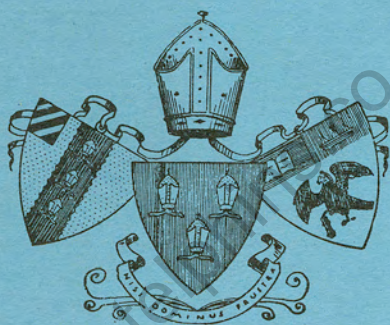


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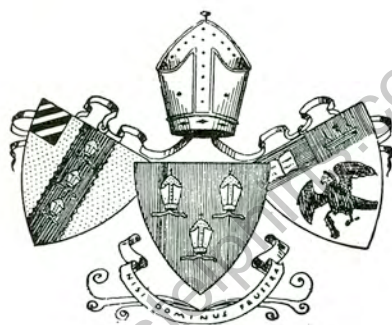


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The New Committee of School Governors.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOLDERS 1972 - 73

Head Girl: Amanda Hammett

Deputy Head: Helen Evans

Prefects: Glynis Anson

UVI Fiona Arnold

Jennifer Bird

Gerda Camenisch

Siew-Kee Chen

Cheryl Chalk

Alison Cory

Alison Denton

Sally Edeson

Michaela Gibbon

Sally Heath

Deborah Horne

Anna Kastoryano

Frances Nelson

Gillian Outram

Frances Pacey

Carolyn Ross

Catherine Taylor

Caryl Turnquest

Lindsay White

LVI

Dorothy Anson

Jane Boden

Sarah Gelling

Caroline Kirkham

Elizabeth Sheldon

Jane Shipman

Catherine Sutton

Fiona White

Jennifer Whitton

FIXTURE LIST

SEPTEMBER 1972 - JULY 1973

Autumn Term - 1972

September

Tuesday	5th	Term Begins.
Wednesday	6th	6.15 p.m.: Communion in Chapel.
Saturday	9th	Film: "The Baby and the Battleship".
Saturday	16th	Sponsored Walk.
		Film: "To Kill a Mocking Bird".
Saturday	23rd	Film: "The Longest Day".
Sunday	24th	Harvest Festival.
Friday	29th	Hallé Concert.
Saturday	30th	Film: "The Prisoner".

October

Saturday	7th	Visiting Day.
		Parents' Meeting.
Sunday	8th	"Any Questions".
		6.00 p.m. The Archdeacon of Warrington:
		The Ven. J. A. Lawton.
Tuesday	10th	5.00 p.m. French Film at Nottingham
		(U.V. & U.VI) (Modern Languages).
Friday	13th	Field Course at Whitby for Upper and
Saturday	14th	
Sunday	15th	
Saturday	14th	Film: "A Patch of Blue".
Saturday	21st	Hallé Concert.
		Film: "Goodbye Mr. Chips".
Tuesday	24th to	
	Tuesday 31st	Half Term.

November

Saturday	4th	House Matches (Hockey). Film: "Life for Ruth".
Saturday	11th	U.V. and L.V. Field Course. Film: "Malta Story".
Sunday	12th	Remembrance Sunday.
Monday	13th	} Common Entrance for January and May 1973 entry.
Tuesday	14th	
Saturday	18th	Christmas Bazaar and Visiting.
Monday	20th	The Royal Silver Wedding Holiday.
Thursday	23rd	7.30 p.m. French Play at Nottingham: VIth Modern languages.
Saturday	25th	Film: "Tob Tyler".
Sunday	26th	2.00 p.m. Junior Concert.

December

Saturday	2nd	Junior House Drama.
Sunday	3rd	Joint Rehearsal of Haydn's "The Creation"
Friday	8th	3.00 p.m. The Junior Carol Service.
Saturday	9th	Hallé Concert: "The Messiah". House Hockey Matches. The Senior Christmas Dinner.
Sunday	10th	3.00 p.m. The Senior Carol Service. Film: "The Royal Ballet".
Thursday	14th	End of Term.

Spring Term 1973

January

Tuesday	9th	Term Begins.
Friday	12th	10.00 a.m. Sergeant Roughton: Prevention of Crime. Film: "Never go with Strangers".
Saturday	13th	Film: "Above us the Waves".
Tuesday	16th	2.00 p.m. Careers' Talk - U.V.'s - Mr. Stevenson.
Thursday	18th	5.00 p.m. Forum: The Provost of Derby. U.VI.
Saturday	20th	Film: "The Burning Hills".
Saturday	27th	U.IV Field Course Expedition to Snake Pass. Sleeping out for Sixth Form. Film: "Thoroughly Modern Millie".

February

Saturday	3rd	Lent Effort - Pigot/Powys. Film: "A Tale of Two Cities".
Sunday	4th	Rehearsal of Haydn's "Creation" at St. Elphin's.
Saturday	10th	Hallé Concert. Film: "The History of Mr. Polly".
Sunday	11th	Forum: Economic and Political.
Friday 16th to	20th	Half Term.
Monday - Tuesday	19th - 20th	Common Entrance Examination.
Saturday	24th	Lent Effort - Selwyn/Wilson. Film: "An Elephant Called Slowly".
Sunday	25th	Rehearsal of Haydn's "Creation" at St. Elphin's.
Tuesday 27th -		
Wednesday 28th		Kennedy Scholarship Examination.

March

Saturday	3rd	Field Course for L.V. Film: "The Nun's Story".
Tuesday	6th	U. VI Use of English Examination.
Wednesday	7th	Rehearsal of Haydn's "Creation" at Denstone.
Saturday	10th	Wembley: Hockey - England v Ireland. Film: "The Lady with a Lamp".

March

Sunday	11th	Performance of Haydn's "Creation" at Denstone.
Tuesday	13th	11.30 a.m. Confirmation by the Bishop of Repton.
Friday	16th	Hallé Concert.
Saturday	17th	Lent Effort - Gresford/Kennedy. Film: "Pride and Prejudice".
Sunday	18th	10.00 a.m. Preacher: The Bishop of Sheffield.
Saturday	24th	Film: "Romeo and Juliet".
Sunday	25th	Performance of Haydn's "Creation" at St. Elphin's.
Monday	26th	Swimming Gala.
Tuesday	27th	House Music Competition.
Thursday	29th	End of Term. Geography Field Course to Brittany.

April

Sunday	15th - 21st	Geography Field Course to Combe Martin, Devonshire.
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Summer Term 1973

April

Thursday	26th	Term begins.
Saturday	28th	Film: "The Sunflower".

May

Saturday	5th	Film: "Rough Night in Jericho".
Saturday	12th	RSCM. St. Alkmund's, Derby. Film: "The Girl and the General".
Saturday	19th	Old Girls' Reunion. Film: "The Mad Woman of Chaillot".
Saturday	26th	L.V. & U.IV to Ross-on-Wye. Parents' Meeting.
Thursday	31st	Half term.

June

Monday	4th	Half term. G.C.E. 'O' & 'A' Level Examinations begin.
Saturday	16th	Diocesan Synod. Form Picnics.
Friday	22nd	Parents' Dance.
Friday	22nd/25th	G.C.E. 'O' & 'A' Level Examinations end.
Saturday	23rd	Sports Day.
Friday	29th	School Photograph.
Saturday	30th	Junior Speech Day.

July

Saturday	7th	Senior Speech Day.
Sunday	8th	Senior Concert.
Thursday	12th	Term ends.

EDITORIAL

Our sincerest sympathy is with the Duchess of Devonshire now, on the loss of her sister, Nancy Mitford, whose brilliant wit, humour and ability as a writer leave a worthy memorial in books of fascinating historical interest and artistic illustration.

Devonshire House, and particularly our sun-bathing bank at the back, continue to make life much more enjoyable. The Provost of Derby came to tea in the Autumn Term and we had an informal discussion which was extremely interesting. It is to be hoped that future Upper Sixths will have the opportunity of appreciating his words of wisdom as much as we did.

To come down to a more mundane level, we raised £1080 90p in another exhausting but enjoyable Sponsored walk, £836 in the Christmas Bazaar and £312.09 in the Lent efforts. Money-making plans will no doubt be much in evidence next year, because of the projected Form Rooms and the swimming pool.

We congratulate Joanna Howard on winning a place at Girton College, Cambridge; we are all thrilled about her achievement. This year we have become accustomed to her matronly presence and shall miss her next year.

In the Autumn Term, hordes of St. Elphin's girls descended upon London to see the Tutankhamun exhibition. This was a most interesting and enjoyable outing, although the return journey took five hours because of fog and the ensuing traffic jams on the motorway.

During the same term, some of the Sixth Form went to a social at Repton, which was very enjoyable.

The Choir sang Haydn's Creation with Denstone College at the end of the Spring Term, giving a very impressive performance.

Two of the Upper Sixth, Frances Pacey and Helen Evans, were given roles in the production of "Salad Days", at Stancliffe. After much hard rehearsal, it was most successful and amusing.

Sadly, we lost Tom Smith, a former head gardener, at the beginning of the Summer Term. He had worked at school for many years and will always be remembered with affection.

We are also losing Miss Smith, who has been a marvellous teacher and a great inspiration to us all. It will be very odd without her, and I hope that she will not remember the present Upper Sixth only as 'burrowing rabbits', or, the 'Silent Sixth'! She will be sadly missed. Miss Thompson is also leaving, much to the regret of Selwyn House. She has been an excellent House Mistress, and will long be remembered for the high standard of singing which she produced in the choir. Mrs. Cope is leaving to have a baby, and we would like to thank her for the Work Satisfaction Survey which she arranged for the Upper Sixth to try out on the unsuspecting people of Matlock after our 'A' levels.

To all leaving staff and girls we wish much luck and success in the future. Above all we hope that they are always very happy.

Fiona Arnold UV1.

MISS SMITH (1954-1973).

Miss Robinson writes:

Miss Smith came to St. Elphin's with the recommendation from her Headmaster, the Principal of St. George's in Switzerland:

"I congratulate the school that next secures Miss Smith's service, for I look on her as a very distinguished and delightful colleague", a recommendation doubly endorsed since that time both by Miss Stopford and myself. I inherited Miss Smith as a "legacy" from Miss Stopford, my predecessor, and I have had the good fortune to enjoy it for the last fifteen years. No Headmistress could have had a more loyal and capable and delightful colleague. She is now going to an honourable and well earned retirement.

How can one sum up Miss Smith? Her scholarship; the basic authority of her teaching, to which she was constantly adding by wide and extensive reading; her ability to transmit to her pupils her love of literature, to inspire in them an enthusiasm for study and for a high standard of work; her scorn of anything shoddy or second-rate. These are all outstanding characteristics. Combined with this was her sympathy for less able girls, especially those who found 'O' Level English Language an almost insuperable obstacle, but she patiently persevered with prefixes and parts of speech, even at 9.00 p.m. on a Saturday night, in response to a cry for help!

Apart from her teaching, there was no aspect of school life with which Miss Smith did not identify herself and in which she did not make a valuable contribution: as Librarian of the Reference Library, she directed successive library committees and guided their policy and purchase of new books; as Editor of the School Magazine, she gave generously of her time to organizing its yearly production, encouraging the editors and contributors in their literary efforts; she was an expert proof-reader and few slips escaped her eagle eye; she helped with Dramatic, Debating and P.E.N. Clubs at various times and all this in addition to her normal teaching and administrative work for, until her last year which was spent in semi-retirement, she was Deputy Headmistress. In Pigot House, to which she was attached, she took a keen interest.

Perhaps Miss Smith is one of the last of the "dedicated teachers". She provided an example of unrelenting and selfless devotion to work. She gave her last lesson on the last day of term, the Use of English, with the same meticulous care which she brought to every lesson and was still commenting on the style of some girl whose

work she was correcting just as if she would be doing the same thing the following day.

Her instinctive courtesy, her delightful Scottish humour and her genuine concern for every girl in her charge, combined with a scathing intolerance of low standards of work and behaviour called forth from the girls a response of great respect, confidence and affection.

The Staff also feel the loss of her quiet but authoritative presence in the Staff Room. In recent years Miss Smith has come to fill the rôle of elder statesman and wise counsellor to us all and her penetrating insight and cool judgement could be relied on for a solution in any difficult or problem and she was often called upon to arbitrate!

With characteristic generosity, Miss Smith has left the majority of her books to the Kennedy Library, a most valuable gift which includes many books of modern criticism.

Now after twenty years as a member of the Staff, Miss Smith takes with her our deep gratitude, our love, and our good wishes for her happiness in retirement.

MISS THOMPSON (1950 - 1973)

Miss Thompson, after 22 years at St. Leonard's School in Scotland, was appointed Director of Music at St. Elphin's by Miss Stopford and I had the good fortune to "inherit" Miss Thompson, as well as Miss Smith.

When the House system was introduced in 1959, some of the senior staff were called upon to become House Mistresses and I shall never forget their ready response, though it meant sacrificing the measure of independence, privacy and freedom which they enjoyed in the Staff House, which was then Darley Lodge.

Miss Thompson became the first House Mistress of Selwyn House in the Lodge and remained in this office for 14 years until her retirement. From the first Miss Thompson showed an instinctive understanding of the responsibilities a House Mistress must bear and throughout the years she maintained a high standard and expected a high standard from the girls. As Senior House Mistress she helped to shape House policy in those early days of its institution and her judgment was most valuable and indeed her loyalty in adjusting to

changes which a new regime inevitably brings was a great factor in its success.

As Choir Mistress and Organist she was responsible for training successive choirs and for the Chapel Music. This was her forte; it came to be an honour to be a member of the Chapel choir and in this, as in everything else, Miss Thompson expected and obtained a very high standard. This accounted for the beauty of our Sunday services, while the Commemoration services in Bakewell Church, the Oratorios with Denstone and Repton and the Nine Lesson Carol services were occasions which gave a lift to the spirit and will never be forgotten.

Gardening was her great love in leisure hours and Darley Lodge garden was always a pleasure to visit and be shown round. She knew every rose tree and every plant in her herbaceous border and her green-house provided her with endless interest. Springer spaniels must always be associated with Miss Thompson, devoted companions to her and general favourites in the Staff room where each one in succession occupied a mat under her table and grew fat, lamentably, on biscuits at break time, but as they lived long lives, it seemed to do them no harm.

