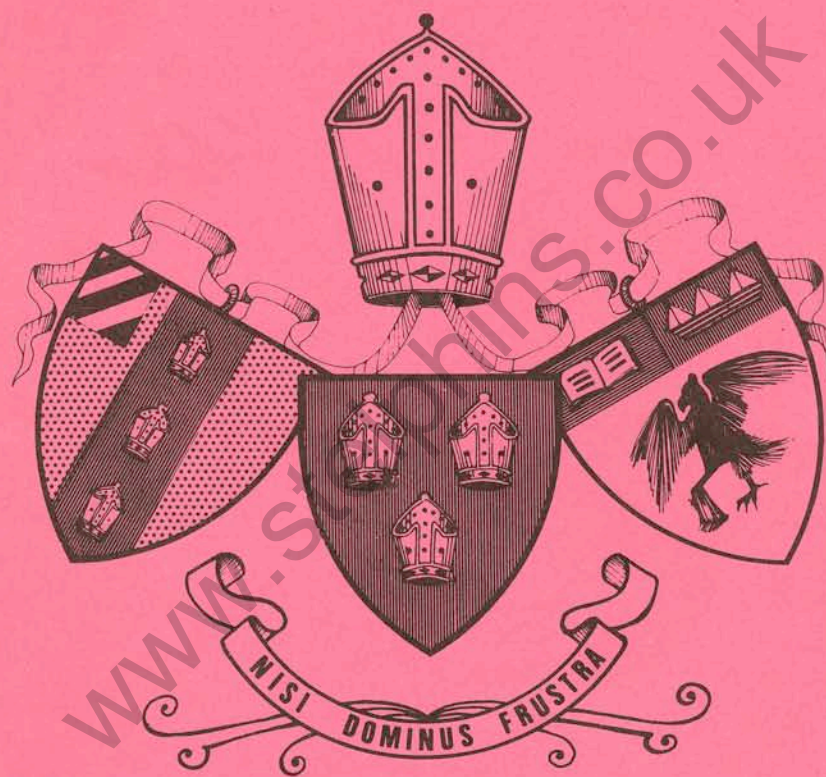


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Editorial

The chief acquisition of the year has been the school minibus in which many outings have been organised, ranging from local trips to holidays abroad.

It seems unfortunate that at the end of every year we have to say goodbye to familiar faces, but at the same time we are always eager to welcome new members of staff. Miss Bower replaced Mrs. Barling as Head of the Domestic Science Department, and we would like to welcome her and wish her success in her new position. Mrs. Barling has served the School for many years and contributed much to the culinary talents of the girls!

We were delighted to have Miss Goldthorpe joining us in the Music Department where she, together with Mr. Brockbank and Mr. Jackson, has devoted much time and attention with pleasing results, especially those attained by the School Choirs at Fleetwood and at the Buxton Festival.

We take this opportunity to thank Staff for their willingness to organise outings, which have been much enjoyed and also for the hard work which has gone into arranging the many extra-curricular activities. A special word goes to Mr. Burgess, not only for his success with the Logic club, but also in the production of 'Christ in the Concrete City' and his other play 'The Sea-King's Daughter', which took place at the end of the Autumn term.

Finally, we hope that Mr. Pollard, despite the challenges of entering a new school, and embarking upon an entirely different system, has enjoyed his first year at St. Elphin's, and will continue to enjoy the years that follow. On behalf of the school, we should like to thank him for the lively injection of humour and enthusiasm received every Monday morning at assembly!

Elizabeth Bottomley, Eniola da Rocha-Afodu



Obituary

MISS WINIFRED HARRISON

In 1958 the School was virtually housed under one roof and, though the girls were nominally in 'Houses' for matches and other activities, the division was an artificial one; the House system did not operate on traditional lines.

The resident staff lived in Darley Lodge away from the School building — and when it was decided to make proper Houses in every sense of the word, it was in that direction that I looked for House Mistresses — it certainly offered a rich field of Senior Staff well qualified for the task; there was Miss Smith, Miss Helen Thompson, Miss Lamb, Miss Harrison and others.

Without hesitation these responded to the challenge. They knew that it meant sacrificing comparative freedom and the peace and comfort of their own rooms away from the hurly-burly of School during leisure hours but, one and all, they met the challenge.

The old House names were revived: Miss Harrison took over Powys House, the Founder's House, which carried considerable prestige and she was proud of this. She came up to a small room in middle Central next to a large House Room where she was not likely to enjoy much peace and quiet during out-of-school times but there she stayed until she left some years later.

What a commotion broke out when the news of Houses was announced at Assembly on the last day of that term! The girls went round with long faces proclaiming that "they would never be able to speak to their friends in other Houses" and other such dire forecasts. Everyone went to bed that night in tears — tears are very catching — and off they went next morning to tell their parents about the dreadful thing that had happened at St. Elphin's!

I must confess that I began the next term with some apprehension: would it work or would it not work? Time passed, there were ups and downs, rebellions and quarrels but all my fears vanished in one flash one afternoon, when I heard quite a heated argument going on outside my door between some Lower V girls. I allowed it to take its course for a few moments but was about to intervene when one of the girls said in a loud and authoritative tone: "All right then, let's go and ask Miss Harrison what she thinks and let her decide". I knew then that the House system had come to stay. It had and I always felt grateful to Miss Harrison for what she had done to establish it.

What was her contribution? Quite simply in her case, personal integrity of character, high standards of behaviour which she expected from her girls, and a deep religious conviction. These qualities the girls quickly recognised and respected and there is no doubt that Miss Harrison put her unmistakable stamp upon Powys House. She took part in everything, fostering the House spirit strongly, encouraging the teams from the side-line, taking an active interest in House drama, music and sport, presiding happily at House parties, supporting them in every undertaking.

Not only did the girls love her; she was very popular in the Staff Room because of her friendliness, her puckish humour and her readiness to sympathise and encourage. She did not always enjoy good health but this she bore with cheerfulness. We all missed her greatly when she left but what a send-off she had from her House and from the School and Staff! She could have had no doubt about how much she was loved and appreciated.

P. M. Robinson

Tributes

MRS. MARY BARLING

Almost twenty years of loyal and devoted service to a school inevitably mean that a teacher sees many changes, and Mrs. Barling is no exception. From the days when school buildings occupied a much smaller area and the Domestic Science Room was a part of the old Kennedy Library, Mrs. Barling has seen the addition of the Hall and kitchens, the Gym, the I.B. and the Thornton Block (to mention only a few!). Her excellent planning of the new Domestic Science Room in the I.B. proved not only her sound, practical approach to teaching, but also her true vision for the future. On Bazaar days, parties and at many other school events, her help in organising refreshments was given unstintingly. The Staff always enjoyed their little trips to the I.B. to view the Christmas cakes decorated by the girls and the superb collection of jumpers and shirt lengths, with which she helped to keep them clothed! Her keen interest in gardening, camping and caravanning and her jolly sense of humour made her a most congenial companion and colleague. As Head of the Domestic Science Department, Form Teacher and friend, she gained the respect and affection of all, and will be much missed.

The Staff and School were saddened to learn of the death of Mr. Barling so soon after Mrs. Barling's retirement, but we are heartened by the knowledge that she can find consolation in her loving and devoted family. We trust that she will come to visit the school frequently in the future — her help in running-in the mini-bus having already been much appreciated.

M. Önaç

MRS. REENE KNIGHTON

We also said our farewells this summer to Mrs. Reene Knighton, who has left us after 26 years of devoted service and friendship, partly because of health reasons and partly in order to spend more time with her family (including 5 grandchildren).

Reene has seen many changes in the school, not only of Heads, staff and girls, but also of methods and buildings. In her early days the Housemaids wore their black dresses and white aprons and caps. The school kitchen was where Wilson now have their House Room, and the dining rooms were in the now Bursar's office, Biology Laboratory and the Old 'Rec' (now Gresford and Powys House Rooms). Staff ate in the present staff sitting room and trolleys were trundled through the front hall. In Reene's recent domain there were form rooms for UV and then a rose garden.

During her years of service Reene eventually took over to help mastermind many important occasions in the school calendar, such as lunch on Speech Day, Christmas Dinners and Governors' lunches; helping more recently with House and Parent social evenings.

Reene will be missed in all areas of the school and at all levels — but luckily she lives only a short distance from school and is already helping out on special days.

We wish her all happiness in her — already busy — retirement and say, "Please keep on coming".

J. Marsden

MR. JACK WOOLLEY

No-one visiting our school could fail to be struck by the beautiful flower beds under the trees in the front drive and at the front of the school, often a blaze of colour and always changing with the seasons. These were the pride and joy of Mr. Jack Woolley, who first came to the school in 1958 and took over as Head Groundsman from Mr. Hawley in 1972. His absorbing interest in flowers and greenhouses has helped to provide most of the flowers for the lovely arrangements which have graced the school not only on special occasions but throughout the year.

We are grateful to him for his enthusiastic hard work in keeping the grounds in such immaculate condition and his well-known figure around the school will certainly be missed. We wish him every happiness in his retirement.

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SCHOOL OFFICE HOLDERS 1979-80

Head Girl: Jennifer MacIlwaine

Deputy Head Girls: Jane Eaton, Rosemary Halsall

Prefects U6: Joanne Beale, Kathryn Betterton
Susan Giddings, Tina Lingham, Marianne Preuss,
Angela Smith, Caron Smith, Nicola Smith,
Jacqueline Tear, Helen Womersley

Prefects LVI: Suzanne Coon, Sian Davies, Clare Duffill,
Eniola da Rocha-Afodu, Helen Wheeler

Sub-prefects U6: Karen Ashurst, Margo Bostwick,
Susan Brooks, Arandeep Dhanjal, Padideh Jalali,
Susan Laoye, Sarah Mayall, Kemi Ogunsola,
Jane Rayner, Angela Scott, Sarah Scott, Sharon Wilby,
Kay Williams

Sub-prefects LVI: Anne Chapman, Karen Fletcher,
Alyson Idell, Ingrid Kenney, Wan See Wong



Fixture List

Autumn Term 1979

September

Wednesday 12th The Term begins.
Thursday 20th Sixth Form outing (with Lady Manners School) to "Measure for Measure", Manchester.
Sunday 23rd Harvest Thanksgiving Services.
Saturday 29th Sponsored Walk.

October

Thursday 4th Headmaster's Installation: Sung Eucharist.
11 a.m. Party to Bochum Youth Symphony Orchestra, Lady Manners 7 p.m.
Saturday 6th U18 Derbyshire Trials (Hockey)
Hockey match v Ernest Bailey.
Parents' Meeting: Upper IV and above.
Visiting Day and Exeat.
Thursday 11th ISCO tests (Upper V and above).
Friday 12th Careers Talk on Police 4.30 p.m.

Saturday 13th

Saturday 20th

Sunday 28th

Monday 29th

Tuesday 30th

November

Saturday 3rd

Sunday 4th

Thursday 8th

Friday 9th

Saturday 10th

Sunday 11th

Monday 12th

Tuesday 13th

Wednesday 14th

Thursday 15th

Saturday 17th

Sunday 18th

Friday 23rd

Saturday 24th

Monday 26th

Friday 30th

December

Saturday 1st

Thursday 6th

Saturday 8th

Sunday 9th

Wednesday 12th

Thursday 13th

January

Wednesday 16th

Wednesday 19th

Saturday 19th

Midlands Life Saving Championships, Lincoln.

Derbyshire U16 Hockey Trials.

Chatsworth Horse Trials.

Field Study weekend: Borth (Wales).

Junior School Ballet outing.

Speech Day.

11 a.m. Commemoration Service, Bakewell Parish Church.

2 p.m. Prizegiving.

Half Term holiday begins.

Half Term ends.

Mr. Duffill "Interview Technique", 4.30 p.m.

Miss Frances Slade: Lecture on 'Everest'.

'Uncle Vanya', Liverpool: VI Form.

Orchestral Workshop.

Bishop of Derby to preach at 11 a.m. Service.

French Oral: Common Entrance.

"The Glass Menagerie", Sheffield: VI Form.

South Peak U16 and U14 Hockey Tournament.

Economics Any Questions 2 p.m.

Remembrance Sunday.

Common Entrance Examinations.

Common Entrance Examinations.

Outing to Buxton Opera House: National Jazz Orchestra.

Geography VI Form Conference, Derby Common Entrance Examinations.

VI Form outing to Stratford "Othello".

Hockey match v Presentation Convent, Matlock.

Christmas Bazaar.

A.G.M. of the Society of the Friends of St. Elphin's.

Exeat.

Boarders back by 9 p.m.

Piano recital: Aydin Önac.

VI Form Dance: Repton School.

School Examinations: UIII and above.

School Examinations end.

"Joseph" (LV Forms).

"Joseph", Buxton (Upper III and LIV).
Hockey match v St. Helena School, Chesterfield.

LVA and UVA/UVI Latin groups to London.

Sixth Form Dance: Trent College.

Carol Services.

Christmas Dinner.

Autumn Term ends.

Spring Term 1980

ISCO Testing 2 p.m. UVth.

5.30 p.m. At Home: Kennedy/Pigot Boarders' Parents.

Hockey v Ernest Bailey (a)
U16, U15, U14, U13.

Junior School outing to "Robin Hood" (Matlock).

Trampolining Course, Lea-Green (non-resident).

Sunday 27th Hockey match v Sheffield Ladies (h) 2 p.m.
 Thursday 31st 11 a.m. Bishop of Warrington/Mr. Hopkins to visit school: Publicity Committee.

February

Friday 1st Manchester Polytechnic School of Theatre: 7 p.m. St. Elphin's.
 Saturday 2nd Parents' Meeting: Forms Upper III-IV. Fencing Course: Lea-Green. Hockey match v Anthony Gell (h). U15, U14, U13.
 Monday 4th NAT Tours Operative. UV talk re-camping Mr. Wilkins 4 p.m.
 Thursday 7th Visit to Huddersfield Polytechnic UV, LVI, UVI Forms.
 Friday 8th Talk for L/UV girls: (Physics/Chemistry) and VI Forms. 3 p.m. Mr. Ellis, Sheffield University.
 Saturday 9th Social at St. Elphin's (Repton, Denstone, Welbeck).
 Wednesday 13th Hockey match v Denstone College U16. LVI visit to Sheffield University.
 Thursday 14th Skiing party leaves for Aviemore.
 Friday 15th Half Term holiday starts. Boarders leave after breakfast. Ash Wednesday. Half Term holiday ends.
 Friday 22nd Hockey match v Presentation Convent, U18, U16, U15, U14 (a).
 Saturday 23rd Junior School Open Day. Orchestral Workshop.
 Monday 25th Common Entrance Examinations.
 Tuesday 26th Common Entrance Examinations.
 Wednesday 27th Common Entrance Examinations.
 Thursday 28th Art Film Tour in the afternoons for LV and UV Art 'O' level groups and some VIth. 4.30 p.m. Association Board Theory Examinations.
 Friday 29th Harp Lecture recital: Jane Lister.

