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November, 1983.

Dear fellow-members,

This is now our third news-letter and, if you remember, when it was started it was to be for an experimental period of three years. So next year, at our A.G.M., we shall have to decide whether to continue it. From letters and comments that I have received, it would seem to be popular; but in the end its success depends on you. Unless a secretary receives the news items, she cannot compile a news-letter, and this year there are only just over 20 items compared with nearly 70 last year. I know that that record number was because many of you added notes of your activities when returning the Address Book slips, but even so, 20-odd is not many from over 500 members.

You will notice that I have said "a secretary" and not "I" in that sentence - this is because I feel that after 15 years as secretary, it is time for me to hand over to someone else. I sometimes have letters from members who claim that they must be "the oldest" or "one of the oldest" Old Girls, and I see with alarm that these claimants are coming nearer and nearer to my "year". Although I am not ready to make that claim myself yet, I do feel that a change to someone with new ideas and renewed energy would be good. I shall be happy to carry on till next year, and hope that there will be some suggestions and/or offers to consider at the next A.G.M.

I was very grateful to Suzanne Coon who organised this year's Reunion, including the Hockey Match, which everyone enjoyed. It makes it very much easier if the same person does not have to think of both the Reunion details and the business of the A.G.M.

Siân Davies has very kindly offered to be responsible for next year's gathering, which will be on September 22nd.

The method we used last year for giving information of the day seems to have worked very well, so we will do the same again. Will you please fill in the form which you will find later on in this news-letter if you are interested in the Reunion and think you may be able to come, and then full details and an application form will be sent to you nearer the time - probably in June or July.

Talking of Reunions - I hope the account sent by Angela Hewitson (Wells) of their mini-reunion will inspire other groups to follow their example.

About the School Magazine - as Mr. Pollard told us in his letter last year - the Editors are working their way towards publication in the Autumn again, so I suppose it will be in about September or October (1984) when we get the next issue; (who knows - it might even be ready for September 22nd). However, as we have to state the number of copies we want before they are printed, I think we shall need to ask you now if you wish to have one. Therefore, there is a form for you to fill in for that too.

With all good wishes to you for a very happy Christmas,

Yours sincerely,

Eileen S. Smart (Whittaker).

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If writing, please enclose stamped, addressed envelope for reply.

St. Elphin's School,
Darley Dale,
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Dear Old Girls,

In my last letter to you I spoke of our planned new building, and of various events due to take place in the 1982-83 academic year. In a truly 'eventful' year even more changes occurred than I described in outline, and some areas of the School now look very different than they did only a short time ago. The summer holidays brought three significant developments: the completion of a splendid new teaching block, known as the Hopkins Building (named after Mr. L.A. Hopkins, the present Vice-Chairman and a School Governor for almost 30 years) in which Art, Craft, Mathematics and Computers co-exist fruitfully; the conversion of what was previously Gresford into a Lower Sixth Form complex providing separate cubicles, study facilities, television lounge, kitchen and utility room; and the gutting and rebuilding of the Pigot House bathroom area, as part of a planned updating of all the House washing facilities, now completed except for those in Kennedy House. Previous generations of Lower Sixth Formers, I'm told, lived in 'Orchards', so the wheel has come full circle. This ambitious building programme and the conversions represent a significant step forward for the present generation. In October this year the Duchess of Devonshire performed the opening ceremony, which was preceded by an impressive Service of dedication and commitment, held in the Stopford Hall.

