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## EDITORIAL

Another busy year has sped by and it is time to put the Newsletter together again. Thank you to everyone who has contributed - I only have one moan and that is that nobody has submitted any photographs! So I have been forced into using one of my own year group taken, I have to admit, a few years ago! However, for those of you who do not know us, it does actually put faces to the names of your Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Editor albeit a little younger!

The Association is certainly growing - thank you to all those who have joined, rejoined or just donated to the funds. As you can see from the balance sheet, producing this Newsletter and the cost of the postage just seems to get more and more expensive year by year, despite our efforts to cut down on the printers' costs by setting the proof ourselves.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible this year.

**LINDA KINGS (Belasco) Hon. Editor**

## LETTER FROM OLIVE LESLIE

Dear S.M.H.A. Members,

What does one say in a circular letter except that you would be surprised perhaps at how often I remember one or other of you and wonder what you are doing now. A quick note to the Editor would eventually assuage the curiosity of all who knew you in the old days. I do also enjoy visits (with due notice as I lead a busy life).

My year started with a long holiday in South Africa and Zimbabwe. I returned full of sunshine and information about a beautiful country undergoing the birth pangs of independence in one case and in the other still struggling, but optimistically, with its change of status. As I write, I am leaving for a week in the South West of Ireland. In addition, I am still busy with my work for the English-Speaking Union which is spreading its influence into Eastern Europe.

I am not planning any long vacations for 1996 and therefore I hope to see as many as possible of you at the Lunch on the 11th May 1996 and the Supper on the 14th September 1996. It makes a great deal of difference to Members of Staff if you turn up on these occasions and maintain your interest in the School.

I am always so proud to hear about your successes while bearing in mind that some of you may be finding life harder than you had anticipated. If that does happen please remember that S.M.H. has always had a reputation for caring and those of us who know you will provide a supporting arm.

Best wishes and love, from

**OLIVE LESLIE**

## HEADMISTRESS'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

My letter takes a slightly different form this year. The past academic year brought with it two very sad deaths - deaths which I feel I do not wish to consign to 'Staff News'.

On December 1st 1994 Miss Heather Ford, head of Physical Education since January 1980, died suddenly. She had been in school teaching as usual on November 30th. In the evening she collapsed, not to regain consciousness. Her death was, as you may imagine, a great shock to every member of the school and it came of course near Christmas, and on the day of the first night of the school play. You will find elsewhere in the Newsletter my tribute to Heather. The good that flowered from this sad event was the wonderful supportiveness of each other shown by every member of the school and its extended family, including of course past staff and pupils.

A collection in memory of Heather raised just over £2,000. The money has been used to fund a Sports Bursary. The first Heather Ford Sports Bursary was awarded from September 1995 to Joanna Graves in the Lower Sixth.

Following the blow of Heather Ford's death, on March 25th 1995 came the death of Lieutenant Commander Michael Martin, Bursar of St. Mary's Hall for twenty-two years. Again, you will find elsewhere in the Newsletter my tribute to Michael Martin.

Lieutenant Commander Martin's death produced a very literal 'flowering' for donations in his memory raised over £800 to replant the rose terraces. That should give pleasure to many people for a number of years.

Mindful of space in the Newsletter, and of the tributes to Heather Ford and Michael Martin, I will keep my letter short this year. I shall mention only the youngest pupils and the oldest.

For the youngest (3 +) we have provided, in response to demand from working parents, all-day care. For the oldest, the extension to Venn House was opened at the beginning of the Summer Term 1995. Why not come to see it at the S.M.H.A. Luncheon on Saturday 11th May? You will be very welcome.

**PAMELA JAMES**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The Association continues to make a steady profit each year. It appears that we have a good sound base with nearly £10,000 in total all in capital. As forecast last year - pupil numbers are up and will have provided over £1,000 in subscriptions for the next account.

David Thompson, School Bursar, suggests that we continue on this track which allows for flexibility in making a capital grant should the occasion arise.

We were extremely fortunate not to have lost money when Barings crashed as the Church Board of Finance, who holds our deposit account, had invested with them. For a short while (two weeks) some of our funds were withheld in a special fund in readiness for the Bank of England findings - but these monies were returned to our account within the month with 6p. interest - so much for high finance!

My thanks to David for auditing our accounts.

**FRANCES BEARN (Moojen) Hon. Treasurer**

### S.M.H.A. TRADING ACCOUNT AS AT 31ST JULY 1995

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Subscriptions	750.00	Printing costs	580.00
Lunches/Supper	267.00	Donations	25.00
Raffle/Miscellaneous	47.50	Postage	263.99
Donations	25.76	Software	137.28
Interest		AROPS/Bank Cheque	12.00
CBF	512.37		-----
Bank	10.75		1115.77
Share	74.71	Profit for Year	572.32
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### BALANCE SHEET

Capital at Start of Year	9163.21	<u>Assets</u>	
Add Profit for Year	572.32	Barclays Deposit a/c	524.80
		Barclays Current a/c	191.52
		C & BF Shares 238 @ £6	1428.00
		C & BF Deposit	7591.21
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	9735.53		9735.53
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### **SPRING LUNCH 1995**

The following Members were present at the Lunch on Saturday May 13th 1995:-

**Mary Abbis (Rand), Frances Bearn (Moojen), Mrs. Boyes, Kathleen Chambre, Moyra Corscaden, Patricia Elsdon (Carton), Diana Gosnell (Moore), Aduke Oke (Bucknor), Miss Payne, Veronica Smith (Alsop), Anne Stapleton (Gosnell), Jane Wharton (Alsop) and Ruth Wiffen (Bradbrooke).**

Another successful raffle was organised by Miss Payne for the S.M.H.A. funds, and after lunch Members were taken on tours around the school. One Old Girl had been Head of Hilary so a small party went over to Sussex Square and were shown around by the Housemistress - very nostalgic for her and fascinating for the rest of us who were Elliott girls.

