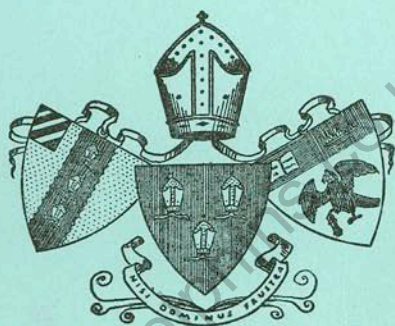


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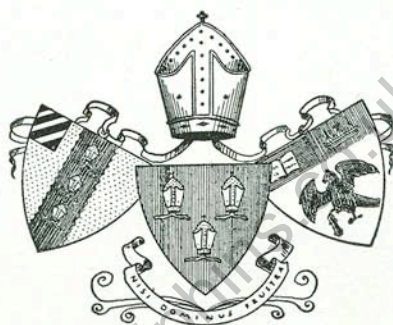


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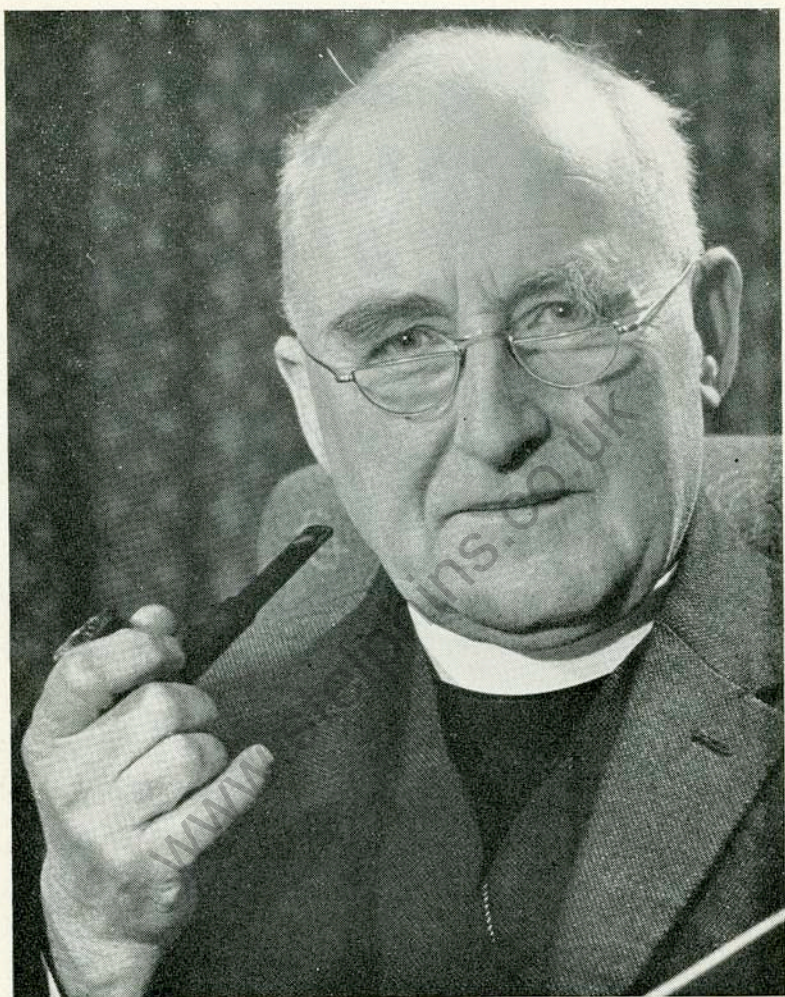


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Rev. J. R. Stanford  
Rector of St. Helen's

# SCHOOL OFFICERS

1962-1963

**Head Girls:** Betty Jones, Philippa Watson.

**Senior Prefects:** Jennifer de Gruyther, Christine Dunn.

**Prefects:** Faith Beard, Grace Bews, Sandra Bolton, Wendy Bolton, Judith Carter, Ann Coburn, Ruth Dean, Mary Guest, Gillian Howard, Rosemary Johnson, Anne Lavin, Roberta March-Penney, Ann Niblock, Janet Revill, Barbara Riley, Elisabeth Roch, Hilda Scott, Rachel Taggart, Susan Williams.

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## FORM LIST

### Upper VI

Beard, Faith  
Bews, Grace  
Bolton, Wendy  
Carter, Judith

Coburn, Ann  
Dean, Ruth  
Dunn, Christine  
de Gruyther, Jennifer  
Holmes, Josephine  
Howard, Gillian  
Jones, Betty  
Lavin, Ann  
Niblock, Ann  
Scott, Hilda  
Watson, Philippa

Taggart, Rachel  
Wells, Julia  
Williams, Susan  
Woodiwiss, Joan

### Lower VI

#### General & S.R.

Bannister, Marilyn  
Bolton, Sandra  
Cornish, Susan  
Glover, Patricia  
Osborne, Ann  
Palfreyman, Susan  
Poole, Sandra  
Qualters, Lynda  
Robertson, Tempe  
Hare, Carolyn  
Howard, Elizabeth  
Jephson, Celia  
Joel, Susan  
Smith, Gillian  
Spafford, Diane  
Hughes, Glenys

### Lower VI

Earle, Imogen  
Elliott, Janet  
Field, Valerie  
Guest, Mary  
Johnson, Rosemary  
Kenning, Jane  
March-Penney, Roberta  
Revill, Janet  
Riley, Barbara  
Roch, Elisabeth

### Upper V A

Blackwall, Jane  
Broome, Margaret  
Collinge, Janet



Davies, Elisabeth  
 Fisher, Helen  
 Granger, Joanna  
 Jeenes, Angela  
 Kennedy, Ailsa  
 Langwell, Elspeth  
 Mullaart, Anna  
 Murray, Isobel  
 Needham, Elizabeth  
 Nesling, Victoria  
 Seldon, Diana  
 Sellears, Judith  
 Seville, Rosalind  
 Smart, Mary  
 Spencer, Catherine  
 Strawson, Caroline  
 Taylor, Elizabeth A.  
 Tuckwell, Mary  
 Walton, Pamela  
 Williams, Kathleen

#### Upper V B

Baldwin, Margaret  
 Black, Sally  
 Bolt, Elizabeth  
 Darlington, Susan  
 Doughty, Susan  
 Garside, Penelope  
 Holland, June  
 Hyde, Jennifer  
 King, Margaret  
 Meeke, Judith  
 Morten, Mary  
 Morton, Penelope  
 Mullett, Elizabeth  
 Nicholson, Margaret  
 Rich, Judith  
 Spencer, Sarah  
 Taylor, Elizabeth M.  
 Thomas, Susan E.  
 Turner, Jennifer  
 Waterhouse, Elizabeth  
 Whiteman, Georgina  
 Williams, Beryl  
 Young, Barbara

#### Lower V A

Barnes, Rosemary  
 Berrill, Eilean  
 Bouchier, Vivienne  
 Clarke, Judith  
 Conway, Lorna  
 Culey, Margaret  
 Davies, Juliet  
 Finney, Christine  
 Fleming, Elizabeth  
 Garrett, Susan  
 Hashim, Ahlam  
 Holmes, Jean  
 Horner, Elizabeth  
 Hunter, Ursula  
 Kelso, Maria  
 Lancelot, Margaret  
 Milburn, Anne  
 Morgan, Shirley  
 Mountford, Patricia  
 Orwin, Jennifer  
 Rush, Sylvia  
 Schulz, Carolyn  
 Smith, Ann  
 Smith, Katherine  
 Stubbs, Pamela  
 Taylor, Veronica  
 Tyndale, Jill  
 Walters, Carol  
 Whittington, Pauline  
 Williams, Jennifer

#### Lower V B

Andrews, Katharine  
 Berrett, Elizabeth  
 Crosskey, Penelope  
 Freeth, Bridget  
 Gibbins, Rosemary  
 Hassall, Stephanie  
 Hervé, Margaret  
 Knight, Joyce  
 Lucas, Jill  
 Mosley, Sheila  
 Pugh-Morgan, Diana  
 Skelton, Susan

Storrs Fox, Caroline  
Tew, Christine  
Thomas, Susan A.  
Thompson, Pauline  
Thornton, Penelope  
Turner, Christine  
Walker, Jennifer  
Waterhouse, Barbara  
Wells, Katherine  
Wilson, Harriet  
Worton, Janet

#### **Upper IV A**

Barbour, Rosemary  
Bennett, Jennifer  
Brader, Kathryn  
Buranasombati, Duangduen  
Cox, Clare  
Cullen, Magda  
Davidson, Janet  
Davies, Jillian  
Davis, Lorna  
Eyre, Sally  
Fletcher, Susan  
Foster, Jane  
Greer, Louise  
Holland, Judith  
Knight, Helen  
Marker, Gillian  
Murphy, Megan  
McGregor, Barbara  
Pearson, Jocelyn  
Round, Pamela  
Turner, Elizabeth  
West, Frances  
Weston, Karin

#### **Upper IV B**

Barratt, Heather  
Berry, Lorraine  
Briggs, Jane  
Clarke, Deborah  
Drake-Brockman, Alison  
Fergusson, Lydia  
Hambrey, Elizabeth  
Hartley, Elizabeth

Horwood, Anne  
Johnson, Stella  
Kenning, Mary  
Morris, Lindsay  
Parry Evans, Christine  
Russell, Elizabeth  
Scrase, Elaine  
Sheppard-Jones, Ann  
Siddall, Carol  
Spread, Catherine  
St. John, Vanessa  
Thornton, Patricia  
Waite, Pamela  
Whiteman, Janet  
Wilch, Jennifer

#### **Lower IV A**

Adams, Catherine  
Ashton, Grahame  
Bright, Roberta  
Carmichael, Margaret  
Clarke, Valerie  
Colin, Anne  
Else, Jean  
Hopwood, Susan  
James, Elizabeth  
Jones, Vivien  
Kempton, Julie  
Langwell, Jean  
Mallison, Catherine  
Millership, Anne  
Morten, Elizabeth  
Mumford, Elizabeth  
Palfreyman, Catherine  
Potts, Margaret  
Revill, Lesley  
Robinson, Judith  
Royle, Betty  
Schofield, Sarah  
Seal, Judith  
Seldon, Julie  
Stennett, Judith  
Tomlinson, Barbara  
Townend, Sarah  
Watson, Felicity  
West, Anne

**Lower IV B**

Adams, Elizabeth  
Barnes, Heather  
Barrow, Rosemary  
Beard, Jane  
Black, Wendy  
Bowler, Elizabeth  
Brewin, Diana  
Cook, Jane  
Coupe, Nicola  
Crow, Rosemary  
Ellis, Margaret  
Frost, Caroline  
Gazel, Caroline  
Grace, Jane  
Hanley, June  
Holmes, Gillian  
Houghton, Jane  
Mitchell, Frances  
Oliver, Susan  
Sandy, Veronica  
Skelton, Helen  
Trevethick, Monica  
Waddington, Denise  
Waite, Victoria  
Walmsley, Elaine  
Waterhouse, Judith  
Williams, Lesley

**Upper III A**

Barbour, Anne  
Bennett, Susan  
Bisbrown, Ann  
Brooks, Linda  
Campbell Bates, Elizabeth  
Davenport, Patricia  
Dewstow, Linda  
Ellis, Sharon  
Eltoft, Susan  
Empson, Judith  
Evans, Gillian  
Freeth, Joyce  
Hepworth, Hilary  
King, Jill  
Macdonald, Fiona

Milne, Angela  
Moxon, Pamela  
Parry Evans, Katherine  
Revill, Stephanie  
Richardson, Patricia  
Robinson, Deborah  
Shepherd, Diana  
Townson, Jane  
Wells, Angela  
Williams, Mary  
Wilson, Sarah

**Upper III B**

Allcock, Jennifer  
Bacon, Janet  
Clayton, Gillian  
Colebrook, Heather  
Gould, Eileen  
Hampton-Smith, Mary  
Hartley, Valerie  
Heginbotham, Mary  
Holmes, Verity  
Macqueen, Grace  
Macqueen, Mary  
Oliver, Mary  
Panton, Catherine  
Pickering, Rowena  
Price, Lynn  
Salsbury, Jo  
Selway, Priscilla  
Turner, Ann

**Lower III**

Bagnall, Felicity  
Denton, Heather  
Fletcher, Pauline  
Glover, Lorna  
Gow, Sarah  
Harrison, Esmé  
Kelly, Jennifer  
Millership, Margaret  
Moorhouse, Janet  
Pickering, Avril  
Rooke, Olivia  
Seager, Jennifer



Waddington, Barbara  
Watson-Smith, Hilary  
Withers, Beverley

### **Form II**

Beard, Barbara  
Bennett, Penelope  
Bird, Anne M.  
Brooke-Taylor, Belinda  
Coates, Yvonne  
Cory, Elizabeth  
Davenport, Julia  
Ennals, Ruth  
Fox, Patricia  
Grierson, Beverley

Hanley, Evelyn  
Hopwood, Janet  
Little, Karen  
Mallison, Elizabeth  
Todd, Sheila

### **Form I**

Furness, Adele  
Gee, Mandy  
Gracie, Sarah  
Orme, Alison  
Taylor, Helen  
Todd, Wendy  
Walker, Anne  
White, Lindsay

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### **Kindergarten**

Barratt, Margaret  
Bird, Jennifer  
Bridson, Diane  
Brooke-Taylor, Simon  
Buckley, Hilary  
Burgess, Ann  
Burgess, Mark  
Camm, Julie  
Cavendish, Sophia

Crawford, Philippa  
Denton, Alison  
Ennals, Stuart  
Kay, Christopher  
Lavin, Joy  
Marsden, Robin  
Penrose, James  
Reynolds, Rosalind  
Williams, Lalita

## **NEW GIRLS**

### **January 1963**

Hayhurst, Helen  
Robinson, Hannah  
Scott, Penelope  
Smith, Lynne  
Yeomans, Sheena

### **April 1963**

Cooper, Joanne  
Hill, Kathleen  
Levick, Rosemary

Davys, Maryjane  
Davys, Sarah  
Garside, Louise  
de Gruyther, Caroline  
Hurlow, Alison  
Perrens, Eileen  
Bannister, Suzanne  
Penrose, Rory  
Pilling, Penelope  
Reynolds, Angela  
Smail, Judy  
Turner, Julia

## EDITORIAL

It was with the greatest of pleasure that we welcomed the Duchess of Devonshire to lay the foundation stone of our new hall on October 13th, 1962. Since then we have watched with eagerness the rapid growth of the building and we are delighted to announce that the Princess Margaret will open the Stopford Hall on November 29th. Because of the new building, extensive alterations will be made in school: the recreation room, commonly known as the "Rec" will become a workshop and the senior dining-room will become a biology laboratory.

Mrs. Hollingworth, the wife of the Chairman of the Lancashire Steel Company, opened our Christmas bazaar at which we made the record amount of £760. We should like to thank the Friends of St. Elphin's and the parents, without whom it would have been impossible to achieve such a result.

The end of the Autumn Term saw feverish activities being made for the inter-house dramatic competition. Choice of plays varied from "Pygmalion" to "Toad of Toad Hall". A lively and helpful adjudication was given by Mr. Storey, the producer of amateur dramatic activities in Matlock. The competition was won by Fletcher House with their production of "The Rivals". Ruth Dean, as Mrs. Malaprop, was awarded the cup for the best individual actress, Josephine Holmes being a close second.

During the Spring Term, our entire efforts were concentrated upon raising money for the Lent Fund, most of which was sent to the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief. We are proud to announce that we made £230.

Instead of the usual weekly services during Lent, we decided to have a "Lenten Week" which was conducted by Father Humphrey Whistler from the Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield. The idea met with great enthusiasm and the Lenten Week was a great success, thanks to the unfailing energy and thoughtfulness of Father Whistler. Among other happy memories of the week, the Mirfield Mission Hymns have become a much-loved part of our Chapel services.

Because the Upper III was such a large form, it was decided that a new senior House should be formed. Colonel Pigot, who has been a Governor of our school for many years, kindly gave his name to the House and takes a great interest in its activities.

We are all sorry to say goodbye to Mr. Stanford, the Rector of St. Helen's, who was an old friend of the School. The staff entertained him at a farewell supper, after which the school made him a presentation in gratitude for all his help throughout the years.



Although we are sorry to lose an old friend, we are delighted to say that Ann's father, the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, will be coming to St. Helen's during the summer and we wish him every happiness in his new parish.

One of the most successful ventures of this year has been the social visiting. Some of the senior girls have undertaken to visit old people in the parish regularly. We know that these visits have been much appreciated and we hope that they will continue.

A section of the Field Club decided to devote itself to bell-ringing. The idea was received enthusiastically both by members of staff and girls, and we are proud to report that ardent campanologists help to ring the bells at St. Helen's every Sunday.

One of the happiest occasions at school this year has been the christening of Christina Revill, Janet's, Lesley's and Stephanie's baby sister, in the school Chapel. The service was taken by Father Martin from Kelham.

This year many outings have been organized by the various branches of the Field Club. The Club was formed at the beginning of the year and we are pleased to report on its success. Accounts of the different expeditions are to be found elsewhere in the magazine.

We had planned to hold the sports on June 29th, but because of the weather they had to be cancelled. However, parents had the opportunity of seeing some sports finals on Speech Day.

Many people have said that this year's Speech Day was the most successful they have known. The day began with a Commemoration Service in Bakewell Parish Church, at which the singing was beautifully led by our own choir. The Bishop of Hulme, one of our school governors, gave the address. We should like to thank the Vicar of Bakewell, the Rev. C. Heywood, for allowing us to use his church. For the last time, the prizes were presented in a marquee. Our guest of honour was Mr. Hopkins, an old friend of the school. Tea was served on the terrace by the prefects and the day's proceedings were concluded by a display of marching and gymnastics.

During the last weekend of term, we were delighted to entertain members of the Old Girls' Guild. They had requested that school should continue as usual and Miss Robinson was pleased to comply with their wishes. A concert was given by the school in their honour and the traditional dinner party was held. It gave us much pleasure to entertain them and we hope that they enjoyed themselves as much as we did.

We should like to take this opportunity of congratulating Miss Hewitt on her appointment as headmistress of Uplands School, Parkstone, and we wish her every happiness in her new post. We



should also like to extend our good wishes to Miss Mitchell on her recent engagement.

We are sorry to say goodbye to the staff that are leaving: to Miss Keller, Miss Jeffrey, Madame Fein, Miss Francis, Miss Johnson and Miss Mitchell from the teaching staff, to our Sanatorium Sister, Mrs. Gibbins, and to four matrons: Miss Simpson, Miss Theaker, Mrs. Chapman and Miss Shelton. We hope that they will be very happy in the future.

It is with pleasure that we welcome our new staff: Miss Castle, Miss Craig, Miss Hodgson, Miss Hughes, Miss James, Mrs. Newton, Miss Roe and Miss Dyson, who are joining the teaching staff; Miss Else who is going to be Sister of the Sanatorium and Miss Robinson and Mrs. Wood who will be matrons.

Finally, we should like to wish all those who are leaving every happiness in the future and we know that those who are staying at school have a very exciting year ahead of them.

BETTY JONES and  
JENNIFER DE GRUYTHER.

## SPEECH DAY

The Visitor at the annual Speech Day on Saturday, July 6th, was Mr. L. A. Hopkins, Head Master of Sir John Deane's School, Northwich. The Chairman of the Governors, the Bishop of Blackburn, presided and the platform party included many Governors and Friends of the School.

In her annual report on the year's activities and achievements, Miss Robinson drew attention to the marked improvement in the G.C.E. results, both at Advanced and Ordinary level, mentioning in particular the outstanding achievements of Josephine Holmes and Roberta March-Penney. She paid tribute to the Friends of St. Elphin's, who had made possible one of the biggest developments in the School's history by the addition of a new Assembly Hall, Kitchen and Dormitory wing. "No words", Miss Robinson said, "can do justice to the unflagging devotion of the small Committee of Friends, who thoroughly deserve the high honour which is soon to be bestowed upon them in the Royal visit of the Princess Margaret. Twelve years of hard work are now crowned with success and glory."

Miss Robinson referred to the new Senior House that had been formed (as a result of a "bulge" at Upper Third level). Colonel Pigot, whose association with the School extended over a long period of years as Governor and at one time as Treasurer, had kindly consented to give his name to the new House. Already a good House spirit was developing and the "Colonel's Ladies" were proving formidable rivals to other Houses in matches and competitions.

Mr. Hopkins spoke about the type of young person which the current system of State education was producing. In terms of service to the community and self-sacrifice, young people were a good deal better than was sometimes suggested. But one aspect frightened him. Mr. Hopkins went on: "I think we are in danger in our public system of education to-day of giving boys and girls all kinds of *instruction* without giving them the right kind of *guidance*. There are all sorts of wishy-washy idealism, humanitarianism and progressive liberalism abroad but no getting down to brass tacks about personal obligation in these matters."

The vote of thanks was proposed and seconded by Betty Jones and Christine Dunn.

The following people won form prizes for good work throughout the year:

Upper VI—Faith Beard.

Lower VI (Arts and Science)—Rosemary Johnson.

Lower VI (General)—Lynda Qualters

Upper V A—Rosalind Seville.

Upper V B—Sarah Spencer.

Lower V A—Patricia Mountford.