16 girls from last year's Upper Sixth gained university or college places. This list included two 'Oxbridge' places: Diana Hill-Wilson's at Oxford - reading Music at Merton - and Nichola Holt's at Cambridge, where she is reading Classics at New Hall. We are all aware of the difficulties of gaining university places - has there ever been a summer when more radio programmes were devoted to this? - and I am pleased to say that our's was the largest number achieved in recent years. Our Sixth Form continues to increase in size and must do so if we wish to compete on equal terms with that increasing number of co-educational Sixth Forms. Outside the classroom, large and appreciative audiences came to see "The Lark" and "The Mikado", and we welcomed 700 visitors to the School in May, when we held an Open Day, at which the chief novelties would seem to have been a Latin treasure hunt and a German café! All previous club activities continued with enthusiasm, and games, music and the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme involve an army of girls of all ages. For the first time we entered teams for local debating competitions, thus stimulating new interest in an important art.

My colleagues work tirelessly and I am constantly grateful for their support and loyalty and for the interest and generosity of the Friends of St. Elphin's. Their current aim is the purchase of a grand piano, to enable us to initiate a series of recitals and other musical events. The recently formed Choral Society is planning a trip to Vienna next July, to participate in a Youth and Music Festival, in which I, as accompanist, hope also to be sharing a part. There is much to keep everyone busy!

As always, the school year brought retirements, staff changes and farewells: Miss Watts, alas, had been unwell and felt bound to retire after almost 25 years on the staff; Mrs. Gill also retired, and Mrs. Embrey and Mrs. Thornton moved from

important posts as Head of Mathematics and of Careers. I know that you like hearing about people. We in our turn are always delighted to welcome you here, and this year's Reunion seemed especially heart-warming, with its climax in the Chapel Service and dedication of the tapestry so kindly donated by Lady Osmond in memory of her sister, Muriel Wells.

No letter can convey the emotions and memories engendered by such an occasion. Do keep in touch and come to visit us whenever you are travelling through Derbyshire. If we do not meet you before next year's Reunion, my wife and I look forward very much to welcoming you to St. Elphin's on September 22nd, 1984.

My very best wishes to you all,

Yours sincerely,

Peter Pollard.

REUNION SEPTEMBER 18TH 1983

This year's Reunion, held at St. Elphin's on September 18th, had the added attraction of a Hockey Match in the afternoon. We all enjoyed it - whether we played or watched. It was a welcome return to a former custom. Unfortunately - but not surprisingly - the Old Girls didn't win (but we did manage one goal!)

In the morning, after coffee, the A.G.M. of the Guild was held, at which our President, Mr. Pollard, took the Chair, and to which we were pleased that our Vice-President, Miss P.M. Robinson, had been able to come.

The meeting began with Prayers, and remembrance of those Old Girls who had died during the year, after which the Minutes of the last meeting were read and passed, and the Treasurer presented her Balance Sheet and Report.

It was decided (after having been proposed by Lady Osmond (Sybil Wells) and seconded by Vera Hoole (Murdoch) that interest from money in the Building Society should be left there and allowed to accrue.

There had been little work for the 12 "information contacts" to do - in fact none of them who were at the meeting had received a single enquiry. It was felt, therefore, that there was no point in spending time and money on writing to find 12 others willing to act in their stead. The list, therefore, remains as last year.

Mr. Pollard then gave us his report on what had been happening at the School since our last meeting - which you can read in his very interesting letter included here.

He also told us that a Video of the School had been produced which can be bought or borrowed to use for publicity. Many of us took the opportunity of watching it later and thought it was very good.

Thanks to Col. Hobbs and the domestic staff of the School we and our families enjoyed the usual excellent lunch, and then, during the afternoon, we were able to divide our time between exploring the School and its new buildings, watching the match, or the video, or just talking.

It was sad not to have Miss Helen Thompson with us at Evensong. Except for the few occasions when she has not been well, or has had a wedding service to play for at her own Church, she has played the organ for us at Reunions for many years. Since she retired from the Staff of St. Elphin's she has been an enthusiastic member of the Guild and will be greatly missed.

Our thanks are due to the Chaplain and the Choir for leading us in our worship, to the girls who showed us round the School and to Mr. & Mrs. Pollard and members of the Staff who gave us such a warm welcome.

