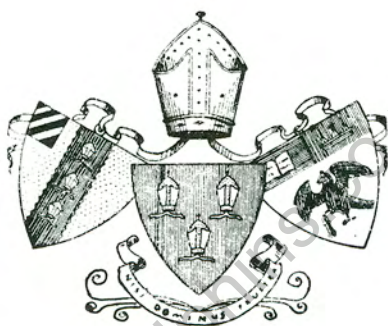


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Miss P. M. Robinson

Among the post A-level excursions which the UVith have enjoyed was a visit to the Houses of Parliament. In the morning there was a guided tour of the Palace of Westminster, during which we were enlightened concerning many interesting historical features. A number of the party also attended the Commons' Debate which was all the more engrossing as we were able to hear the Prime Minister displaying his skills of argument in answering the questions fired at him.

To all who are leaving St. Elphin's this year, we wish every success in the future.

Anne Gutch
Helen Stoppard

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MISS A. L. MAYHEW, M.A.

Many parents will have met the new Headmistress on Visiting Day and many more will no doubt meet her at the school's annual bazaar; they will soon realize that their daughters are in very good hands. However, only a small proportion of parents will know details of her career. They will be interested to learn that Miss Mayhew, who graduated from Girton College, Cambridge in Classics and Theology was Head of the Classics Department at Sydenham Grammar School for Girls and later held a similar post at Ealing Grammar School for Girls. She became Deputy Headmistress and Acting Headmistress at Lewes Grammar School and subsequently returned to Ealing Grammar School (now reorganised as Ealing High School for Girls) as Deputy Headmistress.

Her interests are many and include classical music, archaeology, art and travel, but it is doubtful whether she will have much time to enjoy many of these in her first term at St. Elphin's. Nevertheless, we hope that she will be very happy with us as she carries out her declared intention of enhancing the already high academic standards of the school and of preserving its traditions and ethos.

With Miss Mayhew's firm leadership the school should go from strength to strength and continue to be, as it was recently described in the Press, one of the country's leading Public Schools for girls.

V. C. Kitchen
Deputy Headmistress

LETTER TO THE SCHOOL FROM MISS ROBINSON

July 21st

My Dear Girls,

Thank you for all the wonderful presentations you made before I left this term. The 2-volume Oxford Dictionary will be a lasting treasure and will always be standing on my desk for constant reference. Thank you, too, for the additional cheque. These two gifts from the Senior School touch me very much.

Juniors, thank you for the cheque you gave me. It was difficult to choose from the long list you gave me but I think I shall use your gift to bring my golf clubs up to date. And, K. G., your early morning tea set will be used every morning and your beautiful cut-glass vase filled with flowers of all seasons.

I shall miss you all very much and already I feel the silence is deafening! I have loved working at St. Elphin's and you have made life very pleasant by your readiness to respond to discipline, your cheerfulness and the way you throw yourselves whole-heartedly into all our activities.

I know Miss Mayhew is going to be as happy as I have been and that you will give her all the support and help that she needs.

My love and best wishes to each and every one of you for the future.

Affectionately,

Philippa M. Robinson

MISS P. M. ROBINSON

Miss Robinson's Headship marks a period of expansion of St. Elphin's in buildings and academic development which yet leaves as its core the original school and its traditions. This transformation is due to the courage, initiative and energy of the Head Mistress who modestly declared that she has only done her duty and without the vision and sympathetic support of the Governors and the backing of parents, especially the Friends of St. Elphin's, such projects would have been impossible. Few (independent) schools in these days can have witnessed such an achievement, and I count myself fortunate to have worked with such a leader.

How well I remember Miss Robinson's first visit to school after her appointment, at a social gathering with the Staff in the Common Room: the interest she showed in Chapel, in academic subjects, in physical education, in music and drama in which we were to savour her powers in productions ranging from great tragedy to modern comedy. Her standards were exacting but she asked no more from others than she herself was prepared to give.

Such vitality and alertness made their impact on school and staff alike. Here was a Head Mistress who seemed ubiquitous: now doing a round of Form rooms with a small black Scots terrier in attendance, or surveying the games fields when practices were in progress; now looking into the Library, the scene of preparation work of the seniors, and most significant of all, noting the activities of girls in free time and at week-ends. Thence came the decision to make the House system an immediate reality, each House with dormitories or cubicles and House Room in one area and with its full complement of Staff Assistants and Matron under a House Mistress responsible for the welfare of all her girls. She seemed to have the faculty of actually creating rooms, so alert was she to possible changes of function and the needs of the girls where these could be met. It seems laughable now to recall that some girls actually shed tears on hearing of the new House arrangements, moaning that they would never be able to talk to their friends! For by now, they were aware of the impact of a discipline which took for granted that rules would be obeyed. By contrast, today such is the House spirit in the school that enthusiasm has occasionally to be restrained out of consideration for others in the competition in Games, Music, Drama, 'Lent Efforts' and Bazaar activities.

Much as she valued sound discipline which she considered necessary in increasingly permissive times, Miss Robinson valued more highly moral standards based on the influence of Chapel in daily life and insisted on the importance in youth of a degree of regular attendance at services. She first saw the need for a resident Chaplain as it became more and more difficult to secure clergy for

Sunday services. The Chaplain today is responsible for an academic subject throughout the school and is Warden of the Sixth Form Residence. The traditional conscientious service of voluntary Sacristans and Servers shows the willing participation of the girls in this part of school as does the responsibility of each House in turn for the topic of readers of morning Chapel. Miss Robinson's own devotion to Chapel and its significance in life was carried outside the school walls with her appointment first as Lay Reader in the diocese of Derby and recently as a Deaconess. Today she is continuing the studies in theology.

Such was the background of the daily work which achieved highly satisfactory results in G.C.E. Examinations, University, College and Hospital Entrances and the varied demands of different careers. The Head Mistress called for the best from staff and pupils alike. All examination papers were seen by her personally and all failures investigated. Where there was difficulty it was met with sympathetic insight and constructive help. Indeed every girl who was unhappy or distressed found kindly and wise guidance in her difficulties. Miss Robinson was a shrewd judge of character in the young and her own sterling qualities won loyal and faithful co-operation from prefects and Head Girls in carrying out duties calling for exceptional courage and firmness in situations difficult for the inexperienced. She had a keen appreciation, too, of exceptional ability in girls capable of outstanding scholarship and saw that the conditions for their development were provided. To this end her care for regular additions to the Reference Library contributed in making available to the school the benefit of up-to-date books on all subjects studied. The girls had the opportunity of visiting places of cultural value among which was Chatsworth with its many treasures, especially its magnificent Library to which the Duchess of Devonshire invited parties of Sixth Form students. She loved, too, the Junior School where she found nothing but 'sweetness and light' and an affection which outlived the years spent there by her 'Old Boys' who returned to visit from the grown-up world of their Prep. Schools. Above all she values the loyalty of the Old Girls and their interest in the school and took pains to keep them informed of changes. She welcomed them to Reunions at St. Elphin's — with husbands and children — as well as attending their gatherings elsewhere. In the generous desire of Old Girls to contribute to improvements in Chapel and School she valued such continuity of its life and spirit. She enjoyed entertaining more recent Old Girls during the holidays at her home in Dorset and towards the end of the summer term would revel in an evening walk up over familiar countryside from which the girls returned ravenous to an extra banquet of bread and cheese and milk.

The responsibility for an independent boarding school these days calls for many virtues. Dr. Samuel Johnson, one of the Head

Mistress's favourite authors, himself a courageous, honest and deeply religious man, declared to his biographer Boswell: "Courage is the guarantee of all other virtues". He would have found the courage and integrity of Miss Robinson the guarantee of the virtues demanded of anyone in charge of the education of young people today. With her goes our love and our wishes for happiness and fulfilment in the religious duties and theological studies which are now her chosen form of retirement.

A. Thomson Smith



Letter from the Rt. Rev. Bishop Charles Claxton

Miss Robinson was appointed as Headmistress shortly before I became Chairman of the Governing Body, being then Bishop of Warrington. The future of the school depended on the adoption of a bold and forward-looking policy towards the improvement of the resources of the school and an increase in its accommodation. In all the planning for development Miss Robinson played a prominent part in making proposals, in supporting to the full the Governing Body and also in helping to raise the money required for these expensive projects. During her headship she saw the building of the new Dining Hall, the Gymnasium, the Burgess teaching block, the Sixth Form study block and the latest Thornton Building. Her enthusiasm infected the Governing Body, the Friends of St. Elphin's who took on a new lease of life through her inspiration and co-operation, and also the parents who have been so generous towards the School. "Look around and see" is a tribute that also bears witness to the success she achieved at St. Elphin's. She has left the school in a very much stronger and better position than she found it. She built well on the foundations, spiritual, academic and material that she found and leaves their further development in the hands of others.

Charles Claxton

Past Chairman of the Governing Body

Letter from Mr. Stanley Thornton, on behalf of The Society of the Friends of St. Elphin's

Miss Robinson was appointed Head Mistress of St. Elphin's Church of England School for Girls in 1958 after having been at Abbots Bromley, St. Felix South Wold and Talbot Heath Schools as Senior Classics Mistress. When she accepted the appointment she knew that there was a major challenge in front of her as the School was in some financial difficulties and its very existence was in question.

It was very soon apparent that Miss Robinson was going to face and overcome the challenge, for she had exactly the right qualities of leadership, administrative ability and enthusiasm to face these difficulties. With the help of the Governors she took control of every aspect of school life as we had in those days neither a Bursar nor a Chaplain.

Her whole hearted support of the "Society of the Friends of St. Elphin's" was particularly important for, with her help and inspiration, it was not very long before the money was raised to enable them to build a new Assembly Hall and Kitchens. I am sure that this building — named the Stopford Hall after the previous Head Mistress, Miss Stopford — was an important milestone in the history of the School.

Miss Robinson is retiring and she leaves behind her a school of which she can be justly proud. It has now a very high national reputation, its pupils have doubled in number since she came, and the many buildings that have been erected in the last decade are all a monument to her.

Her religious faith has always been apparent and now she has been ordained a Deaconess. There is no doubt in my mind that the qualities she has shown at St. Elphin's will be just as evident in her new vocation in the Church and I am sure that we all wish her happiness and success in her new career.

During the last few weeks Miss Robinson has continually been receiving gifts on her retirement. There was a particularly happy occasion on the evening of July 4th when, in the presence of the Chairman, the Bishop of Warrington, the Governors, Staff, Friends and Senior Pupils, the admiration and affection of every aspect of school life was extended to her.

I am sure, however, that her greatest reward is the feeling she must have of pride and achievement in leaving behind St. Elphin's as a happy and flourishing school.

Stanley Thornton

Letter from the Bishop of Warrington, Chairman of the Governors

Long-established good schools do not of course depend entirely on having good heads; but bad heads can do an awful lot of damage. St. Elphin's School, Darley Dale, is well into the second century of its life, and with 450 girls on the strength, and full waiting lists, that life is unquestionably a throbbing one. We who know it are genuinely able, both from our own experience and from the comments of very many people whose judgment we respect, to stand back and say 'This is a good school'; and the plain fact is that a very great deal of the credit for that true statement is due to Philippa Robinson.

For 17 years she has given herself with utter devotion to the welfare of St. Elphin's. A decision-maker, determined to press ahead as the opposition gets stiffer, tireless (seemingly), able to laugh at herself, affectionate, full of ideas — these are some of the attributes which spring to mind as one searches for the right way to describe Miss Robinson's approach to and gifts for the job she has done so well. The school was a much more modest establishment when she became head. She can now look around her at the new buildings, and reflect on how they were variously brought to birth in her time. More important than the buildings are the staff and the girls they were put up to serve, to whose welfare she has addressed herself so wholeheartedly for nearly two decades.

Miss Robinson moves on to her next career, as a deaconess of the Church of England, with the gratitude and good wishes of us all. We on the Governing Body are conscious, as perhaps no other group of those saying good-bye to her can be, of the debt the school owes to its retiring headmistress for the Christian insights, the wise leadership, and the creative vision which she has brought to her task in the hot seat of St. Elphin's, Darley Dale.

John Warrington

Church House
Liverpool

19th June 1975

MISS ROBINSON'S FAREWELL PARTY

On Friday, 4th July, the Board of Governors held a party for Miss Robinson. The evening was inevitably tinged with sadness since it marked the formal farewell to Miss Robinson as she retires from her post as Head Mistress after giving distinguished service to the school over the past seventeen years.

The party was attended by the Governors, the Society of Friends, the Staff and members of the Upper Sixth, the first time all these had met together on a social occasion. It was held in the Whittam Library in the Thornton Building which had been transformed into a miniature ballroom, gaily decorated with flowers.

The orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Hughes, performed a wide variety of music, including an old favourite, "Dr. Finlay's Case Book". Helena and Penelope Hill-Wilson added to the entertainment of the evening with their hilarious performance of "The Cats' Duet". They are congratulated along with Janet Bolton for her clarinet solo and Alice Chu for her excellent performance on the piano.

The Governors' Official gift to Miss Robinson is a holiday in Greece, but at the party, the Bishop of Warrington, on behalf of the Governors, also presented her with a beautiful leather handbag.

Miss Robinson gratefully received an executive brief-case from Mr. Thornton, who presented it on behalf of the Society of Friends, and said how useful it would be to her in her new work.

The Society of Friends of St. Elphin's also took the opportunity at this party of making a surprise presentation to Mr. Linnell and Mr. Thorton, former Treasurer and Chairman of the Society respectively, of inscribed silver salvers, in gratitude for their outstanding and invaluable service to the School over so many years.

The Staff's gift to Miss Robinson was a beautiful gold watch, which as Miss Robinson said, endowed her with the unmistakable stamp of a "tycoon" as it even had the date!

Mrs. Kitchen, the Deputy Headmistress, when making the presentation on behalf of the staff, reminisced in her speech on the many different aspects of Miss Robinson's career here as Head Mistress: her affection for the Kindergarten, and the strange salutes which passed between her and the little boys; her love of animals; her kindness to Staff and girls who were ill, worried or bereaved; her determination in the sponsored walks; she would be remembered for all these, but above all for the fact that, aided and abetted by the Governors, Friends and Staff, she has "put St. Elphin's on the map" where, despite certain politicians, we intend to keep it!

Miss Robinson warmly thanked the staff for their gifts and especially for their loyalty and devotion to the School.