Lower V B—Susan A. Thomas

Upper IV A—Susan Fletcher

Upper IV B—Carol Siddall.  
 Lower IV A—Anne Colin  
 Lower IV B—Rosemary Crow.  
 Upper III A—Stephanie Revill.  
 Upper III B—Eileen Gould.  
 Lower III—Margaret Millership.  
 Form II—Elizabeth Cory  
 Form I—Mandy Gee.  
 Kindergarten—Robin Marsden

The following people won Headmistress's prizes for good work and conduct:

Upper VI—Hilda Scott.  
 Lower VI (Arts and Science)—Rachel Taggart.  
 Lower VI (General)—Glenys Hughes.  
 Upper V A—Kathleen Williams.  
 Upper V B—Susan Darlington.  
 Lower V A—Margaret Culey.  
 Lower V B—Diana Pugh-Morgan.  
 Upper IV A—Karin Weston.  
 Upper IV B—Ann Sheppard-Jones.  
 Lower IV A—Jean Langwell.  
 Lower IV B—Monica Treveithick.  
 Upper III A—Mary Williams.  
 Upper III B—Rowena Pickering.  
 Lower III—Esme Harrison.  
 Form II—Anne Bird.  
 Form I—Wendy Todd.  
 Kindergarten—Diana Briddon.

The subject prizes were awarded as follows:

*Scripture*—Anne Milburn, Heather Barratt.  
*English*—Betty Jones, Jill Tyndale.  
*Geography*—Rachel Taggart, Anne Milburn.  
*French*—Rosemary Johnson, Patricia Mountford.  
*German*—Caroline Strawson, Lorna Conway.  
*Latin*—Roberta March-Penney, Clare Cox.  
*Mathematics*—Mary Tuckwell, Anne Colin.  
*Biology*—Judith Carter, Clare Cox.  
*Physics*—Kathleen Williams, Ann Smith.  
*Chemistry*—Christine Dunn, Katherine Smith.  
*General Science*—Janet Revill, Margaret Potts.  
*Art*—Elizabeth Mullett, Hilary Watson-Smith.  
*Music*—Hilda Scott, Barbara McGregor, Jocelyn Pearson.  
*Elocution*—Ruth Dean, Pamela Stubbs.  
*Games and Gymnastics*—Jennifer de Gruyther, Margaret King.

The prizes for the best results at Ordinary and Advanced levels were awarded to Roberta March-Penney and Josephine Holmes.

The Chairman's prize for courtesy was awarded to Angela Jeenes.

The Treasurer's prize for special services to the school was awarded to Gillian Howard.



The Treasurer's prizes for steady work were awarded to Caroline Storrs Fox, Ailsa Kennedy and Susan E. Thomas.

The Greenall Memorial Prize for Religious Knowledge was won by Imogen Earle.

Sheila Fisk was awarded a prize for gaining the best results in Scripture at Ordinary level.

The Treasurer's History Prizes were awarded to Faith Beard and Veronica Taylor.

The Hamilton Memorial Prize for Art was won by Susan Palfreyman.

Ann Coburn was presented with the Hitchin Music Cup.

The Gregson Memorial Prize for Music was awarded to Jennifer de Gruyther.

Elizabeth Howard, Diana Pugh-Morgan, Katherine Andrews and Diana Brewin won the Henry Andrews Memorial Prizes for Domestic Science.

The Thorpe Cup Essay was awarded to Betty Jones.

## SUCSESSES

### Entrances gained to Universities:

JOSEPHINE HOLMES—Bristol University to read English.

CHRISTINE DUNN—Sheffield University to read Medicine.

(Conditional upon Advanced level results).

BETTY JONES—Liverpool University to read Law.

FAITH BEARD—Sheffield University to read History.

(Conditional upon Advanced level results).

JENNIFER DE GRUYTHER—York University to read Sociology. (Conditional upon Advanced level results).

SANDRA HOWARD—London School of Economics to read Geography.

PHILIPPA WATSON—St. Clare's Hall, Oxford.

### Entrances gained to Training Colleges, Hospitals, etc.—

FAITH BEARD—Norwich Teachers' Training College.

BETTY JONES—St. Mary's Teachers' Training College, Cheltenham.

GILLIAN HOWARD—St. Katherine's Teachers' Training College.

ANN NIBLOCK—St. Gabriel's Teachers' Training College.

JENNIFER DE GRUYTHER—Bedford Training College for Physical Education.

GRACE BEWS—Ilkley College of Housecraft.

RUTH DEAN—Royal Academy New College of Dramatic Art.

ANN LAVIN—St. Godric's Secretarial College.

JUDITH CARTER—Royal Free Hospital Nursing School.

JANET REVILL—Middlesex Hospital Nursing School.  
BARBARA MCGREGOR—Royal Manchester College of  
Music (Junior Section) for Clarinet.

**Entrance Scholarship**

SUSAN FLETCHER—£100.  
HANNAH ROBINSON—£100.  
EILEEN PERRENS—£60.

**Parnell Scholarship (Internal)**

MARY SMART, ANN SMITH.

## MUSIC AND ELOCUTION

**The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, 1962-63**

*Piano:* Grade V Distinction, Ann Smith.

12 girls gained Merits in all grades to Grade V; 30 girls gained Pass in all grades to Grade VII.

*Clarinet:* Barbara McGregor gained Merit in Grade VI and Pass in Grade VIII in two terms.

*Theory:* 42 girls gained Pass in all grades to Grade V; 5 girls obtained full marks.

**Guildhall School of Music and Drama**

*Elocution:* Special Honours Preliminary Grade, Alison Orme; Honours, Junior Verse Speaking Choir; Merit gained by 41 girls; Pass gained by 9 girls.

**Buxton and North Derbyshire Musical Festival**

Verse Speaking under 18: June Holland 1st "Shenfield" Cup; Religious Recital, Open, Ruth Dean 1st "Elizabeth Dixon" Rose Bowl; Shakespeare Class, Open, Ruth Dean 1st Shakespeare Cup. 9 girls were placed 2nd in various classes for Elocution and Piano. 4 girls were placed 3rd in various classes for Elocution and Piano.

**Matlock Bath Festival—**

*Piano Solo*—under 15: ROSEMARY BARBOUR (1st medal).

*Piano Solo*—under 16: URSULA HUNTER (2nd medal).

*Piano Duet*—under 16: ROSEMARY BARNES and JOCELYN PEARSON (1st medals), ROSEMARY BARBOUR and C. PALFREYMAN (2nd medal).

*Piano Duet*—under 18: JUNE HOLLAND and JUDITH HOLLAND (1st medals).

*Woodwind Solo*—under 16: BARBARA MCGREGOR (1st medal).

*Woodwind Solo*—Open: BARBARA MCGREGOR (1st certificate).

*Elocution*—under 16: PAMELA STUBBS (1st medal).

*Elocution*—under 19: PENELOPE THORNTON (1st medal).

*Elocution*—Open: PENELOPE THORNTON (1st certificate).

*Prose Reading*—Open: JANE BLACKWALL (1st certificate).  
*Bible Reading*—under 19: JANE BLACKWALL (1st medal),  
 JUNE HOLLAND and ROSALIND SEVILLE (2nd medals).  
*Bible Reading*—Open: ROSALIND SEVILLE (2nd medal).

## EXAMINATION SUCCESSES

### OLD GIRLS' SUCCESSES

STELLA ALLEN—First Class Honours B.A. (external) in Russian Language & Literature (London University).  
 MARY HILSDEN—Second Class Honours B.A. in English (Oxford University).  
 JACQUELINE WATSON—Second Class Honours B.A. in English (Oxford University).  
 EMMA CAVENDISH—Second Class Honours B.A. in History (Oxford University).  
 PHILIPPA WATSON—County Major Scholarship to read English at St. Clare's Hall, Oxford.

### G.C.E. 1963

#### Advanced Level Results

Beard, Faith	History; Geography; plus "O" English Literature.
Coburn, Ann	Geography; French; plus "O" History.
de Gruyther, Jennifer	Art; plus "O" English Literature.
Dunn, Christine	Chemistry; Biology; plus "O" Physics.
Howard, Elizabeth	Geography.
Johnson, Rosemary	French.
Jones, Betty	General Studies; English Literature; History; Distinction in Special English.
Niblock, Ann	Geography.
Scott, Hilda	General Studies; plus "O" English Literature; "O" Music; "O" French.

#### Ordinary Level Results

##### Upper V A

Blackwall, Jane	English Literature: History; Scripture; French.
Broome, Margaret	English Literature.
Collinge, Janet	English Literature.
Cornish, Susan	English Literature; Geography; Biology; Domestic Science.
Davies, Elisabeth	English Language; English Literature; History.
Fisher, Helen	English Literature; Geography; Art; Biology.



Granger, Joanna	English Literature; Mathematics; Biology.
Jeenes, Angela	English Language; English Literature; History; Geography; Mathematics.
Kennedy, Ailsa	English Language; English Literature; Geography; Mathematics; Biology.
Langwell, Elspeth	English Literature; Scripture; Mathematics; Chemistry; Biology.
Mullaart, Anna	English Literature; Scripture; Chemistry; Biology.
Murray, Isobel	English Language; English Literature; Scripture; Mathematics.
Needham, Elizabeth	English Literature; Mathematics; Biology.
Nesling, Victoria	English Language; English Literature; History; Scripture; Art; French; Mathematics Biology.
Seldon, Diana	English Literature; Geography.
Sellears, Judith	English Literature; History; Geography.
Seville, Rosalind	English Language; English Literature; History; Scripture; Latin; French; Mathematics; Biology.
Smart, Mary	English Language; English Literature; Scripture; Mathematics.
Spencer, Catherine	English Literature; History; Scripture; Biology; Domestic Science.
Strawson, Caroline	English Language; English Literature; Geography; Latin; German; Mathematics.
Taylor, Elizabeth A.	English Literature.
Tuckwell, Mary	English Literature; History; Geography; Scripture; Music; Mathematics; Biology.
Walton, Pamela	English Literature; History; Geography; Scripture; Biology.
Williams, Kathleen	English Language; English Literature; Latin; French; Mathematics; Physics; Chemistry; Biology.

### Upper V B

Baldwin, Margaret	English Literature; History; Scripture.
Black, Sally	English Literature; History; Art; Mathematics; Biology.
Bolt, Elizabeth	English Language; English Literature; Scripture; Mathematics; Domestic Science.
Darlington, Susan	History; Scripture; Biology; Domestic Science.
Hyde, Jennifer	English Literature; Geography; Scripture; Biology.
King, Margaret	English Literature; Scripture; Mathematics.
Meeke, Judith	English Literature; History; Scripture; Biology; Domestic Science.
Morten, Mary	English Literature; Mathematics; Domestic Science.

Morton, Penelope	English Language; English Literature; Mathematics.
Mullett, Elizabeth	Art.
Rich, Judith	English Literature.
Spencer, Sarah	English Literature; Geography; Scripture; Mathematics; Biology; Domestic Science.
Taylor, Elizabeth M.	English Literature; Geography.
Thomas, Susan E.	Geography.
Turner, Jennifer	English Literature.
Whiteman, Georgina	English Literature.
Williams, Beryl	English Literature; History; Biology; Domestic Science.
Young, Barbara	Mathematics.

### Subjects added

#### Lower Sixth and Senior Remove

Bannister, Marilyn	Geography.
Bolton, Sandra	History; Biology.
Glover, Patricia	Geography; Biology.
Hughes, Glenys	Geography; Physiology and Hygiene.
Jephson, Celia	Geography.
Palfreyman, Susan	Physiology and Hygiene.
Qualters, Lynda	History; Mathematics; Physics; Physiology and Hygiene.
Earle, Imogen	History.
Elliott, Janet	Physiology and Hygiene.
Field, Valerie	German; Physiology and Hygiene.
Howard, Elizabeth	Physiology and Hygiene.
Revill, Janet	Chemistry; Biology.
Robertson, Tempe	Mathematics.
Roch, Elisabeth	French.
Woodiwiss, Joan	Physics-with-Chemistry.
Howard, Gillian	Physiology and Hygiene.
Joel, Susan	Physiology and Hygiene.
Kenning, Jane	English Language; History.
Niblock, Ann	Physiology and Hygiene.

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## CANON DIBBEN

It was with deep regret that we learned of the death of Canon Dibben who was an old friend of St. Elphin's. For some years he was the Chaplain here and it was he who planned the order of our daily services. We are all proud of our Chapel and its beauty is mainly due to Canon Dibben who took great pains to give it dignity as well as simplicity. He has left his mark upon Chapel, the centre of our school life, and it will never be erased.

During the last few years of his life, the Canon was priest in charge of St. Mary's, South Darley where St. Elphin's girls were frequent visitors. We always had a warm welcome and the Canon always showed a lively interest in our activities. We never heard him complain; in fact, the last time that I saw him, he was sitting chuckling as he read "Three Men in a Boat."

Miss Robinson, Philippa Watson and I represented St. Elphin's at Canon Dibben's funeral service and I felt it a privilege to pay tribute to a man who had been a dear friend to the school for so many years.

BETTY JONES

## THE REV. R. J. STANFORD

It was with deep regret that we learned that Mr. Stanford was to exchange Darley Dale for the milder atmosphere of the south-east. To many girls of St. Elphin's we were not just losing a parish priest but a dear friend who was deeply interested in our personal welfare.

I was fortunate enough to be taught Scripture by Mr. Stanford and I am sure that I am speaking for all his ex-pupils when I say that I shall never forget his unfailing patience and encouragement when I encountered difficulties, and his frequent witticisms which made his lessons the brightest in my timetable, although the people in form rooms nearby must sometimes have wondered what we were doing!

Mr. Stanford's vast knowledge has always amazed me. From his learned yet humorous teaching, the Bible sprang to life. With customary kindness, he placed all his books at my disposal and he was frequently to be seen standing in the front hall, partially hidden by an enormous pile of books which he had brought for me to peruse. Having a daughter of his own, Mr. Stanford knew how much girls enjoyed chocolates, and a box of chocolates was often precariously balanced on top of the books.

As the school has grown, Chapel has become increasingly

crowded and Mr. Stanford thoughtfully suggested that a few girls should go down to his Church every Sunday to join in the worship there. From the beginning Mr. Stanford made us feel at home: two of our girls helped to take the collection; he always made sure that his sermon contained a few stories to interest the younger ones and after the service he always had a friendly word for everyone.

We miss Mr. Stanford all the time but he will be especially missed at the Christmas dinner when he always occupied a place of honour on top table where he was not unknown to wink if he caught someone's eye! But Mr. Stanford has promised to visit school next term and, with the happy expectation of this visit, on behalf of the school I should like to wish him happiness and success in his new parish.

BETTY JONES (U VI).

### THE REV. FATHER MACLACHLAN, C.R.

Father MacLachlan has now been coming to school to take our services for several years. He has earned the affection of all the girls through the interest that he has shown in our activities and the interest that he has taken in the girls themselves.

We are all very sorry to hear that he would no longer be coming to school because of his health but we hope that, through other members of the Community of the Resurrection that we will be able to maintain a close contact with him and that, if the occasion arises, he will come to visit us.



JENNIFER DE GRUYTHER (U VI).

### A TRIBUTE TO COLONEL PIGOT

We are pleased that Colonel Pigot who has been associated with the school for so many years, should give his name to our new house and, as long as it exists, he will not be forgotten.

We were pleased to meet him again on Speech Day, and proudly noted that he was wearing our House tie, although he admitted that it was not quite his style.

He has very kindly presented us with a silver cup which is to be awarded every term to the person who does the most for the House. We hope to see much of him in the future and we are looking forward to his next visit.

MARY GUEST (House Captain)



## FLETCHER HOUSE REPORT

House Mistress: Mrs. Sylvester.

Assistant House Mistress: Mrs. Barling.

House Captain: Ruth Dean.

House Vice-Captain: Valerie Field.

House Prefects: Rosemary Johnson, Joan Woodiwiss, Susan Joel, Jane Kenning and Marilyn Bannister.

House Sub-Prefects: June Holland, Jane Blackwall and Margaret Broome.

At the beginning of the new school year we welcomed Mrs. Sylvester as our new House Mistress and admitted seven new girls as members of the House. During the Autumn Term the main sporting activity was the Inter-House netball competition. Although Fletcher did not win the event we feel that a high standard of play was maintained throughout, and our thanks go to Susan Joel and Jane Kenning for coaching the team.

The House Drama competition proved to be Fletcher's outstanding feature of the term, as we won the competition with our production of "The Rivals" by Sheridan. Josephine Holmes showed great enthusiasm and sensitivity as producer and was ably assisted by Joan Woodiwiss. Rosemary Johnson and Penelope Thornton proved to be a most effective combination; Rosemary played the young army officer and Penelope Morton, who took the part of Lydia Languish, gave a most convincing performance of a young lady dominated by a gushing and vulgar aunt, Mrs. Malaprop.

The House effort for the school bazaar took the form of a sweet, toffee-apple and baby clothes stall, which proved to be a great attraction to the girls.

At the beginning of the Spring Term, Sheena Yeomans, one of the new girls joined us, bringing our numbers up to fifty-five. School examinations took place this term, when Susan Fletcher and Barbara McGregor proved to be valuable members of the house, for they gained outstanding results in their examinations.

Our main Lent effort was entertaining our parents with a performance of "The Rivals". While the House Drama enthusiasts concentrated on the production, the domestic science experts provided refreshments for the guests. Janet Collinge was highly commended for stepping in and taking the part of Lydia Languish at the last moment.

The Gymnastics competition was the main sporting event of the term, along with the House hockey matches. Although we were not successful in the gymnastics, we gained second place in the House hockey matches.

During the Summer Term two of our House were confirmed in the School Chapel by Bishop Parfitt. House activities this term include the tennis matches, the team being coached and captained



by Rosemary Johnson, the inter-House swimming gala, the athletics, and Fathers v. School cricket match. The House would like to thank Mrs. Sylvester for her help and encouragement during the past year.

RUTH DEAN (House Captain).

## GRESFORD HOUSE REPORT

House Mistress: Miss Lamb.

Assistant House Mistress: Miss Marsden.

House Matron: Miss Cheetham.

House Captain: W. Bolton.

House Vice-Captain: A. Coburn.

House Prefects: R. March-Penney, B. Williams, K. Williams, S. Thomas and J. Meeke.

House Sub-Prefects: B. Young and P. Stubbs.

There have been many comings and goings in the House this year. At the beginning of the year we welcomed Miss Marsden as our Assistant House Mistress. In the Spring Term our large number of Lower Fifts was sadly diminished when the new "Pigot House" was inaugurated. We said goodbye to: Mary Guest, Jennifer Hyde, Ann Smith, Katherine Smith, Carolyn Schulz, Sylvia Rush and June Hanley. Their places were filled by members of the Upper Third form. We welcome J. Salisbury, J. Townson, R. Pickering, P. Richardson, D. Robinson, H. Hepworth and K. Parry Evans, who, we hope, will settle down and be very happy in Gresford. At the end of the Spring Term we were very sorry to say goodbye to Philippa Watson, who will be greatly missed by all. We wish her every success and happiness. We are also sorry to lose Miss Cheetham who has done much to help Gresford during her year as House Matron.

We have been more successful in the field of sport this year. We won the Sports Cup, previously held by Selwyn House for three successive years. The Hockey Cup, which we lost to Kennedy House in the finals last year, has been regained by Gresford. Although the Junior netball match was uneventful, Gresford came second to Selwyn House in the Senior netball matches. The spirit and enthusiasm with which the teams entered into the individual matches is to be commended.

Owing to illness in the cast, we were unable to present our production of Jean Anouilh's "Traveller without Luggage", which was most disappointing. Work has, however, been started on another play which we hope to find time to present before the end of the year.

The appeal for "Famine Relief" moved everyone to make a greater effort in raising money for the "Lent Funds". Every girl was set a "Pound Target" and Roberta March-Penney, Beryl Williams, Pauline Whittington, Patricia Mountford, Janet Davidson and Elizabeth Hartley reached this target. Our combined efforts

came to £22. The House stall at the Christmas Bazaar made £42. I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the parents and friends for giving so generously to the House stall. The money went towards the building of the new School Hall.

This year Pamela Stubbs, Jill Tyndale, Janet Davidson and Katherine Parry Evans are being prepared for Confirmation which will take place in our school Chapel on the 30th of May. The service is to be conducted by Bishop Parfitt.

There has been a noticeably improved standard of order which I hope will be improved further in the coming year. Pamela Stubbs, who won the individual Courtesy Cup, deserves a special word of praise here, for her high standard of Courtesy, both in the House and in School.

We should like to express our gratitude to Miss Lamb for all that she has done for Gresford this year. I should also like to thank the House Prefects for their help and enthusiasm in all House activities.

WENDY BOLTON (House Captain)

## KENNEDY HOUSE REPORT

House Mistress: Miss Keller.

Assistant House Mistress: Miss Brown.

House Matron: Miss Foy.

House Captain: A. Niblock.

House Vice-Captain: R. Taggart.

House Prefects: C. Dunn, J. Revill, T. Robertson, E. Howard, Gl. Hughes, C. Strawson and A. Mullaart.

House Sub-Prefects: E. Bolt, P. Garside, E. Langwell and C. Spencer.

At the end of the Summer Term Kennedy was very successful; we won the inter-House Tennis Cup and after putting up a great fight we won the Swimming Cup. We should like to convey our thanks to the whole team for their excellent standard of swimming but especially to E. Langwell and L. Revill.

