of us, to our great regret, to give so much attention as we wished to give to the Memorial Fund. I trust, now that the Association has been successfully re-established, that the Committee will give the Memorial Scholarship or Exhibition their earnest consideration. It is very near to the heart of Miss Elliott, who has given £20 towards the Fund, and I am sure that Old Girls will feel called upon in a very special way to increase it, and to further its usefulness. With every good wish,

Yours affectionately,

EDITH L. POTTER.

ST. MARY'S HALL ASSOCIATION.

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.

The First Meeting of the St. Mary's Hall Association was held on January 11th in the Alliance Club, Curzon Street, which had been secured for the purpose through the kindness of the Misses Snowdon Smith.

Miss Potter opened the meeting, and, after reading a letter from Miss Effe Elliott, urged the necessity of re-organising the Old Pupils' Association on a more practical basis, in order that it might become a real help both to Past and Present Pupils, as a link to join the Old Pupils together, and as a source of support, both spiritual and practical, to the Hall.

The following measures were then proposed and carried :—

- (1) That a Committee should be formed to undertake the work of Correspondence and of arranging for Meetings.
- (2) That an Annual Meeting should be held in London during the Christmas holidays.
- (3) That the minimum Annual Subscription be raised from 2s. 6d. to 3s. 6d. (inclusive of the News-Letter) in order to meet the extra expenditure arising from the Annual Gathering.

The following were then elected as members of the Committee, being proposed by Mary Coe, and seconded by E. Gillett:—Miss Innes, Miss F. Thornburgh, A. Hobbins, C. Eacott, E. Holland, J. Short. Miss Potter was elected President.

In order to reduce expenses, K. Jennings offered the use of St. Clement's Parish Room, Dulwich, for the Annual Gathering in 1909. Jessie Thomas also undertook to type the invitations for the next Meeting.

After the meeting was over, Miss Potter kindly entertained the 70 Old Pupils and Mistresses to tea, and the rest of the afternoon was spent most enjoyably in the renewing of old acquaintances. The first meeting of the Committee was held in a secluded corner of the room, and it was decided to alter the name of the Association to the more distinctive and inclusive one of "The St. Mary's Hall Association."

Those present at the meeting were :—Miss Potter, Miss H. Potter, Miss Harwood, Miss Thornburgh, Miss Webster, Miss Perry, Miss G. Stewart, Miss Elliot-Smith, Miss F. M. Potter, Miss Wright, Miss Harrison, M. E. Ashwin, E. Ash, A. Curtois, E. Curtois, Mrs. Coad, M. Coe, L. Coombes, E. Charlton, M. Davies, E. Davies, R. Elwin, C. Eacott, C. M. Field, N. Giddens, E. Gillett, I. Geary, G. Geary, Miss Hughes, G. Head, W. Howlett, I. Heany, A. Hobbins, E. Holland, F. M. Innes, K. Jennings, V. Jones, C. Kilpack, F. Kyle, L. Lamb, M. Leachman, H. Leachman, D. Ohlson, J. Ostle, H. F. Pinnock, G. Raynor, A. Rawson, F. Smith, Mrs. Sharpe, E. M. Saunders, B. Saunders, J. Short, M. Short, E. Snowdon Smith, M. Snowdon Smith, W. Snowdon Smith, Evelyn Snowdon Smith, A. Sibthorp, Edith Shirt, Ethel Taylor, J. Thomas, E. Woodgate, E. Ward, F. Wood, D. Wallace, M. Young, A. Williams, G. Robinson, V. Friedlaender, E. Fitzgerald.

THE SECOND ANNUAL MEETING.

The Second Annual Meeting of the S.M.H. Association will be held, through the kindness of the Rev. H. E. Jennings, in St. Clement's Parish Room, 137 Barry Road, East Dulwich, S.E., on Saturday, January 9th, 1909.

All members of the Association, past and present members of the Staff, and also girls who have left during the past year, are invited to be present.

A further notice of the meeting will be sent to members.

FOUNDER'S DAY, 1907.

On October 17th. we celebrated Founder's Day. Many friends and old girls joined us at the Holy Communion Service at 8 a.m., and there was a very good congregation at the short Service at St. Marks at 12 o'clock, when the sermon was preached by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Dorking. The notes taken by the scholars were revised by him, and the sermon is printed in full below. His kindness in going down to the Laundry, where the School has to dine on Founder's Day, and speaking to the girls, was greatly appreciated by them. Our Dining Hall was very full, and we had to use the Study as an overflow room at lunch.

Rough weather somewhat lessened our audience in the afternoon, but it was, nevertheless, a good one. After a delightful Concert, the Hon. Lady Cunningham distributed the prizes, and spoke a few earnest words to the girls.

Sir Charles Elliott proposed a vote of thanks to Lady Cunningham, speaking of the pleasure it was to see the daughter of the great Lord Lawrence, who saved India fifty years ago, among us, and to listen to her helpful address.

S E R M O N

Preached on Founder's Day, October 17th, 1907, by

THE RIGHT REV. THE BISHOP OF DORKING.

TEXT—II. *Samuel* xxiv. 24: "Neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing."

The special lesson for Founder's Day, here and almost always elsewhere, is the chapter which was the lesson for this morning, *Ecclesiasticus* xlv., "Let us now praise famous men."

We know well the saying, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery and the best praise, and I would hold up to old and young the spirit of our Founder, that we may follow Him as he followed Christ, in making an offering of that which did not cost him nothing. You know this great and gifted man of God, for whom we bless God to-day, gave royally of his own, in money first—he gave ostensibly £2,500, but anonymously and in secret much more than that—this was part of his spirit of humility in offering.

He laid the Foundation Stone in May, 1834, without festival or fuss, with only the few friends chiefly concerned and the workmen, who took off their caps while he read *Psalm* cxxvii.

"This," he wrote, "seems to suit me better than any public service or festival; if God blesses the work, we will hold festival

later." To-day, seventy-one years later, we hold festival, and friends from far are present and hold festival with us.

Bishops have no right to take holiday lightly, but this work is so high, and of such grand service to the whole Church in England, that it seems right and meet to come and share with you in humbly giving thanks for God's blessings through this school to the seventeen hundred and forty girls who have been pupils at the Hall, and would to God that others in increasing numbers might follow, to-day and hereafter, the example and spirit of our Founder's liberality, and so offer that which does not cost them nothing !

But our Founder gave more than money ; he gave himself, and infinite personal trouble and care to St. Mary's Hall and all that concerned it. So long as he lived the whole management was left in his own hands, though there were trustees appointed, and after his death his work had to be divided among three others. Among his letters was found a bundle of correspondence marked "Thorns and Prickles" (this calls up the thought of the potters, in Chronicles, who "dwelt among the plants and hedges with the king for his work").

There are often thorns and hedges, prickles and restrictions, in any great and faithful service for God ; but our Founder did not shrink from any of these things in His service.

The correspondence preserved included dealings with unreasonable parents, curious visitors and troublesome subscribers ; it makes him responsible for the yeast not rising in the bread, for butcher's meat which was unfit, sick children who had not put themselves on the invalid list, and (what did not happen often) for misbehaviours of pupils and servants.

Well might he have said of himself these words of King David, which I hold up to you as a motto and example to-day : "I will not offer unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing."

These words were King David's remark when he had the unusually good opportunity of a cheap bargain, Ornan's threshing-floor on which to build a Temple for God, free gratis, with the oxen and threshing instruments for the sacrifice thrown in.

What King David recognised as a generous principle of action, we know from the teaching of Christ to be the necessary and only way of making an acceptable offering to God. This is part of the eternal law of sacrifice, namely, that everything spiritual is worth to you, and in God's eyes, *just what it costs you* and no more.

There is only one way to God—by the Cross. There was only one way for Christ to accomplish man's salvation, and there is only one way for man to receive that salvation, and that is by the Cross, by sacrifice, at great cost.

What is your religion costing you ? If I knew that I could tell you what your religion is worth ! That is my sermon ; let me enlarge a little upon it.

I say that Jesus Christ, the Almighty Son of God, could only help men by sacrifice. "He thought it not a prize to be grasped at" (that is the literal meaning) "to be equal with God, but He took upon

Himself the form of a bondservant," and descended what has been called "The ladder of sevenfold humiliation" (Phil. ii. 7, 8). There was no other way to work man's redemption. When St. Peter did not like it, and said, "Far be it from Thee, Lord," the Lord rebuked him with the sternest rebuke He ever uttered to a disciple—"Get thee behind Me, Satan"; then, turning to the other disciples, He said, "If any man would come after Me, let him take up his cross and follow Me."

The eternal law is not changed; there is no salvation except by sacrifice. Do you think there could be one law for the Master, and another for the disciple?

Is your theology that Jesus Christ lived a hard life, and died a hard death, that we may live an easy life, and "go to Heaven," as we call it, at the end? Shame on such religion as that!

Still stands the sentence: "We must through much tribulation enter into the Kingdom of God" and "Strait is the gate and narrow is the way that leadeth unto life."

So I say to all of you, dear girls, and older folks too, "What is your religion costing you?" Does it cost you more than the penny or other coin saved for the collection? (and sometimes that penny means much).