#### **REMEMBER TO LET US KNOW IF YOU MOVE OR GET MARRIED!**

**If you know of anyone who thinks they are Life Members, but they do not receive the Newsletter, we may not have their up-to-date details - please ask them to get in touch again. Anyone wishing to become a Life Member should also contact us with a cheque made out to S.M.H.A. in the sum of £30 - simple!**

#### **EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM PATRICIA VEDAST (WOOD) (1917-1925)**

Having very recently received my S.M.H.A. Newsletter, I feel inspired to send a line to you. Apart from the inevitable visits from the Man with the Scythe - claiming in this instance Irene Ashwin and Charity Girdlestone, and the news of Prof. Dorothy Emmet, who was Head Girl in my days, I did not know any others! The Girdlestone girls were all prodigious honours-earners, and to be regarded in envious respect!

Having left the Hall in 1925, aged 18, I was quite fascinated by a) the poem on Meeting an Old School Friend, and b) Mrs. Monica Brooke's article. Having spent my working life in the nursing world, the same is remarkably similar! Many of those Mrs. Brookes remarks upon are names well known to me of course. I was petrified of Miss Ghey, although as I became more adult (and got a bit of sense into my silly brain-box!), I got to know her very much better and found her a most wonderful friend and acquaintance!

Having been married for 50 years, alas my husband died last autumn. During the war, when Mr. Hitler fired fire-bombs at us from the sky, we had to have fire-watchers. I was a night staff nurse on the top floor of a hospital just outside Richmond, (Surrey - not Yorkshire!) and this man was the only such individual who actually did his rounds during an air-raid, and did not shelter in the basement! He also worked in hospital - a man with a brilliant mechanical

brain who, by his warmth of character and forthright manner of speech, (many friends bear scars of this!!) attracted a vast assortment of close friends and admirers!

Alas at 88 which I now am, I am not able to travel - so that attendance at such functions as you specify are not for me. Don't misunderstand me, I am able to get about locally - but train travel is beyond me.

I love getting the Old Girls' magazine - even though I know so few - but to realise the School still functions as it does in these troubled times is deeply reassuring. Keep up the good works.

So I say thank you for sending the magazine, and send warmest good wishes.

**A RECEPTION AND REVIEW OF THE YEAR'S EVENTS  
WAS HELD AT THE SCHOOL ON SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 16TH 1995 AT 6.15 P.M.**

Present:

**Chairman** - Mrs. P. James.

**Committee** - Mrs. Bearn (Frances Moojen), Mrs. Boyes, Mrs. Johnson (Janine Launchbury), Mrs. Kings (Linda Belasco), Mrs. Leslie, Miss Melanie Morrison, Miss Payne, Mrs. Stapleton (Gay Gosnell).

**Members** - Miss Bristol, Miss Kathleen Chambre, Mrs. Gosnell (Diana Moore), Mrs. Ricci (Isolde Rees), Miss Megan Warner, Mrs. Wooster (Alexandra Rolt).

**Apologies** - were received from Miss Conrady, Miss Moyra Corscaden, Dame Mildred Riddelsdell D.C.B., C.B.E., Mrs. Scully (Mary Chalmers), Mrs. Tinto (Joyce Colman).

A warm welcome was again extended to all.

Among Staff present (alphabetically):

**Mrs. Arnold**      Senior Housemistress

**Miss Best**       Drama

**Miss Corris**     PE

**Mrs. Drew**       Housemistress School House and Uniform Shop  
(among many other things!)

**Mrs. Jackson**    Head of Science

<b>Mrs. Jemmett</b>	Head of Junior Department
<b>Miss Podd</b>	Teacher in Junior Department and pupil S.M.H. 1977-84
<b>Mrs. Ridge</b>	Second Deputy and Director of Sixth Form Studies
<b>Mr. Wells</b>	Deputy Head and Director of Studies

Also from the Sixth Form (alphabetically):

<b>Kemi Anibaba</b>	Head of Boarding
<b>Janet Lee</b>	Deputy Head Girl
<b>Jenny Mathews</b>	Head Girl
<b>Katy Taylor</b>	

The evening began with the saying of the S.M.H.A. Prayer and the School Prayer and remembrance of those who have died since our last meeting.

1st December 1994	<b>Miss Heather Ford</b> (Head of PE) 1980-94
12th December 1994	<b>Miss Selma Orme</b> (Housekeeper) 1952-78
25th March 1995	<b>Lieutenant Commander Michael Martin</b> RN (Bursar for 22 years)
27th July 1995	<b>Miss Wendy Rogers</b> (Maths Dept.) 1960-82
31st August 1995	<b>Mrs. Eleanor D. Hudson</b> (nee Loughton) S.M.H. 1919-24.

**Miss Conrady** had been visited by two Members of the S.M.H.A. and they reported that she was very well and enjoying living at Seaford.

**Miss Gilligan** who was Bursar 1951- 68 was visited by Mrs. James and Mr. Liddell during the summer holiday and Mr. Liddell took photographs. She doesn't get about well, but has a very active mind.