We began the Autumn Term with a party to welcome Miss Brown as Assistant House Mistress, thirteen new girls in Lower Fourth and two in the Upper Fourth. This year we have acquired another dormitory, having increased the number of girls in the House to thirty-four.

Most of our efforts this term were concentrated on raising money for the annual Christmas Bazaar. This year Kennedy organised a Coffee Bar and stall in the main dining-room. We managed to raise a total of £57 having previously raised £20 on the sale of home-made cakes. We should like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and Old Girls who so generously gave contributions to our stall.

During the term the inter-House Drama and netball competi-



tions were held. Although Kennedy did not manage to win either, both teams worked with great enthusiasm.

At the end of term we had our annual Christmas Party which was especially enjoyed by the younger members of the House. Miss Keller kindly gave the House a very attractively decorated box of fruit, nuts and chocolate truffles.

In the Easter Term the House worked very hard to raise money towards the annual "Lent Fund". As usual, Kennedy raised money by selling food but we added to our efforts by having a dance with refreshments, making a total of £29 10s. 0d.

With the establishment of Pigot House we said goodbye to L. Morris, J. Foster, M. Potts, M. Trevethick, V. Jones and R. Crow. We were sorry to lose them and hope that they will be very happy in their new House. We welcomed A. Bisbrown, E. Campbell-Bates, G. Clayton, S. Eltoft, S. Revill and M. Williams from Upper Third.

The House hockey matches were played and we came second after a very hard match against Gresford.

Although our efforts in the field of sport were not so rewarding we were pleased to learn at the end of term that we had won the Work Shield, owing to the hard work of the junior members of the House.

At the beginning of this term we welcomed Alison Hurlow to Kennedy; she is a member of the Upper Fourth.

On May 30th Anne Colin, Jean Langwell, Lesley Revill, Sarah Townend and Ann Bisbrown were confirmed in the School Chapel. Bishop Parfitt came to officiate at the service.

This term we have to say goodbye to Miss Keller who has been our House Mistress for three years. We are extremely sorry to lose her and hope that she will be happy in her new school.

ANN NIBLOCK (House Captain).

## PIGOT HOUSE REPORT

House Mistress: Miss Hewitt.

Assistant House Mistress: Miss Mitchell.

House Matron: Mrs. Chapman.

House Captain: Mary Guest.

House Vice-Captain: Julia Wells.

House Prefects: A. Jeenes, E. Davis, J. Hyde and M. King.

House Sub-Prefects: S. Rush, P. Crosskey, M. Culey and A. Smith.

We were proud when thirty-seven of us were chosen from other Houses to form a new House in mid-February of 1963. We are named after Colonel Pigot whom we met a few days after our formation, together with the Bishop of Blackburn who blessed the new House. Colonel Pigot very generously presented us with a silver cup which we award termly to the person who has contributed





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most to the House in any way. In the Spring Term it was awarded to Mary Guest as she was our first House Captain. We are housed in Fox and Willis, and Form I has been converted into our House room.

We were very happy when we were asked to compete in the Junior House netball matches, in which we came third after being coaxed out of bed on many a misty morning. We should like to take this opportunity of congratulating Selwyn, who won the cup.

The House worked very hard for the Lent Fund for which we raised £17 in five weeks by holding a Tramp's Party and doing odd jobs.

This year M. Guest, C. Schulz, K. Smith, P. Scott, C. Siddall, P. Waite, J. Hanley and S. Ellis are being confirmed.

We are very sorry to lose Miss Hewitt, who has been a good friend and help to all, and we wish her the best of luck in her new post as headmistress of Uplands School. We are also sorry to lose Mrs. Chapman who has woken us up each morning with her fairy bell. We wish the best of luck to Miss Mitchell whose mural we appreciated so much.

MARY GUEST (House Captain).

## POWYS HOUSE REPORT

House Mistress: Miss Harrison.

Assistant House Mistress: Madame Fein.

House Matron: Miss Theaker.

House Captain: Grace Bews.

House Vice-Captain: Barbara Riley.

House Prefects: Faith Beard, Elisabeth Roch, Lynda Qualters, Ann Osborne, Elizabeth Needham and Mary Smart.

House Sub-Prefect: Mary Tuckwell.

The Old Girls will be pleased to know that in the Summer Term of last year we succeeded in bringing home the Rounders Cup and the Cricket Cup and we came second in the sports. Sally Black won the cup for the Junior long jump.

This Autumn Term we welcomed the following girls into the House: E. Adams, G. Ashton, W. Black, J. Cook, M. Ellis, C. Gazel, G. Holmes and E. Mumford, these having come up from our own Margaret Flood House.

This was a busy term with all spare time devoted to preparation for the Bazaar and Drama Competition. The House made £60 for the Bazaar towards the total of £650, and we thank the Old Girls for their contribution to our stalls.

For the Drama Competition we chose scenes from "Berkeley Square" by John L. Balderston and though we were not successful in winning the cup everyone worked hard and enjoyed preparing for the production. The Senior netball competition was played this term and we came third.



We were pleased to have two parents take Sunday services—The Right Reverend, the Bishop of Taunton, and the Reverend R. S. Roch.

### Spring Term

The Lent effort for the Social Services took up most of our time this term; we raised the sum of £26 towards the total of £211. Some girls worked very hard indeed and made personal sacrifices but we do feel that there were too many girls in the House who contributed very little. We hope that next year all members of the House will make an effort so that we can send even more to the hungry children of the World. We take this opportunity of thanking the Old Girls who sent us contributions.

During this term, the following girls left us to help form the new Pigot House: J. Wells, M. King, M. Culey, K. Andrews, P. Crosskey and R. Gibbins. Though we are sorry to say goodbye we wish them luck in the new venture. We welcomed into our House: A. Barbour, L. Brookes, J. Empson and H. Robinson from Upper Third.

This term we tied with Pigot House for second place in the Junior netball. We were very pleased to win the Gym. Cup and we thank Margaret King for her efforts in our team, and the other members of Pigot who supported our hockey team.

### Summer Term

This term we welcomed two new girls to the House, Maryjane and Sarah Davys. As this magazine goes to press before the end of this term we shall have to leave our sports and other news until next year. We hope to report some successes.

The House is looking forward to our usual House-picnic at Alton Towers and the House prefects to their annual strawberry tea.

We are sorry to say goodbye to Grace Bews and thank her for the energetic interest and hard work she has put into House affairs. We wish her luck in her chosen career of Domestic Science.

We say goodbye to Lynda Qualters and thank her for all she has done for the House in her position as a prefect.

The following girls will be leaving us: Susan Palfreyman, Margaret Baldwin, Vicky Nesling and Susan Doughty and we hope they will return to visit us sometime. Amongst the younger members, Karin Weston leaves us to become a day girl nearer home and we wish her success and happiness.

We should like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Theaker for her unfailing kindness and sympathy and the brightness of the flowers on Top Central, and Miss Harrison for her unfailing support and interest in the House.

GRACE BEWS (House Captain).

MISS W. G. HARRISON (House Mistress).



## SELWYN HOUSE REPORT

House Mistress: Miss H. Thompson.

Assistant House Mistress: Miss M. Francis.

House Matron: Miss A. Simpson.

House Captain: Hilda Scott.

House Vice-Captain: Gillian Howard.

House Prefects: Sandra Bolton, Susan Cornish, Jennifer de Gruyther, Patricia Glover, Isobel Murray and Susan Williams.

House Sub-Prefects: Mary Morten and Rosalind Seville.

In September, we welcomed five new girls into Selwyn: Nicola Coupe, Angela Jeenes, Pamela and her cousin Victoria Waite and Jennifer Williams, while Heather Barnes, Diana Brewin, Roberta Bright, Jane Grace, Elizabeth Morten and Helen Skelton joined us in the Lower Fourth. The Senior netball team, under the captaincy of Jennifer de Gruyther, won the Cup, while at the Christmas Bazaar, the produce stall made £73 towards the Building Fund. The House presented a selection of scenes from Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion", produced by Jennifer de Gruyther and Gillian Howard in the Drama Competition and were awarded third place. Selwyn also came third in House Order Marks, after having the highest percentage per girl last Summer Term. We were very sorry to say goodbye to Diane Spafford at the end of this term. During the Spring Term, a New House was formed, requiring a nucleus of girls from each of the other Houses. Angela Jeenes, Penelope Scott and Pamela Waite left us, and we welcomed some Upper Thirds, Heather Colebrook, Fiona Macdonald, Grace Macqueen and Angela Milne. Great enthusiasm and excitement were felt in the House Junior netball matches, when Selwyn won every game. Our thanks go to the team and the competent leadership of Rosemary Barnes and Elizabeth Fleming. The hockey matches were not so successful, but the games were all much enjoyed. The Gym Competition took place at the end of term, when Selwyn came a close second to Powys.

The Lent effort was uppermost in the minds of the School during the term, as our contributions were mainly to be given to the worthy cause of "Oxfam". As all Saturdays were booked in the Spring Term, Selwyn made sure of the first Saturday in May and entertained the School to a selection of songs from "South Pacific", together with an abundance of refreshments, realising £19. With individual efforts, both in School and during the holidays, Selwyn raised over £51, a very worthy achievement. Congratulations go to the 33 girls in the House who made £1, and more. Every individually earned £1 carried with it a Plus 5 commendation, and this contributed substantially towards Selwyn's being the first winners of the new Courtesy Cup. At the beginning of the Summer Term, we welcomed Jennifer de Gruyther's sister, Caroline into the House. On May 30th Roberta Bright, Lorna

Davis, Ann Sheppard Jones and Caroline were confirmed by Bishop Parfitt.

We are very sorry to say goodbye to Miss Simpson in July. She has been our Matron at Darley Lodge for four terms, and leaves to take up a Deputy Headship in a new Approved School in Liverpool. She has fostered a very happy atmosphere in the House, and every girl has come to appreciate her warm-hearted advice and encouragement, while her interest in all our activities has been a constant inspiration. We wish her well in her new work.

Miss Francis, our Assistant House Mistress, leaves in July, to be married. We thank her warmly for all the help and interest she has given us in the past two years and wish her every happiness, with success in her new post.

Our best wishes for success in the future go with the Prefects who are leaving: Hilda Scott (Captain), Gillian Howard (Vice-Captain), Jennifer de Gruyther and Patricia Glover.

HILDA SCOTT (House Captain).  
H. THOMPSON (House Mistress).

## WILSON HOUSE REPORT

House Mistress: Miss Jeffrey.

Assistant House Mistress: Miss Williams.

House Matron: Miss Griffiths (Autumn and Spring Terms), Mrs. Taylor (Summer Term).

House Captain: Judith Carter.

House Vice-Captain: Ann Lavin.

House Prefects: Betty Jones, Janet Elliott, Celia Jephson, Elizabeth A. Taylor and Joanna Granger.

House Sub-Prefects: Susan Darlington and Helen Fisher.

Our year began with the usual party to welcome the new girls, all of whom came from Margaret Flood: Denise Waddington, Judith Seal, Catherine Adams, Margaret Carmichael, Anne Miller-ship and Susan Hopwood. This was also an opportunity to meet our new Assistant House Mistress, Miss Williams. We hope that she will remain happily in Wilson for many years to come.

We spent most of the Christmas Term in feverish activity for the inter-House Dramatic Competition; our choice this year was "Toad of Toad Hall" in which all of the House took part, either on the stage or behind the scenes. We are delighted to say that we came second and we should like to congratulate Fletcher House on winning the cup.

It has become traditional for Wilson to have a Toilet and Cosmetics stall at the Christmas Bazaar and we are most grateful for the generous help given to us by the parents and friends in their continued support on our behalf, especially Miss Mayhew-Jones who never fails to remember her old House.

Our term ended as it had begun, with a party, and our Christ-



mas festivities were held in the "Rec", which provided ample opportunity for frolic of every kind, the "twist" being very much in evidence that afternoon! We should like to extend our thanks to the cooks for providing the House with a Christmas cake which was much enjoyed.

Although the terrible weather restricted our outdoor activities during the Easter Term, we spent our time working for the "Lent Fund". It has now become a tradition for Wilson to challenge the staff to a netball match. Although we were the losers, it was an exceptionally merry game.

We were joined by six members of the Upper Third at mid-term: Mary Heginbotham, Priscilla Selway, Mary Macqueen, Diana Shepherd, Mary Hampton-Smith and Valerie Hartley. Joanne Cooper joined us in the Summer Term. We hope they will prove worthy members of Wilson in the years to come.

It was with regret that we said goodbye to Miss Griffiths at Easter; she left to gain experience with the junior children in Willowdene. We should like to take this opportunity of thanking her for all the support she has given during her two years in Wilson.

We should like to extend a welcome to Mrs. Taylor, our new House Matron. We appreciate her kindly and understanding ways and hope she will settle happily in our midst.

This term we have to say goodbye to our House Mistress, Miss Jeffrey. We should like to thank her for all her services to the House and we wish her every happiness in her new post.

We also have to say goodbye to Judith Carter, Ann Lavin, Betty Jones, Celia Jephson, Susan Darlington and Susan Hopwood. We wish them every success in the future.

We should like to take this opportunity of welcoming the new House Mistress and hope that she will be very happy in Wilson.

JUDITH CARTER (House Captain).

## MARGARET FLOOD HOUSE

House Mistress: Miss Lavender.

Assistant House Mistress: Miss Clarke.

House Matrons: Mrs. Seager (Autumn and Spring 1962-1963),

Miss Griffiths (Summer Term 1963).

### Autumn Term 1963

House Captain: Pamela Moxon.

House Vice-Captain: Susan Bennett.

House Prefects: Deborah Robinson, Angela Milne, Katherine Parry Evans and Jennifer Allcock.

House Sub-Prefects: Lorna Glover, Margaret Millership, Jennifer Kelly and Janet Moorhouse.

This term we held our annual Bazaar. The Margaret Flood House stall raised over £30. We had a toy stall and a lucky dip.

Miss Flood kindly contributed to our House Party by giving us a big box of crackers.



This term the "11 Plus" candidates took the first part of the examination.

### Spring Term 1963

House Captain: Lorna Glover.

House Vice-Captain: Margaret Millership.

House Prefects: Jennifer Kelly, Janet Moorhouse, Jennifer Seager and Beverley Withers.

We had a change in the Houses this term; the Upper Thirds were moved into senior Houses and a new House has been made, named after Colonel Pigot.

This term we were very sorry to say goodbye to Mrs. Seager and her daughter. She was a much valued Matron.

Lower Thirds were allowed this term to go and see the "Quaker Girl", a treat for Lower Third!

The Junior school made £6 in the Lent effort.

We had great fun tobogganing in the snow and we also had a snow sculpture competition.

Lower Third took an examination in Choral Speaking in which they won a distinction.

### Summer Term 1963

House Captain: Margaret Millership.

House Vice-Captain: Lynne Smith.

House Prefects: Janet Moorhouse, Lorna Glover and Jennifer Kelly.

Miss Lavender this term has kindly taken the House on outings to Chatsworth House, Haddon Hall, Heights of Abraham and Wollaton Park.

In the Matlock Festival the Juniors won six medals and one cup. Two of the medals were won by Karen Little, another two by Janet Moorhouse and Evelyn Hanley who played a piano duet. Lower Third won the cup in Choral Speaking for the second time running.

At the end of this term we shall be very sorry to say goodbye to Miss Hewitt who is going to be headmistress of Uplands School, Poole, Dorset. She has been joint House Mistress with Miss Lavender for a long time. We wish her the best of luck in her new school.

We are always pleased when Miss Flood sends a letter. We remember her by the photograph on our House-room mantelpiece.

MARGARET MILLERSHIP (House Captain).

LYNNE SMITH (Vice-Captain).

# REPORTS

## CHAPEL

This year has seen a blending of tradition and experiment in which the school has taken great interest. In the Autumn we all enjoyed the Harvest Festival at the beginning and the Carol Service at the end, marvelling alike at the singing of the choir and the elasticity of Chapel seating.

During the Lent Term we broke new ground with the Lenten Week, conducted by Father Humphrey Whistler of Mirfield. It was a stimulating and worthwhile experience ranging over drama, discussions, films, books, talks and a Brains Trust, and leaving us among many happy impressions, a legacy of well-loved Mission Hymns. The term ended with the recitation in Chapel of extracts from Clive Sansom's "The Witnesses", a collection of character sketches of the friends of Christ, ranging from Martha's domestic grumbling to St. John's eye-witness account of the Crucifixion. On the same day, the youngest member of the Revill family was baptised in Chapel, a happy and appropriate celebration for Mothering Sunday.

At the beginning of the Summer Term we had a very happy Choral Communion at which over a hundred communicants were present and some of our favourite hymns were sung. We hope to have other services like this at intervals during the term. We remember with joy our Confirmation Service on May 30th when thirty-six candidates were confirmed by Bishop Parfitt.

We were sorry to say goodbye at Easter to our Rector, the Reverend R. J. Stanford who has been a good friend for many years but we hope to see him again when he pays us his promised annual visit.

Our thanks are due to many people who maintain the round of Chapel services: the Chaplain and the visiting clergy, the Choir, Sacristans, Servers and "Chars" have all contributed much to the well-being of Chapel and make us all feel that it truly belongs to us.

M. LAMB

## MUSIC REPORT

During the Winter Terms, three parties of girls went to Sheffield for the Hallé concerts. These were all much enjoyed. Early in November, Miss Thompson took a small party to Sheffield to see the opera "The Magic Flute" by Mozart, performed by the Sadler's Wells Opera Company, a real treat.

On November 10th, Miss Florence Hooton gave a 'cello recital to the school, and included a "Divertimento" dedicated to herself by Gordon Jacobs. Another recital of special interest was the one given by Fernando Germani, Organist of St. Peter's, Rome, at Bolsover Parish Church. This new organ, by Willis, has been newly built, the previous one having been destroyed by fire some



three years ago. Germani specialises in the music of Bach and his playing, entirely from memory, will long be remembered by those who had the privilege of hearing him.

We were indeed fortunate to get some tickets for the "Messiah" in Sheffield in December, and the Chapel Choir appreciated the honour of being the party chosen to hear it once again.

During the Spring Term we had two piano recitals in school. Mavis Elmitt took as her theme, "The Growth of the Pianoforte" and gave us a wide range of music from Mozart to Bartok to illustrate this interesting subject. The second recital had a different interest; Mitzi Lawton included several items which are in this year's G.C.E. and Associated Board Examinations. Both concerts were much enjoyed.

Our grateful thanks are due to the music staff for making these concerts and recitals possible.

Next Autumn, when the new hall will be ready for use, we are having an open concert given by David Martin (violin), his wife, Florence Hooton (cello) and a pianist. The formation of a Music Club, with the facilities which the hall will offer, will make possible recitals by first-class artists to a larger audience than we have hitherto been able to accommodate. For this purpose, a good grand piano is urgently required. Can anyone help us?

H. THOMPSON

## Hockey

## GAMES REPORT

1st XI: E. Roch, J. Carter, B. Riley, P. Watson, B. Williams, J. Elliott, P. Crosskey, R. Johnson, G. Hughes, C. Dunn, J. de Gruyther.

2nd XI: C. Turner, S. Spencer, E. A. Taylor, L. Qualters, P. Thornton, R. Seville, P. Glover, M. Smart, E. Bolt, E. Waterhouse, J. Hyde.

Match Results—Lady Manners 1st XI, won 2-0. Lady Manners 2nd XI, drew 0-0. 1st and 2nd XI v. Anthony Gell and Ernest Bailey, lost. School 1st XI v. Old Girls, won 6-0.

Unfortunately many matches were cancelled owing to the bad weather.

On March 9th a party went to Wembley to see the International Match, England v. Wales.

The inter-House hockey cup was won by Gresford.

New colours were awarded to C. Dunn, J. de Gruyther and R. Johnson.

## Netball

All the matches had to be cancelled because of the bad weather.

Inter-House match results—Senior: 1st Selwyn; Middle: 1st Selwyn.



## Gymnastics

The inter-House gymnastic competition which was judged by Mrs. Westbrooke, was won by Powys House.

## Tennis

1st VI: R. Johnson, captain, J. Carter (1st couple); A. Niblock, G. Hughes (2nd couple); C. Jephson, M. Guest (3rd couple).

2nd VI: C. Dunn, P. Walton (1st couple); B. Williams, M. King (2nd couple); J. Wells, E. Roch (3rd couple); Reserve: M. Baldwin.

Match Results: 1st and 2nd VI v. Cavendish, lost. 1st VI v. Lady Manners, won. 2nd VI v. Lady Manners, lost. 1st VI v. Convent, lost. 1st and 2nd VI v. Lady Manners, lost.

Inter-House tennis cup was won by Kennedy.

## Sports

The Sports Day Cup was won by Selwyn.

Senior Victrix Ludorum: J. de Gruyther, Middle Victrix Ludorum: L. Greer.

## Swimming

### South Peak Swimming Gala

Juniors: we gained most points in the girls' section, having obtained six 1st places.

Senior: we won both the Middle and Senior shields.

### Inter-School Swimming Gala

Team: J. Elliott (*captain*), R. Johnson, R. Seville, M. King, J. Hyde, E. Langwell, R. Barnes, J. Bennett, C. Brader, J. Tyndale, A. Horwood, L. Revill, L. Williams, J. Langwell, M. Trevithick, L. Smith.

Reserves: F. Watson, K. Smith.