Schoolgirls are not "ragged" for saying their prayers, as sometimes their fathers and uncles were in the rough old schooldays. But there are other ways of being hurt than by having a boot thrown at your head. And, after schooldays, it "costs" something to be *the only* girl in a country house who does not play bridge or lawn tennis on Sunday, or *the only* one going to the Lord's Table when the rest are going to breakfast.

Some to whom I am talking may some day have to face a call for special service for others, and sacrifice the happy home life to enter into one of self-devotion as a nurse, or in a sisterhood, or in missionary work—which last was so dear to our Founder.

Any who make such an offering will prove the great blessing that rests for ever on sacrifice, and know their religion to be worth just what it costs them.

There is no such thing as following Christ without the Cross, nor as "being a Christian on the sly," no loyalty to our Lord without running the risk of sometimes being thought queer or peculiar—a fool for Christ's sake. There is no such thing as "cheap blessing," a truth which this new age is loth to believe. Everything, from travelling and correspondence upwards, is made so easy for us now-a-days. Even lessons are supposed to be administered without pain. Nothing is expected to cost anything, least of all the things of the unseen world. In material things you may make cheap bargains if you go to the right shop at the right time; but in spiritual things it is otherwise. For the one eternal thing is character, and there is no such thing as cheating God into blessing you, except through the grace of Christ transforming and sanctifying your character, and paying the full price in the things it makes you do.

Do not deceive yourselves, fellow worshippers, old and young, or try to deceive your children; do not bury the Cross in flowers and pretend there is no Cross there. Do not pretend that any outside things can ever make the Cross attractive, save the Christ Who hangs upon it. And here we come to the heart and secret of the whole. For what inspires us to go right against the grain of selfish human nature, to take up the Cross? Only, I say, the vision of Jesus Christ Himself, on the Cross for us and for our salvation, wearing the crown of thorns, only the thought of that Cross and the supreme sacrifice that it cost, which we can hardly dare to think of, only His love constraining us can make us rejoice to follow Him in the way of sacrifice. He is "the Pearl of great price," which, when a man has found, he sells all that he has and buys it; the chief among ten thousand and "altogether lovely," and He is worth it all.

One of the most striking examples of this self-sacrifice I saw in one of my own friends. One of my very greatest friends had a good deal to offer to God, and he offered it in a spirit not to be forgotten. At his public school he was one of the most popular boys ever remembered. And at his College at Cambridge it was the same, not only because of his great athletic distinctions, but because of his winning personality. These great gifts followed him up to the north-country curacy, where the old leaned on him for counsel, and the little children ran after him to take his hand. The last time he left the town the walls of the iron works were lined with grimy workmen, watching to see the last of his face. All this he gave up because he believed that God had called him to missionary work in Central Africa. In less than eighteen months his work was finished, and God took him. Before he left the North, he went to say "good-bye" to a great friend of both of us, who said to him, calling him by his familiar name, "You know, Peter, it is an awful business, this Africa. You know the average chance of life for an Englishman in that part is under ten years, besides the fevers and the loneliness out there; and you are leaving the games and us fellows who want you at home, and all that." My friend was looking out of the window while the other was speaking, and without turning his head, he answered quietly, "I know, Mac, *but He's worth it all.*" That was his sole inspiration—and there is no other—to take up the Cross.

In the last hour of your Founder's life, he called his servants round his bed, and said a few short syllables to each. To one, "Live to Christ"; to another, "Live for Christ"; to another "Follow Christ"; to another, "Work for Christ" and again, *Give up all for Christ.* There was the same spirit in the young missionary of my own generation, and in the honoured spiritual father of many missionaries, of seventy years ago, because it was in each the same outshining Spirit of Christ, the indwelling Saviour.

And, depend upon it, if you or I make any sacrifice of pain or shame, disappointment or loss, for His dear sake, we shall find that He—His smile and His approval here, and His "well done" hereafter, are simply "worth it all."

LIST OF PRIZE HOLDERS.

FORM VI.

Hilary Hunt, *Class Work.* Lucy Raynor, *Class Work.*
Annie Hazledine, *Snowdon Smith Prize and Drawing.*

FORM UPPER V.

Enid Sealy, *Class Prize.* Violet Head, *Music and Drawing.*

FORM VA.

Rose Chevallier, *Class Prize and Scripture.* Aileen Sweetnam, *Mathematics.*
Examinations and Music.
Marjorie Barrow, *English.* Grace Geary, *Singing.*

FORM VB.

Monica Ruston, *Class Prize and Scripture.* Winifred Doubleday, *Science.*
Mathematics and Languages. Gertrude Ost, *Drawing.*
Gladys Head, *Sewing and Drawing.* *Violin and Piano.*

FORM IV.

Margaret Isherwood, *Class Prize.* Jessie Batson, *Examinations and Mathematics.*
Kathleen Mitchell, *Holy Scripture and Prayer Book.*
Katharine Stanley, *Languages.*

FORM IIIA.

Margaret Dewar, *Class Prize.* Violet Clarke, *Sewing.*

FORM IIIB.

Audrey Sadgrove, *Class Prize.* Helen Henderson, *Scripture.*
Dorothy Dawes, *Writing.* Dorothy Pritchard, *Writing.*

DRAWING.

Grace Merry, *Silver Star, Royal Drawing Society.*
Dorothy Hancox, *Silver Star, Clothworkers' Company.*

CHURCH NEWS.

The news of the death of our revered President, Dr. Wilberforce, Bishop of Chichester, gave a tone of sadness to our assembling for the Autumn Term, 1907. Since 1895 he had been our President, and year by year he had confirmed girls from St. Mary's Hall, either at St. Mark's Church, or, occasionally, at one of the other Brighton churches. His deeply impressive, earnest addresses had a wonderful influence, and numbers of the girls remember with gratitude their inspiring effect upon their lives. In 1897 he distributed the School prizes, and no Founder's Day passed without a greeting from him, often brought to us personally by Mrs. Wilberforce, who herself was the prize-giver in 1906.

Dr. Wilberforce's successor, Dr. Ridgeway, has accepted the post of President of the School, and we are looking forward to a visit from him, not only on Founder's Day this year, but also on some day when he can see us in working order.

The Archbishop of Sydney (Dr. Saumarez Smith, son of our late Hon. Secretary) has become a Vice-President, and we had the pleasure of an address from him on the subject of the Pan-Anglican Congress, on Sunday, September 27th, 1908, just before his return to Australia.

On Monday in Holy Week, April 13th, 1908, eleven girls—Theodora Bellhouse, Dorothy Chancellor, Cicely Dover, Winifred Doubleday, Violet Grandjean, Margaret Isherwood, Gertrude Ost, Monica Painter, Dorothy Poole, Winifred Poole and Eveline Short—were presented to the Bishop of Chichester for Confirmation at St. Mark's Church.

On Ash Wednesday, the Rev. C. H. Griffith gave a Lecture on the work of the Bible Society, and the usual annual collection on behalf of its funds was made.

On Wednesday, January 22nd, Mr. Eugene Stock, of the Church Missionary Society, gave an address, directed more especially to St. Mary's Hall girls, at the 12 o'clock Service at St. Mark's Church. He afterwards lunched at the Hall, and spoke a few words to the girls on the subject of Bible Reading, in the large schoolroom, before going to the meeting at the Pavilion in connection with the Pan-Anglican Congress.

MISSIONARY NEWS.

MISS CHURCHER has now been back for a year at Kuang-yüan Sze-chuan, where she is working in connection with the China Inland Mission. In a recent journal she says: "We have started a Total Abstinence Society, which seventeen have joined. We hope by degrees to get many more to give up the habit. There is a great danger that many fear may result from the abolition of opium, viz., that those who were formerly smokers may simply transfer their indulgence to wine."

ETHEL EDWARDS has been home on furlough, and is returning to India this October for work under the C.E.Z.M.S. at Mankar, instead of, as formerly, at Barrackpore.

MAGGIE CHURCH is still working at Ku-Cheng. In a letter received by her sister, and dated September 30th, 1908, she writes: "We are quite settled into the fresh term of work now. I have about seventy-eight girls this term, and they seem to be settling down to work well. I do long, though, to see the girls really awakened; so many of them still seem to be so indifferent."

Her sister continues: "Maggie had to arrange a marriage between one of the school girls and a boy (or rather, young man) from a Mission School in Foo-chow, I believe, and she wrote recently saying that the wedding had taken place, and she hopes the wife will be a good one,

as she thinks she has got a very nice husband! Of course her work is curtailed, because of the lack of workers; she and Miss Jessie Wade have been alone, but now are looking forward to Miss Jones' return from furlough in a few weeks' time. I know Maggie would wish that the old girls would remember her specially in prayer, that she may have wisdom and tact in dealing with the Chinese girls under her care."

We have had several journals from Baranagore, where our old pupil, ANNIE ASHWIN, is working, and the girls of the Missionary Working Party have made a large number of garments from material kindly given us by Mrs. Morris, to be sent out to Miss Sandys at Baranagore.

