

OGA NEWS

Spring 2013

The newly appointed OGA Prefects for 2012–2013, Sarah Carrington and Sara Devereux, interviewed MSJ's Headmistress Trish Woodhouse and Chairman of the OGA Hannah Plant.



Sarah, Sara, Hannah, Trish

How do you think the OGA has evolved over the past few years?

HP: The key is our willingness to change but also to celebrate the past. By moving with the times, this has led to developments such as the E-zine to celebrate the achievements of our Old Girls along with the makeover of our newsletter.

TW: There has been greater integration between current and Old Girls through OGA events: our current Prefects, for example, are invited to join the Old Girls in their reunions. I am delighted with the increased numbers of recent Old Girls who have joined the OGA. The lively Benhams Sleepovers have been a huge success where we have seen many generations gather together to celebrate the legacy of MSJ.

What has been the highlight of last term?

HP: The OGA Celebration of Christmas at St James's Church, Colwall, was not only a highlight of last term, but of my 4 years as OGA Chairman. The service was beautifully arranged by Reverend Lanyon-Hogg, with Mrs Lindner organising the music, stunningly performed by the choir of Old Girls. When I stood up to address the congregation, it was a very proud moment to see such large support. There couldn't have been a better way to spend my Birthday!

TW: A long-standing celebration in our home in the Canary Islands meant I was sadly unable to support this wonderful event. It was a great privilege to welcome Elizabeth Day here as our Guest Speaker at Prizegiving; she gave an unforgettable Address, which included a moving tribute to her Malvern roots and the education she gained here; a truly inspirational role-model for us all!

OGA Prefects: As this is our last year, there is a sense of nostalgia as we look back on the time we spent at MSJ and whilst enjoying the traditional celebrations of last term (such as the annual Bonfire night) this has made us appreciate them more.

What highlights are planned for the rest of the academic year?

HP & TW: We are greatly looking forward to the May reunion; our theme, 'Nailing the Nineties', features the reunion of Old Girls who attended any school in the 1990s. This should be a very entertaining day in the sunshine!

What drew you to your current positions within MSJ?

TW: Without a doubt, the unique opportunity to play a role in our extraordinary heritage and history. MSJ was born in 2006 from brave, bold, dynamic and creative thinking, the qualities that underpinned the family of schools we belong to and continue to be borne out by the girls. It is a privilege to be part of that lineage.

HP: One of the reasons I took up this position was to give something back to the girls just as I had benefited from the work of my predecessors. I feel a sense of loyalty to staff and friends and as such I wanted to reunite them and remind us of the shared background that makes us who we are – I have enjoyed an immensely rewarding 4 years as Chairman.

What do you think makes the School and its integration with the OGA so special?

HP: My close relationship with Trish reflects the strong link between the School and the OGA, connected through the valuable and untiring work of Elisabeth Rambridge, our OGA Secretary. I would also like to highlight the vital role of the Trustees whose work underpins this organisation. The OGA Staff events Trish generously hosts for Honorary Members are fantastic – and everyone loves coming back to school!

TW: I describe the nature of this integration as 'roots and wings': a modern forward-thinking education embedded in a unique and impressive legacy; I continually look forward to nurturing the next generation of the OGA.

TW/HP: Sarah and Sara, how would you describe your role as OGA Prefects?

Our role involves making these connections between the OGA and our School. We try to raise awareness of the OGA with current girls as well as encouraging soon-to-be Old Girls to stay in touch with the School after they leave.

What have you enjoyed most about your roles so far?

We are fortunate enough to have been invited to attend a number of OGA events. Hearing anecdotes of Old Girls and their time at school here was very entertaining. But moreover, hearing about all the successes that Old Girls have gone on to achieve is an inspiration: as a biologist and historian we were particularly fond of Isobel Williams' lecture on Captain Scott's expedition.

MALVERN ST JAMES OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

OGA OFFICERS 2012/2013

PATRONS

Rosalind Hayes BA Hons, MA, PGCE, FRGS, Stephanie Kershaw MA, PGCE, Philippa Leggate BA, MEd, PGCE, Elizabeth Mullenger BA, Cert Ed, FRSA, Dr Valerie Payne MSc, ARCS, Peter Pollard, Duseline Stewart MA

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Patricia (Trish) Woodhouse, BMus

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Elisabeth Rambridge MA, PGCE

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Margaret Wood (MGC 1960)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Decade Representatives:

1950s To be confirmed
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1970s Jane Mason (Coles, MGC 1970)
1980s Julia Hodgkins (MGC 1986)
1990s To be confirmed
2000s Daniella Grieveson (MGC 2001)
2010s Laurel Buchanan (MSJ 2010)
Ex Head Girl Ellie Kirby (MSJ 2011)
Ex Head Girls Rosie Baker and Jess Wright (MSJ 2012)

Trustees:

Anne Borrowdale (Lea, MGC 1970)
Veronica Blackmore (Bashforth, MGC 1959)
Cecily Hewlett (MGC 2002)
Charlotte Morrison (Page, MGC 1973)
Rowena Westacott (Evans, St J's & A 1980)

It is with much sadness that we record the death of our Patron Delmé Moore BSc; a tribute appears on page 13.

We would like to thank Di Cooley and Frankie Williams, Representatives for the 1950s and 1960s, and Alice Porter, Head Girl from 2010, whose term of office ends. Alice spoke to current girls about Oxbridge entrance in the Autumn Term. Their support has been much appreciated.



Dani – with Raymond Blanc

We welcome Daniella Grieveson as the 2000s Representative – she worked on PR for the Olympic Torch Relay – as well as Rosie Baker and Jess Wright, Joint Head Girls from 2012, both reading Geography at university: Rosie at Cambridge and Jess at Oxford. Jess returned to speak at Geog Soc about her travels in Namibia.

Two Committee meetings have been held at Malvern St James, in May and in November, before the Autumn Reunion, which the current Head Girl, Lottie Van Praag attended.

Laurel Buchanan came to the May meeting and again organised the Lacrosse match in September, and we are very grateful to her. It was very good to see 'new' Trustee Cecily Hewlett at the Summer Reunion with her peers for a 10 Years on reunion, and Cecily also attended her first Committee meeting in November.

Hannah is grateful to our Patron Elizabeth Mullenger for continuing to report from Council to the Committee. The Committee are grateful to Area Representatives, Jill Gladstone and Jen Murray for holding reunions and would like to thank Penny Shone who represented West Sussex; it is great that Beverly Jangkamonkulchai and Katie Micklethwaite have offered to represent Thailand and Colombia.

The Circle of Friends is an idea Trish Woodhouse has brought to the OGA. We hope Members who would like to be more involved in the OGA will join the Circle; later they might have the time to join the Committee, or former Committee members might 'move' to the Circle to affirm their continued support. Fiona Sedgley has accepted the invitation to become a member of the Circle and she played in the Lacrosse match; Circle member Jenny Arrowsmith came to the OGA Coffee Morning for Honorary Members in November. Their participation is much valued.



Fiona Sedgley

Please get involved by attending the Summer Reunion and showing an interest in joining the OGA Committee. There are vacancies for the 1950s and the 1960s Representatives. The theme of the Summer Reunion is 'Nailing the Nineties' and we hope a representative will come forward for the 1990s. We would love to see representatives from each member school. The Committee would welcome more Old Girls to join the group of Trustees.



The Committee at MSJ in November - Please join us!



Dear Everyone

We have had another most interesting and busy year on Council. As many of you will be aware, the school was inspected by the ISI late in 2011, a rigorous process which examines all areas of school life, except, in this case, boarding, and which now includes inspection of governance as well. Council thus doesn't escape the spotlight! The judgements gave Council and the Headmistress strong support for their achievements so far and for future strategy in a school which despite the long individual histories of its constituent schools is still only 6 years old. The Lead Inspector said in her conclusion to the oral feedback "Mrs Woodhouse said to me that these girls at MSJ are remarkable. I agree with her." It is rare to have such a personal view expressed so immediately and directly. Council came out of the process well, with particular praise for its Committee structure and the judicious involvement of governors. Work is now well under way on the supportive recommendations of the Inspection.

Our new Committee is the Marketing and Communications Committee chaired by Mrs Carol Bawden, former Foundation Development Director of The King's School Worcester and a consultant at ASK Associates. This Committee will by its nature need to have close contact with the OGA. A second recently appointed member of Council is Maurice Nichols, a solicitor and accredited mediator with the benefits of both a long career in law and a good knowledge of local schools. He sits on the Governance and Legal Committee as well as on Marketing and Communications.

Numbers continue to be pleasing with academic success and university entry very good indeed in a range of courses and prestigious institutions. Both the Education and Marketing Committees have emphasised the importance of maintaining contact with Old Girls and of keeping updated records of their successes beyond school. This is important for two reasons: it provides the basis for valuable career networking and for advice to present students and it also enables us to assess in some measure the foundations we have provided for alumnae in their education at MSJ – suitability of curriculum, quality of educational and pastoral support, extra-curricular opportunities, degree of independent learning and living and, not least, reflections on having been educated in a girls' school. We can use such feedback to inform and shape future planning. School is sending forms out to younger alumnae and we look forward with interest to the responses.

Council has been pleased to note how much the various Newsletters, including the Sports and Expressive Arts editions, contribute to effective communication about and within MSJ. We are delighted to read of the many successes in these areas as well as in a multitude of other activities. It is clear how much is given to the girls by the staff and we note this with pleasure and gratitude.

Six years on and with the affirmation of two positive inspections behind us, Council views this as a highly successful merger of schools which is effectively distilling all their best features and achievements.

With every good wish

Elizabeth Mullenger

(Patron, Headmistress of St James's & The Abbey 1986-1997)

The Class of 2002 sponsored Malvern Hills roses and planted them in a quiet ceremony at the Summer Reunion in memory of their friend Jane Daniel who died tragically young in 2011.