Those present included:- our Vice-President, Miss P.M. Robinson, and also -

Helen Atkin

Anne Barber (Glover)

Jennifer Beebe (Hyde)

Johanna Bradwell

Barbara Brooke-Taylor (Barrow)

Cynthia Brown (Lucas)

Margaret Carmichael (Houghton)

Anne Chapman

Catherine Clarke (Spencer)

Suzanne Coon

Jean Davies (Donaldson)

Sian Davies

Anna Dawes (Kastoriano)

Elizabeth Ellis

Susie Farley

Jean Fisher (Hutchinson)

Marjorie Gardener (Longden)

Audrey Glover (Bell)

Mary Goodman

Sarah Grafton

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Sally Gregory
 Rosemary Hack
 Ann Hall
 Elizabeth Hall (Mumford)
 Helen Hall (Sergeant)
 Sally Havenhand
 Mandy Heyes
 Vera Hoole (Murdoch)
 Fiona Hunter
 Ingrid Kenney
 Joan Kiddell
 Anne Kinloch (Richardson)
 Lesley Iambs (Ralph)
 Avice Lee (Barrow)

Jean McGregor (Beauchamp)
 Sybil Osmond (Wells)
 Jill Reid (Chorlton)
 Jan Reynolds
 Margaret Rouse (Carmichael)
 Erida Roche Hochin
 Elizabeth Rutherford (Bolt)
 Menna Salisbury
 Rosemary Taylor
 Marjorie Tomlinson (Barrett)
 Eileen Smart (Whittaker)
 Caroline Wareham
 Elizabeth Wareham (Carson)
 Helen Wheeler

NEWS OF OLD GIRLS

Sarah Beecroft completed her 2-year course at High Peak College of F.E., and gained her C.N.D. in Hotel Catering and Institutional Management.

Ann Entwistle (Lyon) is no longer nursing, but is very involved with voluntary work. As well as being a J.P. she is local treasurer for Cancer Research and, last year, was Chairman for the second time of Halton (or Hatton) "C.H.C." (Cheshire Homes Committee? - my guess!) Her son is teaching English in Germany, one daughter is reading Medicine and the younger one, psychology.

Rosemary England is a Staff Nurse in the Psychiatric Unit at St. James' University Hospital, Leeds; and her sister Caroline is studying Law at Manchester University. Rosemary would like to hear from any Old Girls of her time (1969-75) as she never sees any of them.

Mary and Jennie Gamble and Muriel Rose (Stavert) are very involved with the work of the Church they attend in Basingstoke. Study Groups are held in the afternoons there so that the members do not have to go out in the evenings. Last year Mary and Muriel visited Crete, and saw Fair Haven Bay where St. Paul took shelter. They sometimes see Constance Lee (Moorhouse) and Betty Abdy (Birkett).

Sally Havenhand is studying for a B.Ed.(Hons) degree in French and Drama. She has passed her 1st year exams and is looking forward to the last term of her second year which will be spent at Ohio State University in America. Her third year will be spent in France as a "French assistante". At present her course includes numerous teaching practices at nearby secondary schools.

Angela Hewitson (Wells) has a second son - now just a year old. He and his elder brother Michael are great friends at present. Angela and some of her friends had a mini-reunion in Matlock Bath recently.

Dawn Hives' two years stay with the British Forces in Hong Kong has sadly come to an end and she has returned to Duffield in Derbyshire.

Eleanor Jones (Burnett) had a difficult time last year when there was a freak storm in the vicinity of their bungalow in the Isle of Man. The water rose in 25 minutes and they were rescued by boat (along with 2 cats) when they were standing 4 feet deep in water. Luckily their younger daughter and her husband live on the Island and they were able to go to them. They were packed in there for 4 months while considerable repairs were carried out and they sorted out the chaos. It was particularly awkward as her husband is treasurer of several organisations (including the Church) and his records had to be dried, sorted out, and copied in many cases. Worst of all were the layers of mud; they thought they would never get the place clean.