ALTHEA,

Our little girl at Katni Murwara, is doing well. Miss Bardsley, who has had a short furlough this year, has visited us, and told us of the Orphanage and School, and especially of Althea, who is now eight years old, and about the size of our own "baby" at St. Mary's Hall. Althea is very eager to do well in English, and is a keen, intelligent little child, though still not very strong. She is hoping soon to be able to write us a letter in English, but will not be allowed to attempt that until she can write one in her own language. As Althea is not in the Orphanage but in the Boarding School, she wears English clothes.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

The Form Shield has been in the hands of Va. throughout the year.

We were inspected in March by the Schools Examination Board of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, our Inspectors being the Rev. J. Kennedy, M.A., late Head Master of Aldenham, and D. H. Nagel, Esq., M.A., of Trinity College, Oxford.

The Snowdon Smith Divinity Prize was awarded for the first time to Annie Hazledine, the Examination papers in 1907 having been set by the Rev. A. Morgan.

The results of the London University and other Examinations, which were good, as they appear in the Annual Report, need not be recapitulated here.

THE STAFF.

Miss Beatrice King-Ormsby left at Christmas, and Miss Randell, who holds First Class Diplomas from the Southport Physical College, came to us as Teacher of Physical Exercises and Games Mistress.

In July we said good-bye to Miss Webster, M.A., Aberdeen, who has been our Classical Mistress for ten years. Our best wishes go with her to Howell's School, Denbigh, where she has been appointed Second

Mistress. Her careful teaching and her influence and example have been elements for lasting good in the life of the School. Under her the missionary enthusiasm of the girls was encouraged, and she shared with Miss Thornburgh the direction of the reading and working parties. Miss Forrest is now taking her place in this work.

Miss Clark, B.Sc., has been compelled to resign the post of Science Mistress, which she held for a year, owing to doctor's orders. We trust that the long rest which she is now taking will restore her to health and strength.

Our new Mistresses are Miss Scott, Cambridge Classical Tripos, Class II., of Newnham College, and Miss Renshaw, M.Sc., of Manchester University.

Violet Head is Music Student Mistress in succession to Miss Boone, and Ivy Wanstall is also helping us with supervision and some elementary teaching, this first term of the new School year.

GENERAL NEWS.

On Sunday, February 16th, to the great delight of the congregation, including the girls of St. Mary's Hall, His Majesty the King, who was visiting Brighton for a few days, attended the morning service at St. Mark's Church.

The Christmas Concert was given on December 17th. It was a most enjoyable one, and special interest was taken in the newly-formed School Orchestra. Programme :—

<i>Piano Quartette</i>	Allegro Vivace, from Symphony in B flat ...	<i>Beethoven</i>
MARJORIE BARROW.	MINA ASH. GRACE GEARY. DOROTHEA WARNE.	
<i>Part Song</i>	... "Fly, Singing Bird" ...	<i>Elgar</i>
<i>Piano Solo</i>	... Aubade ...	<i>Székács</i>
	MAY MALDEN.	
<i>Song</i>	... "In the Chimney Corner" ...	<i>Cowen</i>
	GRACE GEARY.	
<i>Toy Symphony</i>	... ..	<i>Von Holten</i>
<i>Violins</i> , MISS SEELEY and G. OST.	<i>Cello</i> , V. HEAD.	<i>Cuckoo</i> , A. BARON.
<i>Trumpet</i> , A. SADGROVE.	<i>Quart</i> , G. DOUBLEDAY.	<i>Triangle</i> , J. AITKENS.
<i>Nightingale</i> , D. ALLEN.	<i>Drum</i> , P. WOODIN.	
<i>Duet for two pianos</i> ...	En traîneau ...	<i>Tschaikowsky</i>
	GERTRUDE OST AND ROSÉ CHEVALLIER.	

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**St. Mary's Hall Association
Annual May Event Saturday 10th May 2008**

at St. Mary's Hall, Eastern Road, Brighton, BN2 5JF
Tel: 01273 606061 Fax: 01273 620782 www.stmaryshall.co.uk

Programme

10.45 am	Coffee and cakes
11.00 am	SMHA Annual General Meeting
12.30 pm	Buffet lunch or bring a picnic (Lunch tickets £5 per head, children ½ price – pay on the day)
14.15 pm	Enjoy & Explore, School Tours & more
15.45 pm	Tea
15.45 pm	Meeting for committee members

Keep this part of the page to remind you of the details.

All past, present and future members of the S.M.H. community are welcome at May Reunion events. Family and friends are welcome guests.

Very last minute/ emergency contact number - mobile telephone: 07973 881959

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Use the white space overleaf for AGM agenda items, nominations for new SMHA committee members and your NEWS & VIEWS.

Your Full Name

School Surname if different

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Contact Email and/or tel. no.

Yes, I will be at the AGM

Please reserve places for the Buffet lunch
(pay on the day: £5 each, children £2.50):

Number of places **Name(s) of Guest(s)**

Sorry, I'm unable to join you at the 2008 May Event
R.S.V.P. by 30th April 2008

St. Mary's Hall Association Spring Draw 2008

The Spring Draw has been a popular way for you to give to St Mary's Hall Association funds which are then used for the benefit of SMHA and SMH.

In the past we have run the Spring Draw under the auspices of the Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976. However the Gaming Act 2005 introduced new regulations governing small & private lotteries that took effect on 1st September 2007 from which date private lotteries may not distribute tickets by post.

So we can't run our Spring Draw in the way we used to and any change we wish to make, perhaps registration and payment of appropriate fees, will require members' discussion and approval at a General Meeting; next one 10th May 2008.

So what to do in the interim? The simplest solution is to eliminate the prizes thus removing the lottery element, and turn our Spring Draw into a Spring Opportunity, an opportunity to donate small one-off sums to SMHA.

We look forward to being able to thank you.

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Send your Opportunities and cheque to **Mrs Susan Roller, The Red House, Wilsford-cum-Lake, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP4 7BL.**

Spring Opportunity 1	£5
Spring Opportunity 2	£5
Spring Opportunity 3	£5
Spring Opportunity 4	£5

Tell us here who you are and your postcode

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<i>Part Song</i>	"Jack and Jill"	<i>Caldicott</i>
<i>Piano Solo</i>	Rondo Brillante	<i>Weber</i>
VIOLET HEAD.								
...	...	...	...	1st Movement from Symphony in D	...	...	...	<i>Haydn</i>
THE ORCHESTRA.								
<i>Duet for two pianos</i>	...	...	...	Fünf Walzer	...	...	...	<i>Brahms</i>
MISS BOLTON AND MISS SEELEY.								
<i>Part Song</i>	...	...	...	"The Snow"	...	...	...	<i>Elgar</i>
<i>Piano Solo</i>	...	...	...	Novelette	...	...	...	<i>Schumann</i>
ANNIE HAZLEDINE.								
<i>Violin Solo</i>	...	...	...	Andante and Allegretto, from Concerto	...	...	...	<i>Seitz</i>
GERTRUDE OST.								
<i>Song</i>	...	...	...	"Liebeslied"	...	...	...	<i>Meyer-Helmund</i>
MISS WHITTINGHAM.								
<i>Violin Obligato, MISS SEELEY.</i>								
<i>Piano Solo</i>	...	...	...	Concertstück	...	...	...	<i>Weber</i>
MISS WRIGHT.								
Kindly accompanied by :—								
MR. W. H. BRIDGE, 1st Violin.			MISS M. THOMPSON, Viola.			MISS SHELLEY, 2nd Violin.		
MR. C. AVRES, 'Cello.			MISS BOLTON, 2nd Piano.					
<i>Carols</i>	...	...	{ (a)	"Across the Desert Sands by Night"	...	...	...	<i>Martin</i>
			{ (b)	"Christ is born"	...	...	...	<i>Bridge</i>

A holiday was granted to the School in honour of Kathleen Taylor's success in the London B.A. Examination, and the Sixth Form gave us a very entertaining evening with Strawelpeter.

At the Christmas Party the Mistresses gave a delightful performance of some Dolly Varden scenes from "Barnaby Rudge."

The following concerts and outside lectures were attended by members of the upper forms :—Sacred Harmonic Society's performances of "Messiah" and "Elijah," Brighton and Hove Symphony Concerts, Pugno's Recital, Miss Grace Smith's Recital, Lantern Lecture on Ireland, by Mr. Arthur Malden.

On February 19th, the Rev. S. S. Farrow gave us a very interesting Lantern Lecture on Missionary work in West Africa.

In the autumn term we had a Lecture from Mr. Hind Smith on Dr. Barnado's Homes; one on Hygiene from the Rev. K. D. Iliff, and one from the Rev. S. G. Short on the Cevennes Country, especially the neighbourhood of Le Puy.

The Summer Excursion took place on June 30th, when we spent a long day at Ditchling, making Mr. Parson's farm our head-quarters. In the afternoon the more energetic ones of the party, under Mr. Griffith's guidance, climbed the Downs to Ditchling Beacon, and were rewarded by the beautiful view from the top.

On Wednesday, July 22nd, Miss Webster, Hilary Hunt, Annie Hazledine, Lucy Raynor, Enid Sealy and Mina Ash visited Miss Elliott at Addlestone.