Generous donations have also been received from Anne Borrowdale (MGC), Di Cooley (St Js), Annabelle Pearson (St Js & A), Honorary Member Audrey Speechley (L) and Heather Cardy, the Housemistress of Batsford.

If you wish to contribute to the garden, please contact the OGA Secretary.

The commemorative garden is now taking shape. The roses, lavender and delphinium are planted and we have a rota for basic maintenance. There is more to do – a special bird bath and seat to add and another area to be cleared but by next summer it should be looking beautiful. We are always happy to receive further donations and in the Spring hope to have a Gardening Day with pupils to clear other areas of the Batsford gardens. This will enhance a Grand Opening in 2014!

Elizabeth Mullenger

KEY

A	Abbey
L	Lawnside
MGC	Malvern Girls' College
MSJ	Malvern St James
St J's	St James's School (from 1896)
St J's & A	St James's and The Abbey (from 1979)
	St James's and The Abbey and Lawnside (from 1994)
St J's	St James's (from the late 1990s)



Sara Murray

To Sara Murray (MGC) who was awarded the OBE in the Queen's Jubilee Birthday Honours for Services to Entrepreneurship and Innovation.

Sara founded the price comparison website confused.com and developed buddi, a miniaturised tracking device for vulnerable people.



Annabel Rayer

To Annabel Rayer (Warner, MGC 2002) who was named by PR Week as one of the Top 29 PR professionals under the age of 29 in the UK, having been nominated by her clients.

Annabel is a Travel and Leisure Specialist and the Managing Director of Silver Ball PR and is pictured at the MSJ Careers Fair 2010.

Visit: <http://www.prweek.com/uk/features/1161784/Interactive-PR-Weeks-29-29/>



Elizabeth Oliver

To Elizabeth Oliver (MGC 1956) who was awarded the MBE in the Queen's Jubilee Birthday Honours for Services to Animal Welfare and Civil Society in Japan.

Elizabeth is pictured after her investiture, and at lunch afterwards at the Goring Hotel – her brother from Australia is in the middle front, and her friends from MGC, back left, Lucinda Thomson (Cindy Sellars), second left back, Christine Thornton (Chappell) and front right, Louise Wright.



Stephanie Ingham

To Stephanie Ingham (MGC 1965) who was awarded the MBE in the Queen's Jubilee Birthday Honours for Services to Business.

Stephanie is the Company Secretary at the Association of Suppliers to the British Clothing Industry (ASBCI).



Joyce Craufurd-Stuart

To Joyce Craufurd-Stuart (Parsons, MGC 1930) who celebrated her 100th birthday on 18th April 2012.

Anne Smith

To Anne Smith (Taylor, MGC 1938) and her husband Canon Peter Smith who celebrated their Platinum Wedding Anniversary in Canada, where they live with their family.

Anne and Peter were married in Littleton, Hampshire, England in 1942 and are proud to have received congratulatory messages from Her Majesty on the occasion of their 65th and now their 70th Wedding Anniversary.

They attribute the longevity and happiness of their marriage to having faith in one another.



Penelope Lewis

To Penelope Lewis (Russell, MGC 1964) who is the new High Sheriff for Worcestershire.

Penelope is pictured after the ceremony to swear her in at Shire Hall on the left, with her predecessor, Lady Rosalind Morrison, an Old Lawnsidian, on the right. The High Sheriff is the Queen's judicial representative in the county.

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Visit to the Far East

Trish Woodhouse, with the Registrar Jennifer Bailey, visited the Far East last Easter. They met Old Girls in Thailand and Japan, including Elizabeth Oliver, the Overseas Representative there. Trish was the Guest Speaker at the Academic year Opening Ceremonies of our sister school, Yono High School in Japan. Beverly Jangkamonkulchai (Smith, St Js & A 1988), second from the left, is the new Overseas Representative for Thailand.

Abbot's Hill School Centenary

Elisabeth Rambridge, Elisabeth Mullenger, Hannah Plant, Libby Anson and Trish Woodhouse are pictured by a plaque commemorating the foundation by Katrine and Mary Baird. The 'Malvern visitors' were warmly welcomed and also attended a Service of Thanksgiving at St Albans Cathedral. Libby was the Guest of Honour at the Prizegiving. The Headmistress, Kerstin Lewis visited MSJ for the Heritage Open Day.



Rebecca Smith, in the Games Department at MSJ, is an Old Girl of Abbot's Hill.

AROPS

Hannah Plant and Elisabeth Rambridge enjoyed the Annual Conference of the Association of Old Pupils' Societies at Rugby School, where the President of the Rugbeian Society explained how the society had developed and modernised. 'Friendship and Fundraising – Keeping a Balance' was an interesting session. This photo of Hannah is in the Conference Report.



AEGIS

Patron Ros Hayes is Chairman of the Association for Education and Guardianship of International Students Advisory Committee. AEGIS was established in 1994 by schools and guardian organisations who believed in the highest standards of care for the increasing number of overseas students in UK independent schools. Ros emailed 'It is an exciting time to be part of AEGIS and I look forward to working with the rest of the team to further enhance the work of this excellent organisation'. The recent AEGIS Conference was held at MSJ. Danice Iles, who was Housemistress of Lindfield at MGC and Angela Hencher, formerly Bursar of St James's and Assistant Bursar at MSJ, are on the Committee.

Travel Award

Hannah and the OGA Committee are delighted to give a Travel Award to Alexandra Miller (MSJ 2010), which helped her buy equipment for an expedition to climb Mount Kilimanjaro for the charity, Dig Deep Africa. Alex emailed 'We aim to fund a sustainable project, involving a borehole at Endonyo Rinka, Kenya and a well for a local school; these will provide clean drinking water to approximately 8,500 people'. Alex sent 'my upmost thanks to the OGA for sponsoring me. I reached the summit of Mt Kilimanjaro within 3 days and it was one of the greatest experiences of my life!'



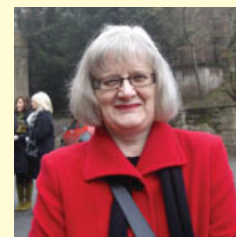
STAFF NEWS

The OGA sends warm good wishes to the following staff who retired during 2012.



Anne Dicks retired from teaching Classics after 24 years and sent a photo of her Classical retirement party, in the rooftop restaurant of the Ashmolean Museum, with Margaret Baird, Laura Beech (Haberdashers' Monmouth Girls' School), Judy Nesbit (Bristol Grammar School) and Alex Komar, her replacement at MSJ. Anne continues as international Webmaster for the CICERO Classics Competition which the OGA has been pleased to sponsor.

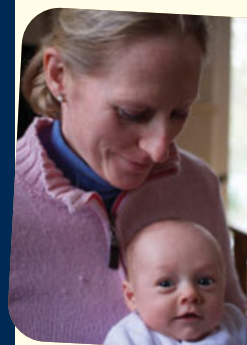
Judy Palmer retired after a long career running the Computer Administration.



Rita Taylor retired from the Housekeeping Department after 25 years. House Staff, both past and present, gathered to wish Rita well at a party in her beloved Benhams.



Katherine Close (Foot), with Iestyn, Elisabeth Rambridge, Rita Taylor, Suki Pallett, Mary Irish, Jane Whistance (Dickinson)



The Head of Marketing and Communications, Alex Hooley (MGC 1993) had a son, Toby John Edward Milliken, in October 2012. Welcome Toby!

SUMMER

The Class of 2002 met for a 10 Year On Reunion.



Sadly the weather prevented us from having a barbecue in the Quad, but everyone still had a great time. We were delighted to welcome the first Old Lawnsidian to a MSJ Summer Reunion – Ann Charlton (Hunter, L 1957).



Leavers from 1970 met up at the Summer Reunion, including far right standing, Anne Borrowdale, the Chairman of Council at MSJ, next to Circle member Judith Pearman. Standing third from the left is Honorary Vice-President Pam Cadbury.



Loyal supporters and Honorary Vice-Presidents June Roundhill and Tricia Wilkinson

We warmly welcome the Class of 2012 to the OGA

Some pictured here welcoming the Olympic torch to Malvern.



PRIZEGIVING 2012



Head Girls Jess Wright and Rosie Baker, with Elizabeth

Elizabeth Day, (MGC 1997) Author and Observer journalist gave a self-effacing speech that charmed the girls, parents and staff. She began -

'I've never given one of these speeches before...I've talked in public, of course. I've spoken to university students about how to get into journalism. I've gone to Book Festivals and talked about writing novels...At school, .. I was co-opted by my English teacher Mrs Melhuish onto the debating team. I gave dozens and dozens of speeches...I remember .. arguing vociferously against the building of the Channel Tunnel. The Channel Tunnel was completed in 1994. That not only dates me but also gives you some sense of how effective a public speaker I was. But I've never given a

prize day speech before. And let me tell you, the pressure is overwhelming. Because traditionally, this is meant to be the speech that you remember as you go out into the big wide world. It is meant to contain inspirational advice, practical guidance and a smattering of well-judged humour.

In an effort to say something useful, I decided to ask for advice... I asked Twitter...On Twitter, one of my favourite authors, Sadie Jones, said that what she most wished she'd been told at 18 was: 'That the role inhabited at school is not defining; that we can reinvent, rewrite and change in a world of boundless possibility.' ... Eric Schmidt, the chief executive of Google, advises us simply to: 'Say yes'...Even if it is a bit edgy, a bit out of your comfort zone, saying yes means that you will do something new...Yes lets you stand out in a crowd, to be the optimist, to stay positive...Yes is what keeps us all young. Yes is a tiny word that can do big things. Say it often. Do not be afraid to fail. And DO NOT be afraid to succeed...I can't stand here today and pretend to you that I'm any kind of expert on all this. I, too, am still figuring it out... I hope you have a great adventure along the way'.