I must pay special tribute to Miss Thompson. She was one of the most courageous women I have known. Few people knew that she had an eye removed one Christmas Day and how gallantly she has borne this disability since that time. She never complained about it and never indulged in self-pity nor was it ever allowed to be made a reason for special consideration; in fact it was never mentioned. Every morning she drove her car out of a most difficult exit on to A6 and often made the journey home to Canterbury by night. It was wonderful courage.

Miss Thompson is now making a temporary home in a beautiful immobile caravan near Buxton, until she finds a more permanent home. We look forward to visits from her and from Sherry, of course. She takes our love and our best wishes for her happiness in retirement.

The School has indeed lost two "giants" in Miss Smith and Miss Thompson but their work is built into the fabric of the School.

SENIOR SPEECH DAY

Speech Day dawned undecidedly with threatening grey clouds scudding across a blue sky. Fortunately the weather held and although shivering, we arrived at Bakewell Church in our blue silks.

The service went very well and we sang three of the hymns which the choir had sung on the 'Songs of Praise' programme: 'We have a gospel to proclaim,' 'Come ye faithful, raise the anthem' and 'Thine be the Glory, risen conquering son' set to the wonderful tune of Maccabaeus. The address was given by the Bishop of Repton who gave advice to school-leavers and also emphasized the part played by the pupils in the establishment of the school. He illustrated his advice that one should never give up once one has started, with the delightful Aesop fable about the two frogs that jump into a bowl of cream and are unable to get out.

By the afternoon, the weather had become brighter and the sun was almost shining; by four o'clock it was beautiful. The speeches began with the presentation of a bouquet to Mrs. Bickersteth and a red carnation buttonhole for the Speaker and the Chairman. The Chairman very sensibly did not pin his on since it clashed rather violently with his cassock!

Miss Robinson made her annual report and wished all happiness to Miss Smith and Miss Thompson on their retirement. The applause for them was tremendous.

The prize-giving passed without a hitch despite the fact that the first person to go up had tucked up the carpet and made it liable for anyone else to trip over it! Mr Linnell preceded Mr. Johnson with a short speech indicating the future plans of the Friends and dealing mainly with the proposed Teaching Block and Swimming Pool.

Mr. Bryan Johnson is the Director of the Ecological Foundation at the University of Sussex. He gave an excellent speech on our responsibility in the world, dealing with relations between things at national, local and personal levels rather than predicting environmental changes. Mr. Johnson's speech was provoking and has left us, pupils and parents alike, with much food for thought.

Mandy and Helen gave two very witty and amusing speeches, finishing up with a song in Latin with which they charmed the Speaker into persuading Miss Robinson to grant us a half-day holiday.

After the Speeches, tea was held on the terrace in conjunction with a judo demonstration given by the members of the Upper Sixth and the Chaplain. Much hilarity was derived from seeing the Chaplain continually being thrown; for once we had an advantage

over him and surprisingly he survived the gruelling ordeal and managed to stagger away quite admirably!

Gradually parents drifted away to take their daughters out and Speech Day came to a quiet close after a most enjoyable day.

Fiona White L.VI.

JUNIOR SPEECH DAY

The Junior Speech Day was held this year, in glorious sunshine, on Saturday, 30th June. Mr. Linnell was kind enough to preside once again.

We were delighted to welcome, as our guest of Honour, the Rev. Paul Norman, Rector of Ashover, Derbyshire. When Mrs. Norman had distributed the prizes and certificates, Mr. Norman talked to us. He caught the interest of his young audience at once, by asking them questions. He finished with the following story, saying that grown-ups always explained their stories, but that his story needed no explanation.

One day, the fish in the sea, who swam forwards, all noticed that the crabs walked sideways. So they decided to form a committee to remedy this, which is what all grown ups do when they cannot make up their minds! The committee planned to hold a Sunday School with the Dog-fish as superintendent. All the crabs were invited to attend. The Dog-fish numbered them off, and marched them in rows round seaweed, rocks and an anchor, so that by the end of the afternoon they were all walking forwards. The Dog-fish was so pleased with his efforts that he was as happy as a Dog-fish with two tails. Unfortunately, the next Sunday, when they came, the crabs were all walking sideways again! The Dog-fish patiently began to teach them all over again, until they were all walking forwards as before. The same thing happened for a number of weeks. In the end, the Dog-fish gave up, and the reason he gave was, "It's no good walking forwards on Sundays, if you walk sideways for the rest of the week!"

The meaning of the story was apparent to us all.

Deborah Barton, the Head Girl of the Junior School, thanked the Rev. and Mrs. P. Norman, and presented Mr. Norman with a Book Token to commemorate his visit.

At the end of the proceedings, guests were entertained by the Lower III A Verse Speaking Choir and the Recorder Consort.

P. A. Lavender,

PRIZES

FORM PRIZES

Upper VI	...	...	...	...	...	Fiona Arnold
Lower VI	...	...	...	...	...	Jane Adams
Upper VA	...	...	...	...	...	Helen Round
Upper VB	...	...	...	...	...	Sarah Walker Smith
Lower VA	...	...	...	...	...	Alison Wilcockson
Lower VB	...	...	...	...	...	Claire Derry
Upper IVA	...	...	...	...	...	Brenda Cox
Upper IVB	...	...	...	...	...	Helen Sands
Lower IVA	...	...	...	...	...	Sally Grayson
Lower IVB	...	...	...	...	...	Susan Alexander
Upper IIIA	...	...	...	...	...	Katherine Slatter
Upper IIIB	...	...	...	...	...	Carol Thompson

HEADMISTRESS'S PRIZES FOR GOOD PROGRESS IN WORK AND CONDUCT

Upper VI	...	...	...	...	...	Gerda Camenisch
Lower VI	...	...	...	...	...	Catherine Sutton
Upper VA	...	...	...	...	...	Yasmin Hamir
Upper VB	...	...	...	...	...	Ann Marie Robinson
Lower VA	...	...	...	...	...	Anne Lindley
Lower VB	...	...	...	...	...	Jill Sampson
Upper IVA	...	...	...	...	...	Suzanne White
Upper IVB	...	...	...	...	...	Tansy Woodhead
Lower IVA	...	...	...	...	...	Dianne Butterworth
Lower IVB	...	...	...	...	...	Susan Green
Upper IIIA	...	...	...	...	...	Vanessa Howitt
Upper IIIB	...	...	...	...	...	Mary Clarke

SUBJECT PRIZES

Scripture	...	...	...	...	...	Helen Stoppard
English	...	...	...	...	...	Fiona White
History	...	...	...	...	...	Helen Round
Geography	...	...	...	...	...	Helen Stoppard
Economics	...	...	...	...	...	Sally Heath
Modern Languages	...	...	...	...	...	Fiona Arnold
Latin	...	...	...	...	...	Jennifer Batty
Mathematics	...	...	...	...	...	Tsun Chen
Physics	...	...	...	...	...	Deborah Horne
Chemistry	...	...	...	...	...	Dawn Hives
Biology	...	...	...	...	...	Annabel Seddon
Art	...	...	...	...	...	Bethan Clayton
Domestic Science	...	...	...	...	...	Sarah Walker Smith

SPECIAL PRIZES

The Chairman's Prize	...	...	...	...	Amanda Hammett
Greenall Prize for Religious Knowledge	...	...	...	...	Frances Nelson
The Burgess Prize for History	...	...	...	...	Frances Nelson
Hamilton Memorial Prize for Art	...	...	...	...	Lindsay White
Henry Andrew's Prize for Domestic Science	...	...	...	...	Anne Taylor
Henry Andrew's Prize for Needlework	...	...	...	...	Louise Elkington
The Scott Science Prize	...	...	...	...	Helen Round
The Pass Prize for English	...	...	...	...	Fiona Arnold
Hitchen Cup for Piano	...	...	...	...	Caroline Wareham
Hammett Prize for Steady Work	...	...	...	...	Anna Kastoryano

PRIZES FOR BEST RESULTS IN G.C.E.

Advanced Level	...	...	...	...	Lindsay Pharo
Ordinary Level	...	...	...	...	Jane Adams

CUPS

Miss Thompson's Music Cup	...	...	...	...	Frances Pacey
Individual Tennis Cup	...	...	...	...	Fiona Graham
Helen Robinson Cup for Physical Education	...	...	...	...	Claire Derry
Joyce Knight Cup for Speech and Drama	...	...	...	...	Lindsay White

GUILDHALL
SPEECH AND DRAMA EXAMINATIONS
1972 - 1973

SPECIAL HONOURS were gained by the following girls:

Grade V Cheron Wilkins (Plus exhibition for gaining the highest marks in Great Britain and Ireland).

Grade IV A Rachel Burrows.

Grade IV Margot Hopkin-Evans (Plus exhibition for gaining the highest marks in Great Britain and Ireland).

HONOURS were gained by:

Grade II Sally Ann Thornton.

49 girls gained MERIT in Grades Preliminary to Grade VI A.

17 girls passed in Grades Preliminary - Grade V.

Choral Speaking

1 Choir gained MERIT in Grade I.
Form IIA gained HONOURS in Grade II A.
L IIIA gained HONOURS in Grade V.

1 girl passed with MERIT in Spoken English Grade IV.

MUSIC
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Distinctions in PIANO were gained by the following girls:

Grade I Caroline Board
 Rosalind Slatter
 Christine Boyd
 Kathryn Betterton
 Amanda Bibby

Grade II Caroline Board

Grade III Miranda Glossop
 Toni Gascoigne
 Janet Bolton

Grade IV Margot Hopkin-Evans

12 girls gained MERIT in Piano, Clarinet and Cello, Grades I - IV.

19 girls gained PASSES in Piano and Clarinet, Grades I - VII.

Theory of Music

Penelope Thornton gained Distinction in Grade VI.

34 girls gained passes in Grades I - V.

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES

ENTRANCES TO UNIVERSITIES, HOSPITALS AND COLLEGES

Places at Universities, 1973

Joanna Howard: Girton College, Cambridge, to read History.

Conditional Places

Gerda Camenisch: Liverpool University to read French.

Cheryl Chalk: Nottingham University to read Geography.

Alison Cory: St. Andrew's University to read Mathematics.

Alison Denton: Manchester University to read Geography.

Amanda Hammet: London University to read Dentistry.

Sally Heath: Liverpool University to read Law.

Deborah Horne: Durham University to read Mathematics.

Anna Kastoryano: Nottingham University to read Theology.

Frances Nelson: St. Andrew's University to read Theology.

Catherine Taylor: Newcastle University to read Agriculture and Food Marketing.

Entrances to Hospitals

Sally Edeson: Charing Cross Hospital.

Helen Evans: St Thomas's Hospital.

Frances Pacey: Royal Masonic Hospital.

Entrances to Colleges

Glynis Anson: Chester College of Further Education.

Jennifer Bird: Queen Margaret's College, Edinburgh - H.N.D. Institutional Management.

Siew-Kee Chen: Polytechnic of South Bank, London.

Michaela Gibbon: Miss Foulkes Secretarial College, Liverpool.

Beverley Gill: Gypsy Hill College of Further Education, Kingston-upon-Thames.

Gillian Outram: Sheffield School of Physiotherapy.

Carolyn Ross: City of London Polytechnic.

Linda Yates: Gypsy Hill College of Further Education, Kingston-upon-Thames.

Use of English

Eleven candidates passed the University Entrance Test, Frances Nelson and Fiona Arnold with Distinction.

Sixth Form Scholarships

Jane Adams — £150

Philippa Allen — £150

Helen Stoppard — £150

Helen Round — £150

Kennedy Scholarships

Sarah Leaney — £100

Tracey Thompson — £100

Elizabeth Brook — £50

Sally Clarke — £50

Eleven Plus Examination, 1973

Angela Aulton

Kathryn Betterton

Caroline Board

Christine Boyd

Kate Burgess

Helen Cotman

Isabelle Grillo

Margaret Hutchinson

Philippa Mallett

Sarah Mayall

Sarah Scott

Tracey Thompson

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON G.C.E.

EXAMINATION RESULTS, 1973

SUMMER 1973

Advanced Level

Anson, Glynis Margaret	...	English Literature; Geography
Arnold, Fiona Margaret	...	English Literature; French; German
Bird, Jennifer Susan	...	English Literature; Geography
Camenisch, Gerda Anne	...	English Literature; French; German
Chalk, Cheryl Christine	...	English Literature; History; Geography
Cory, Alison Catherine	B.	Mathematics (Pure); Mathematics (Applied); Physics
Denton, Alison	...	English Literature; Geography
Edeson, Sally Anne	...	French
Evans, Helen Mary	...	English Literature; History; Biology
Gibbon, Michaela Jane	...	English Literature; Art
Gill, Beverley Jane	...	English Literature; Geography
Hammett, Amanda Karen		English Literature; Geography; Biology
Heath, Sally Anne	...	English Literature; History; Economics
Horne, Deborah Jane	...	Mathematics (Pure); Mathematics (Applied); Special Paper (Pure Mathematics) Grade 2; Physics
Kastoryano, Anna Maria	...	Scripture; English Literature
Nelson, Frances Mary	...	Scripture; English Literature; History
Outram, Gillian Ann	...	English Literature; Geography; Biology
Ross, Carolyn	...	English Literature; History
Turnquest, Caryl Antoinette, E	...	English Literature; French; Latin
White, Sarah Lindsay	...	English Literature; History; Art
Chen, Tsun	...	Mathematics (Pure)

Ordinary Level

Upper VA

Arnold, Karen Jocelyn	...	Scripture; English Language; English Literature; History; Geography; Mathematics; French.
Boyle, Sarah Lucy	... ..	English Language; English Literature; History; Geography; French; Mathematics; Biology; Art.
Cormie, Susan Elaine	...	English Language; English Literature; Geography; French; German; Mathematics; Biology; Art
Emmitt, Carol Ann	... ..	Scripture; English Language; English Literature; French; Mathematics; Biology.
Evans, Paula Mary	... ..	Scripture; English Language; English Literature; History; French; German; Chemistry; Biology
Felton, Margaret Elizabeth		English Language; English Literature; History; Mathematics; French; Latin; Biology
Gutch, Anne Margaret	...	Scripture; English Language; English Literature; French; Latin; Geography; German; Mathematics; Chemistry; Biology
Hamir, Yasmin Akber	...	History; Latin; Mathematics; Physics; Chemistry; Biology
Hill, Kathleen Elizabeth	...	English Language; English Literature; History; French; German; Mathematics; Physics; Chemistry; Biology
Hodgkinson, Judith Adele		English Language; English Literature; Geography; French; Mathematics; Physics; Chemistry; Biology; Art
Jansen, Marcelle Rhoda	...	Scripture; English Language; English Literature; Geography; French; German; Mathematics; Physics; Chemistry; Biology; Art
Kendall, Pauline Jane Anna		Scripture; English Language; English Literature; Mathematics; History French; Chemistry; Biology
King, Sarah Judith Pearson		Scripture; English Language; English Literature; Geography; Mathematics; Physics; Chemistry; Biology; Art