The Garden Prizes given by the Rev. A. Morgan were won by Hilary Hunt, Marjorie Barrow, Monica Ruston and Nellie Isherwood; Annie Hazledine taking the first school prize

We had lovely weather on July 4th for our Garden Party, when a large number of guests, including the Mayor of Brighton, enjoyed the shade of our garden. The School sang old English songs, and there was a performance of the Maypole and of some Swedish Drill.

Among our visitors during the past year have been: the Archbishop of Sydney, Lilla Countess of Chichester (Vice-Patroness), the Dowager Countess of Chichester (Vice-Patroness), Miss Lenthall, Head Mistress of St. Catherine's School, Sydney; Miss Yasui, from Tokio, Japan; and Herr Lunden, the Head of a large school in Sweden.

Enid Sealy was "Birthday Mother" during the School year.

NOTES ABOUT OLD PUPILS.

We have received with pleasure a copy of a little book by Miss Anna Butler, called "The Choristers' Own Book." It is dedicated to the Dean of St. Paul's, and contains, in addition to much that will be of special practical help to choristers, a great deal of historical and other information which is of general interest. It has received a very appreciative notice in the *Guardian*.

Jessie Short, B.A. Lond., has an appointment on the staff of the Ladies' College, Jersey.

Marjorie Bedale is taking a year's course at the Cambridge Training College.

Kathleen Taylor, B.A. Lond., is in the Training Department of the Ladies' College, Cheltenham.

Agatha Rawson holds an appointment as Teacher of Gymnastics and Games at the Collegiate School for Girls, Port Elizabeth.

Helen Graham is Senior French Mistress at the Wakefield High School.

Lilian Seeley, B.Litt. Durham, holds an appointment as Assistant Mistress at the St. Hild's Training College, Durham.

Hilda Cribb has a post in the Office of the Religious Tract Society, London.

Margaret Baker is teacher of German and History at Highfield, Hendon.

May Bloomer has passed the Scholarship Examination, and is now at a London County Council Training College.

Elsie Bowen is a student at the Southport Physical Training College.

Janet Smith writes from her home at Whixley, Yorkshire, that she is teaching eight children, and that she has also organised a body of scouts among the village boys, and finds scouting a very fine thing for them. She says: "I took them into camp in the middle of August, and we had a lovely time. The boys all slept in tents, but I went to a cottage for the nights only. We cooked our own meat (bacon and stews). The boys do tracking by signs, and dispatch running. . . . Their motto is 'Be prepared.'"

The following girls left at the end of the School year in July :—

Hilary Hunt, studying at Bedford College, London, for her History B.A. Degree Examination in Honours.

Lucy Raynor, at home, studying for the Intermediate Arts Examination.

Mina Ash, Junior Mistress, Orient College, Skegness, Elementary Music and Games. Is hoping to enter St. Gabriel's College, Camberwell, in September next, for training as a teacher in Elementary Schools. Awarded a Lady Elliott Scholarship.

Enid Sealy, now at home preparatory to going to a school in Paris.

Violet Head, now Student Mistress at St. Mary's Hall.

Dorothea Sturdee, at Mounthurst School, Hampstead.

Evelyn Jellicoe, at home.

Eileen Sadgrove, at home.

Dorothy Ash, Kindergarten Student Mistress at Leeds.

Winifred Doubleday, studying at home for the London Matriculation Examination.

Janie Johnston, at home previous to taking training for secretarial work.

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES.—OLD PUPILS.

LONDON UNIVERSITY.

Kathleen Taylor ...	...	B.A. ; First Class Honours in French and English
Jessie Short, B.A....	...	Teacher's Diploma ; excelled in written work.
Winifred Smith ...	...	Intermediate Science.
Evelyn Snowdon Smith ...	...	Intermediate Arts.
Alice Bailey-Churchill ...	...	Intermediate Arts.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

Higher Local Examination.

Marjorie Bedale ...	...	Latin.
Dorothy Cross ...	...	History, Second Class Honours.
Katharine Giddens ...	...	Religious Knowledge and History.
May Griffiths ...	...	History, Second Class Honours.
Winifred Watney...	...	French.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

Margaret C. Young	...	Licentiate R.A.M. ;	Associated Board R.A.M. and
Margerie Dorothy Wallace...	...	Advanced Local Centre.	[R.C.M.]

SOUTH KENSINGTON.

Constance Godwin	...	First Class in three divisions of the Examination for the Art Class Teacher's Certificate.
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CITY AND GUILDS OF LONDON INSTITUTE.

Gladys Head	...	Teacher's First Certificate ; Plain Needlework, First Class.
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GLOUCESTER SCHOOL OF DOMESTIC SCIENCE.

Hilda Platt	...	First Class Diploma in Cookery ; Certificates for Sick Nursing and First Aid.
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THE GAMES CLUB.

At Christmas Miss Wright gave up the direction of the games, as she was anxious to devote more time to her musical teaching. During the eight years in which she was Games Mistress, there was a steady improvement in the play, and the School is greatly indebted to her for the enthusiastic interest which she took in this branch of the Hall life. At the close of the autumn term she entertained the First Eleven to tea, and Enid Sealy, the Captain of the Hockey Club, thanked her on behalf of the girls for all she had done for the school.

HOCKEY.

The season 1907-8 was a very good one. Eight outside matches were played, seven being won by St. Mary's Hall, and one being drawn.

Great interest was taken in the matches for the Challenge Cup, which was won by Form VI.

First Eleven, 1908.—A. Hazledine, goal ; M. Barrow, E. Sealy* (Captain), backs ; E. Shildrick*, V. Head*, E. Jellicoe*, halves ; D. Warne, M. Ash*, Miss Randell, L. Grasett, C. Dover, forwards.

* Had their colours.

Second Eleven.—R. Chevallier, goal ; D. Poole, N. Boyd, backs ; E. Wingate, K. Mitchell, L. Raynor (Captain), halves ; M. Heany, H. Hunt, G. Collis, M. Painter, G. Ost, forwards.

LIST OF MATCHES.

Oct. 26th, 1st XI. v. St. Michael's Hall (Home) ...	...	Won by 12 goals to 0
Nov. 9th, 2nd XI. v. Sussex Square (Away) ...	...	" 3 " 0
Nov. 20th, 1st XI. v. Kemp Town L.H.C. (Away) ...	...	Drawn 3 " 3
Dec. 7th, 1st XI. v. Kingston Club (Home) ...	...	Won by 10 " 0
Feb. 19th, 1st XI. v. Roedean 2nd XI. (Away) ...	...	" 3 " 2
Feb. 29th, Junr. XI. v. Roedean Preparatory School (Away)	...	" 3 " 2
March 11th, 1st XI. v. Kemp Town Ladies (Home) ...	...	" 6 " 0
March 14th, 2nd XI. v. 25 Sussex Square XI. (Home) ...	...	" 5 " 0

FORM MATCHES.

- VI. (Captain, E. Sealy) shot 29 goals.
 Vb. (Captain, E. Shildrick) shot 22 goals.
 Upper V. and Va. (Captain, M. Barrow) shot 8 goals.
 IV. (Captain, C. Dover) shot 5 goals.

CRICKET.

The Club was less fortunate in its cricket season. Mr. Griffith again helped us by coaching the girls, but he was not able to be present so often as in former years. Six of last year's eleven had left, but Enid Sealy still held the post of Captain.

First Eleven.—E. Sealy* (Captain), V. Head*, M. Ash*, M. Barrow*, R. Chevallier*, E. Shildrick, L. Grasett, E. Jellicoe, A. Hazledine, D. Poole, Miss Randell.

* Had their colours.

May 30th.	1st XI. v. Roedean "Excelsior" XI. (Home)	Won by Roedean Excelsior by 108 runs.
June 3rd.	"East" v. "West"	Won by "West" by 38 runs.
June 10th.	1st XI. v. Downs' Cricket Club ...	Won by Downs' by 29 runs.
June 27th.	1st XI. v. Roedean 2nd XI. (Away)	Won by S.M.H. by 5 runs.
July 15th.	2nd XI. v. Addiscombe College (Away)	Won by Addiscombe College by 77 runs.
July 18th.	1st XI. v. Downs' Cricket Club (Home)	Won by innings and 41 runs.
July 22nd.	Junior XI. v. Roedean Preparatory (Home)	Won by Roedean Preparatory by 5 runs.

LAWN TENNIS.

A Tournament, in which both mistresses and girls took part, was played on July 8th, the winners being Miss Forrest and Enid Sealy.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

BIRTHS.

