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<i>Also the present Head Girl of the School and Miss R. Methuen (co-opted member).</i>	

EDITORIAL

I am pleased to report that our Newsletter has met with overwhelming approval, and I would like to thank all who have contributed news and assisted me again this year with our second edition! Please do all continue to write to each other and, of course, make sure that at least one of you in every group manages to pass all your news on to me. I understand that it may be of help to you all if my address is given more clearly at the beginning of the Newsletter, and I have pleasure in setting this out below:

Raglan House,
Pell Green,
Wadhurst,
East Sussex.
TN5 6ED.

LINDA KINGS

HEADMISTRESS'S LETTER

Dear Members,

I am delighted to be able to write to you through your magazine. After only a few months in office I feel very much 'at home' in the family of St. Mary's Hall. I am aware that you may also feel that you are still part of St. Mary's Hall and value the link provided by the S.M.H.A.

It was a great pleasure to meet many of you at the S.M.H.A. Dinner. If you were unable to come this year, why not book it in your diary now for next year? I can certainly recommend the food and the company!

The text of my speech at Prizegiving is included later in this Newsletter. Please note, in particular, the last section. Already I know what a good school this is and am asking all of you to share in publishing this information. In addition, there may be those of you who have been successful in your careers and feel that you could contribute to the School by offering advice, work experience placements, work shadowing or provision of resources of any kind which are expensive for schools to purchase. If you are able to help in any way at all, please do contact me.

In due course I look forward to meeting you all.

MRS M.TERESA BROADBENT

LETTER FROM MISS CONRADY

42 Homefield Road,
Seaford, BN25 3DX.

Dear Friends,

Once again it is time to send my few thoughts for the Newsletter. First of all I must say a word of congratulation to Linda on the production of the excellent first new type of Newsletter. I think it is something most Old Girls will have approved of.

One of the unexpected high spots of the year for me was the lunch meeting in March, which happened to be on my birthday. Though I had heard rumours that some Old Girls realised the fact, I was quite unprepared for the wonderful celebration — the lovely flowers, the authentic copy of The Times for the day of my birth, and the magnificent birthday cake which had been specially made by the catering staff. And in addition to all this, it was lovely to see some of my own Old Girls and Staff. Once again Mrs Leslie came over to transport me — bless her!

In July I was happy, with the help of my kind neighbour's transport, to attend the Founder's Day Commemoration Service in the former St. Mark's Church. Naturally, I was somewhat sad to see the familiar pews had been replaced by stacking chairs, but I realised the change was for the benefit of the whole School, and my nostalgia was misplaced. Later that day I was privileged to attend the Staff farewell party. It was with a mixture of pleasure and sadness that I went, since one of those members of Staff leaving was our dear Laura Bristol whom I had appointed in 1958. What a remarkable person she is! Possibly only now are people realising how much she did for the School, and we all wish her a very well-earned and happy retirement.

I was delighted to be able to get to the September supper party, and to meet the new Headmistress, Mrs Broadbent. I feel that in her hands the School has a happy and fruitful future.

I hope I shall be able to attend the Spring lunch meeting, but I am able to do increasingly less as the weeks pass.

My love and good wishes to you all.

DORIS CONRADY.

LETTER FROM MRS LESLIE

Horsefair Cottage,
Horse Fair, Deddington,
Oxford, OX5 4SH.
(0869 38369)

Dear Friends,

This year I was able to get to S.M.H. for two events. Firstly, the Founder's Day Service which was as inspiring as ever. As it was Miss Harvey's final term, all three former Heads, Miss Conrady, Miss Davies and I were there. Then in the Autumn I went to the S.M.H.A. supper where I saw many Old Girls and had the great pleasure of meeting the new Headmistress who gave us all a very warm welcome.

Life for me continues to be full, interesting and very happy.

Yours affectionately,

E.O. LESLIE.

NEWS OF MRS CLARE FEAVER (MISS HARVEY)

I have received a letter from Mrs Feaver in which she tells me that she and her husband, Douglas, have been living in builders' chaos for some considerable time, and they have recently been away to escape it all!

She writes 'I hope if any members of S.M.H.A. are visiting the West Country next year, they will call in — we are only a few miles off the A303 and would be delighted to see you'.

As yet, she has not had any time to miss St. Mary's Hall, or to think about any kind of retirement work, but perhaps will be able to let us have more news next year.

Again I quote from her letter — 'I was very happy during those seven years in Brighton and the Old Girl's meetings were always a great enjoyment'.