You can read Elizabeth's speech in full by visiting <http://www.malvernstjames.co.uk/documents/summer%202012%20sw/elizabethdayspeechjul12.pdf>.

Her second novel 'Home Fires' will be published by Bloomsbury in March 2013. It is a stunning and delicate portrait of a family

bookended by war - and is partly set in Malvern.



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Elizabeth with Kaimei (Daisy) Zhang who received the Jane Daniel Memorial Prize for Mathematics, donated by Marieke Vink in memory of her partner Jane Daniel. Marieke and Jane's mother Pat Daniel attended the Prizegiving ceremony and also visited the commemorative garden to see the Malvern Hills roses given by Jane's friends from the Class of 2002 at the Summer Reunion.



AUTUMN

Lacrosse Match

Laurel Buchanan, the 2010s Representative, gathered together Old Girls to play in a friendly match at the start of the Autumn Term. It was lovely to see the players and supporters return to MSJ, where everyone also enjoyed tea afterwards in the Sports Centre.



OGA LECTURE

Dr Isobel Williams (Simpson, MGC 1960) spoke about her hero, Dr Edward Wilson, Captain Scott's expedition doctor. Wilson was also a skilled artist and the last major exploration artist; his drawings and paintings lavishly illustrated both expeditions. The presentation was fascinating and in the centenary year of the final expedition, the lecture was extremely well received by girls, current and former staff and Old Girls. Questions flowed fast and furious such was the interest Isobel generated amongst the audience. The OGA Prefects, Sarah Carrington and Sara Devereux gave an excellent vote of thanks. Isobel arrived early and very much enjoyed touring round to see the changes since she had left as well as many familiar features. She emailed later that she had a 'wonderful time'. Shortly after, Isobel took part in the Cheltenham Festival of Literature, in a panel of biographers of the expedition members. Isobel's book on Edward Wilson was the prize for each winner of the Wright Discovery Prize awarded for the first time in July 2012.

With Scott in the Antarctic: Edward Wilson: Explorer, Naturalist, Artist and Captain Scott's Invaluable Assistant, Edgar Evans are both published by the History Press.

Visit <http://isobelpwilliams.com/>



Autumn Reunion

Elizabeth Gowing (MGC 1990) transported everyone who attended the Autumn Reunion to her new world, talking about 'Travels in Blood and Honey' as she explained 'I'm a teacher myself now, and having lived in Kosovo for the past 6 years I'm the co-founder of the charity The Ideas Partnership which my partner, Rob, and I started with a Kosovan friend to work on educational projects, particularly with the Roma community and their struggle to get children accepted in school'. She also read from her new book, the delightful 'Little Book of Honey' (see Publications). Elizabeth later emailed 'It was a thrill to share my books and our work in Kosovo with the OGA, and it was particularly exciting to meet some of the current pupils at Malvern St James who came along. They won't believe that when they are more than twice as old as they are now they will still be remembering the tricks and tics of their Malvern teachers, the chance pieces of advice that help to shape your world and your future'. The OGA Committee met before the reunion lunch; and it was lovely that so many Honorary Members supported this event.

Visit www.elizabethgowing.com and www.theideaspartnership.org



Treasurer Margaret Wood and John Wilkinson on great form!

A Celebration of Christmas, with Malvern St James, past and present

There were over 180 people present on the afternoon of 22 December in St James's Church, Colwall, to take part in the service so beautifully devised by the MSJ Chaplain Reverend Anne Lanyon-Hogg and Lynne Lindner, who rehearsed a choir of 30 Old Girls from the morning. The celebration of past traditions with current friendships, along with a collaboration that brought Old Girls, current girls, staff and parents from all the member schools together in worship and thanksgiving, made this a very special occasion. Jane Mason brought along bell ringers and wreaths were laid on the graves of the Baird sisters in the churchyard. Hannah and Elisabeth were hugely appreciative of the warm welcome extended by all from St James's Church, and the generous hospitality organised by Philippa Mason, Diana Evans and Sue Adeney throughout that day and at the tea afterwards.



MGC Old Girls Kate Valentine and Jessica Hill with Lynne Lindner



MSJ Old Girls Sarah Holdsworth and Becky Fisher



St James's Old Girls Alex Thornton-Hopwood, Emma White and Alice Bendall



A message from Trish Woodhouse

I would like to extend an open invitation to visit the School. Old Girls are most welcome visitors and if you wish to stay here overnight in The Benhams that can be arranged. Jill Gladstone and Dani Grieveson organised reunions for their year groups that were a huge success and I loved being able to spend time with those who stayed. I look forward to seeing you.

A message from Elizabeth Mullenger

Every year at this time I vow that I am going to retire from retirement and follow Voltaire's maxim to go and cultivate my garden. Each year this doesn't happen and it comes as no surprise to my family and friends that it doesn't! I hope that what follows will illustrate my interest and pride in MSJ both as a member of Council and a patron of the OGA. I also have some messages specifically for Old Girls of St James's & the Abbey from whom we are not hearing enough!

MSJ continues to thrive academically, pastorally and socially and to grow its well-deserved reputation nationally and globally. The range of achievements, the sporting and cultural excellence, the Gambia Project, the Young Enterprise successes, contact with other schools, outreach in to the local communities and many more activities and qualities all illustrate the energy and imagination at the heart of this remarkable school. That energy, manifest in opportunities seized at school, must extend to experiences beyond it at university and in subsequent careers. Many success stories must have been forged in some part of Malvern, sometimes through kicking over the traces. Those are often the most remarkable ones. I am a huge believer in the value of a rebel and rogue element in schools! We want to hear more about all these stories from Old Girls of all the constituent schools so please keep our information about you and your contacts flowing in regularly. Boys' schools, which in most cases do have an historical head-start on us and the benefits of large endowments as well, have always recognised and benefited from their Old Boys' Associations. Girls' schools are now doing so more vigorously and establishing some strong networks among their alumnae to advance their professional and business links as well as their personal ones. Friendships and connections of particular strength are forged at school through discussion and debate in class, through teamwork in a choir, an orchestra, a play, in sport, in the shared experiences of a foreign tour or field work - or just from boarding and growing up together. Please do help to grow the OGA network in any way you can. Communication is so rapid and so easy now. Former and present staff are always keen to hear about you and willing to come to reunions - if invited of course!

'The Celebration of Christmas with Malvern St James, Past and Present' was a wonderful occasion. It recalled the crisp cold of that final day at the end of a long term, queuing up for church with the Malverns rising above us;

then the beauty and dignity of the service after all the high-spirited junketings of the previous night, the Christmas Supper, Carols round the Tree in which staff joined - and the midnight feasts in which they didn't... Old Girls often say to me that it is these events and rituals which so measure and mark their memories of school.

What now disappoints me is how relatively few St James's, The Abbey and St James's & The Abbey Old Girls we have reached through the Association in order to update news and to involve you. We know that some of the reasons for this lie with incomplete records at the time of the merger. We know that reunions take place around the country and we should very much like to hear about these and to have photographs. Please, therefore, work at this message assiduously among your friends and contacts. I hope that Hannah's determination to 'Nail the Nineties' for the 2013 Reunion is a huge success.

One comment which we sometimes hear is that some Old Girls feel the loss of or changes to familiar buildings and grounds. Both Regents College in West Malvern and The Abbey College in Malvern Wells have already welcomed individuals and groups for visits. In MSJ itself there are the Lawnside and Abbey Rooms, much familiar furniture and many pictures, albeit not the famous 'ghost' painting from Lawnside or General Baird and his horse! The St James's Baden-Powell Boar bell and the St James's Bell are still in use. Elisabeth records many gifts to the Archives each year as guardian of our precious history.

Finally, through contacts between Patricia Woodhouse and Abbot's Hill's Headmistress Kerstin Lewis, the links between the two schools have strengthened once more. Libby Anson (Maude) was the Guest Speaker at their Commemoration last summer. She is both a relative of Alice Baird and a former pupil. How delighted Alice and Katrine would have been.

As you continue to support and to extend the Association this coming year I look forward to seeing many familiar and new faces at events.

"Who can quit young lives after being long in company with them and not desire to know what befell them in their after-years?" George Eliot 'Middlemarch'



A message from Hannah and Elisabeth

- **We do listen** and know some of you feel it is difficult to find news of your own contemporaries. So, we are listing news by School. If you like it this way, we'll continue - and if you don't, we'll think again!
- By request, the news slip was re-introduced, but very few of you used it. Space is so precious, we have removed the news slip; but again, we'll listen to your views.
- **The OGA News is Your News.** We know you can use Facebook to keep in touch, but believe the actual newsletter is very important in the life of the OGA. **Please support us.**
- **We hope you enjoyed the E-zine.** Please send your **email address**, to receive this and other e-updates.
- Finally, once you've read the news of your class, **do look through the news of other years and other schools**



Ann Parrack (Talbot, MGC 1948) emailed

'You may be interested to know that after a church service in Cheltenham recently one member of the congregation, Delia Graham-Clarke, whom I have known slightly for some years, came up to me and said "I didn't know you went to Malvern" - she was an ex-Lawnside girl, a year ahead of me and she'd seen the photo in the Newsletter'.

- **This is what it is all about: sharing memories of happy times spent in Malvern.**

LOGA newsletters presented news alphabetically; leaving dates are also recorded.

Patron Duseline Stewart emailed '2012 will remain in my memory as the year in which it rained and rained. Fortunately, I glimpsed the sun when I visited my brother in Florida, before going on a family cruise to Bermuda and Saint Thomas. The ship was enormous, and had everything on it, including a tropical garden. Gardening has been nearly impossible: rabbits and slugs have enjoyed the vegetables and only the grass grew with any enthusiasm. My time is not wasted as I write monthly gardening advice in the parish magazine. To my eternal shame I inadvertently poisoned Dandy, by leaving a bag of chocolate fudge within her reach. She survived an operation, but her hind legs were left paralysed; she cheered up when I got wheels for her and loved going out on them. She died quietly and peacefully in her basket and leaves a huge Westie-shaped hole in my life. Orlando took her death philosophically and now rules the household. It has been very pleasant being in contact with the OGA through the events at MSJ where we are always given a warm welcome. I am looking forward to The Celebration of Christmas and hope to see a few Lawnseeds there. Now I must take you all to task for not sending your news in for the Newsletter. In the traditional words of school reports, 'could do better'. I wish you the best for 2103'.