Leach, Philippa Jane	English Language; Geography; History; Mathematics; Biology
Ledingham, Lesley MacDonald	Scripture; English Language; English Literature; History; Geography; French; Mathematics; Biology
Lindley, Susan Elizabeth ...	Scripture; English Language; English Literature; Latin; Mathematics; History; French; German; Chemistry; Biology
Monckton, Rosemary Elizabeth	English Language; English Literature; History; Geography; French; Mathematics; Physics; Chemistry; Biology
Nixon, Jacqueline Anne ...	Scripture; English Language; English Literature; Geography; French; German; Mathematics; Biology
Pashley, Jane	Scripture; English Language; English Literature; History; Geography; French; Mathematics; Physics; Chemistry
Rose, Corinne Anne	English Language; Geography; French; Mathematics; Biology
Round, Helen Patricia ...	English Language; English Literature; History; French; Latin; Mathematics; Physics; Chemistry; Biology
Seddon, Annabel Joy E.	English Language; English Literature; Geography; French; Latin; Mathematics; Physics; Chemistry; Biology
Simmonds, Caroline Inger ...	Scripture; English Language; English Literature; History; French
Stoppard, Helen Louise ...	Scripture; English Language; English Literature; History; Geography; French; Latin; Mathematics; Chemistry; Biology; Art
Thomas, Mary	English Language; English Literature; History; French; German; Latin; Mathematics; Physics; Chemistry; Biology
Walker, Elisabeth Anne ...	Scripture; English Language; English Literature; History; French; German; Mathematics

Upper VB

Aust, Christine Edith...	...	Scripture
Burgess, Ursula Ann ...	...	Scripture; English Language; Spoken English; English Literature; History
Chapman, Jane Rachel	...	English Language; Music
Clayton, Jane Bethan ...	...	Scripture; English Literature; Geography; Mathematics; Biology; Food & Nutrition; Art
Currie, Elizabeth Jane	...	English Literature
Fricker, Jane Louise ...	...	Scripture; English Literature; History; Food & Nutrition
Garner, Leslie Alison Jane		Scripture; English Literature; Spoken English; History
Gooch, Lydia Roberta	...	Scripture
Hassall, Kathryn Margaret		English Language; English Literature; History
Kelly, Jane Susan	... ..	English Language; History; Geography
Kemp, Judith Anna	... ..	English Language; Mathematics
Leivers, Joanne Alain	...	Scripture, Art
McGinty, Janet Lynn ...	...	Spoken English
Piccaver, Elizabeth Mary	...	English Language; Spoken English; English Literature; History; Geography; Mathematics; Biology; Food & Nutrition, Art
Robinson, Anne Marie	...	Geography, Food and Nutrition
Ross, Alison Helen	... ..	Scripture; English Language; English Literature; History; Geography; French; Biology; Food & Nutrition; Art
Roper, Caroline	... ..	Spoken English
Smith, Sarah Elizabeth W.		Scripture; English Literature; History; Geography; Physics with Chemistry; Biology; Food & Nutrition
Ward, Catherine	... ..	Scripture; History; Mathematics; Physics with Chemistry; Biology; Food & Nutrition; Art
Wareham, Caroline Mary Alyson	... ..	Scripture; English Literature
Yates, Judith Helen	... ..	Scripture; English Language; Mathematics; Physics with Chemistry; Biology; Art

GIFTS TO THE SCHOOL

Mr. W. E. V. Burgess: £500 for books for the Kennedy Library.

Miss A. Thomson Smith: Valuable Collection of English books for the Kennedy Library; also Tea Service for the Devonshire House and Chess Set for Pigot House.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Arnold: Cheque for £50 for books for the Kennedy Library.

Mrs. Gibbon: Copies of series of Art Folio Books.

Mrs. Woolliscroft: Books for the Kennedy Library.

Mrs. Johnson: Books for the Kennedy Library.

Miss Cooper: Charts and Maps for the Geography Department.

Mrs. M. Carmichael: Books for the Kennedy Library.

Miss Oppen: Book for the Chapel Library.

Mr. and Mrs. Dronfield: £250 towards a Trampoline for the Gymnasium.

Mr. and Mrs. Carver: Table and Table Tennis set for Gresford House.

Mr. E. V. Byers, M.C., B.Sc.: Helios Planetarium, accessories and accompanying book for the Science Department.

CHAPEL REPORT

The Chapel was re-decorated during the summer holidays, the walls and ceiling in white and the wooden framework over the Sanctuary in blue and gold. Its simple beauty has been enhanced by new lighting, given by the Old Girls in memory of Miss Stopford.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held on Sunday, 24th September with three Houses bringing gifts to the Sung Eucharist and the other Houses to Evensong. There was a special Service for the Juniors and Kindergarten on Monday morning when special care has to be exercised to relieve the toddlers of their precious gifts to add to the mounting piles of food and flowers which surround them.

On Sunday, 22nd October we held a Baptism Service instead of Evensong for the Christening of Andrew, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hughes. It was a joy to have such a family occasion as this within the Christian family life of the School.

This year it was decided not to have a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols three times over as in previous years, but to have the full Service for the Seniors and a shortened Service based on four of the Lessons for the Middle School and Junior School. We were pleased to welcome our Chairman to the Senior Service.

The Bishop of Repton confirmed twenty nine girls on the 13th March and administered Communion to them and to many of the parents and friends present. This Service of Confirmation and First Communion arranged from the revised Services, does bring together girls, parents and the School in a very real way and does emphasize the need for close co-operation between the parents and the School for the spiritual well-being of the girls.

The weekday Communion and the Friday Services of Intercession were well observed during Lent. The practical expression of our Chapel life is shown in the Social Service report.

I would like to record my thanks to the Revd. C. Heywood, who for many years as Vicar of Bakewell has co-operated so willingly with the School over our use of his Church for the Commemoration Day Services. The Head Mistress and I attended the Induction and Institution of the new Vicar, the Revd. E. R. Urquhart, and we wish him and his family many happy years in Bakewell.

This year we have welcomed as guest preachers, the Archdeacon of Warrington, the Bishop of Sheffield and the Bishop of Blackburn.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr Hughes and the Choir, Miss Lavender, and the Staff Sacristans, Frances Nelson and Sally Heath together with the Chapel Guild for all their hard and devoted work throughout the year.

David Prytherch.

Confirmed by the Bishop of Repton: Dawn Allen, Claire Armstrong, Sally Bennett, Elizabeth Brook, Sandra Carter, Amanda Clayson, Caroline Cooper, Penelope Dennis, Easta Eltham, Sarah Elsmie, Kathryn Elks, Kathryn Emmitt, Helen Gill, Alison Grimes, Jane Grayson, Shirley Hassall, Vivien Hodge, Anna Kastoryano, Jacqueline Nixon, Rachel Robins, Rachel Robertson, Alison Simmons, Elizabeth Sledge, Clare Smith, Anna Shooter, Angela Thomas, Suzanne White, Elizabeth Whitehead, Deborah Whitworth.

**IN MEMORIAM:
TOM SMITH**



We were deeply saddened to hear at the beginning of this Summer term, of the loss of Tom, our former Head Gardener and well loved friend of the School. He had been a regular visitor since his retirement in 1962 and living so close to us, had been able to keep in touch with all the changes, for his interest never flagged; he was especially interested in the new buildings, the Isobel Burgiss Teaching Block, and quite recently visited Devonshire House and thoroughly appreciated the fine new type of VIth Form residence.

We had heard of his illness in a letter from Mrs. Smith, but the news of his death came with the poignant feeling of loss which we share with her. For there are few like Tom. Shakespeare might well have had him in mind when he wrote, "O good old man! how well in thee appears the constant service of the antique world," for his loyalty and devotion to St. Elphin's throughout the forty-two years of his service have remained in the memory of Old Girls and Staff alike, as their appreciation of him showed, at the time of his retirement. The kind friendliness of his smile did not lose its warmth with the years, nor his capacity for helpfulness under all circumstances: whether clearing snow from the drive or the Chapel Cutting, dealing with cars on Speech Day or befriending dogs, cats or kittens. Even the sight of a certain Scotch Terrier digging in one of his borders with concentration and energy, brought only the comment, "But doesn't she look fine when she's at it like that?" Could kindly tolerance go further? Probably the Old Girls will remember Tom best of all at the School Christmas Dinner, with beaming goodwill, carrying the boar's head down the length of the dining-room, as one Head Girl put it, "stealing the limelight from the singing Choir girl and even from the boar's head itself." No request was ever received by Tom with anything but patient and cheerful helpfulness; whether it was some urgent 'prop' for House Drama, some equally urgent problem or some wise advice needed about a garden or keeping school clocks wound up and accurate- all were done cheerfully in addition to the daily work about the grounds. I remember his arriving on one unpleasant night, unasked, when he had thought he might be able to help Miss Robinson and Sister with a sick girl who was to be taken to hospital. Such thoughtfulness is not readily forgotten.

He gave the same devoted and loyal service to his Chapel; and the clergyman's comment on surveying the crowded church at the funeral service, carries its own message that the numbers of friends who had come to pay their last respects to Tom were a testimony to his integrity, faithfulness and kindness. The School was represented at that service by the Headmistress, members of staff and representatives of the girls of St. Elphins, for Tom was still known to them as a well loved personality; and even in the account of the Sponsored Walk in this issue of the School Magazine we note that the girls set off "not by the usual route up Tom's field" - for "Tom's field" it still remains! The affection and respect he has won from generations of St. Elphins girls are witnessed by the fact that his surname is hardly ever heard. Many must lament the passing of such a devoted, kindly and faithful friend. For the School it is the breaking of a precious link with the past.

A. Thomson Smith.

CHOIR REPORT

This year the choir have been very busy rehearsing for various activities.

On the first day of the Autumn term we went to St. Elphin's Church, Warrington, to attend the memorial service of Mr. Wallace Burgess, former honorary treasurer to the school, who died during the holidays. Some of the Old Girls returned to strengthen the new choir. This term the choir were also invited to sing Sung Eucharist at Derby Cathedral. The "Missa Brevis in D" was sung, which at first proved difficult but after much practice under the guidance of Mr. Hughes, was successful.

Soon after our return to school after the Christmas holidays we began rehearsals for Hadyn's "Creation" which was performed in a joint concert with Denstone College at the end of term.

Our highlight of the year was when we were invited to sing "Songs of Praise" at Bolsover Parish Church. However, much to our disappointment the cameras did not pick us out clearly on the programme which was televised on the first Sunday after Easter, although it was a great experience thoroughly enjoyed by all.

During the Summer term the Choir were by no means idle. We practised for a festival to be held at St. Alkmund's Church, Derby which we later found had been recorded for "Radio Derby". We then began practising the Speech Day music, and although there were many grumbles from various members, we did cover all the music and once again the Commemoration Service was a great service.

The choir have worked extremely hard throughout the year. Not only were the external concerts and festivals a great success, but also their daily chapel work. The standard in Chapel has been maintained at its usual high level, thanks to Mr Hughes who has made the work interesting and thoroughly enjoyable by introducing new hymns, psalms and anthems.

I would like to thank Mr. Hughes for his guidance during the year and the choir for all the hard work and enthusiasm which they have instilled into practices and wish them the best of luck next year.

Frances Pacey.

HOUSE REPORTS

Gresford

<i>House Mistress:</i>	Miss Gawthorne
<i>Vice-House Mistresses:</i>	Mrs. Johnson, Miss Monkley
<i>House Matrons:</i>	Miss Jarvis, Mrs Smith
<i>House Captain:</i>	Cheryl Chalk
<i>Vice-House Captains:</i>	Anna Kastoryano, Glynis Anson
<i>Prefects:</i>	Glynis Anson, Cheryl Chalk, Anna Kastoryano, Philippa Allen, Jane Chapman, Caroline Kirkham, Sarah Gelling, Rosemary Allen, Jacqueline Nixon.
<i>Sub-Prefects:</i>	Anne Gutch, Joanne Leivers, Jane Pashley, Elizabeth Walker

At the beginning of the year we welcomed Mrs. Best and also fourteen new girls to Gresford House. However, Mrs. Johnson, who has been a Vice-House Mistress for many years, left us in the summer term to be House Mistress of Powys. She has been invaluable to the house, especially in the sports field and we shall all miss her a great deal.

This year, although we have not excelled in many sporting activities, we won the Work Shield, for which the whole House worked hard, but special mention must be made of three members: Margot Hopkin Evans who won an exhibition from the Guildhall School; Philippa Allen who won the Sixth Form scholarship, and Joanna Howard who gained a place at Cambridge University, and of whom the House is justly proud.

Our Lent Effort this year was held with Kennedy again, and both Houses rallied together to provide excellent entertainment. The Lower and Upper Fours did extremely well in this sphere, especially in their rousing performance of the Osmond brothers! We raised £36 in all.

For the Inter-House Drama in which we were unplaced, Caroline Kirkham and Sarah Gelling produced scenes from "Pygmalion" by G. B. Shaw in which the majority of the House participated. In the Music Competition, Gresford came third, an improvement on last year, and this was due to the hard work of Jane Chapman in producing it, and to the increased enthusiasm of the House.

The younger members of the House, together with their coach, Susan Hardee, have brought fame to Gresford this year in winning both the Junior Netball and the Rounders. These members also made a great contribution towards the Work Shield.

Although we began the summer term with great sporting enthusiasm, we only gained fifth place on Sports Day. However, we did remarkably well in the swimming, gaining second place, and in the tennis, gaining first place, and this was mainly due to the efforts of Philippa and Joanna Allen who were the stars of both teams.

