

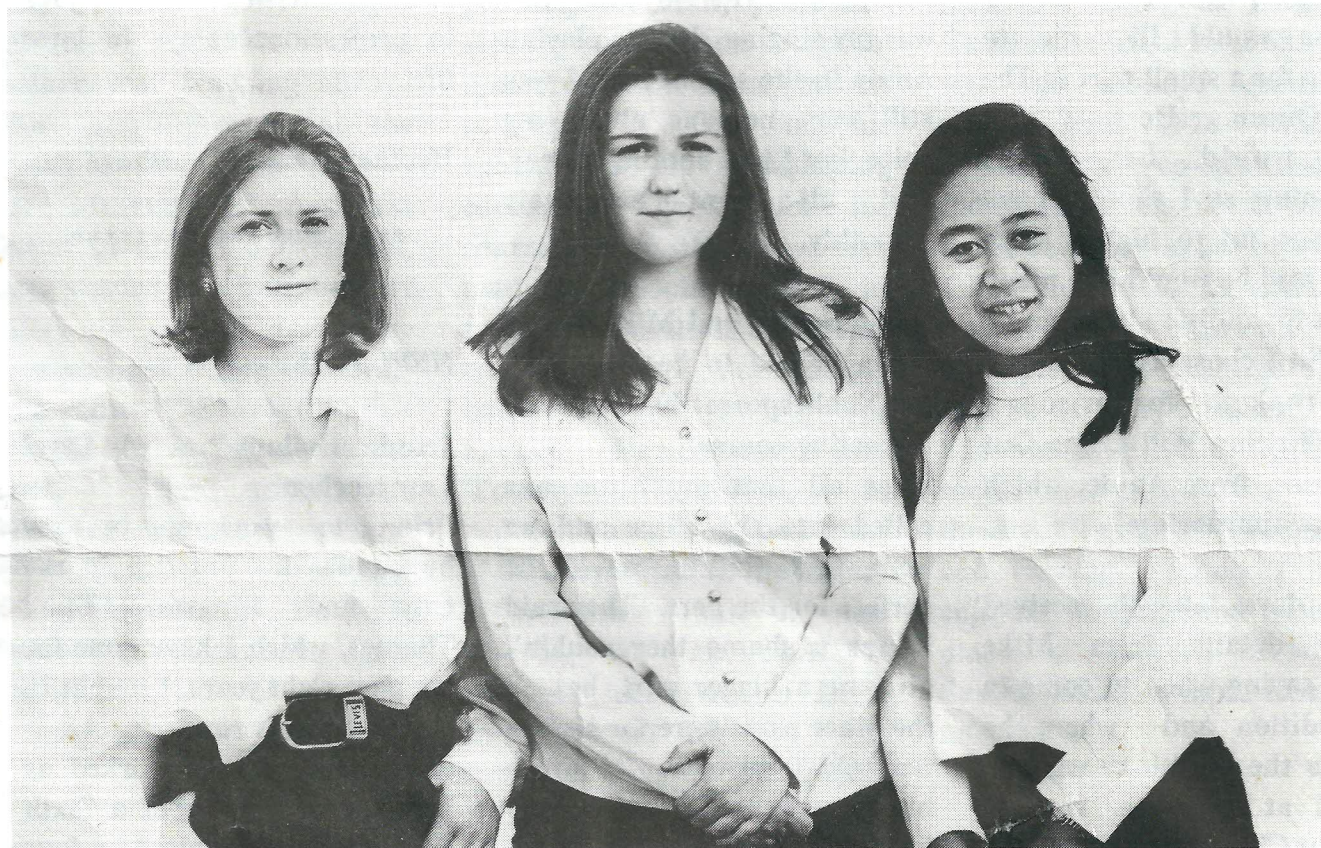
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**NEWS**

**ST MARY'S HALL·PARENTS·SCHOOL·ASSOCIATION**

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## **DID YOU KNOW THAT.....**



**JUDITH GREEN IS  
HEAD OF BOARDING AND**

**GEORGIA TROTT IS  
DEPUTY HEAD GIRL AND**

**NOOR KASSIM IS  
HEAD GIRL**

**Heather Goddard has a part in  
the Snow Queen.**

**It all started at the theatre  
course at the Gardener Arts  
Centre on the 24th of August  
this year.**

**When everyone arrived Mike  
Carter took us on a tour of the  
stage, which was very  
interesting. I had a really good  
time I learnt so much there,  
including Shakespearean acting,  
singing with movements and**

**audition pieces. We also  
worked in the workshop and  
painted the stage floor and we  
made a stage setting for the  
Shakespeare act, which was  
taken from A Midsummer  
Night's Dream. The course**

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went on for one week and on the last day we held a Review to show the work that we had done, it all went very well.

