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EDITORIAL

Many thanks to all those who have contributed news and letters, some of which I have had to edit, owing to lack of space. May I ask that if any OGs meet up during the year, they send a brief account for the magazine? I was very amused this year to receive a letter from Joanna Sunman (Sayer), which began "Dear Miss Morrison" - how well I remember going in fear and trembling of Jo when I was in Trans and she was Head Girl! Also a letter from Miss Miller saying "Remember me?"; how could we ever forget.... I would like to say an especial thank you to Penny Gardiner for compiling much of the News of Old Girls and Staff, and for sending out extra mailshots about last year's Spring and September Reunions, which by all accounts helped to boost numbers. I am sorry that I was unable to attend either event, but do hope I shall make it this year (work and weddings permitting).

MELANIE MORRISON Hon. Editor

LETTER FROM OLIVE LESLIE

Dear SMHA Members

This year, once more, I am in South Africa enjoying a summer while winter reigns at home. It is a wonderful treat to get out here, but I always defend our varied weather in the British Isles, which adds spice to life. When I return in the Spring, I intend, all being well, to visit Brighton for the revamped (and, I hear, very successful) SMHA luncheon, as well as the Garden Party. I do hope I shall see many of you at one or both of these events.

As time goes by and many more of you become career women, I am delighted to hear of your exploits, either from you, your friends or even through the media. One distinguished Old Girl whom many of you will remember came to a luncheon party I gave after Christmas. She is Dame Mildred Riddelsdell, who was a top Civil Servant during stirring times and still thinks - and speaks - as incisively as ever. She was a School Governor for many years, one of the numerous clergy daughters who attended SMH in those days, and she always speaks with great affection of the old school. One can tell what people are really like by their attitude to their schooldays!

With best wishes to you all, especially this year when we prepare to celebrate the Millennium, with all that it signifies, and love from

OLIVE LESLIE

LETTER FROM PAMELA JAMES

Dear Friends

Although members of the SMHA are scattered literally over the world, all at one period of their lives spent some time in Brighton. I thought, therefore, that it might interest you to have news of two Brighton landmarks.

The sad news first. On Tuesday 24th November, just after 8 a.m., a devastating fire broke out in the Royal Albion Hotel - the hotel that curved elegantly from the Steine to the sea-front, by the Palace Pier roundabout. Flames billowed from the roof and a pall of acrid smoke

hung over the surrounding area. Fortunately, most of the hotel guests were at breakfast, and all were quickly evacuated, with no casualties. However, the fire took a firm hold and firemen had to have recourse to sea-water to fight it.

The Albion Hotel had stood in that central position since the 1820s. It became the 'Royal' Albion in the 1840s, possibly because of its connection with Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's consort, who was patron of the Royal Literary and Scientific Institution, whose meetings were held at the Albion. In the nineteenth century, the Royal Albion was very much at the centre of Brighton's cultural life. Now, a week after the fire, the structural safety of what remains of the building is being assessed. Only when that has been done can decisions about its future be made. And the initial cause of the devastation? - a frying-pan fire, as breakfast was cooked in the kitchen.

Now to a happier story, set again on Brighton sea-front - or rather, off it. For I write of Brighton's West Pier. With the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund, English Heritage and Brighton and Hove Council, the future of the West Pier, built in the 1860s, has been secured and plans for its restoration are well under way. It lifts the heart to see WEST PIER in bold lights shining out over the sea once more - and at the moment the pier is crowned with a glittering Christmas tree as well. The West Pier is Britain's only Grade One listed pleasure pier, and 'seaside architecture at its finest'. It is planned that it be restored to the appearance and style of its heyday in the 1920s.

As a Brightonian born (though not bred), I love the architectural delights and variety of the town - and, indeed, the variety of so many aspects of its life. It is a great privilege now that I am retired to have more time to appreciate such things.

My affection and every best wish to you all.

PAMELA JAMES

HEADMISTRESS'S LETTER

Dear Friends

As we approach the end of my second Autumn Term, I am pleased to let you know that I now feel very much a part of St Mary's Hall and have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the pupils and staff during my first year as Headmistress. It has not been an easy year, but it is a mark of the strength and resilience of the School community that we all pulled together and life went on, despite the tragic events of the Summer Term.

As you know, the Governor's Assisted Places Scheme was withdrawn this year and for the first time we have awarded fifteen of the new St Mary's Hall Assisted Places to pupils entering various year groups in the Senior School. This has ensured that the opportunity of an education at St Mary's Hall continues to be offered to able and deserving girls.

Much work has gone on this year to improve our buildings and facilities. Reception has moved from Room H to the old Middle School Library, which in turn has moved upstairs to Room R; Room H is now a History classroom. Part of the Elliott House basement has been transformed into a wonderful new Junior Design Technology workshop. The former Junior DT room has now become a second Senior DT room and Room F has been converted and equipped as the second Information Technology room. Room N has been refurbished to provide another Biology laboratory. We intend to embark upon the refurbishment of the remaining laboratories during 1999. Other plans for this year include extending computers to the libraries and other areas which will be connected to the internet, as well as improving staff facilities. A regrettable sign of the times is that there are now security locks on all the exterior doors. These have proved to be an essential security measure, and the Bursar keeps us all on our toes by regularly changing the codes! The ladies cloakroom (we have two, don't despair!) has been changed into a new office for the Assistant Bursar and the Marketing Officer; their original office - Room S - will become an additional classroom for the English department, within easy reach of the Library. The second staff room (which is now situated in the basement) has been converted into an office for the Second Deputy.

We have welcomed several new staff. In the Senior School, Mrs Jackie Miles joined us to teach Latin and History; Mr Ken Lawrence has joined the Theatre Studies Department; and Mr Peter Freer teaches Economics in the Sixth Form. In Elliott House, you will be sad to hear that Mrs Juliet Lyon has retired as a class teacher for health reasons, but she is continuing as a piano teacher and we are delighted that she is still with us. She will be greatly missed as a most conscientious class teacher in Elliott and she made a tremendous contribution to the development and running of the Elliott library, for which we are extremely grateful. In Gloucester House, Miss Elaine Holman has changed her role as Secretary of the PSA to be Class Assistant in Reception. Mrs Denise Denbigh has joined Mrs Jill Winterton in After School Care.

Father Andrew Manson-Brailsford and Father Colin Midlane are our new School Chaplains. Father Andrew is vicar and Father Colin curate at St George's Church, Kemp Town. We are delighted to share St Mark's Chapel with the congregation of St George's while their own church building undergoes an extensive building programme. We are also pleased that the link with St George's has been strengthened with the new chaplaincy. The new organ in St Mark's has greatly enhanced our worship and our concerts and is enjoyed both by the School and the Church congregation. It was dedicated by the Venerable William Filby, Archdeacon of Horsham, at a special service in October. The Chapel is now very much in demand as a concert venue and we were delighted to welcome John Rutter, who ran a memorable workshop for 300 people as part of the Brighton Festival.

In my report at the AGM, I described the SMHA events this year and my delight in rediscovering alumnae who are not necessarily members of the Association - (but who might be persuaded!). Tremendous progress has been made with the database, thanks to Penny Gardiner, and there has been a welter of response to Penny's mailshots. This is very exciting. The resource in terms of expertise is invaluable. Penny herself has come to School to address the Young Enterprise about how to run a business; and Penny Barnes, who is Fund-raiser for Marie Curie Cancer Care, addressed the School in Chapel and promised as many daffodil bulbs for the garden as pounds raised by the school for the charity. The concert in November at St Peter's Church celebrated fifty years of Marie Curie Cancer Care. The programme included music, poetry and drama presented by pupils and staff, and the whole

event was a wonderful example of SMH and SMHA collaboration in aid of a most worthwhile cause. I hope there will be similar occasions in the future. Indeed, some of you have enjoyed taking part in the creative writing workshops run by our Head of English, Mrs Liz Fincham, in preparation for our anthology for the Millennium. This is another way in which pupils past and present can work together on a joint project.

I look forward very much to seeing you at forthcoming events. In the meantime, may I express my sincere thanks to those who are striving to maintain and develop the network of the SMHA.

SUSAN MEEK

TREASURER'S REPORT

As we had hoped, Subscriptions increased this year; in fact, they almost doubled. As this represents 84% of our income, it is very important that we encourage as many pupils as possible leaving St Mary's Hall to join the SMHA. I am sure that, with Mrs Meek's enthusiasm and more interest and input from the members, this will be an on-going trend now. Income from the Raffle continues to improve and with the new database now in operation, we look forward to more members attending these functions and thus swelling our Raffle coffers further!

Printing, Postage and Stationery costs were held this year. However, I am anticipating an increase in these costs next year.

My thanks to Margaret (Payne) for organising the Raffle at both the May and September functions, and to Chris Elkins for his help in auditing these accounts.

FRANCES BEARN (Moojen) Hon. Treasurer

SMHA TRADING ACCOUNT AS AT 31 AUGUST 1998

Receipts

Subscriptions	£1,621.50
Lunches/Suppers	104.50
Donation	1.00
Raffle	74.00
Sale of List	3.00
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	£1,804.00

Expenditure

Printing Costs	£732.77
Lunches/Suppers	144.50
Postage/Stationery	318.71
Flowers	42.98
AROPS	18.00
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	£1,256.96

Interest:

Bank	£23.93
CBF	£620.46
CBF Share Dividend	£82.58

Profit for

96/97 £1,274.01

Totals:

£2,530.97 £2,530.97

BALANCE SHEET

Assets at 31.8.98

Capital at Start of Year	£11,294.79	Barclays Deposit A/C	£1,860.17
Add Profit for Year	1,274.01	Barclays Current A/C	129.39
	<hr/>	CBF Deposit A/C	9,151.24
		CBF Shares	
		(238 @ £6)	<u>1,428.00</u>
	<u>£12,568.80</u>		<u>£12,568.80</u>

HEAD GIRL'S REPORT

This past year has been a full and successful one, with many musical concerts, theatrical performances, cultural events and sporting achievements.