We hope the House will continue with the enthusiasm it has shown this year, and we wish them the best of luck in the future.

Cheryl Chaik.

Kennedy

<i>House Mistress:</i>	Miss Dale
<i>Vice-House Mistress:</i>	Miss Finch
<i>House Matron:</i>	Miss Gladwin
<i>House Captain:</i>	Carolyn Ross
<i>Vice-House Captain:</i>	Sally Edeson
<i>Prefects:</i>	Mandy Hammett, Sally Heath, Lindsay White, Fiona White, Elizabeth Sheldon, Alison Cramond, Alison Bates, Dorothy Anson, Adele Hodgkinson
<i>Sub-Prefects:</i>	Lesley Ledingham, Kathryn Hasal, Alison Cooper.

At the beginning of the Summer term Miss Dale, who had previously been our matron, took over as House Mistress from Mrs. Livingston, along with "Lucky", our placid, affectionate, guard dog.

Once again Kennedy was responsible for the "Home-made" stall at the Christmas Bazaar. We would like to take this opportunity to say a very sincere thank you to all those parents who contributed so generously, enabling us to raise £56.

As usual we combined with Gresford for our annual Lent effort. Vast quantities of food were prepared and duly disappeared, earning a total of £42.

On the Sports field the House has been, for the most part, successful. We tied with Powys in the Hockey after some gripping

games on a pitch which distinctly resembled a mud bath! The Junior netball met with catastrophe and unfortunately was "knocked out" in the first game. We managed to redeem ourselves, however, when the Senior netball team overcame their opponents and achieved an admirable first place. House Volley Ball and Badminton were introduced at the beginning of the Spring term. The House showed a great deal of enthusiasm for these new sports and were relatively successful. On Sports day we gained fourth position, and here special thanks must go to a handful of the House members, who really pulled their weight and gained the majority of our points. The Junior Rounders team came second, a result of which we were very proud, and we were lucky enough to maintain the Kennedy tradition and win the swimming competition again.

Lindsay White produced a delightful House drama: a play adapted from a translated Russian folk tale - "Michael." We were proud to achieve second place and must congratulate Claire Derry on gaining the cup for one of the best individual performances. On the same theme, our House Music Competition was arranged by Caroline Wareham and Fiona White. A great deal of hard work went into the event and we were both delighted and gratified when we came first.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Kennedy every success in the future and thank them for all the support they have given us over the last two years.

Carolyn Ross
Sally Edeson.

Pigot

<i>House Master:</i>	Mr. Hughes
<i>Vice-House Mistresses:</i>	Miss Smith, Mrs. Newton
<i>House Matron:</i>	Mrs. Taylor
<i>House Captain:</i>	Frances Nelson
<i>Vice-House Captains:</i>	Jane Shipman, Catherine Sutton
<i>Prefects:</i>	Penny Pass, Tsun Chen, Siew Kee Chen, Mary Thomas, Sarah Smith
<i>Sub-Prefects:</i>	Yasmin Hamir, Christine Aust, Patrice Major, Susan Haynes, Helen Stoppard.

During this year Pigot has welcomed sixteen new girls and bade farewell to one, Mary Chudley. We also welcomed a new matron, Mrs. Taylor, who has been very helpful.

Pigot's contribution to the Christmas Bazaar this year was a bottle stall which took the original form of a vendor's cart. In addition, in the Autumn Term, Pigot House performed the Artisans' play from 'A Midsummer Nights Dream' by William Shakespeare. We were not as successful as we had hoped but we proved most successful in the now annual Music Competition. Most of the House took part in the choral item and the surprise item whilst the individual performers also held their own, earning us second place.

The Spring Term was also the time of Lent Efforts and this year Pigot joined with Powys. The Upper Fifth contributed largely to the mirth of this with performances of 'Pan's Grannies' and 'Top of the Pops'. The food sold very well and there was a large number of entrants for the Fancy Dress Competition, 'Book Titles'. In addition to this entertainment, Pigot held joint coffee mornings with Powys whilst every member of the House contributed to the total sum, £50. We were very pleased to learn that this was the second highest amount gained.

Pigot's members have excelled themselves this year in the sports sphere. The Spring term saw the advent of Badminton and Volley Ball. Our success was not notable in the former but spectacular in the latter as we came first. We came second in the Junior and Senior Netball matches. Unfortunately, victory eluded our grasp in the Hockey matches. We made up for this on Sports Day when, as a result of much hard practice, we won the Sports Cup. Mention must be made of Susan Haynes, who won the Senior Victrix Ludorum, and Miranda Ball, who won the Middle School Victrix Ludorum.

This Year, Pigot House-room has seen the innovation of a splendid carpet, a warm orange colour. Mr. Hughes is to be congratulated on his good choice.

We should like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Smith for her kindness and work, which Pigot has appreciated over the years. We wish her a peaceful retirement. Best Wishes are also extended to those who are leaving the House this term.

Finally I should like to thank Mr. Hughes, Mrs. Taylor and all the House for their support this year, and wish them happiness in the future.

Frances Nelson

Powys

<i>House Mistress:</i>	(Summer). Mrs. Johnson
<i>Vice-House Mistress:</i>	Miss Clynes.
<i>House Captain:</i>	Helen Evans.
<i>Vice-House Captains:</i>	Frances Pacey, Gerda Camenisch.
<i>House Prefects:</i>	Sheila Kalirai, Linda Yates, Elizabeth Bailey, Judith Kemp, Penelope Thornton, Jennifer Whitton, Lucy Boyle, Judith King, Elizabeth Felton, Jennifer Kendall
<i>Sub Prefects:</i>	Rosemary Monckton, Anne Marie Robinson.

At the beginning of the Autumn Term we were pleased to welcome the following new girls into Powys:- (Upper Third) Mary Clarice and Vanessa Howitt, and from Junior School, Nicola Simmonds, Beverly Whelpton, and Amanda Clayson. In the Spring Term we welcomed Helen Gregory into the Lower Fourth, and in the Summer, Susan Lord into the Upper Third. We were sorry to lose Ruth Davys, Joanna Fricker and Jane Dronsfield during the course of the year.

We thank Mrs. Harris for being an unfailing support to Powys throughout the year. For a considerable part of the Summer Term, Miss Robinson has once again acted as our House Mistress, and we are grateful to her for all the help she has given us while acting in this capacity, until Mrs. Johnson took over. At the beginning of this year, Powys's Contribution to the Christmas Bazaar took the form of a perfume stall, plus any oddments people were kind enough to give us. We raised an adequate sum of £50.

In the Spring Term, the annual Lent Effort took place. This year, Powys held a joint Lent Effort with Pigot. Entertainment took the form of "Pan's Grannies" and a "Fashion show - with a difference", both of which were performed by members the Upper Fifth, and produced much hilarity. There were several other items of equal mirth, and our thanks go to everybody who took part in raising the final total of £30.

Other activities this year have included the Music Competition and the House Drama. We thank Penelope Thornton and Lucy Boyle for their part in producing the Music Competition, in which we came fourth, and Sheila Kalirai for the production of "Blythe Spirit" in which we came third in the House Drama.

This year, four girls from Powys were confirmed. They were:- Claire Smith, Louise Gill, Catherine Elks and Amanda Clayson. Congratulations go to Sally Clarke on winning the Kennedy Scholarship.

Powys have held their own in Athletic spheres. In Netball, we were not victorious; however, we came tied first with Kennedy in the Hockey, for which we must thank Sheila Kalirai. In the Spring Term, we came first in the Badminton matches, owing to Frances Pacey's coaching of the team. Powys took part in the Sports with great enthusiasm, and we won several events, to be beaten only by Pigot. We maintained an average standard in the Tennis Matches, but raised our standard considerably in the Swimming Gala, when for the first time in many years, we came third - Penny Thornton and Linda Yates are thanked for their role in these results.

Finally, we wish all who are leaving every success in the future.

Helen Evans: Captain.

Selwyn

<i>House Mistress:</i>	Miss Thompson.
<i>Vice-House Mistresses:</i>	Miss Bowler, Miss Cawood
<i>Matron:</i>	Miss Jarvis
<i>House Captain:</i>	Jane Boden
<i>Vice-House Captains:</i>	Alison Denton, Pennie Turnbull
<i>Prefects:</i>	Jane Adams, Barbara Evans, Ronel Jansen, Bella Jones, Janet Sheppey, Ursula Burgess
<i>Sub-Prefects:</i>	Marcelle Jansen, Bernice Thomas Catherine Ward

During the year, we have been pleased to welcome ten new girls into Selwyn.

In September, the Sponsored Walk was held and it was as popular as ever. Our stall at the Bazaar was much helped by Mrs. Pearce's beautifully hand-made dolls, Mrs. Taylor's generous contribution and Miss Thompson's Christmas decorations. This year for our House Drama, we took a scene from Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice", but unfortunately were unplaced.

In the Spring Term there were the Lent Efforts, and once again the Houses were paired, and Selwyn joined with Wilson. The Music Competition was held again and was captained by Ursula Burgess.

Everyone concerned with the Hockey, Rounders and Swimming has been very keen, but unfortunately, we were unsuccessful. Although we came last in the athletics, it was a very promising effort and Jill Sampson and Alison Grimes deserve a special mention, Jill for her good standard of running and Alison for breaking a school record in the 150 yards.

We are very sorry to hear that Miss Thompson will be leaving us in July for a well-deserved retirement after 23 years at St. Elphins. She will be remembered by all of us in Selwyn and no doubt by many Old Girls. Miss Bowler is getting married in August but we are very glad to know that she is returning next term. We wish her every happiness; and to the girls who are leaving, Alison Denton, Marcelle Jansen, Bernice Thomas and Catherine Ward, we wish every success in the future.

Jane Boden

Wilson

<i>House Mistress:</i>	Miss Rees Jones
<i>Vice-House Mistress:</i>	Miss Hilton
<i>House Matron:</i>	Mrs. Taylor
<i>House Captain:</i>	Fiona Arnold
<i>Vice-House Captain:</i>	Jennifer Bird
<i>Prefects:</i>	Alison Corey, Michaela Gibbon, Beverley Gill, Deborah Horne, Gillian Outram, Catherine Taylor Caryl Turnquest, Karen Arnold, Carol Emmitt, Janet McGinty, Elizabeth Piccaver
<i>Sub-Prefects:</i>	Caroline Roper, Margaret Cory, Diana Hall

On the whole Wilson has been very successful this year, and although we may not have won everything, the enthusiasm and co-operation of all during practices and rehearsals have made the actual results almost immaterial.

Our highlight of the year, which illustrates this, is our production of "Ernie's Incredible Illucinations", a modern comedy which was tremendous fun to rehearse, and which won us the Drama Cup, to our great delight. We also gave a repeat performance after the Christmas Dinner for the Governors who despite our initial doubts, were an extremely responsive audience. Janet Hunt won the individual cup for her excellent acting, but everybody was marvellous.

We raised £116 in the Christmas Bazaar, the highest total in the Senior School. We owe a great deal to Mr. Thornton for his unfailing kindness to us, and to Mr. Hodge who is extremely generous. Mrs. Taylor's help was as usual invaluable, particularly in making stockings for the stall.

We raised £50 for Lent, which we were pleased about. Some members of the house worked particularly hard to raise money.

We came fourth in the Music Competition; I had not realised that the usually so raucous voices of our House could sing so sweetly! Alice Chu, a newcomer to Wilson, is to be congratulated on her brilliant performance on the piano, and Penny Hill Wilson on her likewise excellent performance on the flute. Both girls won individual medals.

In the Volley Ball and Badminton matches, new Inter-House competitions, we gained second place both times, thanks to everyone's enthusiasm. The Hockey, Netball and Tennis matches were not as successful for Wilson, but we came third in the Athletics, fourth in the Swimming and third in the Rounders matches. We were all highly delighted with these results.

Tracey Thompson and Elizabeth Brook are to be congratulated on winning Kennedy Scholarships.

We thank Miss Rees Jones and Mrs. Taylor for their help during this past year, and wish Wilson every future success - may it always be a happy, friendly House.

Fiona Arnold

Margaret Flood

<i>House Mistress:</i>	Miss Lavender
<i>Assistant House Mistress:</i>	Miss Reeves
<i>House Matron:</i>	Miss Goodwin
<i>Assistant House Matron:</i>	Miss Evans.
<i>House Captains:</i>	Fiona Robertson (Autumn) Caroline Board (Spring) Deborah Barton (Summer)
<i>Prefects:</i>	A. Aulton, D. Barton, K. Betterton, C. Board, H. Cobman, J. Evans, M. Hutchinson, J. Lawson, P. Mallett, S. Mayall, F. Robertson, W. Smith.

This year we welcomed many new girls in all forms. We also welcomed two new matrons, Miss Goodwin and Miss Evans. We welcomed a new Form Mistress, Miss Lomas, who teaches English and Music.

We congratulate the following twelve on passing the 11 plus :-

Angela Aulton
Kathryn Betterton
Caroline Board
Christine Boyd
Kate Burgess
Helen Cotman

Isabelle Grillo
Margaret Hutchinson
Philippa Mallett
Sarah Mayall
Sarah Scott
Tracy Thompson

In the Christmas Bazaar, Margaret Flood raised £130 beating all records and coming top. Also, in Lent, Margaret Flood raised £60 by doing odd jobs and selling cakes and toffee and many other delicious things to eat.

In swimming we were very successful, as twenty girls passed their Silver and one person passed her Gold.

This year, Miss Lavender took us on many exciting trips around the countryside. We all went to Treak Cliff Cavern, and Alton Towers, where we had lots of fun. Thank you Miss Lavender. As Ascension Day was in half term, Miss Robinson said that all forms could have Ascension Day on the sixteenth of June. Form I and Lower IIIB went to Alton Towers. Form II went to Monsal Dale, and L IIIA had a lovely day at Twycross Zoo and Higham Grange.

This year in the House Music Competition, we lost the cup to Kennedy, but got very high marks in the Dramatic Item and Recorder Consort.

Speech Day was a great success, and the Rev. Paul Norman's speech about crabs went down very well.

We all thank Miss Lavender for everything she has done for the Junior School this year.