- CLEMENTS, EMMA (*née* Hoernlé), the wife of Arthur Clements, of a son, on February 8th, 1908, at Byron Lodge, Grantchester, Cambridge.
- FRANCIS, HILDEGARD (*née* Hoernlé), the wife of Herbert W. S. Francis, of H.M. Local Government Board, of a daughter, on September 24th, 1908.
- HANHAM, EDITH (*née* DAWE), the wife of the Rev. H. H. Hanham, of a daughter, on September 10th, 1908, at Mid-Ilovu, Natal.
- MASSON, ELSIE (*née* Wright), the wife of Emile Masson, of a son, Yves Gabriel, on October 9th, 1908, at Pontivy, Morbihan, France.
- NEUKOMM, ALICE (*née* de Jersey), the wife of Edouard Neukomm, of a daughter, Anne Marie, on September 12th, 1908, at Mont Plaisir, près Nancy, France.
- PARRY, ISABEL (*née* Gillett), the wife of William Charles Parry, of twins (son and daughter), on February 21st, 1908, at Connaught Terrace, Hove, Sussex.
- WATSON, GLADYS (*née* Rainbow), the wife of Albert Watson, of a daughter, on June 5th, 1908, at Stamford, Lines.

MARRIAGES.

- BICKNELL, MAUD ELLINGTON, eldest daughter of the Rev. H. E. Bicknell, Rector of Birtsmorton, Tewkesbury, to
- BAYLAY, THE REV. MERVYN, of St. Albans, Ilford, Essex, son of Colonel F. C. Baylay, late R.A., of Blackheath, at Birtsmorton Church, on April 22nd, 1908.
- DAVIDSON, MURIEL, only daughter of the Rev. Francis Davidson, Vicar of Sholing, Southampton, to
- COX, BERTRAM BEMBRICK, of Guernsey, on October 28th, 1908, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Upper Tooting, S.W.
- DAWE, LUCY, youngest daughter of the Rev. W. Dawe, Vicar of Satterthwaite, Lancashire, to
- FEARY, N. A. F. N., at the Parish Church, Satterthwaite, on November 10th, 1908.
- SMITH, ELEANOR MILDRED, second daughter of the late Rev. W. J. Smith, of 3 Balfour Road, Walmer, to
- WILLIAMS, THE REV. CECIL, son of the late Mr. J. Rowland Williams, and of Mrs. Williams, Ovingdean, Walmer, at St. Mary's Church, Walmer, on Easter Tuesday, April 21st, 1908.

DEATHS.

- BAYLEE, EMILY, daughter of the late Rev. Tyrrell Baylee, Head Mistress of St. Margaret's School, Bushey, at 26 Selden Road, Worthing, on February 27th, 1908.
- GILLETT, ELIZA MARTEN, widow of the late Rev. Jesse Gillett, Vicar of Aldeby, Norfolk, at 9 Aldred Road, West Hampstead, N.W., on September 19th, 1908, aged 65.
- CORNWALL, ANNA ("Sister Anna"), Deaconess of the Church of England Diocesan Mission, Melbourne, on December 8th, 1907.

IN MEMORIAM.

On February 27th, 1908, there passed away one of the most distinguished of the old pupils of St. Mary's Hall. Miss Emily Baylee was a pupil of the School from 1858 to 1861, and was afterwards, from 1866, a member of the teaching staff for about ten years.

In 1886 she was appointed Head Mistress of the Clergy Orphan School at St. John's Wood, and it has truly been said of her that "she transformed the work in every direction, raising and dignifying the school till it became one of the first educational centres in England."

Her interest in St. Mary's Hall was always fresh, and she was occasionally present at our Founder's Day celebrations. It was a delight to visit her in the beautiful new home of the School at Bushey, to see something of her noble work, and to realise, in the interchange of ideas, her great power and her beautiful humility.

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 Woollatt, Miss M., St. Mary's Rectory, New Romney, Kent
 Wyatt, Mrs. J. (*née* Caldwell), Brandon, Suffolk.

NEW MEMBERS SINCE DECEMBER, 1907.

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 Cross, Miss D. M., c/o Mrs. Elmes, Pendreath, Wolseley Gardens, Gunnersbury, N.
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 Wood, Miss F., St. John's Rectory, Clerkenwell, E.
 Woollatt, Miss E., St. Mary's Rectory, New Romney, Kent
 Young, Miss M., Blore Rectory, Ashbourne, Derbyshire



Minutes of the St. Mary's Hall Association 89th Annual General Meeting held on Sat 12th May 2007 at 11.00am at St Mary's Hall.

Present: Anne (Leveiseur) Commin, Charlotte Sabel, Elizabeth (Allwright) Julyan, Frances (Moojen) Bearn, Gillian Green, Gillian (Loder) Morgan, Henrietta (Coomber) Blanchard, Jean (Pearson) Peters, Jean Robertson, Jennifer (May) Mann, Kathy Howard, Laura Bristol, Linda (Belasco) Kings, Linda (Targett) Macmillan, Liz (Baker) Caudle, Margaret Ellis, Margaret (Jones) McCall, Pamela James, Penny (Buck) Gardiner, Roberta (Woodward) Greenwood, Robina Methven, Ruth (Bradbrooke) Wiffen, Sue Carnochan, Susan (Harris) Roller, Suzanne (Fopp) Bray, Valerie Boyes, Virginia James, Yalda Saddighzadeh, Susan Meek.

Apologies for absence were received from 41 members.

The meeting opened with the School Prayer, remembrance of those who had died since the last meeting, and a special mention of missing child Madeleine McCann.

The minutes of the 88th meeting were agreed and signed, then **Mrs Meek, President and Chairman**, brought us up to date with school news, especially of the Sixth Form Centre in Elliott. **Helen Farquharson** gave a presentation on the St Mary's Hall Chapel & Arts Centre Appeal. During the discussion after the presentation, the members agreed by vote that the Appeal Committee could mailshot SMHA members with the help of the data in the SMHA database.

Hon Secretary's report: the committee lacks a member for the post of Hon. Secretary but has persuaded Gillian Morgan (Loder) to take this on from today. Anne (Leveiseur) Commin has served as Minutes Secretary for many years and a presentation was made to thank her for her service from which she has now stepped down. Yammie Pang was re-appointed in her absence as Hon Overseas Secretary.

Hon. Editor's report: Penny (Buck) Gardiner said that the new magazine style had been generally well received although as expected some did not like the new buff cover. **Hon. Treasurer's report:** Susan (Harris) Roller thanked Andrew Russell FCA, Chairman of the Governors of St Mary's Hall, for auditing the Accounts to 31 Dec 2006. The SMHA life subscription was proposed and agreed by the members to be increased to £55. The school asked if SMHA could help to replace the now rather tattered flags which SMHA presented, with a flagpole, as a Millennium gift. It was agreed to meet the cost of two new flags.

There are now two signatories to the SMHA bank accounts who may sign separately in the event of the incapacity of either. Members agreed to carry on with the Spring Draw despite falling receipts. **Committee:** Yammie Pang Hon Overseas Secretary was elected into the post for another 3 years. **Spring Draw 2007:** Two £50 prizes were won by Sheila (Humphrys) Allison and Susan (Harris) Roller.

The date for the **2008 AGM** was set for May 10th and the meeting concluded with the SMHA prayer. Members leaving the AGM were joined by those coming for the reunion lunch at the extremely impressive Archive Exhibition put on by the East Brighton Bygones Local History Society in St Mark's Chapel where Mrs Meek launched the Appeal for St Mary's Hall Chapel & Arts Centre.

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

- Advance notice is given of terms of office expiring in May 2008, those of Hon. Treasurer Susan (Harris) Roller, Hon. Secretary Gillian (Loder) Morgan, and committee member Linda (Belasco) Kings
- Susan (Harris) Roller has already indicated her willingness to stand for a further three year term
- SMHA committee needs seven members to quorate
- Committee meetings are usually held twice a year, the first on the same day as the AGM in May, and the second in Nov/Dec
- In 2007, the winter committee meeting was held by conference call. The format was so successful that we shall use it again.
- You can get in touch with the committee members by:
 - email stmaryshallassociation@btinternet.com
 - write via the Headmistress' PA at the school
 - telephone the school on 01273 606061
 - logon to: www.stmaryshall.co.uk >Our School> Past Pupils

GONE AWAYS 2007

Anna dEyncourt	(Brown) Riley
Heather	(Bruce-Merrie) Watters
Joy	Flatt
Brita	(Seeberg) Yri
Catherine	Philo
Rowena	Philo
Jackie	Jantuah
Rachel	(Padfield) Nixon
Saffa	Ayub
Mary	Hennock
Zena	Thompson
Ann	Warunwatcharin
Christelle	McCracken
Katherine	(Manktelow) Banks
Bazlina Malai	Murad

If you know how to contact these members, please let the Editor know too!

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH

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Anybody know what became of **Isobel Rowland** 1951-1955? Write to the Editor.

Jane (Brightwell) Baynton wants to hear from **Sian Williams** and **Evelyn Tammin**. jane@bayntons.com

SMHA eCONNECTIONS

Electronic communication is cheap and easy but fragmented, so here is a round-up of some of the ways that SMH old girls keep in touch via their computers.

SMH website > Past Pupils www.stmaryshall.co.uk

Monica Wai -1986 commented "The website is brilliant" Email: monicatmwai@yahoo.com.hk. Approximately ten posts a year.

All posts on Our School>Past Pupils are copied to the Hon. Editor for response. The website is maintained by SMH. Free.

Yahoo groups - SMHEmC <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SMHEmC/>

Quite old now, not used much. Should it be closed? No harm in keeping it open and can be a useful means of sending group email now most Internet Service Providers (ISPs) prevent bulk emails. Currently 73 members but many out-of-date details. Hon. Editor moderates. Free.