I know that some of you will wish to write to Mrs Feaver and I therefore set out below her new address:

6 Mill Lane,
Bruton,
Somerset,
BA10 0AT.

SPEECH DAY 21 10 88

Madam Chairman, Sir Leslie, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure that I address you today as the fourth headmistress of St Mary's Hall. I am conscious of the intention of the schools founders, the life and work of so many who have gone before me, who have fashioned the ethos of this school and who would be gratified to know that a newcomer finds tangible living proof that St Mary's Hall still provides today a high standard of education for its pupils in a setting where daily life tries to reflect the teachings of Jesus Christ. It is a place where I have found faith, hope and love. Some of you I have met already, but for the benefit of those I haven't met, I must introduce myself. Following graduation in Geology at Exeter University, I taught science in many different types of schools and before coming to S.M.H. I was Deputy Head of a Church of England comprehensive school in Bath where I had sound grounding in curriculum and staff development and all aspects of school management. As a member of the Secondary Heads' Association National Council I was fortunate in keeping abreast of the many issues and initiatives facing education today. In all this work I was saved from taking myself too seriously by the good-humoured support of my family. I am married to a Methodist Minister who will be taking up an appointment in Brighton next year and I have a daughter of twenty-one and a son of nineteen — both now at University. So in the not-too-distant past I, as a parent, have grappled with the issues of — which school do we choose? and which subjects do we take? — how do we apply for University, and so on.

Such a catalogue of personal background information is probably not all that you want to know of me. You will, no doubt, be thinking, "What sort of school does she want S.M.H. to be?" "How will my daughter, or my very young son, be affected by the changeover?" "What does she think of S.M.H. so far?..." So, ladies and gentlemen, I will try to answer those questions.

My hopes and aims for the school are that it should be a *community* where every individual (each member of staff and each pupil) is known, cared for and has a sense of belonging; where potential is not just recognized but is actively sought out for each person; where expectations are high in academic work, personal relationships and extracurricular activities; where there is continual challenge, opportunity and achievement; where effort is acknowledged as much as success; where PRAISE and ENCOURAGEMENT are the keynotes of teaching, so that pupils are never never 'put down'. By that I do not refer to taking pupils to the vet to be 'put down' — I have known parents who have been tempted, but seriously, NEVER should a child's self-confidence be reduced when it could have been enhanced.

I require that every member of the school family, from Nicolas Hoare, the youngest three-year old boy to Miss Conrady, senior retired Headmistress (whom we are delighted to have with us) should be treated with the courtesy and respect which should be theirs by right. It follows, therefore, that the community is a HAPPY one and can afford to be OPEN and WELCOMING, involved with and caring for its members.

You may wonder how I feel about the community of S.M.H. I have been deeply moved by the care and concern which has been shown to me by governors, parents, teaching and non-teaching staff and pupils, and I have seen care and concern between others. I have rejoiced with staff and girls who delighted in summer examination successes — evidence of high attainment in response to high expectation. No school could fail to be proud of A level and GCSE results in which

eight subjects gained 100% pass rate; where fifth formers obtained an average of 7.4 qualifying grades.(A-C) and a third of the year gained nine or more subjects at Grades A-C. At GSCE we especially congratulate 66% of the girls who obtained 'A' grades in French, 42% who gained 'A' grades in English and 100% girls who gained 'AO' Maths in the Vth Year. These results show the firm foundations which are provided for all studies across the Arts and Sciences. In Science and Maths 'A' level the results were second to NONE — and I say that advisedly.

Success is not confined to the academic curriculum. I have been impressed that SMH is not an academic hothouse forcing young minds into premature intellectual flower, but it has a breadth and balance which is evidenced by the wonderful music-making, creative arts, physical and technological education — all activities with which most of you are familiar.

Many of you will know that this is my first experience of an independent boarding school and a return after several years in coeducation to a school which prefers single-sex education for its older girls. You may wonder why I chose to apply for such a school and perhaps my thoughts reflect the issues that parents also address in choosing a school for their children...

Why choose an INDEPENDENT school? Each Independent school has a well-defined reason for its existence and those who work there share its value system; two key features of any good school. The ind. school is FREE...

FREE to staff and resource as generously as the market will allow (currently 50% higher than in the maintained sector);

FREE to plan and develop curriculum initiatives without dependence on the vagaries of Government finance and edict;

FREE to set its own standards.

A Church school is free to light the living flame of faith but must be *free from* the force feeding of creeds and doctrines.

The independent school can promote excellence, enterprise and competition by finding, training and nurturing ability. Having been tossed and turned on the political agenda, it is not accident that the ind. school still survives today... it stands as proof of previous effectiveness and customer satisfaction. The Ind. School CAN and MUST be a model of good practice, innovating and evolving and *not* set in outdated modes. Hence, at a time of a declining national school population, the numbers in the ind. sector are increasing with the biggest increase last year in girls' schools (3%) weekly boarding. It seems that parents have good reasons to believe that the school is not only 'Independent' but can be 'depended upon'.

Such increases reflect many 'first-timers' in the ind. sector, many staff and parents who themselves have no experience of the public-school system opting into it. This has bred a new style of school in which members come from a very wide range of socio-economic and educational backgrounds and which can, I believe, only bring strength to the school. S.M.H. can be proud that many of its pupils are here because of the great financial sacrifice which their parents have made, because of the Government's Assisted Places Scheme and particularly because of the generosity of our own Governors who provide scholarships and bursaries for the daughters of the clergy in keeping with the school's original function, as well as bursaries for those in financial need.