The year started on a real high when the Young Enterprise Company,

'Class Act', staged a fashion show 'Through the Ages'. The evening was a great success and there were surprise performances from Elvis, the Original *Grease* Cast and the Teletubbies.

The Sixth Form have caught the theatre bug and, after last year's successful trip to *Grease*, the musical, we have decided to see *Saturday Night Fever* at the London Palladium. We hope this trip will be just as enjoyable.

The Music Department has had a very busy term. There have been concerts by the Chamber Choir at Sussex University and an enjoyable evening in aid of The Marie Curie Cancer Fund at St Peter's Church in Brighton. We are looking forward to the Christmas Concert and the candle-lit Carol Service, both of which are very popular events.

The Sponsored Walk for Life in memory of Jack Williamson and Kerry Edwards was a huge success. Although the morning of the walk was freezing, many staff, pupils, parents (and dogs) enthusiastically walked along the South Downs Way, raising a total of £2000 in aid of The National Meningitis Trust, The British Heart Foundation and The Jack Williamson Memorial Prize for Progress in Mathematics.

Rehearsals for this year's School play, *Our Country's Good* by Timberlake Wertenbaker, are in full swing. The cast is working tirelessly to put on a production of the usual high quality and the back-stage crew are finding props and writing endless lists.

Our most recent success has been a Cultural Evening. Girls and staff of different nationalities took part in this event. We were able to taste many different cuisines from all over the world and the highlight of the evening was a chance to see all the different styles of dress presented to traditional music.

Finally, congratulations to the under-12 netball team for winning the Lavant House-Rosemead Netball Tournament. They remain undefeated and we are extremely proud of them!

As you can see, the school year has been a very busy one so far. There have been many successes and we hope this trend will continue throughout the rest of the year.

JODIE GRAHAM Head Girl 1998-9

REUNION LUNCH SATURDAY 9TH MAY 1998

It is rather odd to realise that, as I write this piece just one day removed from the event, you will be reading the words nearly a year hence, in 1999. However, there will be a similar reunion planned for May 1999 to which Headmistress Sue Meek and her staff and boarders will surely warmly welcome us all.

From inauspicious beginnings, the 1998 Spring Reunion matured into a great success. Last minute publicity drew in new faces and the extended programme was great fun. The sea roke made the 12 noon start a little chilly, but by the close at 4pm the sun had emerged for a warm, glorious spring afternoon in Kemp Town.

A ploughmans lunch was served by Mr Chris Elkins (Bursar) and Mr Liddell in the dining room and the Reunion lunchers were joined by staff and boarders from St Hilary. The decibel level rose as news was exchanged and old friendships were renewed. There was a stronger than usual 1930s contingent this year - **Jean Robertson, Mary Clements (Reeson), Kathleen Lacey (Marshall)** with her husband - all from Chichester House. This delightful group are contemporaries of my Mother, **Sheila Allison (Humphrys)** and I had brought her autograph book with me. There was much interest in identifying and recalling the pupils who were signatories over 60 years ago amongst whom, I am told, is violinist Nigel Kennedy's mother. Also present from the pre-war era were **Diana Gosnell (Moore)** and **Kathleen Chambré**, two of the most constant supporters of Reunion gatherings. In the 1998 magazine, Kathleen asked "where are all you shirkers?" - she is certainly no shirker, having been to 99.99% of Reunions, travelling by train from her home in Fishbourne despite, as she puts it, being a bit decrepit! Kathleen, at 80++, you're allowed a little bit of decrepitude!

Also present at lunch were **Anne Stapleton (Gosnell)**, daughter of Diana Gosnell (Moore), **Frances Bearn (Moojen)** and myself, all of the 1963 year, along with **Liz Gartside (Clements)** 1971 and **Sue Bruce-Smith (Clements)** 1967, daughters of Mary Clements (Reeson) above. **Anne Commis (Levisseur)** 1976 was making a first visit to an SMHA "do" and it was wonderful to see **Jo Grey (French)** (1983-1988) accompanied by her husband and baby daughter, Lois. Ex-staff members were represented by **Miss Laura Bristol**

(*Latin*), **Mrs Valerie Boyes** (*Geography and English*) and **Miss Margaret Payne** (*History and St Hilary Housemistress*), along with present staff member and ex-SMH pupil **Miss Jo Podd** (1977-1984).

During the day, we also saw **Elizabeth Terry**, **Heather Goddard** (-1977), **Karen Norrish** (1974-1980), **Clover Arnold**, **Kate Morrison** (-1997) and **Olivia Lipscombe**.

Lunch was followed by various activities - rounders, croquet, tours of the school - or just plain gossiping in the sunshine, all excellently organised by Debbie Easterbrook. Other Old Girls and Staff joined in during the afternoon, **Mrs Kathleen Milton (Farmer)** (*ex-Geography*), **Philippa Biles (Graham)** (1978-1984) and her baby daughter. At 3pm we all gathered in St Mark's Chapel for a truly delightful organ recital by Charles Macdonald on the newly, not quite completely, installed organ. Charles had us all spellbound, even little Lois, and to the strains of Bach's *Air on a G String*, we moved to the transept for delicious cream teas provided by the PSA, the parent's association of St Mary's Hall. Here again, Miss Margaret Payne organised the second raffle of the day, the first having been at lunch.

I am sure you would all agree that St Mary's Hall nurtures and develops a very special kind of woman, one who is independent, intelligent, free thinking, honest, free from airs and graces, and those qualities particularly shine out when Old Girls and Ex-Staff get together with current pupils and staff. We all owe a lot to our school and I strongly believe that we owe it to our successors to put something back in when we have the opportunity. What a lovely day the Spring Reunion was and it was such a pleasure to see various husbands and offspring in the context of the school that educated and formed their wives and mothers.

Our thanks to Sue Meek, Headmistress, and helpers, all of whom contributed so freely of their time to making the Spring 1998 Reunion a very special day. Many Old Girls and Staff sent apologies for absence and often some news as well, all of which is reported in the NEWS OF OLD GIRLS AND STAFF. Keep it coming - your contributions are valued.

PENNY GARDINER (BUCK)

**MINUTES OF THE 81ST ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING HELD AT THE SCHOOL ON SATURDAY
19TH SEPTEMBER 1998 AT 6.15 P.M.**

Present: Mrs S Meek, Chairman

Committee: Mrs F Bearn, Mrs V Boyes, Miss Jodie Graham, Mrs P James, Mrs O Leslie, Miss M Payne, Miss J Podd, Mrs A Stapleton

Members: Miss L Bristol, Mrs A Commin, Mrs K Cook, Miss M Corscaden, Mrs P Gardiner, Mrs S Humphrys, Miss O Lipscombe, Miss K Morrison, Mrs A Nelson, Mrs C Powell, Mrs J Wray

Apologies were received from Mrs G Blake, Miss K Chambré, Miss D Conrady, Mrs D Gosnell, Mrs J Johnson, Miss M Morrison, Miss A Rollinshaw, Mrs J Wharton.

The Meeting opened with the SMHA prayer and a warm welcome back to Mrs James as a Vice President.

The Minutes of the last AGM having been circulated were taken as read and signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising.

Mrs Meek gave her report [edited for space]:

Penny Gardiner's mailshot before the May meeting had helped to make the afternoon very successful and enjoyable for Old Girls and families.

The School was delighted with the results of the summer's public examinations. Given the difficulties which last year's Fifth had to cope with in dealing with the deaths of both Mr Jack Williamson and Kerry Edwards, Mrs Meek considered their achievements to be outstanding and a great credit to them and to the staff.

At A level the pass rate was 93.3%, compared with the national average of 87.8%. 14 subjects had 100% pass rates; 30% were grade A or B. Outstanding results were gained by Amoret Abis - English A, Music A, Art B, and by Christina Wong - Chemistry A, Physics A, Maths A. Amoret will read Music at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, whilst Christina has been offered a place at King's College, London, to read Pharmacy.

GCSE pass rates were also excellent, with five pupils achieving seven or more As, four of whom gained A* grades.

As the Hon. Editor was not present, there was no report, but a message was passed on thanking everyone for their help and support in Melanie's first year as Editor and asking for contributions to the Newsletter by 1st December.

Mrs Meek thanked Frances and Melanie for their work as Treasurer and Editor, and Penny Gardiner said how much the Association appreciated the help the School had given with the Summer and Autumn mailshots.

Various ideas for the future of the SMHA were put forward and discussed, including targetting particular age groups for meetings, links with the Parent School Association, input into careers evenings, work experience places, a swimming club, gift days and contact with isolated older members in nursing homes.

Moyra Corscaden and Penny Gardiner spoke of the writing workshop group's disquiet about the disappearance of the motto from the School crest on writing paper and advertisements. Apparently, it does not reproduce well and was not the original motto - Tim Elliott is to look into the origins of the motto.

Dates of Future Meetings are Saturday 15th May 1999, with special emphasis on pre-war Old Girls, and Saturday 18th September 1999.

The Meeting ended with the School Prayer.

FROM PENNY GARDINER (née BUCK) (1960-1965)

Although I was honoured to be asked, it was with some reservations that I recently allowed my name to go forward as a prospective member of the Governing Body of St Mary's Hall. My concerns centred around suitability and availability, but I have now experienced my first Governors' meeting on 4th December 1998 and, although I am not wholly reassured on either count, I am certainly willing to give it a go.