Margaret Laithwaite (Owen) has been appointed Chairman of the Domestic Court Panel in Wigan.

Due to failing eyesight Adelaide Milligan has had to leave her own home (see addresses). Although she can no longer read for herself, she welcomes letters and news, which her cousin reads to her.

Mary Perryman (Keal) lives in Ardingley, Sussex, where her husband is the Rector.

After leaving St. Elphin's in 1975, Barbara Reed spent two years in Chesterfield before going to Canterbury where she studied Physical Education at Christ Church College, graduating with a B.Ed.(Hons) in 1981. She spent a short time working at Marks and Spencer's before obtaining a teaching post in Shropshire. A year last August she had the opportunity of going to Canada for a year where she lived with a family and looked after two children aged 3 and 5. She had a good deal of spare time and had the use of a car, so was able to see the country a bit, and took part in winter sports.

She sends news of Sally and Helen Rand who were both married last year - Sally in July and Helen in December.

Teresa Roberts is at Leicester University reading Physics. She has moved from Norfolk to a small village in Northamptonshire.

Mary Smith (Bennett)'s son has been awarded an R.A.F. VI Form Scholarship. Her daughter, Alison (who has now taken up Nursing) did a Corden Bleu Certificate (which she passed with Distinction, at Mary Jenkins (Tudor-Jones)'s cookery school at Malvern. Mary says that Alison thoroughly enjoyed herself and was very well looked after - she recommends it to other Mums!

Miss Isobel Stevenson is enjoying life in Jersey very much. She now has a house of her own there (see addresses). The Jersey College for Girls of which she is Headmistress, has about 850 pupils. There are long waiting lists for entry at 5, both boys and girls, as they take the boys who go on to Victoria College when they are 7+ years old. There are a few places in the Senior School, mainly because they will not accept anyone who does not pass their entrance examination well enough. It is basically a Grammar School so standards must be kept up. There are strict rules about residence; girls have to have lived in Jersey for at least two years before entry, so have to go to another school in the meantime. This is very hard when they do have places available. Bank managers are appointed from the mainland and then find that they cannot get their daughters in immediately.

Winifred Sweeting (Bagshaw)'s daughter is a representative of a Travel firm which makes arrangements for school holidays abroad. She has already arranged one for St. Elphin's.

Winifred Thompson is expecting a visit from her niece, Joy, from New Zealand this autumn. Joy's mother, Dorothy Hickman (Thompson) who was at St. Elphin's from 1916-18, died earlier this year. Winifred is looking forward to her visit as they will be hiring a car to enable them to get about a bit. She herself no longer drives, but uses long distance buses to visit family branches in Wales. Another niece Pauline (Thomas) (who was also at St. Elphin's) is now a "young grandmother" with an interesting job catering at a residential school for spastics in Mid-Glamorgan.

Caroline Wareham (who has reverted to her maiden name following her divorce) has been a Policewoman in Cleveland for the last 6 years. Being based at a small station, the work is more community policing than dealing with crime. She has two dogs, a boxer called Jasper, and a border collie called Rebel, and in the summer most of her free time is taken up travelling the country with them to dog agility competitions, hoping to qualify for the "Pedigree Chum" finals at Olympia in December. The rest of her free time (if any) is taken up with clay pigeon shooting, game shooting, sub-aqua diving and amateur dramatics. She finds that attending rehearsals can be difficult with shift-working - though she did take part recently in the Northern amateur premier of Godspell. She is also a member of the Police life-saving team, thanks to her initial life-saving at St. Elphin's.

Her mother Elizabeth Wareham (Carson) lives fairly close to her; she is a Civil Servant and is enjoying working in the Lord Chancellor's Department at Teeside Crown Court.

Her aunt, Ann Carson is still in Manchester, teaching P.E.

Caroline would like to hear from any other Old Girls who were at St. Elphin's with her (1971-74) and would welcome a visit from any who are in the area.