An independent school — yes — but why a *boarding* school? I'm reminded of the Peanuts cartoon "Going away to school is an education in itself — but not to be confused with getting an education". There's so much behind that statement —

development of self reliance; adaptation to others; conquering homesickness and heartaches.

Boarding education can meet the needs of families which by reason of geographical isolation, pressure of work or family life, require a good home as well as a good school for their daughter. A boarding school is able to offer day girls evening prep sessions and suppers, which can be a great blessing to many households.

I have returned to a single-sex senior school at a time when arguments in favour of coeducation can be very convincing. Many boys' schools and colleges have recently welcomed girls into their hallowed halls, recognising that they would enhance the boys' education. But what of the girls? How do they perform? Informed educational opinion now seems to agree that — Many girls *underperform* in coeducational situations; eg. in a recent survey of 'A' level results, girls in single sex schools like SMH nationally gained twice as many 'A' grades in Applied Maths and English for example as their counterparts in coeducation. Girls are affected by expectations and stereotyping, especially in science, maths and technology. Girls have less interaction with their teachers than boys.

Hence I believe there is still a place for a girls' secondary school, where skills, knowledge and confidence are acquired to make equal opportunities a reality. Girls' schools must not be cloistered institutions, with, as Tennyson put it, 'prudes for proctors and dowagers for deans'. The classroom may remain a female preserve, but there must be plenty of opportunity outside it for natural friendships and activities with the opposite sex. SMH is not remote and isolated and therefore this need not provide a future stumbling block.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Girls, I have chosen to come to work at SMH, you have chosen it — or had it chosen for you. I hope you share my impressions of its effectiveness and potential as a school preparing for 2000 AD and beyond. All education is a vision of the future. Do you share that vision for SMH? If so, I call upon *all* of you, prizewinners, pupils, parents, staff and governors to act as ambassadors for the school. I shall certainly now be able to act as a committed ambassadress — confident in what SMH has to offer. Will you share that task with me? The school deserves a high profile — will you help to give it one? Will you tell those that you meet that it has:

faith — faith in its future;

hope — hope that happiness and success continue as they have done for over 150 years;

love — the love and affection for the institution that some of you feel — and the love which you have seen in action here.

**MINUTES OF THE 81ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE SCHOOL ON
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 1988, AT 6.00 P.M.**

Present:	Mrs M. T. Broadbent M.A., Chairman
Committee:	Mrs Bearn (F. Moojen) Mrs Boyes Mrs Cole (M. Cunliffe) Mrs Kings (L. Belasco) Miss R. Methven Miss Payne Dame Mildred Riddelsdell D.C.B., C.B.E. Mrs Fawcett (G. Gosnell) Anthea Davey (Head Girl)
Members:	Miss M. Corscaden Mrs Gosnell (D. Moore)

The meeting opened with prayers and remembrance of those who had died since the last meeting — Jill Baker and Philippa Gerrard-Wright.

Apologies were received from Miss Bristol, Miss K. Chambré, Miss Conrady, Mrs Feaver, Mrs James, Mrs Leslie — who had gone to fetch Miss Conrady for the Supper — and Mrs Tinto (J. Colman).

The Minutes of the last meeting having been printed in the Newsletter were taken as read and signed by the chairman.

Matters Arising

The newsletter has been well received and we should see an improvement in our finances as the result of reduced production costs.

The Chairman's Report was deferred until the Supper.

Reports

The Hon. Treasurer presented the accounts which are to be audited presently by the Bursar. It was decided in Committee to transfer the current account at Barclays to a Building Society so that we can earn some interest.

The Hon. Secretary paid tribute to Miss Bristol who retired last term. She had done such a lot for the Association especially at the Christmas Fairs when our stall was always put up ready for us to dress. In addition, even though it was her own Old Girls' reunion the same weekend, she always attended the Buffet Supper. For this, it was decided in Committee that she should be made a Life Member of the Association without having to pay the subscription. Mrs Fawcett thanked Mrs Cole for her six years on the Committee, her time as Treasurer and for arranging the 150th Service in St Marks which was such a memorable occasion. Thanks were also due to the Bursar and Miss Brown at School and to Mrs Boyes and Mrs Payne all of whom had given the Hon. Secretary help during the year.

The Hon. Editor thanked members for their news and photographs, more of which were needed for the next Newsletter by November 1st so that we could go to print at the beginning of December, with distribution to members early in January, 1989.

Dates for future meetings:

The 3rd Buffet Lunch is on April 22nd 1989 at School at 12.30 p.m.

The 9th Buffet Supper will be held on September 16th 1989 at 7.00 p.m.

Dates of events at School will be published in the Newsletter in future so that anyone who is interested can contact the Office for details.

Any other business

There was discussion about item 4 of the Constitution. It was unanimously agreed that it should read — from 1st October, 1988 each member shall pay an annual or life subscription, the amount to be fixed by the Committee, with continuation of the existing concession to members who left the Hall before 1941. It was also decided that the date for payments should be October 1st in view of the Newsletter coming out in January in the future.