We are delighted **Anna Hamed** (Bolt) had a daughter, Dalila, on 13 June 2012; and that Molly, the daughter of **Georgie McGrath** (Bennett 1992) is in Year 5 at MSJ.

Tracey Boorman (Scott 1975) emailed with good wishes 'I live in East Sussex, having moved from London in 1997 following my marriage to David in 1995. I have two boys – Ben is 14 and Harry is 13 – both are heavily into sport. Having played hockey for many years, I gave it up when my boys arrived and now play tennis which I also enjoy as both my husband and boys play. I work in London for four days a week as an Executive Legal PA for the Senior partner of a law firm based on London Bridge'.

Pippa Brook/Vizor (Birtles 1976) emailed 'I was so touched and feel very privileged that Duseline came to my Father's Memorial Service in January. My Father was a Governor of Lawnside in the 70s. I continue to work as a Consultant for young people on the Autistic Spectrum. My family are all well and growing, 5 have become 10 with their wife, soon to be husband, and girlfriends! I would love to meet up with any of my contemporaries. My email address is pippa@brookfamily.net'.

Cynthia Castellan (Harris, 1941) emailed 'Normally I would have gone with my husband into Birmingham to the German Christmas Market. Sadly I am prevented by Parkinson's, so my daughter is going instead. Hopefully I shall get a lovely little glass animal as a consolation prize!'

Sarah Grace (Alexander, 1978) writes 'I'm still working 3 mornings a week with 7/8 year-olds; the other two days I run the office of a business. I am still in touch with Rani and Ejine, who hope to come over in 2013 for another reunion'.

Mary Harris (Tyler) would like Mrs Speechley to know that Beatrice (her eldest, age 13) is on Grade 5 piano and Grade 3 flute. Rosanna (9) is a songster and Ella (7) is very keen on her piano but has not got very far yet'.

Hatty Hillier (Elvins, 1969) emailed 'I will endeavour to rally round support amongst those with whom I am in touch' and sent best wishes for 2013.

Angela Huth (1954) emailed with good wishes 'I have had a very quiet year finishing a new novel, and have heard a play which did two tours some 20 years ago is to have another one in the summer'.

Christina Lees-Jones (1985) emailed 'I am still working for the family business J W Lees in Oldham as Catering Director. We now have 31 Catering Managed Houses based throughout the North West of England, which keeps me busy. I have just come back from a

fascinating 18 days in Myanmar'.

Alison Mackay writes 'I have started my own business as a Phoenix trader selling greetings cards and stationery. I have to admit to getting ridiculously excited every time I receive a delivery of orders'.

Ellen Metzger LeCompte (1972) met MSJ Council member Veronica Dukes and attended The Celebration of Christmas with her family. Ellen emailed 'I had a lovely visit here in Richmond from Antonia Hawker Lloyd-Owen. My travel business continues to thrive and I have brought in our son Hunter and his wife, Stephanie, so I can hopefully have more time in England! Our other daughter-in-law, Dani, is our Disney Specialist. We took our darling granddaughter, Trevi, on a Disney cruise for her fourth birthday! My husband, Pettus, and I were so excited to be in London for The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. The welcome mat is always out here: Washington Dulles airport is convenient, so come on over!'

Pippa Nelson (Holt, 1987) has moved to a house overlooking the tennis courts at the former St James's School.

Hayley Pinchbeck (Fletcher) writes 'the boys are fine, now aged 6 and 9, and busy playing rugby and hockey. I was lucky enough to work at the equestrian pageant at Windsor Castle for the Diamond Jubilee and also did a lot of Olympic related work'.

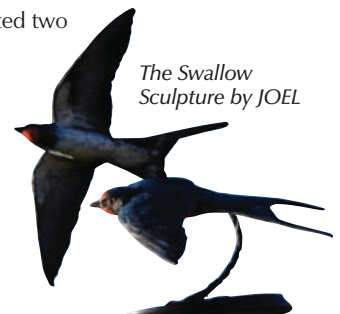
Rosemary Viner (Billington, 1955) emailed 'I am still in touch with Rosamund Campbell (Lee), Christal Metcalf (Arcedeckne Butler) and Jennifer Austin (Cluley). I have been unwell for most of this year but we hope to meet in 2013. We live on the outskirts of Sheffield, having downsized after living in the Hope Valley in Derbyshire for 27 years. One son and daughter in law live in Sheffield with 2 grandsons aged 15 and 17 and our other son lives in London with his wife'.

Wendy Russell (1955) emailed good wishes to the OGA.

Laura Taylor (Bromwich) has been kept busy with the wine trade and even dusted off her French for visits to Bordeaux and Burgundy this year.

Rosamund Trafford-Roberts has completed two happy years at Pimlico and moved to the ministry team at St Peter's, Eaton Square. She remains on the pastoral team at St Paul's Cathedral.

Jo Walker emailed 'I am having a lovely busy year with sculpting, and coming to the end of writing a series of four books'. Jo works as The Sculptress JOEL. Visit www.animalsculpture.co.uk.



We are sorry to record the following Deaths.

Josephine Checketts (Vincenzini, 1975) died in February 2012.

(Eileen) Mary Siggins (Kettlewell) who was at Lawnside in the 1920s hoped to visit MSJ in December 2012. Sadly Mary died in November.

Mariel Mills died in May 2012. Duseline writes, 'Mariel joined Lawnside as a temporary housemistress and a term later took up the position of Deputy Head. Her gentle, slightly distraught manner hid a great deal of determination and many girls who were misled into thinking she might be lenient soon found that she was up to their tricks. A historian, she communicated her enthusiasm to her students who enjoyed her grasp of fascinating details and her pithy vocabulary. In the staffroom, she smoothed over many of the minor upsets and disagreements with a mixture of diplomacy and humour. On her retirement, she returned to her beloved Cornwall. Those of us who knew her will remember her with affection'.

IN THE NEWS

Phyllida Lloyd directed an all-female company in 'Julius Caesar' at the Donmar Warehouse.

Angela Huth wrote vividly about Lawnside in the Daily Mail on 10 April 2012.

Class reunions are listed by the year of arrival; leaving years are in brackets.

Our Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Hannah Plant and Penny Smith attended the Autumn Reunion. Both Hannah and Penny were Head Girls of St James's & the Abbey, Penny in the merger year, 1979-80, and Hannah in the Centenary year, celebrated from 1996 to 1997. Penny teaches Maths at MSJ.



Hannah and Penny

We send good wishes to the following.

Emma Arkell (1994) married Naseem Latif in April 2012 in Kempsford Church, Gloucestershire. Emma emailed 'I graduated from University of the Arts London, Central St Martins with a degree in Ceramic Design. I am very well and really enjoying married life!'

Philippa Bloor (2001) married Andrew Wigmore in May 2012. Elizabeth Mullenger emailed 'Pippa was Deputy Head Girl in 2000/01. She is an Occupational Therapist and married Andrew near her family home in Staffordshire. Her mother Diana (Taylor) is an Old Girl of The Abbey, her godmother Ingrid Phillips (Wild) a Lawnside Old Girl

and her former tennis coach (not on the photograph) is an MGC Old Girl. Felicity Bloor's godmother is her mother's school friend from The Abbey, Caroline Spiers (Colby). It was quite a gathering of Malvern Girls' schools alumnae! There were readings, hymns and anthems, including Brother James's Air, which were very familiar to parents and Old Girls of St James's & The Abbey!



Left to right: Caroline Spiers (Colby), Felicity Robinson (Bloor), Ingrid Phillips (Wild), Mary Earp, Rachel Ruggles-Brise (Edmonds) Head Girl 2000/01, Pippa Wigmore (Bloor), Caroline Moat, Virginia (Ginny) Naylor-Leyland, Elizabeth Mullenger, Diana Bloor (Taylor)

Gemma Vandome married Benedict Nichols at St Edmund's Catholic Church, Southampton in August 2012. Gemma is pictured with Stephen and Lynne Lindner who were delighted to attend.

Amy Wilkes married Ben Moore in September 2012. Hilary Martin emailed 'The MSJ Singers, led by Lynne Lindner, sang at Amy's wedding at the pretty church in Shrawley. Elizabeth Mullenger and I enjoyed the service and hearing news from

Zena Fox, Victoria Moszczynski and Emma Webster. Hannah Plant, our Chairman, looked gorgeous as a bridesmaid'.



Reunions

Di Cooley (Pascoe-Williams 1954) very kindly invited Hannah, Trish, Elisabeth and Elizabeth Mullenger to a class reunion they hold annually in each other's homes. Sadly Trish was unwell, but the others were treated to the most delicious lunch and enjoyed the reminiscences from Mary Goddard (Robinson), Edwina Strang, Jennifer Kissel and Jennifer Cross (King) (her sister Marigold and mother were also at St James's). Rachel Elkington (Bather) and Ailsa Briston (Cross) could not come. Di has been the 1950s Representative on the Committee.



The Class of 1951

Libby Anson (Maude 1957) sent this photo of the eleven members who attended a lunch hosted by Caroline Gardner and Sarah Richardson at Janet Skilbeck's home near Newbury on 24 May 2012.