After the presentations, everyone enjoyed a splendid buffet, for the preparation of which we thank Mrs. Barling and her helpers in the Fifth and Sixth Forms.

The close of the evening was particularly moving when the traditional "Auld Lang Syne" was sung and it was with deep regret that we said farewell to Miss Robinson.

Michele Turnquest,
UVI



OLIVE TAYLOR

We were very sad to say goodbye to Olive Taylor at the end of the Spring Term. Olive first came to work at the school in the staff kitchen in 1947 and as proof of her loyalty remained here for 27½ years.

The Sixth Form especially miss Olive since we no longer get preferential treatment in receiving little delicacies after supper each evening!

The Staff, too, will miss her familiar figure arrayed in her spotless white overall as she briskly wheeled their food into the Staff Dining Room. Olive was unfailingly helpful and cheerful and was popular with both Staff and girls alike.

We wish her all happiness in her retirement and hope that she will visit us often.

Jane Pashley
Elisabeth Walker
UVI

MISS PARKINSON

At the end of the Christmas term Miss Parkinson, our Housekeeper, retired.

She joined the school in 1962 when, she recalls, the present Stopford Hall dining room was a bed of roses. This has not always been the case since in Miss Parkinson's long experience! Often she has had to deal with some thorny problems in the course of her work. With these she has shown great perseverance and good sense.

Most girls must have been familiar with Miss Parkinson's disciplinary prowess. This was often expressed in the formula, "Get ta t' back o' t' queue." (I am sure this quotation is known to many). Her decisive, strong character was tempered by a spontaneous sense of humour and kindness and gentleness when any of the girls were in difficulties.

A tribute must be paid to Miss Parkinson's unswerving loyalty to the school, her hard work and devotion. Often she has attended to business well into her leisure hours and spontaneously taken necessary tasks upon herself which others had missed. I would like to take this opportunity of saying how very much we miss her, for her work and, especially, for her lively personality and to express our feeling of how very much we are in her debt. We all wish her a very happy retirement.

Helen Stoppard,
UVI

SCHOOL OFFICE HOLDERS: 1974-75

Head Girl:	Sarah Walker Smith
Deputy Head Girl:	Jenny Kendall
Prefects:	Mairi Ball Elizabeth Felton Anne Gutch Kathryn Hassall Dawn Hives Judith King Susan Lindley Affiong Nsa Elizabeth Piccaver Helen Round Julia Rowley Jill Sampson Helen Stoppard Mary Thomas Michele Turnquest Elisabeth Walker Ruth Williams
Sub-Prefects:	Rosemary Allen Lucy Boyle Claire Derry Helena Hill-Wilson Marva Moxey Jane Pashley Ingrid Pleasance Anne-Marie Robinson Corinne Rose
Sub-Prefects on Probation:	Susan Keen Camilla Thompson Margaret Wardle Beverly Elks Frances Eshelby Judith Horne Patricia Matsie Elizabeth Nyong Charlotte Thornton Sandhya Trivedi Cheron Wilkins Jill Winter

HOUSE OFFICE HOLDERS 1974-75

Gresford House

Head of House:	Anne Gutch
Deputy Head of House:	Elisabeth Walker
House Prefects:	Rosemary Allen Rachael Burrows Ann John Jane Pashley Julia Rowley Mary Smith Rosamund Smith Charlotte Thornton
House Sub-Prefects:	Christine Banton Toni Gascoigne Margôt Hopkin-Evans
House Sub-Prefect on Probation:	Joanna Allen

Kennedy House

Heads of House:	Kathryn Hassall Helen Round
Deputy Head of House:	Affiong Nsa
House Prefects:	Caroline Cooper Claire Derry Louise Elkington Shirley Hassall Corinne Rose Sally Round Beverly Trayner Margaret Wardle Cheron Wilkins
House Sub-Prefects:	Andree Benbow Deborah Blanchard Judith Prescott Barbara Reed Hilary Weeks
House Sub-Prefects on Probation:	Dianne Butterworth Katherine Fenton

Pigot House

Head of House:	Mary Thomas
Deputy Head of House:	Helen Stoppard
Senior House Prefect:	Dawn Hives
House Prefects:	Mairi Ball Brenda Cox Sally Dickinson Helen Sands
House Sub-Prefects:	Sarah Leaney Tansy Woodhead
House Sub-Prefects on Probation:	Elizabeth Atwell Morag Forsyth Sally Roberts

Powys House

Head of House:	Jenny Kendall
Deputy Head of House:	Elizabeth Felton
House Prefects:	Lucy Boyle Beverly Elks Frances Eshelby Jane Evans Jane Fricker Judith King Susan Lindley Patricia Matsie Ingrid Pleasance Anne Marie Robinson Sandhya Trivedi Caroline Walker Jill Winter
House Sub-Prefect:	Fiona Howitt
House Sub-Prefects on Probation:	Clare Smith Marianne Stewart Susan Yates

Selwyn House

Head of House:	Jill Sampson
Deputy Head of House:	Easta Eltham
House Prefects:	Julie Burnett Janet Bolton Susan Keen Marva Moxey Julia Pearce
House Sub-Prefects:	Susan Benton Rosemary England
House Sub-Prefects on Probation:	Suzanne White Clare Underwood

Wilson House

Head of House:	Michele Turnquest
Deputy Head of House:	Elizabeth Piccaver
House Prefects:	Ruth Williams Camilla Thompson Judith Horne Helena Hill-Wilson Jane Royle
House Sub-Prefects:	Alice Chu Elizabeth Nyong Lydia Gooch Nicola Lyte Jane Webster Sheena Taylor Elizabeth Sledge Jennifer Gray Kristal Thompson Caroline Murphy

FIXTURE LIST

September 1974 - July 1975

AUTUMN TERM, 1974

September

Saturday	14th	"Henry IVth" at Manchester
Tuesday	17th	Lecture by Major Spratt of Q.A.R.A.N.C.
Sunday	22nd	Harvest Festival. 10.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
Saturday	28th	Sponsored Walk.

October

Wednesday	2nd	Baroque Concert — Derby Cathedral at 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday	8th	French Film at Nottingham.
Saturday	12th	R.S.C.M. Festival at Ilkeston.
Friday	18th	Hallé Concert

November

Sunday	10th	Economics "Any Questions"
Thursday	14th	French party to Nottingham
Friday	15th	Hallé Concert at Sheffield City Hall
Saturday	23rd	Christmas Bazaar

December

Sunday	1st	Senior School Concert
Wednesday	4th	Lecture in Matlock (Historical Association)
Thursday	5th	"Come Together" — Derby Kings Hall
Friday	6th	House Drama Competition
Sunday	8th	Talk by Mrs. Wilcox. C. of E. Children's Home
Wednesday	11th	Middle School Carol Service
Friday	13th	Junior School Carol Service
Sunday	15th	Senior School Carol Service
27th Dec—4th Jan		Ski party to Italy

SPRING TERM, 1975

January

Saturday	25th	House Hockey Matches
Wednesday	29th	Lecture in Matlock (Historical Association)

February

Saturday	1st	Parents' Meeting
Saturday	8th	Economics Lecture at Tawney House
Wednesday	12th	Sixth Form visit to film of Verdi's "Otello" at Chesterfield ABC
Saturday	22nd	Geography Field Course at Whitby

March

Saturday	1st	Chess course at Lea Green
Sunday	2nd	Economics "Any Questions"
Tuesday	4th	Lecture on "Modern Techniques in Banking" by Mr. Bullock
Friday	7th	Hallé concert
Saturday	8th	Hockey International at Wembley
		Geology Course at Lea Green
Saturday	15th	Field Course to Dovedale
Tuesday	18th	Confirmation (Bishop of Derby)
Friday	21st	Confirmation (Bishop of Repton)
		Middle School Drama Competition
Saturday	22nd	"The Vagabond King" at Ritz cinema
Monday	24th	House Music Competition
		Party to France (return March 29th)

SUMMER TERM, 1975

April

Thursday	24th	Inter-School Swimming Gala
Saturday	26th	Buxton Festival
Saturday	26th/27th	Geography Field Course

May

Tuesday	6th	South Peak Swimming Gala
Thursday	8th	Ascension Day Half Holiday
Friday	9th	Hallamshire Hospital Expedition
Saturday	17th	Old Girls' Reunion
Tuesday	20th	Talk to UV and Sixth Forms by Dr. MacFarlane
Saturday	31st	Geography Expedition

June

Saturday	14th	Diocesan Synod
		House Picnics
Friday	20th	Parents' Dance
Friday	27th	Wimbledon Party

July

Saturday	5th	Senior Speech Day and Sports Day
Sunday	6th	Recital by Aydin Onac
Tuesday	8th	Swimming Gala (Inter-House)
Saturday	12th	Junior Speech Day

SENIOR SPEECH DAY, JULY 5th

Careful forward planning ensured that Speech Day ran as smoothly as ever, beginning with the Commemoration Service in Bakewell Church. The new Series Three was used and this was strange to most of the parents. The choir, however, led the singing and there was no lack of volume.

The address was delivered by Dr. Claxton, Bishop of Blackburn. He opened with a story about the Devil auctioning off little devils. He sold Temptation, Anger, Malice and Hypocrisy, but refused to sell Discouragement even to the highest bidder. The Bishop said that discouragement is a feature of our national life at the moment, and went on to develop this theme further. He expressly referred to the ordination of women and the discouragement which those who believe in this must be feeling at the moment. Discouragement kills the spirit of adventure and Christian life should be a glorious adventure in which "the best is yet to be".

He then reminded us of the presence of the Holy Spirit, "The Comforter", which he takes to mean "Encourager". He went on to say that we must bring encouragement to others. The Bishop concluded by giving thanks for all those who have given encouragement to St. Elphin's, especially mentioning the Governors and Friends.

The prayers were led by the Bishop of Warrington, with special mentions for the Old Girls' guild, the Founders of the school, and all our benefactors. During the Communion the choir sang. Despite the large numbers involved, the Communion did not take long, as three altars were being used, and the Bishop drew the service to a close with the blessing.

At two o'clock the Bishop of Warrington, as Chairman of the Governors, opened the Speeches by acknowledging the School's immense debt to "Deaconess Robinson". He said that although fees have been forced up, the waiting lists are fuller than they have ever been before.

Miss Robinson then gave the Headmistress's report. The main development this year has been the new "Thornton building". Plans for the Swimming Pool had to be shelved despite the work of the Action Group but an alternative project will be the two new all-weather pitches which are to be started as soon as possible. Miss Robinson stated that she would leave the school with the utmost confidence in her successor, and warned the school that our new Headmistress shares her own ideas on discipline.

Thanks were made to the Governors for their present of a holiday in Greece and for all their friendship and support over the

years. The Staff were also thanked warmly for all their work, and for the watch which they presented to Miss Robinson the night before.

It was then the turn of the girls to be addressed. We were surprised to hear that we have not been too bad, although we are not angels! We may think that at thirty, one foot is in the grave, and at forty, both are, but at sixty life begins again. This is the time for a change of job. Miss Robinson ended with a line borrowed from a sign outside a crematorium and applied it to herself "Do not enter box until your exit is clear".

The prizes were presented by the Duchess of Devonshire. She congratulated the prizewinners and went on to say that on leaving school it is very important to choose work which is interesting and takes up all your attention.

The Duchess felt sad that Miss Robinson was leaving and remarked on the liveliness which entered the school with her arrival. She reminded us of all the improvements which have taken place in the last few years. The job of a Headmistress is a difficult one and the administration is huge. In these unsettled times it is reassuring to come to St. Elphin's and see so many old faces.

The Head Girls thanked the Duchess for talking to us and also thanked everybody concerned for our new buildings. This was followed up by the usual plea for a holiday.

Mr. Horne spoke a few words on behalf of the Friends and said that money raising activities were continuing for the building of the all-weather hockey pitches. A presentation was made to Miss Robinson of a large framed picture of herself which is to be hung in the front hall, and finally the Chairman brought the speeches to a close and everybody retired to the tennis court at the front of the school for tea.

Later in the afternoon the new building was officially opened by the Duchess of Devonshire. It was named in honour of Mr. Thornton and the Library in honour of Mr. Whittam.

The Sports followed on soon after the opening. This was the first time that Speech Day and Sports Day have been combined, but everything ran according to schedule.

The girls were free after the Sports to go out until nine o'clock, a fitting end to a hectic, but successful day.

Beverly Elks
LVI

JUNIOR SPEECH DAY

The Junior Speech Day was held this year, on Saturday, 12th July. Mr. S. Thornton took the chair, and opened the proceedings for us.

In her report, Miss Lavender said that the Eleven plus results were not truly representative this year, as girls who lived in a 'Comprehensive' area were not allowed to sit the tests.

In paying tribute to Miss Robinson, after seventeen years as Headmistress of the school, a time of outstanding progress and achievement, Miss Lavender concluded: "Miss Robinson — we shall never forget you! You have made St. Elphin's what it is today. Perhaps the greatest tribute we can pay to you, is to endeavour to ensure its continued success in the future.

Lord, in all our doings guide us;
And with joy we'll persevere!"

We were delighted to welcome, as our Guest of Honour, Mrs. Joyce Cannon, a governor of the school. After congratulating the prize-winners, Mrs. Cannon said that everybody had a gift, and should try to discover what she was good at, even if it was something that didn't win a prize. She ended with a story to illustrate this, about Brownie, a little pony who belonged to Jane.

One summer's day, at the Village Gymkhana, nearly everybody had won a rosette, cup or prize, except Jane, who was younger than most of the other children. Jane was trying not to show her disappointment. She thought that Brownie was the best pony in the world, even if she didn't win any prizes for her. She was just about to go home, when a lady said: "Do you mind sitting still a minute, dear, there's an artist painting your pony, and he thinks he's the prettiest pony at the Gymkhana". So Brownie was a success after all! Jane decided that she would learn to ride better, so that she would not only have the prettiest pony at the Gymkhana, but would be able to win prizes, cups and rosettes as well.

Julie Lord, the Head Girl of the Junior School, thanked Mrs. Cannon, and presented her with a Book Token to commemorate her visit.

Next, the guests were entertained by a performance of Choral Verse Speaking by Lower IIIA and the Recorder Consort.

To close the proceedings, Julie Lord and Susan Thompson presented Miss Robinson with a cheque for £50, to buy some golf clubs, as a leaving present from the Junior School.