The meeting also agreed that approaches should be made to two of the younger members of the S.M.H.A. with a view to their becoming Committee Members — their election to be confirmed at the next A.G.M. if they are willing to serve.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST AUGUST, 1988

Assets		Liabilities	
Deposit Account CB of F	£3,085.31	Magazines for 1987/1988	£400.00
CB of F Shares	119.00	Old Girls' Supper	154.00
Barclays Bank – Deposit	16.46		
– Current	222.13		
– Cash	29.19		
Subscriptions due	1,423.23	Balance Creditor	4,341.32
	<u>£4,895.32</u>		<u>£4,895.32</u>

Audited and believed correct

M. Martin

12th October, 1988

S.M.H.A INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 1988

Income		Expenditure	
Interest CB of F Deposit A/C	£272.51	Typing, Printing, postage, etc.	£124.34
Interest CB of F Shares	34.51	Newsletters	780.46
Subscriptions	38.50	Miscellaneous	36.00
Donations	58.00		
O.G. Supper/Luncheon	292.00		
Interest Bank Deposit	6.99		
Bazaar	93.72		
Miscellaneous	1.00		
	<u>£797.23</u>		
Excess Expenditure	143.57		
	<u>£940.80</u>		<u>£940.80</u>

SECOND SPRING LUNCH

This was held in honour of Miss Conrady's 84th Birthday on that day. There were Old Girls and Staff from her era and, as usual, Mr Thomason and his staff produced a superb meal. The School gave Miss Conrady flowers, while the S.M.H.A. had found a newspaper from the day she was born, and everyone there signed a large birthday card. The presentation was made by Miss Harvey's fiancé, the former Bishop of Peterborough, who caused much hilarity by his remark that "he had always had a penchant for headmistresses, and had he met Miss Conrady first, the outcome might have been different." A marvellous birthday cake had been made by Mrs Thomason, and Mr Liddell took lots of photographs of everyone.

Former Members of Staff:

Mrs Boyes	Mrs Leslie
Miss Bristol	Mr Liddell
Mrs Channing	Miss Miller
Mrs Drew	Miss Orme
Miss Farmer	Mrs Parsons
Miss Haward	Miss Payne
Miss Hill	Miss Rogers

Current Staff:

Miss Harvey and her fiancé the Right Reverend Douglas Feaver, Cdr. and Mrs Martin.

Old Girls:

Jill Baker	Barbara Hunt (Millbourn)
Frances Bearn (Moojen)	Linda Kings (Belasco)
Kathleen Chambré	Bobby Milton (Lyons)
Gay Fawcett (Gosnell)	Mildred Riddelsdell
Gillian Fifield (Synge)	Jean Robertson
Penny Gardiner (Buck)	Joyce Tinto (Colman)
Diana Gosnell (Moore)	Marilyn Tinton (Stead)
Rosemary Hall (Baker)	Jane Wharton (Alsop)

The following were unable to attend, but sent good wishes to Miss Conrady:

Miss Brown-Douglas	Marilyn Fergusson (Shelley)
Mary Cole (Cunliffe)	Mrs James
Marjorie Elliott (Duke)	Miss Raisbeck
Dorothy Smith (Lilley) who shares the same birthday	
Anne Valentine (Bethell)	

EIGHTH BUFFET SUPPER

We welcomed our new President Mrs Teresa Broadbent at another most enjoyable supper. As usual, Mr Thomason and his staff had produced a delicious menu with a wide choice of dishes. During coffee Mrs Broadbent spoke about her family, and she invited anyone who wanted to come to School functions such as the Carol Service to ring the office for further information.

Members:

Sheila Allison (Humphrys)	Janine Launchbury
Frances Bearn (Moojen)	Mrs Leslie
Viki Bucknell (Lewin)	Mr Liddell

Mrs Boyes
Mrs Charring
Linda Chean
Miss Conrady
Moyra Corcaden
Gay Fawcett (Gosnell)
Alma Fosbery (Smallpiece)
Jo French
Penny Gardiner (Buck)
Rosemary Gillies (Boorne)
Diana Gosnell (Moore)

Robina Methven
Melanie Morrison
Miss Orme
Miss Payne
Penny Peaty (Waddington)
Eileen Reekie (Vaughan)
Freya Rowe
Jane Wharton (Alsop)
Daphne Williams
Anthea Davey
Head Girl and other members of the VI
form.

Present Staff:

Miss Brown
Cdr Martin and Mrs Martin
Mrs Munn and Mr Munn.

**S.M.H.A.
FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

The 3rd Spring Lunch is on Saturday April 22nd 1989 at 12.30 pm.

The 9th Buffet Supper will be held on Saturday September 16th 1989 at 7.00pm. This will be preceded by a Reception at 6.15 pm. and a review of the year's events at 6.45pm.

Tickets for the lunch £5.50 or the supper £7.50 are available from the Hon. Sec., Mrs Fawcett, 17 Windsor Road, Salisbury, Wilts. SP2 7DX. Please make your cheques payable to S.M.H.A. and enclose a stamped addressed envelope. Please apply for the lunch by April 12th and for the supper by September 6th. Committee Members please note that your meeting with tea, will take place at 5.00pm on September 16th 1989.