There are currently two OGs on the Governing Body, the other being

Susan Roller (née Harris) (1975-1982), who has particular expertise on the financial side and is Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee. Susan has been a Governor for three years. I would like to think that part of my role as an OG Governor will be to foster links between the SMHA membership and the School. The Governors meet three times a year and at each meeting there will be an opportunity to raise appropriate matters. Please write, telephone or e-mail me as follows: Handsel Farm, Staplecross, Robertsbridge, East Sussex TN32 5SH ENGLAND Home Tel No: 01580 830477 Office Tel No: 01992 716500 E-mail: 101473,234@compuserve.com

MOTTO

“BEFORE HONOR IS HUMILITY”

**School Motto as currently used on the cover of the
SMHA magazine**

There has been much concern expressed from OGs resulting from the omission of the school motto from the newly redesigned school logo. The motto was omitted for a number of reasons related to presentation and perception, and the redesigned logo has been used on all recent publicity material and letterheads. It is also evident on various noticeboards and labels both within and without the school.

As a result of the concern expressed by a number of OGs, the Governors asked Jean Roberts, Archivist for St Mary's Hall, to research the motto. She did so and all is not as simple as it seems.

The earliest mention Jean has so far found of this school motto is in 1904, the previous motto being: "Aim high and always try once oftener than you fail". Jean also found that "our" motto has had some changes of form over the years from:

1904	Before Honour is Humility
1939	Before Honor Humility
???	Before Honor is Humility

Notice the change of spelling of Honour to Honor and the dropping and reintroduction of "is". If anyone has any other information about the motto, please do let SMH know. Tel: 01273 606061.

The Headmistress and the Governors would like to reassure all OGs that the motto they know has not been dropped or changed and will still be used on appropriate occasions.

DEBATE

Many OGs feel passionately about the motto, some that it has been a guiding light in their lives. Do you feel like this? Or do you feel that those words were a negative influence for you or may be for others? It has been suggested that a formal debate is arranged for the SMHA May 1999 Reunion, of which the subject would be the meaning and appropriateness of the motto for 21st Century women. Do you have views you would like to express or contribute, in writing or in person? If so, please let me know as soon as possible. Don't let apathy rule! Do it today. Thank you.

CLASS OF 1980 MILLENNIAL REUNION

Did you leave SMH in 1980 (or after O Levels in 1978)? We are planning a Grand Reunion to celebrate "20 years on" from SMH, in the year 2000. The reunion will take place in June 2000 at a venue in London.

Please get in touch with **LUCINDA MORRISON** at 15 Almeric Road, London SW11 1HL Tel: 0171 223 0190 / E-mail: lmorrison@nationaltheatre.org.uk, or **KATH CLARKE (née RIDLEY)** at Honeypot Cottage, Hannington, Tadley, Basingstoke, Hants RG26 5UA Tel: 01635 298273.

NEWS OF OLD GIRLS AND STAFF

Allsworth, Adrienne Hirshfeld (1954-1963) is a psychotherapist, having been a teacher of PSE and has offered to talk to SMH about the difficulties of being a late 20th century female considered from the emotional viewpoint. Adrienne sends greetings to Laura Bristol and Michael Wells.

Alsop, Veronica Smith (1953-1962) was unable to attend the September Reunion but will try to come in the future.

Ayling, Mary Gibbs (1953-1962) was unable to attend the Spring Reunion but sent her thoughts and prayers to the school and to the family of the pupil who contracted meningitis in May and, sadly, died. Mary is a school nursing sister and understands the devastation that bereavement causes in a school community.

Ball, Joanna (1984-1991) After leaving SMH did her degree at Swansea. She was awarded the Winnington-Ingram Library Trainee post at the Institute of Classics in London; undertook an MA in Library Studies at University College, London; was Senior Library Assistant at the Classical Faculty Library in Cambridge; and in 1998 was appointed as Librarian of the Whipple Museum of the History of Science.

Barakat, Hoda Shunnar was working in London until February 1995, when she left to get married to Saleh Shunnar, who is from Dubai. They have a son, Moawiya. Hoda is currently a Partner in a Law Firm in the United Arab Emirates called Al Tamimi & Company, PO Box 9275, Dubai, UAE. Letters sent to her family address in London will also reach her: 25 Chalfont Court, 236 Baker Street, London NW1 5RS.

Barr, Anne Carr-Hill (1975-1982) had her first baby, Oliver, in October 1998, at about the same time as her sister, **Carole Walker (1977-1984)**, who is still living in Canada, gave birth to her second baby, Thomas, a brother for Alex. Anne's baby was 11 days early and her parents were in Canada helping Carole when he arrived.

Belasco, Linda Kings (1958-1964) had a prior engagement on the day of the Spring Reunion but met up in the evening with **Frances Bearn (née Moojen)** and **Penny Gardiner (née Buck)** for the Spring Serenade in Lewes, organised by **Jacquie Hayward (née Reason)** (see Deaths). Linda brought a large party of friends to the fund raising event, many of whom joined the singers for a robust chorus of "A P'liceman's Lot Is Not An 'Appy One, 'Appy One".

Bellamy, Rosemary Warren (1959-1964) visited the school in May 1998. She now lives in Dorset.

Benjamin, Lynn Tulip e-mailed Mrs Meek to extend apologies for absence from the Spring Reunion for herself and her family, **Lauren** and **Selena Hoskins**. Unfortunately, she was to leave for Spain at 4am on the morning of 9th May. Lynn gave news of her sister, **Terry Damm (née Benjamin)**, who now lives with her family in Sarasota, Fla, USA.

Bethel, Anne Valentine (1953-1959) lives in Camberley with her not so very retired husband and writes to say that her two children, Peter and Kathryn, are now happily married. Anne works as a Fertility Nurse Specialist in London. She keeps in touch with **Morny Pike (née Pritchett)** (1953-1959) and **Juliette Townsend**.

Boorne, Rosemary Gillies (1959-1966) wrote to say that 1998 had been a busy year, moving house, jobs and schools. She is now personal secretary to a local consultant gynaecologist at Worthing Hospital. Rosemary has three children - Stuart, Sarah and Anna.

Bowes, Tracie was sorry to be unable to attend the Spring Reunion but she was otherwise engaged in the middle of finals at Kingston University.

Bristol, Laura wrote before starting on the Marmalade Marathon! Over the last few years, Miss Bristol has met **Joanna Ball** (q.v.) at various Classical Association events. She sees **Katherine White** (at SMH in the early '70s) regularly, as she and her mother are members of the local church. She also hears from **Kate Fletcher** and a number of others, but often wonders what has happened to the majority, who seem to have disappeared.

Miss Bristol enjoys reading the News of Old Girls, but says that it can be confusing when dates of their years at SMH are missing - over the years she has taught three girls called Sally Davies! She asks if anyone has any news of **Jane Guest (née Polglaze)**, as her Christmas letter was returned from 16 Deamhaugh Street, Edinburgh, and she hasn't heard from her this year [not included in SMHA Address List].

Broughton-Thompson, Margaret Mortimer (-1940) visited the school for the first time since 1940 and was amazed to see the changes. She was the youngest of three sisters who attended SMH as foundation scholars. Sadly, her middle sister died in 1997. The eldest,

Mrs Mary Jackson, lives in Penzance.

Buck, Penny Gardiner (1960-1965) is enthusiastically into computer systems, quite often installing or troubleshooting accountants' tax systems. Peter and Penny have three grown up children. They celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary in 1998, which was marked by a party in a field, to which several SMH schoolfriends were invited. The force eight gale and torrential rain made it an interesting event. Penny maintains the database for the SMHA, so if you need to know who, what or where, you have only to ask.

Burgis, Penny Lowe (1946-1952) wrote to Mrs Meek about the marvellous reunion of the SMH Upper V of 1952, which had taken place just recently, in April 1998. Penny asked Mrs Meek to emphasise to girls now leaving how important it is to join the SMHA with life membership before they leave - when they are 60+ they will much enjoy comparing experiences with former form mates! Penny also mentioned her discovery of a portrait of Henry Venn Elliott in Brighton Museum and wondered whether it could be lent to SMH. Mrs Meek is going to look into this.

Cameron, Susanne (1974-1978) is now teaching at The English School in DOHA, The Arabian Gulf. Her mother says she would like to keep in touch for when she returns to the UK.

Campbell, Tracey Van Putten has moved to the States and she and her husband have started their own business. They have two daughters, Samantha and Natasha. Her sister, **Jane Wyckmans**, lives in Belgium with her husband, Christian and two sons, Jonathan and Benjamin.

Chatwin, Yvette is now living in Balcombe with her husband and three sons. **Monique** and her husband run a business in Uckfield. (Married names?)

Chalmers, Mary Scully (1933-1939) writes of her regret at having been unable to get back to SMH since 1986, the 150th celebrations. She moved last October and her husband is not well, but nothing will make her lose interest in SMH and old friends. She gave her daughter, **Mrs Rosemary Heald (née Scully) (1960-1967)** life membership of the SMHA as a Christmas present.

Chambré, Kathleen (1929-1932) was in excellent form at the 1998 Spring Reunion. She had been reminded by the article on **Minnette de Silva** (1998 magazine) that she was a contemporary of Minnette, a noted Sri Lankan architect. Kathleen is hoping to visit **Catherine Hives (née Bell)** in the near future. Catherine is the daughter of Mary Bell (née Wade), now deceased, who was the first day girl to become a Head Girl. Catherine would love to bring her brother David and his three children to see over SMH.

Channing, Beth (staff member 1962-1985) was unable to get to either of the 1998 Reunions, but will keep in touch.

Clarke, M attended SMH between 1922 and 1928 and remembers being in St Hilary House with Miss Wisdom and Mrs Miles. She joined up with **Vanessa Sly**, a day girl at SMH in the 1920s, and they manage in their own home in Chichester. Miss Clarke is 85 years old and Vanessa Sly is 87 years old.