During the summer Joan Watton (Lloyd) has been working for two afternoons a week at Leighton Hall, a small "stately home" near Carnforth.

Helen Yool (Stone) who keeps very busy with her Abbeyfield work in Lyme Regis sent news of her sister Valerie who is a Psychotherapist. For the past 10 years or so she has worked at Wexham Park Hospital in Slough but retired last March. She may now be living in Oxford.

A Mini-Reunion - from Angela Hewitson (Wells)

Six of my year from St. Elphin's met up for coffee at the New Bath Hotel, Matlock Bath, at around 11 a.m. on June 4th, 1983, with the Chaplain - i.e. (maiden names only) Mary Daybell, Julie Ervine, Katie Parry-Evans, Hilary Hepworth, Rosemary Levick and myself.

After lunch outside, by the swimming pool, in the beautiful sunshine we made our way to the school and were joined by Fiona Macdonald who left St. Elphin's at the end of the 5th year. Some of us had our husbands and children with us, so it was a lovely reunion.

Names such as Stephanie Revill, Mary Williams and Jo White came up in conversation, and more people would have attended the mini-reunion if they had not already had previous commitments.

Addresses wanted

I would be glad to learn of the whereabouts of Hazel Phillips (Prince), I think she has now returned to England, after living for many years in Colombia, S.America. Letters have been returned from there.

I have also had letters returned which were sent to Diana Edwards (Crick), Dr. Ann S. Bird (Colin) and Jo Halliday (Salisbury).

Can anybody help me to find them, please?

Births

Hewitson On November 7th 1982, to Richard and Angela (Wells) a second son, Andrew Philip.

Howe On April 4th 1983, to Nicholas and Caroline (Pearson), a son, William Michael, brother for James.

Marriages

Tomlinson-Vernon On August 7th 1982, Mr. Tomlinson to Irene Alison Vernon.

Loxton-Hetherington On April 27th 1982, in Australia, Dr. Ewan Loxton to Dr. Susan Hetherington.

Francis-Allen On February 12th 1983, John Francis to Rosemary Allen.

Sayer-Hall In 1981, Martyn Sayer to Diana Hall.

Lattimer-Hall In 1982, Edward Lattimer to Christine Hall.

Deaths

Jenkins On December 18th 1982, Dr. Mary Jenkins (Astin)

Hickman On April 21st 1983, in New Zealand, Dorothy Hickman (Thompson)

Thompson On April 10th 1983, Miss Helen Thompson

Berwick On July 6th 1983, Alix F.H. Berwick

Mare On October 22nd 1982, Margaret Mare, aged 81.

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Miss Helen Thompson, House Mistress of Selwyn House 1950-1972

Miss Thompson was house mistress of Selwyn House for 22 years. Hundreds of us must be grateful to her for all she did over these years. She was a very good house mistress. A fair-minded disciplinarian, she always listened to the other side of an argument, provided that it was politely expressed and she had an exact sense of what was expected of her girls and thus earned a deep respect from all.

Selwyn House was housed in "The Lodge", 300 yards from the main school along the A.6.

It had a very happy domestic atmosphere under such a house mistress. Some may remember the afternoon teas by the fire, others being allowed to take Miss Thompson's springer spaniel for walks across the countryside and yet more the wonderful trips to Sheffield City Hall on a Friday evening to share Miss Thompson's love of music. Miss Thompson set a fine example in her love and respect for other people and her love of animals. Selwyn House was a house where love, kindness and loyalty predominated. Miss Thompson was Selwyn House and so many girls who spent their school days there will remember her with gratitude and affection.

Annette Eley née Beddoes

House Captain of Selwyn House 1971-72.

May Hall (Mayhew-Jones)

In the last news-letter we announced the death of one of our older Old Girls - May Hall (née Mayhew Jones). The date was, in fact, given wrongly as 1982, but should have read 1980.