March

Saturday 1st UV, UIII, LIV party to "Merchant of Venice", Nottingham Playhouse. U16 County Hockey Tournament.
 Sunday 2nd Confirmation by The Bishop of Repton. Economics "Any Questions".
 Monday 3rd U16 Hockey match v Anthony Gell.
 Tuesday 4th National Committee for Maths contests
 Wednesday 5th Gathering at St. Katharine's College, Liverpool. Final U16 County Hockey Tournament.
 Thursday 6th Sixth Form History Lecture, Repton School.
 Friday 7th Exhibition Embroidery: Tawney House. LV party to Macbeth, Horniman Theatre.
 Saturday 8th Visiting Day and Exeat.
 Wednesday 12th WRAC Talk: Colonel Robertson.
 Thursday 13th Sixth Form History Conference; Matlock College.
 Friday 14th UVI Form French Day: Nottingham University.
 Saturday 15th Hockey match v St. Anselms, 7-a-side.
 Sunday 16th Confirmation by Bishop of Warrington.
 Wednesday 19th "Christ in the Concrete City".
 Thursday 20th "Christ in the Concrete City".
 Friday 21st "Christ in the Concrete City".
 Saturday 22nd "Lower IVth outing to Gladstone Pottery.

Monday 24th House Music competition.
 Tuesday 25th House Music competition.
 Wednesday 26th Party leaves for Switzerland.
 Thursday 27th Spring Term ends.

Summer Term 1980

April

Wednesday 23rd Summer Term begins. Boarders return by 6 p.m.
 Thursday 24th Outing to Stratford: "Romeo and Juliet", LVI.
 Friday 25th 6.45 p.m. UIII, LIV Ballet outing: Buxton Opera House.
 Saturday 26th Buxton Festival.
 Tuesday 29th 10.30 a.m. G.P. Meeting. 4.45 p.m. Careers Talk: Girl Technician Engineers. Mr. Rimmington (UIV Forms and above).

May

Friday 2nd Buxton Festival.
 Saturday 3rd Buxton Festival. Halle Concert, Sheffield. 11 a.m. onwards. Party to Newark and Notts. Show: South Peak U16 Tennis Tournament: Ashbourne 4.30 p.m. Sixth Form English Conference: Salford. Senior South Peak Athletics Competition: Matlock College. 7 p.m. Junior School outing to Sheffield Atarah's Music Show. Open Day: 9.30 - noon (Tea visit afterwards).
 Thursday 6th Tennis match v Ashbourne (h)
 Friday 9th Capt. Murray - Playfair - Army interviews.
 Saturday 10th Tennis match v Swanwick Hall (h)
 Monday 12th Ascension Day. Sung Eucharist 9 a.m. 1.45 p.m. Swimming Gala.
 Tuesday 13th Old Girls' Reunion.
 Wednesday 14th 2.30 p.m. Junior Drama Club production (Hall).
 Thursday 15th Tennis match v Mortimer Wilson (h).
 Saturday 17th School Concert: 7.30 p.m.
 Wednesday 21st Half Term.
 Thursday 22nd Half Term holiday ends.
 Friday 23rd Tennis match v Mortimer Wilson (a).
 Wednesday 28th
 Thursday 29th

June

Sunday 1st Economics "Any Questions".
 Thursday 5th S. Maxwell-Scott, ISCO (individual interviews).
 Friday 6th Tennis match v Swanwick Hall (a).
 Tuesday 10th Lake District weekend: Leave 7 p.m.
 Thursday 12th Tennis match v Frederick Gent School (h).
 Friday 13th Tennis match v Frederick Gent School (a).
 Saturday 14th 'Mikado': Buxton Opera House.
 Wednesday 18th Orchestral Workshop.
 Friday 20th Tennis match v Ilkeston (h).
 Saturday 21st Tennis match v Swadlincote (a).
 Monday 23rd Visiting Day and Exeat: Sports Day 9.30 a.m.
 Tennis match v Westonmere School, Draycott, Coca Cola semi-final.

Thursday 26th	Outing to Wimbledon.
Friday 27th	Rounders match v St. Anselm's. Informal Talk: Capt. S. Murray - Play-fair, WRAC.
Monday 30th	Party to Central School of Art and Design.
<i>July</i>	
Tuesday 1st	Party to Boots.
Thursday 3rd	Visit to Thornton's Factory, Belper.
Friday 4th	Visit to Magistrates' Court, Sheffield. Tennis match v St. Anselm's. Group Course to British Printing Federation, Manchester Polytechnic.
Saturday 5th	Camping party leaves for France.
Sunday 6th	Trampoline Course, Lea-Green.
Monday 7th	Junior South Peak Athletics competition 1.30 p.m.
Wednesday 9th	Final Coca Cola Tennis v St. John Houghton School.
Friday 11th	Friends' Dance.
Saturday 12th	Junior School outing: West Midlands Safari Park, Bewdley.
Sunday 13th	Visit to Firth Derihon.
Monday 14th	Visit to Telephone Exchange, Matlock. House Rounders.
Tuesday 15th	Tennis match v St. Angles.
Wednesday 16th	Visit to Amie's Plastics, Chesterfield.
Saturday 19th	Junior School Speech Day.



Speech Day

SENIOR SCHOOL SPEECH DAY.

Speech Day 1980 began with the traditional Commemoration Service at Bakewell Parish Church. The procession entered to 'Lift high the Cross', a rousing hymn taken up by the large congregation. The Provost of Blackburn gave the address and his theme was 'Joy' — and he certainly captured and held the attention of all present. The Celebrant of the Eucharist was our Chairman Bishop and during the Communion the Chapel Choir sang the anthems; "Panis Angelicus", and "The Lord is my Shepherd".

Everyone adjourned for a hasty lunch, and returned for the prize-giving and speeches, held in the Stopford Hall. Our guest speaker was Mr. Robert Clayton, Principal of St. Martin's College, Lancaster, and formerly Principal of Matlock College (Mr. Clayton's two daughters previously attended St. Elphin's, and their further careers since leaving the school were mentioned in his speech). After a speech on the dangers of leaving a girls' school such as ours, to attend a boys' school in the sixth form, (which was greeted with far more enthusiasm by the parents than by their offspring!), Mr. Clayton went on to distribute the various prizes and certificates. Earlier in the proceedings, the Bishop of Warrington had given details of the "Think Tank" held at the school before the start of the Autumn Term, and Mr. Pollard had given a full report of the year's activities.

The formalities over, the Head Girl and her two Deputies gave a vote of thanks to the speaker and our other

guests, and asked for the traditional Speech Day request (in the form of a poem) of a half-day holiday: doubtless many a sleepless night had been spent by the budding young Byrons.

The National Anthem was sung and afterwards, in contrast to the more dignified progress of their parents, girls made for the gym in hot pursuit of tea and cakes.

Thus ended a highly successful Speech Day, not even marred by our highly unpredictable British weather.

Eniola da Rocha-Afodu, Elizabeth Bottomley



JUNIOR SCHOOL SPEECH DAY

Speech Day for the Junior School took place on 19th July. Mr. Linnell opened the proceedings in his usual jocund manner, remarking that the Governors did their best to look after the parents, children and ancillary staff while the interests of the teachers were well cared for by St. Clegg!

The prizes and certificates were distributed by Mr. T. H. B. Bowles, M.A., headmaster of Bramcote Preparatory School in Retford. In his speech, Mr. Bowles immediately established rapport with the younger section of his audience by calling for a round of applause for all those who had not won anything! They were interested to hear that he had only won one prize in his school career and this cherished souvenir he brought along to show them. His message was clear — that everyone should exploit his/her potential to the fullest extent even though others might not feel able to reward the resulting efforts with tangible recognition.

After a succinct, but charming, vote of thanks by Karen Myles-White, the head girl, a short concert of music and verse speaking was presented by the Junior School. Soloists taking part were Catherine Yates, Tracey Smith, Helen Rhodes, Julie Gardner and Anneliese Aulton. Shortly after 12 noon another school year ended as we left for the summer holiday.

M. M. Clarke



MARGARET FLOOD HOUSE REPORT

I was very excited to hear that I had been asked to be Head Girl. One of the main events in that year was the Bazaar, and that was helped with by Miss Clarke and the rest of the Junior Staff, and we raised the most money. The second big event was the Sponsored Walk — when again we had quite a lot of help from Miss Clarke and the Junior Staff. I think that Miss Clarke has been a very good Head of Juniors.

But one of the duties which scared the life out of me, was to read in the Junior Carol Service. Although surprisingly, when the time came I was really quite calm. All this was very good practice for my final task of giving a Vote of Thanks on Speech Day.

A very memorable year!

Karen Myles-White

OPEN DAY

Saturday, 10th May, 1980 was chosen to be the day when the Senior School would be "on show" to the outside world. The date was fixed well in advance and seemed a long time ahead. Invitations were sent to parents and friends, Heads of preparatory and primary schools and Governors. What could they be shown? Gradually various departments began to plan exhibitions and the girls found that "projects" which would produce display material were happening both in the lesson times and at tea-time. Good pieces of work were copied neatly for display, models were made, rows of nails were knocked carefully into covered boards and coloured threads were skilfully wound round them. Groups of girls practised their drama, singing, instrumental playing, tennis and gymnastics.

It became obvious that some careful planning would be needed to fit everything in. A staff committee meeting was held before the start of the Summer Term, lasting three hours. By the end of it, a rough programme had been worked out and jobs had been allocated. When term started, girls with many skills and interests found that they were going to be kept busy rushing from one activity to another. Every girl was involved in something and to make sure that the changes from one session to another would go smoothly, a "rehearsal" was held on the previous day. By supper-time, not only were the exhibitions all ready but the grounds had been cleared of even the smallest scraps of litter. One enthusiastic group of Upper III girls even found the springs of an old mattress well buried in long grass in an obscure corner of the grounds and proudly carried away their trophy up to the front door of the school!

The Saturday morning was sunny with ideal weather for moving between the buildings. The parents and friends began to arrive as the girls went to their first commitments at 9.30 a.m. The sound of the orchestra in the Hall drew an appreciative audience while others went to see the mysteries of Batik printing or wandered round the various exhibits in the I.B. building and the Thornton Block. Throughout the morning, "Guides" were on duty at various strategic spots to help the visitors to find their way around and to show them the dormitories, immaculately tidy. Other groups of girls conducted surveys for the Maths and Economics departments, asking questions about the distances travelled by the visitors, how they heated their homes and kept warm in winter and their consumption of cereals, meat, fish and bread. Most surveys gave predictable results but there were certainly a few very odd visitors with strange eating habits!

At 10.15 there was a change of demonstrations, visitors having to choose between various rival attractions. "Films of School Life" were shown in the Geography room, with shots of organised holidays abroad, skiing in Aviemore and Staff versus School hockey and rounders matches, girls

eagerly pointing out their brief appearances to their parents while staff hoped they would not be noticed in their moments of disaster!

A careers filmstrip with a commentary was shown in the library and a group of staff talked about their experiences at university and answered questions. Part of the play "Christ in the Concrete City" which had been produced before Easter in the Chapel was given and the first of two organ recitals was given in the Chapel. In the Gym there was an impressive display of floor exercises and a demonstration of self-defence.

In the next session at 11 a.m. there was an economics lecture "Hard Sell — Soft Touch" amidst a display extolling the virtues of "Buying British" which included a mouth-watering display of Thornton's chocolates — fortunately all dummies, or the temptation could have been too great! The Common Room was crowded for a session with the Chapel Choir and there were play readings of "Julius Caesar" and "The Rivals" followed later by a workshop rehearsal of "A Midsummer Night's Dream".

Upstairs in the I.B. building, groups of girls demonstrated experiments in the three laboratories, showed how mathematical "pictures" were made and played mathematical games. Downstairs there were displays in the Modern Languages, Geography and History rooms including a model in the sand tray of the Dardanelles at the time of the Gallipoli Campaign. In the Domestic Science room, girls were demonstrating their skills in cookery. In the Thornton Block, as well as the Economics, Religious Studies and English displays, the Bookshop did a roaring trade, and as part of the Classics display a group of girls, suitably attired, reclined on low couches consuming a Roman Feast, complete with red "wine".

As well as the gymnastics display, there was a trampoline display later in the morning and groups of girls played tennis in relays throughout the morning. In the Art room, claywork was shown and paintings from each form including several exhibits from each sixth-former taking Art.

When the visitors became saturated with looking at displays of work, they could wander into the quietness of the Chapel where the various Houses had supplied flower arrangements, or could meet their friends over a welcome cup of coffee in the staff dining-room or domestic science room.

It was a busy morning which passed very quickly and was enjoyed by all. It was impossible to see everything but the feeling at the end of the day was that it had all been well worth the planning and effort as it made everyone more aware of how much is happening in school.

Isobel Stevenson



ENTRANCES TO UNIVERSITIES, COLLEGES AND HOSPITALS

Karen Ashurst: Stockport College: Business Studies.
Joanne Beale: Hull College of Higher Education: Business Studies.
Kathryn Betterton: Sheffield Polytechnic: Maths, Statistics, Computing.
Helen Cotman: University of Newcastle: Zoology.
Jane Eaton: University of Stirling: Maths, Philosophy.
Susan Giddings: University of Sheffield: Modern Languages.
Rosemary Halsall: Middlesex Polytechnic: Humanities.
Briony Kernan: University of Nottingham: Law.
Tina Lingham: Secretarial College in Malawi.
Jenny MacIlwaine: University of Birmingham: Law and French.
Angela Scott: University of London, Queen Mary College: Zoology.
Sarah Scott: University of Hull: Modern Languages.
Angela Smith: University of Aberdeen: English and Celtic
Caron Smith: Middlesex Polytechnic: European Business Administration.
Nathalie Smith: Huddersfield Polytechnic: Catering Science and Applied Nutrition.
Jacqueline Tear: Sheffield Polytechnic: Business Studies.
Sharon Wilby: Leicester Polytechnic: Business Studies.
Kay Winkler: University of Manchester: Computation.
Helen Womersley: Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, S.R.N.



Scholarships '79-80

Sixth Form Scholarships

Sarah Dodd — £348
Carole Hardwick — £174; Jennifer Webb — £174

Kennedy Scholarships

Major — Alexandra Farley — £582
Minor — Joanna Clarke — £291

Coxon Memorial Scholarship

Joanna Scott — £100

Powys Memorial Scholarship

Sarah Barrett — £100

Stopford Memorial Scholarship

Elizabeth Ellis — £100

Whittam Scholarship

Rachel Petty — £100

NEW SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Parents will wish to know that the Governors have recently announced a new Scholarship scheme, taking effect from September, 1981. For candidates of high academic ability the following scholarships and exhibitions will be available to boarders or day girls, external or internal candidates.

Scholarships

- One offering full tuition fees per annum (approximately £1400).
- One offering half tuition fees per annum.
- One offering full tuition fees per annum (approximately £1000: 55% of current clergy boarding fee) to daughters of clergymen of the Church of England.

Exhibitions

- One at £500 per annum.
- One at £500 per annum for daughters of clergymen of the Church of England.

All of these, tenable up to and including Sixth Form level, are available for candidates *over 10 years of age and under 14 on 1st September, 1981*. They will be awarded on the results of examinations to be held on 2nd and 3rd March, 1981.

Sixth Form Awards

- One offering full tuition fees and One at £500 per annum.
 - One offering full tuition fees and One offering half tuition fees to daughters of clergymen of the Church of England.
- For external candidates these will be awarded on the results of an interview to be held in the school in March 1981, followed by the results of the G.C.E. 'O' level examination.

Music Scholarship

One of £500 per annum, and also free tuition in two instruments, for candidates who will be aged 11 or over on 1st September, 1981. This award, tenable up to and including Sixth Form level, will be decided on the result of an interview and practical test to be held in March 1981. The youngest applicants should have attained at least Grade 3 standard in the Royal Schools of Music Examinations. Potential music scholars will also be required to take the written papers in other basic subjects, according to their age group.

Full particulars may be obtained from the Headmaster's Secretary.