#### Retired Summer 1995

<b>Mrs. Blunt</b>	Head of Biology S.M.H.	September 1988-July 1995
<b>Mrs. Jewsbury</b>	Head of Junior Dept.	September 1987-July 1995
<b>Mr. Liddell</b>	Maths. Depart and School Photographer	September 1968-July 1995

The School had received enquiries from a retired Clergyman living in



Salisbury about his Aunt, **Wilhelmina Philippa Caroline Gildea**, known as **Minna**. Born 27th September 1875 and at S.M.H. in the 1880's-90's. Her name is on the Honours' Board as a scholar. She went to Canada in about 1927 and founded an English-style girls' boarding school in Vancouver. Someone is writing a history of that school and wanted to know about its founder.

Old Girls played a friendly lacrosse match against a school side during the afternoon.

Numbers in the school at the moment : 400 (140 Juniors, 260 Seniors). There has been a slight fall from last year - at the young end, 3+, 4+, 5+ and Mrs. James urged those living locally to recommend the school! There are 54 in the Sixth Form.

In response to the needs of working parents, starting from September 1995 the school has increased the hours during which they are able to look after the youngest children in the school. They can now be at school, if their parents wish, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Someone has been appointed specially to look after them for the last part of the afternoon.

Exam results this year were excellent and included two girls achieving 3 grade As at A Level - **Caroline Green** who is to read Law at Manchester and **Sarah Stallard** who is to read Veterinary Science at Bristol. At GCSE there were also excellent results including 1 girl achieving 9 grade As and a B and another who achieved 10 grade As.

Seven girls obtained gold awards in the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme in recent years thanks to **Mrs. Ridge**.

In October 1994 the school hosted a fashion show in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care - the girls acting as the models!

In November 1994 there was a Chemistry workshop evening - to be repeated in November 1995.

In February 1995 a cultural evening was organised by the then head girl, **S-J Lo** - a Festival of different cultures, food, dance, etc.

In April 1995 the extension to Venn House was opened.

Grace was said and a very good supper was then enjoyed by all!

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**The May lunch is to be held on Saturday May 11th 1996 at 12.30 p.m.**

**The Reunion Supper will be held on Saturday September 14th 1996 at 7 p.m., preceded by a Reception at 6.15 p.m.**

**Committee Members please note that your Meeting with tea will take place at 5 p.m. on the 14th.**

**The cost for the lunch will be £7.50 and the cost of the supper will be £9.50. To save s.a.e.'s and Members' time, tickets will not be issued for either event. Please apply to Hon. Secretary on the enclosed insert, cheques to be made payable to S.M.H.A. please.**

### **FREE LUNCH AND SUPPER**

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

Please apply to the Hon. Secretary whose address is on the last page of this Newsletter.

### **UPDATING THE RECORDS**

**It is very important that you let us know any change of address or change of name as soon as possible - very many Members over the years have ceased to receive the Newsletter simply because we do not know that they have moved!**

### **PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?**

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

**Miss J. Bowman, Miss K. Burt, Miss L. Chan, Miss C. Forster, Mrs.**

**C. Grant (Allden), Miss G. Green, Miss S. Judd, Miss S. Lea, Mrs. P. Mackenzie (Wallis-Jones), Miss L. Malpass, Miss N. Monen, Miss C. Moore, Mrs. F. Paine (Woolgar), Mrs. S. Rickets (Somerville), Mrs. D. Rowe (Menzies), Miss C. Simmons, Dr. A. Vokins, Miss K. Vokins, Miss S. Vokins and Mrs. J. Watson (Amherst-Clark).**

## **STAFF NEWS**

For reference to the deaths of **Miss Heather Ford** and **Lieutenant Commander Michael Martin**, please see my letter.

Retirements in summer 1995 included **Mrs. Pat Blunt**, who had been Head of the Biology Department since 1989.

**Mrs. Vivien Jewsbury** also retired in summer 1995, having joined the Junior Department in 1987, and taken over as Head of the Juniors in 1992. Those of you who were present at the S.M.H.A. supper in September 1995 will have met **Mrs. Maggie Jemmett**, who succeeds Mrs. Jewsbury as Head of the Junior Department.

The above two retirements are in order of length of service. We now take a jump to someone who will be remembered by many Members of the S.M.H.A., since he served in the Mathematics Department from January 1972 to July 1992. I speak of course of **Mr. Jack Liddell**. I will have to leave it to him to make some sort of calculation as to how many S.M.H. pupils must have been taught by him over the years.

Since 1992 Mr. Liddell has retained his position as official school photographer; but in summer 1995 he finally relinquished even that. Although Mr. Liddell may have 'hung up' successively his chalk and his camera, he is not idle, and I am sure will welcome anyone at his second-hand bookshop in Shoreham, 'Bookworms'.

**P.J. JAMES**

**Lieutenant Commander Michael Donovan Martin R.N.**

**15th November 1923 - 25th March 1995**

**Bursar of St. Mary's Hall for 22 years**

**Tribute delivered by the headmistress, Mrs. Pamela James, at the funeral of Lieutenant Commander Martin, held in the School**

## Chapel of St. Mark on Friday 31st March 1995.

Michael Martin served St. Mary's Hall for 22 years - as I said to the girls the other day, longer than any of them have lived, and a great example to us all of service and dedication. At school he was always affectionately known as Mike, so forgive me if I lapse into that familiarity.

Lists can be dull, and there is much more to a Bursar's job than overseeing building work. However, I'm sure the school will pardon me if I repeat for you all the developments at St. Mary's Hall which Mike oversaw during his time as Bursar.