LIST OF SCHOOL DIARY DATES FOR 1989

- 21 January — Entrance Examinations for September 1989 entry.
- 14 February — 7.30pm: Recital on new Yamaha Concert Grand in St Mark's.
- 24 February — 6.00pm: Confirmation Service.
- 10 March — 7.30pm (?): Easter Concert.
- 23 June — SUMMER BALL.
- 30 June — Garden Party/Open Day.
- 1 July — Induction Day for New Pupils.
- 6 July — Founder's Service.

LETTER FROM JENNIFER DRAFFAN

12th March, 1988.

This week I received for the first time the S.M.H.A. Newsletter, and saw that Jack Liddell and Kay Griffiths had both retired last Summer. I remember them so well from my time at S.M.H. (September, 1979 — September, 1982), and with such warm affection.

Jack was the soul of honour, courteous and gentle in all his ways, and always ready to put himself out for someone else who needed his help (often me, as a new member of staff!). He was a real Christian gentleman, but his high standards never

made him stuffy, and there was a ready twinkle in his eye when the more absurd aspects of the human situation came uppermost.

Kay was a gem whom many must have been sad to see go. She was full of common sense, and a lively warmth. Her attitude to people always bore out the gospel she preached. She had a great capacity for standing by what she believed, with a grace and understanding that commended it to others.

S.M.H. will be the poorer for the loss of two such dedicated teachers from the staff.

My own news is that after spending five years teaching at Roedean, I am now (from September, 1987) head of maths at Nonsuch High School for Girls — a grammar school in the London Borough of Sutton.

Yours sincerely,

JENNIFER DRAFFAN

PRESENT GIRLS WITH RELATIVES WHO ARE OLD GIRLS

Pre-Prep III	Hannah Field	Mother Mrs Jenny Field nee Yates
Upper Prep	Elizabeth Pastouna	God sister Maria, doesn't know surname, Greek
	Sarah Penfold	Father's mother; name unknown
	Natasha Tawell	half-sister Louise Romer Normanstone
Transition	Emily Hall	Mother Rosemary Baker
		Aunt Elizabeth Caudle nee Baker
		Grandfather used to play the organ at St. Mark's and is buried there
	Jackie Proe	Sister Marianne
I Y	Clare Purkis	Godmother's daughter Susan Hill
		Godmother's cousin Celia Willard
	Karina Zajac	Mother nee Penny Jane Offord
I Z	Joanna Heal	Aunt Michelle Cohen
		Cousin Keely Ward
II H	Alice Bolton	Sister Rachel
	Jocelyn Crouch	Sister Michelle
III i	Noor Kassim	Sister Kasma
III V	Terry Cheng	Sister Tonia Tsang
	Suzy Nicolls	Sister Emma
	Natasha Watts	Sister Samantha
IV O	Natalie Bloom	Cousin Evelyn Tamman
		Cousin Denise Tamman
		Cousin Nora Tamman
	Samantha Garbutt	Mother Jane nee Pascoe
		Aunt Angela Webb
		Aunt Caroline Webb
		Aunt Rosemary George
		Cousin Melissa Webb
		Cousin Sophie George
IV P	Elizabeth Smith	Sister Charlotte
V F	Holly Garmston	Mother nee Susan Westerman
	Susie Hill	Aunt Ray Byrnes nee Dixon
V K	Susan Cheah	Sisters Linda and Michele
	Tina Cheng	See Terry III V

	Christine Proe	See Jackie Transition
	Anna Symonds	Aunt Margaret McAllen nee Symonds
V U	Jessica Taylow	Sister Eliza
	Rachel Hirschfeld	Mother nee Adrienne Allsworth
	Mia Garbutt	See Samantha IV O
VI	Janet Dodd	Father's cousin Sheila Walpole
	Amber George	Mother Rosemary George nee Pascoe
		Sister Sophie
		Cousin Melissa Webb
		Aunt Jane Garbutt nee Pascoe
	Katharine	
	Manktelow	Sister Elizabeth
	Vanessa Newton	Step-sister Eloise Scott-Wilson



**Upper Vth of Elliott House
Centenary Year, July, 1936**

Back Row: Dorothy Lethbridge, Marion Kitching, Frances Boughton, Viva Wilkins, Katherine Spackman, Joan Lafford.

Front Row: Jean Galbraith, Anne Davis, Pauline MacFie, Kathleen Cooper, Joyce Fawcett.

Please Note:

The Hon. Secretary has moved to:

17 Windsor Road,
Salisbury,
Wilts.
SP2 7DX.

Tel. No. 0722 337967. If she is not in, please leave a message on her answering machine — it's quite friendly and she will ring you back later.

NEWS OF OLD GIRLS

Libby Ager got married in the Summer of 1987 and now lives in Hove.

Yetunde Akisanya is now working back in Nigeria and has been in touch with **Jo Dwyer**.