UNIVERSITY OF LONDON G.C.E. EXAMINATION 1980

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

Advanced Level — Jennifer MacIlwaine
Ordinary Level — Sarah Dodd

Advanced Level

Karen Ashurst — Geography
Joanne Beale — Geography; History
Kathryn Betterton — Mathematics
Helen Cotman — Biology; Physics
Arandeep Dhanjal — Biology
Jane Eaton — Biology; Mathematics
Susan Giddings — English Literature; French; History
Rosemary Halsall — English Literature; Latin
Padideh Jalali — Latin; Pure Mathematics
Briony Kernan — Economics; English Literature; History
Susan Laoye — History
Tina Lingham — Pure Mathematics
Jennifer MacIlwaine — English Literature (A); French (A),
Special Paper (1); German (A); Pure Mathematics
Sarah Mayall — Biology
Kemi Ogunsola — Biology; Pure Mathematics
Marianne Preuss — Chemistry; Mathematics; Physics
Jane Rayner — Biology; History
Angela Scott — Biology; Chemistry
Sarah Scott — German; Latin; Pure Mathematics
Angela Smith — English Literature, Special Paper (1);
German; Latin
Caron Smith — French; Latin; Pure Mathematics
Nathalie Smith — Biology; Geography; History
Nicola Smith — Biology (A)
Jacqueline Tear — Biology; History
Sharon Wilby — Biology; Chemistry; Physics
Kay Williams — History
Kay Winkler — Chemistry; Mathematics; Physics
Helen Womersley — Biology; Mathematics

Ordinary Level (with three or more passes)

Lower VI

Anne Chapman — Biology; Food and Nutrition;
Human Biology
Sally Gregory — English Language; Food and Nutrition;
History; Human Biology (A)
Lily Ko — Chemistry; Economics; Additional Mathematics

Upper VA

Sally Baker — Biology; English Language; English Literature; Latin; Physics; C.S.E. French (1)
Catherine Bartholomew — Art; Biology; English Language; English Literature; French; History; Mathematics; Religious Studies
Georgina Board — Art; Biology (A); English Language (A); Spoken English (A); English Literature; French (A); History; Latin (A); Mathematics (A); Physics
Sarah Dodd — Biology; Chemistry; English Language (A); English Literature (A); French (A); German; History (A); Latin (A); Mathematics; Religious Studies (A); A/O Geography
Ina Feng — Biology; Chemistry; Mathematics (A); Physics; Religious Studies; Chinese
Sarah Grafton — Biology; Chemistry; English Language; Spoken English (A); English Literature; French (A); History; Mathematics; Religious Studies (A); A/O Geography
Carole Hardwick — Biology (A); English Language (A); English Literature (A); French (A); German (A); History; Mathematics; Physics; Religious Studies
Sarah Harrison — Biology; English Language; English Literature; French; Mathematics; Music; Physics; Religious Studies
Catherine Hoskin — Biology; Chemistry (A); English Language; English Literature; French; German; Latin (A); Mathematics (A); Physics; Religious Studies (A)
Siu Kuan Jung — Art; Biology (A); Chemistry; Economics; English Language; English Literature; German; Mathematics (A); Physics; Religious Studies; Chinese

Clare Locke — Art; Biology; English Language; Geography History; Mathematics; Religious Studies
Carolyn Mello — Biology; English Language; English Literature; French; German; History; Latin (A); Mathematics; Religious Studies
Rachel Orme — English Language, Spoken English; French; Mathematics
Katherine Paterson — Art; Biology; English Language (A); English Literature; French; Mathematics; Religious Studies
Louise Pridham — Art; English Language; English Literature; History; Mathematics; Religious Studies; Greek Literature in Translation; Classical Studies
Sara Richardson — Biology (A); Chemistry; English Language (A); Spoken English; English Literature; French; History; Mathematics; Physics; Religious Studies (A); A/O Geography
Bridget Thomson — Biology; Chemistry; Economics; English Language; French; Mathematics; Physics; Religious Studies
Sally-Ann Thornton — Art; Biology; English Language, Spoken English (A); English Literature; French; History; Mathematics; Physics; Religious Studies (A); A/O Geography
Elizabeth Thorp — Art; Biology; Chemistry; English Language; French; Mathematics; Religious Studies
Helen Walker — English Language; French; German; Latin; Mathematics; Religious Studies; Logic
Jennifer Webb — Biology; English Language, Spoken English (A); English Literature; French (A); History; Latin; Mathematics (A); Music (A); Physics; Religious Studies
Laura Wildgoose — Art; Biology; English Language, Spoken English (A); English Literature (A); French; Geography; History; Mathematics; Music; Religious Studies (A)
Vanessa Yates — Biology; Chemistry; English Language; French; German; Latin; Mathematics (A); Physics; Religious Studies

Upper VP

Lisa Bailey — Biology; Economics; English Language; English Literature; History; Mathematics; Religious Studies
Mary Barrett — Biology; English Language; English Literature; Needlecraft and Dress; Religious Studies (A); A/O Geography
Sarah Beecroft — Biology; English Language; English Literature; Food and Nutrition; French; Mathematics; Needlecraft and Dress; Religious Studies
Anne Bell — Biology; English Language; Food and Nutrition; Religious Studies
Belinda Bramhall — Art; English Language, Spoken English (A); English Literature; Religious Studies
Emma Burnett — Biology; Economics; English Language; English Literature; Food and Nutrition; Geography; History (A); Mathematics; Religious Studies
Lorelei Coon — Biology; English Language; Needlecraft and Dress; C.S.E. Mathematics (1)
Andrea Cranshaw — English Language; English Literature Food and Nutrition; French; German; Mathematics; C.S.E. Mathematics (1)
Elsbeth Gash — Art; English Language; English Literature; Religious Studies; Greek Literature in Translation; Classical Studies
Michele Gretton — Biology; English Language; English Literature; Food and Nutrition
Rosemary Hack — English Language; English Literature; Music; Religious Studies; C.S.E. Mathematics (1)
Ann Hall — Biology; English Language; English Literature, Food and Nutrition; French; History; Religious Studies (A); A/O Geography; C.S.E. Mathematics (1)

Nicola Haslam — English Language; Food and Nutrition; Religious Studies
 Jane Hensher — English Language, Spoken English (A); English Literature; Mathematics; Greek Literature in Translation; Classical Studies; C.S.E. Mathematics (1)
 Nicola Jenkins — Biology (A); Chemistry; English Language; English Literature; History; Mathematics; Physics; Religious Studies; C.S.E. French (1)
 Carolyn Li — Biology; Chemistry; Mathematics; Chinese
 Suzanne McLean — Biology; Chemistry; English Language; Geography; Mathematics; Religious Studies
 Heather Nye — Biology; Chemistry; English Language, Spoken English (A); English Literature; History; Mathematics; Religious Studies
 Nicola Robinson — Biology; English Literature; Food and Nutrition; Mathematics; Greek Literature in Translation; Classical Studies; C.S.E. Mathematics (1)
 Caroline Salem — English Language; English Literature; History; Religious Studies
 Menna Salisbury — Biology; English Language; English Literature; Food and Nutrition; French; Religious Studies
 Marielle Sander — English Language (A), Spoken English (A); English Literature (A); Food and Nutrition; French; German (A); History; Religious Studies; Swedish (A); C.S.E. Mathematics (1)
 Joanna Shirtcliffe — English Language; English Literature; Needlecraft and Dress; Greek Literature in Translation
 Sarah Smith — English Language; English Literature; French; German
 Fiona Stephenson — Biology; English Language; English Literature; Religious Studies; C.S.E. Mathematics (1)
 Jill Taylor — Biology; English Language; Food and Nutrition; French; Mathematics
 Rachel Wood — Biology; English Language; English Literature; Food and Nutrition; History; Religious Studies (A); A/O Geography; C.S.E. Mathematics (1)

Upper VB

Helen Atkin — Art; Mathematics; Religious Studies
 Fiona Idell — English Language; English Literature; Religious Studies
 Christina Lam — Biology; Chemistry; Mathematics (A); Physics (A); Religious Studies (A); Chinese



Prizes

Form Prizes

Upper VI — Jennifer MacIlwaine
Lower VI — Eniola da Rocha-Afodu
Upper VA — Siu Kuan Jung
Upper VP — Marielle Sander
Upper VB — Christina Lam
Lower VA — Nichola Holt
Lower VP — Alice Yue
Lower VB — Bridget Mawson
Upper IVA — Sarah Straw
Upper IVP — Emma Hopewell
Upper IVB — Lavinia Matthews
Lower IVA — Fiona Turner
Lower IVP — Helen Hoskin
Lower IVB — Susan Parker
Upper IIIS — Sarah MacFarlane
Upper IIIE — Lucy Makinson
Upper IIIM — Uzo Okoli

Headmaster's Prizes for Effort

Upper VI — Joanne Beale; Jane Rayner
Lower VI — Alyson Idell
Upper VA — Sarah Grafton
Upper VP — Nicola Jenkins
Upper VB — Nicola Morris
Lower VA — Susan Gibson
Lower VP — Julie Pownall
Lower VB — Nina Kan
Upper IVA — Ruth Jackson
Upper IVP — Gail Didsbury
Upper IVB — Catherine Hollingsworth
Lower IVA — Susan Forth
Lower IVP — Michaela Rushbrook
Lower IVB — Lucy Burke
Upper IIIS — Emma Smith
Upper IIIE — Rosemary Watt-Wyness
Upper IIIM — Adrienne King

Subject Prizes

Scripture — Julia Mann
English — Eniola da Rocha-Afodu
History — Carole Hardwick
Geography — Julie Pownall
French — Jennifer MacIlwaine
German — Jennifer MacIlwaine
Latin — Sarah Scott
Mathematics — Kay Winkler
Physics — Christina Lam
Chemistry — Catherine Hoskin
Biology — Nicola Smith
Art — Georgina Board
Domestic Science — Joanna Scott
Music — Elizabeth Horne

Special Prizes

The Chairman's Prize — Jennifer MacIlwaine
The Burgess Prize for History — Susan Giddings
The Henry Andrew's Prize for Domestic Science — Emma Burnett
The Henry Andrew's Prize for Needlework — Joanna Shirtcliffe
The Scott Science Prize — Catherine Hoskin
The Pass Prize for English — Elizabeth Bottomley
The Hitchen Cup for Piano — Eva Jung
General Musicianship Prize — Jennifer Webb
The Hammett Prize for Steady Work — Caron Smith

Cups

Hockey — Gresford
Athletics — Selwyn
Tennis — Selwyn
Helen Robinson Cup for P.E. — Karen Pilkington
Barton Cup for Swimming — Alyson Idell
Miss Thompson's Cup for Music — Helen Walker
Joyce Knight Cup for Speech and Drama — Laura Wildgoose
MacIlwaine Cup for Organ Playing — Sarah Harrison

GUILDHALL SPEECH AND DRAMA EXAMINATIONS

HONOURS IN SPEECH AND DRAMA

Preliminary Grade: Claire Manning, Fay Neary,
Victoria Neil, Catherine Yates.

Grade I: Michaela Waldram.

PIANOFORTE

Introductory Grade: Sarah Hetherington, Rachel Shaw.

Junior Grade: Julie Gardner.

Grade I: Julie Gardner.

SINGING

Grade IV: Helen Walker.



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PIANOFORTE

(C Distinction = 130+ marks, Merit = 120+ marks,
Pass = 100+ marks.)

Distinctions were gained by the following girls:

Grade II: J. Brockbank, F. Neary, E. Tse.

Grade III: S. Horne.

Grade IV: C. Hudson.

Merit was gained by 15 girls in Grades I-VI. Pass was
gained by 40 girls in Grades I-VI.

PIANOFORTE DUET

Grade V-VI Standard: S. Coon and H. Wheeler Merit

ORGAN

Distinctions were gained by the following:

Grade V: J. Webb

FLUTE

Distinctions were gained by the following:

Grade III: K. Huddie, R. Petty

Merit was gained by 5 girls in Grades III-VI. Pass was
gained by 5 girls in Grades III-VI

CLARINET

Distinction was gained in this instrument by:

Grade VI: D. Hill-Wilson

Merit was gained by Nicola Morris in Grade V. Pass
was gained by 4 girls in Grades III-VI

OBOE

Merit was gained by J. Davis in Grade III. Pass was
gained by Andrea Deeley in Grade VI

VIOLIN

Merit was gained by E. Jung in Grade III. Pass was
gained by 4 girls in Grades III-IV

VIOLINCELLO

Merit was gained by J. Webb in Grade II

THEORY OF MUSIC

The following girls obtained Full Marks (99)

Grade I: E. Bardsley, P. Eaton, S. Forth, L. Makinson,
V. Okoli, J. Pownall, R. Watt-Wynes, E. Wish.

Grade II: V. Ferrey, J. Gregory, T. McNeice, E. Tse,
S. Watts.

Grade III: A. Patel, R. Petty

Grade IV: J. Neil.

Passes were gained by 63 girls in Grades I-VI.



MUSIC REPORT 1979/80

At the beginning of the year, we welcomed Mr. Jackson to teach piano and 'cello and to conduct the school orchestra. Mr. Slater and Mr. Marsh also joined the music staff to teach brass and guitar respectively.

During the course of the year the orchestra has developed rapidly. There have been three orchestral workshops attended by our players and others from several local schools. After these workshops, concerts have been held in the evening for the parents and have been highly successful. We were very pleased to see Miss Monkley on one of these occasions; she very kindly gave us a donation of £50 to buy some music stands which were greatly needed! Among the visiting players was a seven year old 'cellist who, despite a very tiring day, returned to play with us in the evening. We would like to thank Mr. Jackson and Mr. Brockbank for all the hard work they have put into the orchestra during the year.

In the Spring term Miss Jane Lister came from London to give us a harp recital, which was very enjoyable. Afterwards several of us took the opportunity of taking a closer look at Miss Lister's harp, valued at £10,000. Unfortunately any future harpists were put off by the price of the instrument!

One hundred and six girls went to see the National Youth Jazz Orchestra at Buxton Opera House. This proved a very popular outing.

On Friday, 13th June, Miss Stevenson bravely took us to see "The Mikado" performed by the D'Oyley Carte Opera Company. Despite the date nothing went drastically wrong and a good time was had by all!

As usual many girls participated in the Buxton Festival. First Prizes were gained by the Woodwind Ensemble coached by Miss Lomas, the Junior School Choir and the two organists, Sarah Harrison and Jennifer Webb.

Pigot won the inter-house music competition in March. The following term a very successful concert was held including items from the music competition and Buxton Festival.

This year the number of girls learning woodwind instruments (bassoon, flute and clarinet) has doubled. Mrs. Pattman teaches all three woodwind instruments and we are very grateful to her. There has also been a large increase in the number of 'Cellists and Organists.

Last summer, two girls took part in a one week course organised by the Royal Schools of Church Music. We are pleased to say that Angela Aulton was chosen to sing at Lincoln Cathedral and Angela Smith was short-listed. This summer two more girls are attending a similar course. Diana Hill-Wilson is going on an orchestral course in Cheltenham and Jennifer Webb is going on an organ course held at New College, Oxford. These kinds of courses are being greatly encouraged by the music staff.

We would like to thank Mrs. Bryde for helping out with piano tuition and in her place we have welcomed Miss Goldthorpe.

Finally, we should like to thank all the staff in the music department who give up a great deal of their free time to help us, especially to Mr. Brockbank.

We hope that the high standard of music in St. Elphin's will continue next year.