1. Conversion of the whole basement of the main school - dining hall and kitchen, cloakrooms, etc.
2. Refurbishment of St. Hilary House.
3. The building of our present hall and gym, stage and lighting box.
4. The building of the Music Room, Mr. Jay's room and additional music practice cells.
5. The drama studio above the hall.
6. The conversion of what is now the art building from a sanatorium. (When I first came to St. Mary's Hall, the art building was still known as 'The Old San'.)
7. The present main staff room.
8. The building of the Pool block - swimming pool and classrooms, etc.
9. The building of Venn House for the Sixth Form.
10. The celebrations to mark the 150th anniversary of St. Mary's Hall.
11. Martin House, now used for Maths but originally built for the juniors, and by request of the staff, named after Commander Martin.
12. The conversion and equipping of the Design Technology room. (It was the history room before that time.)
13. The conversion and equipping of the IT room.
14. Taking over St. Mark's as the School Chapel.

One of the girls said to me, after I read that list in Chapel on Monday: 'But the school would have been an entirely different place without all

that!"

Even after his retirement Mike continued to serve St. Mary's Hall, not only coming back to 'look out' for Commander Thompson when he was on holiday, but also writing A Short History of St. Mary's Hall. That History itself illustrates an important point about Mike Martin's service to the school: When he undertook the task he said that he wanted to write something he hoped would be of interest to and readable by **the girls**. He always remembered that the girls were the heart of the school. He liked to talk to them and involve them in decisions. He always had a great belief that girls could take up anything in the way of a career. Even back in the early 70's, when the climate of opinion was very different from that of today, he was keen that girls should become for instance engineers; or do the backstage work for a play - the lighting and so on - so that **that** particular male preserve could be broken into. Mind you, he believed that girls could **get up** to anything too, and when he saw them on the 'phone in the lunch hour, would mutter darkly that they were on to their bookmakers, laying bets for the afternoon's race meetings!

As I said, a Bursar's work is in no way confined to buildings. And if I can paraphrase the words of the girl I quoted earlier: The school would have been an entirely different place without Mike.

It is people who make places. From my early days at St. Mary's Hall I picture Mike striding around the grounds with his golden labrador Sandy (also known as Shantus) at his heels. The day I was interviewed for a post here, Sandy was snoring in the headmistress' study, and I thought that a school where an interview was conducted to the accompaniment of a snoring labrador **must** be all right. Mike's **dog's** presence gave the **human** touch.

Sandy was old, and when the time came for him to be put down, Mike took him to the vet one lunch hour. That afternoon Mike was back at his desk, though red-eyed all afternoon, and with a pile of scratchy paper towels for use as handkerchiefs beside him.

This epitomised two things about Mike: he was a gentle man, a man of feeling; but he was also a man with a great sense of duty, and distressed though he was, there he was at his desk, doing his job.

Mike was also a man of authority, but he wore that authority lightly and exercised it with ease and humour. A member of staff told me an anecdote which should appeal to any of you who know anything about school bursars and their reputation for keeping a very tight grasp on the purse-strings. (Mike himself would often answer to the name of Scrooge, and when I made my annual visit to him to ask about the purchase of Christmas trees, he would exclaim: 'Bah! Humbug!') The anecdote was about the day the member of staff in question had come for an interview. He had all the serious and earnest questions ready to ask, and meeting Mike in the corridor, asked what were the financial resources for the department he was hoping to join. Mike, with a charming smile, pumped his hand up and down and said, 'A bottomless pit, dear boy, a bottomless pit.'

At times when one was beset with difficulties, Mike had a little saying: 'Never fear, Mickey's here'. It was oddly reassuring; he did give one the feeling that yes, everything would be looked after, and everything would somehow be all right.

Mike loved St. Mary's Hall. Someone said the other day: He'll always be around the school in some way or another. I'm sure he is here today, in ways beyond our understanding, and I hope he can sense the great affection in which he was held. He would have been surprised; he was a very diffident man. Farewell to a gallant gentlemen, and a devoted servant of the school. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

#### **HEADMISTRESS'S TRIBUTE TO HEATHER MARY FORD 9TH MAY 1991 - 1ST DEC. 1994**

I knew Heather for nearly 15 years, both as a colleague and as a friend. When I think of her professionally, the words and phrases that come to mind are 'dedicated', 'loyal to the utmost', and completely professional in the conduct of her job as a teacher. Heather was dedicated and loyal to all the girls who passed through her hands as pupils; to her colleagues and friends; and to St. Mary's Hall. She was a lady of great honour and integrity. One of the parents who wrote at the time of her death described her as 'a fine ambassador for the school'.

Other parents recalled Heather stewarding events in the Chapel.



standing by the door to greet people, always with a smile. I can't think of Heather without seeing that smile.

As a teacher, one of the particular hallmarks of Heather was the encouragement she gave. She believed passionately in her subject and the training it gave in many aspects other than the purely physical. She wanted everyone to share her enjoyment of sport. If a girl had no natural inclination to sport, Heather would persist in her efforts to find some aspect of physical activity which would catch the girl's interest. Heather was never interested only or even mainly in those who were good at sport. The mother of a girl in the Junior School wrote of Heather's 'quiet and encouraging way with the children and her obvious delight at their successes, however small'. One of the senior girls wrote of Miss Ford's encouragement to her in netball, which gave her confidence for other things. Another wrote of how Miss Ford had helped her to overcome a lifelong fear of water. Others remembered Miss Ford's encouragement of girls' first attempts to ski and the joy and fun of the ski trips taken so often in January.

If I may bring in a personal note - I counted Heather as a friend as well as a colleague: her encouragement didn't end with the pupils. If Heather knew I was dealing with something particularly difficult, or was especially hard-pressed, I would find on my desk a little chocolate bar or some home-made biscuits wrapped in paper, with a note from Heather to the effect that the gift was to give me extra strength and energy and that I was to keep smiling. I know I wasn't the only recipient of these little gifts; Heather's biscuits were famous. And of course, the principal sustenance these gifts gave were not to the body, delicious though they were, but to the spirit.