Clements, Liz Gartside (1965-1972) and **Sue Bruce-Smith (1961-1969)**, sisters, have been pressganged into collecting as much information as they can on Old Girls from the 1971 and 1967 years respectively - that is the years when they were 16 years old and in their 5th year. Liz and Sue live at 71 St Leonards Road, Hove BN3 4QQ Tel: 01273 421579 and (new address for Sue) 28 Peaks Hill, Purley CR8 3JF Tel: 0181 660 3346, respectively. If you can help them out, please do. Sue has two teenage daughters and is self-employed.

Cockburn, Elizabeth Males (1948-1959) was sorry not to be able to get to the September Reunion but will be at the May 1999 meeting if it is early enough, before the bowling season gets into full gear!

Cole, Barbara (1988-1995) is currently at Salford University.

Crockett, Hannah (1989-1994) is going to Staffordshire to do ceramic design.

Cuddeford, Vanessa (1988-1996) is currently on her GAP year, having spent eight happy years at SMH and then taking four A Levels at Brighton College. She has recently returned from a three month stint in Ghana, where she was working as a journalist on a national

newspaper in the capital of the country. This was a most rewarding and eye-opening experience, although her time in Ghana was not without its pitfalls, as she picked up a dose of typhoid and three muggings on the way! She will be travelling around Mexico, Bali and Australia with, among others, **Charlotte Crutchley** for three months from April this year. On her return, she will be taking up a place at Keble College, Oxford, to read Archaeology and Anthropology.

Vanessa would like to thank all of the staff at SMH for the high quality of teaching given to her over the years she spent at the school.

Cunliffe, Mary Cole (1950-1959) writes that her son David was married in September 1998 in Llandaff Cathedral. He recently left the Army and will start an MBA at Cranfield University.

Davidson, Melanie Bastable (1982-1990) would have loved to have come to the Spring Reunion but "hubby" works on Saturdays and he needs more notice if he is going to look after the children. She is looking forward to getting him organised for the 1999 Reunions.

Davies, Sally Peta Tomlinson (1974-1983) married Colin in 1995. Son Kieran Michael was born in 1998. Colin is an army officer and the family is based at 2 Orchard Drive, Waterbeach, Cambs CB5 9LF for two years. The Davies family address at Worthing remains a contact point for both Sally and her sister **Samantha Jane Davies**.

Delow, Abigail (1990-1997) enjoys reading Geography at Reading University immensely. She is captain of the 1st University Lacrosse Team and the New Hall sports rep. She says, "University is great, everyone should go!".

Eastham, Joan (1926-1931) is now 85 years old and, living in Guildford, unfortunately is unable to attend school Reunions. She does The Times crossword most days and enjoys playing bridge two or three times a week.

Farr, Rosemary Southworth (-1940) contacted the school for information. She now lives in Ipswich.

French, Jo Grey (1983-1988) enjoyed a lovely afternoon at the Spring Reunion with her husband, Allan, and not quite two year old

daughter, Lois. Jo and family live in Upper Norwood, London.

Farnsworth, Sylvia Sealy is now 92 years old and has recently moved to Emily Jackson House, Emily Jackson Close, Eardley Road, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 1XR Tel: 01732 457410. Mrs Sealy unfortunately has arthritis and needs help with everything. She would love to talk about the old days with any contemporaries from SMH.

Finch, Anne Nelson (1960-1965) was unable to make the Spring Reunion due to the illness of her fiancé, Richard. She and Richard married in August. Anne has four grown up children and has recently graduated with a 2:1 in Business Studies from the University of Brighton.

Galbraith, Jo Wilkinson (1976-1984) wrote in with a suggestion for a Reunion after the Open Day in the summer, so that the OGs could see the school and its achievements as well as each other, and it might be a good way to introduce the school to prospective OG parents. She would also like to see Reunions for related years such as '80-'83 or '72-'75.

Greenyer, Vivien Thompson (1933-1940) was at SMH until it closed for the war. She mentions that the Brighton College Old Boys Day was on the same day as our Spring Reunion and, as she is married to an Old Boy of Brighton College, it was a bit of a problem to be in two places at once. Unfortunately, her husband was in poor health in September, but she hopes to make it to SMH in 1999.

Hardaker, Rachel Manger (1977-1984) has moved herself and sons, Hamish and Sebastian, to the USA where her Royal Marine husband, Garth, has been posted. The family has been seeing as much of the country as possible, with trips to Boston, the Amish country and New York, and more planned for 1999 to California in April and to Arizona and Colorado to see the Grand Canyon, Vegas and Tombstone. Rachel's address in the States is: Mrs R.M. Manger, c/o Major G.S.C. Manger RM, Quarters 4427B, Marine Corps, Combat Development Centre, Quantico, Virginia 221354, USA.

Harris, Susan Roller (1975-82) had her second child, Matthew, in March 1998 - a brother for Sarah. The family has recently moved to Wilmslow as Susan's husband, Michael, was appointed Group Finance

Director of Quadramatic plc, based in Oldham. Susan has had to leave Legal & General and temporarily become a full-time mother.

Harrison, Susan Jane Boyle (1973-1980) now lives in America with her husband and three children.

Harvey, Sarah (1989-1992), Sian (1988-1993) and Laura (1990-1995) have all left home now. Sarah graduated from Oxford University in 1997 and now works in the House of Commons. Sian took a year out to work at an orphanage in Hong Kong and is now at medical school in Glasgow. Laura is currently working her "gap" year at a Leprosy Hospital in Ghana and then plans to read Psychology and Maths at University.

Hayes, Joanna Morley has three children.

Hennings, Susan Duncan (1975-1982) recently visited **Lisa Andrews (née Martin)** for lunch. She has stopped paid work now to be a full-time mother, looking after Ross.

Herbert, Lesley Maiden (1977-1982) has moved to 17 Swaledale Road, Dartford, Kent DA2 6JY. Lesley's husband, Steve, is a Chartered Accountant and they have a two year old daughter called Sarah.

Hewitt, Anna (1980-1987) is still based in Brighton but is currently travelling and working in South America.

Hitchcock, Jane Bunclark (1975-1982) has moved to a very beautiful rural spot in North Devon. **Lisa Andrews (née Martin)** went to stay with her last summer, taking Luke and David with her for a wonderful holiday.

Hoskins, Lauren was in Leeds at University starring in a play, and **Selena** was revising for A Levels at the time of **Lynn Tulip's (née Benjamin)** e-mail.

Howard, Kathy (1967-1976) is still working for the Environment Agency in Kent and continues to be in contact with old school friends including **Miss McEwan (Mary Hayhurst)**. They hope to attend a future event together - pupil and teacher. Kathy recently met up with

Claire Bowes, Susan Graves, Tessa Williams and Elisabeth Ferguson.

Howell-Davies, Mary B Philpott (1949-1958) took early retirement from teaching in July 1997. She had been Head of the Junior School at Sheffield High School for the past thirteen years and is thoroughly enjoying having some time to herself again! She has moved to: 9 Redcliffe Way, Brundall, Norwich NR13 5LS. Mary and Miss Conrady were new together at the end of the Forties.

Humphrys, Sheila Allison (1935-1940) was recently widowed. She thinks that the idea of a pre-war pupils get together is a good one. Sheila is now a great-grandmother and is known as TechnoGran in the family, because of her interest in computers. Sheila remembers that she was sent to SMH because Miss Ghey, who was then Headmistress, had formerly taught Sheila's mother, Dorothy, in the very early years of the 20th century before Miss Ghey came to SMH. When Miss Ghey died in the 1960s, **Penny Gardiner (née Buck)**, Sheila's daughter and Dorothy's granddaughter, was honoured to represent the SMH pupils at the funeral.

Hunt, Barbara Millbourn (1930-1936) wrote from Richmond, Surrey to say that she has a fond and grateful place in her heart for her time at SMH in the 1930s. She was an Elliott Scholar and a Snowdon Smith Scholar in her final year, head of Bristol House and in all the 1st XI teams.

Hunt, Roxy Waddell (1966-1970) was on holiday so could not make it to the Spring Reunion but wants to stay in touch.

Hunt, Sarah Ashford and her husband, Peter, have been granted permanent residency in Australia, although they haven't decided whether to stay permanently as yet. They and their three boys continue their busy lifestyle in Perth. Sarah has recently put in an application to the Legal Practice Committee and continues to be a parent representative and on the school council. The family plan to come home again on leave in 1999.

Johnson, Tamsin Kidwell (1975-1982) married David in February 1998. They had an evening reception in London on Valentine's Day, followed by a quiet family wedding in the Lake

District the following weekend. Tamsin wore stunning dresses for both occasions, made and designed by her mother.

Jones, Margaret McCall (1932-1940) has returned to the UK after 30 years in Tanzania. After only having had two brief visits to England in that time, she is now learning about what seems to be another country from the one she left! Having also lived some years in Pakistan and the Seychelles forty years ago, she has now returned like a homing pigeon to Brighton. Her new address is: 109 Livingstone Road, Hove, East Sussex BN3 3WN. Margaret's husband has retired from teaching and they have two sons and three grandchildren.

In Tanzania, Margaret often went to stay with another SMH Old Girl, **Elisabeth Phillips (née Kennedy)**, whose sister, **Rosemary**, was in Margaret's form. Elisabeth and her husband have the largest dairy farm in Tanzania.

Joynt, Clair (1984-1991) was unable to attend the Spring Reunion but kindly sent her condolences regarding the pupil who died from meningitis.

Kimmins, Kim Cook (1957-1960) keeps in touch with, and maintains a database of, 1950s and early 1960s OGs. Kim is into genealogical research and this shows in the excellent job she has made of documenting little bits of fascinating information about SMH and its pupils in the 1950s.