This was corrected in the School Magazine, published earlier this year, and in that Magazine there was also an obituary of her sent by the mother of three of our newer Old Girls - Mrs. Margaret Hopkin-Evans.

On reading it, another Old Girl - Irene Bullock - was also prompted to write about May Hall.

These two appreciations of a very remarkable woman (or rather two remarkable women - mother and daughter) are here for you to read, as I am sure that - even though you may not have known May Hall, although she came to many reunions before ill-health prevented her - you will find them of great interest.

From Margaret Hopkin-Evans:

Charlotte Elizabeth Mayhew Jones came to St. Elphin's about 1910 at eight years of age. Her father who was a clergyman in the diocese of Manchester had died, and the rather solitary little girl embarked upon school life with the enthusiasm and vigour that was so characteristic of "May Jones" as she was known to her many friends. She was a fund of information about St. Elphin's in the days of Miss Flood, and remembered Richmal Crompton on the staff.

She seemed to have nothing but happy memories of her schooldays and was always loyal to "Wilson", her old house.

She read Classics at Girton and had a varied and distinguished career which included teaching at Abbots Bromley and war service in industry, and finally becoming the Editor of the Journal of the Textile Institute.

Upon her retirement she married William Hall and came to live in the Welsh countryside where she gained a well-deserved reputation for her wonderful cooking and her splendid luncheon parties!

Her husband became ill and she nursed him with great devotion until he died. Finally she herself had a series of strokes and was in hospital for almost a year until she died on July 11th 1980. She was much loved and has been much missed, and those who knew her will agree that her life based upon Christian principles, her integrity, and her great capacity for loving others made her an Old Girl of whom St. Elphin's has every reason to be proud.

From Irene Bullock:

I was so glad to see in the magazine a tribute to Mayhew Jones from someone who knew her during the last part of her life. I was a younger contemporary of May at school and college, having occasional contact afterwards, but not in recent years. I remember that she was very proud of her Mother, and rightly. When Mrs. Jones was left a widow through her husband's early death, she remembered that her butcher had once praised an ox-tongue which she had salted and prepared for a parish function, and decided to use this skill to develop a small business of home-cured hams and tongues. It was successful and helped her to give May the education she would have loved herself. May helped her all she could and later gave up teaching to carry on the business. The war brought it to an end, but the experience must have been valuable for her future career.

Anyone who has occasion to visit or correspond with the Textile Institute in Manchester may notice its Coat of Arms. St. Elphin's played a part in producing this, for it was while May was on the staff of the Institute that it was granted a Charter, and it

was she who found its motto waiting for it in a line of the Latin poet Civid - 'Omnia sun hominum tenui pendentia filo' - 'All the affairs of men hang on a slender thread.' Her successor as Editor of the Institute's Journal wrote of her, "She was a delightful person, a warm-hearted and generous colleague, who gave me much valuable advice."

ST. ELPHIN'S OLD GIRLS' GUILD

Statement of Accounts - year ending 31st December 1982

1. <u>CURRENT ACCOUNT</u>		£	p		£	p
To:				By:		
Balance b/fwd		152.96		Address books (1000)	495.00	
Donations		59.80		Magazines	260.00	
Transfer from D/A		940.00		Postage	272.34	
Reunion monies		185.40		Duplicating	166.00	
Cash in hand		1.34		Envelopes	18.55	
				Sundries (Secretary)	4.59	
				Sundries (Treasurer)	5.39	
				"Friends of St. Elphin's"	10.00	
				Reunion charge: Meals	185.40	
				Interest on Overdraft	1.15	
		<u>£1339.50</u>			<u>£1418.42</u>	

Excess of Expenditure over Income
at 31.12.82 £78.92

∴ Carried Forward:
Overdraft of £78.92

2. DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

To:		£	p	By:	£	p
Balance b/fwd		1227.49		Transfer to C/A	640	
Donations		59.00			200	
Subscriptions		263.00			100	940.00
Bank Interest - June		69.33				
December		40.16				
Building Society Interest		<u>21.68</u>				
		<u>£1680.66</u>		Balance to carry forward		<u>940.00</u>
						<u>740.66</u>
						<u>£1680.66</u>

Rosemary E. Taylor, Treasurer
1982.