Deborah Barton
Fiona Robertson
Caroline Board
Philippa Mallett

SOCIAL SERVICE REPORT

Many members of the school have once again been active in the work for Social Service. At the beginning of this year we were pleased to note that there was an increase in the number of old people visited by members of the Sixth Form. It is the duty of these visitors to offer their services for any task which they can do and many very pleasant Friday afternoons have been spent this way.

At the beginning of the Autumn Term, many of the girls helped decorate the chapel with fruit, groceries and flowers obtained for the Harvest Festival. After the Festival, gifts were distributed not only to those old people who are visited by our girls but also to other places "The Lindens", Sydnop Hall and Claremont, the Whitworth Hospital and to a number of old people who, it was felt, would appreciate parcels of fruit and groceries.

At the end of the Autumn Term, many of the local old people were our guests at school for a Christmas Party. After this, they gathered in the Front Hall where the choir, led by Mr. Hughes, sang many favourite carols. Front Hall with the blazing fire proved a very cosy setting for this and, after the singing, each guest received a present and a parcel of groceries from under the Christmas Tree.

In the Spring Term, the Houses once again enthusiastically prepared for the Lent Efforts. The Houses joined together in pairs: Powys with Pigot, Kennedy with Gresford and Selwyn with Wilson. The Lent Efforts were enjoyed by all and, in addition, each girl attempted to raise £1 by a personal effort. Most succeeded in this by performing small tasks, such as cleaning shoes. Each of the Houses raised over £30 whilst the largest House total was that of Margaret Flood House whose magnificent effort earned £60. Over all, the Lent Effort raised £312.09.

Over the Christmas period, £25 was given to Help the Aged, and another £25 was sent to the Church of England Children's Society. The proceeds of the Lent Efforts were distributed in the following way: £50 for Christian Aid (with India in mind), £50 for the Red Cross, £50 for Help the Aged, £50 for a Kidney Machine and £25 for Derby Cathedral.

On Tuesday, 3rd July, those old people visited by members of the Sixth Form were again invited to the school; this time they had tea on the lawn of Devonshire House. It was a very hot day but any discomfort was immediately eased by the appearance of strawberries and cream! Our visitors then looked round Devonshire House which they found very pleasant.

1973 has proved a happy and rewarding year for all members of the Social Service Committee and we hope that the enthusiasm and enjoyment which prevailed this year will continue in the future.

Finally, we should like to thank Miss Hilton for her hard work and continued support which we have greatly appreciated. We should also like to thank those members of the Staff who have supplied transport for the old people; they have been very helpful.

Sally Heath
Frances Nelson
(Secretaries)

MUSIC REPORT 1973

The Inter-House Music Competition which was revived last year was held again this year and a much higher standard was achieved. The girls worked hard and the wonderful team spirit that was shown was very gratifying. As Miss Woods from the Manchester College of Music was unable to come to adjudicate, Miss Watts very kindly took her place. The Cup was awarded to Kennedy, with Pigot as runner-up. Miss Watts very kindly presented medals to Alice Chu for her performance of Chopin's Fantasia Impromptu and to Penelope Hill-Wilson for her Flute playing.

The Junior and Senior Concerts took place as usual during the year. We were delighted to see so many parents present at the Junior Concert and we were pleased with the high standard at both Concerts.

Pupils of all ages continue to learn Piano, Violin, Cello, Flute, Clarinet, Recorder, Guitar and Solo Singing.

During the Autumn and Spring Terms we have as usual been to the Sheffield Philharmonic Concerts. We are sorry to say Good-bye to Miss Thompson at the end of this term. As Head of the Music Department for many years, she did much to maintain a high standard of music in the school and even after she retired from this position she has continued to be a source of strength to the department. We all wish her a very happy retirement.

M. Rees Jones.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION REPORT

Games Staff : Mrs. Fearn, Miss Davey

Hockey Captain : Jennifer Bird

Tennis Captain : Ronel Jansen

Swimming Captain : Philippa Allen

Games Secretary : Sarah Gelling

As usual, bad winter weather cancelled many of our hockey matches this year. Despite this all the teams played extremely well throughout the season; the 1st XI only lost two matches, and the 2nd XI, Under XV and Under XIV teams won all their games. Our fixture with the Matlock Training College gave the 1st XI and the 2nd XI their first opportunity of playing on red gra. The game was much faster on red gra, but we soon succeeded in controlling the ball quite satisfactorily.

The summer term marked the beginning of a more hectic tennis season than in the previous year, for more school matches were played as well as the House matches and the Nestle's Tournament. Our first match of the season was the Aberdare Cup but unfortunately we failed to qualify for the second round; of the remaining matches the 1st team won two and lost one, the 2nd team won one, the Under XV team won one and lost two, and the Under XIV team won two.

This year we reverted to the knock-out system in the House matches as the short time allowance at weekends prevented every House playing each of the others. The eventual winners were Gresford House with Selwyn as runners-up. The highlight of the tennis season could probably be allotted to the 1st team match against the Old Girls of St. Elphin's. Only one Old Girl came prepared with tennis whites and racket, and fitting out five Old Girls of various sizes proved to be a very difficult, though amusing task! When we all finally emerged on to the tennis courts, St. Elphin's present-day team stunningly defeated their predecessors.

This year we were very fortunate in that we were able to use the Matlock Lido all through the year. This has been transformed from a freezing-cold, outdoor pool, to a warm, metric indoor pool.

The number of swimming awards increased tremendously this year and many girls attained such heights as the Bronze Cross and the Teacher's Award. However, for the first time in ten years we reluctantly handed over the Triangular Shield to the Convent. There were no Senior events in this Gala, as most of the Fifth and Sixth Forms from the Convent had gone home.

The Inter-House Gala was a much more exciting event and there was some quite spectacular swimming from some individuals. A close battle for the cup was fought between Powys, Kennedy and Gresford - Kennedy being the eventual winners.

We congratulate the following girls on their swimming awards:-

Royal Life Saving Society

Teacher's Award

Joanna Fricker, Penelope Pass, Caroline Wareham.

Bronze Cross

Joanna Fricker, Jennifer Whitton, Janis Mitchell, Beverley Smith, Caroline Walker, Beverley Elks, Sarah Elsmie, Julia Rowley, Claire Derry, Sarah Jane Robinson, Tonia Way, Virginia Orme, Jill Sampson, Judith Sykes, Jennifer Batty, Easta Eltham, Janet Bolton, Annabel Seddon, Alison Cooper, Adele Hodgkinson, Susan Cormie, Helen Round, Caroline Wareham, Elizabeth Felton.

42 girls won the **Bronze Medallion**.

Amateur Swimming Association

Honours Personal Survival Award

Miranda Ball, Susan Lord, Rachel Robertson, Jill Sampson.

Gold Personal Survival Award

Toni Gascoigne, Christine Banton, Anne Kelly, Rosamund Smith, Katherine Slatter, Caroline Cooper, Helen Round, Sally Dickinson, Miranda Ball, Rachel Robertson, Joanna Fricker, Pamela Scott Gale, Marianne Stewart, Jill Sampson, Diana Hall, Susan Alexander, Claire Armstrong.

Silver Personal Survival Award - 31 girls.

Bronze Personal Survival Award - 57 girls.

RESULTS OF MATCHES

Inter-School Hockey

1st XI - Won all matches except two.

2nd XI, Under XV, Under XIV - Won all matches.

Inter-School Tennis

1st VI - Won 2; lost 1.

2nd VI - Won 1.

U XV VI - Won 1; lost 2.

U XIV VI - Won 2.

Aberdare Cup - 1st VI - Lost to St. Helena 0-3; Beat Hartfield 3-0.

Inter-House Matches

Junior Rounders - 1. Gresford; 2. Kennedy; 3 (equal) Pigot, Wilson.

Tennis - 1. Gresford; 2. Selwyn; 3. Pigot.

Athletics - 1. Pigot; 2. Powys; 3. Wilson.

Swimming - 1. Kennedy; 2. Gresford; 3. Powys.

Athletics Standards - 1. Pigot; 2. Powys; 3. Selwyn.

SCHOOL TEAMS

Hockey 1st XI

Jennifer Bird (Captain), Ronel Jansen, Philippa Allen, Lesley Ledingham, Penelope Thornton, Barbara Evans, Philippa Leach, Penelope Pass, Penelope Turnbull, Carol Emmitt, Elizabeth Felton.

Under 15 XI

Claire Derry (Captain), Lucinda Jordan, Jill Winter, Waveney Potter, Caroline Walker, Tonia Way, Margaret Wardle, Susan Hardee, Jennifer Batty, Janis Mitchell, Fulvia North.

Under 14 XI

Toni Gascoigne (Captain), Marianne Stewart, Elizabeth Atwell, Tansy Woodhead, Sally Round, Barbara Reed, Joanna Allen, Andree Benbow, Sally Dickinson, Jane Lester, Jane Webster.

TENNIS

1st VI

Ronel Jansen, Carol Emmitt, Philippa Leach, Elizabeth Felton, Jennifer Whitton, Sheila Kalirai.

2nd VI

Karen Arnold, Mary Thomas, Lesley Ledingham, Marcelle Jansen, Fulvia North, Mandy Roberts.

Under 15 VI

Claire Derry, Mandy Roberts, Fulvia North, Jennifer Batty, Joanna Allen, Jane Lester.

Under 13 VI

Elizabeth Adams, Rebecca Woodsend, Melanie Sutcliffe, Susan Alexander, Barbara Reed, Toni Gascoigne.

THE SPONSORED WALK

This year, the Sponsored Walk at St. Elphin's took the form of the previous Sponsored Walks and was held at the beginning of the Autumn Term.

After much excitement and last minute preparations to guard against sore feet, those undertaking the twenty miles set off, somewhat bravely, across the hockey pitches towards Two Dales; differing slightly from our usual route up Tom's Field. As well as many of the girls, there was a particularly large number of parents attending the walk, which was very commendable.

The route took us on many of the smaller, more picturesque roads around the area which pleased the walkers; thanks to careful planning only a small part of the twenty miles involved walking along the much-dreaded A6 !

After reaching Rowsley we began the ascent; up the road by the side of the "Peacock Hotel", walking behind Haddon Hall and down through Haddon gardens towards the first check point where the refreshments were gladly received.

We continued the route through some pleasant woods and a rather difficult climb up to the second check point for lunch.

The last stretch was towards Darley Dale Bridge and then back to school again after a tiring but very satisfying trek; I must say that school was never more warmly welcomed than it was on that particular day. Finally, when all the money had been collected and added up we found, much to our delight, that the school was £1080 90p richer.

This sum would not have been achieved but for the co-operation of Mr. Mosley and the staff in organising the event for which we thank them warmly.

M. Hammett.

ECONOMICS "ANY QUESTIONS" FORUM

SUNDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, 1973

Once again we were pleased to welcome to St. Elphin's prominent businessmen who gave up their valuable time to come and answer our questions. Judge Brooke-Willis, Alderman Ramsden, Mr. Prescott, Mr. Pike, Mr. Cauldwell and Mr. Thornton made up the Panel.

Members of the Senior School spent an enjoyable afternoon listening to the Panel answering questions and discussing controversial points. The questions, such as those on V.A.T., the Common Market and the position of the Trade Unions in society, which form an important part of our daily lives, were fully explained. One of the most interesting points brought under discussion was the problem of raising capital for private industry, which was discussed at great length and which proved interesting not only to the economist but to all who were present.

After the debate and a vote of thanks to which Mr. Thornton replied, the gentlemen departed to Miss Robinson's sitting room for refreshments. They went leaving us more knowledgeable about the problems we are faced with today, and it is hoped that Economics Forums will continue to provide as much interest and information as this debate has done.

Sally Heath

SAINT ELPHIN AND THE CONWAY VALLEY

by the Rev. W. R. Jones

Elphin, or more correctly Elfyn, was the son of Gwyddno Garanhir, and a nephew of the notorious Maelgwn Gwynedd, who succeeded Arthur as king of the Britons in 546. It was in the year 517 that Maelgwn Gwynedd arrived in the Isle of Man, successfully expelled the Scots, and annexed the island to his Welsh dominions. Gildas refers to him as 'moulans draco,' - the dragon of the island; he inveighs further and voilently, that Maelgwn was a most cruel and profligate character, and like others of his kind, he sought, ultimately, to atone for his excesses by endowing the newly formed see of Bangor with lands and franchises, and erected the township of Bangor Fawr. The Celtic "bangor" signifies a weir, and the remains of the ancient weir are still to be seen at low water in the sands of the Menai straits just north east of Bangor itself. It is said of Maelgwn, that it was during his stay at Bangor, that he was struck with remorse for his misdeeds and resolved to forsake the secular life in favour of the more cloistered one of the Clâs, but his penitence was short lived, and he returned not long afterwards to the affairs of government.

Elphin's father, Gwyddno Garanhir, was co-regent with Seithennyr (or sometimes Seithennyn), under Maelgwn, of the kingdom of Gwynedd, comprising Anglesey, Caenarvonshire, West Denbighshire, Merioneth and part of Cardigan. Gwyddno Garanhir ruled the lowland hundred of Cantre'r Gwaelod, the now submerged area of Cardigan Bay, a rough triangle with its apices at Bardsey, St. David's Head and Barmouth. Unfortunately for Gwyddno and his peoples at Cantre'r Gwaelod, his co-regent, Seithennyr, was, in terms of the current television plug, only too conscious of what his right arm was for. His duties as regent included overseeing of the sluice-gates which kept out the sea from the lowland hundred, but in his cups one night, he forgot to close the gates! One presumes that it was after this disaster that Elphin sought refuge with his uncle at Deganwy.

Seithennyr had five sons, all of whom were so shocked at the result of their father's intemperance, that they retired to the Clâs of Bangor Monachorum, (Bangor on Dee). The early Welsh Clâs was not a regular chapter in the accepted monastic sense, but a loose gathering of contemplative hermits living in scattered cells, foregathering in chapter only occasionally. After some time at Bangor on Dee, they came back west to join in the general religious revival of the mid sixth century, Tudno to Llandudno, Tudclud to Penmachno at the upper end of the Conway valley, Deneio to Pwllheli, and the remaining two, Merin and Gwynhoedl, to the parishes of Bodferin and Llangwnadl on the north side of the Lley

peninsula. All five parishes still retain their original dedications. Dr. Idris Foster, Professor of Celtic Studies at Oxford, maintains that these were local princelings, with St. Elphin too, presumably in their ranks, who gave lands to the Church, and were generally well disposed, rather than that they were "saints" in the accepted sense. This, perhaps, is borne out by interpreting the names Tudno and Tudclud. The 'TUD' is the equivalent of the modern Welsh "Tad" - father, 'CLUD' is of the same origin as the Gaelic 'clan' ; thus Tudclud becomes the 'father of his people'. The 'no' in the names of Tudno and Gwyddno presents problems of interpretation, and no Celtic scholar has, as yet, ventured upon an interpretation.