Left to right: Sarah Richardson (Radclyffe), Stephanie Manthos (Serantis), Libby Anson (Maude), Jenna Lougher (Cowie), Pat Bowen (Hutchinson), Janet Skilbeck (Munro), Jill Phipps (Boswell), Caroline Gardner (Bourne-Arton), Prue Whitcombe (Bottomley), Maureen Lamberth (Watt) and Sue Smyth (Swain)

The Class of 1976

Kay Cottrell (Harvey 1983) emailed 'With the excitement of the Jubilee approaching, there was a rather smaller and intimate gathering also taking place in London during the last weekend in May. Six ladies from the class of '76 were re-uniting after 30+ years! It was the first time 'the gang' were all together since leaving St James's School. The sun was shining, the Union Jacks were flying and the venue was a cosy lunch in Browns in the West End (obligatory shopping first!). From the moment the first cork was popped, it was as if we had never been separated! Non-stop chatter and laughter continued well into the evening while we strolled (or rather galloped) down Memory Lane. Why oh why had we left it so long! I live in London, Vikki Blankstone came from Birmingham, Lesa Morley (Threlfall) from Taunton, Debbie-Annie Shortman (Smith) from Salcombe, Samantha Gardner (Harvey) from Esher and amazingly, Sueraya Shaheen flew in from Dubai! Sophie Gibson could not join us but she will next time – yes, there will be another one! We plan to make this a regular event. Please get in touch, we'd love to have you!'



Left to right: Sueraya, Sam, Lesa, Kay, Vikki and Debbie-Anne

The Class of 1970

Elaine Kemp is organising a weekend reunion on 5/6 October 2013, including tea at Malvern St James. Elaine emailed 'I have 22 friends coming to the reunion. My mother Irene Steiner was at St James's (1938-42); I am tracing her family, which is taking me to Prague and I am very excited at the information I have discovered'.

Abbey Old Girl, Jill Crowson (Carding 1971) emailed 'Retired but as busy as ever having joined U3A. Going to German classes as my son is marrying his German girlfriend next summer and need to be able to talk to her relatives. Still in touch with Sally Millis (Skidmore), still living in Brisbane, and Sally Chater (Kidson) who was up recently for my 60th birthday bash'.

We are sorry that **Bronwen Davies** who taught History and was a housemistress at The Abbey died in May 2012



left to right: Rowena Westacott (Evans) with Jane Shea (Plaisted), Jane Walker (Ashwell) and Penny Smith (Reay)

1957 Honorary Vice-President, Libby Anson (Maude) was invited to be guest of honour at Abbot's Hill Centenary

Commemoration on 7 July. Her speech was about her close relatives, the Bairds. Libby also announced the new Abbot's Hill Award for an Abbot's Hill girl to do her A levels at MSJ with effect from September 2013. Libby said - I should like to end by borrowing the words of my cousin Alice Baird, writing in 1956, "I want all the staff and all the girls, each and every one of them, to be a blessing and to have a blessing". Please email Elisabeth for Libby's speech.



Libby is pictured at the Centenary Service in St Albans Cathedral in May, by the Baird House banner.



1962 Anna Bockris emailed from the USA, 'I would love to hear from any St James's Old Girls who might remember me. My e-mail is abockris@yahoo.com'.

1964 Roseanne Corlett (Walker) emailed 'I have lived in the Salisbury area since 1974, my 1st husband died in 2001 and now I am happily remarried living near Shaftesbury. I have always loved Art but never been very good at it so it was a great surprise when I had a life size self-portrait accepted by The Royal Academy Summer Exhibition in 2000! Since then I have had three Solo exhibitions; at the last I sold 59 paintings! I was thrilled. I am now an

associate member of the Association of British Naive Artists. I am sure that Miss Varley would have been as surprised as I am!'

1970s Fernanda Benitez emailed from Mexico 'I have the fondest memories of my school days and beautiful England and send my very best wishes'.

1971 Sue Wheeler (Jones) emailed 'I am pictured dressed for the Monmouthshire Reel Club, which I attend, having lost 4 stone preceding my full knee replacement operation! I filled 120 'Operation Christmas child' boxes which were sent to Belarus from the warehouse at Evesham; I knitted amongst other things - 60 purses, 100 hats, 78 hand puppets and over 160 finger puppets! I started at St James's in 1964 - it's a long time ago!!'



1979 Rowena Westacott (Evans), **Jane Walker** (Ashwell), **Jane Shea** (Plaisted) and **Penny Smith** (Reay) celebrated their 50th birthdays last year. Rowena had a quiet dinner with the girls and their partners at home, whereas Ashwell, Jane and Penny had the full parties. Christopher and Rowena celebrated their thirtieth wedding anniversary the weekend of the Jubilee with a party, again with the girls and families! Rowena has just stepped

down as Governor of her local Prep school after ten years, six of those as Chairman. Penny's eldest son Stephen has moved with KPMG to Sydney and has met up with Rowena's daughter Edwina who is about to start her PGCE at South Queensland University. Ashwell has seen her daughter Victoria flee the nest to University, with Mark and Simon to follow soon. Jane's son Michael has just started school so she is able to concentrate on her Travel Counsel job. Penny's daughter Anna, is going to MSJ. They all met up again this year in July for a girls' day out at Henley Regatta. They have also heard from Elspeth Crambs who lives in South Africa. Elspeth's daughter Chantal has just returned from Europe'.

1987 Taita Bataller Marin

returned to Spain after taking O Levels, and studied Law and practised until recently. Her interest in the education of her three children (two girls and a boy) and own experience of international education led to a career change. Taita is now an Educational Consultant and Agent and has sent some pupils to MSJ this year. She advises parents in Spain on the benefits of British independent school education. Taita is still in touch with St James's & The Abbey alumnae in Spain and the UK, including Elaine Law. Taita can be contacted via the Registrar at MSJ.



Taita was welcomed to MSJ by Elizabeth Mullenger.

1988 Beverly Jangkamonkulchai (Smith) has very kindly offered to be the Area Representative in Thailand.

1995 Samantha Vaughan (Robinson) and her husband Julian have converted the family home, Dewall Court, near Hereford into an exquisite Special Events Hotel and Dining Club. It is a long way from her former career, teaching in a tough area of Manchester!

1998 Zena Fox is a midwife in Oxfordshire and lives near Cate Bennett.

We are sorry to record the following Deaths.

Mary Mawhood (Radford, St Js 1956) died in October 2012.

Honorary Member Barbara Williams (Norris) died in October 2012.

This tribute was sent by Sarah Haywood (Pitcher, St J's & A 1982).

Barbara Norris joined the staff at St James's as a music teacher in 1977, her first job after leaving Homerton College, Cambridge. Not much older than many of those of us she taught at that time, she quickly became a popular member of the live-in staff and many of us remained in touch with 'Borris' after leaving school. Music was Barbara's great passion and she quickly immersed herself not only in school life, but also in the musical activities of the local community. It was as a member of the Worcester Festival Choral Society she met Kit Williams, a lay clerk in the cathedral choir. They married in 1984 and have three children: Abigail, Jemima and Sam. Barbara continued teaching at St James's & The Abbey for over twenty years and was latterly teaching at Winterfold House School. Barbara had been battling cancer for three years and passed away at home in Worcester on 8 October. Held in high esteem by colleagues, pupils past and present, friends and the community, hundreds attended her funeral service at Worcester Cathedral for a beautiful and fitting musical celebration of her life.

Patron, Pippa Leggate continues to travel extensively working with schools in SE Asia. She attended the Summer Reunion, with the 10 Year Reunion for the Class of 2002, that included her daughter Emily who is now teaching at a British International school in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) and loving it. Pippa emailed 'In Nairobi, I had a surprise contact with Olivia Njathi's mother, who said Olivia was returning to Kenya having successfully completed both her BA and Masters degrees. I also had professional contact from Kiko Mathews who is working in Jinja, Uganda and teaching. So it's an amazing, small world and so exciting to learn and even see some of the great things our former pupils are doing in far flung parts of the world'.



Honorary Vice-President, June Roundhill writes 'It has been good to see a number of Old Girls in recent months – Ros Houghton (Jennson) and husband Mark, Diana Woodruff (Hall) and husband, Alison Martin, Catherine Bullock (Fox), Helen Pugh, Erica David (Scott), Sue Gibbons- Smith, Jayne Jordan (Cure) and Julia Lindsay (Goddard). I was so pleased to catch up with Judith MacDonald (Grayson) by phone. For the past 9 years, I have been a regular visitor to HMP Long Lartin where I attended a chapel service on Sundays, followed by a social half hour afterwards, chatting to the men. Sadly this cannot continue as I do not have an email address! However I do have a mobile phone and can text!!! I was in the Chaplains' team at Tewkesbury Hospital for a number of years and work in the coffee shop in Malvern run by churches together. I have a large garden, grow

lots of vegetables and 2 adorable rescue dogs. Life is never dull'. Sadly the elder of June's dogs, Dawn, has since died. June, Gizmo and Elisabeth had a happy if chaotic photo session.

Honorary Members

We are delighted to announce the engagement of **Judith Davis** to John Cleever. Judith and John will marry at Holy Trinity Church, Minchinhampton in the summer.

Meg Taylor and Brian will open their garden on the weekend of 15/16 June, 2013. Visit www.ngs.org.uk/ The Cross, Coddington, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 1JL.

Reunions

Mid Wales group

Ann Payne (Nash 1956) sent this report. Ann and her husband John also attended the Autumn Reunion.

A small group of us have been meeting for several years now. We usually number approximately 6 to 10 and meet for coffee or lunch at various venues; in May we are branching out and going to Taurus Crafts for lunch and to a garden in the afternoon. Suzanna Johnson (Habershon) very kindly invited us to coffee at her house in January and the following enjoyed catching up with each other - Maureen Jones (Evans), Erica Jones (Greet), Penelope Eckley (Perison Jones), Margaret Underwood (Collis) and Ann Payne (Nash).

Norfolk Reunion

Jen Murray (Carter 1947) sent this report.