Allyson James,
L.IIIA

SCHOLARSHIPS

Sixth Form Scholarship

Beverly Elks

Kennedy Scholarships

Susannah Leaney

Caroline Board

Jennifer MacIlwaine

The Stopford Memorial Scholarship

Anne Gutch

PRIZES

Prizes for the best results in G.C.E.

Advanced level — Caroline Kirkham

Fiona White

Ordinary level — Jennifer Batty

Form Prizes

Upper VI	...	...	...	...	...	Helen Round
Lower VI	...	...	...	...	...	Beverly Elks
Upper VA	...	...	...	...	...	Christine Banton
Upper VB	...	...	...	...	...	Julie Burnett
Lower VA	...	...	...	...	...	Sarah Leaney
Lower VB	...	...	...	...	...	Kathryn Elks
Upper IVA	...	...	...	...	...	Miranda Glossop
Upper IVB	...	...	...	...	...	Elizabeth Green
Lower IVA	...	...	...	...	...	Sally Palmer
Lower IVP	...	...	...	...	...	Caroline Board
Lower IVB	...	...	...	...	...	Laurian Williamson
Upper IIIA	...	...	...	...	...	Helen Wheeler
Upper IIIB	...	...	...	...	...	Karen Fletcher

Headmistress's Prizes for Effort

Upper VI	...	...	...	...	...	Mary Thomas
Lower VI	...	...	...	...	...	Jill Sampson
Upper VA	...	...	...	...	...	Claire Underwood
Upper VB	...	...	...	...	...	Sally Dickinson
Lower VA	...	...	...	...	...	Louise Gill
Lower VB	...	...	...	...	...	Sally Roberts
Upper IVA	...	...	...	...	...	Gillian Hayes
Upper IVB	...	...	...	...	...	Sandra Carter
Lower IVA	...	...	...	...	...	Margaret Hutchinson

Lower IVP	Emma Sissons
Lower IVB	Sarah Kenning
Upper IIIA	Julie Rhodes
Upper IIIB... ..	Hilary Hayes

Subject Prizes

Scripture	Brenda Cox
English	Dawn Hives
History	Fiona Howitt
Geography	Christine Banton
French	Sarah Leaney
German	Sally Round
Latin	Dawn Hives
Mathematics	Mary Smith
Physics	Helen Round
Chemistry	Helen Round
Biology	Christine Banton
Art	Louise Hall
Domestic Science	Tansy Woodhead
Music	Janet Bolton

Special Prizes

The Chairman's Prize	Sarah Walker Smith
The Greenhall Prize for Religious Knowledge... ..	Helen Stoppard
The Burgess Prize for History	Helen Stoppard
The Hamilton Memorial Prize for Art	Judith King
The Henry Andrew's Prize for Domestic Science	Barbara Reed
The Henry Andrew's Prize for Needlework	Julie Burnett
The Scott Science Prize	Helen Round
The Pass Prize for English	Helen Stoppard
The Hitchen Cup for Piano	Cheron Wilkins
The Hammett Prize for Steady Work	Affiong Nsa

Cups

Drama	Gresford
Hockey	Gresford
Athletics	Pigot
Tennis	Gresford
Miss Thompson's Music Cup	Lucy Boyle
Individual Tennis Cup	Elizabeth Felton
Helen Robinson Cup for Physical Education	Elizabeth Felton
Joyce Knight Cup for Speech and Drama	Diane Thornhill

ENTRANCES TO UNIVERSITIES, HOSPITALS AND COLLEGES

Conditional Places to Universities

Anne Gutch: Manchester University to read Town Planning.
Jenny Kendall: Leicester University to read Law.
Judith King: Manchester University to read Architecture.
Jane Pashley: Bradford University to read Business Studies.
Helen Round: Nottingham University to read Pharmacy.
Michele Turnquest: Exeter University to read Accountancy.
Elisabeth Walker: Loughborough University to read Business Administration with French.

Entrances to Hospitals

Sarah Smith: St. Thomas's Hospital.

Entrances to Colleges

Elizabeth Felton: Bedford College of Physical Education.
Jane Fricker: Chelsea College of Physical Education, Eastbourne.
Kathryn Hassall: Richmond College, Sheffield.
Susan Lindley: Newcastle Polytechnic.
Elizabeth Piccaver: Coventry Polytechnic.
Corinne Rose: Northampton School of Occupational Therapy.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

Use of English

Nine candidates passed the University Entrance Test.

Eleven Plus Examination, 1975

Allyson James
Jean Murray
Sara Richardson
Fiona Song
Lisa Swinger
Jennifer Webb
Laura Wildgoose

This is not representative of the School's usual results, as those in Comprehensive areas were not allowed to take the Examination.

G.C.E. EXAMINATIONS — 'A' LEVEL PASSES 1975

Lucy Boyle	...	...	English Literature.
Jane Fricker...	...	...	English Literature, History.
Ann Gutch	...	...	English Literature, Geography, History.
Kathryn Hassall	...	...	English Literature, History.
Jenny Kendall	...	...	English Literature, French, History.
Judith King	...	...	Art, Pure Mathematics, Physics.
Susan Lindley	...	...	French, German, History.
Affiong Nsa	...	...	Biology.
Jane Pashley	...	...	Economics, History, Pure Mathematics.
Elizabeth Piccaver	...	...	English Literature, History.
Helen Round	...	...	Chemistry, Pure Mathematics, Physics.
Sarah Walker Smith	...	...	Geography, History.
Helen Stoppard	...	...	English Literature(A), History(A), Religious Studies(A).
Mary Thomas	...	...	Biology, Chemistry, Physics.
Michele Turnquest	...	...	Economics, English, Literature, Pure Mathematics.
Elisabeth Walker	...	...	French, German, History.

G.C.E. EXAMINATIONS — 'O' LEVEL PASSES 1975

Upper VA

Joanna Allen	...	...	Biology, Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, French, Geography(A), History(A), Mathematics, Religious Studies(A).
Christine Banton	...	...	Art, Biology(A), Chemistry(A), English Language(A), English Literature(A), French, Geography(A), Latin(A), Mathematics(A), Physics(A).
Susan Benton	...	...	Biology, Chemistry, English Literature, Geography, History, Mathematics, Physics, Religious Studies.
Caroline Cooper	...	...	Art, English Language, English Literature, Geography, History, Religious Studies.
Brenda Cox	...	...	Biology(A), Chemistry(A), English Language(A), English Literature(A), French, History(A), Latin(A), Mathematics(A), Physics, Religious Studies(A).
Rosemary England	...	...	English Language, English Literature, History, Religious Studies(A).

Toni Gascoigne	Biology, Chemistry(A), English Language, English Literature(A), French, Geography(A), Latin, Mathematics(A), Physics, Religious Studies(A).
Louise Hall	Art, Biology, English Language, English Literature, History, Mathematics.
Shirley Hassall	Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, History, Mathematics, Religious Studies.
Margot Hopkin-Evans	Biology, Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, French, History(A), Mathematics, Physics, Religious Studies(A)
Fiona Howitt	Biology(A), Chemistry(A), English Language(A), English Literature, French(A), History(A), Latin(A), Mathematics(A), Physics, Religious Studies(A).
Lucinda Jordan	Biology, English Language, English Literature, Geography, History, Religious Studies.
Nicola Lyte	Art, Biology, Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, French, German, Mathematics, Religious Studies.
Caroline Murphy ...	English Language, English Literature, History, Religious Studies.
Julia Pearce	Biology(A), Chemistry, English Language(A), English Literature(A), Geography, History(A), Mathematics(A), Physics, Religious Studies(A).
Judith Prescott	Biology(A), Chemistry, English Language(A), English Literature(A), French, Geography(A), Latin, Mathematics(A), Physics, Religious Studies(A).
Sally Round	Biology, Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, French(A), German(A), History(A), Latin, Mathematics(A).
Elizabeth Sledge	Biology(A), English Language, English Literature, French, German, History(A), Latin, Mathematics(A), Physics, Religious Studies(A).
Mary Smith	Biology(A), Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, French, History(A), Latin(A), Mathematics(A), Physics(A), Religious Studies.
Kristal Thompson ...	Biology, Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, French, History, Religious Studies.

Rachel Thornton...	...	Biology, Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, French, German, History, Mathematics(A).
Beverly Trayner	...	Biology, Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, French, History, Mathematics, Religious Studies.
Claire Underwood	...	Biology, Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, French, Mathematics, Physics, Religious Studies.
Jane Webster	...	Biology, Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, Geography, History, Mathematics, Religious Studies.
Suzanne White	...	Biology, Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, French, Geography, History, Mathematics.
Dinah Woolley	...	Art, Biology, Chemistry, English Language, French, Mathematics(A), Physics(A).

Upper VB

Elizabeth Atwell	...	Mathematics.
Andree Benbow	...	Art, English Language, English Literature, Food and Nutrition, History, Religious Studies.
Deborah Blanchard	...	French, History, Religious Studies.
Julie Burnett	...	Biology, English Language, English Literature, Food and Nutrition(A), Geography(A), History(A), Mathematics, Needlecraft and Dress, Religious Studies.
Rachael Burrows...	...	Biology, Religious Studies.
Penelope Dennis	...	English Literature, Religious Studies.
Sally Dickinson	...	English Literature, Food and Nutrition, Religious Studies.
Louise Elkington...	...	Biology, English Language, English Literature, Food and Nutrition, Needlecraft and Dress, Religious Studies.
Morag Forsyth	...	History, Religious Studies.
Jennifer Gray	...	Art.
Ann John	...	Biology, English Language, Food and Nutrition, Geography.
Barbara Reed	...	Biology, English Language, English Literature, Food and Nutrition, Geography, History, Mathematics, Religious Studies.
Helen Sands	...	Biology, Food and Nutrition, Geography, Mathematics, Religious Studies.

Clare Smith	Biology, English Language, English Literature, Food and Nutrition, French, Geography, Mathematics.
Marianne Stewart ...	English Literature, Food and Nutrition.
Sheena Taylor	English Language, English Literature, Food and Nutrition, French, Geography, History, Mathematics, Religious Studies.
Hilary Weeks	English Language, English Literature, Food and Nutrition.
Tansy Woodhead ...	Biology, English Language, English Literature, Food and Nutrition, Geography, History, Mathematics, Religious Studies(A).
Susan Yates	English Literature, Needlecraft and Dress, Religious Studies.



GUILDHALL SPEECH AND DRAMA EXAMINATIONS — 1974-75

This year 85 girls have passed in Grades I-IV. Of these 55 have passed with MERIT and the following girls gained HONOURS:

Preliminary Grade	:	Julie Lord Heather Nye
Grade I	:	Penelope Lowe Tania Chandler
Grade III	:	Georgina Board Alison Churms
Grade V	:	Diane Thornhill

Choral Verse Speaking

Lower III B	passed with MERIT	Grades I & II
Lower III A	„ „ „	Grade II
Form 1	„ „ „	„ I
Form 2	„ „ „	„ I
Lower III A	„ „ HONOURS	„ III
Lower III A	„ „ MERIT	„ IV

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DISTINCTIONS in PIANO were gained by the following girls:

Grade I	Elizabeth Wharton Loraine Whitmore
Grade II	Sharon Johnson
Grade III	Hazel Ehlinger Tracey Thompson.

MERIT was gained by 22 girls in Piano, Clarinet, Violin and Flute in Grades I-VIII.

PASSES were gained by 38 girls in Piano, Clarinet, Violin and Cello in Grades I-VIII.

Theory of Music

The following girls gained Full Marks (99):

Grade I	Alison Churms Kathryn Emmitt Penelope Grenfell	Kathryn Hill Jennifer MacIlwaine Elizabeth Wharton
Grade II	Amanda Benbow Caroline Board Sarah Scott	Rosalind Slatter Beverly Trayner
Grade III	Amanda Benbow Caroline Board Lee Standen	Tracey Thompson Dinah Woolley
Grade IV	Reena Badhwar Toni Gascoigne	Marva Moxey

43 girls gained Passes in Grades I-V.

2 girls gained a Pass in Piano Duets, Junior Grade.

GIFTS TO THE SCHOOL

Miss P. M. Robinson: A Carpet for the Front Stairs; Radio for the Staff Sitting Room; Books for the Senior Fiction Library.

Mrs. Audrey Glover: Complete Shakespeare for the Whittam Library.

Mrs. Amos: Art Books (Reproductions of Famous Paintings) for the Whittam Library.

Mr. A. Mead: A Year's Issue of the National Geographic Magazine.

Mrs. Burnett: A Swing-needle Sewing Machine.

Lt. Col. Fricker: Colour Transparencies to the Geography Department.

Mrs. Robert Henrey: Book (A Girl at Twenty) by the author for the Whittam Library.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Richardson: Flower Stand for the Chapel.

Margaret Macgill: Book for the Whittam Library.

Judith King: Art Book (The Impressionists) for the Whittam Library.

Helen Round: Books for the Whittam Library.

Affiong Nsa: Books for the Whittam Library.

Elisabeth Walker: Tin Opener to Devonshire House.

Julia and Eleanor Pearce: Books for the Kennedy Library.

CHAPEL DIARY

This year the Harvest Festival was held on September 22nd at the beginning of term. The Chapel was beautifully decorated by members of the school with the various gifts as well as with some very impressive flower arrangements. The harvest gifts were later distributed amongst the old people of the district.

On December 1st Mrs. Wilcox gave us a very interesting illustrated talk on the Church of England Children's Homes and a donation of £50 was presented to her on behalf of the school.

At the end of the Autumn Term, three Carol Services were held for the Junior, Middle and Senior Schools. After the Senior Carol Service the old people whom the Sixth Form visit were given tea and presents around the Christmas Tree. This year the orchestra accompanied the choir with their carol singing for the old people, and this made a pleasant change.

On February 9th the school adopted the new Series 3 Communion Service and although people naturally had reservations about it at first, it appears now to have been finally accepted.

During Lent, each House raised money for the Social Services by selling home-made cakes etc. in Long Corridor — this of course, proved once again to be extremely popular! The money raised by this successful venture as well as that remaining from the previous months was sent to the following organisations: £20 to Save the Children Fund; £20 to Help the Aged; £20 to The Cheshire Homes; £50 to Dr. Barnardo's Homes; £50 to Derby Cathedral; £5 to Mirfield; £50 to Action Research; £60 to Chesterfield Hospital; £50 to the Red Cross; £50 for a Kidney machine and £50 to the Church of England Children's Society.