Kingham, Gillian Lennox Lewes (1953-) wrote to Mrs Meek to say that she was returning to England in December 1998 and would very much like to show her daughter, Jennie, over the school.

Lau, Louisa (1983-1984) Although she spent only a year at SMH, Louisa still very much misses boarding life. She would very much like to have a copy of the school photo taken during her year at SMH. Unfortunately, the school does not seem to have a copy - can anyone help? Louisa can be contacted at: 30/F, Flat D, No. 2 Wah Yuen Drive, Ha Kwai Chung, Kowloon, Hong Kong, or by fax at 852-2521-7884.

Laughton, Fiona Moss married Flight Lieutenant David Moss in 1997. At the time of receiving her news, she was about to finish her

eight year commission in the Royal Navy. During this time, she has been employed as an interpreter in Bosnia (for which she had to learn Serbo-Croat), and as a Gulf Analyst on the Middle Eastern desk at HQ in Northwood, which involved briefing the top brass of all three services about the Gulf. Her new address is: 16 Laburnham Road, Cranwell, Lincs.

Launchbury, Janine Johnson (1977-1984) graduated from Napier University in June 1998 with a BA (Hons) in Financial Services, her second degree coming exactly ten years after the first. She is still working at the Bank of Scotland IT Division and is now exclusively involved in the acquisition of mainframe disk and tape storage. Jan and husband Mark spend a lot of time in the USA on holiday and on business.

Lewis, Katrina (1981-1989) has successfully completed her MA in Late Medieval Studies at London University and was about to complete her PGCE Secondary in English and Drama at Cambridge University. She hopes to teach in Sussex.

Leviseur, Anne Commin (1969-1978) recently joined the SMHA and thought life membership at £30 was excellent value. Anne's daughter Jenny is a current pupil at the school and her father-in-law is Chairman of the Governors. Anne is going to try to get together the Old Girl info for the 1976 year, so all you people who were 5th formers in 1976, get in touch with Anne who is at Chaylemore, Iford BN7 3EU Tel and Fax: 01273 472530.

Lyons, Rosemary Milton (1962-1967) finds it difficult to get to weekend events because she works in London and spends weekends in Studland. She keeps in touch with Ray Eggleton, who is lonely and sad without Kay Eggleton. Rosemary has three children - Pippa, Charlie and Joanna. Rosemary and her husband are still working hard!

McEwan, Mary Hayhurst (PE teacher 1968-1979) writes that she is now home (note new address: 24 Friar Road, Brighton, East Sussex, BN1 6NG), having fled from the riots in Indonesia in May 1998. Sarah has started at University in America and Mark has entered 6th form at Worth School. John has been sent to Bahrain to work there for a few months.

McLaughry, Rachael Gregson and husband, Peter, have three children. **Ruth**, now also married with a family (married name?), is a Welfare Benefits Officer for Shropshire.

McWalter, Fiona Carter (1947-1954) was unable to get to Liz Fincham's workshop at the September Reunion but sent regards to Liz, an old friend in Haywards Heath, where Fiona lives.

March, Betty Sharp (1932-1938) wrote to Mrs Meek with her apologies for the Spring Reunion, due to a family party on the same day. Her sister, **Barbara March**, was at SMH before her, so they have a long connection with the school. She asks if it would be possible to have more school news in the magazine.

Martin, Lisa Andrews (1975-1982) has two children aged two and four. She still sees the "Mah Jong girls": **Anne Carr-Hill (née Barr)**, **Susan Roller (née Harris)**, **Caroline Hearn (née Simmons)** and **Tamsin Kidwell (née Johnson)** (q.v.).

Martin, Victoria Turner (1981-1984) gave birth to twins in October 1997 - Bailey Blue and Tess Daisy - both 7lb! She now has four children under 3 1/2, which she describes as definitely her toughest challenge yet. About three years ago, a few of the leavers of '84 met up in London and it was great to catch up on all the news, but Victoria was sad not to see **Emma Hollinshead** and would very much like to get in touch. She sends her best wishes to all at SMH.

Meletioui, Angelica (1958-1964) has recently moved from Lewes to Gloucestershire, together with her mother, to be nearer to other family members. Her new address is 37 Upper Queens Road, Stonehouse, Glos GL10 2QF Tel: 01453 821997. Angelica is collecting as much people information she can on the 1963 year - that is, the O Level 5th year when most were 16 years old. If anybody knows where **Susan Cymes (née Ponder)** has moved to, or where **Marcia Allsworth**, **Pat Cohen**, **Jean Ellis (El)**, **Yasmin Balolia**, **Elisabeth Douse**, **Wami**, and a whole host of others are, then please let her know.

Miller, Audrey (House Mistress 1974-1977) is now 81 years old and somewhat disabled, which makes it difficult for her to attend functions. She is pleased to keep in touch via the SMHA magazine and

School Calendar for each term.

Miller, Fiona Hugosson (-1973) now lives in Sweden but visits **Anne Commin (née Levisseur)**.

Millyard, Anna (1988-1995) was unable to attend the Spring Reunion, but hopes to get to SMH next time.

Moojen, Frances Bearn (1958-1964) lives in Lewes and works in admin at the School of Engineering at Sussex University. She and **Penny Gardiner (née Buck)** correspond regularly by e-mail. Frances is now a grandmother twice over and adores her grandsons, who live close by.

Moussavi, Farinaz is an interior designer and, at present, is in Thailand.

Moussavi, Farshid is a director of Foreign Office Architects Ltd, and has worked on architectural projects worldwide. She has an extremely impressive CV! Most recently, she was the subject of an article in *Building Magazine*, and her work has been exhibited at the Design Museum in London.

Moussavi, Mrs Zara (former Matron) runs two residential care homes in Hove.

Neville-Last, Bridget Sudworth (1960-1963) moved from Bristol in April 1997 with her husband, son, daughter-in-law and three grandchildren. Her new address is: Kinton Farm, Leintwardine, Craven Arms, Shropshire SY7 0LT. Her husband is still working, but Bridget is no longer teaching, having given up in 1994. She feels very uneasy about so much of the administrative and bureaucratic changes in education today and finds some of the prevailing policies very unacceptable. Bridget was interested to see that **Anna Crowe** gave a presentation of her poetry to SMH - they were good friends at school. She is also still in touch with **Ros Williams (née Reid)** and **Tina Challacombe (née Cocks)**.

Owen, Jennifer Warren (1976-1982) married Philip in 1996. They run their own design business in London, mainly arranging shop fittings and private kitchen designs. Jenny would love to hear from

contemporaries. Her new address is: 68 Elms Crescent, Clapham, London SW4 8QX.

Page, Sabina (1963-1969 - she thinks!) has returned to live in Brighton with her family and still keeps in tenuous contact with several old friends from SMH. Her new address is: 24 Waldegrave Road, Brighton BN1 6GE.

Patten, Judith Gunton (1950-1960) has run her own successful PR company for 29 years, but recently decided to stop being her own boss and accept a job with one of her ex-clients. The change has been prompted by breast cancer and a mastectomy in 1994. Her mother, cookery writer Marguerite Patten, is working as hard as ever and her husband is also involved in the PR world. Judith's daughter, Joanna, is a management consultant and son, Charlie, is a freelance researcher.

Pattinson, Jenny (1993-1994) and her sister, **Liz**, live in Hertfordshire and would like to find their other friends from SMH. Jenny was the UK Editor/Illustrator for a United Nations 50th Anniversary book called 'A World in our Hands', and worked for the charity Peacechild International. She then became UK Youth Director of European Youth Parliament for the Environment, working in both the UK and Europe. She is studying for an Open University BSc (Hons) degree, and already holds a Diploma in Environment. She then intends to take ISVA (Incorporated Society of Valuers & Auctioneers) exams and work within the property profession. Last year she worked at Phillips International Auctioneers, Bond Street, under their student internship scheme.

Pattinson, Liz is currently awaiting her A Level results. After leaving SMH she attended Leighton Park School, Reading. She has been offered places at university and plans to take deferred entry for 1999, to study Estate Management/Surveying. She hopes to work within the same field as Jenny.

Pike, Lamorna Pritchett (1953-1959) lives in Woking and was unable to attend the Spring Reunion. She was in St Hilary House when at SMH.

Poyser, Phyllis (1929-1934) was unable to attend the Spring Reunion but asked to be kept in touch.

Rollinshaw, Allison (-1995) is now running the St Patrick's Nightshelter in Hove after a spell at BHASVIC. Allison wrote in with her news and asked if we would say a big "hi" to all the teachers that taught her.

Rowe, Vicky Humphrys (1974-1979) married David in 1994 and is presently on maternity leave from her PR job at the International Tennis Federation, following the birth of her first child, Piers. Vicky enjoys the Newsletter, but wishes that more girls who were in her year would write in with their news, as it would be nice to know what they are up to! Her new address is: 5 Penrhyn Crescent, East Sheen, London SW14 7PF.

Ryan, Elizabeth Herdon (1929-1932) regretted not being able to attend the Spring Reunion, having just had a successful hip replacement at the King Edward VIIIth. She would love her great-granddaughter, Isabel, to go to SMH. Elizabeth wrote to Mrs Meek remembering the super teas laid on by Roedean at sports fixtures. Elizabeth notes that she was in the same form and house as SMHA stalwart, **Kathleen Chambré**, and that she was sad to read of the death of Miss Thouless, whom she had found so inspiring and who gave Elizabeth her love of English literature. She keeps up with contemporaries **Elizabeth Moore**, sister of **Diana Gosnell (née Moore)**, **Diana Bruton (née Harris)** and **Katherine Ross Thompson (née Seth)**. Elizabeth says, "We are all getting on, 85 this year".