The great news was that Patricia Woodhouse, our Headmistress, was able to join us and we were all delighted. Somehow one does not imagine your Headmistress joining you at these events! She came with a full car load from Malvern and we were happy to welcome back Elisabeth Rambridge and Helen Sommerville, and meet the Chairman Hannah Plant.

Angela and Paul Raywood, who have been a wonderful help to me over the years, were with me to welcome the guests; sadly they had to attend a funeral and left early. We were without a number of 'regulars' for a variety of reasons – including Susan Riddington, from Cambridge Sheila Harrison and Gail Kenny, the Lincolnshire group, and Adrienne Davison.



Tishie Bayne could not get back from Europe in time; and Tricia and John Wilkinson were very disappointed not to be with us. All were greatly missed

Sheila Case (Allen), Anne and Peter Charlton (Burton), Pam and Roger Flewitt (Harrison), Marianne and Alan Fry (Newman), Jill and Roger Hargreaves (Smart), Jill Hine (Knight), Sue Key-Burr (Fyte), Anne and Lauw Laubscher (Scott), Anne Newman (Wilkinson), Hilary Stevenson (Marshall) and Jen Murray (Carter) attended.

Our Headmistress was a delight. She spoke to us and told us of the progress at Malvern St James, and the plans for the future. She also congratulated us on holding annual lunches for the past 22 years, something of a record! We enjoyed the news and the chance to talk with her. Elisabeth also spoke, as did Hannah and we had a most enjoyable lunch, a wonderful chance to chat and a happy afternoon! The Anchor staff have since been in touch – they too enjoy our lunches, even if we can't remember what we ordered! It was hoped that there would be yet another lunch next year but since my fall and walking problems, I was not sure. I would love to find someone to take over – ring me if you have any ideas. Please let me know if you can join us for the lunch. They are great fun. We hope to meet again in June 2013 – the date will be confirmed.

Please contact Jen Murray (Carter), 01263 740404.

Northern Group

Jill Gladstone (Vernon 1958) sent this report.

We met on 23 June at Rosemary Spiers' home in the Northumbrian countryside. Rosemary, who was paralysed 8 years ago as a result of a riding accident, was delighted that we all could meet there. We each took food and had a lovely lunch, well looked after by Archie Spiers. There were very few of us – 7 – but we included an Old Lawnsidian, Ann Charlton, which was lovely.

Reunion of OGs Born 1940ish

Jill also sent news of the annual reunion.

We met at Katy Nairn's home on 13 October and had a marvellous time. We have been friends for more than 60 years and the happy noise testified to this.



Back row: Hazel Tregonning, Di Habershon, Sandra Farley, Steph Perry, Caroline Sankey, Gail Stratton, Ginny Lawry, Sally Cassey, Anne Vernon, Josie Cutler, Carolyn Waldron, Liz Chivers, Gail Petrie, Carole Morris, Suzanne Bird, Felicity Hill. **Middle:** Gillian Shuttleworth, Deanna David, Helen Rennie, Ki Johnstone, Lou Bird. **Front:** Katy Nairn, Jude Shaw, Mary Johnstone, Rosemary Bennison, Jill Vernon

We are planning our next gathering in the autumn of 2013 and are thinking of Saturday 28 September, in London, but have no venue as yet. Please contact Jill on Jill.Gladstone@dsl.pipex.com and 01207 528 114 for details.

We are sorry to record the following Deaths.

- 1930** Dr Margaret Marshall (Fleming) in January 2012
1935 Barbara Linder (Clear) in May 2011
1936 Isabel Arnold (Forbes) in September 2011
1936 Mary Bunney (Cutting) in October 2010
1937 Hazel Upton (Baker) in August 2012
1938 Ann Harrison (Bell)
1944 Dr Joyce Weldhen in September 2012
1945 Mary Spencer Johnson (Norris) in January 2013

- 1946** Elizabeth Dora Whittle in February 2012
1946 Ann Kay (Dalley) in June 2012
1954 Patricia Nicholson (Lewis) in October 2011
1962 Christine Sinton (Taylor) in September 2011
1963 Jeraldine (Jerry) Jones in October 2012
1943 Ann Simon (Kendrew) in June 2011
 Elisabeth deeply regrets omitting Ann Simon's name last year. Ann was Head Girl, then deferred her Oxford place to serve in the WRNS, later working for Peter Scott. She was a JP on the Woodstock bench for 22 years.

Patron

Delmé Moore in September 2012

The funeral and Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Cecil Delmé Moore was conducted by Canon Bill Richards. Dr Valerie Payne led the many friends and Old Girls present; Duseline Stewart and Pam Binyon, the former Headmistresses of Lawnside and Ellerslie, attended with Malvern St James Council Member, Sue Adeney. Bill was Chaplain from 1974 to 1986 and everyone there, including Delmé's sister Patricia Philips and her son Nick, cherished his address. He has kindly allowed extracts to be printed; please email Elisabeth for the full text.



Educated at Christ's Hospital, and at Bedford College, Delmé became Assistant Mathematics mistress in 1947; she left MGC in 1952, returning in 1957 as Head of the Mathematics Department.

Bill began 'As the Prime Minister does not frequent the tea rooms of the House of Commons, so the Headmistress, Veronica Owen, respected the staff Common Room. So, each school year ended with Delmé Moore, Deputy Headmistress, presiding over the large staff valedictory gathering. She would speak of departing staff members with a knowledge and perception (and generosity) which no other could match, but all admired. I feel some trepidation in endeavouring to do that for Delmé now, at this valedictory.

From 1957, Delmé steered the school through the evolving requirements of modern maths. I can't imagine it was ever her purpose to 'entertain' children - it was rather to lay sound foundations of mathematical principles, upon which pupils could build. As Deputy Head, Delmé often took over the role of Housemistress in case of illness or short vacancy, and she was also tutor to Senior House for 8 years. Staff and girls acknowledged that Miss Moore knew MGC inside out. Delmé was also fully engaged in supporting the Chaplaincy. It is fitting that this service takes place in the Priory Church, which she attended regularly.

Delmé had become Deputy Head in 1973. These were to be the years of high summer in the history of Malvern Girls' College. At the heart of it was a splendid Head and Deputy Head team. Delmé, at the urgent request of the College Council, delayed her retirement to become Headmistress from 1984 - 1986. She then handed over to Dr Val Payne, whom she greatly respected. Upon Delmé's eventual retirement in 1986, Veronica Owen spoke of Delmé's qualities. I quote her phrases: 'rocklike integrity - clarity of mind - utter dependability - her sense of fun - her sanity - her honesty (you knew where you were with Delmé) - her humility in the many hidden things she did'. On the last day of the last term of her one hundred terms served at MGC, breaking with customary decorum, Miss Moore received a spontaneous standing ovation from girls, College Council, staff past and present, and friends'.

Honorary Members

Jane Bartlett in June 2012

Helena and Richard Goddard represented the OGA at Jane's funeral. Mary Blackshaw also attended.

Rea Hutchison in June 2012

'A Celebration of the Life of Rea Hutchison' was conducted by Canon Bill Richards in St Anne's Chapel, Great Malvern Priory. Rea's daughter Zoe with Dr Valerie Payne led those present. Elisabeth Rambridge gave an Appreciation from the warm memories sent by Rea's friends, quoting Dr Payne who said in 1987, 'Mrs Rea Hutchison was one of the founders of the Friends of Malvern Girls' College and was elected its first chairman. It is possible to list the gifts given to the College and the activities supported by the Friends during this time but it is impossible to gauge the quality of friendship engendered during the inspired chairmanship of Mrs Hutchison'. From 1975 to 1986, £24,000 was raised to support a wide array of activities and practical gifts. The Friends ran the Second Hand Uniform shop, as they still do. Four Chairmen attended - Brenda Shipman, Meg Taylor, Old Girl Fiona Homes and the current Chairman of the Friends of MSJ, Karen Ellaway-Bell. Zoe enjoyed visiting MSJ, especially seeing the classroom where Rea taught Mathematics.



Julia Hick in December 2012



Dr Valerie Payne and Gladys Bland led many friends at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Julia Hick, at Christ Church. Gladys later wrote 'Julia had a genius for friendship and loved people. She loved life and had a great sense of humour. She found young people fascinating and took endless pains to help them in both house and library. Her knowledge and

taste in books was wide-ranging, from children's books to poetry and theology'. Old Girls Bryony Addis-Jones and Dr Catherine Constable (both MGC 1985) attended and Catherine, Head of the Department of Film and Television Studies at Warwick University, sent this tribute 'I knew Julia Hick as the school librarian. She seemed almost to have emanated from within the panelled walls of the big library: her natural speaking voice was a sibilant whisper; while the rubber of her soft-soled shoes squeaked slightly as she moved across the wooden floor. Julia belonged to the era prior to digital cataloguing and electronic search engines. I got to know Julia well while studying philosophy, theology and ethics for Religious Studies A level and came to appreciate that Julia's encyclopaedic knowledge was matched by a mind that was always prepared to think outside the box. While it was obvious from our discussions of both theology and philosophy that Julia was a devout Christian, she was also absolute proof that real goodness is not synonymous with predictability or narrow-mindedness. Quiet, assured, thoughtful, surprising and funny, Julia was an erudite thinker with a passionate commitment to women's education, who played a vital role in inspiring learning at MGC'.

Freda Udy in December 2012

Air Commodore Brian Opie in January 2013

1930s

1930 Joyce Craufurd-Stuart (Parsons) celebrated her 100th birthday on 18 April 2012. Her son James emailed 'After MGC, she studied Physical Training, Games and Dance at Bedford PT College and taught for many years. She married John Craufurd-Stuart in 1944 and they had three children, one by adoption. Her interests in later life were travel, sailing, golf, bridge and local politics. She was a local councillor (High Peak Borough) and County Councillor (Derbyshire). Now she enjoys her garden, bird-watching in the garden, reading The Daily Telegraph and crime novels, doing crosswords and watching The Weakest Link'.