On the 18th and 21st of March, 43 girls were presented for Confirmation. This year they were confirmed by the Bishop of Derby and the Bishop of Repton. Following last year's practice they all received their first Communion at the same service.

On the 16th March the school were present at Passiontide when the choir sang verses from the R.S.C.M.'s 'The Cross of Christ'. The following Sunday, the School observed the Palm Sunday Ceremonies for the first time in five years. Palm Crosses were distributed amongst the school in Front Hall before the Sung Eucharist, which was attended by the East Midlands Ordination Course. Miss Robinson who is a member of this course gave the Address.

On the 29th June members of the Staff and School were present in Derby Cathedral for the Diocesan Ordination Service during which Miss Robinson was made a Deaconess.

During the year the Bishop of Manchester, Bishop Claxton, Canon Ratledge and Canon Wilcox have visited the school and preached in the Chapel.

At the end of the Summer Term, the old people visited by members of the school were entertained to a Strawberry Tea in Devonshire House, and this was enjoyed by all. I would like to thank those members of staff who very kindly used their cars to collect and take back the old people from the tea party.

The choir enjoyed an outing in October to St. Mary's Church, Ilkeston, to sing with various other choirs at a Royal School of Church Music Festival. They are now looking forward to their annual outing which this year takes them to Sheffield to see "The Journey's End" by Sheriff.

Finally, we would like to thank Mr. Hughes and his choir, Miss Hilton and the Social Services Committee, Miss Lavender and the Chapel Guild for all their work and help this year.

Jenny Kendall
Judith King

Those confirmed this year by the Bishop of Derby, 18th March, 1975:

Deborah Barton
Mary Clarke
Patricia Currie
Penelope Dickman
Caroline Dunn
Miranda Glossop
Susan Hardacre
Vanessa Herridge
Alison Hirst
Susannah Leaney
Susan Lord

Lomey Pitt
Fiona Robertson
Sarah Scott
Mary Shaw
Katherine Slatter
Nathalie Smith
Wenda Smith
Lee Standen
Carol Thompson
Helen Womersley

Those confirmed by the Bishop of Repton, 21st March, 1975:

Sarah Burnett
Dianne Butterworth
Gillian Cooper
Katherine Cooper
Joanna Foster
Elizabeth Gough
Jennifer Gray
Sally Hyde
Lucinda Jordan
June Mawer
Carole Nichols

Eleanor Pearce
Gillian Prescott
Beverley Riley
Sally Roberts
Sarah Robins
Helen Shields
Angela Smith
Janice Walsh
Esther White
Lorraine Whitmore
Lynne Whitmore



HOUSE REPORTS

Gresford

<i>House Mistress:</i>	Miss Gawthorne
<i>Deputy House Mistress:</i>	Miss Monkley
<i>House Matrons:</i>	Miss Metcalfe, Mrs. Does, Miss Sutton.

At the beginning of the year we welcomed 12 Upper III's into Gresford, many of whom were from Junior School, Helen Walker (Elisabeth's sister) into LV, and Suzanne Orme and Amanda Rudge from Kennedy.

We were very successful in the House Dramas, gaining first place with a lively performance of "Androcles and the Lion" by G. B. Shaw with Margot Hopkin-Evans as Androcles being justifiably commended by the adjudicator. The Middle School Dramatists were almost as successful as they gained second place with the production of "The Dear Departed" by Stanley Houghton. Helen Polden gave a hilarious performance of the part of the grandad, bringing screams of glee from the audience.

The House enjoyed two outings during the year, one to Buxton, and one to Jodrell Bank, which we all found extremely interesting and enlightening.

Unfortunately Miss Metcalfe had to leave us at the end of the Autumn Term to be House Mistress of Kennedy, so Mrs. Does replaced her as matron. The Lent Effort also took place in the Spring Term and we had our loaded stall in Long Corridor for 8 days, 3 days longer than the other Houses, and consequently gained the excellent sum of £50.

We were sad to see Miss Gawthorne leave us at the end of the Summer Term after four years and wish to thank her for all she has done for the House.

Anne Gutch
House Captain

Kennedy House

<i>House Mistress:</i>	Miss Dale (Autumn) Miss Metcalfe (Spring and Summer)
<i>Deputy House Mistress:</i>	Miss Finch (Autumn) Miss Williams (Spring and Summer)
<i>House Matrons:</i>	Miss Pemberton (Autumn) Miss Sutton (Spring) Miss Sutton and Miss Ralston (Summer)

This year we welcomed 10 new girls bringing our total to 57, which is not as many as last year, but sufficient to keep us occupied.

We were sorry to say goodbye to Miss Dale, who left us to take up another appointment in the School, and to Miss Finch, who left to teach in Australia. We also lost two matrons during the year. At the end of the Autumn Term Miss Pemberton left us and during the Summer her replacement, Miss Sutton, moved to Gresford to be replaced by Mrs. Ralston.

During the year the House enjoyed outings to a variety of places including the sports centre at Nottingham and the Manifold Valley. Unfortunately the UVth and UVIth were not able to take part in the latter as it took place during 'O' and 'A' levels.

The House did extremely well in the Inter-House sporting activities, winning the Hockey, Badminton and Junior Netball and coming second in the Rounders.

We did not do so well in the Dramas and Music competition but not as a result of lack of effort. However, Gillian Cooper won a cup for the best individual performance in the Junior Drama.

As we leave this school at the end of the year along with our House Mistress we wish Kennedy all the best for the future.

Helen Round
Kathryn Hassall
House Captains

Pigot House

<i>House Master:</i>	Mr. Hughes
<i>Deputy House Mistress:</i>	Mrs. Newton
<i>House Matron:</i>	Mrs. Bayly

This year, Pigot House welcomed four new girls and eight others joined us from Junior school. On the first Saturday of term, the whole House set off on a blackberrying expedition headed at a fast pace by Mr. Hughes, our House Master. The results of our endeavours were made into several large blackberry and apple pies which were greatly appreciated.

On the Games field this year, we have been successful in the Rounders' Competition in which we fought hard to gain first place. We were almost as successful in the House Netball competition where we came third.

Once again, the House Music Competition ended with celebrations for Pigot House. Indeed there was cause for great rejoicing as we increased our lead over our rivals. Also for the second year running we won the House work shield. This was the result of hard work throughout the term and a splendid effort during the examinations.

We have taken advantage of Matlock Cinema this year. On two Saturday afternoons in the Spring Term, the House enjoyed 'The Three Musketeers' and 'The Great Gatsby' which suited all tastes.

The Upper Sixth wish the House every success in the future.

Mary Thomas
House Captain

Powys House

House Mistress: Miss Jeffrey

Deputy House Mistress: Miss Clynes

House Matron: Mrs. Harris

At the beginning of the year we welcomed Mrs. Baker who replaced Mrs. Lunnis, as well as nine new girls, three of whom joined us from Junior School. In the Spring Term we welcomed Patricia Matsie and Sandhya Trivedi who came into the VIth form.

In the Autumn Term we held our usual stall of cosmetics and stationery at the Annual Bazaar and this raised a satisfactory amount. After much hard work and enthusiasm we came second in both the Dramas (Middle School and Senior) as well as in the Music Competition. We would like to thank Lucy Boyle for all the hard work she has put into the House as Producer of the Senior School Drama and Music Competition coupled with her admirable performances, Susan Lord as an enthusiastic Producer of the Middle School Drama and Elizabeth Felton and Jane Fricker for coaching the House in the sporting activities.

Throughout the year Miss Jeffrey has taken the House on outings to Sheffield Skating Rink for which we thank her very much. This year the Annual House outing took the form of a walk in Chatsworth followed by a visit to Bakewell.

We are very sorry to lose Mrs. Harris this year from Powys. On behalf of us all I would like to thank her for everything she has done for us over the past few years and I'm sure that many will miss her presence up in Top C.

Finally, I would like to thank everybody for their support over the past year, especially Elizabeth Felton and wish Powys all success and good luck for the future.

Jenny Kendall
House Captain

Selwyn House

<i>House Mistress:</i>	Mrs. Ferguson
<i>Deputy House Mistress:</i>	Miss Cawood
<i>House Matron:</i>	Miss Wall
	Summer: Mrs. Does

This year we welcomed sixteen new girls into the House, which increased our numbers, although we are still the smallest House.

The Christmas Bazaar was a great success and we raised over £100, thanks to the hard work of the members of the House.

During Lent, Selwyn proved they were the best Cooks when they sold their home made products and raised over £70.

Selwyn has managed to reach the Semi-Final in the Hockey, Netball, Volleyball, Rounders and Tennis matches and we hope to be even more successful next year.

The Middle School members of the House worked extremely hard in producing the play, 'Five Birds in a Cage' gaining third place. Jane Siddall and Alison Churms deserve a mention for their promising performances and received a recommendation from the judge.

In the Summer term Miss Wall left us and we welcomed Mrs. Does from Gresford as our new matron.

We reached second place in the Sports and a special mention goes to Debbie Yates and Alison Grimes for their outstanding performances.

The tranquillity of the Trent and Mersey Canal was shattered when the members of Selwyn House descended from the coach and swarmed onto, into and around the Fergusons' narrow boat for our enjoyable House outing, for which we thank Cmdr. and Mrs. Ferguson.

Our best wishes go to all who are leaving this year.

Jill Sampson
House Captain

Wilson House

House Mistress: Miss Rees-Jones

Deputy House Mistress: Miss Hilton

Matron: Mrs. Taylor

At the beginning of the Autumn Term, we welcomed nine new girls into Wilson, four of whom came from Junior School. We also had three girls joining us in the Spring Term.

Once again at the Christmas Bazaar we had the sweet stall and once again we raised the largest amount of money, even surpassing our last year's record.

In the House Drama we were third and we were extremely proud of Penny Hill-Wilson who won an individual trophy.

The Middle School Drama was extremely successful and we won for the second year running. This was produced by Tracey Thompson and our young actresses show great potential.

Our Hockey and Netball teams were excellent but we had to settle for second place in both games.

In the Music Competition we came second, narrowly losing to Pigot. Helena and Penny Hill-Wilson gave a superb performance of "The Cats' Duet" which was the surprise item and for which they received a medal.

The Summer Term brought overwhelming success as we won both the Athletics and the Swimming, for the first time in many years. We were all immensely proud of the results of these sports.

During the course of the year we had House Outings to Monsal Dale and Millhouses Park in Sheffield.

I wish the House the best of luck in future years and hope they are successful in all they do.

Michele Turnquest,
House Captain.

Margaret Flood House

<i>House Mistress:</i>	Miss Lavender
<i>Deputy House Mistress:</i>	Miss Reeves
<i>House Matron:</i>	Mrs. Carberry
<i>Assistant House Matron:</i>	Miss Hall
<i>House Captains:</i>	Susan Thompson (Autumn) Tracy Wells (Spring) Julie Lord (Summer)
<i>Prefects:</i>	J. Lord, S. Thompson, T. Wells, A. James, J. Webb, S. Dodd, L. Wildgoose, S. Thornton, T. Song, F. Idell, E. Ward, S. Richardson.

We were very glad to welcome Mrs. Carberry and Miss Hall at the beginning of the school year.

We had two visits to Stancliffe Hall this year, first to see "Hansel and Gretel" and "The Zoo", and the second time to see "Tom Sawyer" which we enjoyed very much.

We also had the Ascension Day outing as usual and the Forms set out with their respective Form Mistresses and various other members of staff to different places.

During the Summer Term, Miss Robinson was ordained as Deaconess, and the service at Derby Cathedral was attended by Miss Lavender and Julie Lord as Head Girl.

After many hours of hard practice for the Music Competition in the Spring Term we came third, tying with Powys.

We are all very sorry to say goodbye to Miss Robinson but wish her every happiness in the future.

Last but not least we would like to thank Miss Lavender for all she has done for the Junior School this year.

Susan Thompson

GAMES REPORT

Favourable weather enabled us to play nearly all our Hockey and Tennis matches, and as can be seen below, our results were good.

St. Elphin's was once again triumphant in the Inter-School swimming and retained the Triangular Shield. We were also proud that Joanna Allen, Caroline Murphy and Kay Winkler were chosen to swim for the County.

For Sports Day we were once again blessed with glorious weather—in fact, it was almost too hot for the competitors. Wilson House proved the winners, with Selwyn as close runners up, and Gresford third. Debbie Yates won the Middle School Victrix Ludorum, Miranda Ball, the Intermediate Victrix Ludorum and Claire Derry, the Senior Victrix Ludorum.

With Mrs. Fearn and Miss Williams, we were again able to go to Wembley, where we saw the International Hockey Match between England and Wales. We were hoping Miss Williams would be playing for Wales, but unfortunately, owing to injury, she was unable to compete.

I would like to say a big thank you to all those who have worked so enthusiastically in the school teams throughout the year, and especially to Mrs. Fearn, Miss Williams and Mrs. Hargreaves for all the hard work they have put into encouraging and improving our Sport.

Elizabeth Felton,
UVI



TEAMS AND RESULTS

Hockey

School 1st XI

Elizabeth Felton (Captain), Lucinda Jordan, Barbara Reed, Elizabeth Atwell, Sally Round, Sally Bayly, Helen Round, Caroline Murphy, Joanna Allen, Claire Derry, Jenny Kendall.

2nd XI

Mary Thomas (Captain), Helen Stoppard, Sarah Smith, Margaret Wardle, Toni Gascoigne, Susan Yates, Tansy Woodhead, Jane Fricker, Jill Sampson, Christine Banton, Sally Dickinson.

Inter-School Matches

versus Abbotts Bromley 1st XI Won 5-0 2nd XI Won 2-0.
versus St. Helena 1st XI Won 2-1 U15XI Won 4-0.
versus Abbotts Bromley 1st XI Won 3-0 2nd XI Won 3-0.
versus Ernest Bailey 1st XI Lost 1-4.
versus Presentation Convent 1st XI Won 4-1 U15 XI Won 3-0.
versus Ecclesbourne 1st XI Won 2-1 U15 XI Won 4-0.
versus Presentation Convent 1st XI Won 1-0 U15XI Lost 2-3.