Facebook www.facebook.com

Social networking site – currently fashionable - SMH features in 6 groups and 1 "high school" network – by far the largest group, nearly 400 members, was created by Viola Tsang. This open group has attracted some non-SMH people, there are no-holds-barred on the language and the content of some of the postings may offend. Free.

FriendsReunited www.friendsreunited.co.uk

Much reduced in popularity for the post 2000 leavers but still useful. Full membership required to receive/respond to messages – cost £7.50. Allows posting of reunions for annual fee £10. Useful for making contact with 'gone aways'.

116 members in 1932 - 1965;	306 members in 1966 - 1980
388 members in 1981 – 1990;	368 members in 1991 - 2000
74 members in 2001 – 2008	Total = 1252

SMH email address stmaryshallassociation@btinternet.com

All emails are forwarded to SMHA Hon. Editor for response.

SMHA members database

Maintained offline by Hon. Ed. to mail out 1000 Newsletters and provide database connections to enquirers. Each year 15-20 Newsletters are returned marked 'gone away'. Send changes of name, address and email address to Hon. Ed.

Penny (Buck) Gardiner SMHA Hon Editor

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FROM THE ARCHIVIST (SUE CARNOCHAN)

A REMARKABLE LADY Edith Churcher came from Suffolk to St Mary's Hall to teach English in 1884. Having taught for 13 years she felt the call to go to China to assist missionary work. She went to Yang-Cheo to teach in the China Inland Mission School. Each year she sent articles about her life in China to be printed in



The late Miss Churcher.

the Old Girls' magazine. In 1900 she was at Chefoo teaching the children of missionaries including boys to which she was not used! In 1901 she experienced the fear of a Boxer uprising in which "all foreigners were to be killed" but luckily the Mission compound was not attacked. The Consul was to raise 3 red flags if the inmates were in danger and had to flee downstream by boat. Whilst at Ying-Shan, Western China, she reported that all the Christian women had unbound their feet and the Christian men had ordered their children's feet to be unbound.

Edith was sent to various Chinese towns to help the Mission work and at Kuang-yuan Sze-chuan she started a "Total Abstinence Society" to try and wean people off smoking opium.

In 1907 she returned to St Mary's Hall on Furlough attending the Founders' Day Service. By 1909 she was suffering severe attacks of rheumatism which grew worse. Eventually Edith returned to England, and sadly in 1929 was knocked down by a car in Hastings probably because her hearing and eyesight were poor, and she was not used to "motorised vehicles". So a lady who had survived the privations of life in rural China from 1897-1927 succumbed to modern technology!

'Witches' Brew' from an end of term party '76-80 (sent by Susan (Harris) Roller)

When shall we three meet again
In peace & quietness without pain?
When the ghastly term is done
When the packing's checked & won
When the noisy brats have gone
Then shall we rejoice with song

All the rooms will tidy be
No more searching for the key
No more sounding of the knell
At seven am with its ringing bell
No more girls to drag from beds
With sheets pulled off their lazy heads

No more cloaks with hems to mend
No more girls who're sick to have to
tend
No more talking after lights
No more gapping holes in tights
No more long and straggly hair
No more cries of 'It's unfair!'

No more girls to hurry along
To get to breakfast by the gong
No more small helpings for fussy
Trans
No more plastic bags with hidden
cans
No more quarrelling among the First
No more IV's eating fit to burst

No more II's in the library chatting
No more III's in Room G for Latin
No more V's to the launderette loaded
Nor cryptic notes to be decoded
No more VI to drag from the phone
No more beakers straying from home

No more fruit salad at any meal
No more water too cold to feel
No more baths to overflow
No more name tapes to have to sew
No more mittens of varied hue
Untidy drawers to have to view

No more shoes with heels too high
No more records at full High Fi
No more forms handed in late
No more children for whom to wait
No more visits to Brighton C
Oh how peaceful that will be

Now let us weave a magic charm
That none of you will come to harm
Round about the cauldron go
In the depths now let us throw
Mice that like the greedy forms
And wander nightly in their dorms

Bars of chocs from pillows taken
And all the bits from breakfast bacon
Sticky sweets from dressing gown
pockets
Twisted rings and fancy locketts
All the bits left on study floor
These we'll add just more and more

Bits of soup left in the sink
Let us add into our drink
Bottle dregs from Sixth form studies
See how this our mixture muddies
Confiscations left on the table
Because they do not bear a label

All the torches, crisps and eats
Confiscated from midnight feasts
Double, double, toil and trouble, fire
burn and fruit cup bubble
Now before you leave this place;
happy children take a taste
Drink your fill of our witches' brew
Mixed for you by your servants true

Miss Payne, Mrs Leslie & Mrs Drew

FROM JONATHAN C SPURRELL

My great-grandmother Caroline Harriet Maria Stuart was a pupil at St Mary's Hall from 1886 to 1892. Founded by Rev Henry Venn Elliott to provide education for daughters of poor clergy, SMH admission criteria included "the income of the parent, the number of his family, and his past services in the Church"¹.

Carrie Stuart, born in 1873, was the youngest child and only daughter of Rev William Stuart (1816-1896), vicar of the small Essex parish of Mundon. William had travelled a long and interesting path from his native Ireland to the Essex coast. Although the Stuart family had rather comfortable origins with links to the



Irish aristocracy, William himself was not a wealthy man. In these circumstances Carrie was admitted to St Mary's Hall. She seems to have benefited from her six years at the school, receiving, amongst other things, a senior Royal Academy of Music certificate in 1889. She also enjoyed art, and some of her paintings of the Essex coastline have survived to this day.

It is unclear what Carrie did immediately after leaving St Mary's Hall. What is certain is that by the turn of the century she was a teacher at the County School in Brecon boarding with the Taylor family of Alexandra Road along with another teacher². The account of Carrie's marriage in the Brecon County Times to Rev Charles Henry Spurrell (1855-1925) states that she was "formerly assistant mistress at the Brecon County

School". At this time many of her former classmates would also have been working as schoolteachers or governesses.

Marriage to a clergyman was probably not unusual for a former St Mary's Hall pupil. Carrie had known Charles for at least 13 years before the wedding; in 1890 one of her brothers had married one of Charles's sisters. Charles waited until his father's death in 1902 before marrying Carrie because he thought he would not otherwise be able to support a wife and family. The wedding took place on 16 April 1903 at St Stephen's in Westminster, and was conducted by Rev Faulknor Russell Horwood, one of Carrie's many clerical cousins. The Brecon County Times describes Carrie's dress in detail: "The bride wore a dress of ivory satin duchesse, draped with old meclin lace, caught up with sprays of orange blossom and myrtle, with transparent yoke and sleeves of rucked chiffon. She had a tulle veil over a wreath of myrtle and orange blossom, and carried a bouquet of lilies, orange blossom, and other choice flowers".

¹ Document attached to the Trustees' Minutes Book (1873).

² 1901 census.

After a honeymoon spent in the Channel Islands, Carrie moved to Yorkshire with her new husband, who was then Organising Secretary to the National Society (a Church of England education body). On 22 February 1904 a baby boy (my grandfather), named Charles after his father, was born. Seven days later Carrie died of a "difficult labour [and] septicaemia". What makes the death even more tragic was the fact that she and Charles had waited so long before marrying.

Whilst researching my family history, I have discovered other links between the Spurrells and St Mary's Hall. Rev James Spurrell (1815-1896), a cousin of Carrie's father-in-law Frederick, had come to Brighton in the 1850s and made his home at 23 Adelaide Crescent, Hove. James was involved with a number of charities and when he died in 1896 he bequeathed much of his fortune – which he had inherited from his father, a brewer and hop merchant – to good causes including £3,000 to "Saint Mary's School for the Daughters of Poor Clergy. James also acted as Secretary to the Henry Venn Elliott Memorial Fund, which implies that he was a friend, or at least an acquaintance, of Elliott's.

Over the years St Mary's Hall played a role in the lives of several members of my family and as my research continues maybe I shall find others who have passed through its doors too. Carrie Stuart's story is by no means extraordinary. Her family background and her life in the years immediately after school were a pattern familiar to many other former pupils at that period in the school's history.

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NEWS*NEWS*NEWS

Isle of Wight resident **Sheila (Levinson) Rhodes** 1926-34 has not been well but enjoyed a surprise 90th birthday party in April 2007 organised by her daughter Angela and SMH old girl and granddaughter **Hannah Palmer-Davis . Diana (Moore) Gosnell** 1931-36 and daughter **Anne (Gay Gosnell) Stapleton** 1957-64 were in America in May 2007. From Essex **Mary (Chalmers) Scully** 1933-39 sent her apologies for the 2007 reunion lunch as it coincided with her husband's 84th birthday. **Sheila (Humphrys) Allison** 1937-40 enjoys being close to 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren who either live or work near her home in Storrington. **Margaret (Jones) McCall** 1932-39 and her husband celebrated their Diamond Wedding in April '05 complete with Queens 'telegram'. Back in Sussex after 50 years in Pakistan, Seychelles and Tanzania she often sees **Barbara (Wilberforce) Schooling** 1934-40 who was recently at Westminster Abbey for the celebration of her great great grandfather, William Wilberforce, and the anti-slavery bill.