Sayer, Joanna Sunman (1971-1978) has moved to Ivy Cottage, Main Street, Epperstone, Notts NG14 6AU. Tel: 0115 966 3608. She hopes this will be permanent, as her husband now has a consultant post in Nottingham. Joanna is coming to the end of her specialist training as a Consultant Gastroenterologist and has two children - Elizabeth aged five, and William aged four. She would be delighted to hear from any SMH Old Girls, especially any local to Nottingham. (Late news! - both Joanna and her husband received their M.D. degrees in December.)

Scatliff, Victoria Jackson (-1963) wrote to say that she has now moved back to Sussex and that she would have loved to have come to the September Reunion, but the reminder went to her old address and didn't arrive until after the event.

Schooling, Ann Wood (-1972) is married to the Reverend Canon Wood and they have two children - Elizabeth who is 14 years old and Clare who is 12 years old. Ann lives in Australia and does not get home to England very often. She is doing some study in Child Care as she is dissatisfied with the system and with not caring for those less fortunate than ourselves. She writes that it is always good to hear from Old Girls and what they are up to. Her days at SMH were some of the happiest times when she was growing up. Ann's new address is: PO Box 363, Horsham, Victoria 3402, Australia.

Shuman, Rima (-1996) e-mailed the school to say that she was immersed in studies in Oxford and, therefore, would be unable to get to the Spring Reunion.

Simmons, Caroline Hearne (1975-1981) has recently moved to a village outside Reading. She works for a computer software company called Axxia.

Simmons, Jane Linney (1976-1984?) had her second baby in January 1998 and called her Caroline, after her sister. She already has a son called Thomas. She is living near Stoke-on-Trent and hopes to visit **Susan Roller (née Harris)** soon.

Slumbers, Samantha Basing (-1985) has moved to Weybridge and married Nick Basing in April 1998. She is an Account Director for a Conference and Incentive Agency and organises corporate events worldwide.

Smallpiece, Alma Fosbery (1922-1926) wrote to say that she had moved to a Nursing Home in Warminster, to find that a fellow patient was **Miss Storey**, who had taught at Roedean and SMH in the 1930s. Roedean School were kind enough to supply some details of Miss Storey's teaching career and this has been forwarded to Mrs Fosbery. **Sheila Allison (née Humphrys)** recalls Miss Storey teaching English at SMH in the late '30s. Mrs Fosbery was the first Head Day Girl at the Junior House, which was opened in 1922 and was on the same side of the road as SMH. She thinks that Miss Batterbury was Head of Juniors. Mrs Fosbery's new address is: Henford House, Lower Marsh Road, Warminster, Wilts BA12 9PB.

Stranack, Dorothy Cook (1949-1956) married Maurice in 1965, they had two sons - Stephen and Andrew - and are now much enjoying a grandson born in 1998. Dorothy is churchwarden of All Saints Church, Patcham, where SMH Governor Rev Neil Milmine is the Vicar. She started at Guides with **Miss Kathleen Farmer** (now **Mrs Milton**) at SMH and is still involved, having been East Sussex County Secretary for five years. Dorothy's two brothers, Richard and David, are Canons of the Church of England and **David** was actually at SMH prior to going to join Richard at Brighton College. Dorothy asks: "So is he the only Old Boy who is a Canon?"

Swan, Beryl Richardson (1946-50) has moved to Vine Cottage, Mowbrays Yard, Butchers Hill, Ickleton, Saffron Walden, Essex CB10 1SR. For various reasons, she has not returned to SMH since the 150th Celebrations in 1986, but was very pleased that she managed to purchase a commemorative plate, which hangs proudly in her hallway.

Beryl has just given up her stint as Parochial Church Council Secretary, doing a span of 28 years in the two previous parishes where they lived. She was asked to choose a hymn when they attended their new church in Ickleton, and requested "Just as I am without one plea", as it was the School hymn written by Charlotte Elliott, whose brother founded SMH. She writes: "How well I remember dear Miss Wynn playing this on the school organ on Sunday evenings".

Beryl was at SMH in the days when Miss Robinson was Headmistress. She still keeps in touch with the three other girls who were in her dormitory at Babington House - **Sally Young (née Wingfield)**, **Anne Lloyds (née Evans)** and **Pat Wisdom (née Jacobs)**. Beryl and her husband recently visited South Africa to attend their eldest son's wedding and they spent a happy weekend with Pat at her home on the outskirts of Pietermaritzburg. Pat will be their guest this summer when she revisits England and they will take her to see Anne in Montgomeryshire and Sally in County Kildare, Eire.

Telford, Lucy (1991-1996) left Eastbourne College in Summer 1998 with three A Levels (two Bs and a C). She is going to Exeter University to read English and Classics.

Theobald, Mary Pashley (1952-1962) was unable to attend the Spring or September Reunions. Perhaps we'll see you in 1999, Mary.

Trustrum, Ann Longhurst (1976-1984) gave birth to a son, Christopher, in October 1997. She has given up commuting to London and now has a temporary job in Burgess Hill.

Van Carrapiett, Sarah Carter and her husband, Chris, have a son, David Christopher, and a daughter, Emma-Louise. Sarah works as a Clinic Nurse for Camden and Islington Community Health Care Trust. Her new address is: 2 Park Mews, Rainham, Essex RM13 7JX.

Vaughan, Alison Smith (1957-1963) visited the school in May 1998. She now lives in Dorset.

Waddington, Penny Peaty wrote to say that she has moved to Dumfriesshire with husband, Donald.

Wayne, Glenda Blake hoped to get to the September Reunion and AGM but finds it difficult to plan ahead, as her husband has multiple sclerosis.

Williams, Josie's guardian and grandmother, Patricia Voresch, wrote to say that Josie obtained a BA (Hons) in European Studies in 1997 and now has an excellent job in France.

Wong, Nancy (1983-1989) After leaving SMH, Nancy obtained a 2:1 in Computer Science at the University of Bristol. She returned home to Hong Kong in 1991 and is a systems and support project manager for Standard Chartered Bank. She married Ken Fung in the summer of 1994, but has kept her maiden name. They have a daughter, Pearl.

Nancy writes: "I miss Mrs Kitchen who taught me A Level Maths and Mr Gay who always brought me joy when having music or choir lessons. I would love to know whether they are still at SMH and remember me..... Perhaps some of my old friends will get in touch, e.g. **Hoda Barakat** (where are you?)". Nancy's new address is: 8a, Block 4, Pokfulam Gardens, 180 Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong. E-mail address: wongnant@scbhk.mhs.compuserve.com. [Hopefully, Nancy and Hoda will now be able to contact each other!]

Wooderson Philippa (Pips) has had some interesting jobs in the City, but really enjoys adventure. She has sailed the Atlantic and spent

six months in Nepal on an environmental project. She is now engaged to a kindred spirit, Edward de la Billière, and they are both in Alaska for six months, learning to 'mush' huskies.

Wooderson, Ruth Mehmet is married and has two children - four year old Elizabeth and now Henry. She received her Master's Degree last April (MSc), as an addition to her nurse's training. She has a wide circle of friends, including some from SMH. Perhaps they will come to the "New Look" summer lunch.

Our sympathies to Philippa and Ruth, whose father, the Rev Tim Wooderson, died last year.

Wright, Angela Waller (1934-40) sent an obituary for **Joan Snow (née Way)**. Angela has been closely connected with **Hester Girdlestone** and Joan Snow, who were great friends and contemporaries at school, but has not seen either of them for several years, owing to their illnesses. Hester (who has recently had a stroke) and her husband, Osborne Oliver, live in Banbury, but are now rather "frail", although coping well looking after each other.

Young, Pamela (1931-1940) could not make the Spring Reunion. She lives in Ovingdean.

NEWS FROM MISS PAYNE

1998 will not be remembered as one of my best years. Too many former colleagues, not only from St Mary's Hall, have died and even some former pupils - all sadly missed.

Also every cold, virus, prevalent bug seem to have found a home in me. My Christmas Day lunch could only be a dry biscuit and a cup of boiled water. I have made up for this since then and everything is much better. The cats have survived less attention to their grooming, but are glad to see food is being provided at more regular intervals.

There have been pleasant times - Reunions at St Mary's Hall and of my former school, Trevelyan, which closed in 1966. Ninety 'girls' turned up in November from as far afield as America and Australia with a future meeting already planned for the Millennium year. I do appreciate

the newsy letters, cards and snapshots of the younger generations from both schools.

Judy Hart (Reynolds) has now moved from Oxford as her husband, George, was promoted to the Price Evans Chair of Medicine in Liverpool. They have three children - Alice, Sam and Joe. Judy has already completed her MSc in Public Health, but has had to take unpaid leave for about six months to get their new house in a small market town twelve miles from Liverpool properly sorted out. When all is settled, she hopes to carry on her career again.

Penny Harrison (Titheradge) and her family had a lovely holiday in the USA and Canada in August and then she and her husband, Charles, who is now seriously ill, did manage a long weekend in Venice with friends. Her daughter, Charlotte, will be starting her GCSEs next year.

Susan Hennings writes happily of her new son, Ross, who seems a very lively youngster.

Gaile Carey (Ashby) now has another daughter, Joanna, to join the rest of the family, Paul and Rebecca.

Carol Wheatcroft (Frazer) is now happily settled in Singapore with her husband, Charles, and her two children, Laura and Peter. Her sister, **Fiona Lloyd**, and her family are flourishing. Grace and Paul make a handsome pair from the snapshots she kindly sent me.

Katie Griffiths (Hodgson) with husband David are the proud parents of twin daughters Joanna and Rebecca, who were christened on their parents' Tenth Wedding Anniversary.