For the fifth year in succession St. Elphin's won the inter-School Swimming Gala and therefore retain the victor's shield.

### Inter-House Swimming Gala

The inter-House Swimming Gala was won by Pigot House.

## SOCIAL SERVICE REPORT

This year, as we thank the school for its steady effort towards the Lent Fund, we can be extremely proud of our final achievement, double the amount that we raised last year. We had as a particular incentive a board in the hall with the name of every girl who earned a pound—a measure which proved most successful, as our total of £211 17s. shows.

As ever, competition was fierce among the houses, but Selwyn topped the list with £51 8s. 6d. They gave us an entertainment of songs from "South Pacific", with dancing and refreshments; in addition, thirty-three members earned a pound.

Kennedy's £29 10s. 6d. came from a dance with refreshments, notably the "cornflake cakes" so familiarly seen on Saturday afternoons, and from odd jobs.

Gresford gave their traditional Fancy Dress Competition at the beginning of the Spring Term; and by selling shortbread and fudge, and doing odd jobs, they gained £22 8s. 7d.

Fletcher again produced their prize-winning play from the Drama Competition, "The Rivals", and made a total of £18 2s. 5d. by selling sweets, cakes and cheese to the boarders during break.

Although Pigot House was not formed until half-way through the Spring Term, the new members gave a "Tramp party" and, with their odd jobs, raised £17 13s. 1d.

Wilson House challenged the staff to a netball match; the proceeds from that and cake-selling amounted to £12 2s. 10d.

Through their steady efforts, Margaret Flood House gained £5 15s. 4d. We should like to take this opportunity of thanking the juniors for their constant support of the senior houses' efforts.

At half term this term, we earned an additional £17 by selling meal tickets for the Freedom from Hunger Campaign.

Our main cause this year was the Inter-Church Aid for Freedom from Hunger Campaign and we were able to send £175 out of our remarkable total as a contribution to the Matlock effort. The remainder we shall keep for our usual Christmas donations to various charities.

At the suggestion of Mr. Stanford, Rector of St. Helen's, we started a system of visiting elderly people in the district, and any others in need of companionship or help. Several girls have been spending Friday afternoons shovelling snow, shopping for people unable to get out, and doing other odd jobs to help. We hope that they have enjoyed our visits as much as we have enjoyed making them, and we look forward to widening our circle of friends in the area by this means.

W. HARRISON

ROBERTA MARCH-PENNEY

## "OUR" SHIP

Last term school decided to adopt a ship through the Ship Adoption Society. Since one of the girls has a father who is a captain, it was only natural that we should wish to adopt his ship. The name of the ship is the "Clan Maclachlan". Each house has a keen interest in the ship, and we follow the route that she takes, and mark the ports at which she has called, by flags on a map. This is in our "Ship's Corner" along with a life-belt, a photograph of the ship, a palm tree and various postcards and books all given to us by Captain Gibbins on his last visit to the school. Captain Gibbins says that he is looking for further treasures for us and Jeff, our school carpenter, is going to make us a display cabinet for these things.

Last term, Captain Gibbins wrote to each house explaining about the ship and describing the ports, but this term each house



has acquired an officer or a cadet from the ship and by their amusing stories and incidents make the letters interesting for us all.

The last voyage of the "Clan Maclachlan" was to Calcutta, but now she is on her way to East Africa with a varied cargo, including a steam-engine and two E-type Jaguar cars.

We should like to take this opportunity of thanking Captain Gibbins and his crew for their kindness in allowing St. Elphin's to enjoy such an unusual interest.

LYNDA QUALTER

(on behalf of the Ship's Committee)

## CLUBS

### THE P.E.N. CLUB

At the beginning of the Autumn Term we held a business meeting to review membership and to re-affirm the rules of the Club. The next meeting was held on November 11th. Hilda Scott produced the only prose text, an intriguing story entitled "The Stairs", while the rest of us wrote poems either upon "The Stairs" or upon "Voices". When we had all read our contributions, Miss Smith read W. B. Yeats' poem on "Voices" in order that we might compare the ideas and style.

We were fortunate in being able to hold another meeting on December 9th in spite of the numerous Christmas festivities. Four members produced extracts from their diaries, an entirely new venture for the P.E.N. Club and one that we hope will be repeated. Roberta March-Penney read "Ramblings on a 'Plane'", a vivid account of her thoughts on a journey from sunny Baltimore to foggy London. Mary Guest wrote a very promising apology, parodying Poem CIXC by E. E. Cummings.

Lenten activities prevented us from meeting during the Spring Term but in our meeting this term, we made another experiment: Instead of reading our own verse and prose, we read "Chicken Broth With Barley" by Arnold Wesker, hoping to gain ideas from this modern playwright so that P.E.N. Club members can write their own plays for the next meeting. It was an exhilarating and worthwhile experience which we all hope will be repeated.

Finally, I should like to thank Miss Smith, our chairman, whose constant flow of ideas and unfailing help are invaluable to the P.E.N. Club.

BETTY JONES (Secretary)

### THE GEOGRAPHICAL CLUB

The club was founded in the Autumn Term and at the first meeting we elected our committee. Mrs. Wass and Miss Marsden organised our first outing to Treak Cliff Cavern on the outskirts of Castleton. We were shown round the different chambers which were lighted to show up the best features of the rock. Drips of



water from the roof disconcerted members of the party at first, but the guide assured us that it was excellent for the complexion! In the "Witches' Cave" we were shown a wide seam of Blue John, the famous mineral which is only found in the caverns of this district. The caves provided an excellent example of the course of an ancient underground river and we saw one large cave which had been scoured out by two converging streams.

In January the Lower Sixth members of the club, with Mr. and Mrs. Wass and Miss Marsden, went to a lecture in The Civic Centre, Chesterfield. Mr. Bernard Newman spoke about his "Far Eastern Journey" and illustrated his talk with slides.

Members of the Nature Club joined us in March to revisit Chesterfield, this time to see two films: "A Derbyshire Dale" and "Skomer Bird Island", filmed and shown by Mr. Faulkner-Taylor.

We joined the Nature Club again to visit the quarries of Mr. Bennett at Stoney Middleton and Grange Mill, and members returned to school with some interesting fossils.

In the Summer Term a party of fifteen girls, with Mrs. Wass, Mrs. Rotter, Miss Robinson and Chloë, walked some miles up the beautiful Lathkill Dale. We followed the river up to its source—a large cave hollowed out by water trickling down through cracks in the limestone from the top of the hill. Eventually, after taking rather a long short cut, we rejoined the bus at Monyash and returned to school.

After exams, some of the Lower Sixth went with Mrs. Wass on two journeys to the millstone grit plateau of the Central Pennines, in order to see the typical landforms and the use made of the area. We went first to Beeley and then on to the undulating plateau-top, where we particularly noticed the marked edges caused by bands of hard rock which have hindered erosion. Much of the sheltered land is used for sheep pasture and there are many nurseries, because plants, started off in colder regions, will naturally thrive when transferred to warmer areas. There is much reafforestation and typical plants include bilberries, heather, cotton-grass and willow-herb. We passed several quarries which provide much building-stone, and the school itself was built from local millstone grit.

We should like to take this opportunity of thanking Mrs. Wass and Miss Marsden for giving up their valuable time to give us all so much pleasure and we feel sure that everyone has benefited from our outings.

BARBARA RILEY and RACHEL TAGGART  
Lower VI

## A VISIT TO THE LIMESTONE QUARRIES

During the Spring Term the newly-formed Geographical Society under the supervision of Mrs. Wass planned a visit to two of Mr. Ben Bennett's limestone quarries, one of which was at Grange Mill in the Winster area and the other at Stoney Middleton in the vicinity of Buxton.

When we arrived at the Grange Mill quarry, we were greeted by Mr. Ben Bennett with his son and some of their colleagues, who immediately distributed black safety-helmets amongst us and divided the large party into smaller groups, each of which had a guide.

First we were taken to see the quarry itself and our guides explained how deep narrow holes are bored through the rock, into which dynamite charges are dropped, ready for blasting. After blasting, the limestone was lifted by cranes and deposited into dumper trucks which took it to the crushing mill nearby. After being broken into all shapes and sizes the limestone was passed on a conveyor belt through greatly heated furnaces where the impurities were removed. On the next floor of the mill the limestone was crushed still further into a fine sifted powder. By the time we reached the top we were covered in limestone dust but were kindly vacuumed at the end of the visit.

We then proceeded by bus to Stoney Middleton, a much larger quarry high in the Peak District, which employed more men who worked the stone in two "steps" up the hill. The stone of this quarry is used mainly for building roads, whereas the stone of the other is of a superior quality and is used more in industry for the making of tiles, glassware, refining sugar and even producing our own face powder!

We were shown some fossilized rock which revealed the impression of shells and sea animals proving that this Peak District was once under the ocean. This has created a great interest in Geology and many of the members have started their own fossil collection.

Our questions were answered over coffee and biscuits kindly provided by Mr. Ben Bennett who had also taken the trouble to arrange this memorable expedition for us.

GILLIAN HOWARD, Upper VI

## A GEOGRAPHICAL EXPEDITION

On Wednesday, July 10th, the Lower Sixth geography students, accompanied by Miss Marsden, visited Haddon Hall. The Hall is situated on a limestone bluff overlooking the River Wye.

We were particularly impressed by the Chapel with its murals and the museum which contains one of the oldest clocks in existence. Our guide-book told us the interesting story of the elopement of Dorothy Vernon with John Manners and we walked over the bridge that was used for the elopement.

After tea we decided to walk back to school via Stanton and Birchover. Crossing the flood plain of the River Wye we noticed river terraces and abandoned meanders.

We then climbed the steep, winding road up on to the Stanton gritstone outlier. From a good vantage point we observed the scarpland topography of the shales and sandstone to the east and to the west we saw evidence of the lead mining in the limestone area. We also saw a Druid cremation ground and what we believed to be an ancient burial site.



We passed through Stanton and proceeded towards Birchover where we saw some very fine sandstone quarries. In one of these we could clearly see the alternation of massively bedded rock with finely bedded rock. We noted the cranes used in the quarry had a lifting capacity of eleven tons and saw the old type of cutting-saws set about two inches apart.

We returned via what used to be the Mill Close lead mine. This was closed just after the war owing to the flooding of the galleries. The site has now been taken over by Enthoven's lead reclamation company (who reclaim lead from such scrap as used car batteries). We then crossed the flood plain of the River Derwent and arrived back at school in time for supper having walked ten miles over very rugged country.

Lower VI

## THE NATURE CLUB

The Nature Club was founded in the Autumn Term and our first outing was organised soon afterwards. This took the form of a walk to Flash Dam with Mrs. Rotter and proved a great success despite the fact that we chose to go the hardest way and consequently got very wet after having climbed up a waterfall. We made a collection of different fungi and our other finds included some insects and a frog, which we put in a polythene bag to bring back to school to study, but unfortunately it escaped in the Lab.

On our next expedition, in the Spring Term, we joined the Geographical Club to visit two quarries which Mr. Bennett kindly offered to show us. We discovered that we really knew very little about quarrying, but we found it very interesting and collected some interesting fossils.

The following Wednesday we went to see two films in Chesterfield, "A Derbyshire Dale" and "Skomer Bird Island", both filmed and shown by Mr. Faulkner Taylor. The first showed the wild life in the dales and the second showed the many different types of sea birds which nest on the bird island of Skomer.

For our first expedition of the Summer Term we went with the Geographical Club to Lathkill Dale with Miss Robinson, Mrs. Wass, Mrs. Rotter and, of course, Chloë. We walked up through the valley past the lead mines to the point where the river disappeared into the hillside. We collected different kinds of plant and animal life from the river, including some prawns and caddis flies, and after reaching the end of the valley, walked on to Monyash where we rejoined the bus.

Because most of the Saturdays were already claimed for various activities we were only able to arrange one more outing. This was to Treak Cliff Cavern in Castleton where we saw veins of the famous Blue John, a purple coloured rock only found in the hills of Castleton, the veins are mined and vases and other ornaments are made in the village.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. and Mrs. Rotter and Miss Marsden for giving up their time to take us on these outings.

R. SEVILLE, Upper V A

## AN EXPEDITION TO TREAK CLIFF CAVERN

On Saturday, June 22nd the Nature Club went on an outing to Treak Cliff Cavern at Castleton. Mr. and Mrs. Rotter and Miss Marsden took us in their cars and we left school at about one-forty-five. On arriving at our destination we had to wait for a few minutes until the guide was ready to take us through a tunnel into the first series of caves. The tunnel, which had been made by miners, was very low and it was a surprise to suddenly enter a cavern with a high roof. Here the rocks were made of carboniferous limestone but until we had climbed up the steps leading to the second cavern we were unable to see the vein of Blue John which has made this series of caverns world famous. The Blue John veins which are formed by fluor spar stained by petroleum trapped in the rocks, were found by tin miners who found no tin. These deposits of Blue John found in the Castleton area of Derbyshire are the only known deposits in the world.

In the next cave there were many fossils embedded in the rocks and as these are all fossils of marine life the roof of the caves must at one time have been part of the ocean bed. As the caves are now about a thousand feet above sea level it is estimated that they are about eighty thousand years old.

The last of the caverns in the first series is the Witches' Cave. The name was derived from the shadow the rocks cast when the cave is lit, which takes the shape of a witch with a very pronounced nose.

This is the last cave in which Blue John deposits have been found in this series and it contains many excellent deposits including one block which, fractured, would be worth a hundred pounds. To do this the blocks around it would be removed and this would take about three weeks.

Witches' Cave has only been open to the public since 1950 because before then the entrance was blocked by clay. The present Blue John workings, the products of which are shaped and polished in the village, are in the next cavern which is reached, feet first, by a narrow passage eighteen inches high. The cavern itself is quite high and two veins are being worked there which, though only fifteen feet apart, are completely different in colour. By looking at the marking of a particular piece of Blue John one can tell from which of the twenty known veins in Castleton it came. The deeper the veins from the surface the darker the Blue John. These veins are mined mainly during the winter when there are fewer visitors.

The second series of caves was discovered in 1926 by miners who entered Aladdin's Cave through a hole in the roof. Now an entrance has been made by clearing away the clay which formerly blocked it and the caves have been open to the public since 1935. Stalactites cover all the walls and the roof, and at the entrance to the next cave there are ten stalagmites on a boulder, seven of which are darker and are called "The Seven Dwarfs". Stalagmites and stalactites are formed by water which dissolves carbon dioxide from the air when falling as rain. This solution dissolves some of



the limestone when it penetrates the rock and, as it falls from the roof of the cave, a small crystal of the limestone is left behind. These particles of limestone form stalactites and, as water drips off them to the ground, stalagmites are formed. If these stalactites and stalagmites eventually join they will form a cascading effect as on the roof and walls of Aladdin's Cave.

In the next cave, Wonderland, there is a stalactite which has nearly joined the stalagmite below it and from this formation it has been estimated that the rate of growth of the stalactites and stalagmites in these caves is one sixteenth of an inch every hundred years and that this particular formation will take one hundred and fifty years to join. In this cave there are many shapes to be picked out on the walls. Among them are the shapes of an elephant, a sheep's head, a stork and a man sitting down.

The last cave in the series is named "St. Paul's" because of the wonderful dome-shaped roof formed by the convergence of two rivers forming a whirlpool, the lines of which can be seen on the wall. There are wonderful colourings in the cave: brown caused by iron, and green and blue caused by copper.

We made our way back to school by a pleasant if rather indirect way through Bradwell, Eyam and Chatsworth Park. We arrived back feeling that we had had a most enjoyable time which, without Mr. and Mrs. Rotter and Miss Marsden giving up their free time to take us, would not have been possible.

SUSAN WILLIAMS, Lower VI

## CAMPANOLOGY REPORT

In the Autumn Term a number of girls began a very interesting course in the art of bell ringing at St. Helen's Church. The ringers there very kindly gave up their time each Saturday between 5.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. in order to teach us.

To the layman it may not seem difficult to ring a bell as it seems only to imply pulling a rope. However, this is not so; a great deal of co-ordination between the mind and the rope is required. It is necessary to learn when to pull the rope, which must be done at exactly the right moment, otherwise the ringer is in danger of being lifted up to the bell chamber, or, as once did happen whilst we were learning, the stay, a piece of wood that steadies the bell, can be broken.

At first, the bells were silenced, so that the residents near the church should not be disturbed by the noise that any newcomer to the belfry always makes. Within a few weeks the quicker ones of the group were ringing quite competently. When most of us were able to handle a bell safely, the silencers were removed from the bells and rounds were practised. Rounds are the simplest form of ringing; the bells are rung in order of weight so that it sounds 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, starting with the treble bell. Later some changes were tried but these proved more difficult.

During the Spring Term there was a ringers' meeting at Matlock Parish Church. We all attended it and thus had the chance of ringing different bells and we were able to feel the difference both in weight of the bell and in handling. This visit proved very profitable as we also had the chance of hearing changes rung properly.

I should like to thank the ringers of St. Helen's for teaching us this fascinating art and also Miss Harrison and Miss Jeffrey for giving up their time to take us each week.

HILDA SCOTT, Upper VI

## A VISIT TO WHITEHALL

There was high excitement when it was announced that a party of six girls could go for the last week-end of the Christmas Term to the Whitehall Centre for Outdoor Pursuits. Eventually Jane Kenning, Susan Joel, Rosemary Johnson, Elspeth Langwell, Elizabeth Waterhouse and Rosemary Barbour were chosen and we set off on the Friday evening, arriving at Whitehall just in time for a meal.

After an excellent supper we had a short general talk from Mr. Langmuir, the warden of Whitehall and saw some very exciting skiing films. Then we all climbed into our very comfortable bunks and listened dolefully to the wind and rain lashing the windows, thinking that this would put paid to any outdoor activity on the morrow.

However we were very much mistaken. On the Saturday, despite pouring rain and a howling gale, we walked for about eight miles over very rough, difficult country. We arrived back, soaked to the skin and exhausted, but a change of clothes and a hot meal soon restored our enthusiasm. That evening we had a very interesting lecture, accompanied by magnificent slides, by a member of the expedition which climbed Lhotse, sister peak to Everest.

Next morning, feeling that we had been woken far too early, we found that the wind had dropped and climbing would be possible. We were very pleased since, to all of us except Susan Joel, this was to be our first taste of rock climbing. After breakfast, seventeen of us fitted ourselves into the back of one Land Rover and drove off to The Roacher, a gritstone edge near Leek. The famous climber, Joe Brown, was driving and after a somewhat perilous journey, we arrived safely. We climbed all day, with a break for a picnic lunch and, although none of us will be future Hilarys or Hunts, we enjoyed ourselves tremendously. It is a thrilling sport at which one experiences a great feeling of achievement on having completed a climb.

Unfortunately our week-end was over far too soon and we returned to school, rather stiff and bruised, but with many thrilling tales to tell.

ROSEMARY JOHNSON, Lower VI



## VISIT TO THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

On Thursday, July 11th, seven of us, members of the Historical Society, rose at 5.30 a.m. to catch the 6.30 train to London, with Miss Lamb as our escort. When, four hours later, we arrived at the St. Stephen's entrance to the Palace of Westminster, we were taken on a comprehensive tour of the Houses of Parliament. This included the Queen's Robing Room, the House of Lords, with its ornate throne and red leather seats, the Commons, with its sage green ones, and St. Stephen's Chapel, where any Member or his daughter may marry, regardless of their denomination. Our guide explained the details of a division, telling us that Dr. Chataway, the four-minute miler, failed to reach the House of Commons for his first division in the six minutes allotted to each Member.

After lunching on the Embankment, we returned to the House to watch first the Speaker's procession into the Commons, then that of the Lord Chamberlain into the Lords; we were momentarily alarmed for our boaters when the chief usher called out "Hats off, strangers!" However, this only applied to gentlemen spectators. From the Strangers' Gallery of the Lords we watched a debate on an amendment to the Peerage Bill: namely, that a disclaimer of the peerage should be outright, not just for life. Lord Boothby suggested this, and other speakers included Lord Sherwood and Lord Morrison of Lambeth, all of whom were quite witty. We were very glad that we had not come later, for we might have had to listen to the discussion of the Sale of Dead Wild Geese Prohibition Bill!

After leaving the Lords Gallery, we met the Duke of Devonshire, who made time to speak to us for a few minutes. Miss Lamb then filled in a green card, the customary colour of the Commons, thus informing Mr. Adrian Crawley, the M.P. for West Derbyshire, that we should like to see him. Presently he joined us and took us for tea on the terrace. As only four seats in the Public Gallery of the Commons were at his disposal, four of us used them while the others had tea, then we changed over. We heard part of the debate on the question of independence of Rhodesia and Nyasaland. We heard Mr. Griffiths speaking on behalf of the Opposition.

At a quarter to six we said goodbye to Mr. Crawley, and as we were on our way to the bus-stop, we heard the division bell which rings in all parts of the Palace of Westminster to inform Members that a vote is being taken.

Our train left St. Pancras at seven and we were in Matlock by 10 p.m. When we arrived back at school Miss Robinson suggested that we should have a little longer in bed the following morning. We all enjoyed the outing thoroughly, and have learned much about the functioning of Parliament from the comprehensive cross-section we had seen.