Jennifer Webb UV, Rosemary Hack UV
Sarah Harrison UV

GIFTS TO THE SCHOOL 1979/80

Gifts: £30 to the Music Department: Mr. Grenfell.
Cup for organ playing: J. MacIlwaine.
Book for Library, French Section: J. MacIlwaine.
Book for Library Fiction Section: Angela Scott.
Book for Library Fiction Section: Andrea Cranshaw.
A Bible to Headmaster's stall: Miss Marler.
New Spinnet Organ for Common Room: Mr. Adlington.
Book for Library, Domestic Science Section: Rosemary Halsall.
Books for Library: Mrs. Joyce Cannon.
Books for Library: Miss Winifred Ashton.
Books for Library: Mr. Stanley Thornton.



CHAPEL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

We have responded to the liturgical changes taking place in the Church of England over recent years: Series 1 for a short time, then Series 2 for five years and Series 3 for the past six years. In other words we have not been armchair critics but have sought their strengths and weaknesses by use. We adopted Rite A from the Alternative Service Book just before Half Term, and obtained copyright to produce our own booklets. Some may deprecate this but it enabled us to print 500 copies for use at the Commemoration Service and by adding our own notes and instructions, have a Service which can be followed by all members of the School. In time, consideration can be given to the question of whether to use it permanently or to choose any other of the variations allowed. For the traditionalists we still use a 'thee thou' Service at the 9.50 a.m. Eucharist. Serious consideration has been given to whether we should supplement our English Hymnals, at present bought by the girls, with one of the new books, or to replace the English Hymnals with a new book and to stock the Chapel with them. It has been decided to buy the Hymnal 'With One Voice', which contains a blend of the best traditional hymns with many of the best of the modern. The book was compiled by the Anglican, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches in Australia and has received a favourable review from the Director of the R.S.C.M. Next term there will be a hymn book and psalter in every place, so we should avoid having to collect hymn books for visitors at Services such as Confirmation, many in a poor condition, and girls will no longer be able to forget to bring them!

We were pleased to welcome the Bishop of Derby in Chapel on November 8th and the Bishops of Repton and Warrington when they came to preside over the Confirmations and First Communions in March.

The Harvest Services held in September produced an abundance of goods and enabled us to make up thirty boxes of groceries etc, for distribution in the neighbourhood.

The Carol Services were happy occasions with a very good attendance of parents at the Junior Carol Service. It is a pity that we cannot invite parents to the Senior Service but we have room for only staff and girls.

The Social Services Committee arranged the annual Christmas Tea and Carols and during the Lent Term raised £500 for the Cancer Research Appeal 1980. We were pleased to welcome Mrs. Jarvis to the School to talk about the work of this Society. The Chaplain receives many requests from charities and it becomes increasingly difficult to decide which one or how many we can assist, but we are convinced that we must continue to respond as part of our Christian commitment. With a more complex time table it is more difficult to arrange weekly visits to the elderly by members of the Sixth Form, but at present a dozen girls go out each week, and it may be possible to arrange visits to more people on a casual basis. During the year Mr. Allen and Mrs. Briddon died and Mr. Abel has entered a home.

The Revd. J. Burgess, who is Head of R.E. in the School, produced "Christ in a Concrete City" in the Chapel and we thank him for staging this play which was well attended and appreciated.

Our thanks to Miss Marler for giving a leather bound copy of the New English Bible for use in the Head's Stall.

Finally we thank Nicky Smith and the Chapel Guild, Mr. Brockbank, Angela Smith and the Choir, Miss Jarvis for her flower arrangements and the members of the House Staff who serve as Ushers each week, Kathryn Betterton the Social Services Secretary and Mr. Burgess for his assistance in Chapel.

Chaplain; Helen Wheeler, Head Sacristan;
Anne Chapman, Social Services Secretary



Girls confirmed by the Bishop of Repton on March 2nd, 1980:

Sophie de Malet Roquefort, Karen Edge, Sarah Green, Julie Gibson, Rachel Gregory, Deborah Hall, Diana Hill-Wilson, Catherine Hollingsworth, Karen Longdon, Julia Mann, Victoria Neil, Uzo Okoli, Annabel Stephenson, Sarah Straw, Melanie Thompson, Rebecca Thornton, Katharine Wilson.

Girls Confirmed by the Bishop of Warrington on March 16th, 1980:

Karen Ashurst, Angela Banks, Elizabeth Bardsley, Joanne Beale, Sharon Dakin, Margaret Duke, Sarah Gates, Michelle Hawthorne, Jane Hensher, Sally Kirkham, Lily Ko, Teresa McNeice, Rachel Marris, Bridget Mawson, Amanda Palmer, Jane Parker, Trina Richards, Emma Smith, Jacqueline Tear, Ann Walters, Karen Whetton, Katie Wood, Alison Woods.

Siobhan Watts Confirmed at home by the Bishop of Londonderry.



Games Report

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The Physical Education Department enjoyed a very successful year. We congratulate Jane Rayner who was selected to play for the Derbyshire Under 18 1st XI Hockey teams and Carolyn Mello who was chosen to play for Derbyshire Under 16 2nd XI. For the 1980-81 season Sarah Grafton has been selected to play for Derbyshire Under 18 2nd XI, Rachel Petty for the Under 16 1st XI and Jill Davis for the Under 16 2nd XI. We wish them a very successful season.

In the 1979-80 season the school Under 16 Hockey team were joint Derbyshire Champions with Long Eaton School and South Peak Area Champions — they remained undefeated for over two years. This is an excellent record.

The Under 15 Tennis team played in the Derbyshire Coca Cola Championships. They had a successful summer culminating in being runners up to the St. John Houghton School, Ilkeston.

Carolyn Mello and Vanessa Yates once again went to the Midland Life Saving Championships in Lincoln. Swimming for Derbyshire for the third time they were placed fifth which was an excellent achievement.

Sports Day dawned, a rather wet and miserable day for the first time for many years but by mid-morning the clouds began to break and a better day emerged. We had some excellent events and our congratulations go to the three winners of the Victrix Ludorum:

Middle School	—	Ellen Bone
Intermediate	—	Jacinth Hayles
Senior School	—	Eniola da Rocha Afodu

Gresford were very worthy winners of the House Sports Cup.



HOCKEY

1st XI U16 Hockey Squad 1979-80

Jane Rayner, Suzanne Coon, Alyson Idell, Carolyn Mello, Vanessa Yates, Sarah Grafton, Georgina Board, Sara Richardson, Sally Ann Thornton, Helen Walker, Laura Wildgoose, Ann Hall, Rachel Wood, Denise Taylor, Eniola da Rocha Afodu, Sian Davies.

1980-81

Sarah Adlington, Hilary Cotman, Jill Davis, Susan Gibson, Nichola Holt, Julia Mann, Rachel Petty, Michelle Roberts, Ruth Wheeler, Sally-Ann Harrison, Elizabeth Hutchings, Amanda Baldwin, Suzanne Coon, Alyson Idell, Sian Davies, Lisa Swingler, Denise Taylor, Eniola da Rocha Afodu.

U15 Hockey Squad 1979-80

Sarah Adlington, Hilary Cotman, Jill Davis, Susan Gibson, Nichola Holt, Julia Mann, Rachel Petty, Michelle Roberts, Ruth Wheeler, Amanda Baldwin, Sally-Ann Harrison, Elizabeth Hutchings, Susan Walters.

1980-81

Zillah Buswell, Natalie Hewins, Della Jackson, Danielle De Carle, Sarah Knight, Amanda Grafton, Elizabeth Bardsley, Alex Newton, Hazel Sinfield, Elizabeth Horne, Katie Wood, Jane Baseley, Catherine Bone.

TENNIS

U16 Tennis Squad

Rachel Petty, Jill Davis, Sarah Adlington, Julia Mann.

U15 Tennis Squad

Fiona Turner, Camilla Hudson, Della Jackson, Danielle De Carle.



House Results

Sports Day

1. Selwyn
2. Gresford
3. Kennedy
4. Pigot
5. Wilson
6. Powys

Swimming Gala

1. Kennedy
2. Wilson
3. Selwyn
4. Powys
5. Gresford
6. Pigot

Senior Hockey

1. Gresford; Runner up. Pigot

Junior Hockey

1. Powys; Runner up. Pigot.

Rounders

1. Pigot; Runner up. Kennedy.

Tennis

1. Selwyn; Runner up. Wilson.

Senior Netball

1. Pigot; Runner up. Selwyn.

Junior Netball

1. Selwyn; Runner up. Pigot.



SWIMMING AWARDS

Royal Life Saving Society

Distinction Award

Suzanne, Coon, Sian Davis, Alyson Idell, Lisa Swingler

Bronze Medallion Award

Danielle De Carle, Amanda Gretton, Ruth Jackson, Kaye Huddy, Sarah Straw, Jane Proctor, Lisa Burton, Beverley Webb, Tania Chandler, Hazel Sinfield, Katie Wood, Emma Watson.

Amateur Swimming Association

Lisa Swingler, Fiona Hunter, Alyson Idell, Julie Whittaker, Elizabeth Ellis, Sally Gregory, Sian Davis, Anne Chapman.

A.S.A. Honours Personal Survival

Sarah MacFarlane, Diana Hill-Wilson, Julia Mann, Joanne Stephenson, Emma Brown, Michelle Hawthorne, Hilary Cotman, Claire Plover, Karen Hawthorne, Emma Waters, Fiona Turner, Susan Walters.

A.S.A. Gold Personal Survival

Joanna Shirtcliffe, Catherine Bartholomew, Louise Pridham, Tina Richards, Clare Locke, Claire Plover, Nicola Morris, Julia Mann, Larret Mawdsley, Wan See Wong, Emma Brown, Rachel Marris, Rebecca Cunningham, Sarah Hill, Nicola Bentley, Camille Hewins, Jacqueline Pimbley, Fiona Cooper, Katharine Roe, Lucy Makinson, Wendy Eyre, Zillah Buswell, Natalie Hewins, Trudi Ward, Rachel Jones, Jane Bennett, Lucy Burke, Emma Partridge, Fiona Turner, Kay Sales, Annabel Daws, Janet Bishop, Sarah Hall, Nicola Kimber, Sophie Loveday, Adrienne King, Rosemary Watt-Wyness, Charlotte Hulme, Susannah Sheldon, Melanie Grenfell, Elizabeth Bilton, Karen Whetton, Amanda Heygate, Kate Huddie, Jenny Feichtinger, Beverley Read, Sophie de Malet Roquefort, Suzanne Hope, Sarah Knight, Sharon Taylor, Jill Gregory, Laura Rudge, Angela Banks, Elizabeth Hutchings.

A.S.A. Silver Award

64 girls.

A.S.A. Bronze Award

79 girls.



GOLF

We have continued to enjoy an occasional visit to the Chatsworth course at Edensor and have been lucky to have Mr. Jones as our coach, to give lessons under the sponsorship of the Golf Foundation. He is wonderfully patient and very generous with his time, having given up many a Saturday or Sunday to escort groups round the course. It has been encouraging to see a marked improvement in some of the play and I hope that golf will always feature in the St. Elphin's programme of extra-curricular activities. One meets so many adult players who wish that they had had the sense to take up the game while they were young and supple!

Susan Hargreaves



THE SEA-KING'S DAUGHTER

What was required was a straightforward play the younger girls could do with as big a cast as possible. We want to do more drama in school and this means getting over to younger girls what it means. Mr. Burgess is not fed up with Chapel plays, but he felt like a change. When the kind lady at the County Drama place suggested "The Sea-King's Daughter" it seemed just the thing.

It has, as they say in show business, everything: violence, fish, love, interest, goblins, rude comments, knockabout comedy, heavy characterization and underwater effects. As you would have expected, some of the girls worked very much harder than others, but you will have made up your mind which, when you saw the play.

Mr. Burgess, The Producer

The Sea-King's Daughter

A tremendous amount of time and effort went into the presentation of the 'Sea-King's Daughter'. The girls were to be seen practising in the hall during the tea hour, and, as the hour of the performance drew closer, they were to be seen at all hours rehearsing their words and actions. None of this could have taken place without the enthusiasm and dedication of Mr. Burgess, the play's producer, who masterminded the whole performance.

It would seem that St. Elphin's certainly has some budding young actresses. The star performance was, without doubt, that of Sarah MacFarlane, whose clear, expressive voice could be easily heard even at the very back of our very large Stopford Hall. She handled her large parts with remarkable ability and must be praised for her superbly polished performance. She was well supported by her two friends, played by Sophie Loveday and Karen Hawthorne.

Michaela Waldram was a truly terrifying sea-serpent, with her swishing arm movements and venomous voice, but, an equally spoilt, vain Fairy Queen. She, along with the Octopus, Tania Chandler, became the villain of the piece and they were hissed at by the audience at the end. We felt pity for the poor little Princess Marina, played by Fiona Cooper, as she was whisked away by the wicked sea-serpent, despite the attempts of the kind, wise old dolphin, played by Espeth Gash, to save her.

The success of the play may be credited to all those who helped with costumes and scenery as well as the actresses themselves. There were some extremely well-chosen musical pieces, which were chosen to suit the mood of the play. There were some beautiful costumes and the setting in the Sea-King's palace was positively breath-taking. It is the minor details such as these which go together to produce a truly superb performance.

A special word must go to Hilary Stoppard and Bola Soremekun, who were both willing to replace two other girls, quite literally, at the last second.

It is appropriate to conclude with a reiteration of the credit which is due to Mr. Burgess. At times it may not have been easy for him, but he persevered and, judging from the success of the play, his efforts were not in vain.

Elizabeth Bottomley
(A member of the audience)

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

The Debating Society meets every Wednesday and is organised by Miss Tordoff.

The first motion of the term was, "Smoking, is it fair to the non-smoking public?" A lively poster was made and speakers chosen. Ten sixth-formers arrived and a heated argument commenced, only to be ended because time had run out. A concluding vote was cast, the result being 9-1 that smoking was **NOT** fair on the non-smoking public.

The debate, however had not yet ended, as Miss Stevenson was to find as we walked up front drive deep in our own personal debate!

We find this society a marvellous opportunity for letting off pent up energy!

Siân Davies

THE LOGIC CLUB

In the steamy jungle of studies that lies between Maths and English, Philosophy and Science, lurks the fascinating carnivore called Logic. It deals with the rules for systematic reasoning.

This term about fifteen of us, staff and girls, have been wrestling with the nuances of "iff", "nand" and "then", with the techniques of Natural Deduction, Trees, Tables, Truth-value Assignations and Quine's Fell Swoop.

We only meet for half an hour a week, but it is just possible that some of us might attempt 'O' level in Logic. Another difficulty we have is that unless you come to the meeting at the beginning of the year, you would not be able to understand much of what goes on, because it is a discipline that builds up in sequence. Anyway, though, it makes a change from work.

GYMNASTICS CLUB

In addition to the main school Gym Club, there is a smaller club which runs during Thursday Tea Hour, when we practise for B.A.G.A. Awards.

Anyone is welcome.

Karen Pilkington

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

This year several Sixth Formers opted for photography as one of their extra activities.

Despite the failures, mainly over and under exposed photographs, I am happy to say we have all enjoyed it. On behalf of the photographers, I would like to thank Mr. Middleton for the long, frustrating hours he has spent trying to teach us. I'm sure it will all seem worth while in ten years time, when we all become professional photographers.

Julie Whittaker

The number of careers staff has continued to grow, with the appointment to our team of Mrs. Thomson, whose experience as a Domestic Science teacher and later as a mature student at the London School of Economics will add a further dimension to the service we offer.

More girls than ever before are now taking part in the ISCO scheme and just over two-thirds of the present Upper V were tested and interviewed this Autumn.