Those gifts were typical of Heather's thoughtfulness and concern for others. Another manifestation of that concern was in Heather's interest in and care for girls from abroad. Some of you will know that in 1993 Heather studied and obtained a qualification in teaching English as a foreign language. She had a great awareness of the difficulties experienced by pupils joining an English school from a far-off country and a different language and culture. In 1994 she took advantage of a government scheme to fund placements of teachers in industry, and visited Sweden to look into the programme developed by a large firm to induct its foreign workers and integrate them into the community. She

was working currently on a planned programme of induction for pupils from abroad joining St. Mary's Hall to take place before the start of the academic year.

One of the girls who wrote to Mrs. Ford after Heather's death said that perhaps her memories of the little things seemed silly, but they were special to her, and 'every little detail I can remember of her is precious'. That is very true. We each of us shall hold dear our memories - and so often they are of the little things. The mother of a family who left St. Mary's Hall a while ago wrote that they had spent a morning together recalling the many happy times each of them had spent in Miss Ford's company. The memories are happy, though very poignant.

An ex-pupil wrote: 'Miss Ford was the sort of teacher every school needs.' Yes indeed. And the sort of friend everyone needs. And the sort of person the world needs. May we all in our individual ways celebrate her life by trying to follow her example.

P.J.J.  
January 1995

### WENDY ROGERS

Wendy Rogers commenced her teaching career at The Royal Naval School, Haselmer shortly after the end of the Second World War.

In 1960 she was appointed to the staff of S.M.H. by Miss D. Conrady and served in the Mathematics Department under Mrs. Kathleen Parsons. In 1973 she became Head of Mathematics, a post she held until her retirement in 1982. Her years as Head of Department were characterized by the maintenance of her predecessor's dignified professionalism and this guaranteed continuity in outstanding results in the 'O' and 'A' level examinations of those days.

Wendy was by nature a shy person, a characteristic she hid under a somewhat brusque exterior; she did not readily reveal herself to others but her limited number of friends will bear testimony to her loyalty and devotion. Her main interest was in the natural world which she rejoiced in both her showpiece garden at Small Dole and her many fascinating journeys to various parts of the world.

Donations at her funeral to the R.S.P.B. bore witness to her abiding love of birds.

Wendy had a firm faith which sustained her through many vicissitudes: she and her handicapped brother were, in the end, the only surviving members of her immediate family. Like many very reserved people I do not think she ever realised how much she meant to others. The good congregation at her funeral service bore testimony to the affection and respect in which she was held. Relations, neighbours, fellow churchgoers and many former colleagues from St. Mary's Hall attended and she herself had chosen the format for the service, the theme of which was joy based on the certainty of a passing over to a fuller life through death. May she now know that 'peace which passes all understanding'.

**E.O.L.**

#### **SISTER PHYLLIS ROBINSON - Died in March 1995**

Sister Phyllis Robinson came to the School in September 1967. She was a fully trained nurse and organised her San on the ground floor of Elliott House most efficiently and happily. Everything was spotless and every care was taken to make her patients comfortable and relaxed. A snooze after lunch was strictly adhered to. Pip, her beloved collie, helped to create the right atmosphere: he would herd the surgery queue every morning and be very comforting to small girls when they had to be admitted to the San. Every sympathy was given to those who needed treatment, but she quickly saw through any attempt to avoid an unpleasant lesson or an unwelcome test.

Her kindness extended to us all and she was always ready to give heat treatment to aching backs or soothe sore feet. She was in her element during 'flu' epidemics when her hospital training proved invaluable. House Staff and even Headmistresses were co-opted to hand out breakfasts and lunches in the San and in the Elliott dormitories which had to house the growing number of patients. Some of you may remember Mrs. Leslie in her charming white negligee helping to take temperatures and administering hot drinks and food before she had to rush to cope with her normal busy day. Occasionally St. Hilary House had to accommodate the overflow of convalescing patients in Glynde Dormitory and Sister Robinson would pay frequent visits to make sure

all was well.

During her earlier nursing career she had injured her back and she constantly suffered extreme pain, but she would never give in nor neglect her duties. Whenever she was free she and Pip would be out on the field supporting her house team in the lacrosse matches and rendering first aid if necessary.

On her days off she would go to her caravan near Henfield, deep in the country, where she could really relax and rest.

Sadly for her she saw little of her family as her son Peter worked and lived in America, but she had a fine selection of photographs of her grandsons.

She retired in July 1980 as she now needed another operation on her back and then regular hospital treatment. She then lived happily in her flat at Hockley, but she had to cope with much pain and frequent hospital visits. She was always so cheerful and courageous about her illness and very grateful to all who helped and befriended her. She was absolutely delighted to become a great grandmother just before she died. Now she has the peace she deserves.

**MARGARET PAYNE**

### **HEAD GIRL'S REPORT**

After such a wonderful summer of endless weeks of hot weather, it seems strange to see the nights drawing in and know that soon Christmas will be here again!

This year has been buzzing, with something happening all the time; trips to the theatre and to concerts, trips to museums, outings both for learning and for pleasure. The customary visit to Greece at Easter was, as always, a great success.

September brought the start of the academic year, a nervous time for girls coming to the school for the first time and a nervous time for those of us in the Upper Sixth, with applications to universities and the realisation that A-levels are suddenly getting closer.