Anne Barr has recently returned from a period of Travelling and plans to settle in London. When she was in Sydney she met **Sally-Anne Burt**. She is now working for Keith Prowse organising sporting events.

Ilsa Blumbergs is now married.

Aureol Bowerman is reading Education at Durham.

Karen Bowerman is reading Theology at St. Hugh's, Oxford.

Victoria Buckroyd is happily working for Edina Ronay, an English fashion designer, at her boutique in the King's Road, Chelsea.

Francesca Buckroyd got a 2:1 in History at Aberystwyth University. She is going to travel round the States for a few months before trying to get into publishing in London. After graduating she worked for a while on a magazine in Wales and also on Radio Wales.

Jenny Child qualified as a Doctor — and she and **Susan Harris** bumped into each other at Glyndebourne.

Felicity Corbin (Gill) lives in Jersey and has two daughters and a son. She is regularly in touch with **Ruth Pan**.

Jeanette Cureton (Smith) writes to Miss Conrady every Christmas. She was the first American exchange from St. Mary's Hall, Burlington, New Jersey, and Connie corresponds regularly with Mrs Slater, the former Head Mistress of that School.

Charlotte Doyle is still at Madrid University, working for a Ph.D. on the relationship between the Spanish theatre and cinema. She will be home for the Christmas holidays.

Jo Dwyer has recently finished her Ph.D. and now is Dr. Dwyer! Her subject was 'the religious internment of Hindu children', for which she studied at two temples in Leicester. She is now applying for a job in journalism.

Judith Firth is working as a Beautician in Florida.

Mrs Goosdell (ex School Secretary) is now working in the City.

Sara Gould has now returned from a wonderful trip to the United States where she was working for six months at a Beach Club in California.

Philippa Graham is now at Cardiff University.

Heather Hampson (Gillham) has moved to Worthing and has two daughters — Victoria who is two years old and Grace who is five months' old. The family has recently spent six months in Holland, and hope to be going abroad again from time to time, but Heather hope to be in Worthing occasionally and would love to hear from old friends.

Susan Harris having left S.M.H. in 1982 Susan has kept in touch with lots of her contemporaries, and hopes to organise a 'ten years on' reunion in 1992. She is training as an accountant with Legal and General and has spent a very interesting year in their tax department — a subject she hopes to specialise in later. She has bought a flat in London and is thoroughly enjoying life. Susan kindly passed on a splendid amount of information which we have printed in this section — thank you so very much!

Susan Hennings is working for the Water Research Centre and has been in Italy for some of this year sampling water for pesticide pollution.

Jane Hitchcock has joined Harrods as a graduate trainee and is enjoying life in London.

Ruth Holder is working in London and recently met **Anne Barr**.

Jane Hollinshead is working for BCCI in the City.

Tamsin Johnson is working as a Health Physicist at Bradwell Power Station and gave **Susan Harris** a very instructive tour round the reactor.

Laurie Jennings has got married.

Gaynor Jupe works for Lloyds Bank in the City and was involved in the Age of Chivalry Exhibition sponsored by Lloyds Bank.

Doreen Lai has got married and lives in Melbourne. She is doing a Ph.D. in Genetics.

Lisa Martin works for a market research company involved mainly with pharmaceuticals, and has some interesting trips overseas. She went to visit **Shona Freshley** in the States who has just remarried and was the first of their year to have a child.

Brigitte McAteer gained her Higher National Diploma in Mathematics, Statistics and Computing at Portsmouth Polytechnic in 1987.

Christine McGarry (Heaton) lives in Australia and has two grown up children — a boy and a girl!

Amy Mead (Law) 1912-1916 (her sister **Nora** was at the Hall 1919-1920.) Amy writes that her sister **Louisa** passed away in March, 1988 at the age of 90. Louisa married in 1921 and went to Canada where they had a very hard time. Her husband, Bill Sumner, and Louisa were back in England for War time, but then went back to Vancouver where they were very happy. Amy tells us that she unfortunately suffers badly from Parkinson's and has recently started to type. Thank you so much for writing to us Amy! Recently she rang **Margaret Egginton** to ask after **Audrey Baron**. She understands that Audrey is very well despite being blind, and that she keeps very cheerful living in a nursing home in Felixstowe. Apparently, another friend of the 1915-16 period was **Connie Shallard** who unfortunately died in October, 1987 Amy wonders if there are any more of her friends about? I am sure she would love to hear from you — Shovelstrode, Presteigne, Radnorshire, LD8 2NP.

Katharine Miller is still training as a nurse and her sisters **Fiona** and **Alison** have been living in Australia.

Juliet Morris is working for Sun Life Assurance Society in Bristol as a Management Trainee. She is to be married in May to a young man whom her sister Clare met in Israel. Jonathan was ordained recently and is now working in Chesterfield. Juliet is considering the possibility of working for a Diploma in Theology when she moves up there.

Clare Morris graduated from Cambridge with a degree in Natural Sciences, and she is now spending a year teaching in Kenya at a prep. school. Those who know her will

not be at all surprised to hear that she is teaching French, flute, piano, sport and remedial exercises.