RACHEL TAGGART and R. MARCH-PENNEY, Lower VI

## LECTURES AND FILMS

As usual we have had a varied programme of films and lectures this year, beginning with the film "Whistle Down the Wind", during which, unfortunately, the projector failed which was very disappointing. We also saw "Pickwick Papers" and "A Tale of Two Cities" in the Autumn Term, using a borrowed projector. Our later programmes included "Great Expectations" and "Oliver Twist", and, as part of our Lenten Week, we were shown "Never Take No For An Answer" and "Singapore Story".

The Reverend C. C. Du Heaume revisited the school in October and spoke to us about the Dead Sea Scrolls, illustrating this talk with many interesting slides of the people and landscape.

The audience was unavoidably small because of the sickness epidemic at the time.

In the Spring Term, Mr. Amos came to show us some examples of different types of pottery, and explained how they were made. The lecture was mainly for the benefit of those who started pottery classes this year but it was also of great interest to many others.

Mr. G. R. Watson spoke to members of the Historical and Classical section of the Field Club, in a lecture entitled "A Roman Soldier".

Mr. Roger Taylor gave us an instructive and amusing lecture-recital on Shakespeare's use of the soliloquy, performing for us some of the best-known soliloquies.

Mr. James Hall revisited us to speak about Tristan da Cunha, and, with the help of slides, he revealed to us some of the hardships which the people have to face in everyday life.

Dr. Matthews came to speak to the lower school in the Autumn Term and the Spring Term, and again in July for the benefit of the leaving girls.

In May, Mrs. P. Russell came to speak to the Sixth Form about the application and use of cosmetics and she demonstrated on a volunteer model. She also made out a personal card for everyone present, of the types and colours of make-up that each should use.

In the Summer Term some people were shown the method of teaching arithmetic by means of Cuisenaire rods, and a demonstration of their use was made with the help of Lower IV A.

On July 17th, Squadron-Officer Binns of the W.R.A.F. came to speak to us about the work of the service and the opportunities it affords.

RACHEL TAGGART, Lower VI

## EXPEDITIONS

Expeditions have been made this term to see *The Tempest*, by the Old Vic Company, *Twelfth Night* in Nottingham, *The Merchant of Venice* in the Town Hall at Matlock and *The Quaker Girl* given by the Matlock Operatic Society.



## VISIT TO A COALMINE

A party from the Upper Sixth, clad in slacks and sweaters, visited Creswell Colliery on Wednesday, July 10th. We left school at nine o'clock and on arriving at the colliery about an hour later, we were directed to the Manager's office. Here, the Manager, Mr. Carter, told us some of the history of the mine and showed us many interesting fossils while we drank cups of tea. Mrs. Jarvis and Miss Theaker, the staff who accompanied us, then left us to don boiler-suits and helmets while we, too, were fitted with helmets of appropriate size. Miners' lamps were issued to us and we then made our way to the pit shaft.

The 11 of us, together with our three guides, descended the 310 feet in the cage to the Creswell-Clowne seam and made our way to the coal face by walking, riding on the passenger wagons and finally crawling along the low passages. At the coal face we spent half an hour watching the conveyor belt taking coal from the seam to the trucks and the men moving the roof supports forward preparing for the return of the trepanner which neatly cuts away the coal, the seam in this part being only three feet thick. We were told that 3,000 tons of coal is produced each day from this mine which has recently been commended as being one of the safest in the country.

On our way out of the mine we were shown the morphia safes which can be opened only by officials with a first-aid certificate. When we reached the surface, we saw the coal trucks arriving at the top of the goods shaft and being emptied into the grader. We then watched the coal being washed, spin-dried and emptied into the lorries for dispatch.

Before returning our lamps and helmets, we were photographed, looking dirtier after an hour and a half than some of the miners who have been down for their shift of seven and a quarter hours! We had a much-needed wash and were then entertained to lunch in the canteen. Finally we had coffee with Mr. and Mrs. Carter at home, from where we left for school having had a most enjoyable day.

JUDITH CARTER, Upper VI

## A VISIT TO SHEFFIELD ASSIZES

Miss Marsden and Miss Keller escorted a group of 10 of the Lower Sixth to Sheffield Assizes in the Spring Term. We left school at 9.30 a.m. and on our arrival at Sheffield a short walk took us to the Magistrates' court which seemed to be peopled almost entirely by policemen. One of these came forward and directed us to the court where we were to spend the day. We sat in a gallery directly opposite the judge and his retinue of councillors and clerks. Below us we could see solicitors, newspaper reporters and policemen and policewomen, all of whom were busy with their various duties.

The first case had begun the day previously and concerned a youth who was accused of absconding from Borstal and committing at least one burglary armed with a toy pistol. We listened with great admiration whilst the case was argued out by the judge, the witnesses and chiefly the counsels for the Defence and the Prosecution.

Whilst the jury considered their verdict, the court was adjourned and we went for a very welcome lunch to a restaurant nearby. When we returned the jury had not decided whether the prisoner was guilty or not guilty and another case was in progress, this time of a very different nature. A young man with his leg in plaster had allegedly caused the death of a man by dangerous driving in August, 1962 but before this case got under way the jury from the previous case returned. They pronounced the youth guilty and he was duly sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

By this time it was late in the afternoon and we left for school, greatly curious as to what would be the outcome of the second case. Our curiosity was satisfied the following day when we read an account of the trial in the daily newspaper and saw that the verdict passed on the young man was "not guilty".

We were all grateful to have had this chance of seeing a part of the British legal system in action.

JANET REVILL, Lower VI

## VISIT TO FERODO

On March 20th a party of 30 scientists from the senior school, led by Dr. Scott and Miss Brown, left the buildings for a visit to the Ferodo factory. The building, which is situated near Chapel-en-le-Frith, was very modern and spacious, having been opened by the Duke of Edinburgh only four years ago.

On arrival we were shown into a lecture-room where we were divided into four groups and shown examples of brake-linings which are manufactured there.

The first stop of our tour of the building was in the Physics Laboratory where we were shown graphs on which the strains and stresses of car brakes were recorded. This showed how efficient each type of brake-lining was on long journeys.

We then visited the research department where we observed the physicists striving to produce even better substances for use in their product.

In the X-ray department a huge camera was shown to us and its workings and uses demonstrated by slides and moving pictures. The camera is used to record the different atomic numbers and structures of the all-important fibre-asbestos. A representation of a piece of asbestos was explained to us with the help of table-tennis balls to show the formation of the molecules.

Our last stop was at the huge and noisy room where the finished brake-linings are finally tested. We were given the opportunity of asking any questions and many benefited by this.



This ended our tour of the actual factory, but much to our surprise we were ushered through the beautiful gardens to the staff canteen where an enjoyable tea was waiting for us. Our thanks go to Dr. Scott for arranging this interesting and unusual excursion which was much appreciated.

I. MURRAY, Upper V A

## A VISIT TO A BRITISH OXYGEN WORKS

On Monday, July 8th, Dr. Scott took the science girls to the British Oxygen Works at Sheffield. We were first given a short explanation of the work done there and then were shown round the different plants which produce both liquid oxygen and oxygen gas. We saw the liquid oxygen and its peculiar properties demonstrated by dipping a rubber tube in the oxygen and when dropped, the tube broke. The liquid oxygen is transported in large tanks or cylinders. A constant supply of oxygen gas is sent straight by pipeline to the Sheffield steel works. We were also shown a film of the numerous uses of oxygen. Besides deriving educational benefit we all had a most interesting and enjoyable afternoon.

KATHLEEN WILLIAMS, Upper V

## A VISIT TO LEA MILLS

On Monday, July 8th, thirteen members of Upper Five accompanied by Mrs. Wass and Mrs. Rother went to visit Lea Mills. These mills are situated just outside Matlock and were founded in the year 1770. They are one of the very few works of their kind in this country as one can see the raw wool being taken in and the finished garment taken out.

When we arrived at the works of John Smedley, we were ushered into a little room and were told of the history and work of these mills and were given an outline of the ways in which each process was dealt with. Our guide showed us some of the highest quality wool in its raw state which had come from Australia, and the long strands of coloured wool which had been dyed at Bradford. It was beautifully soft to touch. We then were taken to the building where the wool used to be sorted and inspected in order to select the pieces of skin from the wool, but this does not happen now. Wool used to be brought from London by the Grand Union Canal to Lea Mills.

Both old English and American machinery are used at John Smedley's, and in addition, I saw an Italian machine. The wool passed through the machines, which were carefully watched to check faults, and in the end could be seen on shelves in strands about an eighth of an inch thick. In these mills the wool itself is dyed and not the finished garment or the yarn. This ensures that the dyes do not run as they would after the latter method and is called "in-grained".

Next we saw the mentioned strands of wool being made into

a thin thread and at the same time being wound on to bobbins. Then we saw some machines which were designed to make lacy patterns for women's underwear. John Smedley's specializes in undergarments for all ages and ski-wear and other knitteds. In one or two rooms sat many women and girls who were all busy either piecing the garments together or finishing them off with buttons and straps to the accompaniment of "Music While You Work". Some women were ironing the finished products after they had been washed and bleached, although bleaching was not necessary in all cases.

Some brushed nylon was being made into nightwear but was not, itself, made at Lea Mills. We were shown into the accountancy offices of the works and also into the rooms where girl school-leavers were learning how to operate the machines. After a very enjoyable tour around the buildings, we were shown into the office and saw the wonderful finished products arranged before us; and then we were given some biscuits and a cup of tea.

I am sure that each one of us found the visit one of the most interesting we have ever made, if not the most interesting, and we were very sorry to leave. We came back to school by the same minibus in which we travelled to Lea Mills.

CAROLINE STRAWSON, Upper V

## VISIT TO CHESTERFIELD HOSPITAL

On Friday, February 17th, a party from school visited Chesterfield Hospital. We were shown round by the Assistant Matron who carefully explained everything.

The first ward we went into was the orthopaedic ward where the Sister showed us some interesting X-rays of a fractured femur. We were then shown into the children's ward where there were some lovely little children eating their dinner. In a side ward there were two babies fast asleep who were recovering from pneumonia. We were also lucky to see a baby in an incubator, which fascinated us all.

Our escort took us to see the radiography department as some of us were interested in it. There we saw some of the most modern equipment the country has and had all the different machines and their uses explained to us by the radiographer.

We were taken down to the training school where the Sister Tutor showed us a short film on infection, from which we gained much knowledge. The demonstration room which is also in the training school was shown to us.

At this point we were taken to the nurses' dining-room where tea was awaiting us. It was evident that everyone enjoyed it because all the plates were empty by the time tea was over.

After tea we were allowed, a few at a time, to go into the recovery room where three patients were recovering from their operations. The staff nurse told us what operations they had had



and about the care they took of them before they returned to their wards.

The Casualty was the last department we visited; this had a small operating theatre for minor operations.

We all left the hospital having gained much knowledge from all we had seen and should like to thank the Matron for a most enjoyable visit.

ELIZABETH HOWARD, Lower VI

## ART STUDENTS' VISIT TO LONDON

Five art students were lucky enough to spend three days in London with Miss Mitchell. We stayed at the Girls' Friendly Society from where we made our daily excursions.

We spent the first day in the National Art Gallery studying the paintings of the Italian Renaissance period and the French Impressionist school. We also visited the Royal Academy and, as it was the day for taking in new paintings, we found ourselves being filmed for television. In the evening we relaxed after a tiring day by going to see the film "West Side Story".

The following day we again visited the National Gallery in the morning but spent the afternoon, after being carried along in an "unemployment" mob, in the Tate Gallery among the modern paintings of Paul Klee, Salvadore Dali, Matisse and many others. Our evening was spent at the Royal Albert Hall where we attended Sir Henry Wood's Birthday Concert.

Our last day was spent at the Tate Gallery and Bond Street Gallery where we saw exhibitions of the work of individual painters such as John Piper and Graham Sutherland. We returned to school tired by all our walking but with an improved knowledge of the artists that we are studying.

JENNIFER de GRUYTHER, Upper VI

## VISIT TO COVENTRY

On July 18th, Miss Lamb and Mrs. Rotter took a party of Upper V and Sixth form to Coventry to see the Cathedral. We set off at 11 o'clock, armed with cameras and packed lunches, and arrived about one, when we found one of the "Porch Plays" being performed on the old Cathedral steps. Most of us stayed to watch the end of it and then went into the old Cathedral itself, which was bombed during the war. Now the inside has been cleared and paved and a stone altar erected on which there is a cross made from the charred remains of the wood.

In the new Cathedral we had to follow a roped-off route and could not go into the Chapel of Unity and one or two other parts but we walked round behind the choir stalls and high altar quite near to the huge tapestry. Near the door on the other side is the font, a very old rock imported from near Bethlehem and untouched except for the bowl hollowed out of it.

Having completed our tour of the Cathedral we were allowed to walk round and have tea, and after seeing some of the new buildings and the traffic-free shopping centre, we returned to the bus and to school. ROSALIND SEVILLE, Upper V A

## COMMEMORATION DAY AT MIRFIELD

At exactly 8.30 a.m. a minibus arrived to take us to Mirfield. The Upper Sixth prefects climbed in, feeling very happy at the prospects of another day out. The journey passed quite quickly and we were soon entering the gates of the Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield.

We made directly for the church and found a place behind the high altar from where we could see all that happened. We were an hour early for the service, High Mass, which was to take place at noon, and so we had adequate time to settle ourselves and survey the immediate surroundings. As the clock struck noon, the service began. The Brethren of the Community entered the church and a very moving service ensued, lasting for about an hour.

Lunch in the pouring rain followed the service. We made our way to the cricket field where we obtained our "nose-bags" of food and cups of tea, eating them under an umbrella which was shared by six of us. Eventually the rain ceased and a watery sun appeared through the clouds. Father Whistler came up to us and he asked us many questions about ourselves and the school. We were kindly shown around the Community by Father Whistler and had an instructive tour of the church around which the life of the Community moves.

The weather having improved greatly by now, everyone gathered on the lawn in front of the hostel for the Commemoration Service. At 3 p.m. the service began with a procession of the Brethren to an altar set up on the lawn. The Commemoration Service, for the benefactors of the Community, was very interesting and the Father Superior gave a humorous and enlightening address, words which will remain in the minds of many of us for years to come. Once again we made our way to the cricket field, this time for our tea. Fortunately at this meal we were able to sit on the ground and enjoy the sun. Father Whistler and Father Maclachlan joined us for tea during which much laughter and chattering filled the air.

The next item on the agenda was the play put on by the students at Mirfield. We made our way to the "Quarry" Theatre via the cemetery and the Calvary garden, all of which was beautifully laid out with flowers and shrubs. We took up our places in the theatre and waited for the beginning of the play which was "Trial at Assisi" by Timothy Holme. The whole production was excellent and held our attention throughout; the actors seemed to be living in the period in which the play occurred.

Solemn evensong in the church followed the play and once



again we resumed our places behind the high altar. The service was led by the Brethren of the Community.

At 8.30 p.m. we left Mirfield, collecting our supper at the lodge on our way out. We were all feeling very happy and our minds were full of the kindness of the Brethren of the Community who had looked after us so well. CHRISTINE DUNN, Upper VI

## VISIT TO A BREAD FACTORY

On Thursday, July 11th, Upper VB set out with Mrs. Barling and Madame Fein to visit a bread factory at Chesterfield. When we arrived at "Mother's Pride", we were taken into a big room where we stayed for about half an hour watching the dough being made. There were lots of big tubs with dough at different stages. We saw how the dough rose above the top of the tubs and was then pushed back in by hand. We were each given a turn at kneading the dough. The dough was left in the tubs to prove for three hours, then, when it had risen, it was put in a lift and was raised up. It was then tipped into a machine which moulded the dough into rounds. The rounds were transferred to another machine which chopped each round into four long strips.

Then we went to see the oven. The strips of bread were put into a tin which made a 2 lb. loaf. The bread was cooked for 40 minutes. After this time, the bread was taken out of the oven and put on to a conveyor belt. It was put into a unit to cool for 40 minutes; then it was sent to be sliced and wrapped.

We all watched the way in which some bread was thickly cut and some thinly cut. At the end of our tour around the factory, the foreman gave us two loaves of our own choice. We then left for school after an enjoyable afternoon.

SUSAN E. THOMAS, Upper V

## VISIT TO A CHEESE FACTORY

On Wednesday, July 10th, we visited a small cheese factory in Hartington which specializes in making Stilton cheeses.

We were taken to the landing bay where the milk is brought in churns from the farms within five miles. From here, we were taken to the laboratory where the milk is tested, to see if it is suitable for turning into cheese. This is done by putting some cream in a bottle and adding a little rennet. This is left to stand all night and, if the curds go to the top, it means that there is too much yeast present which will ruin the cheese. It is also the task of the laboratory to see that the machines and churns are always kept very clean.

When the milk is put on the landing bay, it is put into pipes and from there it goes into large vats. These hold 900 gallons which makes nearly 900 pounds of cheese. Some bacteria and rennet are put into the vats which helps to set the cheese. It is heated and left for an hour.

After this it is put on to one side for twelve hours to drain the whey from it. Then the curd is put into moulds and left for a few days on shelves in a very cold room which helps the cheese to dry.

After a few days, cloth is put around the cheese and the spaces in it are filled. It is then stored for several weeks after which it is ready to be drilled. Long needles are put into the cheese, all around it and then removed and the cheese is stored once more. The holes in the cheese turn a blue colour because of the bacteria growing in them. The cheese is stored for twelve weeks altogether in many different rooms and then it is sold, or put in air-tight bags or plastic containers, and may be stored in the deep freeze for many months until it is wanted.

ELIZABETH MULLETT, Upper V

## HOUSE DRAMA COMPETITION 1962

This year we were fortunate in having as our adjudicator, Mr. Storey, husband of a former member of staff, and producer of many of the local plays and operettas we have seen at Matlock. He gave us much valuable advice, which should spur us on to do even better in our future efforts.

As usual, we had quite a variety of plays from which scenes were chosen. Selwyn performed scenes from Shaw's "Pygmalion", Powys, from Balderston's "Berkeley Square", and Kennedy, from "The Merchant of Venice". Fletcher chose Sheridan's "The Rivals" and Wilson, "Toad of Toad Hall", by A. A. Milne. Gresford were disappointed that, owing to the illness of one of their leading characters, they were unable to perform their choice of scenes from Anouilh's "Traveller Without Luggage".

Selwyn's "Pygmalion" was considered a good choice, and the costumes were very attractive; but the adjudicator criticised the occasional "masking" and the fact that the highlight of the scene was lost in the movement of the crowd. Jennifer de Gruyther as Henry, and Rosemary Barnes as a boisterous Freddie, gave praise-worthy performances.

The adjudicator pointed out that Powys's play was a bad choice, for the theme and characterisation were difficult for amateurs to bring out. Worse than a need for prompting was the unnecessary prompting; and there was a lack of movement and variety during the long speeches. However, Lynda Qualters as Kate held our interest with her lively acting.

"The Merchant of Venice" was a good choice, but poorly cast. Kennedy were criticised for their placing of the caskets where the three suitors had to turn their backs to the audience in speaking; and also for giggles in the difficult love scenes. The costumes were good, but we felt the minor rôles lacked interest.



"The Rivals" was a good choice, and excellently produced. Ruth Dean as Mrs. Malaprop, though "not enough of a dragon", was awarded the cup for the best individual performance. Close competition was provided by Josephine Holmes as O'Trigger, complete with Irish accent and flashing eyes, by Penelope Thornton's vigorous portrayal of Sir Anthony Absolute, and Rosemary Johnson's Captain Absolute. Powys's "Kate" was also among the final five.

Wilson's "Toad of Toad Hall" was a good choice for large numbers, fortunately stationary, in the court scene; the animal costumes were remarkably well managed. Elizabeth A. Taylor as Toad was extremely well made up and gave a vigorous performance, but she underplayed Toad's bombastic overbearing. However, our interest was held throughout the scene.

In the final placings, Fletcher came first, Wilson second, and Selwyn third. The united efforts of all Houses provided an enjoyable evening, and we also gained the benefits of Mr. Storey's experience for which we are grateful.

R. MARCH-PENNEY, Lower VI

## ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

### HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN PRESENTS A ROYAL STANDARD TO 83 SQUADRON, STATIONED AT ROYAL AIR FORCE, SCAMPTON

After their arrival by air at Royal Air Force Scampton, Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were escorted to the Royal dais by Group Captain Hubbard. From there, they watched a parade commanded by Wing Commander Slessor of 83 Squadron which performed to music played by the Air Force Central Band.

The impressive ceremony of presenting the Royal Standard to the Squadron was then carried out and the Standard bearer marched back to his squadron at the end of the parade ground with the new standard, to the music of a slow march. After a rousing "three cheers" for the Queen, the Squadron marched away and the Queen was escorted to the R.A.F. school where the children under eight waved their small paper Union Jacks and sang the National Anthem.

The Queen and the Duke were then driven to the Officers' Mess which was beautifully decorated with flowers. Here they admired pictures of Officers stationed at Scampton, and had dinner with the Officers.

After dinner, at the Queen's request, she and the Duke went outside to have a special photograph taken with Wing Commander Slessor and his father, and to drive past a parade of 12 Vulcan M.2 Bombers and their crews.

From there, they were driven to the end of the runway at

Scampton to watch a follow-my-leader take-off by four Vulcans. Suddenly, as the Queen waited, the voice of Sq. Ldr. J. Townson was heard over the loudspeaker, giving instructions to the four Vulcans which then took off, one after the other. It took only 1.9 seconds for all four to be in the air—a very good time, indeed.