The Christmas term has brought with it a heavy schedule of rehearsals for our various productions. This year it is the turn of the musical and we are all looking forward to 'Annie Get Your Gun' which features perhaps the best-loved song from any show, 'There's No Business Like Show-Business'. Soon afterwards we shall enjoy the magic of the candlelit carol service in the chapel; what a wonderful way to celebrate Christmas!

This year has seen a change in our main winter sport from lacrosse to hockey and we are already starting to gain in confidence and have even won some matches. Our netball teams have had some successes and we continue to work hard at swimming, tennis, table-tennis, rounders and squash.

1996 will see yet more activity with our Senior Choir entering either the Sainsbury's Choir of the Year Competition or the National Festival of Music for Youth Competition; let us hope that we do as well as our choir two years ago, when we reached the national finals. The Sixth Form will also be organising a cultural evening, launched with such success by my predecessor **Sara-Jane Lo** last spring. Our next cultural evening will be based on a display of fashions and costume from the countries represented at the school, some sixteen in all, together with music and special treats to eat. It promises to be an interesting event.

We are only a short way into the new school year, and yet we already have a huge programme of events ahead of us. All that and school work as well; what a year it is going to be!

**JENNIFER MATHEWS**

**Lines on the Disappearance of an Ancient Monument**

The Lady's ancient Bower  
Hath had its hour,  
In time (that Principality and Power)  
Doth all devour,  
And Woodworms (mustering their unseen Array)  
Assist decay;  
Yet share a mindful word, O Traveller! say  
Ere it shall pass away. This Arbour, that marauding sparrow  
pecks at, Once roof'd a quiet Singer REQUIESCAT. **F.L.G.**

AN EXTRACT FROM AN AUTOGRAPH BOOK BELONGING  
TO SHEILA ALLISON (HUMPHRYS) - PROBABLY IN 1936/37

Mary Reeson.

"Jippy."

Angele Wright

Hazel P. Cooke

D. Phayre Crowley

Priscilla Storer

Sheila

Jane Felton

Jean Barker

Jane Gardner

Porter  
4.9.

Wm. Leaver

Audrey Hedges

A.E. Gasston

NEWS OF OLD GIRLS

**Ashford, Mrs. Sarah (Hunt)** Is now living in Perth with her husband and three sons.

**Ashwin, Miss M.** Has recently moved after 40 years - new address later in magazine. She writes that she is being well looked after and is busy sorting through family papers with the help of various cousins.

**Ball, Miss Joanna** Now doing a Diploma in Library Studies at University College London.

**Bearn, Mrs Frances (Moojen)** Attended Jacqui Somers-Hayward's (Reason) daughter's wedding in the summer with Linda Kings (Belasco) and her husband and had a very happy day - all the wedding party looked absolutely lovely. She is also in contact with Frances Gilbert and Angelica Meletiou. Her youngest daughter, Alex, has just left S.M.H. Natasha has just become a barrister and Nicola works for



American Express. Frances has a gorgeous grandson, James.

**Bolglase, Miss Elizabeth** Known as Dee - very happily married and running an animal sanctuary. (Married name?)

**Bristol, Miss Laura** Came to the supper in September and remarked that she seemed to have spent too much time in the summer carrying water - but the runner beans had survived!

**Carter, Miss Sarah Elizabeth (Carrapiette)** [1982 - 1987] married Christopher Carter on the 16th September 1995. Since leaving S.M.H. she trained as a nurse at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London and passed getting her Nursing Diploma. She has just transferred to Guy's Hospital, London and is a Staff Nurse on the Intensive Care Unit.

**Chatwin, Miss Monique** Was expecting a baby last June (married name please).

**Chatwin, Miss Yvette** Is married - name please? Mrs. Leslie tells us that Yvette was expecting a baby last August, but she did not hear who had arrived! When her father contracted bacterial meningitis - usually fatal - Yvette recognised his symptoms quickly having nursed a young student and this may have saved her father's life.

**Clark, Miss Jenny** [1982 - 1991] Has a degree in PE and has been doing a term at Brighton College in PE Department to cover maternity leave.

**Clements, Mrs. M. (Reeson)** Writes that the third generation of their family has just started at S. M.H. **Mary** was at S.M.H. from 1932-40 when the school closed for the duration of the war. Her younger sister, the late **Joan Corbett (Reeson)** was at S.M.H. from 1935-40. Mary married in 1950 and her elder daughter, **Sue Bruce-Smith (Clements)** was at S.M.H. from 1961-69, and her younger daughter, **Liz Gartside (Clements)** was at S.M.H. from 1965-72. Liz's daughter, **Sarah Gartside**, aged 11, started at the school in September 1995 - a good tradition! She writes that she always enjoys receiving the Newsletter and reading about how well the school is doing.

**Cockcroft, Mrs. C. (Temple)** Has a daughter, Victoria.

**Cole, Miss S.** Has achieved a 2:1 in English.

**Davy, Miss A.** Has finally qualified as a doctor and is working in the Bristol area so hopes it will be easier to see people (outside her 72 hours per week ).

**de Tcherepakine, Madame Lynette (Pepher)** Lives in France and has two daughters.

**Denton, Mrs. R-K. (Suffolk)** Achieved a 2:2 in Pharmacy and is working in Southlands Hospital.

**Fernihough, Mrs. Janet (Dodds)** On July 1st Janet married her husband, Mark in Worcestershire - she looked lovely in her dress (some of you may remember that she detested wearing skirts or dresses).

**Gosnell, Mrs. Diana (Moore)** Diana and her husband Hylton celebrated their Golden Wedding in June '95 with a happy family party organised by their daughter, Gay.