Then about one week later Mike Carter wrote to me saying that he would like me to audition for a small part in The Snow Queen. He said that there would be others auditioning, so I shouldn't get my hopes up too high. Mike Carter said he would like me to prepare an audition piece and a song. So I chose The Diary of Anne Frank and for my song I chose The Sun Will Come Out Tomorrow, from Annie, which was very appropriate!

A few days later I received further details from Mike Carter saying when to come to the audition and where he lived as the auditions were to be held at his house. He also said that Chris Newall would be there, a famous director in Sussex. By this time I was slightly nervous as it was my first audition for a professional play.

The day finally arrived and as my mum knocked on the door of Mike Carter's house, it finally hit me that I was going to meet Chris Newall. He turned out to be a really nice man and when my turn came to audition I felt perfectly at ease.

Mum stayed in the waiting room while I stepped into the posh office studio to start my audition.

The Diary of Anne Frank went really well. The only thing left was my singing, despite playing Annie in the school play, I was still very nervous about my voice, but I had nothing to fear, and all went extremely smoothly.

Chris Newall and Mike Carter lastly wanted to hear some of the Shakespeare that I did on the acting course.

After all that my Mum was called into the office and we were told that I would be perfect for the part. They said it was a shame they couldn't give me a bigger part, but all the other parts were for sixteen year olds and over. Although my part is small it is very important as I open the show.

I play a girl who has to sing a song and spring a few surprises. but I will not tell you what exactly I do, you'll have to come along and find out for yourself.

Performances are from the 9th of December to the 2nd of January, excluding Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

I can't tell you how excited and

happy I am. I can't wait till rehearsals start. This is very important to me as it means I will be working with professionals and I will be getting my union card which can help me to get further jobs in professional plays in later life.

Heather Goddard 4P

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## NEW STAFF

**Jennie Hallam-Peel -A Level Law teacher**

Prior to working in my husband's law practice in the City and Kingston Upon Thames, which I have done for the past eight years, I taught in ILEA schools and in Adult Education. I then worked as Director of Studies at a Sixth Form College, followed by four years as Head of School in Hove.

In 1984 I left teaching to train in Law with a local firm before working in my husband's practices.

I have four children, two boys who are reading Law at University and two girls at school. My interests are travelling whenever possible, opera, ballet and the theatre.

**Robin Johnson- Economics and Business Studies**

Born London, brought up in Scotland. Went to Germany to teach EFL for one year before going up to East Anglia University in 1970. Spent another year teaching abroad before starting work at the British Museum, then Imperial War Museum as Assistant Keeper in the art department. Later started own business, art gallery in central London. Gave up just before overdraft gave out. Started fire extinguisher business with ex-artict. Also worked as photographer, taxi-driver and sailing instructor. Teaching EFL, Commerce, Business Studies and Economics since 1982.

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**Frank Honoré - History Department**

Frank Honoré has come to St Mary's Hall with many years experience as a History teacher both in the private and state sector. Frank graduated in 1973 from School of Slavonic and East European Studies (London University) and has maintained a life-long interest in East European affairs as well as more conventional history. He moved to Brighton 12 years

ago when he decided to train as a teacher and has worked in a number of local schools, most recently at the Brighton and Hove Sussex Vith Form College. He has also tutored privately for many years and recently has formed a tutors co-operative with some of his colleagues. One of his specialities is developing educational games for his courses, two of which have been used in schools as well as appearing on television. Frank has also had two history booklets published- "The French Revolution" and "Poverty 1750-1900". In addition to working part time at St Mary's Hall in the history department, Frank is also studying for an M.A. at Brighton University in Local and Regional History. His specialist areas are "The Impact of the French Revolution on Sussex" and "The development of the Jewish community in the Brighton and Hove area".