Tennis

1st VI 1st Couple: Elizabeth Felton (Capt.), Barbara Reed.
2nd Couple: Joanna Allen, Caroline Murphy
3rd Couple: Claire Derry, Beverly Trayner.

U15 VI 1st Couple: Rebecca Woodsend, Melanie Sutcliffe.
2nd Couple: Elizabeth Adams, Alison Grimes.
3rd Couple: Sally Bayly, Elizabeth Brook.

Inter-School Matches

versus Abbotts Bromley 1st VI Won 6-3 U15 VI Won 7-2.
versus Ecclesbourne 1st VI Lost 1-8 U15 VI Won 7-2.
versus Presentation Convent 1st VI Won 9-0 U15VI Won 7-2.
versus Ecclesbourne 1st VI Lost 4-5 U15 VI Won 9-0.
versus Presentation Convent: 1st VI Won 8-1 U15 VI Won 7-2.
versus Lady Manners: 1st VI Won 8-1 U15 Won 7-2.

Results of House Matches

	Winner	Runner Up
Hockey.....	Kennedy	Wilson
Tennis.....	Gresford	Kennedy
Athletics.....	Wilson	Selwyn
Swimming.....	Wilson	Kennedy
Junior Netball.....	Pigot	Wilson
Junior Rounders.....	Pigot	Kennedy

Swimming Awards

Teacher's Certificate:

(Royal Life-Saving Society)

Jane Fricker

Claire Derry

Bronze Medallion

(Royal Life-Saving Society)

Miranda Ball

Karen Verry

Nicole Clarke

Julie Trayner

Kay Bibby

Sally Dance

Susan Lord

Angela Thomas

Alison Yates

Caroline Murphy

Beverly Trayner

Susan Blair

Sonja Swinger

Jane Fricker

Kathryn Hassall

Diane Butterworth

Susan Alexander

Linda Farr

Deborah Whitworth

Padideh Jalali

Vivien Hodge

Rosemary Allen

Karen Ford

Julie Rhodes

Elizabeth Bottomley

Honours

(Personal Survival A.S.A.)

Caroline Murphy

Barbara Reed

Hilary Weeks

Beverly Trayner

Kathryn Hassall

Caroline Cooper

Kay Winkler

Joanna Allen

Deborah Barton

Fiona Robertson

Gold

(Personal Survival A.S.A.)

Caroline Murphy

Beverly Trayner

Kim Edgington

Lise Schellenberg

Jane Mawer

Melanie Sutcliffe

Kate Emmitt

Vicky Twogood

Victoria Eskridge

Sally Grayson

Penny Hill-Wilson

Kathryn Elks

Rosalind Slatter

Alison Roberts

Nicola Welch

Sian Davies

Ruth Stonehouse

Caroline Board

Deborah Yates

Caron Smith

Elizabeth Brown

Elizabeth Gough

Silver

(Personal Survival A.S.A.)

45 Girls

Bronze

(Personal Survival A.S.A.)

40 Girls

EXCURSIONS

This year the Sixth Form historians have enjoyed two visits to the Matlock College Historical Association of which the Chaplain is a member. We felt very privileged to be welcomed by this erudite gathering.

We have been enlightened by a lecture on the history of Mary, Queen of Scots, in connection with this area. On the second occasion, we saw the film 'Cullodon Moor'. We are very grateful to the Chaplain and Miss Clynes for organizing these evenings.

After the 'A' level examinations, in addition to the Houses of Parliament visit mentioned in the Editorial, the Upper Sixth spent a very happy Friday at Wimbledon. Both the tennis and weather were excellent. We were all fortunate enough to see most of our sporting heroes to the satisfaction of the whole party. Whether or not this results in our emulating their skills and styles remains to be seen. Our thanks and appreciation for the arrangement of the outing go to Mrs. Gill, Mrs. Fearn and Miss Williams.

Other excursions this year have included outings in the Autumn term for the Upper Thirds and Lower Fourth's to see "A Midsummer Night's Dream", for the Sixth Form to see the film of Verdi's "Otello" and for the Fifth Form to see "King Henry IV, Part One", at Withington. We thank Mrs. Onač for arranging these visits.

The Biologists of the Sixth Form also thank Miss Cooper for a very interesting afternoon at the Hallamshire Hospital on Friday, 9th May. This visit was kindly arranged by Professor Thornton who allowed the girls to view slides under the hospital's electron microscope.

Finally, we must thank Miss Rees-Jones for her continued hard work in organizing our regular excursions to concerts at Sheffield City Hall. These are appreciated by many girls from the Fifth and Sixth Forms.

Helen Stoppard,
UVI



SCHOOL VISITS AND FIELD STUDIES 1974-75

Once again we have filled every spare moment and given opportunities to all forms to take part in studies in Britain and abroad.

Our weekend visits continue to be inter-departmental and we are welcomed as old friends by our hosts. We have spent two

enjoyable periods along the Yorkshire coast and visited Keswick on the most beautiful weekend in April.

Local studies are usually less popular; however, Upper Four A requested their own exclusive river study and so we adopted Burbage brook and brought much of it home in our socks and boots.

The sinking pound still hampers us on our foreign visits but our Seniors once more indulged in some masochistic skiing in the Italian Dolomites, fondly remembering Hotel garden and "Rasputin", whilst a younger group visited France at Easter to "do Paris and the Loire Valley. Some of their comments are listed elsewhere but we liked "cwasons for breakfast", "another chateau", "another walk".

Next year we look forward to a similar variety of weekend visits and have set our sights on Haute Savoie, the Seine valley and maybe some more Austrian exchanges—Chancellor of the Exchequer permitting.



A COLLECTION OF COMMENTS ON THE LOIRE VALLEY TOUR.

We left school about 2.30 p.m in the middle of the Music Festival. Our coach was lovely and comfortable and our seats were reclining ones.

We sailed on Viking III and got up at 5.30 a.m. When we arrived in France the first person we saw was a man in a beret. We drove through quiet streets in Le Havre and there were lots of lovely shops and the confectioners were full of home-made chocolate eggs, hens, fish etc. with lovely bright ribbons on them.

Versailles Palace was magnificent with beautiful paintings on every ceiling. It also had a large cobble-stone courtyard, which provided problems for those wearing high platforms.

There were huge round bunches of mistletoe in the trees. We arrived at Paris in a sort of spaghetti junction. Cameras clicked all the time in Paris. We could see the Eiffel Tower for a long time before we were actually in the city. It was very big with a road going under it. We liked the stalls along the Rive Gauche but it was very busy.

We spent a long time talking to the hotelier. Every morning we had a French breakfast and he would say, "Bonjour mes enfants" and we had to reply. When he came round with the cocoa he would

say "Oui ou non?" and we would have to answer him and say "Merci" or he would get mad!

At Blois Chateau I remember distinctly the guide telling me that the beds were small because the people ate so much that they slept sitting up!

We went to the Chateau of Chambord. It was huge. Inside there was a double spiral staircase going up to the roof. We walked round the roof. The things that caught my eye were the beautiful tapestries.

Thursday was our busiest day—we saw four chateaux. When we got inside Chaumont we had quite a shock because we had a French guide. He was very strict indeed. My favourite part was a little chapel. We were on a balcony above it. It had the most beautiful windows I had ever seen. They looked like the sun.

We tasted three types of wine in a "wine cave". I did not like the rosé very much. It was raining very hard at Amboise. The chateau was on a cliff.

Chenonceaux chateau was full of giant hyacinths. It is owned by a chocolate maker. It is built on a bridge. Soldiers used to escape through it in the war from German-France to Free-France. It was the best one. The kitchens were in the arches of the bridge. They had still got the old bowls and plates.

Then we went for another walk because the hotelier was watching France v Hungary on the T.V. We drove back to Le Havre in a hailstorm with snow on the ground. We went through Le Mans, it was market day and we stopped at Honfleur. We spent our last French money and wandered round the quaint harbour. The houses were tall and thin. There were lots of boats and a wooden church with two naves.

Viking Venturer is the newest cross-channel ferry. We went round all the shops and had our passports checked. It was better than Viking III.

We were in Southampton at 7.00 a.m. The customs man was very chatty. There was a lot of snow.

For presents we had given the staff an Easter hen each. They brought them back home very carefully. The hens were sitting on eggs.

In the coach I went to sleep and the next thing I knew they were saying, "Your dad's here".

Everything was lovely.

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VISIT TO THE HALLAMSHIRE HOSPITAL

The electron microscope is currently one of the most important tools of biological research. As the light microscope did, it reveals a new world with many previously unknown features. It has helped to increase our understanding of plants and animals and our ideas of the structure and function of cells have greatly changed.

The Lower Sixth Biologists had the good fortune to visit the Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield University and see an electron microscope in use. We were presented to Professor Thornton and a sweet little lady who went through the tedious task of showing us how the specimen is prepared. The first step is dehydration by means of fixatives such as osmium tetroxide (OsO_4), glutaraldehyde ($\text{O}=\text{CH}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}=\text{O}$), and another which neither of us can remember — it was long enough! This must be done, or the specimen would disintegrate in the vacuum of the microscope.

The tissue is cut into small pieces, ready for mounting. One piece is placed in a small capsule and araldite is poured into it. The capsule is baked and then sharpened like a pencil.

The specimen is now ready for sectioning. This feat is achieved by the microtome, which is like a bacon slicer. At this point, the specimen is mounted on a minute copper grid —  (life size). It is now ready for investigation under the electron microscope.

We then went to see the electron microscope, kept in a dark room to give a clear picture. A very good light microscope can magnify objects up to 1,500 times, but an electron microscope's resolving power can reach 500,000 times and more!

The detail of the cells shown under this microscope was even more than we expected. The only disappointment was that it was not in technicolor. We all enjoyed guessing the various parts of the cell that we were looking at.

We had the opportunity to see a different type of electron microscope as well — a scanning microscope. This microscope only shows the surface of the specimen, which is sprayed with gold vapour, which forms a thin film on cooling. The microscope works on principles similar to those of a television. We saw a sample of red blood cells (rather doughnut-like). Carole Nichols was the first person in our group to identify them and was duly presented with a photograph.

To round off our visit, Professor Thornton showed us a film on the progress in the use of anaesthetics. We were horrified to learn

that until recently, people had to undergo intense pain just for minor operations. A crude relief was attempted by the use of poppy seeds, or sometimes by getting the patient extremely drunk. Considering the fact that surgeons were either barbers or butchers, it is surprising that any of the patients survived. We should, however, appreciate that their experiments laid the foundation of all that we know of anaesthesia today.

We are grateful to Professor Thornton and to Charlotte for being his daughter, thus providing us with this unique opportunity and we thank Miss Cooper for arranging the visit.

Sandhya Trivedi, Marva Moxey,
LVI



THE BULLFIGHT

It was five o'clock in the afternoon on the island of Ibiza and siesta time was now over. Hundreds of people, tourists and Spaniards alike were all hurrying for the fortnightly bull-fight. The flats surrounding the arena were packed with Spaniards who could not afford a seat inside. There were two different sets of seats, those in the shade, mainly for the tourists, and those in the sun, which were occupied chiefly by the big Spanish families, eating fish and chips.

The bullfighters in Ibiza, the picadors, sit on horseback. The picador usually fights four bulls with the help of understudies who tire the bull for him.

Suddenly the arena was quiet. Then, the band started up and three picadors entered and performed some marvellous dressage before disappearing once more. Suddenly the bull rushed in, followed a little later by the picadors. The fight seemed to be a matter of wearying the bull and this process was helped by the loss of blood from the spear wounds. The spears were decorated with brightly coloured paper. Apparently the bulls do not feel the spears in their backs because of their high rage. If the horses are not quick enough they are in danger of being gouged by the bull's horns. It was very exciting to watch the more experienced and skilful horses which were able to allow the bull to come within inches before moving.

When the bull was eventually brought down (here I left to buy an ice-cream) the killing was very quick, I was informed. It was done with a dagger. The ears and tail were paraded around the ring by a picador and given to someone in the crowd, usually to the Spanish boys whose customs it is to wait at the exit. To make me feel even more squeamish, an open truck arrived and the dead bulls, covered in flies, were soon on their way to the butchers. Thus ended another bullfight.

Sarah Wilkinson,
LVA

THE Lord is my pace-setter ~ I shall not rush.
He makes me to stop and rest for quiet intervals
He provides me with images of stillness, which restore my serenity.
He leads me in ways of efficiency, through calmness of mind,
And his guidance is peace.
Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day
I will not fret, for his presence is here,
His timelessness, His all importance will keep me in balance
He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity
By anointing my mind with oils of tranquillity
My cup of joyous energy overflows.
Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of my hours.
For I shall walk in the pace of my Lord, and dwell in His house for ever.

After the 23rd Psalm.

Toki Miyashina of Japan.

Rosamund Smith LVI

A Sigh on the Waves

The moonlight glowed
On the silken sand
The water lapped
On the silver strand;
A lonely bird
Called in the night
And mournfully cried
As it sailed out of sight.
My footprints sank
In the damp, glistening grain
And my heart overflowed
From a long suppressed pain.
The foam-tipped waves
Flowed down to meet,
The crying bird
Flew down in the air,
The wind moaned softly
And rippled my hair;
My lips relaxed
And I gently smiled —
I gazed at the moon
With its silvery rays,
And I gazed at the bird
Speeding o'er the waves.

The water erased
The prints on the shore,
The bird uttered a cry
And flew back once more;
Then drifted away,
Wild and free,
And left the moonlight
On the sand and sea.

Anna Shooter, LVA

Yesterday

The land was beautiful
And the grass was green
And there were cattle
And flowers supreme.
But now it's gone,
How has it gone?
All that's left is dirt and litter
And it makes me feel so bitter.
I am so sad it's gone away.
I do hope it comes back some day.

The Saga of Squeaky

In a hole in the skirting board,
Underneath a chair,
Lived a little mouse called Squeaky
Who did not have a care.

His hole was in the dining-room—
A very useful place,
For lots of crumbs were left around
So he could stuff his face.

A lot of bits were always dropped
From the table to the floor,
But Squeaky soon collected them
And hid them in his store.

One day he came out of his hole
And smiled with utter gleedom
For in a corner he could see
A great big hunk of Edam!

He must go via the table,
There was no doubt of that,
For he might be seen by Ginger
(The family's tabby cat).

He jumped on to the table,
Like a cat making a stalk,
He tried to dodge the cutlery,
But stumbled on a fork.