The careers programme has evolved to include a general introduction to the world of work at the Upper IV form level. This introduction is given in five sessions during the second half of the Spring Term and is designed to prepare the way for Option choice and for more meaningful exploration of the Careers room at the Lower V stage.

I was pleased that so many of the Upper VI took our advice and made alternative plans. It meant that 'Results Day' was less fraught than usual even if one or two hopes were dashed. My colleagues, I am certain, would wish me to reiterate our plea for realistic aims, which parents should support and encourage.

As in previous years we have had visiting speakers to talk to the Lower V's and above. Subjects have included the Police, the WRAC, Technician-Engineering, Law, the WRAF, the Scientist in Industry and Interview Technique. In particular, we held for the first time an Old Girls' Forum called "Hindsight". Seven Old Girls who had recently left St. Elphins (—in the last five years—) returned to tell us about their respective careers and many of the present pupils felt that it was one of the most helpful and instructive sessions ever held. Our thanks go to Liz Brook, Claire Derry, Frances Bright (Eshelby), Mary Smith, Connie Yuen, Alison Yates and Julie Burnett. Between them they covered Engineering, Marketing, Beauty Therapy, Banking and Accountancy, Biochemistry, the Civil Service and Retail Jewellery. Two days later Sally Round and Clare Underwood continued the good work with talks on undergraduate courses in German and Optics.

In addition to the programme of talks there have been many visits by groups of girls or by individuals. Successful one-day visits were made to Huddersfield Polytechnic, Sheffield University and the Withington Hospital, Manchester. It is impossible to mention all the visits but I should like to express my gratitude to Thomas W. Ward (Sheffield) for arranging a half-day programme on Accountancy and to the Architects Sebin, Allsopp for inviting some twenty girls to visit their exciting new offices at Wirksworth.

Our Sixth formers have been busy taking part in ISCO courses, some of which included attachments to Allied Breweries, the Midland Bank and GKN and some of which provided insight into the general fields of Industry, Medicine, Law, Computing and Engineering.

The Careers staff have also been out and about, making useful contacts (Mrs. Embrey's visit to Aberdeen University certainly bore fruit!) and collecting a great deal of information which we pass on to each other at our regular weekly meetings. Mrs. Thomson spent a fascinating three days with the Metropolitan Police and I myself had an enlightening four days at the Regular Commissions Board in Wiltshire during the summer holidays. We have also been to one-day conferences sponsored by ISCO, Marks & Spencer, Burgess Animal Feeds, the Rural Craft Industries, the WRAC and many universities, polytechnics and colleges. Surprisingly enough we **DO** find time to do some teaching as well!

Susan Hargreaves





Original Contributions



"Oh God, is there no-one in this town?"

"I must have walked this road,
This endless road
A thousand years
Yet I never meet a soul,
Even the paper scraps
Draw themselves aside,
The houses draw up
From their dank gardens,
But their prim laces never stir-
Oh, God, is there no-one in this town?"

They're all going, leaving for the big cities. Full of hopes, of dreams of work, enjoyment, more money, a better life. They're deserting!

The Ghost Town remains. Its elderly victims stay, gossiping, moaning, freezing, dying, behind the blank walls of their cells.

I am an outcast though. But I can not blame them really. Who wants to associate themselves with a "murderer"! Although the jury found me not guilty, the judges in this town thought differently.

Ha, at first there was commotion. Everyone hurried indoors when I approached. Now, they just ignore me. Not even the lace curtains move when I enter. Nothing stirs.

The "goldrush" has ended. The rich big-wigs move away to another life. The once commuters must have missed the last train, or forgotten to return. The young go, too. Only the old and decrepit remain. Like the buildings.

Dark gardens, overgrown with weeds. No loving hands to care tenderly for the beautiful flowers. They now grow wild, half choked by weeds. No gardeners mow the lawns or trim the hedges. No one repairs the broken down walls, or paints the woodwork. Dirty windows, smashed gates, rustling litter, stray dogs, ancient buildings; all dying in the ghost-town.

The Plague.

The one shop, miles behind the times provides the life.

I tried to make friends. I really tried. But I must have walked this road a thousand times, and never encountered a soul who would listen. I am ostracized. Like the rats and mice that plague and haunt the old church.

That musty smell, the smell of death, lingers in this rotting building. Decaying woodwork, moth-eaten material, plague infested everything! No one cares! No wonder they have all gone. No one bothers — they are all dying. They haven't the time. Time is reserved for sleeping and dying — but not for caring!

Litter on the ground. Rusty machinery in the fields. Memories, fading memories of better times half linger in the gloom.

Ha, its like the elephant's secret grave-yard in the jungle.

I'm so desperate.

"Oh God, is there no-one in this town?"

Ingrid Kenney UVI

The thing under the stairs

Who knows, who cares
About the thing under the stairs?
What's his name? What's his age?
Maybe he's 100, maybe he's called 'Sage'.
Does he eat baked beans or does he eat spices?
Does he eat humans and trap them in vices?
Does he have foot odour, or does he smell nice?
He could smell of vinegar, bad eggs or mice
He might have things crawling about in his hair
He could have square eyes that do nothing but stare.
What is he made of? Green flesh or tin?
He may have a tail, or even a fin,
Who knows

Who cares

About the thing under the stairs?



Rachel Marris LIVA





My favourite Place.

The Woods at Alderley Edge - Cheshire.



By Larret Mawdsley.

LVA. St. Elphins School.

I hear a whisper,
Rebounding from the tree tops,
Coming to my ear as a bird to its nest.
Oak, Ash and Elm look down,
Will they tell their secret, I frown.
And ask can they stand the test
For here among the watchful trees,
Where your thoughts are quickened by the leaves,
And every falling footstep round,
Is lost to hearing lost to sound.
Here in some cavernous glades
Where shadows sport, and dreams are made,
Lies Greybeard, Merlin he is called by men,
With forty knights to return again,
When England's soldiers lie stiff and cold,
The land will again be ruled as of old,
The darkest corners of the forest will ring,
To the ballads of valour the knights will sing
Until then, the fortyone lie as if dead,
With sword in hand, helmguard on head,
With eyes of glass, they no wonders see,
Their cheeks of ice, claimed by death they must be!
But each lies waiting for the day
When trumpets shall sound, and blow away
The mists of confusion, pandemonium and stir,
And the light from the weirdstone of 'Garnen' shines in,
Till then the forest hides its secret well behind the falling leaves,
Thoughts are echoed in the darkness by the ever patient trees,
And the courageous ancestors of the ages wait; wait to defy
the night of living men,
Until then;
The forest throbs to a single heartbeat, trapped and
Preserved in a moment by a living tomb of stone.



FRENCH VERBS

A	V	O	U	K	V	E	L	V	O	I	R	B	D	O
V	L	Z	Y	W	A	S	N	T	A	O	A	Y	L	P
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P	E	N	T	R	C	I	R	D	R	F	L	X	A	L
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L	A	C	R	I	E	A	C	T	S	E	S	I	A	B
E	L	I	R	O	N	H	R	D	S	T	L	T	G	J
Z	L	D	Y	N	X	U	N	M	E	T	S	R	E	R
E	O	F	O	F	I	N	I	R	O	R	T	E	I	S
G	I	C	R	O	I	R	E	M	I	E	P	A	Q	R
I	R	H	C	R	I	E	R	F	R	N	F	C	N	P
M	E	N	V	O	Y	E	R	I	P	L	A	I	R	E
B	J	W	O	K	D	O	R	M	I	R	H	O	E	Y

Answers on page 22

Tina Warbey UIVP

Clouds

Clouds can take on different forms,
Dark and black in thunderstorms.
Cotton wool balls when the sun's ray falls
On the countryside green,
And sometimes blue sky when a cloud is not seen.

Dark clouds bring rain and thunder,
Bushes for safety which creatures run under.
The rain lashes down from the sky so dark.
The streets are neglected and so is the park.
People run in from the rain and cold,
Away from the clouds, big and bold.

Clouds take on forms of cotton wool balls
In the summer when the sun shines bright,
The clouds are soft and move so slow,
While the world is moving down below.

By Jaclyn Kane UIV



D. B. COOPER

The rear stairs were lowered,
And then you left,
After jumping from the Northeast jet.
So D. B. Cooper,
Where did you get?

Although we know,
No money was spent,
After you jumped from that Northeast jet.
So D. B. Cooper,
We do implore,
We'd like to know a little more.

We know you landed on the ground,
But D. B. Cooper you've never been found.
We haven't even heard a sound,
Since you left for the ground.

Louise Barker UIVP

Katie Ward LVA



A Portrait by Elspeth Gash LVI



Victoria Goodman LVP



Patricia Bromley UVI



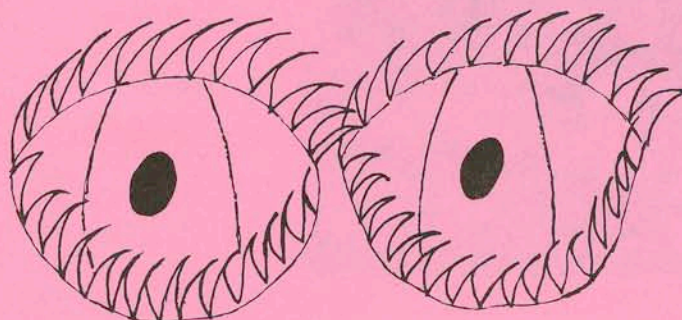
M. Jalali LVB

L.V. Teasles.



Lying Awake

*It is Autumn,
The weather is dull, windy and stormy,
The dwarfs in my room are watching me,
A body with no head,
A pair of eyes, bright and gleaming stare at me.
Outside someone crouches down, I see
A rope with a loop at the end swinging,
Creaking, mysteriously.*



Caszaundra Hope LIRC



Sze Ling Gan UVA



Alison Farnsworth and Claire Crispin LIVP



Clare Locke LVI





Patricia Bromley UVI

A Verse of Thanks

I would like to say thanks, to two people who have
looked after me all my life.

Who have treated me when I was ill, told me off when
I was bad.

They taught me to say please and thank you and never
be rude.

They buy me all I need, and often a lot of surprises.

They put themselves out to send me to a good school
so I could have an opportunity to learn.

So it is not surprising I love my mum and dad and I
would like to say thanks.

"Thank You"

by Danielle De Carle UIVP



The English Countryside

*The English countryside is prettier than any other,
The woods are so peaceful and quiet.
The flowers, they are pretty and quaint.*

*The city dwellers flock to the dales,
to see the pretty hills,
and to smell the lovely clean air.*

*The little brooks so bright and clean,
Gurgle along unseen and undisturbed,
The beautiful green trees droop over the streams.*

*The woodland animals scurrying around,
the rabbits, badgers and foxes underground,
they jump and hop and play all day.*



Rachel Gregory UIVP

* THE WILDLIFE OF KENYA *

The wildlife is now protected by game reserves nearer Nairobi, the capital, but not in the remote parts of Kenya where wildlife is allowed to roam free. Tsavo Game Reserve is the largest in Kenya, while Serengeti is the largest in Africa, and stretches through Kenya into Tanzania. In Tsavo there are vast herds of elephants, which have been causing problems, by raiding nearby villages.

An abundance of lions and leopards is found in another reserve which is called Maasi Masa. This is also the home of Kenya's most well-known tribe, the Masai who live in Manyatas, a circular ring of mud huts surrounded by thorn bushes; these prevent wildlife from entering and raiding their livestock.

Zebra, giraffe and various types of buck are found all over Kenya and are not necessarily kept in Game Reserves because their danger to man is very limited. Even so, man

has scared away some of the animals from Nairobi's National Game Park by putting roads through it. The animals being unaccustomed to the industrial noise, migrated.

The migration of many hoofed wildlife, especially the wildebeest, occurs annually around the months of July and August. They migrate from Kenya into Tanzania. Many of the animals die during this large movement because of exhaustion and stampedes.

The experience of game parks helps to broaden our outlook on the animals as they live in natural surroundings. The sight of a mother defending and caring for her young is something never to be forgotten.

Alyson Idell and Amanda Gretton

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French Verbs answers from page 17

ALLER
ASSEOIR
AVOIR
BOIRE
CRIER
CONNAITRE
DORMIR
ENVOYER
ETRE
FALLOIR
LIRE
LAVER
FINIR
METTRE
NAITRE
VOIR
PARLER
PLAIRE
RIRE
VAINCRE

A Biology Laboratory may not seem, at first hand, an ideal place for a School Bookshop, but the Lab. in Long Corridor is very central and the long benches make very useful display shelves.

We started off quietly (is it nearly two years ago?) with only a few customers, but the whole thing has snow-balled until now we handle several hundred pounds worth of books each term. We have books to suit all tastes and ages and can order what we have not got in stock (but please remember it takes a little time!).

Our aim is to encourage girls to read more widely, and wisely, and to know the joy of possessing one's own much loved books. So girls, remember to come along for the form, for your parents to sign, which authorizes you to spend a certain amount each term. (You may also pay cash). The School Bookshop is open for Seniors every Monday at 4.15 p.m., and occasionally on other days, and for Juniors on Wednesday afternoons.

Our thanks go to Mrs. Ōnac who orders the books, to Mrs. Embrey (and Mr. Embrey!) for careful accounting and to Miss Cooper who is a regular helper at the receipt of custom.

This has been introduced this year to girls in the Lower V and Lower VI by Miss Marsden and Mr. Burgess. A pilot scheme is being run first, and it is hoped to expand it after twelve months.

There are 28 keen participants plus a number of willing staff and parents — whose help is much appreciated.

Services to the community include police and veterinary work, skills range from cooking, through meteorology to electronics and computer work, whilst physical recreation, apart from various water sports is largely involved with self defence organised by Mr. Prytherch.

Expeditions are already being planned during the Autumn Term — both on foot and by bicycle — and expedition areas are as far afield as Cumbria and North Yorkshire.

The girls would like to express their gratitude to staff and parent helpers.

We are pleased to congratulate Ingrid Kenney, who entered the school in the LVI, having previously worked for and achieved the Gold Award, which will be presented to her at Buckingham Palace.

School Tours, Outings etc.

AVIEMORE SKI-TRIP 1980

We arrived at 4.00 p.m. after a rather long journey. We were a tired but happy group of 23 girls, our number being somewhat depleted as one of the party had to remain in school with flu.

Nevertheless, weary as we were, after being allocated to our chalets we all rushed off to the skating rink and tried our skills at ice skating. Ice ski-ing proved an easier task than ice skating and after only one day every one could ski a little without falling over.

If it had not been for the ski-instructors' Scottish accents, we should have thought we were in Italy, as the sun shone throughout the first three days.

During the course of the week we all managed to make full use of all the marvellous facilities in the Aviemore Centre; these included: Swimming, Cinema, Discos and Sauna. We all looked forward to the Shrove Tuesday Disco held on the last evening as it was everyone's wish to have the last chance with their ski-instructor. Needless to say they did not arrive.

We spent the greater part of the return journey planning next year's visit as this year was such a success. We are all looking forward to the 1981 trip.

Melanie Thompson and Sarah Straw



LEYSIN '80

At Easter 45 pupils and staff visited Leysin in Switzerland, near to Lake Geneva.

Memorable nights were spent en route through Paris — and on arrival the coach was soon immobilised in a snow drift.

Our hotel was a warm, comfortable chalet with fantastic views over Leysin and the Alps as far as Mont Blanc. George and his wife spent most of their time cooking

for us and claimed that they'd made the soup in 1970; breakfasts were particularly delicious. Hilarity was the order of the day because of shared bathrooms and mixed company.