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**Michael Clarkson**

I was sent away to preparatory school in Windemere and then at 13 to St Bees School in Cumbria. I read Classics and Theology at Durham and stayed on for theological training. Ordained 1962 and priested the following year. I served 2

assistant curacies during which time I was involved in youth work and chaplain to Lancaster Prison for 3 years. I took my Postgraduate Certificate of Education in 1967-68 and started teaching at Kirkham Grammar School in 1968. this was an all-boys grammar school until 1978 when it became a co-educational independent school. It had a small boarding house of which I had charge for 11 years. I eventually moved to Hurstpierpoint College and then to St Mary's Hall. I still like watching sport especially soccer and cricket. I enjoy theatre, films, music, gardening and reading. Lately I have enjoyed walking and visiting places of interest, of which Sussex possesses more than its fair share.

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**Anne Michelmore**

Before I left Australia late September I was warned about the freezing temperatures, over Christmas particularly, but had no idea I would be shivering, suffering a minus 3°C night at the beginning of October.

Apart from being somewhat unprepared for the cold evenings, the days have been magic at times, not unlike days we have back home but obviously much cooler.

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When I arrived at St Mary's Hall after a 24 hour flight and losing my luggage, I began thinking to myself "what have I done". Teaching Physical education in Australia may have been a better idea but to my delight I am having the most wonderful time at St Mary's Hall and in England. Everyone has been so welcoming and friendly which has made me feel very much at home. I was unsure about living with 50 girls in St Hilary but being there and a part of school life has been great.

I feel at home here in Brighton and I would like to stay here for a time. I have 2 sisters - one in London and another in Switzerland which is another reason for staying but I would ideally like to teach physical education in England to gain experience with your education system.

I have done various practice teaching appointments throughout Australia but have enjoyed none more than my experience here at St Mary's Hall. The girls are delightful and a pleasure to teach. I would like to extend my thanks to all staff and girls for making me feel so welcome in your school and your country. I would love a visit from everyone if you ever make it down under.

## SPORT AT ST MARY'S HALL

### County Lacrosse

U18 "B" Squad - Caroline Green, Ciar O'Hare

Caroline Green and Ciar O'Hare who are only 15 got into the under 18 Sussex Lacrosse Squad.

U15 "A" Team - Clare Newman, Sian Harvey (Vice Cpt)

U15 "B" Team - Katie Ball (Cpt), Laura Harvey, Jo Graves, Louisa Canavan

Although the 6th formers at Lancing College beat us at Netball our Lacrosse Team managed to beat them by 4 goals to 3 even though only 3 members of the team are 6th formers.

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### TENNIS DRIVE

On Saturday the 17th of October Dr. Jackson and her husband kindly organised a tennis tournament for those parents who wished to brave the early autumn chill and make the most of the last few tennis playing days of the year.

There were fourteen energetic parents whose stamina was tested by playing for three hours albeit with short breaks between each round of the competition. At four o'clock there was a most welcome intermission for tea and time for everyone to chat to each other before embarking upon the final round of the day. All those who took part appeared to have had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

We are hoping to hold another tennis drive in the spring, if we can get enough support from tennis playing parents of any standard.

The P.S.A. extends its thank to Dr. Jackson and her husband for all their hard work and for making this event so successful.

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### HOUSE NEWS

Bristol House - Naomi Slater  
UVI (Head)

Sport - Last term we won the tennis/rounders cups

We also won the interhouse shield for the most house points (based on merits and superstars from all girls in the house). We also won the General Knowledge competition

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**Fund Raising-** This term our chosen charity is Leukaemia Research. Girls sell chocolate bars at break to raise money, in addition to cake sales, usually one either side of half-term.

I've also asked girls to bring in used stamps, foreign notes/coins and unused petrol tokens which I send to a man called David Bunn, based at Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, who devotes his time to raising money for children with Leukaemia. In the past 7 years he has raised £100,000 and we are helping him to increase that amount. We do not receive any money from him for the stamps/coins that we send but as it is our house charity, we are willing to help in whatever way we can.

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## School Outings

On 6 October the 5th year went to London. It was a busy day because in the morning we went to the Imperial War Museum and then in the afternoon to the Houses of Parliament. We had a talk by the Clerk to the Court and had a guided tour of the House of Commons and the House of Lords.