On the summit of Deganwy hill, still known by its ancient name of Vaerdre, a large square cell has been cut into the rock within the fortifications of the castle, and tradition has it, that this is the keep in which Elphin was confined by his nefarious uncle, as a result of a dispute between him and the bards. In the Myvyrian Archaeology are extant some poems which have been attributed to Taliesin, a poet of that period, written on behalf of Elphin, Taliesin's patron, and in one of these, he is said to have ultimately procured his patron's release. The Vaerdre hill is renowned as the site of those earliest of national gatherings, and a poem by one Iorwerth Beli mentions such a gathering of bards and minstrels, held under the patronage of Maelgwn Gwynedd. On this occasion, Maelgwn, secretly favouring the bards, made sure that no boats were available to ferry the competitors across the Conway; the musicians had to swim, with detrimental results to their harps and other instruments, and the poets carried away all the prizes.

Nemesis ultimately overtook and dealt very effectively with Maelgwn Gwynedd, for in 560A.D., he died a fearful death of the yellow plague in Llanrhôs church nearby, where he had taken refuge.

Taliesin, the poet already mentioned, wrote prophetically of the end of Maelgwn Gwynedd. This has been translated very aptly by Thomas Love Peacock in his historical romance, "The Misfortunes of Elphin",

"A spectre of the marsh shall rise
With yellow teeth and hair and eyes,
From whom, your king, in vain aloof
Shall crouch beneath the sacred roof.
He, through the half-closed door shall spy
The Yellow Spectre sweeping by;
To whom the punishment belongs
Of Maelgwn's crimes, and Elphin's wrongs.

That Elphin found his way to Warrington to establish his Church there, or, more likely, to counteract and condemn, within an already existing Christian community, the worship of ancient Celtic water deities, was quite a natural sequence, because there was much intercourse between the kingdoms of Manaw (which then encompassed most of Lancastria, Yorkshire and the Isle of Man) and Gwynedd. Sul or Sulis was one such Celtic water spirit. The Romans frequently encouraged these local cults by adopting them and sometimes identifying them with similar cults from their own Graeco-Roman pantheon. That such was the case at Bath, is evident from the name Aqua Sulis. There is further evidence to this effect, in the presence of holy wells at the sites of all our early Christian settlements, and in the ubiquitous name of "Betws" in Wales, signifying a small wattle church built over the local well. It is also more than likely that the custom of well-dressing started with these water divinities which were so prevalent.

Little is known of Deganwy before the sixth century, but Deganwy castle is mentioned in the life of S. Modwenna, an Irish saint, as the place where St Bride (Ffraid) and her companions, Luge and Athea landed, after their adventurous voyage from Ireland. The place is described as 'apud castrum Deganno nomine, iuxta litus immensi maris', namely the little village of Glan Conway, or Llansantffraid, on the Denbighshire side and up river from Deganwy. It is held locally that no one is a true native of the Conway valley, who has not eaten the sparling or smelt, which is only found in the Conway estuary and in one other river in Scotland. The Welsh name for this fish, which has a delightful taste and aroma of cucumber, is a plural collective noun, 'Brwyniaid', - the rushy ones, and perpetuates a beautiful legend, that when Saint Bride arrived, she found the local people suffering a terrible plight by reason of famine, and that to alleviate their hunger, she plucked rushes from the riverside, and scattered them upon the brackish waters of the Conway, whereupon they immediately turned into the 'brwyniaid' which have delighted our palates ever since.

THE SCHOOL CHAPEL - REMINISCENCES

by Ted Hawley

whose memories stretch back to the beginning of the century

In the days before St. Elphin's came to Darley Dale, the school was then known as "The Grove Hotel". The building now used as the Chapel was then used as stables and to house carriages for use at the hotel.

It is interesting to note the changes that have taken place in the structure of the building. If one looks on the outside walls, one can see hooks and rings that would be used for the tethering of horses, and ironwork where doors for the carriages were hung.

On the garden side of the Chapel can be seen a very old headstone with a date of 1678. It is not known if a doorway was here at one time, or if the stone was just built into the wall. If one looks round the building, one will see that the roof has been raised, by the addition of three or four courses of dressed stone. This would greatly improve the acoustics of the building. A new entrance was also made including a porch, and an extension to house the organ.

In the early days, a small room at the east end of the building was used for Cookery classes. This had coal and gas stoves, and would only accommodate about eight pupils at any one time. It was in use until about 1938 when a new Domestic Science room was built.

Round about 1926-27 a friend of Miss Flood and Miss Foster (the resident Secretary) painted the walls around the altar and choir stalls with a mural, "The Four Seasons of the Year". In the centre was a cross, surrounded by blue sky and clouds, while on either side was Spring with flowers and lambs in the fields. Summer was a hay field with a scythe, hay-rake and other tools. Autumn was sheaves of corn, with lots of fruit, vegetables, and flowers, whilst Winter was a man chopping wood.

These scenes remained for some years, until a change took place when the organ was moved to the back of the church and a Lady Chapel came into being where the organ had stood. The small 'cookery room' was made into a sacristy and a stained glass window was put in at the east end of the Chapel. Leaded lights were to replace the plain glass windows, but the war came along and these were put into store until it was over. New chairs replaced the old ones, and the Chapel had a new look.

As a small matter of interest, when the Chapel was first used, a way had been cut through the shrubbery to the main door. This was known as the Chapel cutting. Nothing more was done about this, until one day a steam wagon came up the drive with a load of stone, a present from a Mr. Ackroyd of Birchover Quarries, to be used to make rockery down the cutting. This was done and the Rev. W. J. Stanton, the school Chaplain brought from his garden bluebells, periwinkles, London pride and ferns. The stone is now covered and the bluebells still flower.

The small corrugated Chapel must have been erected when the school first moved to Darley Dale, and used until the present Chapel was ready. There must have been great joy and interest in having made the Chapel out of the old building, but the 'tin' Chapel did very good service and has since been adapted to a variety of different uses. But that is a different story!

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EXPEDITIONS

Upper Sixth visit to Stratford - on - Avon

On July 4th at 9 o'clock, the Upper Sixth departed for Stratford-on-Avon, accompanied by Mrs. Gill and Mrs. Onaç. After an uneventful journey, we arrived in Stratford at mid-day, in blazing sunshine. There were a variety of attractions awaiting us, which caused us to set out in various groups to visit them. We were surprised to find that Stratford, apart from containing many places of historical interest, was also equipped with a mass of shops many of which were very interesting and well worth a visit.

For a small sum, a street plan could be bought, and by following it, Shakspeare's birthplace was eventually located. This proved to be a small, half-timbered, extremely attractive house, situated amongst antique and fruit shops, and for a small entry fee, could be visited. However, other attractions proved greater. Around this area there was also a very ancient "guild" chapel which had fallen into dilapidation and needed money for restoration. Inside was a very ancient fresco depicting the Judgement.

In the Holy Trinity Church by the river, we found Shakespeare's tomb. The church was large and again badly in need of funds for restoration, which was why Shakespeare's tomb had been cordoned off, and a charge imposed for viewing it.

The churchyard was beautifully kept, and formed part of the river bank. Along the river bank we found the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, and also a platform where boats could be hired.

This proved to be an attractive prospect to most of us. Unfortunately, the boats were really much bigger than they first appeared to us, and therefore proved to be quite difficult to wield. Negotiation through bridge archways required great skill. The river itself was beautiful, flowing slowly, with many weeping willows on its banks. It also had an abundant share of swans and ducks which were duly fed with scraps of bread.

The Upper Sixth of St. Elphin's were not the only party that appreciated the beauties of Stratford. In addition, there were many large groups of Germans, Austrians and others of more obscure nationalities. At length, the time for our return drew nigh, and we all met at the coach and returned through Warwickshire and Staffordshire, to school.

Helen Evans

A visit to "Macbeth"

As both the Upper Fifth and the Lower Sixth had studied "Macbeth" for 'O' level, our visit to the film at Matlock was of particular interest to these forms.

After an early supper we left for the Ritz Cinema in Matlock, which has recently been modernized with the result that there are now several small studios replacing one large cinema. Owing to this St. Elphin's had almost a monopoly of seats in the studio where the film was being held, leaving very little room for the public.

This version of 'Macbeth' was interpreted for the screen by Roman Polanski and Kenneth Tynan. The film adhered closely to the text with the exception of a few minor incidents - Donalbain reappeared at the end of the play seeking guidance from the witches, and Ross became the third murderer of Banquo. The most was made of the play's fearful encounters, with the liberal use of simulated blood. Macbeth (portrayed by Jon Finch) and his lady (Francesca Annis) were represented as very gullible and very superstitious. Ross (John Stride) became the eternal time-server. He assists with the murder of Banquo and Macduff's children for Macbeth, yet is first to cry hail to the new king, whilst Macbeth's head is being transfixed on a pole. He appeared to be the only person in the play who knew what he was doing and where he was going. The appearance of the dagger was rather false but the appearance of the ghost of Banquo at the feast was completely the opposite.

The film ended at eight and we clambered onto the buses to return to school having thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, and feeling that this was one film that we would not forget.

Barbara Evans

'A' level French Open Day at Nottingham University

The 'A' level French students in the Upper Sixth must have benefited from the visit to Nottingham University in March, whether in knowledge of the French system of Education or of Molière and Camus.

The Open Day consisted of a series of lectures, each lasting just over an hour, and a discussion group. On the whole we found the French fluent and easy to understand.

We first heard a very interesting talk in French by a French University lecturer on the French system of education today. This

was followed by the discussion group which unfortunately did not include any of the authors we were studying. We then had dinner in the refectory and attended a lecture in English on Molière and one in French on Camus. This last lecture was lengthened and we had to hurry away to catch the bus. However, we felt that the day had been well worth while and we also had a chance to admire the magnificent University buildings and surroundings. We all found something of interest.

Gerda Camenisch.

"Ross"

In March we were pleased to be invited by the Denstone College Literary Society to attend their performance of "Ross", written by Terence Rattigan, and concerning the exploits and psychological problems of Lawrence of Arabia.

We looked forward eagerly to the performance as we drew near the somewhat bleak college. On arrival we were escorted to the hall, which is smaller than ours but has a larger stage, and each person was provided with a programme.

Many factors contributed towards an enjoyable performance. The large cast caught the mood of the play admirably, and there were some excellent interpretations of character. Ross was played with great sensitivity, revealed at one point by his visibly shaking and thus betraying his inner feelings. We also enjoyed the humour of Colonel Barrington and of Rashid, and the actors playing the soldiers enlivened the play by their obvious enjoyment of their parts.

Much care had been taken to find the appropriate costumes and equipment, which, with the effective lighting and the familiar music from the film of Lawrence of Arabia, added to the success of the play.

We returned to school at a late hour, having had a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Lindsay White

Visit to the Tutankhamun Exhibition

Before dawn, on the morning of the Thirteenth of November, five coaches turned out of the school gates and headed for London. We were on our way to see the famous treasures found in the tomb of Tutankhamun, then on display in the British Museum.

After a short stop at a service station on the motorway we arrived in London at eleven o'clock and made our way to Russell Square. As the British Museum had organized a special morning for school parties we only had to queue for an hour.

The exhibition was ingeniously laid out to simulate the interior of the tomb where the treasures were found. The first room told the story of the discovery of the tomb in the valley of the kings, the removal of the treasures and the life stories of the archeologists themselves. The remaining rooms contained the display of the treasures. The show cases were both thermatically and hermetically sealed to maintain a constant environment for their contents.

The two outstanding exhibits were, in our opinion, the death-mask itself and a golden bull's head. There were many other items including magnificent jewelry, caskets and statues.

The inevitable souvenir shop awaited our exit from the exhibition and when we finally managed to extricate ourselves from this we set off to explore the rest of the museum.

Unfortunately we were not able to linger in London as long as we would have liked because of the rush hour traffic. There was a delay on the motorway because of an accident which meant a late arrival back at school. All the same we had had a worthwhile and enjoyable day.

P. Allen
C. Kirkham

The Field Study Weekend in Whitby

After lunch on an overcast Friday afternoon in October, the Geographers and Biologists of the Upper and Lower Sixths set off for a field study weekend in Whitby, Yorkshire.

After a short stop at a motorway service station, we arrived at the Hotel Carlill on the sea front at Whitby. A large evening meal having been consumed, we explored Whitby and then went to bed to get an early start next morning.

Some of us took a walk before breakfast along the pier, sighting a seal in the bay. After breakfast we went down to Robin Hood's Bay, an attractive fishing village near Whitby. The beach and wave-cut platform provided an excellent site for the Biologists to study in detail the flora and fauna of the rock pools, while the Geographers studied the fine coastal features including the peculiar wave-cut platform and the boulder clay cliffs.

After lunch, whilst the Biologists set up canes and string to study a transverse section of the beach, the Geographers went on a nature trail at Ravenscar. Unfortunately our interpretation of the booklet provided let us down and we got lost. Later that afternoon, leaving the Biologists on the beach, the Geographers went in the coach to study the glacial overflow channels of the North Yorkshire moors, calling at Scarborough on the way. We returned to the hotel for another fine meal.

Next day we went to church and had the rest of the morning free. Then the Geographers were given a map-reading exercise which involved finding the best way, using the map, to get to Ravenscar again. The small teashop at Ravenscar benefited greatly by our custom.

Wishing goodbye to the hotel proprietress, we set off after tea in the coach, to go back via Thirsk, again to study overflow channels. After another stop in York to eat our free packed meal, we arrived at school in good time, tired, but looking forward to the next expedition.

Thank you Miss Marsden and Miss Cooper for taking us.