1982 Report

In 1981 our current account expenditure was £737+; in 1982, it was nearly double, at £1418. In each case, postage was the biggest item and is likely to be so in the future. If a "set" of notices is sent out to all members the cost is approximately £75 at current postal rates. For 1982 we actually had an extra 'set' because of the address books, which were greatly needed and have proved most useful. Fortunately, this was a 'one-off' expense, at any rate for the next 10 years or so! As I mentioned last year, we did order 1000 copies so we have plenty in hand. The large debit resulted in an overdraft of £78.92 with which to end the year. This was rectified as soon as I discovered it early in January, and to date (September 1983) we have £116 in credit. In order to pay our bills, we have had to transfer a total of £945 from the deposit account, so that in the D/A, the sum of £740.66 was carried forward. Donations were down about £100 but I feel this is quite understandable in view of the general situation. However, this year (1983) they are up considerably, for which many thanks.

Subscriptions continue fairly steadily. Generally a few old girls become life members, who have been out of circulation for some time and re-join the fold when the family is off their hands.

It was decided at the September Meeting, that the interest from our £500 invested in the Abbey National building society should remain with the society and be added to the capital, thereby increasing the total a small amount annually. For many years it was credited to the deposit account but now I feel we ought to remain solvent, so the change has been made.

Rosemary E. Taylor.

To keep your Address Book up-to-date:1983 additions & changes1983 LeaversGroup 1

Susannah J. Farley 1978-83
 Susan Gibson 1974-83
 Rachel Petty 1976-83
 Fiona Randell 1978-83

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 Joanna Neil 1977-83

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Caroline Fairchild 1977-83
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188 Ladybank Rd., Mickleover, Derby DE3 5RR.
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 and later - White Horse Cottage, Olveston, Bristol.

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 Alice Jan-Jayne Yue 1979-83
 Olayinka Oyekunle 1980-83
 Ruth Wheeler 1973-83

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 33 Plezdell Avenue, Crystal Palace, London SE19.
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Group O Tracy Blanshard 1978-83

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Group Ob

Veronica Toppin 1981-83

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Group Oc

Bolatito Adenihun 1981-83

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Group Od

Elsie Ba-Sai Tse 1978-83

5 Blossom Terrace, 10 Milestones, Tsuen Wan West,
 Kowloon, Hong Kong.

Nina Souk Yon Kan 1978-83

3 Blossom Terrace, 10 Milestones, Tsuen Wan West,
 Kowloon, Hong Kong.

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 Helen Hall (Sergeant)
 1935-43
 Melissa L. Smith 1977-82

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Dear Member,

As some of you will already know, from the September meeting, Eileen feels she is ready to hand over the secretarial work for the Old Girls. She has done the job from 1968 with much output of energy, enthusiasm and hard work, which has been combined with much "non-old girl" work in her home district and family concerns. I think she has enjoyed her many contacts and says it keeps her young in spite of, or because of, having had three daughters and 3 grandchildren following in her footsteps to the school (is this a record?).

At the next meeting, I hope that we might present Eileen with some token of the appreciation of many Old Girls, members and non-members, who have had communications and meetings with her, for the years of her chivvyng, organising and guiding us, culminating in her magnun opus (or is it opus magnun?) - the famous address book, and all it entailed.

I apologise for combining this with the news-letter and for letting Eileen know in advance. It was this or £80 more postage! If you would care to make a small contribution would you fill in the slip below and send to me as soon as convenient. Please be sure to sign your name.

All good wishes,

Rosemary E. Taylor.