The Lower Vth year History of Art group visited the National

Gallery and the Tate Gallery on the 6 October. They concentrated on the early Renaissance paintings in the Sainsbury wing of the National Gallery. At the Tate Gallery they studied the paintings of Bonnard, the Cubists and the Fauves.

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## PSA Sponsored Dog Walk

A very big thank you to those members of the PSA who organised this event. The total amount of money raised was £144.20 and we have been able to purchase sleeping bags for the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme.

Olive Ridge

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## Classics

On Friday 26 September Mrs Thomason was invited to give an extra curricular lecture to the members of Brighton College's VI form archaeological Society. The subject was "Kalos K'Agathos" the Beautiful and the Good. The place of masculine love in the ancient world. The audience was most appreciative and a considerable amount of note taking was observed - not of the pupils but of the staff!

## Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme - Silver Training Weekend - 4-6 September

Sixteen members of the V form took part in the Silver Award Scheme's training weekend on the Isle of Wight. It is hoped that all of these students will participate in the Silver Expedition next June.

Olive Ridge.

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## CLASS OF '82 REUNION

In the summer of '82, those of us in the UVI - poised to embark on life 'post SMH' were busy promising each other that not only would we keep in touch, but we would meet again, 10 years on, in 1992.

Last month we did just that. Approximately 30 of us 'almost 30 somethings', who attended SMH between 1976 - 1982, congregated at school to see what the last 10 years had held in store. It was surprising really, how little anything had changed - except we looked ten years older and the staff looked younger!

It was a highly enjoyable evening (albeit somewhat nerve wracking at first).

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I know that I speak for all who were able to make it as I first thank Susan Harris (Headgirl 1981) and her helpers for taking the time to organise us all once again! Secondly, thank the school for daring to host the evening (we did behave though, didn't we) and last but certainly not least, congratulate Pam James, our English teacher, on becoming Head Mistress - an appointment well deserved.

Gaynor Jupe



## JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

In August a group of girls from Elliott House went to Hyde House near Wareham in Dorset for an adventure holiday. Their first activity was water-skiing which Nicola Walters described in her diary as follows:

We practised bending our knees while keeping our arms straight in front of us. It was quite difficult. Some people managed to water-ski first time, I did it on my last chance. Everyone had a go on a bar beside the boat then we could have gone on the rope behind the boat or on the doughnut. The doughnut is like a big

rubber ring with a bottom. We sat in the doughnut and it was attached to the back of the boat. Some people went on the rope but I was too scared so I went on the doughnut. It was really fun.

After lunch we did archery. We were shown how to use the bow and arrow. I hit the red circle but Katie White hit the yellow circle which was a bullseye. We played lots of games in teams but my team did not win.

After tea we did Orienteering. We were given a map and we had to find twenty-four red and white squares with numbers on. Amy and Maddy found sixteen and they won. When I was in bed I fell straight to sleep. The following day culminated in an assault course.....

'We warmed up in puddles of mud and then we went on to the assault course,' recorded Adele Hussain in her diary. 'It was brilliant and everyone got completely covered in mud. We went for a swim in the lake afterwards so we could get a little clean. After this we had a proper shower!



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If there is anything you need to know about the PSA Committee or would like to volunteer your help in any way please contact one of the above for further information. We are always looking for volunteers!!



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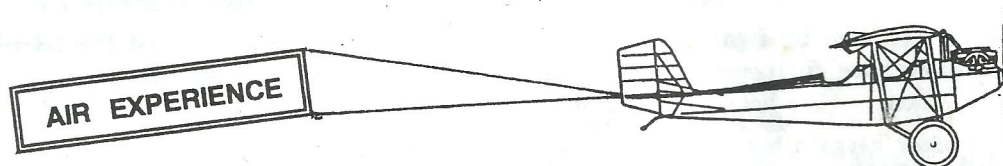
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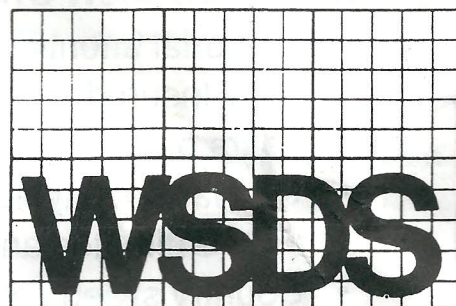
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