J. Adams, J. Sheppey, P. Pass, J. Shipman.

Field Course at Combe Martin

This course was held during the last week of the Easter holidays under the guidance of Mrs. Johnson and Miss Marsden.

We travelled down to Devon on the Sunday morning, (leaving one behind who "thought it was tomorrow" and one with flu), taking the leisurely route through the Cotswolds, calling in at Moreton in the Marsh and Dunster en route.

Combe Martin is an exceptionally quiet little place (out of season) which stretches along the Ilfracombe road for about two

miles and clusters round a tiny inlet. Our hotel, the Poplars, on the hillside, overlooked the town, bay, and the strawberry beds. This hotel was a discovery of Miss Marsden and the food was magnificent. We tried to persuade the owners to come back to school with us to arrange daily banquets!

We spent a very busy five days in North Devon and managed to fit in a very wide variety of visits - those to towns always happening to be on early closing days! We visited two factories, one in Barnstaple, which made shirt fabrics for the country's main producers and the other the Dartington Glassworks. At the Dartington factory we were able to watch the glass blowing for a long time and to observe that most of the glassware is blown into moulds, the extra bits then being cracked off, by applying heat at a later stage.

We also carried out coastal studies in contrasting areas, firstly at Hartland Quay, with its very contorted beds of rock and features of erosion, exposed to the full force of the Atlantic gales, and later at Westward Ho! where depositional features were observed. The most striking feature at Westward Ho! is the long, high shingle ridge built by the sea into the Taw Estuary. We did an ankle-bruising walk along the ridge, studying its profiles and the adjacent lagoon and dunes, and then travelled round to the North side of the estuary to look at the Braunton Barrows dune complex, losing Mrs. Johnson on the way!

Other visits included Lynmouth and Lynton, Bideford, Clovelly and Ilfracombe. At Lynmouth we walked along the banks of the East Lyn river, recalling the devastating floods of twenty years ago and then round the cliffs to the Valley of the Rocks and Lynton. In Lynton we were merely tourists and were able to spend some time sunbathing before staggering back up the steep, cobbled main "road". (One member of Staff came up by Land Rover!)

In Ilfracombe we saw our first, and only, rain. Our return journey was by motorway, so we were soon home for the last weekend of the holiday. It was decided that, as the course had been so enjoyable and profitable, and food so good, next year's course would be in the same area.

Field Course in Brittany

On Thursday, 29th March, a party of twenty girls accompanied by Miss Marsden and Mrs. Fearn with her son, Jeremy, set off for Southampton, where our coach boarded the ferry which was to take us to Le Havre.

We spent the night on the ferry, waking up early next morning to have our breakfast and see the ferry sail into Le Havre harbour. Our party was first off the ferry, so we were soon on the road.

We drove through Normandy, and soon arrived at Bayeux. Here, we went to see the famous Tapestry, an embroidery of English origin, made by Queen Matilda and her ladies. It took us twenty minutes to go round the tapestry.

After dinner in Bayeux, we set off for Rotheneuf, where we were to stay during our holiday and on arriving at the hotel, had our supper and went to bed. On the Saturday, we went to Mont St. Michel, a picturesque island famous for its Abbey. After wandering around for a while here, we went on to Cancales to see the oyster beds, ending the day with a walk on the headlands of Pointe du Groin.

On Sunday, we walked to the Rotheneuf aquarium, and the carved rocks and in the afternoon we visited St. Malo, where we all walked round the town walls.

The Tidal Power Station of the Rance was our next place to visit. Here a guide took us round and explained how everything worked.

On our last day, Tuesday, we visited Dinan, a very attractive town, and again, St. Malo.

Sadly, the end of our stay approached and at the hotel we grudgingly packed our cases. The journey back on the ferry was a rough one and many people were seasick. From Southampton we drove to the Cotswold Hotel in Watford for the night, and set off next day after a beautifully prepared lunch. Our next stop was Derby and then school, from where we dispersed to our various homes after a most enjoyable time.

Tracey Oliver LIVA

OLD GIRLS' SECTION

Letter from the Headmistress

July 1973.

My dear Old Girls,

It was very pleasant to see so many of you at the Reunion at School in May and what a splendid idea it was of our Secretary to extend it to families, in order to enable those to attend who would otherwise not have been able to leave children or families. Babies abounded, centres of admiration. Fathers certainly seemed to welcome the refuge of my study at times but altogether it was a most successful venture and a happy atmosphere prevailed throughout the day.

Eileen Smart is anxious to have the next Reunion in London as Owen's Park in Manchester has seen us two or three times. Put the date (May 18th) down in your diaries and try to keep it free, especially all the nurses, and there are plenty of you in various hospitals in London - Jonsey, Leekie, Jo (near London now) etc. etc., so let us see a big bunch of you. Be off-duty that Saturday.

You will read in another part of this Magazine that Miss Smith and Miss Thompson have now retired after 20 years or more on the staff. We cannot quite imagine the School without them. They are both honorary members of the Guild now so many of their past pupils will have an opportunity of meeting them again from time to time.

Another building is in the pipe line. It is high time for the wooden classroom to be replaced and this has already begun as the majority of lessons are now taught in the I.B. The Governors are now planning to build more rooms near the I.B. so that all lessons can be taught there in the specialist rooms, while the wooden classrooms will become only assembly points for form time etc. I can visualise in time to come a quadrangle near the I.B. for a Library, Music School, Arts Centre, but that is in the future!

Next year, 1974, will be the 130th anniversary of this School's founding. The friends are making a special effort to achieve their target, the Swimming Bath, to mark this. We have about £25,000 in covenants, over a period of seven years, and the project is going ahead, but I am very much aware that our eutopias must give way to our subtopias.

My love and best wishes to you all in your different walks of life.

Yours sincerely,
Philippa Robinson

REUNION AT ST. ELPHIN'S

We were again fortunate in having a lovely day for our Reunion on Saturday, May 19th, when over 60 of us were present, many of the 40 Old Girls bringing husbands, parents, children or grandchildren with them which made it a real family day.

Coffee was served on arrival and was followed by the A.G.M. in the Common room when Miss Robinson took the Chair and opened the meeting with prayers during which we remembered those who had died during the year.

She then welcomed us officially and said how much she enjoys having us and our families at the School. Indeed, she would have liked us to come every year, but many of us felt that it would be better to continue to come every other year, with the alternative Reunion being held in different parts of the country. (After twice being in Manchester, next year's is to be in London on May 18th.)

The Treasurer's Report was received and read in his absence by the Secretary.

We were then told of new buildings etc. round the School and invited to see them for ourselves.

We were all sorry to hear that Miss Smith and Miss Thompson are to retire, and glad to know that they will be honorary members of the Guild.

After an excellent lunch served by Miss Parkinson and her staff we spent a leisurely afternoon wandering round the School and grounds, admiring the new buildings, watching the Tennis Match and gossiping.

Tea on the terrace and Evensong in Chapel concluded a very enjoyable day made possible by the kindness of Miss Robinson and the members of her staff, and we look forward to our next "family day" Reunion in 1975.

THE S.W. REUNION 1972

On Saturday, November 11th, the Annual Reunion was held at the Dean's Lodging, Wells, at the invitation of the Dean and Mrs Edwards (née Diana Crick).

We were welcomed with a glass of sherry and much chatter! A delicious 'sit-down' lunch was provided by Diana and Beryl West (née Renwick), at which we were joined by the Dean and Beryl's husband, the Bishop of Taunton.

During the afternoon there was a short meeting at which it was decided to hold the next Reunion in the Taunton Area. We were pleased that Miss Burchnall (who was present) consented to continue as President, and our thanks were extended to our Hosts, and to Stella Allen, for going to a great deal of trouble to arrange this Reunion (Stella was unable to leave her Father, now well over 90 years old).

After tea, and more talk we left Wells to go our several ways, with thoughts of St. Elphins and Derbyshire, and memories of another enjoyable and interesting Reunion.

Frances Trower-Foyan

Since writing the above account, it was with great sorrow that we heard of the very sudden death of Diana's husband. I am sure all those at the Reunion, as well as those who knew Diana at school, would like to offer their very deep sympathy to her and her family.

Also, early in 1973, I went over to Somerton to the funeral of Stella Allen's father, Canon Allen. Apart from Stella and the family, Beryl West, Diana Edwards and Mary Goodman's brother, the Rev. Den Goodman were there, and Beryl West's husband officiated.

This most attractive Church was well-filled with a congregation who joined in the Service and sang beautifully to make this far from a sad occasion—just as Canon Allen would have wanted, after a long and happy life.

Letter from the secretary

Finlandia,
41, Pinewood Avenue,
Bolton - le - Sands,
Cainforth, Lancs.

Dear Fellow-members,

Thank you all for your interesting letters; I have tried to put most of your news items in the magazine so that we can all share them.

You will read the date of the 1974 Re-union in at least two other places, but I would like to mention it yet again. Some years ago we held alternate Re-unions in London, but latterly they were so badly attended that we discontinued them and turned to Manchester. However, I have recently had many letters asking if it would be possible to come South again, so we are trying it once more. Please, if you live within reach of London, or work there, do try to be free that weekend and join us.

At the moment, the details are not finalised, but you will be notified of these - probably in February. Meanwhile you can book the date:- Saturday, May 18th, 1974.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Eileen S. Smart.

NEWS OF OLD GIRLS

SUSAN AIKMAN (née Mackenzie) spent 18 months during 1972 in Kenya working for V.S.O. as a nursing sister in a small rural mission hospital. Her husband - a civil engineer - was also working for V.S.O. in Kenya where he was developing irrigation projects. They are now in Scotland while he is taking a post-graduate course in irrigation engineering, and hope to be able to work in other developing countries for a while before settling down in the U.K.

DEBORAH BAIRD-CLARKE (née Clarke) and her husband hope to settle in Wallasey for a while as he is working for the Civil Service in Liverpool. While in Guernsey they met PAT THORNTON. Deborah also hears frequently from MAGDA BAGGOT (née Cullen) who is now living in Zambia and has a small daughter.

ALIX BERWICK has now retired after 23 years as H. M. Inspector of Schools. She is a Licensed Reader in the Winchester Diocese.

MARGARET CARMICHAEL (née Houghton) is still in charge of the Georgian Town House (No. 3 Dysart Buildings, Nantwich, Cheshire) mentioned in "Historic Houses, Castles and Gardens". She will be delighted to show anyone around (there is a small charge) Ring 0270-65669 (a.m.) or 0270-64169

MARY CORDER (née Beeley) is living with her Nurseryman husband in Westmorland. They have two children, David Alexander, born in 1970 and Rosemary Anne, born in 1972. BETTY HOOD (née Turner) is Godmother to Rosemary and came up for her christening. Betty has 3 children, teenagers Timothy and Karen and 3 year old Rebecca to whom Mary is Godmother.

JULIET DAVIES has just finished her final professional qualification for social work - Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Social Science - at Leeds, and is returning to Cheshire to work in the Social Service Area Office at Crewe. Her training has included work in a girls' Approved School, a residential school for E.S.N. children, and a large Comprehensive school as well as Medical Social work.

JANE DAWTEY (née Neil) has moved to a lovely part of Cardigan where her husband, Geoffrey, is Resident Engineer for a new sewage scheme. Their little girl, Elizabeth, started at the village school in January and already knows a number of Welsh songs and is fast acquiring an accent. Christopher, who is a "real boy" was 2 in May.

MARY DAYBELL qualified as S.R.N. last November at St. Thomas's Hospital and has since completed 6 months' staffing experience to gain his hospital badge. She commenced her Mid-

wifery training at Queen Charlotte's Hospital in July. She has recently returned from a holiday in Ontario and in May represented St. Thomas's at the International Council of Nurses Quadrennial Congress, Mexico City. She keeps in touch with several Old Girls including JULIE WHITE (née Ervine), HILARY HEPWORTH, KATIE PARRY-EVANS, ANN TURNER, JO LEWIS (née Dickman) and MARGARET JONES.

SUE ELTOFT has obtained an Honours Degree in History and Religious Studies at Leeds University and next year will start her training as a solicitor, also in Leeds.

DOROTHY FITCH (née Shaw) cannot get about much because of arthritis so her chief pastime is embroidery. She has completed "about 20" hassocks for the St. Elphin's Chapel and also 2 for the O.B.E. Chapel in St. Paul's Cathedral Crypt as memorials to her husband, one of the first of the Order in 1917-18. She has also finished a cushion with crests for a chair presented in his memory to St. Mary's, Taunton, and went down there for its dedication in July. Recently PHYLLIS GAVIN (née White) and MADDY EVETTS (née Perry-Gore) have been to stay with her in her very convenient ground floor flat with its view of a lovely old house and lots of oak trees

MARGARET FOLEY (formerly Brown, née Wontner-Smith) has been living in Chippenham for two years. They designed their own house and had great fun watching it grow. Her twin daughters, Sheila and Barbara, who were baptised in St. Elphin's Chapel, have just completed 4 year courses at Leeds Polytechnic and Ravensbourne College of Art respectively. Her son, Richard, who has just left Moncton Combe, where he was Deputy Head, and twice represented Somerset at the National Schoolboy Athletics Championships, is now at Loughborough University reading Civil Engineering. She also sends news of her step-children (whom many O.G's will remember) - Patsy (now in Scotland after 2 years in New Zealand, Jill (living and working in London) and Jeremy (at a new Craft Centre near Glastonbury).

LOIS GRAINGER has obtained a teaching appointment with Manchester Education Authority and teaches in one of its City Schools.

CONNIE HARDWICK (née Kaye) has moved from Cornwall and is now living near to her sister JOAN in Lee-on-Solent. While in Cornwall she has exchanged visits with many old friends including MURIEL DODD, MARJORIE NOBLE (née Courtenay), LENA and MARJORIE NICOL, and NORA WARHURST (née Sexton). Now she and Joan hope to visit Mollie Miller (née Husband) in the Isle of Wight.

ANNE HEYWOOD (née Toone) has a son, Thomas, aged 6 and a daughter, Emma, who is 3. She and her family returned to the U.K. at Christmas after a year spent in Antwerp and hope to settle near Reading. Anne would like to hear from LYNN KINIL.

MARY HILSDEN is teaching English at the Cheltenham Ladies' College.