Lucinda Morrison having graduated from Durham University is now enjoying a very full life in publishing. Last year she wrote a very good article in the School Magazine which we hope we may be able to reproduce in our Newsletter next year, permission having first been obtained!

Rima Outram (Finiefs) met Miss Conrady at Godolphin and Latymer School a few years' ago — Rima's daughter was a pupil at that time, and G. and L. was, of course, Connie's own old school!

Benice Rents has got married.

Katharine Ridley is engaged to Steven Clarke.

Eve Rothberg has got married.

Jo Sale has now got a flat near Hove seafront, of which she sees very little having been almost constantly in show-biz since 1981. She had a long run in 42nd Street, and more recently worked for R.S.C. at The Barbican. She has also had more than half a dozen t.v. appearances.

Mrs Shaw (Meads) is much better after her heart trouble.

Caroline Simmons drives all over the country training people on legal software.

Deborah Swan (Nevitt) 1957-64. Now lives in Australia and would love to hear from anyone who remembers her — address later in Newsletter.

Joyce Tinto (Colman) has done some travelling abroad this year — including a visit to **Marion Deschamps (Bucke)** at her home near Paris. In September Joyce went to Switzerland with friends driving through seven countries. She writes that she will be spending Christmas (88) once again in Australia with her daughter, her husband and two little boys.

Susan Vokins works for an accountancy recruitment firm in London and often sees **Carol Marley**.

Mei Teck Wong B.Sc. in Architecture II is U.C.L. She is starting an M. Sc. in Architecture: Building Design for Developing Countries.

Clare Wood now plays tennis for Britain and is included in the World listings.

Sophie Wysock-Wright (Grant) 1974-1983. Sophie went straight from the Hall to study music for three years at the London College of Music. In the summer of 1986 she graduated attaining her G.L.C.M.; a performer's diploma A.L.C.M. and teacher's diploma L.L.C.M. (T.D.) in piano. She married in September, 1986. She now lives in Haywards Heath and is working as a negotiator for Cluttons Chartered Surveyors. She writes that she is in touch with many old girls, but unfortunately did not send any news of them — maybe next year — please?!

ALTERATIONS TO NAMES AND ADDRESSES AND NEW MEMBERS. JANUARY - DECEMBER, 1988

* Miss A. C. Clarkson-Webb (Weston), 18 Ravenslea Road, London SW12 8RY.

† A Mrs J. Draffan, 9 Oaklands, South Godstone, Surrey RH9 5HX (1979-82)

* Mrs V. Ean Garner (Crowe), 23 Ashdown Way, Saxon Meadows, Romsey, Hants.

* Mrs C. Ferguson (Argent), Flat 2, 17 Limes Road, Cheriton, Folkestone, Kent CT19 4AU.

* Mrs C. Ford (Terleski), 34 Davidson Close, Gainsborough Meadows, Great Cornard, Sudbury.

* Mrs R. Gregson (McClaghry), Rydal, 14 Brook Way, Romsey, Hants. SO51 7JZ.

* Miss S. Harris, Top Flat, 22 Atheldene Road, Earlesfield, London SW18 3BW.

† * Mrs M. Hayhurst (McEwan), P.O. Box 176 (KBY), Kebayoran Baru, Jakarta Selatan, Indonesia.

- * Miss S. Hennings, 10 Copse Close, Marlow, Bucks. SL7 2NY (1975-82).
- † * Miss M. F. Hill.
- A Mrs K. Lacey (Marshall), 16 Bennett Drive, Hove, E. Sussex BN3 6UT.
- * Mrs A. Martin (Slaughter), 26 Buriton Road, Harestock, Winchester, Hants. SO22 6JB.
- † * Miss A. Miller, 5 Hogarth Road, Langney, Eastbourne, E. Sussex BN23 7NJ.
- * Mrs D. Swan (Nevitt), Poachers Pocket, Neilson Crescent, Darlington, W. Australia, 6070.
- † * Miss J. Wallis-Beer.
- † * Miss M. Warner.
- * Mrs J. Weston (Scatliff), Grafton Vale, The Green, Flempton, Suffolk IP28 6EL.
- A Miss D. J. Williams.
- * Mrs S. Wiscock-Wright (Grant), 29 Triangle Road, Haywards Heath, W. Sussex RH16 4HN.

DEATHS

Mary Elizabeth Jill Barker, in hospital on 30th June, 1988, aged 69. Devoted sister of Dr. Peter Baker.

Phillipa Gerrard-Wright, killed tragically in a road accident.

Mr C. E. M. Elliott.

Margot Moyle (nee Facer).

Louisa Sumner (new LAW 1912-1915), died March 19th 1988, aged 90 — eldest daughter of The Reverend W. L. M. and Mrs Law and sister of Amy and Nora.

Dennis John Cowing, on the 8th March, 1988.

* Life Members. † Staff. A. Annual Members.

OBITUARIES

PHILIPPA GERRARD-WRIGHT

Mrs Leslie, Miss Payne and I represented St. Mary's Hall at the Service of Thanksgiving held for Philippa at The Royal Memorial Chapel Sandhurst on Saturday 29th October, 1988. The Chapel was overflowing with Philippa's friends, including a number of those who knew her from her days at St. Mary's Hall.