It jet-propelled him in the air,
And hours seemed to pass
Before he came back down again
And landed in a glass!

His head was going round and round
His little nose was sore.
He gave a very woeful sniff
And rubbed it with his paw.

At last he felt all right again,
His eyes began to shine.
He jumped out of the slippery glass
Into a glass of wine.

But fortunately he could swim
Or he would sure have sunk,
So he set off on his way again
(Feeling slightly drunk).

He walked over some pink ice-cream,
It hurt his tiny toes.
He scrambled down the other side
And paused — to blow his nose.

He slid down the slippery table leg
And landed with a bump,
Ahead of him there lay that cheese,
A juicy, big, fat lump!

His eyes lit up with sheer delight
Like black beads in the sun,
He ran back to his house with it
As fast as he could run.

He had a bath and changed his clothes
(His cheese was on a plate!)
He ate it up in perfect bliss,
He felt just simply great!

Moral
If you are fond of eating cheese
And see some (like my friend),
Then do your best and persevere
You'll get there in the end!

Miranda Glossop
Upper IVA

The Sea

The monstrous ocean all around
Like a blanket, pulled up tight.
The spume and spray over-awing each and everything
The roaring tide, rushing about the rocks
Like a fearsome bull in a field,
While the seagulls, waiting and crying, hover
Over the rushing water.
This inhuman being, never lingering
Never stopping, undefiled — the sea.

Sarah Scott,
LIVA

There was a time when I was small,
That I did not know him at all,
And then when I was six or so,
My love for him began to grow.

He really is a marvellous sight,
His coat like silk, his eyes so bright,
His muscles flexing, mane a-flow,
He'll take me where no car can go.

Through the wood, up on the moors,
What wonders Mother Nature stores,
The birds, the flowers, the trees I see—
It's wonderful to be so free.

I'm older now — my love still grows,
And anyone who knows him, knows
That whether he is thin and tall,
Or even rather fat and small,
That pleasure has no greater source,
Than from our trusted friend,

The Horse.

Tracey Mactaggart
LIVP

Fire

The cobwebs hung down
And caught in their hair,
The ashes formed carpets
— ones of despair.
The birds sang gaily
In their new-found home,
But *they* sat and cried
They could no longer roam,
Their lives were spoiled,
Hopes halved, fears doubled,
Whatever they did
They were too troubled
To care;
Married for three months
With a home, now so bare—
What is this thing "Fire"
That is so unfair?

Sally Round,
UVA



Sarah Scott,
LIVA.

Man's Folly

Beneath the golden crest of stars
There lies a solid sphere;
Pulsing in its final hours—
Imminent, far, yet near.
And in the velvet, smothering night
This sphere is starlit too.
Yet not by Nature's marvellous hand
These false stars glimmer through:
For twisting a precious silken strand
Of Nature's eternal web, men employ
God's gift to expand,
And in so doing, destroy.

Sarah Leaney,
LVA

Pollution

A long stretch of lush, green grass,
A line of tall and shading trees,
A clear blue sky that stretches far,
A never-ending sea.

A road that leads into a town,
A car that rides along its path,
A tall black chimney belching smoke,
A never-ending block of flats.
A trail of fumes across the sky,
A rabbit running over glass,
Rubble washed up on the sand,
—The influence of man.

Judy Prescott,
UVA

Heaven

Some think of Heaven as a city of gold,
Others a castle centuries old,
A few, a place of love and calm,
Some as the shepherd's heavenly farm.
Lots think Heaven is rather odd,
But I think Heaven is being with God.

Being with God and asking Him things,
How on earth He invented wings.
Being with Jesus of Galilee,
Asking why He died for me.
Perhaps it's like a big, big rose,
To tell the truth — nobody knows.

Sarah Dodd
LIIIA

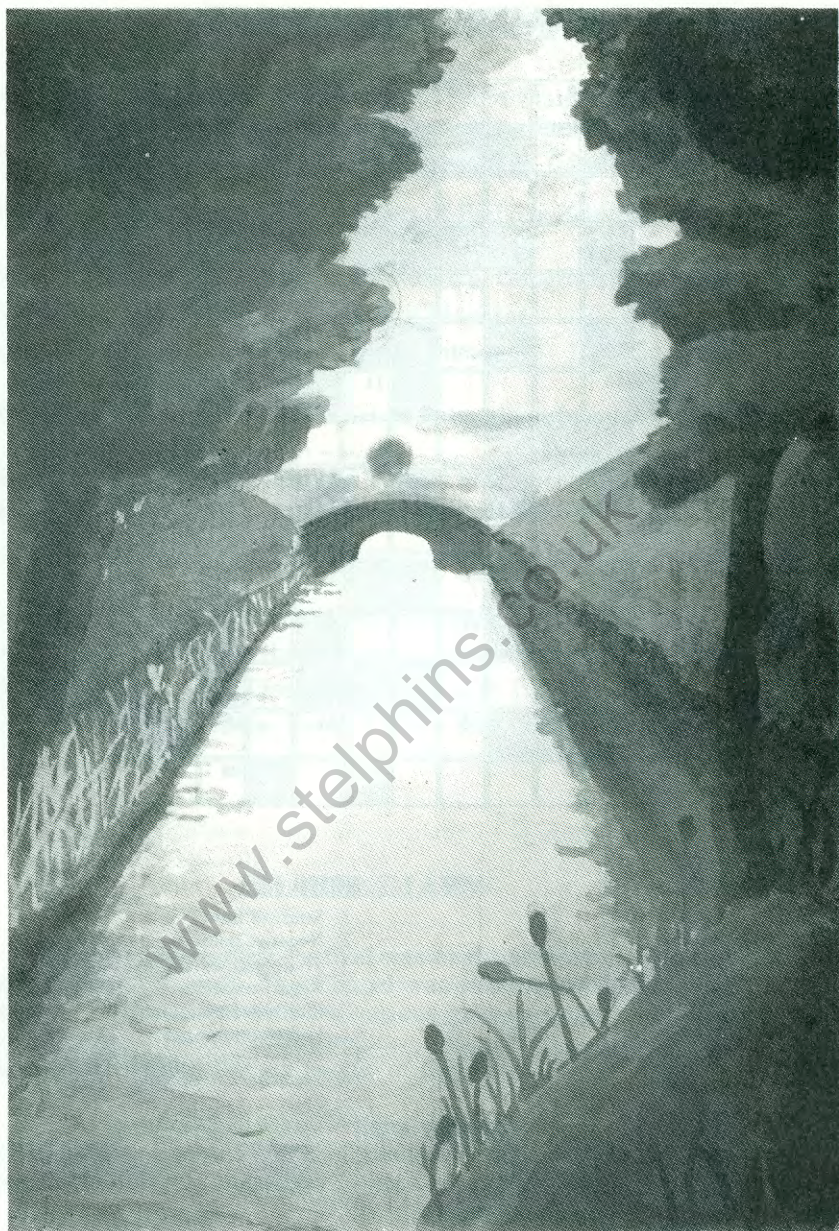
The Poppies

The poppies stand in the fields of corn.
Where the baby mice are born.
They open when the sun comes out
And so does all the corn about.
They scatter lots of tiny seed,
In between the flowers and weeds.

They watch the baby mice grow big,
As the poppies before them did.
On the beautiful scarlet petals,
Coloured butterflies come and settle,
And as the mice begin to doze,
The scarlet petals start to close.

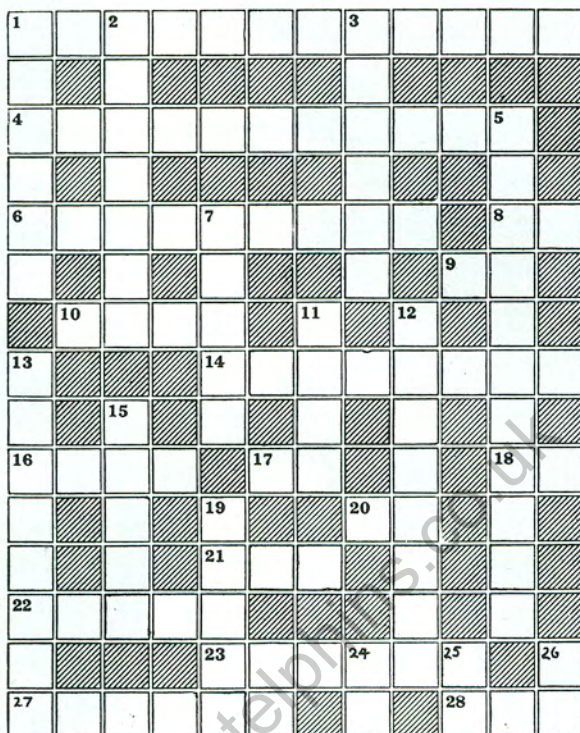
Now the petals are closed up tight,
As the minutes tick on through the night,
The owl hoots as he passes the field,
Where the poppies are whose petals are sealed.
They will not wake until the morn,
With the birds in the early dawn.

Maxine Wharton,
UIIIA



Miranda Glossop,
UIVA.

SCIENCE CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Shows waves
4. 4 faces
6. Reptilian
8. Cyanide
9. Chlorine
10. Energy
14. Charged particle
16. Covering
17. Tin
18. Noble gas
20. Barium
21. To do with a fish or light
22. To do with Latin and circles
23. To do with being male and flowers
27. Catalyst in body
28. Belonging to class INSECTA

DOWN

1. Study of light
2. Negative pole
3. To do with earthworms and horses
5. Negative species
7. Flat-tailed mammal
11. Lightest noble gas
12. Poison found in decaying food
13. Seeds have to do this
15. Fatty
19. Used in the periscope
24. Manganese
25. Sodium
26. Platinum

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Sandhya Trivedi,
LVI

OLD GIRLS' SECTION

Letter from Miss Robinson

July 21st 1975

My dear Old Girls,

This is the last time that I shall address you as President of the O.G. Guild. I feel I have a great deal to thank you for, especially for your support and co-operation during the past 17 years and your readiness to help in the different ventures the School has undertaken. Old Girls are a great strength to a school and I have certainly felt this strength coming from you.

May I thank you most warmly for the extremely generous cheque that was presented to me by Jo (nee Dickman) on your behalf at the Reunion in May? I was overwhelmed by your kindness. I am going to have a wonderful holiday in Greece and Egypt — as a gift from the Governors — and I shall spend part of your gift on a special expedition to Luxor and the Valley of the Kings which is offered on the Hellenic cruise. It is most exciting and your kind cheque will enable me to join this expedition. Thank you all very much.

Any feeling of sadness in my last term was far outweighed by the wonderful experiences I met with and the expressions of appreciation. I was ordained Deaconess in Derby Cathedral on St. Peter's Day and next year I shall be working in a parish at Belper in Derbyshire, at the same time completing the Ordination Course I am attending. So I do not feel I am 'retiring' but just changing my job.

The Sisters of St. Laurence's Convent, Belper, are looking after me for this year and I hope that some of you will be able to call on me if you are near.

My good wishes and warm thanks to all of you.

Yours affectionately,

Philippa Robinson

REUNION AT ST. ELPHINS

There was a record attendance at the Reunion held at the School on May 17th—over 100 of us (of whom 63 were Old Girls) were present at the “family” day.

After coffee, served on arrival, the A.G.M. was held in the Common Room. Miss Robinson took the Chair and opened the meeting with Prayers which included remembrance of those who had died during the year.

Miss Robinson then gave us news of the school and the new Stanley Thornton Building and the Whittam Library.

We were then told of the Swimming Pool project, which has unfortunately had to be abandoned owing to soaring costs. The money will be used for two all-weather hockey pitches which will also provide 18 tennis courts in summer.

In the Chapel there are now only two more rows of hassocks to be done to complete the scheme. Offers of help were received from several members.

After speaking of her coming retirement and her plans for the future, Miss Robinson told us a little about her successor, Miss Mayhew, whom we look forward to meeting at our next Reunion.

We then came to the subject of our own finances; the Treasurer presented the balance sheet and gave her report (printed elsewhere) and we discussed our rapidly diminishing funds.

As the chief item of expenditure is the magazine, and the postage on it—both of which are increasing annually—it was decided, for a trial period at any rate, to ask members to indicate whether they wish to receive the magazine and, if they do, to include, if possible, something towards the cost of it. For this purpose you will find a slip enclosed with this copy of the magazine which I would advise you to send off immediately. Great regret is felt at having to take this step in spite of having increased our membership subscription, but at the moment we can see no alternative.

After the meeting we re-joined our families and enjoyed an excellent lunch prepared by the catering staff, at the close of which Jo Lewis (nee Dickman) presented a cheque for £170 to Miss Robinson on our behalf, with many good wishes for her retirement.

The afternoon was spent in wandering round the school and grounds, watching the tennis and gossiping until it was time for Evensong in the Chapel, during which Service new members of the Guild were admitted.

The very enjoyable day concluded with afternoon tea and many expressions of thanks to Miss Robinson and the Staff.

The next Reunion will be held in Birmingham on May 15th, 1976. Details and reminders will be sent later, but meanwhile will you please make a note of the date.

Those present included:—Isobel Bailey, Sandra Allen, Dorothy Anson, Glynis Anson, Anne Barber (nee Glover), Anne Bentley (nee Colley), Lucy Birch-Jones, Winifred Jones (nee Birch-Jones), Beryl Buckley, Marilyn Booth (nee Lloyd), Margaret Carmichael (nee Houghton), Jane Cook, Fiona Fairclough, Audrey Glover (nee Bell), Patricia Goddard (nee Glover), Mary Goodman, Lois Grainger, Margaret Griffiths (nee Ashton), Amanda Hammett, Mary Haworth (nee Williams), June Holland, Jane Holland, Judith Priestley (nee Holland), Judith Jackson (nee Allen), Anne James, Jill Henson (nee Schanschieff), Frances James, Margaret Jones, Joan Kiddell, Joyce Knight, Anne Lee (nee Bisbrowh), Rosemary Levick, Jo Lewis (nee Dickman), Sylvia Lloyd, Patricia Marshall (nee Cliffe), Mary Mayo (nee Reeman), Adelaide Milligan, Sybil Osmond (nee Wells), Catherine Patchett (nee Panton), Olivia Rooke, Janet Rylatt (nee Revill), Mary Scudamore (nee Jones), Eileen Smart (nee Whittaker), Mary Stoneham (nee Smart), Beverly Smith, Judith Smith, Rosemary Taylor, Christine Tew, Connie Thompson (nee Swann), Winifred Thompson, Margaret Millerchip, Dorothy Tredwell (nee Kiddell), Elizabeth Wardle (nee Bates), Betty Wareham (nee Carson), Heather Woodcock, Joan Hulme (nee Waddington), Stephanie Revill, Lesley Brown (nee Revill), Elizabeth Lavender, Audrey Lavender, Elaine Woodhouse, Miss Harrison, Miss Helen Thompson, Miss Lesley Thompson and Mrs. Wass.