1938 Anne Smith (Taylor) celebrated her 70th wedding anniversary to Canon Peter Smith, in Orton, Ontario on 20 November 2012. Anne's daughter-in-law emailed 'Anne and her sister Winona's (Wendy) parents lived in India – he was a Civil Engineer for the British government, but they wanted the girls raised in England, so they attended MGC; Anne from the age of six and Wendy at about ten. Miss Brooks was Headmistress; Anne remembers her favourite teacher, Miss Pearce the dancing mistress and fondly recalls dancing in the ballet The Road to Valhalla. Anne was a member of the English Girls' Public School Swimming Team, and a boarder at Ryall House. One of Anne's good friends was Cynthia Barclam, from Wales, whom she recalls as having 'lovely ponies'. Peter and Anne emigrated to Canada after the birth of their two eldest of their six children. Anne bred Arabian horses and Peter had a dairy farm in Caledon. After entering the ministry, Peter became Rector of St Paul's Anglican Church in Palmerstown, and in 1972 he became a Canon of Christchurch Cathedral in Ottawa where the family lived until his retirement'.

1940s

1941 Eileen Gillespy (Balls) was sent good wishes for her 90th birthday by Christine Drury, the Kent Representative. Eileen's son David sent a copy of a celebratory photo album to the OGA Secretary.

1945 Shirley Greenwood (Fitton) emailed 'Very sad to report that I lost my husband Alex on 7 November. We had been married for 36 years and he will be very much missed. I shall continue to soldier on at my home on Vancouver Island'. Shirley is still trying to contact Patricia Chamberlain.



1946 Betty Tapp's (Butcher) daughter Rosie Kefford (MGC 1983) sent this photo of them at Rosie's stepson's wedding and Rosie emailed this news 'Betty Tapp is happily settling into her new apartment in Lenham, Kent, having moved from Derbyshire after 35 years. She has joined the bridge club, the theatre club, the gardening club to name but a few!'

1948 Gillian McAndrew (Wroth) emailed 'My years

at MGC were among the happiest of my life, when 'Brookie' was Head. I am very proud of my daughter Nicola Lacey (MGC 1975) who is a Fellow of the British Academy, Professor of Criminal Law and Legal Theory at University of Oxford and Senior Research Fellow at All Souls College, Oxford. My good wishes to all at Malvern St James'.

1950s

1950 Gaynor Howard (Thomas) recently celebrated her 80th birthday, all her family congregating in a house in Carmarthenshire belonging to a friend who also is a past MGC pupil. Arthritis is a problem for her, but she manages to continue her genealogical research, and now as a member of a research team, is involved in the restoration of a local mansion which was an important domestic link between the South Wales coal-mining industry and the shipping of top quality anthracite coal around the world. She emailed 'thank you for keeping in touch about the modern MGC.....so different to the one I left 62 years ago'.

1950 Jean Sandford (Low) emailed 'Another busy year, a wonderful trip to Russia, Estonia, and Finland and visiting children in California and New York. We are looking forward to celebrating our 50th anniversary with a family trip'.

1951 Rosemary Hoyes (Mason) emailed 'It has been a quiet year - apart from, of course, the Olympics! I was lucky enough to attend the last 4 days of the athletics programme - the organisation was absolutely amazing and the athletics were brilliant - including a world record! The most memorable event was 5 of my grandchildren starting at university on the same day!'

1952 Anne Muir emailed 'I continue to enjoy retirement - visiting my brother in Australia, cruising to Spitsbergen, and between times singing, playing the piano and a tiny bit of church work'.

1955 Daphne Hales (Miller) emailed 'I live in Vancouver, Canada, and don't get to see MGC friends that often. When we get together it's as though we last saw each other yesterday! I had a great 3-day reunion with Rosemary Hallowes (East) and Anne Manson. Patricia Wilkinson was unwell, so using three phones in Rosemary's house, we had a long and hilarious conversation with her. We pored over old photos, searching our aging minds for names - "I recognise her - what on earth is her name? And isn't that Blod, Pog, Fizzy etc" - what awful nicknames we gave each other (I won't mention ours!). I also had a lovely lunch with Ayleen Jackson (Buck), a family friend who was a year below us.



Rosemary, Anne and Daphne

1956 Isobel Grundy sent best wishes and emailed 'I work on the electronic textbase, Orlando - British Women's Writing in the British Isles - this is the equivalent of a whole shelf of books and a super source of information'.

1956 Deirdre Kinloch Anderson (Loryman) enjoyed meeting Rory Bremner (see Business page) and emailed 'I was invited to the prestigious Caledonian Club Number 9 Society Lunch; my presentation was 'What Tartan means to Scotland Today' and as a result, Kinloch Anderson have been asked to design an exclusive Corporate tartan for the Caledonian Club. I also spoke to the Primary School pupils of Loretto RC School, who were intrigued to see the 8 yards of tartan cloth that is used to make one kilt and the Balmoral Tartan, the private, personal tartan of Her Majesty The Queen. We joined our daughter and son-in-law and their 6 children on holiday in the Isle of Skye'.

1956 Tricia Wilkinson (Marsden) wrote 'It is good having daughter Sarah (MGC 1986) and Elisabeth (MGC 1993) living nearby. Sarah plays tennis at the home of Barbara Walker (Sutcliffe, MGC 1947) and I play bridge with Barbara's sister Ann Petty (MGC 1950). I had lunch with Jean Sykes (Snell, MGC 1951) who lives in the Lakes and also Rosemary Speirs (Holme, MGC 1952). I hope to attend the reunion Jill Gladstone is organising and also catch up with Angela Feather (Tilney, MGC 1953), Claire Townsend (Wyatt, MGC 1953) and Meg Cooke (Gibbons MGC 1954) who all live in London. I see Stephanie Ingham regularly as she lives in Halifax'.

1959 Elizabeth Briggs (Ling) emailed 'We had a mini reunion to celebrate our 70th birthdays! Janet Orr (Grundy) Jane Bailey (Clayton Morris) Hilary Pudd (Tigger Day) and Jane Loveridge all met up in Salisbury, the half way point, at my house. We had a lunch and a lovely natter'.

1959 Anita Freter (Allen) emailed 'I am still enjoying retirement in Cape Town. I keep busy doing Dressage lessons having had to give up riding due to increased problems with arthritis. I have just started to help at the Animal Welfare in the local Township where I raise funds by selling secondhand goods. Previous experience with jumble sales in the UK has been invaluable!'

1960s

1960 Margaret Wood emailed 'Life is still very hectic, tennis, hunting, visits to Spain, Mongolia and Tibet, and riding in the Peruvian Andes. Stayed with JBT for a visit to the APT finals at the o2, also met Carol (Minty) the same weekend, meeting Jollybird in Manchester. On a recent visit to Malvern, met up with Poot (Marsden) and Ginny (Dewhurst)'.



1962 Rosemary Wharton (Johnson) sent best wishes from South Africa and news of her move to Howick. She writes 'Howick is an 'old' town (early 1800s!) of single-storey houses; 20 years ago it seemed to have been by-passed. Then developers started building retirement villages on the outskirts, including the Ambers where we live. It is the closest thing to living in the countryside without the isolation: the dams near us are home to 2 varieties of noisy toads!' She was delighted to meet up with Valerie Bull (Taylor), a few years ahead of her at MGC, and her husband who live in the same area.



1963 Susan Carlyle emailed 'I attach a group photo of our small annual reunion, the last time our friend Jeraldine, known as Jerry Jones, attended. From left to right are: Susan Carlyle, Gretel Jones (Van Houten), Lyn Hobbs (Colley), Sarah Judd-Clarke, Jerry Jones. Our small group attended

Jerry's funeral in Cheltenham – Gretel (Van Houten) Jones, Lyn (Colley) Hobbs, Sarah (Judd) Clarke and Susan Carlyle. Jerry has always provided much humour as well as catering especially well when we have had reunions at her home. Despite her last illness she came in May 2012 to celebrate our friendship. She continued to run her small market research business, mentor and support new entrepreneurs and be an active grandmother, and she will be sorely missed by all who knew her'.

1964 Priscilla Ratcliffe (Halstead) emailed about designing a book for the son of her eldest grand-daughter, 'The book can be read to a young child and has various activities, by following the journey across Europe and researching various artists mentioned. Each illustration took about three hours and fills half the book! I will do the proper copy for my Great Grandson, so he has the original'.

1964 Sue Stubenvoll (Stiff) emailed 'I'm sitting watching dolphins at Coffs Harbour, NSW, while sailing round the SW Pacific in Haku II, thankful to be receiving a pension'.

1966 Ruth Lewis (Elsom) wrote 'I'm now fully retired from teaching, but occasionally accompany Associated Board music exams. My organ playing is still useful for two local churches. I play the violin with the Rehearsal Orchestra. Glad to hear of the gatherings of our year's entry 1959! So please keep in touch. Grandparently happenings always a delight. We keep travelling both culturally and lazily!'

1967 Elizabeth Vaughan (Munn) emailed 'I am about to retire after 22 years of working for Champagne Pol Roger since they set up a subsidiary in the UK. An interesting and hectic life since it was combined with bringing up 3 children and studying for a degree part time with Birmingham University, with the support of a patient husband. I am one of the few who didn't go on to study at degree level on leaving MGC and realised that I had to rectify this when my elder son went off to university: I began my studies simultaneously with him and eventually graduated in the same year as my youngest child, which has brought me the great benefit of being able to argue confidently with any of them. I will continue to be a governor of a local school, as well as caring for my 97 year old mother-in-law whose recommendation for a long and healthy life is to keep away from doctors'.

1970s

1971 Sian Prosser (Freeman) emailed 'Having worked on the final series of Merlin, as a script supervisors for Series 3–5 (mainly shot in Cardiff but also in Pierrefonds, France) - and after my mother's death - I have decided to move to SE Spain and rented an apartment in Campoverde, for about a year, whilst I try and sell the Cardiff house. Feel the need of warmth and sunshine!!!! Any OGs in the area - Murcia give me a buzz 0034963207250'.