The Queen and the Duke then took off for London in their Heron plane, and after a party given by Wing Commander Slessor, to which ex-members of the Squadron were invited, everyone settled down to watch themselves on television and to talk over a day which will long be remembered at Scampton.

JANE TOWNSON, Upper III A

## POEMS

### IN ANTICIPATION

On the woody hill,  
Coming to the kill  
Of the doves in the cote,  
The sneaking stoat  
Corners quickly,  
In anticipation.

In the valley below,  
A slinking foe  
Of the hens and cocks,  
The cunning fox  
Comes swiftly,  
In anticipation.

On the mountain top,  
Thinking of a tasty chop  
While in the dale, hoots a diesel,  
Up starts the weasel  
Coming silently,  
In anticipation.

SARAH GOW, Lower III

### SPACE

I was the first one there, of course!  
But I'm afraid I went a bit off course.  
I landed on Pluto,  
But was aiming for Mars  
In one of those supersonic space cars.  
It got me there!

Robots were jumping here and there,  
Even riding a robot mare.  
They came at me, with pointed guns,  
It made me feel as if one of the Huns  
Was trying to shoot me.



I jumped back in my little space-car  
And away I zoomed to go off far,  
Away from Pluto, silly planet,  
Back to Earth, sensible planet.  
This happened in the year two thousand and three,  
And it happened to me, just me!

BEVERLEY WITHERS, Lower III

### THE NEW SCHOOL HALL

A slip and a slop, a smack and a wallop!  
Cement for the building another great dollop  
On to the bricks which climb up the wall,  
Helps with the building of our new hall.

Outside the Common Room girders appear.  
Which is the front? Which is the rear?  
At one end a ladder, the other a plank;  
What's in the middle? answer, a blank!

Into the Com. for Class Music we troop;  
Waiting for teacher we sit in a group,  
No longer we hear the wind in the trees  
But banging and humming by Baggaley's bees.

At last! the middle of autumn term  
Sees the end of Baggaley's firm,  
Sees what is wanted by us all—  
A Princess to open our fine new hall.

ALISON DRAKE-BROCKMAN, Upper IV A

### THE FOG

On, blindly on: thank heaven for the fog!  
It mantles restless spirits  
In its comforting white depth.  
Vague, similar faces  
In homburgs and bowlers  
Stride past, to be engulfed again in gloom.  
The lights and red of buses swing away  
Into the stream of taxis,  
Theatre-bound.  
The twin bridge towers loom dark above the Thames;  
He leaves the noise and lights,  
Stares through the shroud  
So cold, intangible and whitely dead.  
Beneath: the water.  
Can one swift leap  
Blot out life's fears, its loves and baffled hopes?

Can man create  
His own oblivion?  
Is this man's life forever wrecked by grief?  
He sighs and lets the fog  
Wipe blank his weary mind,  
And turns towards the light and sounds—at peace.

R. MARCH-PENNEY, Lower VI

### SONNET

Above the raging tumult of the skies  
The palsied sun lets fall her suppliant hand;  
She fades, waves, droops, and then, as destined, dies;  
Our heritage—deep darkness o'er the land.

She sinks to her nadir, far off in the west,  
Her parting glow, suspended in the air,  
Remains to mourn its beautiful and best:  
Till light returns the moon is monarch there.

The earth, now enveloped in a ghostly ray  
Of moonlight, sleeps until an ethereal glow,  
A translucent veil—the herald of the day,  
Unfolds its wings to waken all below.  
The moon, now vanquished by the greater power,  
Declines in strength and quits her heavenly bower.

RACHEL TAGGART, Lower VI

### OBLIVION

Resting in the jagged shadow,  
Melting in the gathering gloom,  
There, half-smothered by bracken,  
Lay an old and rough-cut tomb.

On the grave-stone no inscription,  
No sweet flowers to mourn the dead,  
Only wild and tangled bracken  
Reverenced it with tossing head.

There is felt complete oblivion,  
There, and only there, because  
He who lies beneath the tombstone,  
Is no more and never was.

MARY GUEST, Lower VI



# ST. ELPHIN'S OLD GIRLS' CHRONICLE

## LETTER OF THE HEADMISTRESS

My dear Old Girls,

This is the last time that I shall address you in this manner as we have decided to call you St. Elphin's Seniors in future: we consider that is a more dignified title.

First of all, may I thank you all very much for your response to my appeal for chairs for the new Hall to mark the occasion of the Royal visit in November. I am pleased to tell you that to date we have got nearly three hundred of the four hundred chairs needed, adding that it is not too late for any of you who have not yet offered a chair to do so. I do hope that we shall get our full four hundred by November.

I have had some delightful letters, among others, one from Ruth Scott, who writes: "I must be one of the oldest 'Old Girls' as I was at R.C.D.S. at Warrington under Miss Kennedy, 1897-1899. My father was Canon Scott, Vicar of St. John's Church, Chester, for forty years. I went back as Junior Mistress for a year in 1902 and Miss Kennedy was most anxious that I should stay on and become a full-blown member of Staff. On my chair I should like the inscription 'Ruth Scott, Warrington 1897-1899'. I married a cousin so kept my same name."

Plans for the Royal visit are in hand. Accommodation will be extremely limited but we hope that representatives of the Old Girls will have their place in the new Hall and your Secretary will be presented to the Princess.

We have just had a very successful third Reunion at School. There were not as many Old Girls as I would wish but I am happy to know from them that they enjoyed it very much indeed. Our new Secretary is now well established and we are delighted with her. Her warm friendliness, even to those that she has not met before, has already won her a place in the School. On her departure, she confessed to the Head Girls and to me that she had not wanted to come at all, "she was so nervous", but now she felt so different and looked forward to her next visit.

Before I forget, I am asking for volunteers to take over the Office of Treasurer. Elizabeth Lavender has given very good service for many years now and feels the need to hand over to a new Officer. Do please write to Mrs. Maye, the Secretary, if you are willing to do this. We feel that a younger member of the Guild should take her turn. It is an interesting piece of work and one that I am sure many would enjoy.

You will be interested to know that we intend to go back to the Group Secretary system as we feel that it is the best way to keep in touch with as many members as possible.

You will read most of the news in the pages of this Magazine.

There is one piece of news I should like to tell you myself. Owing to the kindness of Mrs. Rollinson, we are now able to extend the lease of Rotherwood, the house we love so much. We should have hated to lose it and we are grateful to her for this kindness. Mrs. Rollinson lives in Bournemouth and I am going to tea with her in the holidays to tell her all our news. She has many pleasing memories of the School and tells me that, when she lived there, two girls slept in her house and one was Mary Sapwell.

I am making two appeals. One, for some interesting early photographs connected with the School; views of the School would be welcome, and groups, of course. Secondly, I should like to compile a list for a new Honours Board for those Old Girls who gained entrance to Universities other than Oxford or Cambridge. As you know, we include all Universities in these days of keen competition and I know that some Old Girls feel disappointed that their names are not included. Would you send me your names and details, and particularly dates of any Scholarships or Entrances during your stay here. My best wishes to you all.

Yours affectionately,

P. M. ROBINSON

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I wish to acknowledge most gratefully the Old Girls who have given a donation towards chairs and tables for the new Hall.

Margaret Ashton (2 chairs)	Kathleen Bardsley
Kathleen Armstrong	Barbara Brittain
Frances Adams	Emma Cavendish
Eileen Appleby	Joan Colver
Alex Berwick	Ursula Crawshaw
Kathleen Berwick	Diana Crick
Wendy Berwick	Margaret Caldwell
Joan Bounds	Judy Coop
Jean Bray	Nona Cowman
Faith Beard	Dorothy Colver
Grace Bews	Ruth Patterson
Ruth Bowser	Christine Dunn
Eleanor Bowser	Ruth Dean
Jenny Buxton	Mary Duff
Audrey Buxton	Marie Dawson
Sadie Broadbent	Ruth Doxey
Josephine Bannister	Anne Elliott
Marilyn Bannister	Mary Else
Miss W. Burchnall	Joan Freeman
Miss Mary Bean	Miss Flood
Dorothy Bache	Felicity Forster
Audrey Bell	Miss A. Gregson—In Memoriam
Lucy Bidlake	Anne Glover



Mary Goodman  
 Jennifer de Gruyther  
 Mary Gallimore  
 Emily Hepplewhite  
 Dora Hepplewhite  
 Miss Marion Hickling  
 Miss Iris Hall  
 Gillian Hughes  
 Glenys Hughes  
 Mary Hope-Johnson  
 Judith Hick  
 Miss M. Hunt  
 Jane Hewitt  
 Elizabeth Hewitt  
 Susan Hare  
 Mabel Hedley  
 Gertrude Hedley  
 Constance Hedley  
 Bertha Hedley  
 Margaret Houghton  
 Rosemary Hadfield  
 Sheila Jepson  
 Celia Jephson  
 Patricia James  
 Rachel Johnson  
 Barbara James, Powys  
 Barbara James, Kennedy  
 Menella Jee  
 Kathleen Jones  
 Stephanie Jones  
 Muriel Jones  
 Miss E. Just  
 Rachel Kingdon  
 Elizabeth Kingdon  
 Marguerita Knowles  
 Mary Keal  
 Judith Keal  
 Doris Kaye  
 Joan Kiddell  
 Christine Line  
 Rosemary Line  
 Ray Richmal Crompton Lamburn  
 Little Nurse—In Memoriam  
 Dorothy Lyon  
 Dorothy Leakey  
 Elizabeth Lavender  
 Phyllis Molyneux  
 Isobel Mosley  
 Karen Marker  
 M. MacGill

Nellie Morgan  
 May Mayhew-Jones  
 Patricia Mosley  
 Miss Helen McKenzie  
 Eileen MacDonald  
 Monica Martin  
 Joan Martin  
 Margaret Nicholson  
 Victoria Nesling  
 Jane Neil  
 Carolyn Owen  
 Margaret Owen  
 Mary Oliver  
 Mary Hyatt  
 Barbara Palmer  
 Miss L. Pennycuik  
 Dorothy Partington  
 Margaret Pollock-Hill  
 Elizabeth Perry  
 Valerie Parkin  
 Lynda Qualters  
 Kathleen Rountree  
 Jean Rhodes  
 Margaret Russon  
 Dorothy Reynold  
 Beryl Renwick  
 Joyce Renwick  
 May Richardson  
 Angela Rickards  
 Mary Reeman  
 Dora Rountree  
 Molly Rountree  
 Ann Russell  
 Betty Sheldon  
 Margaret Stewardson  
 Violet Sutcliffe  
 Ruth Scott  
 Margaret Steele  
 Grace Simpson  
 Helen Stone  
 Patricia Storer  
 Gillian Smith  
 Miss M. S. Shand  
 Dorothy Shaw  
 Catherine Smart  
 Margaret Smart  
 Pamela Stone  
 Stella Allen  
 Mary Sapwell  
 Rosamund Sapwell

Diane Spafford  
 Caroline Slater  
 Carole Saxby  
 Caroline Strawson  
 Constance Thorpe  
 Ella Thorpe  
 Hilary Toy  
 Dorothea Trott  
 Miss M. Thouless  
 Sandra Thornton  
 Shirley Thornton  
 Rosemary Thornton  
 Ruth Tudor-Jones  
 Susan E. Thomas  
 The Thomason Family  
 Miss L. Thompson  
 Joyce Tanner  
 Jennifer Turner

Elisabeth Ward  
 Margaret Wontner-Smith  
 Sybil Wells  
 Jill Williams  
 Joanne Wells  
 Jane Wells  
 Luana Wells  
 Karin Weston  
 Susan Williams  
 Shan Williams  
 Agnes Winckley  
 Eileen Whittaker  
 Helen Wright  
 Heather Woodcock  
 Patricia Wigfull  
 Julie Walmsley  
 Elaine Woodhouse

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

1. Bring-and-Buy Bazaar—October 12th, 1963.
2. Royal Visit—November 29th, 1963.
3. A.G.M. at Taunton—April 25th, 1964.

## LETTER FROM MISS FLOOD

My dear Old Girls,

As founder in 1911 of the St. Elphin's O.G.G. I am writing this letter for two reasons—Ave and Vale: "Vale" to Mary Sapwell, who has been such a business-like and efficient secretary for a considerable period of time. Her heart has been in her work, and I have found her always prompt in replying to my letters and in considering any matter I might bring forward in connection with the Guild. I know that she has left everything in good order for her successor and given her many useful hints on details of administration.

"Ave" to Dorothy Maye (née Bache), who has been ready to take over the Secretaryship of the Guild, and is already getting into the work. I think it will be helpful to her and to all of you—many of you of course not of her era—if I give you a little account of her qualifications for this office. Dorothy was at St. Elphin's from 1916 to 1924 and was Head of Powys House when she left. She proceeded to Manchester University where she won the Bishop Frazer Scholarship for Greek, and took an Honours Degree in Classics. For a time she was coaching in Classics under Professor Conway.



After her marriage Dorothy went to India, where her husband held office in the Indian State Railways. This necessitated living in Bombay and travelling to all parts of Central India. She was an officer in the Guide Movement and did Welfare Work. During the War she was 2nd Officer in the Women's Royal Indian Naval Service, recruiting for three Services and lecturing in this connection.

After five years in England with her family and taking part-time work in St. Catherine's School, Bude, as English Mistress, Dorothy returned to India in 1951. During this time she was on the Staff of the Queen Mary High School, Bombay, a Christian College for Indian girls, Hindu, Moslem, etc. and was in charge of the Senior Cambridge Form. She was Principal of the College for a time.

On returning to England Dorothy and her husband settled in Orpington, and since her husband's death she has come to live in Exmouth. It is interesting to those whose memories go back so far to remember that she learnt to play the organ in the School Chapel, and to know that wherever she was in India, she was always commandeered to do this.

So let us give Dorothy a welcome as Secretary of the O.G.G. and wish her success in this office, which is certainly no sinecure.

MARGARET L. FLOOD

## LETTER FROM MISS STOPFORD

Calton Lees,

Matlock.

My dear Girls,

May 5th, 1963

The main purpose of this letter is to send you news of Old Girls who have visited or written to me during the last twelve months. Unfortunately I have not entered all the visits in my diary so this will not be a complete list. I will try to do so in future.

It was a pleasant surprise to see ANN RUST again this spring. She is obviously doing valuable work as a missionary in India and had been staying a night or two at school during her leave. She tells me Con is happily married with a growing family.

Last summer CATHERINE SMART and JEAN DAVIES (née Donaldson), came over to lunch and we went round Chatsworth gardens together. Catherine very much enjoys teaching Scripture at Clitheroe High School. Jean, a qualified chemist, was shortly going out to join her husband in Benghazi. I have since heard from her saying how full of interest she is finding life out there.

In November I stayed in London and had a very happy afternoon with MARY VEAZEY (née James). The occasion was the christening of her son, William. I was one of his Godmothers. Just as I was setting out from my Club, Mrs. Rawlinson turned up to see me. As she and Mrs. James had known each other since Durham days I suggested she should come along to the party. MARGARET, the other Godmother, was of course there, so it

was very much a St. Elphin's occasion. William behaved beautifully all through the service which was lengthy, as the christening took place during Evensong. Needless to say, his other Godmother treated him with professional expertise. The Veazeys have now gone to live at Chalcot, 30 Fairford Avenue, Luton, so I fear there is little chance of William attending St. Elphin's kindergarten.

KAREN MARKER has written to me quite recently to tell me of her appointment for next September on the staff of the Darley Dale Junior School. It will be nice to have her living in the neighbourhood all the year round and not just in the holidays.

JACKIE CLEAVER and a cousin of hers turned up to see me a week ago. Jackie looks very well and is obviously in her element teaching P.T.

HAZEL WINFIELD (née Foster) sent me a most interesting letter in January. She is a very well-qualified nurse. She went to join her mother in Durban a few years ago and for two-and-a-half years worked in an African Training School for Nurses. She then worked on the staff of a European hospital in Northern Rhodesia. In 1954 she married a mine geologist. She has four children, the eldest aged eight and the youngest three. She is on the Parents' Committee of the children's school and is intensely interested in the changing African scene.

I hope all Old Girls will realise how welcome they will be if they are able to come and see me here, but I hope they will ring up first as Calton Lees is rather off the map. I should be so disappointed if they came and found me out. My telephone number is MATLOCK 3240.

With very best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

EVELEEN STOPFORD

### SECRETARY'S NOTES

I am deeply grateful for the welcome which Miss Robinson, Miss Flood, Miss Stopford and many members of staff and of the O.G.G. have given me.

To Mary Sapwell I owe a great debt for all her help and guidance in a work which I undertook with great apprehension, help which she is continuing to give.

Old Girls seem to be shy about sending news of themselves. Thanks must therefore be given to all those who sent news of their friends and of members whom they had met during the year. Letters from the many who live overseas would be particularly welcome, so please let us have some mail from all parts of the Commonwealth, the U.S.A., Bahrein, the Middle East and South Africa!

The Reunion has ended, one of the happiest week-ends one could have desired. From the moment we set foot on the drive we were made to feel welcome. We entered, through doors flung wide, a hall gaily decked with beautiful floral arrangements.



Everywhere there was an air of friendliness. One returned, after many years abroad, expecting to feel regret for the passing of the old. Instead one found the old school untouched in itself and greatly enhanced by its new buildings and by its changes. We thank Miss Robinson, her staff and the girls for a wonderful week-end.

It is hoped to hold the next Annual General Meeting in Taunton, on April 25th, 1964. Further details will be sent early in the new year.

Elizabeth Lavender's resignation was received with great regret. She has been our Treasurer for seven years. As a successor has not yet been found any offers will be welcome. Miss Robinson expressed our thanks for all she has done to steer our finances through their difficulties.

### TREASURER'S NOTES

Our expenditure this year has been much heavier than anticipated, and our efforts to keep pace with rising costs, by increasing the subscription rates, have been thwarted. The price of the magazines, because of increased size, was 6d. per copy more than in the previous year, and the cost of the London reunion greatly exceeded the usual figure of £2.

Undoubtedly our sources of income will need further discussion at the next A.G.M., since, not only has it been impossible to pay back to the Life Subscriptions Account the loans of 1959 and 1960, but also it has been necessary to borrow a further £35 in order to arrive at a satisfactory balance in the Current Account.

The total membership of the Guild, excluding life members who cannot be traced, is 509.

ELIZABETH LAVENDER,

Thorndean,  
Imperial Road,  
Matlock.

(Hon. Treasurer, S.E.O.G.G.)

### REUNION AT ST. ELPHIN'S, JULY 1963

Dear Old Girls, who for one reason or another were not present at our most enjoyable week-end at Darley Dale, we think you might like to hear something of our doings. But why were you not with us: lack of time? cash? or simply cold feet? It surely couldn't be apathy?

From the moment we arrived on the doorstep we were welcomed and looked after.

As you know, the week-end began with lunch on Saturday and it was fun looking round to see how many of our friends—old and new—we could spot.

The weather was more than kind, it was perfect and, in the gaps of almost incessant chat, we watched a tennis match between Past and Present. The Old Girls won, which was as it should be!

The dinner on Saturday evening was certainly one of the high-lights, with its toasts and speeches and the ceremonial drinking from the cups won by the different houses for various feats.

We were very fortunate in having with us the Archdeacon of Warrington, whom Miss Robinson had invited to be our chaplain or "prophet" for the week-end. He spoke for a few moments during Evensong on Saturday and in addition to celebrating early on Sunday morning, gave a very short but most apposite address at the Sung Eucharist on the words from the Offertory Sentences: "Let your light so shine before men. . . ."

Before leaving the Chapel we had the Service of Admission to the O.G.G. of thirty girls who are leaving school this term. Our new Secretary of the Guild, Dorothy Maye, who is taking Mary Sapwell's place, was also admitted at the same service. We are most grateful to her for taking on this important work.

Miss Robinson took us on a conducted tour of the new hall and kitchen and all the ancillary rooms—stores, staff dining-room, etc. Much work remains to be done, but one can see what a wonderful addition this will be, and we shall owe it largely to Miss Robinson's drive and persistence.

The Annual General Meeting took place in the Common Room on Sunday afternoon. All members of the O.G.G. should make a very real effort to be present at these meetings, as very important decisions of policy are taken which affect the Guild, in that we are all one body, the life of the school as a whole.

We had a most enjoyable and very varied concert on Sunday after tea, given by the present girls, and including items by the orchestra and many different solos.

After supper we ended with the usual hymn-singing presided over and accompanied by Miss Thompson, in which everyone joined with obvious enjoyment.

Many people had obviously worked extremely hard to give us so much enjoyment. The music in Chapel added much to our offering of worship and the flower arrangements in Chapel and indeed throughout the school were truly lovely.

The catering staff provided the most wonderful meals and we were fed almost hourly.

It is impossible in a short space to give anything but the barest outline of the week-end and the best way of showing our gratitude would be that as many as possibly (or impossibly) can do so should come and experience the fun and fellowship for themselves.

## A BURSARY FUND

It was decided at the Annual General Meeting held at Darley Dale on Sunday, July 21st, that the Old Girls should be asked to support a Bursary Fund to help present girls who might be in temporary financial difficulty or who might need financial help to enable them to stay longer at School. It was suggested that a Committee be formed to administer the Fund, with Miss Robinson, when it has been built up sufficiently to be operated.