May I take this opportunity of thanking you all for your letters and news; I hope all the expected babies arrived safely. I have done my best to record the news correctly but ask you to forgive any mistakes or omissions.

Yours sincerely,

Eileen Smart



MEMORIES OF MISS ROBINSON

None of us can ever forget the authoritative voice of Miss Robinson calling to Chloe, her Scottish terrier, who was part of St. Elphin's for so long. How well we remember queueing up for Drawing-room with our sewing baskets. It was always such a refreshing change to walk into Miss Robinson's drawing-room and sit by a coal fire and relax while Miss Robinson read to us or we watched an interesting serial on television. One always hoped that the Powys girls in the dormitory above were not in a boisterous mood as many a time the glass chandelier has begun to sway gently above our heads, when some cryptic remarks would be made by Miss Robinson.

I shall always remember Miss Robinson wielding the golf clubs on the hockey pitch—we were always careful to stand well clear!

Miss Robinson took such an interest in all that went on in the School. I should think every form in the School was taught some subject by Miss Robinson at one time or another—whether it was Scripture, Latin or Religions of the World. Miss Robinson was also very interested in Music and Drama, and indeed helped to produce "H.M.S. Pinafore" by Gilbert and Sullivan in our era.

Another tradition Miss Robinson established which one feels has stood us in good stead was the School Prefects dining in couples with her and another member of Staff every Saturday evening. There was always delicious food and we learnt to make conversation at table and in addition it helped us to become better acquainted with our Headmistress.

It was at one of these dinners that plans were laid for a visit to Italy by some of the Sixth Form. Miss Robinson and her friend, Miss Mortimer (I think), took us and it was a memorable visit enjoyed by us all. Miss Robinson was an excellent guide and gave us full information about Florence and Rome at which we spent two weeks in all. She waited patiently, and I suggest slightly anxiously, outside the Forum in Rome, for one member who had got slightly carried away by the fascinating ruins and was nearly locked in for the night!

It was especially in our final year, when we saw more of Miss Robinson, that we really appreciated what an excellent Headmistress we had. She has such a fine sense of humour and I can still see her imitating one member of the Italian party—in Front Hall!

Miss Robinson also enjoyed walking very much, and used to encourage us to go for walks at the weekends when we could really appreciate the beautiful Derbyshire countryside. There was also, of

course, the very memorable occasion of the first sponsored walk in aid of the Swimming Pool. Miss Robinson, with her two Head Girls at that time, started before the rest of the School and had a splendid gastronomical tour, commencing with breakfast at Edensor, proceeding to Bakewell for lunch and finishing at The Peacock Hotel for tea, which resulted in the three of them running up the drive to School, last of all to arrive, with all the School cheering them on. They had completed the walk quite correctly, but in a truly civilised fashion.

Finally Miss Robinson set a wonderful example in worshipping God, never failing to be at the Services if it were possible.

There is so much to thank Miss Robinson for in all that she has done for the School, both in maintaining the high standard of the School, raising the funds for numerous new buildings, and keeping up the traditions of the School. St. Elphin's will be very strange without her.

We wish Miss Robinson all the very best in her new field of work in the Ministry of the Church.

Margaret Jones

Jo Lewis (nee Dickman)



MOSCOW & LENINGRAD

My friend and I joined a party of Intourist "Ballet & Theatre Tour". We left Gatwick in an Aerflot plane on April 19th. There was no drink either to buy or for free, just a good English luncheon, but no frisking either way.

It was a somewhat highbrow group (I did find one man who had played a lot of golf with Tony Jacklin!). There were quite a few from American Universities on Sabbaticals; a lecturer from Liverpool University and a history writer who was six feet tall and a godsend to any who lagged behind as we could always pick out our own group.

The flight was three hours thirty-five minutes, then an hour's dreary drive to Moscow. We were taken to a large modern hotel, 'Rossia'. It held 6000 people, had 21 floors, five large restaurants, and most floors had snack and coffee bars open to 11 o'clock. There was everything in the hotel, but we felt things might have been made simpler for us. For instance, our rooms were all on the West block and our restaurant on the East block—a route march every time.

Then for theatre tickets you booked and paid for seats, say on Monday or Tuesday, but you didn't get them till 4 p.m. on that day. If they had them well and good; if not, you got your money back and were too late to get anything else. The hotel was right opposite the Kremlin, and as the sun shone on the cupolas it was a lovely sight. The weather was sunny for the whole trip, a little warmer in Moscow than in Leningrad.

Moscow is a lovely city—very spacious and clean—no advertising anywhere. The absence of greed is very noticeable—no fleecing the tourists, though I must say I would have been glad of the odd cup of coffee at 11 a.m. Tipping is not allowed anywhere. Coats had always to be left outside restaurants and museums—free—and when we got them back the attendants sprang round to help put them on. There is a great drive going on to get pure air in Moscow, so all factories have been moved out of the city. There just remains the electricity plant.

Everyone works a six-day week—five days' pay for himself, the sixth goes to the state. Pensions are $\frac{3}{4}$ of salary—retiring age 60 for a man and 55 for a woman. Women do not have to work if they do not wish. The poorest paid get 100 roubles a month (8 roubles is £5). They pay 4% tax. Highest paid are scientists and top government officials. Then come the top dancers.

The only houses I saw were ones for foreign diplomats. I did ask if the lowest and highest paid lived in the same block of flats and was told they did; the difference was how you chose to furnish them.

Fiat build small cars under licence; they cost £2000-£3000, so there are not many.

Everything we saw in Moscow was included in the cost of the tour, except the circus which was well worth seeing for an extra £1.50. We went round the Pushkin museum, and in the Kremlin there were the most beautiful dresses and jewellery. I think it was Catherine who left 1750 dresses studded with diamonds and other precious stones—those we saw were quite superb. The decor in all the museums was beautiful—pale blues, greens, white and gold. The ballet was Giselle by the Bolshoi in the Hall of Congresses in the Kremlin. (The Bolshoi was closed). It held some 6000 people and was full. Wonderful dancing and we were told that the best company never leaves Moscow, only the stars. At the hour's interval everyone rushed up a quickly moving staircase—three flights—to a tremendous restaurant where one could buy anything from champagne and caviare to buns and beer. It was here we saw some very well-dressed men, and when they returned they went right to the front of the Hall.

We were taken on the Metro—it was like going into a marble hall. No smoking allowed; everywhere shining bright; the ceiling white and each station a different pale colouring. There were statues and bronzes commemorating famous people or victories. Three million use the Metro each day, with a fixed fare of 5 copecks for any distance. Trolley buses 3 copecks, and they seemed to have more people standing than sitting. Trains run every 1½ minutes, and 30 seconds in the rush hour.

Two queues form every day to visit Lenin's tomb. Tourists have priority, and even we had to stand two hours. The other queue must have been a mile long and started to form before 7 a.m. As we waited we watched the children rehearsing for May Day, saw other preparations and finally a bride bringing her bouquet to put on Lenin's memorial. All over Russia brides go to the nearest Lenin Memorial after their marriage. So the time passed quite quickly. There was a deathly hush as we drew near to the tomb. Soldiers kept constant watch—jacket buttons fastened, hands out of pockets and arms straight down. In single file we passed into a dark cave, and then suddenly in the middle was a brightly lit glass case with Lenin's body embalmed therein. All very eerie. As we came out we passed the wall with all the names of past heroes—astronauts etc. The only sign of any religion was on the Sunday morning when we heard a service being sung in a little nunnery. All around outside was the cemetery. Each grave has a large portrait of the deceased.

Do not believe people who say you cannot go anywhere unaccompanied. We could opt out of any of the arranged tours and go off on our own. Many of the younger ones went about Moscow after the ballet, and were amazed at the number of drunks they came across.

After luncheon on the Tuesday we flew to Leningrad—about an hour. This time we were in a smaller hotel just off the Nevsky Prospect. I had another super bedroom. Having heard there were no plugs in the baths I had taken one with me. Actually it was the wash basin which was without, so it came in useful when washing the smalls.

We had been booked in at the Kirov on the Wednesday to see Don Quixote. Not my favourite ballet but beautifully done and the Kirov itself was beautiful; all gold, turquoise, and heavy silk curtains. Here we met an Egyptian who told us that he came from Cairo very often on business but the Russians would not allow him to bring his wife. We all went down towards the stage in the interval to look back at a most gorgeous 'royal' box.

We had several tours round Leningrad—saw St. Isaac's Cathedral, now a museum and very ornate—the Peter and Paul fortress, and the cruiser Aurora looking spick and span although it

has been moored there on the Neva since its guns heralded Russia's new destiny in 1917. I did not care for the prison in the fortress where they show you the cells with the names and photographs of men and women who spent twenty years in solitary confinement. The Pavlorsk Palace which we visited via Pushkin, was marvellous. It had been completely destroyed in the war, and in 1944 they started to rebuild it as it had been. It is quite enchanting.

On Thursday evening just as I was off to the Maly to see Coppelia my wretched ankle rebelled, so I had to miss it and retire to my room. The telephone was there, but nothing to say how to get anyone. I dialled anything and at last a man's voice in English said "hello". When I found out he really was English I told him I'd sprained my ankle. There was a bit of a pause, and then he asked me how I had got his number. I told him I'd no idea what number I had got. So believe it or not he said he was an orthopaedic surgeon on another tour. "Would you like me to come and see it?" he said. I told him I'd love him to but I didn't expect he had a bandage. He told me to leave it to him, and in twenty minutes two doctors plus a nurse, all in white coats came along. They had no English and I no Russian. One of them examined me, banged his hand on the table and said "Niet" which I took to mean 'not broken'. "Hospital". At which point I said "Niet" and I very much wish now I'd said "Da" to see what their hospital was like. Then I rolled my hand about pretending to be a bandage. Eventually they strapped it up, packed up their things, and shook their heads when my purse came out. I might add they also took my blood pressure.

Next morning was the high spot of the tour. The Hermitage in the morning and we'd paid another £2.50 to see the Scythian Gold rooms in the afternoon. I was determined not to miss it, so with several willing arms I staggered round. The morning treasures and pictures were wonderful enough, but the afternoon's had to be seen to be believed. Some gold earings 200 B.C. Coach and horses which could only be seen through a magnifying glass.

Next morning we were up at 5 a.m. I asked to be called, but never was. Lucky I had an alarm. One couple got the call at 2.30.

The flight back was three hours five minutes. My friend's son met us and drove us to my daughters.

The young people are very smart and well made up—still mini-skirted, but the middle aged are rather drab and let their figures go. Our guide had been trained to teach English and History but decided against it. After nine years she now has to go and teach or give up her degree.

I personally liked Moscow better than Leningrad. It would have suited me to have had the Kremlin and Hermitage in one town. A

businessman said he'd come on the tour as it was cheaper than booking privately. He flew with us, came into meals and off.

The food was good without being exciting. Basic cost £112 plus extras.

Sorry about all the superlatives but go and see for yourself and don't wait till you are 75. This is no tour for the elderly.

Breakfast

Cheese - Salami
Hard boiled eggs
Rice pudding - Rissoles
Coffee - Tea -
Buttermilk

Luncheons

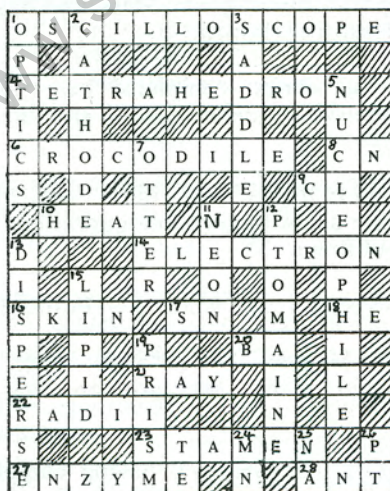
Hors D'Oeuvres
Borsch or similar
Boeuf Strog. - Steak
Ice Cream
Beer - Soda water -
fruit juice - tea

Dinners

Hors D'Oeuvres
Hot dish
Cakes

Margaret H. Griffiths

(nee Ashton)



NEWS OF OLD GIRLS

After nursing in and around London for some years SUSAN BROOKER (nee GARRETT) became a Ward Sister at University College Hospital where she trained. After one year in the job, however, she is going—following her marriage—to Boston, Mass. for a year, as her husband, a chartered accountant, is being sent there by his firm. She hopes to do some nursing while in America. Susan hears from PAULINE SCOTT (nee WHITTINGTON) who is teaching in Surrey and from CLARE BARTRAM (nee COX) who is living in West Germany at present.

Miss CARUS-WILSON is still busy (though officially retired) researching, writing, sitting on various committees and chairing some of them, including a committee of the Department of the Environment. Last autumn, while lecturing in Cirencester, she met HELEN DIXEY (nee HUDSON) whom she last saw when she taught her History more than half a century ago, and now a very youthful looking grandmother.

JANE CHADBUND (nee WELLS) was disappointed not to be at the Reunion, but her elder daughter was married on that day.

JEAN DAVIES (nee DONALDSON) has now been living in Holland for over a year and is beginning to make something of the language. They all miss the States and hope to go back, but meanwhile are seeing as much as possible of Holland. Her daughter Sian is at St. Elphin's and her son Rhydian is enjoying life at an English Prep. School. Jean sends news of ANNA WHITBY (nee MULLAART) who is now living in Frammingham, Mass. and has applied to do an M.Sc. in Public Health at Harvard.

PAT ELLIOTT has almost completed her training at "Barts" Hospital in London. When she is married she will continue nursing in Sheffield.

ANNE ENTWISTLE (nee LYON) of 2 Fairfield Road, Widnes, WA8 6SD has lost touch with her contemporaries and would be glad to hear from any of them.

GILLIAN EVANS is at present working in Edinburgh.