PAMELA JAMES

Current Deputy Headmistress

If somebody asked me to describe the Philippa I knew at S.M.H. I would start by saying that I visualise her running down the main staircase, laughing merrily, with a bevy of friends in tow. I also remember her ability to sort out her priorities so that her studies were given a sensible proportion of her time.

When Philippa left S.M.H. in 1979 she had become Head of Adelaide House, she had taken part in performances of Carmina Burana and Orpheus and Eurydice, she had played an active part in many aspects of School life and she had obtained three 'A' levels. After a year at a Secretarial College in Cambridge, she embarked on a French degree course at Exeter. Having spent her third year in Paris working as an assistante, she returned for her final year and was awarded a 2:1 degree. After some years of secretarial work, she moved to a job as an Account Executive. Only this year did she finally decide that teaching was the right career for her, and she had obtained a place at the Roehampton Froebel Institute for this Autumn.

It is hard to realise that one so vital has died after a road accident, and yet who are we to say that Philippa's life was wasted? Those with memories of her, and experience of her exceptional gift for friendship will testify to the contrary. Her sister, Rosie, also a former pupil, as well as her parents and brothers, may be assured of the sympathy of all those connected with the School.

E.O. LESLIE

MR C.E.M. ELLIOTT

Since the publication of last year's Newsletter, I have heard of the death of Mr Charles Elliott who was Chairman of Governors during the whole time of my Headship. No Headmistress could have had a more thoughtful and kind Chairman. Even before I took up my duties, he invited me to have lunch with him in London in order to give me the opportunity of asking questions and getting to know him better so that we could work together for the school he loved, and with which he was so specially linked, being a direct descendent of the Founder.

I am so glad that the Elliott name is still preserved on the Governing Body.

D. CONRADY

MARY ELIZABETH JILL BAKER

It was the great sadness and sense of loss that I learned of Jill's death last June. Although it has been evident for some time that her health was declining, nevertheless her passing came as a shock. She is much missed by her brother, Dr Peter Baker and her many friends.

Jill was a day girl at S.M.H. from 1929-36, after which she attended the Eastbourne College of Domestic Science. During the War, from 1940-46 she worked at Bletchley Park, decoding enemy signals. After the War, she went to the Foreign Office and later to the Passport Office. Then she took early retirement in order to look after her mother, and finally shared a house in Croydon with her brother, to whom she was devoted.

She had many interests, including country pursuits, horses and travelling. She also took an active interest in the Royal Medical Benevolent Fund and was, at one time, Chairman of the Croydon Branch. The Church of England and Church matters claimed her attention, and there is no doubt that she was a deep believer in the Christian Faith.

Lastly, but not least, was her long devotion to S.M.H. For six years she served on the Committee of the Association, always ready to give her invaluable support and advice.

Those of us who knew Jill in the last few years of her life will have admired her great courage in the face of her failing health. She seldom spoke of her condition, even to her brother; in his own words she was "a marvellous cook and housewife". I am glad to say that Peter is gradually coming to terms with her loss.

Jill's outward view of life, her cheerful spirit, loyalty to friends and causes, and courage in facing adversity will remain as a lasting inspiration to many of us.

J.M.T.

MARGOT MOYLE (NEE FACER)

Margot Moyle came to the first S.M.H.A. luncheon in 1987 with her younger daughter, Bridget. Aged 86, she was one of the oldest S.M.H.A. members to attend. When her father resigned as Headmaster of the Kent College, Canterbury, to take Anglican Orders, Margot qualified for a place at St. Mary's Hall. She later married a Parish Priest and her two daughters also became pupils at S.M.H. Her husband's

last Parish was Somerton, Oxfordshire, where he was tragically killed in a road accident after nine months. Margot continued to live in Somerton until failing health compelled her to move to Kent to be near Bridget. Earlier this year Margot's older daughter, Jill, was shot dead by bandits while on a boat trip in Thailand. Although she had had to face many tragedies in the course of her eighty-eight years, Margot's faith was unwavering, and the great affection felt for her was obvious at the Memorial Service which was held in Somerton in the Autumn.

E.O. LESLIE

DENNIS JOHN COWING 1927-1988

In 1977 Mr Cowing was appointed Head of the Chemistry Department at St. Mary's Hall. For the next four years he established this branch of the Sciences on a very sound basis. Unfortunately, ill health cut short his work and he had to retire in 1983 after having an arterial by-pass operation in September, 1982.

Long before his retirement Dennis Cowing had won the respect and affection of the girls and the staff. It was with great sadness that we heard of his death on the 8th March.

Dennis Cowing was a person of sincerity and gentle charm. His interests were wide; they included a great love of music and drama; considerable knowledge of all types of transport, and he was a great lover of the countryside, particularly the wild grandeur of Northern Scotland. We can say with confidence that we are better and happier people than we would have been for having had him among us.

K. FARMER

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