Several visits were made, such as to Geneva (where we had to obtain a new passport for one of our aliens), Interlaken (where some of the party were propositioned by Italians) and Lauterbrunnen where many useful contacts were established.

Time spent in Leysin was fully packed with activities, (not all of which can be published here).

We visited the nearby mountains by cable car, for coffee and snowball fights and had an Alfresco lunch in the sunshine.

Others ski-ed, sledged and skated during the day and there was an excellent choice of entertainment at night. (We recommend the GRENIER and the CASANOVA night clubs).

We are all looking forward to going again and renewing our acquaintances — and we especially appreciated George, Gerny and Manuel!

J. Marsden



By quarter past seven we were in the coach and on our way to London. Four hours and a school packed lunch later, we were crawling through the traffic towards the Houses of Parliament. The driver decided to let us out where we were, so everyone jumped out and led by Mrs. Hargreaves went on an urban cross-country to the palace. We were just in time to see the guards marching up the Mall for the changing of the guard.

We arrived at the Houses of Parliament at 11.30 by Big Ben. We were split into three groups and each one led round by their own guide. We had all the statues and paintings described to us and the functions of each room. We followed the route that the Queen takes when she opens Parliament. We could not possibly have gone into every room, as there are over 2 miles of corridors and 1000 rooms! We listened to a 'constipatingly boring debate' (in the words of our guide) and after seeing Westminster Hall which was Guy Fawkes' target and Henry VIII's tennis court, we left for 'Evita'.

We eventually found the theatre after losing Mrs. Hargreaves, the only one who seemed to know where we were heading for! Our seats were right up at the top but with the aid of opera glasses being handed up and down the rows we could see as well as most. The costumes, scenery and lighting were lively and colourful. Although the plot was complicated and difficult to follow it was made easier by a screen showing relevant photographs and songs that we all knew well. One and a half hours later we all came out of the theatre a little dazed, partly because it was all over and we had seen Evita but mostly because it was hot in there and the music was very loud! We clambered back into the coach and apart from one uneventful stop at a service station on the way back, the form outing for Lower V was over.

Diana Hill-Wilson



LV Outing to Macbeth

On the 1st of February a group of drama students from Manchester Polytechnic showed us, "how Shakespeare could be fun". In the first part of the programme they performed scenes from "Romeo and Juliet" with a traditional and then modern approach. A narrator emphasised the differences between the two interpretations and told us what to look out for.

In the second part of the programme they performed "the Madness Scene" from "King Lear", this time the emphasis was laid on emotions. After the performance we were invited to raise any questions we might have about Shakespeare in general. We discovered that later in the term they would be performing "Macbeth", our set 'O'-level book, so the lower fifths went to Manchester to watch it.

After tea on the 7th of March we set off for Manchester. We had several minutes to look round the drama studio before the performance began at 7.30 pm. As none of us had ever seen "Macbeth" performed before, we were surprised when Mrs. Onac told us that it had been "a very free interpretation". It was a most enjoyable outing and having seen the play performed helps us with our understanding of the play as we can visualise what would be happening on stage.

Julia Mann and Diana Hill-Wilson

They blamed the steel strike (was our minibus, ordered months before, really still a lump of iron ore then?) — but thanks to the efforts (and finance) of the Friends, it was eventually driven up to school, seven days before its planned marathon to Frontignan in Languedoc.

And, as if that wasn't enough — the girls wanted to go camping, and none of the camping firms wanted the girls! Until, we discovered "DEN" of Club Soleil in Ruthin, (now Mold), who made us welcome in spite of our inferior school-party status.

It was lovely to feel wanted at last *and* to be mobile!

The Friends had already saved us many grey hairs already by arranging to hire a vehicle for us — *free* — if ours had not materialised.

The first job was "running in", accomplished in 2½ days by three staff, driving shifts to the Scottish Highlands — propping their eyes open.

The third worry — a roof rack — was solved at the last minute by a kind (and free) offer from Mr. Graham Ellis, who operates his own minibuses in Chesterfield — this was a fantastic help. He kindly delivered the roof rack to us, fixed it, and collected it afterwards. Many thanks Graham.

Finally — after a prolonged loading session — involving complicated acrobatics (and aerobatics) by Bob, our professional driver (without whom we'd still be at school, thinking about it!) we departed on the Saturday afternoon — well down on our springs, with people, luggage and food.

A night on the ferry (Southampton-Le Havre) and we were soon crossing Tancarville Bridge at crack of dawn. Roads were quiet and weather good, as we headed steadily southwards to our overnight site at Sarlat in the Dordogne.

Here, at Eau de Vie site, we were in our own woodland glade with six ready-erected, fully equipped tents to choose from. It was also our first (and only) encounter with real French plumbing (or lack of it!), but the charm of the surroundings made up for that.

It was soon time for a 7 a.m., misty breakfast and an amazing 8 a.m., fully loaded departure. (The real miracle was that we could drag the girls out of bed, feed them and load them onto the Minibus without really waking them).

A teatime arrival at Frontignan Plage in glorious sunshine, gave rise to three cheers and woke the girls up at last. Sally (of the enviable tan and Club Soleil) gave us a friendly welcome and we signed the equipment inventories whilst the girls stripped off and leaped into the Med., only a stone's throw away. Bob took a well earned rest after driving 1,000 miles so brilliantly.

The site — Les Tamaris — one of several on this stretch of coastline, between the flamingo-filled (and sometimes smelly) lagoon, and the sea, was right on the beach, and well equipped with clean (English type) washrooms, supermarket, nightly disco, bar and restaurant (and unfortunately, one night — a loud circus!). Bull fighting and wine tasting were just down the lane.

Our camp being ideally sited, we were within easy reach of several fascinating towns, including the very impressive, new, La Grande Motte and Port Camargue on France's 'California' coast. These were visited between the sunbathing and sheltering from the ("it never blows in July") Mistral, (which pulled the tent pegs out as quickly as we hammered them in) — and the entente cordiale flourished along with the swimming, windsurfing and volley ball.

Interesting — was the adaptation (or not!) of St. Elphin's young ladies to camping. The two tents were excellent contrasts: on the right — a well organised group, who ate *meals* at *tables*, aired their sleeping bags, swept their tent and washed their pots but on

the left! — sleeping compartments were a jumble of everything — living area and kitchen — completely submerged under dirty clothes, dirty pots, open tins/tubes/jars and cartons of everything, melting in the heat and covered in a layer of sand. Pots were washed as required (and washing-up bowl emptied in tent entrance) and most lived on crisps and chocolate bars.

Eventually, spring cleaning was accomplished at 1 a.m. under strict supervision. (In retrospect, I can't really blame the other 30 firms) and luckily the inventories tallied (and Club Soleil "sincerely hope" we'll holiday with them in '81!)

In no time at all, Bob was on the roof again, loading for home — Sarlat in the sunshine awaited us — but cool, misty England came as a shock.

Back in Darley Dale, it was a pleasure to be greeted by Mr. Pollard and Mr. Linnell for a Minibus-handing-over ceremony. We had certainly christened it and we thank all the Friends and parents who made the journey possible, Mr. Pollard for letting us go and all the people at School who helped (especially Col. Hobbs, Mrs. Barnes and her helpers) — plus of course Den, Graham and Bob.

Other school journeys this year have included weekends on the Welsh coast and in Cumbria and longer visits to Aviemore (lacking in snow this year) and Leysin in Switzerland. In 1981 one ski party is going to Aprica in the Dolomites and another risking Scotland again.

J. Marsden

Old Girls' Section

Letter from Mr. Pollard

December 1980

Dear Old Girls,

My first year at St. Elphin's has been most enjoyable, and certainly as busy as it could possibly have been. With the loyal support of Miss Stevenson and my colleagues, I have set about the task of keeping **our** school among the names of those best known to our customers. Few new Heads actually arrive with the proverbial broom, and there was no need for this in any case. Preferring dialogue to autocracy, I have canvassed the opinions of governors, staff, parents and not least, girls, in thinking about and planning for the future.

My first aim has been to get to know as many people as possible closely connected with the School, and we have organised a number of social gatherings, not only here but also in Sheffield University and St. Katharine's College, Liverpool, where I was delighted to meet Mrs. Smart and Miss Taylor for the first time. We have tried hard to publicise the School's many excellent qualities and the St. Elphin's Press coverage last year was impressive. Our two Open Days — one for Juniors, one for Seniors — brought many visitors to the School and linked with our new minibus, given by the Friends' Committee in conjunction with generous donations from parents, to create — I hope — an impression of a School 'on the move' in the best sense.

Internally we have stressed the extra-curricular activities, and girls have been encouraged — that is compelled! — to participate according to their own particular skills. St. Elphin's Music has developed splendidly and the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme is attracting a large number of interested participants. We have produced two plays and continued to win matches in all sports.

My wife and I were so pleased to welcome you all to the Reunion on 17th May, and I hope very much that these reunions will in future be held each year at St. Elphin's, as it is obviously preferable to meet on home territory and to see the School in action. Next year's Reunion takes place here on May 16th. Having Miss Robinson with us this year added to the pleasure of the occasion and gave me the encouragement I needed in my first year as President. May I end by asking you to continue to support and encourage everything that St. Elphin's does. Despite the march of Women's Lib, it is a fact that Old Girls' Associations don't command the support that their male counterparts can muster. Can St. Elphin's reverse this trend?

My very best wishes to you all.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Pollard

REUNION AT ST. ELPHIN'S 1980

As acceptances for the Reunion came in there was hope that we might "top" the 100 mark, but alas we did not quite make it, and on the day 98 of us received a warm welcome from Mr. Pollard and many of the Staff. Of these, 64 were Old Girls and the rest were members of their families.

For our part we were delighted to make the acquaintance of Mr. and Mrs. Pollard.

After coffee the Old Girls went to the Common Room for the A.G.M. of the Guild and Miss Robinson (Vice-President) extended one official welcome to the Headmaster and "installed" him as our President, after which he opened our meeting with Prayers and remembrance of those who had died during the year.

Congratulations were then offered to Sybil Osmond (nee Wells) on the Knighthood conferred on her husband in the New Years Honours. It was agreed that both Sir Paul and Lady Osmond richly deserve the honour they have received.

The Minutes of the last meeting were then read and confirmed and the Treasurer gave her report and presented the Balance Sheet (both printed elsewhere).

It was proposed by Pam Crocker (nee Pickering) and seconded by Mary Goodman that the £10 annual donation to the Friends, discontinued when the Guild Funds were in dire straits, should be resumed. This was carried.

It was also proposed by Lady Osmond and seconded by Rachel Johnston that money now in the Deposit A/C should be left there and that other money should be added to it. This is to be reviewed next year.

The future of the Reunions was next discussed. Many of those present and most of the ones who had written about the matter felt that the School itself was the most central and most attractive venue, and as Mr. Pollard himself was keen to have us again, it was decided to hold next year's Reunion at St. Elphin's, with a view to making it an annual, instead of a biennial event — provided it continues to be well-supported.

Various ideas were put forward in order to ensure this, including advertisement in the Press, and giving special emphasis to certain years each time.

Mr. Pollard suggested **Saturday, May 16th, 1981** for the **next Reunion at St. Elphin's**, and this date was accepted. Later there was a brief discussion after which it was decided that — though it had not seemed practicable this year — at next year's Lunch, wine will be served, with an inevitable small addition to the cost.

There was an enquiry about the possibility of a new address book for the Guild, but it was decided to postpone this for a while because of the cost and the near-impossibility of keeping it up-to-date.

In his remarks which followed, Mr. Pollard spoke of his role as Headmaster of a Girls' School and of the welcome and goodwill he had received, and then went on to give news of the School (most of which will be found in greater detail elsewhere in the Magazine).

He also spoke of various relationships; Staff-VI Form discussions; Staff-parents get-togethers; the Staff and Governors publicity campaign, which included an evening buffet-party at St. Katherine's College, Liverpool.

Mr. Pollard also said that he wanted greater communication with the Old Girls' Guild and hoped that more Old Girls' daughters might be encouraged to come to the School.

After information had been given about arrangements for the rest of the day, the meeting ended and we rejoined our families for an excellent Lunch.

In the afternoon we were free to wander round the School and grounds, to re-visit old haunts and to admire the many new buildings.

Evensong in Chapel (kindly taken by the Chaplain) followed by tea brought to a conclusion a day which had been greatly enjoyed and appreciated by all the Old Girls and we do thank everyone at St. Elphin's who contributed to its success.

If you were not able to be present this year, do please try to come next time.

REMEMBER THE DATE —

SATURDAY, MAY 16th, 1981

Those present at the Reunion were:—

Former Staff:—

Miss Robinson, Miss Jasper, Miss L. Thompson.

Old Girls:—

Rosemary, Allen, Josephine Ogden (Mead), Rachel Crossland, Anne Barber (Glover), Jennifer Beebe, Elizabeth Brook, Christine Codling (Tew), Pamela Crocker (Pickering), Margery Robinson (Clapham), Janet Cantrill (Moorhouse), Jean Davies (Donaldson), Margaret Denning (Clarke), Claire Derry, Margaret Farley (Smart), Kathleen Finch (Williams), Elizabeth Gibb (Jackson), Mary McMeeking (Hibbins), Elizabeth Styles, Avis Lee (Barrow), Susanne Gates (White), Caroline Gayel, Mary Goodman, Audrey Glover (Bell), Megan Graham, Margaret Griffiths (Ashton), Connie Thompson (Swan), Muriel Hinde (Jones), Dawn Hives, Vera Holle (Murdoch), Marjorie Tomlinson (Barrett), Rachel Johnston, Stephanie Jones, Joan Kiddell, Margaret Laithwaite (Owen), Helen Dean, Joyce Knight, Margaret Lewis, Mary Mayo (Reeman), Patricia Marshall (Cliffe), Beth Needham, Joan Newcombe (Brittain), Sybil Osmond (Wells), Heather Reeves, Elizabeth Rutherford (Bolt), Catherine Smart, Eileen Smart (Whittaker), Jane Smith (Blackwall), Barbara Spalton (Young), Easta Spencer (Eltham), Mary Stoneham, (Smart), Margaret Syrett, Rosemary Taylor, Dorothy Tredwell (Kiddell), Elizabeth Walker, Joan Whatton (Lloyd), Heather Woodcock, Alison Yates.



IN MEMORIAM

ADELINE SYLVIA LLOYD 1914-1979

Fifty years ago I spent my first night at St. Elphin's in Dormi. one, in the next bed to Sylvia Lloyd. Both being new girls we partnered each other on afternoon walks and what a witty companion she proved to be! Sylvia loved playing the fool but in reality had a keen brain leaving others far

behind in Maths and Latin. If strains of the then popular song "That's my weakness now" were heard coming from U.C. (The old Conservatory and our Upper 5 classroom, now a dining-room) you would find the words were a repetition of 'Si num nisi ne', just one of Sylvia's repertoire of aids to memory! Later when the House sleeping system was introduced, Sylvia joined her fellow Kennedy-ites in Orchards. Sybil Osmond (Wells) recalls with affection her individual brand of humour and 'tremendously enjoyed the constant witty remarks which came over the top of the cubicle'!

On leaving School and obtaining a degree at Liverpool, Sylvia rather surprisingly became a House Mother at Dr. Barnado's at Barking for a time. There must be several women somewhere who remember that in *their* House they had *pink* rice pudding to encourage them to eat it — a typical Sylvia touch! In later years she became a Social Worker and Inspector of Children's Homes, then back to Child Care at Basildon, Essex. Quite late in life she studied for a Housing Diploma and gained the highest marks in the country! For relaxation she was a keen member of a Choral Society and the National Trust, enjoying weekends away with the latter.