## GAMES REPORT

The annual Old Girls' Hockey Match was held in the Spring Term. The weather was fine and sunny and we had a full team. Unfortunately our Captain, Jackie Watson, was unable to play owing to pressure of work. We were beaten 5-0 but had a most enjoyable match.

ROSEMARY HILL

## NORTH-WEST GROUP OF THE O.G.G.

Since reporting last year we have held two meetings, one in October, 1962, when Eileen Smart (née Whittaker) was our hostess at Scotforth Vicarage, Lancaster. Eight members enjoyed a delicious tea and spent the afternoon happily chatting about the good old days.

At the second meeting on June 15th, 1963, Margaret Laithewaite (née Owen), welcomed members to her home in Wigan. Sadie Broadbent, Helen Dean, Mollie Hindle (née Cheese), Joyce Houghton (née Gibbs), Joan Kiddell, Margaret Laithewaite (née Owen), Catherine Smart and Eileen Smart (née Whittaker) were present. Once again there was much chat and a lavish tea.

Our President, Miss Stopford, has not found it possible to be with us on either of these occasions but we hope she will be able to come to our next meeting.

The reunions for the next twelve months are provisionally fixed for October 19th, 1963, at 13 Upper Dicconson Street, Wigan, by kind invitation of Margaret Laithewaite (née Owen). The other is to be held on April 25th, 1964, either at Lancaster or Brock. If any Old Girl would like further particulars will she write to me?

MOLLY HINDLE (née Cheese),

White Cottage,  
Brock,  
Near Preston.

## SOUTH-WEST GROUP OF THE O.G.G.

Bigger and better! The Taunton reunion on Saturday, May 12th, was an all-round success, whether from the social, numerical, financial, meteorological or gastronomic point of view. Mrs. Fitch, our untiring hostess, with the help of Robin (summoned from eighty odd miles away) produced another of her wonderful cold lunches, this time for twenty people, representing Hampshire, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Devon and Dorset as well as Somerset. We still hope one day to have someone from across the Tamar. Here are their names: Miss Flood, Miss Thouless, Miss Burchnall, Dorothy Maye (née Bache), our new O.G.G. secretary, Mary Hope Johnson, Ella Baines (née Thorpe), Marjorie and Lena Nicol, Mary Williams, Ruth Hughes (née Brewster), Joy Melly (née Steele), Alix Berwick, Pamela Beresford (née Stone), Beryl West (née Renwick), Stella Allen, Frances Trower-Foyan (née Adams), Betty

Petavel (née Crick) and Diana Edwards (née Crick), whose husband has recently become Dean of Wells.

Miss Flood, brought from Exmouth by Miss Thouless in her car, and vigorous as ever, presided at the afternoon meeting, and gave us a host of news of other Old Girls of various generations and some news of the present school. This was augmented by the news and messages brought back by the Nicol twins from their recent visit to St. Elphin's. There was discussion and general approval of Miss Robinson's suggestion of gifts of chairs for the new hall, and our Bring-and-Buy Stall this time produced £8 12s. for the New Hall Fund, nearly £2 more than last year.

After tea Frances projected on to a screen some coloured photos she had taken of us at the 1962 reunion, together with some others showing Weston-super-Mare in the snow of the past Arctic winter.

Once more very many thanks to Mrs. Fitch for a very happy day.

S.A.

### MISS CARUS-WILSON

I have recently had a delightful visit from Miss Carus-Wilson. I am sure her St. Elphin's pupils will be glad to hear what valuable work she has done and what important offices she holds. She was appointed Professor of Economic History in the University of London in 1953, continuing to hold her post in the London School of Economics and Political Science. From 1928 onwards she has published a number of Books and Articles including "Mediæval Merchant Ventures", contributions on the Woollen Industry, Town and Trade in Mediæval England and many similar studies in research.

Recently she has been elected "Ford's Lecturer" at Oxford for the year 1964/65, and will be only the second woman ever to give these lectures, Eileen Power having been the first.

In a letter to me Miss Carus-Wilson says she would be glad to see any St. Elphin's folk, and her address is 14 Lansdowne Road, London, W.11, one minute from Holland Park underground station.

I am sure all St. Elphinites will like me to voice their congratulations to her on her honours. I am myself proud that History teaching on my staff has been a stage in her career. She says herself: "I enjoyed my apprenticeship to teaching immensely." She also enjoyed long walks in Derbyshire and has recently been renewing her enjoyment, staying at Over-Haddon and walking over Beeley Moor.

MARGARET L. FLOOD

May 1963

Since Miss Flood wrote this article Professor Eleanora M. Carus-Wilson was appointed, on July 11th, a Fellow of the British Academy.

D.M.



## HONOURS FOR AN OLD GIRL

We are greatly indebted to Dr. Winifred Thompson for news of two great honours which have been bestowed upon an Old Girl, Dr. Margaret Glen Bott, who for many years has been a consultant gynaecologist and also chairman of the Nottingham No. 3 Hospital Management Committee, at Mapperley Hospital. She also serves on a number of civic bodies.

In 1961 Margaret was summoned to Buckingham Palace where she was invested with the O.B.E.

On May 23rd, 1963, the "Nottingham Guardian Journal" reported: "A sum of money was set aside for a presentation to Miss Glen Bott. A considerable amount was left, after the purchase of a collection of art books, so the committee decided to re-equip her garden at The Park, Nottingham, with shrubs, bushes, flowers and trees—as a living tribute to her 15 meritorious years as chairman.

Making the presentation Miss Glen Bott's successor, Mr. G. W. L. Darwin, spoke of the vast improvements that had taken place in the region since she was elected in 1948.

Mapperley Hospital had been improved considerably with new wards, equipment and modernised structures. A good deal of this face-lifting work, in this and in other hospitals in the area, had been implemented by Miss Glen Bott.

We are very proud of Margaret's honours and all join in sending our congratulations.

## NEWS FROM THE CONGO REPUBLIC

E.P.I.,  
Kimpese,  
Via Léopoldville,  
Congo Republic.

*June 4th, 1963.*

It is just over a year since we returned to the Congo. I had had 22 months in England following the evacuation of myself and the children from the Oriental Province in July, 1960. For the past year my husband has been Principal of the Pastors' and Teachers' Training Institution at Kimpese. We first worked here between 1955 and 1957 and my husband was here for a year after my evacuation.

We have a community of over 300 students, 18 of whom are doing their theological training. Some students are training to be teachers and others will go on from here into other jobs. I spend four hours a week teaching English to theologs . . . I have never done so few hours of teaching since we first came to Congo in 1954, but as we have no school for British children here I have to try to fit in teaching Hilary for at least an hour each day. She has just had her sixth birthday and will need more than an hour a day next school year.

Apart from teaching I seem to dabble in anything from

secretarial work to entertaining Government officials. There are times when I feel as though I am running an hotel as we get so many visitors, usually in spates. Sometimes we have visitors every day for a week on end and then have a week or 10 days with no one.

Entertaining is not very easy in Congo these days as food is so scarce. Bananas are about the only thing one can rely upon being able to buy though we usually manage to get a certain amount of fresh meat each week. Meat is rationed and one can never be sure how much of an order will be sent. We can at least buy food wholesale from England and the Continent, but life is very hard indeed for the Africans, most of whom in this area are badly undernourished.

We are only a few miles from the Angolan border so this district is full of refugees. It is absolutely pathetic to see them. Some have been hiding in the forests for two years and have been driven out by the Portuguese bombing them. The children die like flies from starvation and disease. One of our Mission doctors who does itinerant work amongst the refugees says that he frequently finds babies of about 10 months old who weigh only 7 lbs. A few months ago I was talking to a woman who had what appeared to be a young baby strapped on her back. I asked her how many months old it was and was told three years. When the woman put the child down she was so weak that she could hardly stand. I felt almost ashamed of Hugh who, at the same age, would have made two of the little Angolan child.

We are now enjoying cooler weather. The rains stopped about a week ago. The day temperatures have come down to the mid-eighties. At night it goes down to the mid-seventies. When it gets down to 77° we are cold and put on cardigans! This time of year is very pleasant as the grass is still green and the dust not too bad. By mid-September, when the rains start again, there will not be a blade of green grass in sight and the dust will be ankle deep in places.

JOAN MANICOM

## RETIREMENT SPREE

My sister and I decided to use the first freedom of our retirement by wandering around for a while, so we planned to travel abroad and then to explore the British Isles, from tip to toe, with a sister who had been living in Canada for the past 36 years.

So, late in September we went to a lovely spot high over Lake Geneva, looking towards the misty Dents du Midi. There, for a time, we relaxed and visited fascinating places including unspoilt Zermatt, the Matterhorn and Mount Blanc, incredibly white with its gleaming attendant glaciers.

Next we went to Italy. After an exhausting journey we arrived at night at Spoleto. As we drove to our Italian villa we saw floodlit the buildings of the historic hill town, crowned with a golden fortress in the sky, apparently, and with a slender aqueduct spanning a deep gorge. A strange display of modern sculpture,



even invading the ruined Roman Amphitheatre, was interesting but incongruous. Many were quite incomprehensible to us.

We had a wonderful time in Rome with our artist hostess as guide. We almost forgot the Tower of Babel atmosphere in the Sistine Chapel as we studied the marvellous paintings. We saw so much and often think about the enchanting mosaic in the Church of San Clementi, the frightening temple to Mithras far below by an unseen, underground river, and *Son et Lumière* in the Forum when the muddled huddle of monuments and ruins was hidden, and each was revealed separately, taking us vividly back into the past.

Assisi will never be forgotten, the spirit of St. Francis pervading the lovely hill town, with its fortress, its ancient temples to Minerva and many churches, but dominated by the Monastery and Basilica. The colour and beauty of the paintings and windows pass description, but the unspoilt simplicity of the little Church of San Damiano, the deeply moving wooden crucifix there and the little garden of St. Clare, where St. Francis often rested, are remembered more vividly. Above all one is moved by the Porziuncula (little portion), the tiny, original stone church of the saint, now standing serenely within the protective walls of the enormous church which has been built around it.

After this it seems almost an anti-climax to talk of our dashes from one part of Scotland to another on Scottish Railways, from Edinburgh to Thurso, to Aberdeen and to the West to Skye and Oban. Alas! the hills were shrouded in mist and cloud. We hardly saw the mountains.

In the meantime the Indian summer continued as we wandered south, this time by car. The wonderful autumn colours lingered long into November in Devon. Nothing could surpass the beauty of Land's End which we saw in storm and brilliant sunshine, with tremendous breaking seas which we could hardly bear to leave.

Now we have settled down again in Tavistock but we have put aside a little fund for a later trip to Greece.

LENA M. NICOL

## IN MEMORIAM CANON H. H. DIBBEN

Those who knew Canon Dibben as Chaplain at St. Elphin's will have been saddened to hear of his death in October 1962, after a period of ill-health. He was a popular figure at school and his arrival there was invariably gladly hailed, for he took a great interest in everyone and could always find time to listen to our adventures and excitements, as well as give wise and understanding counsel.

His manner of conducting the services was both dignified and stimulating and he conveyed to those holding the office of sacristan or server a sense of privilege and humility, in being allowed to assist tangibly in the worship of God.

It was a joy to be able to visit his own church in Staveley from

time to time and to see him at work in the outside world, where he did a most excellent job.

It is a happy thought that his last living should have been in South Darley, from where he was able to maintain his close link with St. Elphin's to the end.

ROSEMARY RUNCIMAN (née Hadfield)

For several years Father Dibben was Chaplain of St. Elphin's and many Old Girls and staff will remember him with gratitude and affection.

During that time many of us were privileged to come into close contact with him and to learn something of his steadfastness of purpose and his humility. He had many gifts, and those who knew him well must have their own particular memories of him. He was a born preacher—and teacher—and his addresses in Chapel were listened to—not only with interest—but with undivided attention: there was always something in these talks which each one could remember and 'take away'.

He was Rector of Staveley throughout the time he was Chaplain of the school—and although this necessitated taking long journeys to and fro, he never spared himself—nor begrudged the use of his meagre wartime petrol allowance—in order that he might carry out this work. Many of us remember, with great pleasure, our visits to Father Dibben's beautiful church and rectory at Staveley, set as it were, like a spiritual oasis in the midst of a veritable inferno of industrial development.

Those who sought his help and advice as a priest will never forget the thoroughness and sympathy with which he entered into the difficulties and problems brought to him, for he was a great lover of souls, and one instinctively felt that the great resources in him sprang from his own prayer life and his awareness of spiritual reality.

So it is, that while we heard of his passing with regret, we also remember him with joy, as one whose approach to God was unswerving in its pursuit of all loveliness and truth.

JENNIE GAMBLE

## IN MEMORIAM KENNETH BROUN

I am sure there are many members of St. Elphin's, both staff and girls, who will share with me a keen sense of personal loss when they hear of the death of Mr. Broun. He was such a loveable, friendly person with real enjoyment of life so that it was difficult to realise that he suffered from an incurable illness of which he fully realised the implications.

During the three years that he was organist and choirmaster at the school he made many friends among the staff and girls. In 1949 Miss Gregson and I were guests at his wedding to Margaret Wontner-Smith, an Old Girl and Domestic Science Mistress at St.



Elphin's. Later, when he was music master at Doveleys, the twins, Sheila and Barbara, were christened in our Chapel.

A few years ago Miss Gregson and I visited the Brouns at Chippenham and met Richard, the Benjamin of the family and the apple of his father's eye. We were so glad to hear of a legacy which meant a grand new car, treats all round and a relaxation of economy measures which the family had always cheerfully accepted as inevitable.

Last year Kenneth and Margaret came to see me here, with the twins, Jeremy and Richard. They told me that Jill was married and Patsy was doing well at Durham University. The twins had both passed the 11+ examination and were going to Chippenham Grammar School that autumn. Kenneth was Master of Music and Latin Master at this school. The twins were confirmed just before Christmas and made their first Communion with their father and mother.

They were such a happy, united family and Kenneth's death has been a very great blow to them. Margaret's quiet courage is beyond all admiration. She tells me the children are wonderful companions and help her to keep on with the daily job. She wants to stay at Chippenham so that the twins can continue their education at the Grammar School and they have many friends there. I know how much she would appreciate letters and visits from Old Girls. Her address is Churchdown, Bath Road, Chippenham, Wiltshire.

E. E. STOPFORD

## NEWS OF OLD GIRLS

KATHLEEN AYERS (née Berwick) and her husband are going through a difficult time. Owing to the unsettled state of the country no building is being undertaken.

LAREMA AYERST (née Fisher) is revelling in her new home. She recently spent a day with Miss Sweeting in her lovely house at Westbury-on-Trym.

MARY BEVINGTON. Congratulations on her engagement! she is still a lecturer in the Sociology Department at Leicester University. She hopes to be married next year.

ELEANOR BLAKELOCK is finding it a big change being near Weymouth after living in the depths of the country for so many years. She was expecting Marion Hilton (née Hickling) and Phoebe Temperley to visit her.

SUSAN BLYTHMAN finishes her year's course at St. Godric's Secretarial College, London, in July and hopes to obtain a post in the capital.

ALLISON and HEATHER BOND are doing a course of training at Lansdowne Secretarial Centre in London.

ETHNE BOSWELL (née O'Ferrall) has recently had a private reunion when three Old Girls, Margaret Parson (née Fisher), Mary Monica Bourne (née Scott) and Elvira Corney (née Edington) came for the day. They had not all met since they

were in VIA in 1925. Elvira had come from Australia. Ethne's elder daughter is married and has two children, Clare, aged four, and Anthony, aged two. Her son also is married. Her younger daughter lives at home and works for the Atomic Energy. Ethne has been very busy looking after a 12-year-old Swedish girl, teaching her English and generally entertaining her. She was expecting a French child to stay with her for two months.

ELEANOR BOWSER is at Derby Technical College at present. She has an unconditional place at Nottingham College of Art and Crafts' School of Architecture.

JOY BOYCE (née Shorland-Ball) and her husband have been at Kansas University for the past year. They are now returning to Oxford where her husband hopes to finish his D.Phil.

SADIE BROADBENT has been History Mistress at Brentwood School, Southport, since 1950. The school has now been taken over by the Woodard Corporation. It is rather a maze of Victorian houses joined together by newer additions. At present a library and two new classrooms are being added and are to be formally opened in July. When Sadie is not at school she is busy with housework and spends as much time as she can in her garden.

ELAINE BROWN (née Owen) and her husband are leading a busy but enjoyable life in their large vicarage. Their three children, Julian, Martin and Clare, were delighted with the arrival of their baby brother who was baptised by the Rt. Rev. George Reindorp, Bishop of Guildford. When Mary Finch saw that Elaine had moved to Godalming she rang up from near Guildford to welcome her to the district. Elaine and her husband are sorry that Mary and her family have now left the parish.

MARJORIE BUNTING (née Carson) had her sister Greta and Rosemary Lister as bridesmaids at her wedding in April, 1962. She now has a daughter, Elizabeth. She and Greta have married cousins and so bear the same surname. Greta has two children, Joanna and Andrew.

MARIE CHALONER is a little immobile at present with two boys under two years of age. She would very much welcome visits from Old Girls in the Newark, Notts., area.

GWLADIS CULMER (née Barnes). Congratulations on her Golden Wedding which she celebrated last year! She is now the proud grandmother of 14, nine girls and five boys, and the great-grandmother of two girls. She is anxious to know if this is a St. Elphin's record.

JEAN DAVIES (née Donaldson) was very disappointed that her husband's leave was postponed, preventing her from attending the Reunion. She hopes to be at the next one. They do not expect to return to Libya. She finds that her nomadic existence has quite a few complications. As their future posting is unknown at the moment she has given her mother's address.



HELEN DEAN is an Infants' teacher in Wigan. In her spare time she acts as Margaret Laithewaite's baby-sitter.

FANNY DEARDEN is living in Douglas. She gives us news that Mona, her sister, is still working as a part-time gardener for a man with a large estate. Her great friend, Olive Crewdson (née Knight) and her husband have retired to the Lake District.

OENONE DUNKLEY, after finishing her training at Great Ormond Street Hospital on June 16th, hopes to start her general nursing course at the Leeds General Infirmary at the beginning of December.

EILEEN ECKERSALL is to marry in August a Methodist minister, Colin Groom. They will live in Oakengates, Salop. Congratulations and best wishes!

ANGELA FIRTH (née Rickards) left the W.R.N.S. in March 1962, and is now married with a baby son.

MARGARET GRIFFITHS (née Ashton) has recently had Gerry and Lena Nicol staying with her and drove them back to Tavistock. She is expecting May Richardson for a few days in August. For the last two years she has been President of Cheshire Ladies' Golf Association. She "does" Meals on Wheels for the over sixties. Her elder daughter is head of housecraft at Holland Park School. Her younger daughter, who was in London, is now at home. Old Girls will join in sympathy for Margaret whose husband died last year. He taught Maths. at the Manchester Grammar School prior to his retirement.

ALISON HALL is still working at the Worcestershire County Library H.Q. She intends to apply for another post in September. If she is successful in her exams. this summer, she will be able to apply for admission to the Register of Chartered Librarians in October. She is again singing in the Three Choirs Festival at Worcester.

CONNIE HARDWICK (née Kaye) still enjoys teaching at a Boys' Preparatory School. Her daughter, Diana, who is a Housing Manager, lives with her. Connie keeps in touch with Marjorie Courtenay.

GILL HERBISON-EVANS has been reading for a B.Phil. in Mediæval English and has a Research Scholarship from St. Anne's. Her husband has just finished his Doctorate thesis. In the autumn they are probably moving to Christchurch, Hampshire, where her husband will be doing research on the British Communication Satellite.

MARY HILSDEN has been taking Schools (English) at Oxford this summer.

MOLLIE HINDLE (née Cheese) writes that she is "a mere housewife". She has one daughter, Mary, aged nine. She helps with village efforts for the church and W.I.

DOROTHEA HOGG (née Bean) was married last year. She lives in London and still teaches music.

JOYCE HOUGHTON (née Gibbs) is kept busy looking after her family of four. Michael, 21, is reading Law at Durham. The others are 18, 15 and 13.

SANDRA HOWARD has finished her first year at the London School of Economics where she is reading Geography. Her elder sister, Mavis, is in her final year of nursing in Sheffield. Another sister, Gill, is joining Sandra in London next year at St. Katharine's Training College, Tottenham.

RUTH HUMPHREYS (née Tudor-Jones) is expecting to leave Harrogate for Hertfordshire, when she and her husband can find a house. She is kept busy with three small daughters, Sarah, Emma and Amelia. Her sister, Mary Jenkins, lives in Llandiloes and has a family of two daughters.

JOAN KIDDELL is at Bolton's Girls' Grammar School where she teaches science.

MARGARET LAITHEWAITE (née Owen) is the wife of a doctor. She has a dear little daughter, Charlotte. With church activities and family commitments she has no spare time at all. Her mother has a flat in her home.

SUSANNE LANE (née Blackwall) has left Portsmouth. She was hoping to join her husband in Singapore in June.

ROSEMARY LAPHAM (née Chadwick) and her husband moved in December to Over, Winsford, where her husband went to his first living. They are settling in happily. Their children, Anne, 7, and Nigel, 5, are going to school nearby.

DOROTHY LEAKEY (née Sadgrove) has written from British Columbia. She is now 77 and has been very busy until recently on a farm, with children. Now she is a widow, living with her elder daughter in the beautiful city of Victoria. Both her daughters have been over to England at different times and have visited St. Elphin's, bringing back photographs of it. She longs to see the school again.