**Guest, Mrs. Jane (Bolglase)** Now living in Edinburgh and working in University Administration.

**Harwood, Mrs. C. (Morris)** [1979 - 1984] Married Rev. Peter Harwood on 16th September. Peter is curate at Holy Trinity, Coventry. Clare continues to work in market research in London.

**Hendry, Mrs. Fiona (Wright)** Got married in the summer and two of her bridesmaids were **Catherine Tilbury (Holt)** and **Sarah Gorringe (Batchelor)**.

**Hitchcock, Miss Jane** Is engaged and hopes to get married after she finishes her P.G.C.E. course at Exeter.

**Holder, Miss Sarah** Has a second child. (married name?)

**Jantuah, Miss J.** Has a son - Miss Payne could not remember her married name! Any clues?

**Jee, Mrs. J. (Morris)** [1976 - 1982] She and her husband, Jonathan are still living in Hinckley where Jonathan is Team Vicar at St. John's. They have three children, Thomas four and a half, twins Rachel and Daniel two and a half and they are expecting their fourth child in the New Year. Both parish and family life are very busy!

**Johnson, Mrs. Janine (Launchbury)** Is writing a book about S.M.H. - using letters.

**Koffman, Miss Sasha** Has achieved a 2:i in History.

**Laing, Dr. Nancy** [1930 - 1934] Visited the school in June.

**Little, Miss Kathryn** has qualified in medicine.

**Massey, Mrs. Rowena (Waters)** [ - 1982] Graduated with a B.A. (Hons.) in History and Geography. After a short spell in retail Management - Mothercare - she moved into Local Government which is where she has been ever since. She spent a short while dealing with housing benefit claimants before moving to the finance department. She has seen the end of rates, the beginning and end of Community Charge and the beginning of Council Tax. She has gradually worked her way up and now specialises in recovery. She deals with attachment of earnings and represents the Council at the Magistrates Court for means enquiries. She has never had anyone sent to prison but she is working on it! She married Finlay Massey on the 7th May 1994 who she met some five

years before. After a very wet wedding and a lovely honeymoon in Venice and Amalfi they returned to their new house in Alton. Address later in magazine.

**McClaghry, Miss Rachael** and her husband now have a second daughter. (married name?)

**McClaghry, Miss Ruth** is now working with a charity, Arts Insight, in London. She recently published a book of her poetry.

**Morrison, Miss Melanie** Has just started a new job having left London City Ballet in February after 8 years. Now Education Administrator at a performing arts college. Still sharing flat with her sister, **Lucinda**, who is working for a theatre and t.v. press/pr company. She is now godmother to **Louise Wilson's (Thwaites)** first child, James. Melanie bumped into **Clare Harwood (Morris)** in the wedding list department at John Lewis. When her previous flat was on the market, one 'viewer' turned out to be **Nina King** !

**Moussavi, Miss Farshid** She and her husband have won the Yokahama Bay Competition for a symbolic terminal building welcoming visitors from around the globe. There were 3,000 entrants. Her sister **Farinaz** is also well. (Married name please).

**Nahum, Mrs. V. (Murad)** works with her husband in his business. Lives in Mill Hill and has three children.

**Patel, Miss Tina** Has qualified in Engineering and is engaged in 'digging a hole in the ground' in London - an extension to the underground.

**Payne, Miss Margaret** very busy as usual - involved in raising money for the Friends of Queen's Park, looking after five cats and cat sitting for neighbours whilst they were away. In the scented garden which the Friends have provided they have managed to add more benches made from the trees blown down in the hurricane.

**Podd, Miss J.** Is now well into her second year of teaching in the Junior Department at S.M.H. Based in Elliott, she is form teacher to one of the lower prep.1 classes (7-8 year olds). Very busy and thoroughly enjoying herself. Just moved into a flat in Hove. Managed to see **Caroline King (Searle)** during the Easter holidays - saw her son Ben who was two in November. She also met up with **Ann Trustrum** and **Jo Wilkinson (Galbraith)** during the summer holidays. Both are well. Ann is still an accountant with Thompson Holidays - always jetting off around the world.

**Ricci, Mrs. Issie (Rees)** Has an interior decorating business with her husband. She has two children - Gregory 20 doing his military service

at the moment, and Sandrine 18 at commercial college in Geneva.

**Roller, Mrs Susan (Harris)** [1975 - 1982] Has been invited to become a Governor of S.M.H.

**Smith, Mrs. Rachael (Clark)** Is now living in Wales.

**Soughurst, Miss Christina** has just finished writing up an M.Sc. in Nutrition.

**Stainer, Mrs. Clare (Laxton)** Has passed her final anaesthetist's exams and is now an F.R.C.A.

**Stapleton, Mrs. A. (Gosnell G.)** daughter, Victoria is 24 and working for Jarvis Group of Hotels. She herself is working as a Dental Nurse treating elderly patients at home or in nursing homes, rest homes, day centres, etc.

**Sunman, Mrs. Joanna (Sayer)** Her husband is now working at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford and Jo is starting back into her part time work as soon as she has obtained approval from the Royal College of Physicians.

**Warner, Miss M.** Having been Head of a Primary School for ten years she went back to college to do an M.A. in Educational Studies at a time when she needed to care for her mother. The following four years were spent in a Girls' High School, a Middle School, a large comprehensive School and a Secondary Special School in London as Heads of Departments. She is now an independent OFSTED Inspector and travels the country from Blackpool to Bristol as part of a team inspecting Primary Schools. She would love to hear from S.M.H. friends if they ever go to Oxford.

**Wooster, Mrs. Alex (Rolt)** Is teaching 'Extend' - exercise training for the elderly and disabled and doing voluntary work at her local hospital. She has two daughters - Katie who is a staff nurse and Caroline who is a psychology student at Bristol University.