Miss Phayre Crowley, who came to St Mary's Hall at the same time as **Mrs Palmer (Cynthia Fabian)** and myself in 1966 and taught English, is now very happily settled in Western Australia. She is still doing Home Tutoring, at the present for an Arab refugee family. In her spare time she is a keen gardener though, like me, has trouble with limited mobility - her knee seems to be the main problem - much to the annoyance of her dog, who looks hopefully at every visitor as 'walk' material.

DEATHS

It is with great sadness that we learned of the death of **Mrs K Ogden née Powell** and also of the following:

Miss Monica Ashwin died in a Bexhill nursing home, aged 93, on 13th December 1998. She and her elder sister, **Irene** (who died at the age of 90 in 1994), were clergy daughters and both went to SMH; their names are on the Honours Board there. Monica was secretary to Sir John Blackburn when he was Governor of the Leeward Islands, and latterly secretary in a boarding school for handicapped girls in Bexhill. Irene had taught with Audrey Miller at Ashford School in Kent and at St Michael's, Burton Park, from which she retired in 1966. Miss Miller remembers visiting the two sisters in a book-filled bungalow with a lovely garden.

Frances Bull née Carpenter We were sad to learn that Frances died at the age of 40 on 27th February 1998 from breast cancer. Her husband, Michael, wrote to say that she is survived by three children, James (10), Nicholas (7) and Philippa (4). The family live in Kew and our hearts and prayers go out to them in their bereavement.

Miss Doris Conrady (1904-1999; Headmistress 1950-1965) The first occasion on which I met Miss Doris Conrady was in May 1955; a tall, upright lady whose bearing indicated a strong character, her eyes direct and kind, her voice low and sincere. The reader may guess that this impression was gained at an interview for a post on the teaching staff at St Mary's Hall.

It was Miss Conrady's habit, when circumstances permitted, to rise early and to retire early. She believed in firm discipline and imposed a strict regime on herself. Sometimes my colleagues, I, and the pupils too, thought her somewhat harsh, but for most of us there would come in due course an incident in our personal lives when we saw and greatly valued a different facet of her character. It was in life's crises that she excelled with quiet, steady understanding and generous friendship. Many an old girl and many a member of staff can recall such an incident, which has drawn out the finer qualities in our own characters and helped us through a difficult time.

As her work as Headmistress continued over the years, the school made great progress. It sought not only to establish a name for academic excellence, but also one for guiding the girls into careers for which their skills and aptitudes were particularly suited. At the same time, the gentle side of her character became more apparent, she herself became more relaxed as she participated in a greater number of activities, House parties and picnics, and Christmas activities which were a joyous aspect of the end of the autumn term. But it was her good sense in getting herself a very jolly chocolate-coloured poodle, named Coco, which really broke down her own and other people's shyness and reserve. One Fifth Former was overheard when saying: "Miss Conrady should have bought a dog years ago" - such is the perceptiveness of some schoolgirls!

Every career comes to an end, but the relationships established over many years continue. Visits, 'phone calls, letters and greetings cards from former pupils and staff have contributed to give joy to Miss Conrady during a long retirement, and she has maintained a great interest in St Mary's Hall to the very end of her life. When we learned of her death it was, I believe, not sorrow but gratitude for a long and useful life that was felt by most, if not all, of us who knew her.

Kathleen Milton (Farmer)

Esther May Fish née Lloyd (1919-1925) Miss Margaret Lloyd wrote to inform us of her sister's death at the age of 88 on 13th August 1998 following a severe stroke, in New Zealand. Esther was a St Thomas's nurse in the 1930s and married Frederick Fish in 1939, in Jerusalem. Her husband was in the Palestine Police until it was disbanded. They had two boys, Martin and Chris, in Jerusalem and came to England for a visit in 1946, before spending a short time in Iraq. They emigrated to New Zealand in 1948 and lived in Hamilton where their daughter, Angela, was born. Frederick Fish died a few years ago and the three children were with Esther when she died. Margaret, who is now 86, writes: "Esther had great joy from singing in a choir and we think she is now praising God with the Angels in Heaven."

Miss Dorothy Gilligan (Gillie), Bursar at SMH 1951-1968, died peacefully on 12th October 1998 at Bexhill. She would have been 95

on 20th October.

Miss Gilligan served in the Wrens during the Second World War as a driver and often recalled how far afield she had to go, but she enjoyed the camaraderie and the actual driving. Many of her officer passengers were very interesting to talk to. There was some talk once the war was over of her training to be an officer, but I don't think her heart was in the projects proposed to her. She was supposed to imagine her car was a ship and she, as the captain, was to put it in a place of safety where no enemy ship could attack. Gillie drove all over the place and ended up in the middle of the Pennines. Her superiors did not appreciate her sense of humour and so officer training was abandoned. When she left the Wrens, she joined the Royal Naval School at Haslemere on the administrative staff. She was quite happy there, particularly as she had a little car of her own and was able to drive off with friends to the countryside for picnics.

Then her lifelong friend - she had no immediate family - who lived in Brighton, heard there was a suitable post vacant at St Mary's Hall and urged her to apply. So, in 1951, she became the bursar, starting the tradition of ex-naval bursars. The school was only just recovering financially from the war. The buildings had been used by Canadians and Elliott had been bombed, so she had to be very economical in agreeing to too much financial expenditure. She kept a very close eye on all accounts and fiercely ordered that for every cotton reel used, there must be the appropriate bills and woe betide any of us if our accounts did not balance to the last halfpenny. Underneath this sometimes brusque exterior was a heart of gold and a helping hand whenever needed. She loved her room in the staff flats adjoining Elliott. She still enjoyed driving, particularly to the gardens in Southover in Lewes, or to woods and ponds in villages around Brighton. But she now added another love, Bridge, and with it found many new friends, particularly Mrs Blackshaw whose husband was then headmaster of Brighton College. She was also an avid reader and a talented embroiderer.

Gillie, as she liked to be called, had very painful feet - shoes were always a difficulty - and, in 1968, she decided to retire to a lovely first floor flat in Hove. She was very happy there until she had a stroke which meant a stay in Hove hospital one Christmas. She faced her problems courageously and realised she would have to give up her upstairs flat. Sensibly, she arranged to go into an Abbeyfield Home in

Arundel Road. She could still play her Bridge, but sadly her car had to be given up.

She had no surviving family, only a few good friends, particularly Mrs Parsons who had been Head of Maths, and she used to take Gillie for rides in her car. The Bursar at this time, Lieutenant Commander Martin, also kept a friendly eye and eventually she moved to a more modern home in the Dene in Rottingdean, where she was very happy with her room overlooking the garden, where she could potter as she chose, hold Bridge gatherings and visit her best friend, now moved to Hastings. Gradually she began to have, with increasing age, more than a few health problems and that could mean hospital and probably the loss of her room. She was, therefore, delighted to be accepted in the British Legion Home at Bexhill. This had more activities for residents and she could manage a little shopping in the town and keep up a plentiful supply of good biographies.

She came to the 150th Celebration at the School, but her legs and feet became very troublesome, so she preferred friends from SMH to visit her. Mrs Leslie, Mrs James, and the Bursar and myself all saw she was happily settled. Mrs Parsons could now no longer drive so my flat, as a half-way rendezvous, meant they could meet occasionally and Gillie thoroughly enjoyed my variety of cats, and then they could both be driven back to their respective homes.

It was very pleasant for Gillie that she met up with an old friend from her Wren days who was also at the Legion home. They had plenty to reminisce about. Gillie was growing increasingly frail and died very peacefully one night a few days before her 95th birthday. Her cremation service was very appropriately organised by the home and the Vicar, well primed by Mrs James as to her personality and interests. Both her close friends were well in evidence. Again, SMH was represented by Mrs James, the Bursar, Miss Bristol and myself. Gillie will always be remembered with affection and respect by all who knew her.

Margaret Payne

Jacquie Hayward née Reason (1958-1964) sadly lost her fight against breast cancer on 17th July 1998. Jacquie had for many years organised the very successful fund raising event, Spring Serenade, in

Lewes in aid of The Nigel Porter Unit for Breast Care and The Sussex Cancer Fund for Treatment & Research.

We first met, the three of us, in 1955 as eight-year olds at our "big school"! Two were boarders and one a "day-bug". Jacquie did not stay a "day-bug" for long and within a short time joined the esteemed ranks of the boarders! From day one she was always laughing, bubbly and enjoying life as it came. This was to stand her in good stead when, many years later, life chucked its worst at her.

After SMH, Jacquie went to Secretarial College (quite the vogue in those days) and on to be a secretary at the Royal Sussex County Hospital. She went to nanny for a Texan oil tycoon's family and, on her return, became secretary to a vet and joined the local amateur dramatic society, where she met her future husband, Roy.

They had one daughter, Michelle, and Jacquie settled happily into her family role, also helping to care for her mother-in-law who lived with them. Once Michelle was at school, she started work again, this time for the Sussex Operatic and Ballet Society. Her first major blow, in 1994, was when she lost her father, Harold, whom she adored. When she was first diagnosed with breast cancer seven years ago, she resolved to improve facilities at the RSCH. Thus she used her "inside information" with SOBS to launch her tremendous fund raising ideas - hence the Lewes "Spring Serenade" was born. This has raised over £20,000 and started bi-annually but, once she knew the chips were down, she decided to run it annually.

Initially, her treatment was successful, but four years ago she learned that the cancer had spread to vital organs. Doctors gave her three months to live but, in true Jacquie spirit, she decided that that would NOT be the case, and so it was proved. She managed to enjoy her life, snatching holidays abroad (a great sun-worshipper) in between the dreaded treatments. Throughout this time and for some years previously, the three of us met up regularly for pub lunches. We hadn't changed and the camaraderie was just as it had been all those years ago in the dorms in Elliott. We are pleased to say that her husband, Roy, has now admirably filled her chair on these outings. She was the kindest, most humorous and yet the most strong-willed person one could ever meet. In short, she was one AMAZING lady. She is greatly missed, but we feel we are the richer for having had the privilege of

knowing her.