CHRISTINE LINE hopes to be married on July 27th to Colin Mason, with Mary Reeman as her chief bridesmaid. She expects to live in Chelmsford. Our very best wishes!

SUSAN MACKENZIE has finished her course at the Preliminary Training School in Surrey and has now begun her training at Guy's Hospital, London.

JOY MATTISON has been nursing at St. George's Hospital in London since September 1962, and is enjoying her work there.

MARGARET MORGAN (née Ellison) is still keeping her parents' address as she and her husband are living only temporarily in Manchester and are likely to be moving frequently.

ELIZABETH MORLEY qualified as an Occupational Therapist from Dorset House, Oxford, last year and has since been working in a Mental Health Centre in Liverpool. She hopes to go abroad to work next year.



ANNE MOSSCROP has qualified as an S.R.N. at St. Thomas' Hospital and is now working in a mental hospital, prior to taking further examinations. She plans to go to France in the autumn to specialise in the care of mentally handicapped children.

ANN MOUNTSTEPHEN has recently moved to Hampshire where she would be delighted to welcome any Old Girls who are in the area. Her two sons are growing up quickly, in fact, the elder one has now started school. Her husband is now attached to the Bank Inspection Department and travels round a great deal.

JILL MULSHAW (née Cartwright) has been moving around from Skye to London. She is still working in London, teaching P.E., but is hoping to concentrate on her home after her move to Essex. Her sister, Joanna, and her husband, Ken, have a son, Andrew, a year old. They are now living in Australia.

GERRY and LENA NICOL in April stayed with Margaret Griffiths (née Ashton) and saw, after more than 40 years, Connie Thompson (née Swann). The gap was bridged in a moment. They 'popped in' on Jessie Burman, too. In Cornwall, after abandoning their sketching on a pouring morning, they paid an unexpected visit to Muriel Dodd who gave them a most welcome cup of coffee. 'Ashton' took them to St. Elphin's, where Miss Robinson warmly greeted them and took them round all the old places (shrunk a little after 40 years or more) and to the new buildings and the exciting beginnings of the new hall.

MARY OWEN (née Calthrop) is now a grandmother.

DOROTHY PARTINGTON has been appointed Parish Worker at St. Thomas' Church, Normanton, Derby, where the Vicar is also Chaplain of Derby Royal Infirmary. She spends one day of each week there, the rest of the days in the parish, work which she finds very interesting. Until she can find permanent accommodation she is keeping her old address.

DOROTHY PATTERSON (née Colver) has just returned from a visit to her daughter, Ruth, who is a Sister at the St. John Ophthalmic Hospital in Jerusalem (Jordan), which is doing a wonderful work. Ruth has been there 12 months and hopes to stay for another year.

MARY REEMAN is teaching at the Ramillies Hall School, a boys' prep. school in Cheadle Hulme. She is Godmother to Diana Taylor's (née Hughes) son.

ANNA RENDELL (née Watts) has been married for four years and has a son, Andrew, born in December, 1962. Her sister, Elspeth, after studying commerce, law and economics for two years has a Civil Service appointment as secretary to the Commandant at Colchester.

KATE RICHARDS (née Mossdrop), on leaving school in 1959, went to the Gloucester Training College where, after a two-year course in Institutional Management, she gained a first class Diploma. She worked for one year and then married. Her husband, a former student at the Agricultural College at Cirencester, is manager of a pullet rearing enterprise. They live in a delightful little thatched cottage and are becoming keen gardeners.

SUSAN ROBINSON (née Heyes) has been married for two years and has a son of five months.

ANNE ROGERS is still at Skipton High School. She has been accepted at the Ilkley College of Housecraft where she will begin her course in January. She will be joined there by Grace Bews.

ERICA SPEAKMAN is now training at the Rachel McMillan College, Deptford, London, S.E.8. She has very kindly agreed to be a Group Secretary of the O.G. Guild but is very disappointed with the poor response which she has received in her efforts to gather news for the magazine this year.

MARGARET STEWARDSON, after two years' training at a domestic science college, is now a catering assistant at a teachers' training college in Sheffield. She has recently become engaged and plans to marry in October, 1964. Her fiancé is a quantity surveyor in his family's firm.

CATHERINE SMART teaches scripture at Clitheroe Royal Grammar School for Girls. She also has a company of Guides.

EILEEN SMART (née Whittaker), in addition to her duties in the parish, is County Camps' Advisor, N-W. Lancs. Girl Guides. Of her four children Mary, the youngest, is still at St. Elphin's.

GRACE SUTTON (née Simpson) some time ago went to East Germany on a private visit arranged by her husband with the East German University in East Berlin. He was advised to go to Leipzig to study at the Institute of Philosophy. They had a very interesting time. They were allowed to travel wherever they liked on condition that they reported to the police in each place in which they stayed. They were most impressed by the tremendous effort made by the people under very difficult conditions.

Grace's sister, Lady Josephine Shaw, has returned from a visit to New Zealand where she and her husband attended their son's ordination and saw their daughter-in-law and grandchildren. Josephine, in spite of poor health, is still working for the overseas work of the Mothers' Union. She and your secretary met at the Overseas Conference at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, in July.



WINIFRED SWEETING (née Bagshaw) has had a busy year as President of the Keswick Inner Wheel. She is also deputy centre organiser for the W.V.S. and is fully occupied with four grandchildren who often come to stay with her. She keeps in touch with her old friend, Phyllis Srawley (née Foster), who is still living in Bedford, and also with Margaret Parsons (née Fisher) now in Carlisle. She sees Winifred Jones (née Birch Jones) who is back again in her old home in Windermere and is teaching at a boys' preparatory school.

ROSEMARY TAYLOR took some of the VIth form of the school where she teaches in Liverpool to the Biological Station at Port Erin, Isle of Man, for a few days in the Easter holidays. She sees Mary Aitchison (née Davidson) whose son, Michael, is growing fast and who now has a daughter of seven months.

EVELINE THOMAS (née Trower-Foyan) and family have moved house to Turner's Hill, Sussex. Her son, Christopher, is now at Eastbourne College. Her daughter, Jennifer, is very keen on riding and has a pony.

WINIFRED THOMPSON, after a long and trying winter in her practice, had a wonderful sunny holiday for two weeks in April in Egypt and the Holy Land, with a glimpse of Athens. This last part of the tour was curtailed owing to the Nasser-Jordan dispute which caused planes to be cancelled for forty-eight hours. She suggests that anyone planning a similar trip should start with Greece as the temples all seem small in comparison with those in Palestine and Luxor.

Winifred has had her niece, Pauline Jones (née Thompson) from Fishguard staying with her. She brought her two children. They had a visit from Hilary Radcliffe who is a busy air hostess with Derby Airways.

FRANCES TROWER-FOYAN (née Adams) lost her mother at Easter but is carrying on the guest house which they started together fifteen years ago. Her son, Michael, is now a very large eleven-year-old. Her adopted daughter, Wendy, starts school in September.

LYNN WARREN (née Clarke) lives in a flat in Harrogate. Her husband is head chef at the Swan Hotel. Their son, Charles, is eight months old.

FRANCES WATSON (née Smith) is still headmistress of Charleton School, near Kingsbridge, S. Devon, and also plays the organ at Kingsbridge Church. Recently her sister, Gladys Summerville, and the secretary of the O.G.G., met at the wedding of Frances' younger son, who has just qualified as a doctor. Her elder son is teaching. Last year Frances' husband retired but is busier than ever with all his voluntary activities.

BERYL WEST'S (née Renwick) son, Roger, has just been accepted for Marlborough.

MARY WILDE is a radiographer at Canterbury.

MARGARET WILLIAMS (née Thomason) reports that three of her daughters are married. She has two grand-daughters, one aged two-and-a-half years and the other eighteen months.

SUSAN WILLIAMS has taken up a post as general duties sister with the Bahrain Petroleum Company Ltd. We wish her well and would welcome an account of the country and her experiences.

BETTY WILKINS (née Martin) chose an opportune day to have her twins, her father's and Jo's birthday. In spite of being six weeks early they survived the winter and are well sponsored by St. Elphin's. Joe Trapnell is Jessica's godmother, Mary Hibbins, Catherine's.

JUDITH WOOLLISCROFT is in Manitoba, Canada, working as an oculist and enjoying life very much (a letter would be very welcome!).

## BIRTHS

AITCHISON.—On 13th November, 1962, to Mary (née Davidson), and Bill, a daughter, Anne Elizabeth.

BROOME.—On 28th November, 1962, to Jill (née Street), and Ian, a son, John.

BROWN.—On 5th July, 1962, to Elaine (née Owen), a third son, Matthew Charles.

BUNTING.—To Marjorie (née Carson), a daughter, Elizabeth.

CHALONER.—On 15th April, 1963, to Marie (née Dawson), a son, Thomas Eric, a brother for Mark.

DAVIES.—On 1st May, 1963, in Benghazi, to Jean (née Donaldson), a daughter, Siân Rhiannon.

EDWARDS.—On 21st December, 1961, to Pamela (née Gamble), a daughter, Carol Rhiannon, a sister for Simon.

ELLES.—In April, 1962, to Jill (née Broun), a daughter.

HOLDRIDGE.—On 16th November, 1962, to Sheila (née Simms-Reeve), a son, Charles Peter, brother for Richard.

LANE.—On 17th September, 1962, to Susanne (née Blackwall), a daughter, Amanda Louise.

MANICOM.—On July 30th, 1962, to Joan (née Swindle), and Peter, at Kimpese, Congo Republic, a daughter, Rosalind Elizabeth, sister for Hilary and Hugh.

McKEAG.—To Rosemary (née Line), a daughter, Sally, sister for Sean.

ONSLOW.—On 3rd March, 1963, to Marjorie (née Domville), a third son, Michael.

RIDDLE.—On 14th May, 1961, to Shirley (née Lees), a son, Mark Thawratt.

ROSSI.—On 26th March, 1963, to Betty (née Youngs), and Edmund, a daughter, Sara Jane, sister for Elizabeth and Paul.



RUNCIMAN.—On 27th October, 1962, to Rosemary (née Hadfield), a daughter, Alison Jane.

TAYLOR.—On 20th February, 1963, to Diana (née Hughes), a son, Donald Neill.

THURMAN.—On 16th May, 1962, to Shirley (née Thornton), a son, Hugo David.

WILKINS.—On 14th December, 1962, to Betty (née Martin), twin daughters, Jessica and Catherine.

WRIGHT.—On 13th April, 1963, to Norah (née White), a son, Adrian Nicholas.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Between MARY BEVINGTON and JOHN DOMINIC BARDSLEY O'CONNOR.

Between MARGARET LINDSAY SMART and THOMAS MATTHEW FARLEY, B.Sc.

Between ANNE MARGARET STEWARDSON and CHARLES IAN CHADWICK.

The marriage arranged between Alison Hall and Geoffrey Dorling will not now take place.

## MARRIAGES

BOYCE—SHORLAND-BALL.—On 23rd August, 1962, at St. Swithun's Church, East Retford, Joy Shorland-Ball to Anthony John Boyce.

BUCKLEY—LATHAM.—On 29th September, 1962, at St. Mary's Church, Acton, Beryl M. Latham to Robert George Buckley.

BUNTING—CARSON.—In April, 1962, Marjorie Carson to William Bunting.

HARTLEY—BRADFIELD.—On 22nd September, 1962, at St. Mary the Boltons, London, by the Rt. Rev. H. C. Montgomery-Campbell, Alyson Bradfield to Alan Hartley.

HERBISON-EVANS — SHORLAND-BALL.—On 14th August, 1962, at St. Swithun's Church, East Retford, Gill Shorland-Ball to Donald Herbison-Evans.

MORGAN—ELLISON.—On 1st December, 1962, at St. Helen's Church, Darley Dale, Matlock, Margaret Ellison to Dr. Trevor David Morgan, of Barry, Glamorganshire.

MULSHAW—CARTWRIGHT.—On 5th May, 1962, Jill Cartwright to John Mulshaw.

RIDDLE—REES.—On 23rd January, 1960, at St. Martin's Church, Osmaston, Ashbourne, Shirley Lees to J. Martin Riddle.

TERRIBILINI—JACKSON.—On 13th October, 1962, Frances Jackson to Georges Terribilini.

## DEATHS

- BROUN, Kenneth Francis, on 20th February, 1963, aged 52 years. Director of Music, 1947-1950.  
DIBBEN, Canon Harold Herbert, on 2nd October, 1962. Rector of Staveley for over 30 years. School Chaplain.  
JONES, Effic E. M., on 1st December, 1962, aged 84 years.  
LEAKE, Decima Grace, on 7th June, 1963. Former Modern Language Mistress.  
TEMPERLEY, Dorothy Vazielle, on 5th September, 1962.

## NEW MEMBERS

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| Miss Hewitt          | Betty Jones          |
| Miss Keller          | Rosemary Johnson     |
| Margaret Baldwin     | Jane Kenning         |
| Marilyn Bannister    | Margaret King        |
| Grace Bews           | Ann Lavin            |
| Sally Black          | Victoria Nesling     |
| Elizabeth Bolt       | Ann Niblock          |
| Wendy Bolton         | Margaret Nicholson   |
| Judith Carter        | Susan Palfreyman     |
| Ann Coburn           | Lynda Qualters       |
| Susan Darlington     | Janet Revill         |
| Susan Doughty        | Judith Rich          |
| Christine Dunn       | Hilda Scott          |
| Patricia Glover      | Sarah Spencer        |
| Jennifer de Gruyther | Caroline Strawson    |
| Gillian Howard       | Susan Thomas         |
| Glenys Hughes        | Elizabeth Waterhouse |
| Celia Jephson        | Philippa Watson      |
| Susan Joel           |                      |

## Rejoined

- Valerie Howalls (née Purdy)  
Mary Williams

## Members who cannot be traced

- Betty Edwin (née Patrick)  
Maria McBarnet  
Sadie Oldfield

## Members crossed off for non-payment of their subscriptions for two years

- Alyson Hartley (née Bradfield)  
Clare Morse (née Lovell)  
Kathlyn Peate (née Rees)  
Rosemary Thorne



## CHANGES OF ADDRESSES 1962-63

- RUTH ANNISON (née Bowser): 11 Blenheim Square, Leeds 2.
- LAREMA AYERST (née Fisher): Long Wivets, The Hill, Burford, Oxon.
- DIANA BIRKUMSHAW (née Wells): 154 Ashgate Road, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.
- ELEANOR BLAKELOCK: Abbeyfield, Wyke Oliver Road, Preston, Weymouth.
- JEAN E. BRAY: 37 Dore Road, Dore, Sheffield.
- JOYCE BROOKS: Gilpin House, 41 Couper Road, Harpenden, Herts.
- BERYL BUCKLEY (née Latham): Lane Ends Farm, Warmingham, Crewe.
- MARJORIE BUNTING (née Carson): Low Moor, Mininglow, Nr. Matlock.
- JENNIFER CHORLTON: 24 Brechin Place, London, S.W.7.
- JOANNA CHUNG (née Cartwright): 12 Lolita Avenue, Forestville, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia.
- OLIVE CREWDSON (née Knight): Nethu Rising, Storrs Park, Windermere, Westmorland.
- JEAN DAVIES (née Donaldson): c/o 28 Riley Avenue, St. Anne's, Lancs.
- FANNY DEARDEN: Ingleby, Selbourne Drive, Douglas, Isle-of-Man.
- MONA DEARDEN: 36 Hemnall Street, Epping, Essex.
- EILEEN ECKERSALL: The Manse, New Road, Wrockwardine Wood, Oakengates, Salop.
- DIANA EDWARDS (née Crick): The Dean's Lodging, Wells, Somerset.
- PAMELA EDWARDS (née Gamble): c/o Mrs. Whittaker, The Cathedral Close, Napier, New Zealand.
- ELIZABETH EVANS: 8 Osborne Terrace, Jesmond, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 2.
- ANGELA FIRTH (née Rickards): Haven Lodge, Firbeck, Worksop, Notts.
- MISS M. L. FLOOD: The Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth, Devon.
- MOLLIE GORDON (née McCombie): Wellheads, Huntly, Aberdeenshire.
- ALYSON HARTLEY (née Bradfield): 90 Piccadilly, London, W.1.
- MARY HILSDEN: 4 The Headlands, Northampton.
- PAT HODGSON: Goosnargh Vicarage, Preston, Lancs.

- DOROTHEA HOGG (née Bean): Geidon, 375b Chiswick High Road, Chiswick, London, W.4.
- VALERIE HOWELLS (née Purdy): 41 New Beacon Road, Grantham, Lincs.
- MISS C. M. JOHNSON: 43 Stanley Avenue, Beckenham, Kent.
- SUSANNE LANE (née Blackwall): c/o 2 Holme Bank, Holme Road, Matlock Bath, Derbyshire.
- ROSEMARY LAPHAM (née Chadwick): St. John's Vicarage, Over, Winsford, Cheshire.
- URSULA LEE (née Crawshaw): 20 Daniell's Walk, Lymington, Hants.
- SYLVIA LLOYD: 112 Kenilworth Gardens, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex.
- ANN MORTON (née Bosson): Meadow Corner: 14 Mayfield Grove, Wilmslow, Cheshire.
- ANN MOUNTSTEPHEN (née Watson): Barelays Bank House, Ewell, Surrey.
- JILL MULSHAW (née Cartwright): Dooley's, Carter Lane, Wickham Bishops, Essex.
- MARY OLIVE (née Thompson): c/o Oban House, 8 Chilwell Road, Beeston, Nottingham.
- MARY OWEN (née Calthorp): 92 High Street, Blyton, Nr. Gainsborough, Lincs.
- JOYCE RENWICK: Rydal Lodge, 33 Somerleyton Avenue, Kidderminster, Worcs.
- DOROTHY REYNOLDS (née Srawley): 37 Fairburn Court, Mercier Road, Putney, London, S.W.15.
- LINETTE RICE: Vincent House, Pembridge Square, London, W.2.
- SHIRLEY RIDDLE (née Lees): Hall Farm, Corringham, Gainsborough, Lincs.
- JUDITH ROBINSON: Clematis Cottage, Alvanley, Warrington, Lancs.
- SUSAN ROBINSON (née Heyes): 1 Burnside, Rugby.
- FRANCES TERRIBILINI (née Jackson): c/o Hotel de l'Union, Brent s/Clarens, Vaud, Switzerland.
- EVELINE THOMAS (née Trower-Foyan): Buxleigh Arches Farmhouse, Turner's Hill, Sussex.
- SHIRLEY THURMAN (née Thornton): Maycroft, Neston Road, Willaston, Wirral, Cheshire.



GRACE TOWNSEND (née Blakelock): 84 Rushby Mead, Letchworth, Herts.

LINDA A. WHITWORTH: 7 Ferndale Avenue, Thornham, Rochdale, Lancs.

MARY WILDE: 2 St. Alphege Road, Dover, Kent. (Professional address).

MARY WILLIAMS: Pool House, Luxborough, Watchet, Somerset.

BARBARA WISE (née Bull): 43 Clement Road, Marple Bridge, Nr. Stockport, Cheshire.

NORA WRIGHT (née White): Longshaw House, Upholland Road, Billinge, Nr. Wigan, Lancs.

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1962

## CURRENT ACCOUNT

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward, 1st January, 1962	11	11	8	By Miss Kennedy's Grave Fund ... ..	10	0	
Annual Subscriptions ... ..	22	9	0	School Magazines (560 at 3s. 6d., plus carriage) ... ..	100	4	8
Transfer from Life Subscriptions Account:				London Reunion Expenses ... ..	7	11	0
438 Life Members at 2s. 6d. ... ..	54	15	0	Secretary's Expenses ... ..	22	15	9
Interest, 1961 ... ..	11	3	9	Treasurer's Expenses ... ..	8	11	6
Cash ... ..	35	0	0	Balance carried forward, 31st December, 1962 ... ..	2	8	1
Transfer from Abbey National Building Society Deposit Account:							
Interest 1st August, 1961 to 31st December, 1961 ... ..	7	1	7				
	£142	1	0		£142	1	0

## DEPOSIT ACCOUNT (Life Subscriptions)

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward, 1st January, 1962	125	12	5	By Transfer to Current Account:			
Life Subscriptions (27 at £5 5s.) ... ..	141	15	0	438 Life Members at 2s. 6d. ... ..	54	15	0
Sale of Metal Badges (1 at 2s. 6d.) ... ..		2	6	Interest, 1961 ... ..	11	3	9
Interest, 1962 ... ..	2	17	2	Cash ... ..	35	0	0
	£270	7	1	Friends of St. Elphin's Fund, 1962 ... ..	5	0	0
				St. Elphin's Discretionary Account, 1962 ... ..	5	0	0
				Miss Hudson's Memorial ... ..	3	16	0
				Balance carried forward, 31st December, 1962 ... ..	155	12	4
					£270	7	1

## DEPOSIT ACCOUNT: Abbey National Building Society

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward, 1st January, 1962	507	1	7	By Transfer to Current Account, Midland Bank Ltd. ... ..	7	1	7
Interest, 1962 ... ..	17	17	8	Balance carried forward, 31st December, 1962 ... ..	517	17	8
	£524	19	3		£524	19	3

93 Highfield Lane,  
Hemel Hempstead,  
Herts.

Certified correct  
(Signed) E. T. BLUNDELL,  
Chartered Accountant  
13th July, 1963



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