**Wyckmans, Mrs. Jane (Campbell)** Married Christian Wyckmans (who is an analyst programmer working in a bank) in August 1992 and gave birth to Jonathan in November 1993. Jane met her husband at a field hockey tournament - they are both keen players (and so is Jonathan already!). Jane has been living in Brussels ever since she left school and has been working in the conference business for over 10 years. She joined Management Centre Europe a year ago; if any of you are attending a course there and remember her, please do look her up!

**Yong, Miss Pearl** has qualified as a Barrister and is engaged to be married.

ALTERATIONS TO NAMES AND ADDRESSES AND NEW MEMBERS  
JANUARY - DECEMBER 1995

**Abdul, Miss Mazinawati Majid H.** [ - 1995] No.5, Simpang 421, Kampung Beumbing, Mukim Subok, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei, Darussalam

**Ahmad, Miss Siti** [ - 1995] c/o Mr. & Mrs. Haji Ahmad, Embassy of Brunei Darussalam, 11 Amer Street, Dokki Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt

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**Bearn, Miss Alexandra** [ - 1995] 34 Fitzjohns Road, Lewes, East Sussex BN7 1PS

**Benton, Miss Claire** (- 1995) 92 Shaftesbury Rd, Brighton, E. Sussex.

**Besar, Miss Hafizah** [ - 1995] c/o Hj A B Abd Rahman, High Commission of Brunei Darussalam, House No 6, Street 21, Section F-6/2, Islamabad, Pakistan

**Besar, Miss Hanisah** [ - 1995] c/o Hj A B Abd Rahman, High Commission of Brunei Darussalam, House No 6, Street 21, Sector F-6/2, Islamabad, Pakistan

**Canavan, Miss Louisa** [ - 1995] 6 Elm Close, Barrowfield Drive, Hove, East Sussex, BN3 6TG

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**Cole, Miss Barbara** [ - 1995] Rockville, 151 High Street, Uckfield, East Sussex, TN21 1HP

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**Harvey, Miss Laura** [ - 1995] Paddock House, Withdean Rise, Brighton, East Sussex, BN1 7YP

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**Harwood, Mrs. C. (Morris)** [1979 - 1984] 85 Stoney Road, Coventry, CV3 6HH

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Makati, Metro Manila, Philippines

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**Terry, Miss Joanna** [ - 1995] St. Philips's Vicarage, 77 New Church Road, Hove, East Sussex, BN3 4BB

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**Zakaria, Miss Ani** [ - 1995] c/o Dato Hj Zakaria Dmw Haji, Sulaiman, Ministry of Communication, Old Airport Road, Beraka 1150, Brunei Darussalam.

**POEM MADE UP BY MEMBERS OF CRANMER DORMITORY  
SOMETIME IN THE LATE 1950'S**

There's Pippo the Hippo without any hair,  
And Mary the fairy who flies through the air,  
There is Karen the darling whose loved by us all,  
And Megan the dragon who we drive up the wall.  
Oh! There's one we forgot  
That's Bobby the clot.  
And all of us lot  
Live in Cranmer  
Ell - i - ott!

(Sorry Bobby)

**LATE NEWS:** Mrs. Katharine Ogden (Powell) died peacefully on 19th December 1995 at Langdon House, Cambridge where she had been resident for the past two years. She was ninety years of age and had become very frail during recent months. She always spoke warmly of S.M.H. and loved to get the Newsletter.



**Left to Right front row: Vivi Nahum (Murad), Miss Doris Conrady, Linda Kings (Belasco), Alex Wooster (Rolt), Penny Gardiner (Buck)**  
**Back row: Anne Stapleton (Gay Gosnell), Frances Bearn (Moojen)**

### **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

To be paid to the Hon. Treasurer (Mrs. F. Bearn), S.M.H.A., 34 Fitzjohn Road, Lewes, E. Sussex, BN7 1PS. There will no longer be Annual Membership available due to the extremely high Bank charges we incur. In future, anyone wishing to join the Association will be asked to pay the Life Membership subscription of £30. (This amount will have to be reviewed periodically - so join now!)

### **NEWSLETTER**

Please send all items of news, articles, photographs, etc. to the Hon. Editor, Mrs. L.M. Kings, S.M.H.A., Raglan House, Pell Green, Wadhurst, E. Sussex. TN5 6ED, **before** 1st November each year.

### **ADDRESS LISTS**

Complete address lists can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. A. Stapleton, S.M.H.A., 17 Windsor Road, Salisbury, Wilts., SP2 7DX - cost £2 - please make your cheques payable to the S.M.H.A. We are continually trying to keep this 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 in it the love and reverence of all its members as an instrument of Thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

## 1996 REUNIONS

Please use this form to book your place(s) for the Lunch and Supper Reunions.

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

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

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

Address.....  
.....

I would like to attend the Lunch on the 11th May 1996 at 12.30 p.m.

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

I would like to attend the Supper on the 14th September 1996 at 6.15 p.m. for 7.00 p.m.

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

I enclose herewith my cheque in the sum of £..... (Lunch £7.50 per head and Supper £9.50 per head).

**DON'T FORGET - BOTH LUNCH AND SUPPER ARE FREE  
FOR FIRST-YEAR MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

**All Old Girls, husbands and boyfriends are always welcome to these functions!**

Please send this form together with your cheque made payable to S.M.H.A. to:- Mrs. Anne Stapleton (Hon. Secretary) 17 Windsor Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP2 7DX at least one week before each event.

**N.B. Please tell Anne your numbers before attending either function - thank you!**

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