Sylvia and I never lost touch mainly because she was a regular and much-loved visitor to the house of my sister-in-law at Leyland, Joyce Houghton (Gibbs). Joyce's four children, three now married with children of their own, will recall with affection the fun they had with 'Auntie Lottie'.

Sylvia enjoyed excellent health until recently; she rang me up in July to say that she had been in hospital but was much better and moving to a Convalescent Home before returning to her flat. I had no inkling that the call was her way of saying "Good-bye"! Alas, 'though mentally as alert as ever when Joyce went to see her, physical deterioration was rapid and our beloved Sylvia died in a Marie Curie Hospice on November 17th, 1979.

Requiescat in Pace

Margaret C. Carmichael

EDITH HODGKINSON

(Died September 11th, 1980 aged 85 years)

Edith entered Somerville College, Oxford from the VIth Form in 1915 and took her degree in English in 1918.

After teaching at the North London School, Cheltenham College and Clapton Grammar School, she was evacuated when war came to Bishop's Stortford where she taught at the Herts and Essex School. She retired to Oxford twelve years ago, where she lived happily in close touch with her old school friend, May Richardson.

Her twin, Nancy, also a St. Elphinite died in 1964. Edith will be remembered for her wit and originality, also for her great love of animals.

MISS WINIFRED G. HARRISON

The death of Miss Harrison last New Year's Eve will be a sad shock to many Old Girls. I knew and valued Miss Harrison both as a piano teacher and House Mistress. She had the qualities and gift, as well as the drive, to get one through many an Associated Board Music Exam., sparing much extra time to give her pupils the coaching and confidence they needed. Those who were privileged to play

on her upright Steinway will never forget its touch all their lives.

When the present House system was put into operation and Powys House took residence in Top Central, it was Miss Harrison who answered the challenge of sorting out the problems of a House so near in distance to a Headmistress who heard much and was ready to pounce! The guidance and character building which we unconsciously received from Miss Harrison in those years reflected in the way she so proudly kept up with 'her' Old Girls. Many have been the times I have disagreed with Miss Harrison but many are the happy memories I have of her.

Thank you, Harrison for your service to St. Elphin's.

E. Mary L. Stoneham (nee Smart)



NEWS OF OLD GIRLS

BARBARA BAER (nee WARD) and her friends lead busy lives, but she keeps in touch by letter with MARY BEVINGTON and MARY STAPLETON (nee SAPWELL) who are godmothers to two of her four children, and with PAM EDWARDS (nee GAMBLE) who lives in New Zealand. She usually manages to meet JENNY CHORLTON about twice a year.

DEBORAH BAIRD (nee CLARKE) would like to hear from any Old Girls in the London/Watford area. She moved there from Northern Ireland last year. (see addresses).

SUSAN BALL (nee LODGE) married a schoolmaster in 1972. They now have a little girl and live in Shropshire (see addresses etc.). She would love to hear from fellow school-friends. She was at St. Elphin's from 1964-68.

JOAN BROWN (nee TAYLOR) lives in Leeds and sometimes meets CYNTHIA NOAKES. Her sister EIRENE CLARKE (nee TAYLOR) and her husband have a cottage near Penrith to use for holidays and to which they hope to retire one day.

MISS BURCHNALL finds travelling difficult now, but manages to get about the village to do her shopping, does the cooking and feeds her spoilt Siamese cat (her description — not mine!). She is very interested in St. Elphin's news and enjoys the mini-reunions they are able to arrange sometimes in the south-west.

FIONA CAMPBELL (nee ARNOLD) met her husband when they were both reading French/German at Cambridge. After a honeymoon in Crete they are going to Paris to work for two years and Fiona hopes to teach English there.

MARGARET CARMICHAEL (nee HOUGHTON) was disappointed to miss the Reunion for the first time for many years, but she was responsible for the costumes and taking part in the Nantwich Players production of "The Card"; and on that day they were in the Finals of the County Play-of-the-Year Festival (and later gave one performance at the Royal Exchange Theatre in Manchester). She still lectures for the National Trust, and is on various committees.

We are proud to hear that HEATHER COLEBROOK has been appointed a Deputy Housekeeper at Buckingham Palace with responsibility for 25 staff and other servants. Heather has been working as Domestic Services Manager at Nottingham's Sherwood Hospital where she has superintended a staff of nearly 200.

GILLIAN COOPER worked in the Edinburgh Military Tattoo office for most of 1979 — having been to Perth

Academy in 1978 to do her Scottish Highers. She is now working in London as a clerical officer in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. She would be pleased to meet any of her contemporaries who may be working in London (she left in 1977). She can always be contacted through her parents who live at Marcassie Cottage, Dunning, Perthshire.

JEAN DAVIES (nee DONALDSON)'s daughter Siân is in the VIth Form and a Deputy Head Girl at St. Elphin's, and her son has just completed his first year at Clifton College. Jean is not working at present, but is kept busy physically — caring for a Guide Dog puppy before it is accepted for training, playing tennis, and helping to exercise a pony — and mentally — having taken up languages again. Swedish and Dutch because she learnt them when living in Sweden and Holland, and French because she finds it difficult and "doesn't like to let it beat her".

CLAIRE DERRY graduated from Newcastle University in June, 1979 with a 2nd Class Honours Degree in History. She is now working in London in the International Buying Office of Boots, and is pleased to find many former St. Elphin's girls in London. She has just become engaged (see engagements) but they do not intend to be married for some time, as her fiancé is in the Regular Army and is expecting to be posted to Germany and then to Northern Ireland. Claire sends me news of the christening of BEVERLEY DENNY (nee SMITH)'s baby on Easter Sunday, to whom she is godmother.

PAMELA EDWARDS (nee GAMBLE), who lives in New Zealand, still keeps in touch with some of her St. Elphin's friends — two of whom are godparents to her youngest daughter. Her two older children are at University and she works full-time as Superintendent Physiotherapist at the local hospital. With her children's friends coming in and with hospital affairs she keeps very busy. Last year they also had her husband's mother to stay with them for nine months. She hopes that sometime she might be in England when there is a Reunion.

We send our loving sympathy to JUDITH FARNHAM (nee TUCKWELL) whose husband, the Rev. Paul Farnham, Rector of Cawston, Norwich was tragically drowned while sailing with his daughter, Jessica (13), and two other children off the coast of Blakeney in April. The children were in the water for 1½ hours before being picked up, but Paul's body was retrieved 5 miles away by the rescue helicopter. Judith, with Jessica and her younger daughter Alice (9) who fortunately had not been in the boat, have now moved from Cawston, where they were greatly loved, and have made a new home for themselves in Sheringham (see addresses).

VALERIE FORDHAM was unable to come to the Reunion, but when she visited the School recently after 10 years absence she was amazed and delighted to see the progress that had been made.

MARY GAMBLE has spent many holidays abroad since she retired 10 years ago, after 27½ years as secretary to the Headmistress of Christ's Hospital. She usually goes with MURIEL ROSE (nee STAVERT) who also lives in Basingstoke; last year they went to the north of Italy, and this year to the less tourist-y part of Spain. They have also visited Israel. Muriel's sons are both engineers — one having graduated at Cambridge and the other at Oxford. Her sister EVELYN (nee STAVERT) has a daughter who also has an Oxford degree, and who now works in the British Embassy in Paris.

When JUNE GIBSON (nee BRIERLEY)'s husband retired from the R.A.F. 3½ years ago, she thought their wandering days were over but now they are moving again from Staffordshire to Aylesbury.

MIRANDA GLOSSOP has gained a Scholarship to read P.P.P. at St. Hugh's College, Oxford.

FIONA GORDON (nee FAIRCLOUGH) finished working for the Manchester Building Society in August last year, as she was expecting a baby. She went to FRANCES ANDERSON'S wedding in Mansfield in June, 1979. Frances is still nursing in London. Fiona sends word of ANNE BENTLEY (nee COLLEY) who still works for a Bank in Southport, and whose husband was badly injured in an air crash at Easter 1978. However, after 2 years off work, earlier this year, he was hoping soon to return to his job as a flying instructor.

JANET GREGORY (nee COLLINGS) is back in this country after living in South Africa for 5 years. She also was expecting a baby when she wrote.

Six years ago ESTHER GREENSLADE (nee MASON-POOLEY) resigned as Headmistress of Codrington High School for Girls in Barbados, but has now started teaching again at Rossholme — an independent school for girls, many of them daughters of Service personnel. She is delighted to be working again, and teaching exclusively now, as she found administration work far less interesting than actual teaching.

Congratulations to MARGARET GRIFFITHS (nee ASHTON) who celebrated her 80th birthday earlier this year (As a child I lived in her father's Parish, and it was because of hearing about her School that I set my heart on going to St. Elphin's — E.S.S.).

JUNE HANNANT (nee BURR) who teaches part-time at Runtun Hill, thinks that there are 4 St. Elphin's Old Girls in the Staff Room there. She was busy lately as one of her twin daughters — Rosemary — was married in June. Another daughter KATHARINE who was also at St. Elphin's, has a daughter and twin sons, and sometimes has a visit from VICKY WOODHOUSE (nee GERRARD) and her twin boys (which makes for a lively time!). June also hears occasionally from BETTY WILKINS (nee MARTIN) whose daughter is her god-daughter.

CAROLINE HOWE (nee PEARSON) has returned to England after living in Kenya for 18 months — a period which they have thoroughly enjoyed. She feels they will miss the outdoor life and the beautiful countryside very much.

MARY HAMILTON-EDDY (nee LINDSAY) is now working part-time at the Middlesex Hospital.

MARY JAMES (nee JENKIN-WILLIAMS) is now Area Organiser Appeals for North Wales for the Church of England Children's Society. She started last January and thoroughly enjoys going round the Parishes meeting and talking to Clergy, Mothers Unions, Young Wives, Schools etc. She left the Red Cross at the end of last year after 12 years as Director of Clwyd, and was made a Life Member and was presented with the Badge of Honour for distinguished service, together with a magnificent silver salver. Her son David, who is one of the Senior Security Managers at Barclay's Bank, Shrewsbury, was married in August.

HELEN JAY (nee WRIGHT) who now lives in a very small, totally rural village in Suffolk, is working full-time as Head of Music in the High School at Debenham seven miles away. Their two children, now aged 13 and 11 are at school in Woodbridge. They both enjoy music — Andrew plays the trombone, and Katherine the flute and piano. Helen is now organist at the village church and her husband, John, edits the village "Newsletter". They have spent their last three summer holidays with ANNE MOSSCROP who has bought a beautiful cottage in a village just on the "corner" of Somerset, Dorset and Devon and is now settled in England, having spent six years working with the Eskimos in the Canadian Arctic, and also some years in Scandinavia and Switzerland. She is now a Health Visitor based in Yeovil and District. Anne's sister KATE (nee MOSSCROP) is in South Africa with her husband and 2 children. They are farmers.

PAMELA JEFFERIES is working at King's College Hospital as a Senior Nurse Tutor with responsibility for 150 student and pupil nurses and enjoys the work very much. She has also had two books published recently — one is entitled "Mathematics in Nursing" which she feels was a great achievement in view of her record in Maths while at School! She has also edited the most recent edition of one of the nurses' dictionaries.

ANN LEE (nee BISBROWN) and her husband have now changed their name by deed poll to BISBROWN-LEE. Ann qualified as a clinical-nurse-teacher in March '79 and is now back at Southport working as a clinical teacher for the specialities which include Paediatrics, and enjoys the work very much. Her sister RUTH qualified as a Radiographer last year and GILLIAN is more than half-way through her training as a Radiotherapist in Sheffield. Ann keeps in touch with several old friends from School and enjoyed meeting ROSEMARY MASSON (nee LEVICK) and her husband at the wedding of GILL EVANS last year.

KAREN LITTLE attended Whitelands College for 3 years and subsequently taught English and Drama in London Comprehensive Schools for 2 years. She is now Stage Managing in the professional theatre. She frequently sees LESLEY NICOL who is acting, and has contact with ELIZABETH CORY, NICOLA WESTCOMBE and ROSIE JAMES — the latter having recently married.

JILL LOCK (nee LUCAS) was married in 1979 and spent 7½ months at sea with her husband who is an electrical officer in the Merchant Navy. They visited Hong Kong, Fiji, New Zealand, Manilla and Taiwan — a marvellous trip and a great experience. She had to remain at home this year as she was expecting a baby in October.

DOROTHY MAYE (nee BACHE) who lives in Exmouth says she has a new interest in the careers of her grandchildren. One has recently come up to Exeter University; another is in her final year in College in Plymouth and a third is hoping to go to University next year to read Classics. The rest are still at School. She sometimes sees FRANCES WATSON (nee SMITH) when she is not "dashing backwards and forwards to Canada to see her son".

Although S. A. MITCHELL (nee BELL) is based at 7 Carlton Avenue, Wilmslow, Cheshire, she spends all holidays and much of term time at 16 Beadon Drive, Salcombe, South Devon, and would like to hear from any Old Girls in that area. Once her sons, aged 14½ and 9½ have finished school in Yorkshire she will be permanently in Devon. Her husband works in Birmingham and commutes either from Wilmslow or Salcombe.

CHARITY MAUDSLEY (nee JOHNSTON) is doing quite a lot of remedial teaching — partly private lessons for pupils sent by an education psychologist and also part-time work at a local boys prep school. She had a wonderful trip to Mexico last Christmas to spend 3 weeks with her son and daughter-in-law ROSALIND (nee SEVILLE) who sent a very interesting letter about their life there, which has been included almost in its entirety later in this section.

We hear that TRUDA NORTHBRIDGE (nee MACLAREN) would like to get in touch with anyone who was at St. Elphin's with her (1923-29). She lives at 2 Arum Court, Lower Street, Pulborough, Sussex (Tel. Pulborough 3434).

MAGDA NORMAN (nee CULLEY) has re-married. Her husband is, at the moment, group librarian, based at Barton-on-Humber, with Humber-side leisure services.

JENNIFER PITMAN (nee WHITTON) and her husband, who is an electronic design engineer, have settled in Essex in the middle of the fruit-growing area. She is working for an agricultural land-drainage firm. She also would be glad to hear from anyone who was at School with her (1964-74).

JUDITH M. PRESCOTT has gained a B.Sc. Class II Div. 2 Honours in Combined Studies at the University of Liverpool.

MARGARET ROUSE (nee CARMICHAEL) is very happy in her new job. She says she cannot get over being thanked for everything she does after being taken for granted as a Theatre Sister in a hospital.

JULIA ROWLEY has gained a B.Ed. Honours Degree (Lower Second) at Homerton College, Cambridge.

MARY SCUDAMORE (nee JONES) was sorry to miss the Reunion this year, but she and her husband were in Florida visiting her daughter Ruth, her husband and their 7½ months old little girl, Katie, whom they had not seen before. Ruth still works as a midwife in the Dunedin-Clearwater area. She is quite a pioneer, as her area is the first-and only-one in Florida to allow midwives to deliver babies. In the States this is usually done by doctors. Her score was 89 babies in the nine months she herself was pregnant. They had a wonderful holiday, but naturally did not travel round as much as on their last visit when they were driven to the Florida Keys, the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral, and Disneyland. Their son's wife has just had her third son.

NICOLA SIMMONDS went from St. Elphin's to Ackworth School in West Yorkshire, where she obtained 7 'O' levels. She is now doing an S.R.N. Course in London and afterwards hopes to travel in America and Europe and probably go on to university.

KATHERINE SLATTER has gained a Scholarship to read Mathematics at St. Hugh's College, Oxford.