On a personal note - Jacquie was a very dear friend and was always taking me home on exeats and at half-term (as also did Frances). Since leaving SMH, she would never fail to listen and offer advice. She willingly became godmother to my daughter and never missed a birthday or Christmas. Frances and I attended Michelle's wedding a couple of years ago, which was a marvellous occasion, and we are so glad we were able to share this with Jacquie. We do really miss her.

Linda Kings (Belasco) and Frances Bearn (Moojen)

Miss Margaret Hill Miss Hill came to St Mary's Hall in 1952 and retired in 1976 after twenty-four years of very loyal and excellent service to the school. Miss Brown-Douglas was Housekeeper and Caterer, and Miss Hill came as Cook at a time not easy for her profession, as there was still some rationing. When Miss Brown-Douglas retired, Miss Hill took on the post of Caterer and Miss Orme became Housekeeper and Supervisor of the Dining Room. It was a good combination and, with the added help of Miss Maclean, Miss Hill was able to develop fully her excellent culinary skills. She had also a group of able ladies to prepare all the vegetables, the great variety of main courses and sweets and help with the serving of all the meals - breakfast, lunch, tea and supper.

On top of all this, Miss Hill had enough energy to play an energetic game of tennis when off duty at the Tennis Club at the back of the school, or she could be seen pedalling cheerfully home on her trustworthy bicycle. At first, she stayed the night in Elliott when on breakfast duty the following morning, but as her duties increased with ever-growing numbers in the school, she shared a flat with Miss Bristol in what later became the Headmistress's house.

When the new kitchens were designed, the architect did not realise how small Dilly was - her nickname among the staff - and everything had to be lowered for her. She always had to stand on a stool to stir the contents of the big coppers. The kitchen was her domain and you only went through there on urgent business or at her request. One day, she and Miss Orme seemed very perturbed, as a mouse had somehow got into one of the large empty boilers and neither could bear to touch it. I

was asked to help and, between us, we managed to ladle it up and I was despatched to the garden to set it free, while the boiler and implements were sterilized.

Miss Hill was able to rise to any emergency. When a snow blizzard hit Brighton one Friday afternoon, she managed to feed very adequately all the extra staff and girls who could not reach home. Some had to stay the whole weekend as no one could drive in to fetch them, as the Coast Road was blocked by abandoned cars. She was ready to cope with breakfast at 5 a.m. when parties went off to Dieppe by the early morning ferry and pleasant traditions were also regularly observed, as when the headmistress, some staff and girls stirred the Christmas Puddings.

When the BBC started producing some excellent serials about 5 p.m. on a Sunday evening, Miss Hill was ready to prepare High Tea in the morning so that relays of helpers could collect the eatables after Morning Church, watch the whole serial and then have their meal somewhat informally in their own houses instead of going up to school before the end of the play.

Cakes and sandwiches for all school occasions were all beautifully prepared and none of the staff ever forgot the wonderful displays Miss Hill arranged for our leaving parties. I shall never forget her lake of shining green jelly with elegant white meringue swans as one of her centre-pieces - and her shortbreads, always a welcome addition to any tea, were out of this world.

Her ties with her family were very close - she shared a house with her sister who taught at Burgess Hill and, sadly, died just before Dilly. She did all the catering for her goddaughter's wedding and there was obviously great affection from all her family. Those who were left were very appreciative of the fact that St Mary's Hall was represented by Mrs James, the Bursar who knew Miss Hill's brother in the RAF, Miss Bristol and myself at her cremation service at Chichester on 27th May 1998. We send our sympathy to her very friendly family and remember with affection their much loved sister.

Margaret Payne and Laura Bristol

Mary Newell née Lawry (1934-1940) died 23rd December 1998. Following the death of her husband of 41 years, David, on 14th December 1998, Mary suffered a stroke before David's funeral and another, fatal haemorrhage on the day following. Mary and David leave a son, Laurie and a daughter, Vicky and grandson, Tom. Mary attended SMH from Junior School until the outbreak of war. She was a lifelong friend of **Sheila Allison (née Humphrys)**, who attended both David's and Mary's funerals, accompanied by her daughter, **Penny Gardiner (née Buck)**.

Joan Snow née Way was a boarder at SMH in the 1920s - a friend and contemporary of the **Girdlestone** sisters, **Hester, Angela** and **Charity**. I never knew Joan or Hester at school, as my dates were 1934-40, but we have all been living in the Oxford area over the last 20 years and became friends quite by chance. In fact, I knew Joan's husband, George Snow, who was headmaster of Ardingly College and then Bishop of Whitby, as he came to stay with us at Sandhurst when my husband was a Company Commander in 1957/8 and George Snow came to a conference there. As he was 6'6 tall, it was hard for him to fit into an Army bed!

Before Joan became too ill, I used to fetch her once a month to our church at Deddington, and she much enjoyed the services, of course. I had a blue car then and she always exclaimed on the beauty of the colour. When I told Hester about this, she immediately remembered that when the boarders changed into their own clothes after games, Joan always had a succession of beautiful blue outfits made for her by her mother, who was a very gifted seamstress. She had the most wonderful manners of anyone I ever met, and I was very sad when she became too ill to be visited or taken to church, but she always received a monthly Home Communion. May she rest in peace.

Angela Waller (née Wright)

ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO NAMES AND ADDRESSES

In addition to those changes of address included in News of Old Girls & Staff, we have been notified of the following alterations:

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PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?

Addresses needed please for the following Members, whose Newsletters were returned marked 'Gone Away':

Miss Clare Barnes, Miss Lucy Barnes, Mrs R Baxter (Turner), Miss Antonia Bell, Miss C Benton, Miss M Brown, Mrs N Callow (Burden), Miss C Clark, Miss Charlotte Doyle, Miss A Flint-Hartle, Mrs L Franks (Champion), Miss Laura Gold, Miss J Greenall, Miss E Henderson-Kemp, Mrs A Herga (Edmonds), Miss C Hitch, Miss Peggy Hovanissian, Miss Yani Kassim, Miss B Lindeck, Miss Collette Little, Miss Nesheko Mundia, Miss S Nee, Miss A Nicholas, Miss E Nicholls, Miss S Nicholls, Miss Shannon O'Neill, Miss Alison Rollinshaw, Miss A Russell, Miss E Scott-Wilson, Miss Emma Sloan, Miss Sarah Stallard, Miss A Steer, Mrs Constance Sturt (Gamble), Miss Kathryn Taylor (?34 Braemar Road, Fallowfield, Manchester M14 6PS),

Miss D Wai, Miss M Wai, Miss K Ward, Mrs Sarah Warren (Bright), Mrs J Weddell (Greenwood), Miss Joy Yang.

UPDATING THE RECORDS

As you can see, there were 40 magazines returned last year. Please ensure that you let us know any change of address or change of name as soon as possible.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The MAY REUNION is on Saturday 15th May 1999. Full details are enclosed separately.

The REUNION SUPPER will be held on Saturday 18th September 1999 at 7.00 p.m. preceded by a Reception and Review of the Year's Events at 6.15 p.m.

Committee Members please note that your meeting with tea will take place at 5.00 p.m. on the 18th.

The cost of the supper will be £9.50. To save s.a.e.'s and Members' time, tickets will not be issued. Please apply to the Hon. Secretary on the enclosed insert, cheques to be made payable to S.M.H.A.

ALL OLD GIRLS, HUSBANDS, BOYFRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE WELCOME AT REUNIONS!

FREE LUNCH AND SUPPER

Do not forget that for **one year** after leaving school an Old Girl may attend the lunch or supper free.

RAFFLE!

There will be a raffle held at each Reunion event. All donations very gratefully received on the day.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Anyone wishing to join the Association should send a cheque payable to S.M.H.A., for the current Life Membership subscription of £30, to Mrs F Bearn, Hon. Treasurer, S.M.H.A., 34 Fitzjohn Road, Lewes, East Sussex BN7 1PS.

NEWSLETTER

Please send all items of news (including your years at SMH), articles, photographs, etc. to Miss Melanie Morrison, Hon. Editor, S.M.H.A., 15 Almeric Road, London SW11 1HL before 1st December in each year.

ADDRESS LISTS

As the address list is out of date so soon, rather than sending out and charging Members for a complete list, Mrs A Stapleton, Hon. Secretary, S.M.H.A., is willing to look up addresses for Members. She can be contacted at 17 Windsor Road, Salisbury, Wilts SP2 7DX (01722 337967).

We are continually trying to keep the list updated, so any information or corrections would be gratefully received. Please also include your years at S.M.H. whenever possible.

S.M.H.A. 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 fulfill 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.**

THE 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.**

1999 REUNION

Please use this form to book your place(s) for the Supper Reunion.

Name.....Maiden Name.....

Years at S.M.H. 19..... to 19.....

Address:.....

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I would like to attend the Supper on Saturday 18th September 1999 at 6.15 p.m. for 7.00 p.m.

I will/will not be bringing a guest(s). (Please delete as appropriate.)

Name of Guest or other Old Girl (whether or not a Member of the Association)

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I enclose herewith my cheque in the sum of £.....(£9.50 per head).

DON'T FORGET - THE SUPPER IS FREE FOR FIRST-YEAR MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

All Old Girls, husbands and boyfriends are always welcome!

Please send this form, together with your cheque made payable to S.M.H.A. to: Mrs A Stapleton, Hon. Secretary, S.M.H.A., 17 Windsor Road, Salisbury, Wilts SP2 7DX, at least one week before the event. Please tell Anne your numbers **before** attending the Supper - thank you!

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