MOLLY HINDLE (née Cheese)'s daughter, Mary, has now completed her 2nd year at St. Martin's Training College, Lancaster. She sends news of Muriel Rose (née Stavert), widowed for many years, one of whose two sons is married to a German girl, and of Evelyn Young (née Stavert) whose daughter is working in Paris - she thinks, at the British Embassy. Molly also hears from Dorothy Taylor (née Purchin) who is Mary's god mother.

JOAN HULME (née Waddington) is still at Hope Hospital but for the past year has been teaching part-time in the Nurses' Training School. She has enjoyed this very much and is now starting on the course for her Teaching Certificate. In February she became a "grandmother" to her step-daughter's baby - a boy.

MARGARET LAITHWAITE (née Owen)'s daughter, who has completed her second year at Castleton, was confirmed in May.

SYLVIA LLOYD is still working in the Housing Department of the Basildon Development Corporation.

ANN MARGAND (née Osborne)'s son, Roger, has MARGARET WATSON for his godmother. Ann tells me that ROSALIND JACKSON is still in Switzerland but hopes to come back to England this year and will live in Banbury.

ADELAIDE MILLIGAN'S sight has not deteriorated any further and the specialist has given her permission to resume her amateur acting. She gave a North Yorkshire monologue at a recent charity performance.

MARGARET MORGAN (née Ellison) moved to Alberta, Canada in October 1972, where her husband is surgeon in a group practice. Luckily their first Canadian winter has been the mildest for many years and, at the time she wrote, they were enjoying the lovely spring weather. She would be glad to hear from anyone from St. Elphins who is over there (see new addresses).

ELIZABETH MUMFORD is Secretary to the Assistant Financial Director of the Financial Times which she finds very interesting. She has seen quite a lot of MARGARET POTTS who has been coming to London to do research for her M. Litt.

MARGARET OLDBURY (née Watson) works as a Secretary in the Norwich City College. She has recently married a Lecturer there. She sends me news of several Old Girls whom she has met recently; ROSEMARY KERSHAW (nee Hill) lives in Essex and has a little boy, Christopher, and expects another baby in November; ANNE SAVAGE is a Dental Receptionist near Sheffield; MARY TUX-WORTH (née Copps) lives in Grimsby and has 2 children, Emma and Charles; JUDY SHARP (née Furness) lives outside York and has two daughters. Margaret would like to hear news of ROSEMARY THORNE and JOAN TOMLINSON

MISS OPPEN (Staff) has now retired but is kept very busy with voluntary work. We knew her as Miss Oppenheimer, but in 1967 she changed her name by deed-poll, shortening it in order to simplify both spelling and pronunciation.

SYBIL OSMOND (née Wells) as well as having been elected to the new, smaller Governing Body of St. Elphins, is a member of the General Purposes Committee.

OENONE ROONEY (née Dunkley) with her husband and little girl, is spending 2 years in England while her husband obtains teaching experience here. Then they expect to return to New Zealand. They are staying with her parents in Durham and would be pleased to meet any contemporaries who are up there.

JOAN SALES (née Lloyd) whose husband died just over a year ago, is living at "Lyndene", Kent Bank, Grange-over-Sands, Lancs and would be glad to hear of any Old Girls nearby. Her father, Canon Lloyd, lives with her.

CATHERINE SMART and her mother EILEEN SMART (née Whittaker) spent a holiday in Egypt at Easter. Having loved the Nile at its source in Uganda, they felt they would like to see it in its final stages. They found the trip interesting - if rather exhausting, and particularly enjoyed the time they spent at Luxor, where they saw the temples of Kanak and Luxor and climbed the hills of Thebes to visit the tombs of the Kings and the Nobles on the West Bank. They also went up Lake Nasser by hydrofoil from Aswan to the temples of Abu Simbel and, of course, they rode on camels to see the Pyramids and the Sphinx.

FAY SMITH (née Tricket) has 3 sons aged 22, 19 and 16 who are, respectively, a qualified accountant, at University, and doing A-levels. She sees MARY BARRATT (née Baron) who has 4 children.

MARY STONEHAM (née Smart) is busy at home with her small son John, who has ELIZABETH NEEDHAM for his godmother. As she misses her teaching Mary has started taking pupils for piano lessons.

MARGARET SYREET (née Bowers) works as a full time teaching Midwife. Her son who is starting his A-level course at a local school after doing O-levels at boarding school, hopes eventually to go into the Army. Her daughter (age 14) is very keen on animals, and spends most of her free time at the local riding stables.

FRANCES TROWER-FOYAN (née Adams)'s son Michael, is reading Geography at Southampton University, and her daughter, Wendy, was confirmed in April by the Bishop of Taunton, husband of BERYL WEST (née Renwick). MARY GOODMAN who is Wendy's godmother, came for the weekend and Beryl accompanied her husband to the confirmation. Frances plays tennis "in odd moments" in the summer, and she and her husband run a Badminton club in the winter.

EVELINE THOMAS (née Trower-Foyan) now lives in Godshill in the Isle of Wight.

WINIFRED THOMPSON spent a very interesting holiday organized by the Scottish National Trust. They cruised up the West of the British Isles after visiting places in Normandy and Guernsey, but especially enjoyed the Scottish part of the trip, which included Iona. She enjoys visiting, and being visited by her niece PAULINE THOMAS (née Thompson) and her family. Pauline has recently moved house and has "created a charming garden out of what seemed to be a builders' dump", says Winifred.

ANGELA WELLS is Assistant Bursar at St. Hild's College, Durham.

JULIE WHITE (née Ervine) finished her Teacher Training Course at Bedford College of Education last year; she is now married to a graduate of the Agricultural Engineering College near Bedford and was happy that 4 friends from St. Elphin's were able to be at the wedding. She is teaching at a Grammar School in Northern Ireland near where her husband works with his father on their mushroom farm; they went to the U.S.A. for 6 weeks recently, as Ian had a Nuffield Farming Scholarship to study the mechanization of mushroom growing in the U.S.A. and Canada. They would love to see any old friends and tell them that N. Ireland is not one mass of bombs; they live only 50 yards from the sea in an atmosphere of peace and quiet.

BETTY WILKINS (née Martin) is delighted to be living in the country again as her husband has been appointed Head of the School at Nuffield, a small village 700ft. up on the top of the Chilterns. She herself is teaching part-time now that Hilary has started school. They spent a holiday with JUNE HANNANT (née Bun) and family last year, and have also been down to Surrey to visit MARY Mc-MEEKING (née Hibbins).

KATHERINE WILLSON (née Andrews) was married in 1969 and now has 2 sons. They have just moved to Banbury (see new addresses) and would be interested to know if there are any other members near there.

ELAINE WOODHOUSE has been on a painting holiday to Lincoln and Bruges.

JULIA WRIGHT (née Wells) emigrated to Australia in 1969, and has recently married an Australian. They are at present living in Sidney.

My Trip to Mexico - May 1973

What a wonderful surprise it was for me to learn that I was going to Mexico! For Mexico is a country I had never anticipated seeing, since it is so many thousands of miles away, and therefore such an opportunity, with all expenses paid, was not to be missed! I had been asked to represent St. Thomas' Hospital at the International Council of Nurses' Quadrennial Congress to be held in the Olympic Stadium in Mexico City.

I do not intend writing about the Congress itself, as this would not be of great interest to readers! However, there is much to say about Mexico and its people.

It is a country full of contrasts. Contrasts in music, beauty, light, culture, architecture and poverty. The people are gay and carefree which is most refreshing when one is on holiday, but a little frustrating otherwise, I should imagine. They get up and dance at the sound of music and the evening spent by a lake in the city's famous Chapultepec Park was memorable. You can imagine the scene - Mexican women, dressed beautifully in their colourful national costumes, their skirts swirling to the music played by handsome young Mexicans who stamped on the ground simultaneously. The park was full of people and *taquilla* and *tortillos* were in abundance! Though it was supposed to be for the 4000 nurses attending the Congress, we were outnumbered by the Mexican paupers who swarmed in off the streets grabbing at any food in sight and having a whale of a time!

It was certainly the poverty of these people that struck us most of all - children in rags and barefoot, fathers propped up against the walls of their roofless houses (very evident in certain parts of Mexico City), mothers with children pulling at their skirts and old men and

women begging, or selling tropical fruit. Actually, providing one thoroughly washed these gorgeous fruits, one enjoyed a really delicious fruit dish.

The Aztecs were the first race to settle in the region of present-day Mexico City. In 1325, after they had searched for 200 years, a settlement was found. Their God Huitzilopochtli had said that the place where an eagle was seen perched on a cactus, devouring a serpent, should be their home. Tenochtitlan was founded and a great empire developed which reached into Central America.

In 1521 Tenochtitlan fell to the Spaniards and the Colonial period began. Churches, palaces, etc. were erected over the great ruins of the Aztec capital.

Outside Mexico City at Teotihuacan (City of Gods), one can visit the ruins of an immense Aztec city recently discovered. We were able to climb two pyramids dedicated to the sun and moon.

The Spanish influence is great and there are few true Mexican Indians left. Sixteenth century buildings are ornate and rich, a vivid contrast to the poverty surrounding them.

The Anthropology Museum, completed in 1964 is beautifully constructed with ample room for display. We spent many interesting hours viewing the contents of this fascinating Museum. The Aztec Calendar on show is of basalt, 12 feet wide, and represents the face of the sun. It is a 52 year calendar. The Aztec month of 20 days is depicted by an animal, a different one for each day and these surround four blocks each representing the gods of the four seasons, that is, wind, fire, rain and water. It is interesting that the pyramids had five, six or even seven layers as a new one was built over the previous one at the end of the 52 year cycle.

One of our trips took us to the shrine of Guadalupe which is rather like Lourdes. Many people walk the last mile to this shrine on their knees, in the hope of some miracle being performed. A cathedral has been built in front of the shrine where legend tells of a certain Indian who had a vision of the Lady of Guadalupe. Above the altar hangs a picture frame inside which is a piece of cloth with a picture of this Lady imprinted. Despite much examination that it was painted by human hand cannot be proved.

The countryside is very arid, though parts are fertile. The mountains, a continuation of the Andes range, are a wonderful sight, especially with the sun on them as shadows seem to give a colourful effect. The dormant volcanoes outside Mexico City are snow-capped throughout the year. Candelabra and taquilla cacti and jacoranda trees add beauty to the scene.

We flew to Merida in the Yucatan where we spent six glorious days looking at ancient archaeological sites of the Mayans. We aimed at climbing two pyramids daily - not always an easy task with temperatures in the 90's and a high humidity level!

The Mayans originated in 600 B.C. from South America and Guatemala, extending to El Salvador. They arrived in Yucatan in 850 A.D. From the carvings on the ruins one can learn a great deal about them. Their strong religious faith in the gods guided them, and their ceremonies must have been magnificent. The temples at Uxual and Chichan - Itza were constructed with great precision.

There certainly must have been a few talented architects and builders amongst them. The Toltecs conquered the Mayans and these warriors were great ones for human sacrifice!

Even today many Mexicans still live in mud and sisal huts with one room and a fire burning in the middle. They are completely self sufficient in these village communities and looked in awe at us while the cameras flashed! (They seemed to enjoy it, though!)

The markets were an entertainment in themselves! Bargaining is the operative word and many items could be purchased very cheaply. Explaining that you were "Engleesh; no American" made quite a difference to the price!

A 15 hour flight home ended our wonderful trip. Roll on 1977 when the I.C.N. meet in Japan. I have already started to save my pennies!

Mary Daybell.

BIRTHS

GADDUM - On January 13th 1973, to HILDA (née Scott), a second son, Giles Hugh Joynson.

GRANGE - On July 14th 1972, to JANE (née Bailey), a son, Daniel Robert, brother for Jonathan.

JERVIS - On January 20th 1973, to ERICA (née Speakman) a son, Stephen Wilfred.

PASCOE - To ELAINE (née Walmsley), a daughter.

ROONEY - On March 1st 1972 in Christchurch, New Zealand, to OENONE (née Dunkley) a daughter, Louise Helen.

STONEHAM - On November 2nd 1972, to MARY (née Smart), a son, John Donald Lindsay.

MARGAND - On August 21st 1973, to ANN (née Osborne), and Michael, a daughter, Sarah Victoria, a sister for Roger Patrick.

ENGAGEMENTS

MARY DAYBELL - to Richard Howard Reeves Broughton.

ANN M. K. BISBROWN to David H. Lee.

MARRIAGES

AIKMAN-MACKENZIE-On September 4th 1971, David Ian Aikman to SUSAN MARY MACKENZIE.

BAIRD-CLARKE-CLARKE-On December 2nd 1972, Robert Baird-Clarke to DEBORAH CLARKE.

JACKSON-THOMPSON-On April 7th 1973, Christopher M. Jackson to PAULINE M. THOMPSON.

LIEBERMANN-SHRUBBS-On August 21st 1971, Gerhard Liebermann to CELIA SHRUBBS.

OLDBURY-WATSON-On December 30th 1972, Albert Oldbury to MARGARET WATSON.

ROUSE-CARMICHAEL-On June 21st 1973, David Winrow Rouse to MARGARET L. M. CARMICHAEL.

WHITE-ERVINE-On July 22nd 1972, Ian Robert White to JULIE ERVINE.

WRIGHT-WELLS-Early 1973 in Australia, Dave Wright to JULIA WELLS.

DEATHS

KATHLEEN HARE (née Mayfield)—early 1973.

MISS ELFRIDA JUST (staff)—on October 31st, 1969.

GWEN WINDER (née Birch-Jones) in 1972, aged 84.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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7% Bonds	...	...	...	...	...	14.00
from D/A (1971)	...	...	...	...	...	5.32
Magazines and postage	...	...	...	...	...	192.00
Sundry Credit	..	...	...	...	...	12
						<u>361.97</u>

	£	p
By: Magazines and postage	212	75
Treasure's expenses (2 years)	6	28
	219	03
Balance carried forward	142	94
	361	97

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To: Balance brought forward	...	...	...	...	33.72
Subscriptions: Trans. from annual	...	...	...	...	10.50
New. 7 at £5.25	...	...	...	...	36.75
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D.A/c 1972	...	...	...	...	8.44
Balance in Abbey National B.S.	...	...	...	£500	320.41
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