KATE STEPHEN (nee SPENCER RICHFORD) sends news of what she has done since leaving St. Elphin's 20 years ago. First she studied Institutional Management at the Elizabeth Gaskell College in Manchester with the intention of becoming a dietician, but decided against it after working in a hospital for 2 years. She then spent a year in London studying Beauty Therapy and there she met her husband, Michael, who is a hair stylist. They married in 1974 and have a business in Knutsford which has recently been expanded on the retail side. Two years ago they bought a derelict Manor House in Hawarden and moved in last December, so they now divide the week between the two places. Kate would very much like to contact ELIZABETH LINNELL and JOSEPHINE HOLMAN (nee HOLMES), so if anyone knows their addresses, will they please let Kate know.

MARGARET SYRETT (nee BOWERS), who has been a widow for over 3 years, has a full-time Community Midwives Sister's post, teaching pupils. Her daughter was married earlier this year. Recently she met PAMELA TEAGUE (nee ELLIS) who was in London for the day.

PAULINE THOMAS (nee THOMPSON) has had a very busy year. Craig y Parc, the school where she is catering officer, celebrated its Silver Jubilee with many functions, both public and private, ending with a Garden Party, which raised £400, opened by George Thomas, the Speaker of the House of Commons. She also organised two evening parties for the local Cheshire home; a family of 4 from Canada came to stay with her while the father — a headmaster — was on an exchange visit locally.

Pauline's son Peter is still with Lloyd's Bank at Barry and plans to marry next year. Her elder daughter is about to start her nursing career at the Heath Hospital, Cardiff and the younger one has just changed to Senior School. She had a letter from HILARY BARRAS (nee RADCLIFFE) giving news of her baby, and also heard from SUE RAYNER but would very much like to renew contact with ANNABEL REES if anyone has her address.

ELIZABETH WALKER left university in 1979 with a degree in Business Studies and French, and is now working for a national vending company as a trainee manager. Her

sister HELEN is in her second year at the Buckinghamshire College of Higher Education reading for a degree in European Business. Her cousin DAWN HIVES is working in London as PA/Secretary to several Management Consultants. Elizabeth keeps in touch with JANE PASHLEY who is now working for Beecham's in London.

JANE WEBSTER has gained a B.A. Law Degree, Class II, Div. I (Hons.) at Trent Polytechnic.

SUSAN WOOD (nee PRINCE) married 12 years ago. At the time her husband Neville was a submariner with the Royal Navy, and now he works for an engineering firm near Sudbury, Sussex. They have two sons, Andrew who is 9½ and Simon aged 4½. She would like to hear from SUE THOMAS who married and went to Australia, if anyone has any information.



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22 February, 1980

Dear Mrs. Smart,

This is a very belated thank you for sending me The St. Elphin's magazine as requested by my Aunt Rachel (Johnston).

Richard, my husband, is in charge of building a new transformer factory, which is connected with, but not exactly a subsidiary of (because Mexican concerns have to be 51% Mexican-owned), the firm he worked for in Edinburgh. We have now been here a year and are really settled and find life here very interesting and enjoyable. The children (Diana now 7, and Helen 5) are at a local Spanish speaking school and by now are pretty fluent. The school is run on a system similar to the Montessori one, a system actually founded by a Frenchman, Pierre Faure. We are very pleased with it and very impressed by the interest shown by the staff in each individual pupil. It is a private school, the fees being about £12 a month for Diana (in primary) and £10 for Helen in kindergarten. Compared with the £250 or so per term in the Edinburgh private schools it seems quite good value!

I am enjoying the chance to learn Spanish, as I studied languages at university and, although there are quite a number of Americans and Canadians living here, we are getting to know more of the locals now, through work, school etc., so I get quite a lot of everyday practice, as well as going to classes at the university here. Richard has also become very fluent, even though at school he was definitely a non-linguist. He has had to learn "On the job" as it were; it all goes to show that "needs must".

We were very lucky to come to such a delightful place as Guanajuato. Apart from the silver-mines, the new factory will be about the only industry in the area, although there are industrial towns about 20 miles away on the Pan American highway. Guanajuato is one of Mexico's most famous colonial towns, famous for its silver, and at one time fantastically wealthy. The silver is still mined, but they are

mostly co-operatives now, so there are no more fortunes to be made. The town itself is in the hills, with many very steep and narrow streets — strictly pedestrians only. The traffic flows quite smoothly (usually) in the centre of town with a one way system using an old drainage tunnel now converted into an underground street! The whole town is now preserved as a historic site and no development is allowed. It is also quite active culturally, with three theatres, a symphony orchestra and a good cine-club programme. There is also an international festival in May which attracts some big names.

So far we haven't got to know much of the rest of the country, and of course it is so huge and varied that this one small part we are familiar with isn't really representative. Here it is very dry for 9 months of the year — brown hillsides and lots of cactus — but they do manage to grow quite a lot in the wet seasons and of course there is more and more irrigation. Further south there is real jungle and all the fantastic Indian ruins. We hope to get down there sometime soon.

I hope to come over to Britain this summer with the children but we shall have to wait to see nearer the time whether Richard will be able to take time off to come with us.

St. Elphin's seems to have many splendid new buildings now. I'm glad to see they have started a Careers Department. What a shame the old pipe organ eventually had to be replaced. The last time I visited the school was when Diana was a baby, it was the year Miss Smith and Miss Thompson were leaving so I was glad to see them both before they left. In fact I shall keep in touch with Miss Smith and used to visit her occasionally in Fife. I haven't heard from her this Christmas — hope she is well.

I hope Mary is well — she will have her hands full with 3 little boys (2 girls are bad enough!)

I should be delighted for any Old (or present) St. Elphinite to call if they happen to be in Mexico. Our postal address is the "Apartado 143", our actual address is the "La Torre" one but impossible to find so better to put the phone number for anyone who might want to get in touch.

The only Old Girls I am in touch with are Beryl Campbell (nee Williams) who now lives in Newtonmore, and Phillipa Ling (nee Pierrepont) who lives in Nottingham. In Edinburgh I met up with Fiona Waters (nee MacDonald) but unfortunately have lost touch again, but would love to hear from anyone else who was around at the same time.

Yours sincerely

Rosalind Maudsley



ST. ELPHIN'S OLD GIRLS' GUILD

School leavers 1980 July

Life

Lisa Bailey, Joanne Beale, Kathryn Betterton, Georgina Board, Emma Burnett, Abiodun Durosinmi, Briony Kernan, Jennifer MacIlwaine, Carolyn Mello, Oluwatoyin Osinsanya, Louise Pridham, Sara Richardson, Caroline Salem, Sarah Scott, Angela Smith, Caron Smith, Nicola Smith, Jacqueline Tear, Helen Walker, Sharon Wilby, Laura Wildgoose, Rachel Wood, Vanessa Yates.

3 years

Ann Bell, Belinda Bramhall, Rosemary Halsall, Marielle Sander, Fiona Stephenson, Maryan Zanganeh

BIRTHS

ALEXANDER — On May 7th, 1979 to Roger and Celia (nee JEPHSON) a daughter, Sophie, a sister for Timothy.

BALL — In July, 1979 to Gareth and Susan (nee LODGE) a daughter, Megan Elizabeth.

BARRAS In autumn 1979, in the Transvaal, to Hilary (nee RATCLIFFE) and her husband, a daughter, Karen Isobel.

DAWES — On April 4th, 1980 to Andrew and Anna (nee KASTORYANO) a son, James Robert.

DENNY — Early in 1980 to Mr. and Mrs. Denny (nee BEVERLY SMITH) a son, Rhys Clifford Rosser.

FARLEY — On July 25th, 1980, to Tom and Margaret (nee SMART) a son, Thomas Arthur White.

GORDON — On November 28th, 1979, to Alex and Fiona (nee ANDERSON) a daughter, Sarah Natalie.

HOWE — On October 9th, 1980, to Nicholas and Caroline (nee PEARSON) a son.

MASON — On December 23rd, 1978, to Richard and Rosemary (nee LEVICK) a daughter, Stephanie Anne, and on May 28th, 1980, a son, Jeremy Richard.

SLETTERMOEN — On July 19th, 1979, to Ivor and Wendy (nee FORD) a daughter, May-Britt.

WARDLE — On May 29th, 1979, to John and Elizabeth (nee BATES) a daughter, Naomi.

WHITE — On August 18th, 1979, to Ian and Julie (nee ERVINE) a daughter, Kerry Louise, sister for Daniel.

SMITH — On August 20th, 1980, to Peter and Jane (nee BLACKWALL) a son, Luke Timothy, brother for Matthew and Mark.

ENGAGEMENTS

CLAIRE DERRY to Lt. Charles Jonathon Seed. Royal Artillery.

MARRIAGES

Ball-LODGE — In 1972, Gareth Ball to SUSAN MARY LODGE.

Campbell-ARNOLD — On November 22nd, 1980, Paul Campbell to FIONA ARNOLD.

Harper-CULEY — On March 31st, 1980, Julian Harper to MARGARET CULEY.

Kelly-ANDERSON — On June 2nd, 1979, Brian Kell to FRANCES ANDERSON.

Kozwayk-CORY — On March 24th, 1979, N. Kozawyk to ALISON C. B. CORY.

Murray-CORY — On June 7th, 1980, R. P. Murray to MARGARET D. B. CORY.

Norman-BAGGOTT — On June 14th, 1980, Trevor Norman to MAGDA BAGGOTT (nee CULLEN).

Orchard-BODEN — On May 10th, 1980 Dennis M. Orchard to JANE E. BODEN.

Pitman-WHITTON — On August 18th, 1980, Neil Pitman to JENNIFER WHITTON.

Steele-CHALK — On October 21st, 1978, at Great Gonerby Church, Grantham, Garry Steele to CHERYL CHALK

DEATHS

SADIE BROADBENT — On January 2nd, 1980.

The Rev. Paul Farnham, husband of JUDITH (nee TUCKWELL). — On April 17th, 1980.

MISS WINIFRED G. HARRISON — On December 31st, 1979.

MISS WINIFRED KNOTT — On July 22nd, 1980 aged 77.
SYLVIA LLOYD — On November 17th, 1979.

ELIZABETH SWAN (nee WHITE — On October 27th, 1979.

MISS PHYLLIS M. K. SWEETING — In December 1979.

EDITH HODGKINSON — On September 11th, 1980 aged 85.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

ROSEMARY ALLEN — 405 Goodison Boulevard, Cautley, Doncaster DN4 6RW.

DEBORAH BAIRD (nee CLARKE) — 13 Rose Gardens, West Watford, Herts.

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ELIZABETH GIBB (nee JACKSON) — Little Folly, Edneys Hill, Wokingham, Bucks.

JUNE GIBSON (nee BRIERLEY) — Fairlands, Risborough Road, Terrick, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP22 5XL.

JANET GREGORY (nee COLLINGE) — Sundew Cottage, Longway Bank, near Matlock, Derbys.

ANN HAWKWOOD (nee NIBLOCK) — 1 Foxbench Close, Moss Lane, Bramhall, Cheshire.

CAROLINE HOWE (nee PEARSON) — Flat 8, 69 Holland Park, London W11.

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ALISON KOZAWYK (nee CORY — 1352 Islington Avenue, Islington, Ontario M9A 3K4, Canada.

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ROSEMARY MARSON (nee LEVICK) — 54 Bellmars Road, Whittlesey, Peterborough PE7 2RN.

ELEANOR MILLARD (nee BOWSER) — 24 Church Street, Lambley, Notts.

S. A. MITCHELL (nee BELL) — additional address, 16 Beadon Drive, Salcombe, South Devon.

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JANE ORCHARD (nee BODEN) — 153 Kilburn Road, Belper, Derbyshire.

JENNIFER PITMAN (nee WHITTON) — 16 Sage Walk, Tiptree, Essex.

ANNE REEVE (nee ROGERS) — South Lodge, Whitby Road, Guisborough, Cleveland.

ELIZABETH RUTHERFORD (nee BOLT) — 23 Weston Road, Thames Dutton, Surrey.

KATE STEPHEN (nee SPENCER-RICHFORD) — 37 King Street, Knutsford, Cheshire *and* The Manor, Manor Lane, Hawarden, Clywd, North Wales.

CAROLINE STODELL (nee STRAWSON) — 8 Grove Park, Redland, Bristol D56 6PP.

SUSAN WOOD (nee PRINCE) — 6 Mortimer Place, Clare, Sudbury, Suffolk.

JANE SMITH (nee BLACKWALL) — 15 Market Place, Wirksworth, Derbys.

ADDRESSES WANTED

(Letters returned — not known here)

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1979

At end of the year, the balance in the current account was £283.57; ie. £65.97 down on the previous year. I mentioned last year that we should have to pay for magazines for 2 years, which accounted for £360.50. I hope that this will not occur again and we should be better off in the future. The secretarial expenses are obviously high and will remain so; postage on magazines and circulars accounting for £60. Needless to say this will continue to increase, although Eileen posted magazines just in time to avoid the last increase!

The deposit account balance was £748.79 in 1978 and I am happy to say this has increased to £818.75 in spite of outgoings. The subscriptions seem to be fairly steady now, with more joining as life-members. Donations continue to average over £100 which is very cheering considering the many commitments for money that so many members have.

The interest for the account has increased by nearly £40 so also has that of the Abbey National by £10.

It may be, that with a better balance than we have had for some years members might feel that a part of the £800 should be invested to yield a little more interest. It does of course, help to raise the interest in the bank account, but it is difficult to invest small amounts, when the "normal" is anything from about £500 upwards, to give any reasonable interest rate. Perhaps members might like to consider ideas at the next meeting.

A few years ago when we were getting very short of cash I took it upon myself to discontinue, temporarily, our £5

donation to the Friends of St. Elphin's. Although nowadays this would seem like a drop in the ocean, every little helps. At the May meeting it was agreed that £10 should be sent to the Friends so that the Old Girls as a Guild participate in such programmes as are dealt with by the Friends.

I would like to tender my thanks again to Eileen who collects the money, or most of it, in response to letters, sorts it, gives me long comprehensive lists and all I have to do is bank it and write out balance sheets! She makes my part in this very much easier.

Rosemary E. Taylor, Hon. Treas. S.E.O.G.G.

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS — YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1979

CURRENT ACCOUNT

	£	p		£	p
To: Balance brought forward	349.54		By: Magazines — 1977	110.50	
Transfer from D/A (magazines)	350.00		1978	250.00	
Donations	18.75		Postage — magazines	60.00	
			letters	60.00	
			Duplicating	12.22	
				2.00	
				434.72	
			Balance carried forward	283.57	
TOTAL	718.29			718.29	

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

	£	p		£	p
To: Balance brought forward	748.79		By: Transfer to C/Ac for magazines	350.00	
Subscriptions	225.75				
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Donations	88.00				
Interest D/Ac.	28.79				
	41.17				
Interest: Abbey National B/S	19.04		Balance carried forward	818.75	
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Rosemary E. Taylor, Treasurer, May 1980



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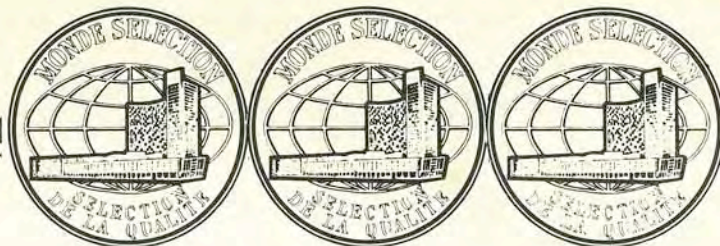
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