Pictured right are (l to r) Lizzy Allwright, Susanne Fopp, Rosemary Bellamy, Liz Baker, Alison Vaughan & Jean Peters enjoying a reunion dinner. Part-time Medical



Director on an NHS Trust board, **Elizabeth (Allwright) Julyan** 1958-64 is retired from clinical practice as a developmental paediatrician in Brighton and Chailey Heritage. She has a son Rupert and 2 step-children. Married to a London solicitor for 41 happy years, **Susanne (Fopp) Bray** 1959-63 has 2 sons, 3 grandchildren, an OU degree & post grad. Masters in Library and Information Studies from UCL gained in her 40s. Now on the management team for the 52 Surrey public libraries, she says "Just goes to prove it's never too late".

Rosemary (Bellamy) Warren 1959-64 retired as a GP, divorced, 3 sons. Dorset is home but spends months travelling for voluntary work in S E Asia. Budding cellist **Liz (Baker) Caudle** 1950-64 retired from examining. In Cheltenham she has 2 daughters & g'children nearby, and a son in London. **Alison (Vaughan) Smith** 1957-63 lives in Dorset, works in a solicitor's office, married with a son and grandchild. Recently retired from Public Health at the University of Sheffield, **Jean (Pearson) Peters** 1957-64 lworked in Tokyo & Hong Kong before that. Her daughter lives/works in London & her son is in Moscow. Another '60s leaver **Chrissie (Cherril) Courtney** 1957-63 asked to be put in touch with **Anne (Gay Gosnell) Stapleton** 1957-64; she hopes to be at a Reunion lunch soon. Celebrating her husband's return to good health & son Christopher's wedding May '07 was **Linda (Belasco) Kings** 1955-63 whose daughter Lianne is in Winchester. **Penny (Buck) Gardiner** 1961-65 loves living close to the Quantocks right beside the West Somerset Railway with steam trains passing the front door! **Gilly (Synge) Fifield** 1959-66 recently became a grandmother. She's in touch with **Kate (Steiner) Tordoff** 1958-66 who is back in Wakefield with a new job in Leeds. For a Midlands meetup please contact Gilly at fifield@uwclub.net. From Seattle USA **Maggie Lindley** 1965-67 tells us she visits family in UK.

Seventies leaver **Nicola (James) Sampson** 1965-71 has lived in Newport, Oregon for many years where her husband works at the Hatfield Marine Science Center. Next year daughter Jessica will be graduating from High School just as son Daniel will be starting. Nicola visits family in Storrington yearly and would love to hear from anyone in the area. She is in touch with **Shirley (Cowan) Vaughan. Nicola (Boyes) Burbidge's** 1965-72 daughter is reading Geography at Oxford and sister **Jemma (Boyes) Clark's** 1969-74 son has a choral scholarship at Salisbury. Having completed their respective curacies **Trish (Janet Williams) ffrench** 1970-75 and husband Tim are enjoying sharing the Rector's job at Elmsett with 5 churches, 4 parishes and an overgrown garden. It was amazing to discover their Rural Dean's sister is SMH old girl **Dorothy (Cook) Stranack** 1949-57. **Jane (Brightwell) Baynton** 1968-76 is in the nursing profession. She moved to New York with husband Paul in 2007, still avoids all ball sports, enjoys skiing and cycling, cooking is a passion, & is learning to play American Standard Bridge. **Kathy Howard** 1967-76 stays in touch with **Claire Bowes, Susan Davies, Susan (Graves) Sharman, Anne (Pog Hopkins) Powell, Elisabeth (Ferguson) Eastham, Alison Forster**, as well as former PE teacher **Miss McEwan**. Kathy recently met up with **Virginia James**, the first time they have seen each other since 1976! **Penny (Titheradge) Harrison** 1969-73 still runs the NHS Association for Cleaning Management. She remains in touch with **Susan Markham** and **Diana (Markham) Sijpesteijn** 1969-73.

Alice Collick, daughter of **Julie (Myles) Collick** -1980 is now at SMH in year 10. Environmental artist **Lilian Cooper** -1983 continues her Coastline project. **Clare (Smith) Withrow** -1984 has a small son Benjamin, works in international sovereign recovery for Sub Saharan Africa, loves being back there and much travelling. She took the family back to SMH last year; so many memories and sorry to hear and see that lacrosse is no longer played. Congratulations to **Jo (Podd) Stubbs** 1977-84 on the birth of baby William last May. Taking advantage of home based work, **Fiona Davey** 1984-88 moved to beautiful rolling rural Wales with other half, Ant - opting for the Good Life as opposed to the Rat Race! **Jo (French) Grey** 1983-88 has MEN2a, and is an "at-home" mum of 2 young children, the youngest of whom also has MEN2a. She's lucky to be able to devote a good deal of time to all things AMEND, the Association for Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia Disorders patient support group and UK registered charity, was instrumental in the production of AMEND's patient information books and produces the quarterly newsletter. Jo was diagnosed in 2000 and has since had both adrenal glands, her parathyroid glands and her cancerous thyroid and shoulder removed. Contact Jo at jo.grey@amend.org.uk. Raising funds for AMEND by organising a year reunion was the idea of **Shani (Waller) Mason** 1980-86

Leonora Bartrop-Clist -1996 has endured operations for a serious back problem but is looking forward to marrying Paul Roper on 1st November 2008 at St John the Evangelist, Taunton. When visiting her parents in Hove

Hannah (Crockett) Housman 1989-94 sees **Rima Shuman** and **Emma Stagg**, also her parents' friends **Christine & Neil Hargreaves** now working at SMH. Pictured are Hannah and son Henry born 13 Feb 2007. A former teacher living in Stafford, Hannah has returned to work as a debt counsellor centre manager for Christians Against Poverty "I love my job as well as being a mum!".



Rose Abdullah 1993-99 is back in her country Brunei, working at the Ministry of Education as an ICT Education Officer. Married in Spring 2006, Rose was expecting a baby boy in Spring 2007.



Here is Rose at her wedding with SMH friends **Joy Yang, Emma Hill-Tout, Min Yung, Sylvia To, Loretta Lo and Muizzah Mokti.**



Alice Rawdon-Mogg -2000. Combat engineer Lieutenant Rawdon-Mogg of the Royal Engineers serving in Afghanistan as pictured in the UK national press.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS – A MUSICAL DUO

Anne Fridal – opera singer – entered SMH 1966

A graduate of the Royal College of Music, Anne Fridal made her professional debut as Lily in a production of the opera "Porgy and Bess" at the Glyndbourne Festival Opera. She later played the role of Serena in the same opera. She has also played the role of Mary in the opera "Carnival Messiah" which was written by Geraldine Connor, the most recent performance being September 2007 at a sell-out commemorative celebration of the abolition of slavery performed at Harewood House.



A Trinidadian, Anne lived in Italy for 5 years and learned to speak Italian fluently. She has appeared with the New York Opera and the Virginia Opera and, in addition to appearances in England, Trinidad & Tobago, and the USA, has performed in Australia, Austria, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Taiwan, and Wales.

Anne Fridal is the first known opera singer to perform operatic versions of calypsoes, and her interpretation of Lord Kitchener's calypsoes "Symphony in G" and "The Carnival Is Over" has thrilled audiences around the world. With these calypsoes added to her repertoire of spirituals,

jazz, and popular songs, Anne has performed solo shows at the Cotton Club in Harlem, New York, USA. She has toured with some of Trinidad's top steelbands: Desperadoes; Exodus; Phase II Pan Groove; and Trinidad All Stars.

Anne also writes poetry launching her book *Toute Bagai La* during 2007.

Maria Redman aka Maria Marchant - pianist - left SMH 2003

Maria began studying the piano at the age of 7 with her grandmother and has subsequently studied with Philip Colman, Alexander Ardakov and Yonty Solomon. A prize-winner in her final year of the BMus Performance Course at Trinity College of Music, Maria's competition successes are many.

Maria enjoyed a very successful 2007 where she won the Trinity Alfred Kitchin Chopin Prize 2007, was one of three Trinity performers selected for the final of the Trinity Soloist's Competition 2007 and was awarded the Eric Falk Trust Award. She has also been awarded a Silver Medal for Performance at Trinity; the Cyril Jones Prize for Supporting Studies and the Alan J Kirby Conducting Prize



"Graduating from Trinity with First Class Honours and a

Silver Medal for Piano Performance, I was delighted to be invited to play in the Fondazione Cantiere Internazionale D'arte di Montepulciano in Tuscany.

2008 is already proving to be an extremely busy one for me – I'm currently preparing for performances as part of the Royal College's Messiaen Festival and Shipley Arts Festival, a masterclass with Kathryn Stott at Hurstwood Farm Piano Studios alongside recitals at Steinway Hall, Bluthner Piano Centre, St. Andrew's Holborn, and the Bishopsgate Institute Great Hall, as part of the City Music Society series. Forthcoming competitions include the Royal Overseas League Annual Music Competition and the Royal College of Music Contemporary Piano Music Competition and I'm also working towards the Leeds International Pianoforte Competition 2009".