JUDITH FARNHAM (nee TUCKWELL) is now doing some part-time teaching again as her two girls are now aged 8 and 5 respectively.

DOROTHY FITCH (nee SHAW), having completed "over 20" hassocks for the Chapel, is now working on her 3rd for St. Paul's Cathedral. Fortunately the arthritis which prevents her getting out and about has not affected her hands; and as her eyesight is good

she has great pleasure in the tapestry work. Her daughter ROBIN gave her a wonderful birthday party recently when 17 members of the family were present. Dorothy would be glad to see any past (or present) St. Elphinites who are in the neighbourhood (2 Lonsdale Close, Hatch End, Pinner). JOAN NEWCOMBE (nee BRITTAIN) and MURIEL HINDE (nee JONES) live near and visit her.

JUNE GIBSON (nee BRIERLEY) is delighted that her husband's latest posting (to the Ministry of Defence) has not meant a removal (as is usual in the R.A.F.) so she will be able to enjoy her recently planted roses and Virginia creeper. When she called on a neighbour newly arrived from Cyprus, she was delighted to find that she had a daughter at St. Elphin's, so she looks forward to hearing news from her.

MARGARET GRIFFITHS (nee ASHTON) visited Russia in the spring.

ELIZABETH HALL (nee MUMFORD) is working for the publishing company Pearson Longman which is housed in the same building as the Financial Times of which her husband is Chief Accountant. One of the guests at her wedding last November was MARGARET POTTS and they both keep in touch with MONICA TREVETHICK and VIVIENNE JONES and would like news of MARJORIE DAVYS, WENDY BLACK and GRAHAME ASHTON.

MARY HAWORTH (nee WILLIAMS) had HILARY HEPWORTH as a bridesmaid when she was married at Easter and ELIZABETH WARDLE (nee BATES), ANNE LEE (nee BISBROWN) and their husbands were also present. Unfortunately JO LEWIS (nee DICKMAN) and her husband could not be with them.

CATHERINE HENDERSON (Katie) having gained her degree at Manchester, is now taking a course in Business Studies and Management at Birmingham.

ANGELA HEWITSON (nee WELLS) is Assistant Domestic Services Manager at the North Tees General Hospital.

MOLLY HINDLE (nee CHEESE)'s daughter, Mary, is now teaching in the Infant's Department of a large new school at Knowle. Molly hears from DOROTHY TAYLOR (nee PINCHIN) whose eldest daughter has just been married.

JANE HOUGHTON has gained her Cert. Ed. with London University and is now working for her B.Ed. At present she is lecturing in Hotel Reception, Book-keeping and related catering subjects at a Technical College in Wimbledon.

ALISON HURLOW returned home in May after spending nearly 2 years abroad, first as a V.S.O. in Zambia where she was teaching Home Economics in a secondary school, and then as a tourist travelling home to England overland. She spent about 4½ months on the journey, travelling with three other V.S.O's, also from Zambia, in a 17-year-old Bedford dormobile. They were sponsored by friends and family at home to raise money for Christian Aid; they made about £500. While in Kenya she visited VANESSA SPENCER (nee ST. JOHN) who is living near Kericho with her husband and two small daughters.

Miss JASPER, who has just finished the part-time teaching she has been doing since her official retirement in 1972, keeps in touch with several former members of staff, including Miss HARRISON, Miss LLOYD, Miss LESLEY THOMPSON, Miss OPPEN, and Miss BEAN. She has also met ROSEMARY BOOTH (nee SANDS), JILL MANUEL (nee PEPPERCORN) and MARY HILSDEN when they have been visiting Oxford where she lives.

RACHEL JOHNSTON has just retired from St. Thomas's Hospital. She is learning to type and to lip-read and hopes to learn to communicate with the deaf-blind, and to spend some of her time helping them.

MARGARET JONES is going as a nurse to Bangladesh.

STEPHANIE JONES leads a very busy life looking after students, as she lives only 5 minutes walk from Swansea University. At the moment she has six—2 Persian girls, an Indian boy, 2 Welsh boys and an English boy.

ELIZABETH LAVENDER has been accepted by Bishop Otter College of Education in Chichester for the two-year mature students' course starting in September 1975. She hopes to live in a flat in Aldwick Bay.

ANN LEE (nee BISBROWN) passed her SRN/RSCN combined examination in October 1973 and worked for a year as Staff Nurse at Great Ormond Street Hospital. (She feels that if she had learnt Arabic and Modern Greek instead of French, she would be better able to communicate with her patients). Since December 1974 she has been a Ward Sister on the Orthopaedic Ward there. Her two sisters GILLIAN and RUTH were bridesmaids at her wedding and MARGARET JONES and MARY McQUEEN were there. Ann's husband is a Chartered Civil Engineer.

ANNE LEEK qualified as an S.R.N. at St. Thomas's in 1973 and she is now completing a midwifery course in York. In the autumn she hopes to go abroad with an international nursing agency—perhaps to Canada or South Africa.

ROSEMARY LEVICK is working for British Transport Hotels, and after being in the Ledger Dept. of their Manchester hotel, went down to St. Ives for the summer, before returning north to Yorkshire for the winter. Her leg, which has troubled her for some years, is now strengthening.

JOAN MANICOM (nee SWINDLE) has been living in Nottingham for almost a year now after a frustrating year during which she and her three daughters were in Sussex while her son was with her husband who had taken up his new appointment as Head of the Religious Education Department and Arnold Hill Comprehensive School in Nottingham. Even when they were able to move, one daughter who was doing her A-levels had to remain for a time in Sussex. Joan would be glad to hear of any of her contemporaries (1940-50) who are living in or around Nottingham.

JACQUELINE ORAM (nee BENNITT) now has two boys—Alexander aged 2½ and Ben who is one. Her husband, Jon, has been appointed Drama organiser for East Norfolk, so they will be moving from Sunderland. Meanwhile her parents' address at Bury St. Edmunds still finds her. She is in touch with several other old girls including MANDY HAMMETT, JANE BEARD, ALISON ORME, FELICITY GUSH (nee BAGNALL) and Miss HEATHER JAMES.

ALISON ORME first took a year's combined secretarial and cookery course at Winkfield Place, Windsor, and then went to Germany to study wines. After 18 months' practical work she attended a wine college in Berncastel (a town on the river Mosel). Having finished her course there and passed her exams, she plans to return to England in the autumn and find a job in the wine trade.

STEPHANIE REVILL is working in Knightsbridge as a personal secretary, and lives in Pimlico.

JANET RYLETT (nee REVILL) and her husband have spent nearly 2 years in Madrid. He has now joined Shell Chemicals (U.K.) Ltd. and returned to Carrington, near Manchester. They have two children now—Jeremy is 4 and Suzanna (who was born in Madrid) is 2. Janet would be glad to hear of any old girls living in the Sale or Altrincham area.

LESLEY BROWN (nee REVILL) and her husband are living in Bedfordshire, and she is teaching Primary School children.

MARGARET ROUSE (nee CARMICHAEL) is now a Staff Midwife at a hospital in Cheshire.

MOLLY ROWNTREE writes that she has no news for the magazine "beyond the unexciting fact that I am still alive". To me—and I am

sure to many others—that is very good news, and we hope that, in spite of the difficulties of public transport for the elderly, she will be able to come up to St. Elphin's sometime.

OENONE ROONEY (nee DUNKLEY) has now returned to New Zealand after 18 months spent in England. Her husband is principal of a 2-teacher school in the south. It is an area of native forest (known there as "bush") of which parts are being reclaimed as farmland. They are about 8 kilometres from the coast, and find it a very interesting area. They now have a second daughter.

CATHERINE SMART is still teaching in Cambridge; the High School where she is head of the Religious Education Department is in process of becoming a VIth Form College. She and her mother EILEEN (nee WHITTAKER) paid a second visit to Egypt in the Spring. After spending a few days in Cairo they flew to Aswan where they later boarded a river steamer and cruised down the Nile, visiting the lovely temples of Kom Ombo, Dendera, and many others before arriving at Luxor to see again the temples of Karnak and Luxor, and the tombs in the Valleys of the Kings, Queens and Nobles at Thebes.

JUDITH ANN SMITH has gained her S.R.N. at Guy's Hospital and now hopes to travel abroad.

MARY STAPLETON (nee SAPWELL)'s husband was instituted Vicar of Wroxham and Hoveton St. John (on the Norfolk Broads) in April 1975, and they and their family are busy settling into their new home and surroundings after moving over 200 miles from Yorkshire. Mary's father retired on June 1st having been the longest serving active Priest and Canon in the Norwich Diocese. He and his wife now live in a bungalow at North Walsham, 10 miles from where Mary lives. One of her daughters was bridesmaid when ROSAMOND STEEL (nee SAPWELL)'s son John was married in May. Rosamond's eldest daughter, Sarah, is in her second year at Keswick Hall Training College; and has recently taken a leading part in the original production of Cinderella as first performed in 1830.

SHIRLEY TOMLINSON (nee MORGAN) was married in 1970 and now has two children, a girl and a boy, and a third baby is due in October.

ELIZABETH WARD expects to leave Loughborough soon, as her fiancé (by now probably her husband) will have finished his work for his Ph.D. at Loughborough University Chemical Engineering Department.

BETTY WILKINS (nee MARTIN) teaches part-time in her husband's school, doing remedial reading, and is also helping an

adult illiterate. She is secretary of their P.C.C. and is on the committee of the Parents' Association of her twin daughters' comprehensive school. She has just been made a governor of the school. MARY McMEEKING (nee HIBBINS) is the only other St. Elphinite she has seen during the year, but she corresponds with several others.

VICKI WOODHOUSE (nee GERARD) has been a teacher at the Colchester Garrison for 2½ years.



BIRTHS

POIGNON - On February 22nd, 1975 to ISOBEL (nee MURRAY)
a daughter, EMMA LOUISE.

ROONEY - On November 8th, 1974 to OENONE (nee DUNKLEY)
a second daughter, CORINNE PHILIPPA.

SPALTON - On February 13th, 1975 to BARBARA (nee YOUNG)
a daughter, LOUISE ANNA.

SMITH - On April 5th, 1975 to JANE (nee BLACKWALL)
a son, MATTHEW RALPH.

STONEHAM - On November 20th, 1974 to MARY (nee SMART)
a second son, IAN THOMAS MELVILLE.

WRIGHT - On March 6th, 1975 to JULIA (nee WELLS)
a son, JOHN DAVID LOUIS.

ENGAGEMENTS

PAT ELLIOTT to Robert Henderson (brother of Catherine Henderson).

ELIZABETH WARD to John McNeil Larkins (the wedding planned for August 30th, 1975).

MARRIAGES

BROOKER-GARRETT - On August 9th, 1975, Stephen Brooker to SUSAN GARRETT.

COMER-ROSS - On March 22nd, 1975, S. R. Comer to CAROLYN ROSS.

GASCOIGNE-KING - On August 5th, 1972, Ian Gascoigne to JILL KING.

HALL-MUMFORD - On November 23rd, 1974, David Hall to ELIZABETH MUMFORD.

HEWITSON-WELLS - On July 13th, 1974, Richard Hewitson to ANGELA WELLS.

HOWARTH-WILLIAMS - At Easter, 1975, Mr. Howarth to MARY WILLIAMS.

LEE-BISBROWN - On July 27th, 1974, David H. Lee to ANN BISBROWN.

SMITH-BLACKWALL - On December 22nd, 1973, Peter William Mytton Smith to JANE ANGELA BLACKWALL.

TYSON-ALLDRICK - On October 26th, 1974, Ronald John Tyson to BEVERLY ALLDRICK.

WOODHOUSE-GERARD - In 1973, David Woodhouse to VICKI GERARD.

DEATHS

DOROTHY MACPHERSON (nee BIRCH-JONES) - On February 14th, 1973.

MARY FLORENCE FISHER (nee WOODHOUSE) - On June 20th, 1975.

KATHERINE BLACK (nee SCOTT) early 1975.

NORA WRIGHT (nee WHITE) in May 1975.

KATHLEEN ELIZABETH WEIR WILSON - On October 14th, 1972.

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OLD GIRLS' GUILD

1974 Entries

Lucy Boyle	Annual
Elizabeth Felton	Annual
Jane Fricker	Annual
Anne Gutch	Life
Kathryn Hassall	Annual
Pauline Kendall	Life
Judith King	Annual
Susan Lindley	Life
Affiong Nsa	Annual
Jane Pashley	Life
Elizabeth Piccaver	Annual
Anne Marie Robinson	Annual
Corinne Rose	Annual
Helen Round	Annual
Sarah Walker Smith	Life
Helen Stoppard	Life
Mary Thomas	Life
Michele Turnquest	Annual
Elisabeth Walker	Annual
Joanna Allen	Annual
Christine Banton	Annual
Rachael Burrows	Life
Brenda Cox	Annual
Rosemary England	Annual
Louise Hall	Life
Fiona Howitt	Life
Barbara Reed	Life
Hilary Weeks	Life

TREASURER'S NOTE

In December 1974, the balance in the current account stood at £190.56, and that in the deposit account was £351.85.

In fact, the situation is not quite as good as it looks as the magazine bill did not arrive until February and therefore the amount is really £298.57 less. This is an increase of just over £40 on the previous magazine bill, due chiefly to increases in postage. It has been suggested that perhaps magazines posted abroad should be stopped as sea-rates are very high. Perhaps members would like to pass an opinion on this. This year, the postage will rise by a minimum of 2p per magazine i.e. approximately £12.50 more, on the number we have, even if the actual cost of the magazine does not increase.

With regard to subscriptions: this year we now have 53 annual members, at £1 p.a. Those who pay this most speedily are our older members, but many newer members of the last few years, cease to pay very quickly, and one feels that they have little thought of remaining members. This year 16 will be crossed off, owing between them £44. Even personal letters pointing out the difficulties brought no replies. It seems to me to be more important that subscriptions of existing annual members should be paid regularly (a resignation sent and not assumed) than to expect, hopefully, that we can be kept in the clear by donations. As in so many cases, it is our older members, some of whom are now senior citizens, who are the most generous and responsive to requests, and we are most grateful for their continued support.

If you have erred and strayed from your ways by the time this reaches you, please remember your subscription—thank you.

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ST. ELPHIN'S OLD GIRLS' GUILD

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1974

1. CURRENT ACCOUNT

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