"...whatever good qualities I might now possess, as well as Christian belief and love of classical music and interest in people, were instilled by the school."

Roberta (Bobbie Woodward) Greenwood 1954-61

20 YEARS ON- '87 LEAVERS NOTES FROM "FRIENDS REUNITED"

Sara Alam: Currently living in NW London & working in the city. Married in 1999, planning to move back to Brighton but needs to convince husband.

Sarah Barker-Benfield: still soliciting, now in Southampton, living in the beautiful New Forest. For those who knew my father, sadly he passed away, so am doing my best to live life to the full, as he did! be happy, all of you!

Emma Collins: Happy living in Burgess Hill, divorced from Colin, about to become an aunty for the first time - can't wait! Unfortunately only have 2 cats now. Working in Brighton in International Marketing Management as the Operations Manager. Would like to hear from anyone I went to school with.

Charlotte Davidson: in Bristol working for Environment Agency (Water Quality).

Elizabeth (Eggleton) Culbert: Living in Brighton, married with 2 boys aged 5 and 2. Enjoying spending most of my energy running around after the children and what is left (not much!) working as a solicitor.

Alison May Enwezoh: Two children. Worklife: Fit 4 Fun Schools

Charlotte (Evans) Lawton: went to oxford poly, met Paddy, we married Christmas 2001, live in Guildford where I teach science. Went travelling in mexico with world challenge and kids for summer 2002.

Jo (French) Grey: see main news section

Annabelle Mccracken: living in Brighton with my son Harrison age 6 and working as Marketing Manager for an IT company in Sayers Common.

Nadya (Merk) Wathen: After studying European Business with German I became the manager of European Credit Card Customer Services for Germany, France, Spain and Italy at Amex. I married Angus Wathen from Brighton College in 1996, our daughter Paige was born in Oct 2002. Moved to New York with

Angus' job, our son Marcus was born in May 2005. Am still in touch several people from SMH.

Jaqueline Mont - I am married with two children ... living in Brighton.

Rachel (Padfield) Nixon: Still working at Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity, now moved departments and have undertaken a new role as a researcher for the major donors team. Got married last year to Paul (after 6 years together), so am now officially Mrs Nixon! We're living in a house we bought in 2004 which is in Shortlands in Bromley, Kent - with the cat.

Daniella Perillo: After I left SMH, went to Cardinal Newman School and from there onto Italy where I worked for a couple of years before returning to London to work for an international oil company. Met a great chap and got married in 1995 and have two boys and a third on the way due in May. Now live in Tring Hertfordshire. Still in touch with Emma (flem).

Jennifer (Streeter) Read: In Vancouver and still waiting for people to come visit me! Since leaving all those years ago, I've spent far too much time studying, finally ending up with an MA in English and a Diploma in Adult Education. I live with my boyfriend, Eric, and our cats. I teach English at Capilano College. I'd love to hear from anyone. Update - summer 2002. Eric and I got married. Extremely private ceremony in Nelson, BC, July 8.

Claire (Riches) Tormey: Moved to London in '93, now living in Walton on Thames with husband and young daughter, Natasha. Working for an airline at Heathrow as Station Manager. Gets back to Brighton to visit friends and family, so would love to hear from anyone.

Amanda Royle: Married Aussie bloke. Living in Sydney. One daughter and now a son, born November 03

Gemma Smith: Graduated from Loughborough University in 2000, then worked in publishing for 3 yrs before travelling around Australia for a year, which was amazing. Now living in Lewes, working in the marketing department of a publishing company, playing lots of hockey and still drinking too much!

Eliza Taylor: Married. Two children. Worklife: Inter-let, partner

Emma (Wills) Remie: Working Stover school, matron (don't say a word). Have taken time off from hospitals and working as a school nurse. Also now breeding labrador puppies and in the process of moving. Still just as mad and managed to convince someone just as mad as me to marry me.(very brave)

Nancy (Wong) Fung: Left country in 1991. Married with one daughter, another one due in Jan 2002. Am working in a bank in HK. Work is boring. I miss SMH, the days when I could take endless bags of crisps and chocolate and never get fat!! Believe it or not, I miss Miss Willimas, the housekeeper + maths teacher, she was good to me. I wonder what Dr. Dickson (Geography teacher) looks like nowadays?

Rachael Bolton, Gemma Buckley, Clare Burgess, Amanda Dunbar, Claudia Duveen, Gina Ghura, Daniella Gibbs, Ailish Grimes, J Hallow, Vicky (Mokhtar) Riley, Catherine Philo, Natasha Procter, Lynne Rimmer, Nicky Sheppard, Helen Smith, Clare Urwin, Catherine Woodthorpe - no notes

BIRTH and MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

News of births and marriages is included in the main news sections.

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS and OBITUARIES

Kathleen Myfanwy (John) Watts 29th June 1905 – 13th October 2002

Kathleen John attended St Mary's Hall from 1915 to 1920

Patricia Conchita (Carton) Elsdon 28th November 1920 – September 2005

Patricia Carton attended St Mary's Hall from 1929 to 1935.

Judith (Spaven) Davies 22nd February 1947 – 15th November 2006

Alex (Rolt) Wooster writes "I first met Judith on arrival at SMH as a boarder aged 11 in 1958. We were in the same class, and although she had been a 'Day Bug' since 1955 we became firm friends.

After we left school in 1964 to pursue our careers we kept in touch. She was mad about Gene Pitney, had all his records and went to a number of his concerts. Her husband Richard says that she only consented to marry him after Gene Pitney had married! This fascination lasted all her life, and she attended his last concert only a short while before she also died.

We had been meeting up for the last few years at SMH reunions, and at other times. She was busy with her work as Practice Manageress at a large Doctors surgery. She was very competent and highly thought of by everyone. Judith was a very kind, brave and loyal friend, whom I am privileged to have known, and she is sadly missed by all who knew her."

Eileen Muriel (Portas) Howard 6th April 1923 – 1st May 2007

Margaret (Jones) McCall and Jean Robertson were saddened by the death of their schoolfriend of 70 years ago. Eileen was the co-author of A History of Sussex Wild Plants published 1997 by the Booth Museum of Natural History, and also a biology teacher. She came to St Mary's Hall in 1932 leaving at the closure for World War II in 1940.

Jean Valerie Whitley (Strong) Oakeley 23rd May 1917 – 2nd June 2007

Richard Oakeley wrote to tell us of the death of his mother at the age of 90. She died peacefully at home in Herefordshire, and is survived by her sons, Richard and his brother. Valerie Strong entered St Mary's Hall as a foundation boarder age 13 in January 1930 and left 4½ years later.

Patricia Ann (O'Connor) Bostel 9th March 1947 – 12th July 2007

Penny (Buck) Gardiner remembers Pat O'Connor as a gentle, witty soul and has fond memories of their time as boarders sharing a dorm in Babington – the boarding house in Chichester Terrace closed in the '60s.

Pat left SMH in 1964 but remained close friends with Anne Lenegan, another Babingtonian, who was staying on for 'A' levels. In Spring 1965 both Anne and Pat's father died in a car accident which happened whilst he was returning Anne to school after a weekend exeat with Pat. Penny says "I don't think Pat ever really recovered from the double tragedy."

Pat is survived by her husband, solicitor Miles Bostel, whom she married in 1969, son Tim born in 1970, and grandson Adam born 2005.

Many of us have memories of the American exchanges of the '60s when St Mary's Hall Brighton exchanged students with St Mary's Hall Burlington www.thehall.org Pam Heckert (pbheckert@verizon.net), an old girl of SMH Burlington, is our contact for the American girls who came to Brighton, one of whom **Wendy Elliott** now lives in Marden, Kent. The others were **Jeanette Smith, Andrea Pierce, Louise Yard, Christine Davis.** and **Bonnie Barton.** We were sad to hear that Bonnie died three years ago.

St. Mary's Hall is located in Burlington, New Jersey, 17 miles from Philadelphia, on the banks of the beautiful Delaware River.

The City of Burlington

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Our campus

Founded in 1837, the school's campus — in its original location — is classically beautiful. The campus of eight acres is built along the riverside and is full of elegant architecture, ancient shade trees, and leafy paths. In addition to our venerable buildings (on the National Register of Historic Places) there are modern classroom and lab facilities.



SMHA PRAYER

O God, who art everywhere present, look down in Thy mercy on all those who have gone forth from this school. Grant that by the light of Thy divine inspiration and the gifts of Thy bountiful providence they may fulfil Thy purpose for them here on earth and may attain at length to that blessed home where they shall go no more out but serve and praise Thee continually in Thy temples; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCHOOL PRAYER

O God, by whose manifold grace all things work together for good to them that love Thee, stablish, we pray Thee, the thing that Thou has wrought in us, and make this school as a field which the Lord hath blessed, that whatsoever things are true, pure, lovely and of good report, may here forever flourish and abound. Preserve in it an unblemished name, enlarge it with a wider usefulness and exalt it in the love and reverence of all its members, as an instrument of Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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