1971 Jane Bachner King (Bachner) had a busy year. She visited Bogota as President of her charity, Friends of Colombian Orphans, (www.friendsofcolombianorphans.org) and had a new knitting machine installed in November. She and her husband visited England and enjoyed a few days with Elizabeth Denno and her husband in Derby. They returned home in August to the best gift ever: their first grandchild, a girl named Petra, honoring Jane's father, Peter, who died last year. Do get in touch!

1971 Elizabeth Denno (Collard) emailed 'I am still living in Derby with my husband, and continue to teach ESOL to adults from many different countries. I love the variety and richness of working with people from different cultures. My 4 children are spread round the country, and I now have 7 grandchildren ranging from the age of 10 to one! In September my sister Alice (MGC 1975) and her family visited from Wyoming, USA; she hadn't been over here for 7 years so it was pretty special and she also saw my other sister Mary Tackley (MGC 1971). I met up with Ysobel Jones (Roberts) at a wedding in Wales in June, and had a visit from Jane Bachner-King in July.



Elizabeth & Jane

1972 Hilary Cowan (Slade) emailed 'I became a Granny in July - truly wonderful. I saw Sue Hanley Jones (Dickinson) at a gala 25,000th performance and a celebrity read-through of The Mousetrap. I'm still in close touch with Fiona Lilley (Docherty) and had lunch in London with Nicky Roberts, Jane Clark (Renshaw) and Mary Tackley (Collard) which was lovely. Fiona and I are thinking about possibly having some kind of bus-pass reunion next year for those who took A Levels in 1972 or O Levels in 1970. Do contact me at cowanhj@gmail.com if you are interested'.

1973 Deborah Woudhuysen (Loudon) emailed 'I graduated in 1977 and went straight into the civil service fast stream leaving from the post of DG Civilian Personnel in the MoD at the end of 2007. I have been a headhunter for the past four and a half years and will go on for a while but my husband has just been elected Rector of Lincoln College, Oxford, so we will be living between London and Oxford and I may cut back on work in order to have fun in Oxford'.

1973 Rachel FitzRoy (Millett) emailed 'My news is pretty much unchanged from last year: still producing organic, free-range eggs for Waitrose! We had a lovely holiday with our youngest daughter in Los Angeles in the break between flocks. She appeared on the Wendy Show promoting Peter Rabbit fruit pouches, for the company she works for! Our son Charlie has had a very busy and exciting year as a Captain in the Household Cavalry (Blues and Royals). The Household Cavalry were asked to do this photo shoot wearing Frankel's racing silks, before the great horse's last race at Ascot. Our second daughter, PhD in Psychology, is working in London and our eldest daughter is at home with a shoulder injury from a riding accident. Delighted that Caroline Chambers (Sayers) has moved to live nearer us!!'



1973 Alenka Heyer (Lavrencic) emailed 'I have a blog about my post-BBC life in rural Western New York, called 'Turkeys on the Sunlounger' Visit www.alenkalawrence.com.

1973 Charlotte Morrison (Page) took part in another Global Rally – this time to South America and sent postcards to MSJ. She posted this on her blog 'Today we went to visit a friend of mine from school - Jane Wood Williams - who farms in Argentina. We drove through groves of Monkey-Puzzle trees; they have been around since the time of the dinosaurs and can live to 1000 years old. Jane's farm and way of life are fascinating. She farms cows for meat, horses to ride and use on the farm, chickens, trout (the best), goats and alfalfa. There was a visiting flock of parrots who arrive to nest every year. I could go on writing all day'. Visit www.mytripjournal.com/travel-711732

1974 Helen Pugh emailed 'I met up recently with Jill Oldham (Cornes), Diana Lewis (Matthews) and Rosie Nye (Painter) and we went to the Hollywood costume exhibition at the V&A. Sadly Diana Smith Billard and Catherine Blunt could not join us. I see Diana Billard (Smith) and Liz Greenwood (Mackrill) at least twice a year. Charlotte Gunton (Caldwell) stayed with me while she was working at Wimbledon during the Olympics; I cooked dinner for her, her daughter Tish and also Marini Edwards. I am facebook friends with Julia Hallinan, Linda Johnson and also Jean Murray (Baxandall) and Padey Gould. Facebook has its uses! I also see June Roundhill once or twice a year and receive texts from her too – impressive! I work at King's College School Wimbledon with Celia Tedd who teaches Classics.

1975 Helen Clough emailed 'I am still in touch with Andy Wright (Hunter) and have Facebooked Cathy Aquart and Sarah Warhurst (Cowie). I do temp office work and this year have had assignments at Royal Courts of Justice in the Strand, London, and at BP in Sunbury, Surrey. There are jobs out there!'

1975 Jane Tomley emailed 'I am teaching 7-8 year olds in Qatar. I met up with Jane Perrins in France in the summer'.

1976 Lucy Napier-Andrews (Jones) emailed 'We met at Meridan at a lovely pub, in the middle of England. We were in Hatfield together from September 1969-1974. Some went on to 6th form and left 1975/76. Next year we hope even more of us will be there; Diana (Thorn) who will be over from Australia next April. We all met up again thanks to facebook as well so can share our families and photos!!! It was if it was only last year!!! We hope to get June Roundhill to come. I continue to work full time as a busy health visitor in Aberystwyth'.



Right back to front: Erica Scott (David), Nikki Lyons-Montgomery (Mrs Channing Pearce's granddaughter), Gill Palmer (Woodruff), Lucy Napier-Andrews (Jones), Susie Roberts (Marshall), Richenda Tongue (Gurney-Champion), and sitting Debbie Amey (Hill) and Kathy Heimann (Wickham).

1979 Claudia Kennedy emailed 'I'm still living in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania with my husband, Michael. We've been here since 2007 (before that we spent 6 years in Uganda). I teach Drama/Theatre in the International Baccalaureate Diploma programme and love it! I'm also an IB curriculum consultant and school accreditation visitor, and lead workshops for teachers. We are very keen sailors and spend weekends whizzing around on the Indian Ocean on a Hobie cat, or sometimes more sedately, on a little yacht. I also sing in a choir - my time in the choir at Malvern gave me a good grounding for that! So all in all, a very busy and fulfilling life: that's my news - I look forward to reading about all the other Old Girls in the next newsletter!'

1970s/1980s Catherine Jones has a query about 'Haste, haste, shepherds and neighbours...' She emailed 'In the 1970's, my sisters, Alison and Nicki, and I were in the second/junior choir and learned this song, but we can't remember all the lines! Please contact Elisabeth if you do!'

1980s

1980 Catherine Jones emailed also 'Most people in my year are hitting their 50th birthdays so Nina Warrener (Matzen) came over to see Louise Wood (Cook) and I ended up organising a Friday night out on the South Bank with them, Christina Lewis (Tomlinson), Susi Thayer and Liz Thomas (Barraclough). I also saw Jane Leonard with Barbara Bazarnik, over from Australia for a family funeral in Warsaw, together with Alex Mansell (Jennings) who came from Romsey - great deal of reminiscing over a 36 hour period. Although I am a qualified accountant, I have stepped away from client work and now head up Learning and Development for the corporate finance division of Deloitte. I am also a qualified executive coach, so have had quite a varied professional career'.

1982 Helen Exley (Oakes) emailed 'This was taken at our annual meet-up, we met in Buxton and had a lovely afternoon at Chatsworth House. Back row L- R Helen Exley (Oakes), Claire Treanor, Karen Riches (Fielding), front row L- R Fiona Barrett (Lewis), Lindsey Allan, Shelley Hughes (Law).



It is 30 years since we left MGC, which is a really scary thought as when we all get back together, it feels no different from when we were altogether in 1982! I live in Cheshire and am very busy with 2 children (13 and 10) who are keen on riding, so 3 ponies keep me active. I have a fledgling catering business as well as being involved in local charity projects! Fiona lives in Keswick and is running a very successful B&B business as well as selling home produced organic Veg boxes! Our children are exactly the same age and love seeing each other; their schools play matches – who would have thought 30 years ago that Fiona and I would be on the Rugby touchline together cheering our sons on! Claire is a Partner in her own Chartered Surveying firm in London and taken the decision to 'step back' from the frontline next year to renovate a house she has bought in Dorset; she keeps in regular touch with Karen. Karen is very busy as a Solicitor with Norton Rose in London; she lives in Surrey with her husband, Pete. Lindsey lives in Oxfordshire and has a very successful private catering business; she is still a keen rider and successfully breeds and competes. Shelley is lead Nurse at Winchester College and runs the medical team overseeing the whole of the school – a very busy job! Home life is also hectic with 3 teenage boys! I also see a lot of Alison Feather (Barnes 1981); her husband was our Best Man and both men are respective godfathers to the children. Alison's daughters are also keen horseriders and we meet up at events. I was sad to hear about Miss Moore's death. She taught my mother as well as me! People are always amazed that I am still in touch (and very close) to school friends from so long ago, but if there was one thing the MGC did, it was to form such a fabulous lifelong bond between a wonderful group of girls. We can always pick up from where we left off as if it was yesterday! I hope that this finds all at Malvern St James well and sending you best wishes'.

1983 Rosie Kefford (Tapp) emailed 'I was very excited about the wedding of my younger stepson in May. It was the wettest May on record in Kent but fortunately the sun shone on the day, even though the bridesmaids had to wear wellies to get to the marquee'.

1985 Maddie Thurlow continues to enjoy life in Banchory with her husband Darren and children David (12), Peter (8) and Laura (6). Although not in paid employment she does a variety of voluntary work for the local community and in her spare time sings in a choir and does occasional bellringing.

1986 Amanda Corkill (Hemming) emailed 'At 42, AJ has taken up jogging!! in between Spanish teaching and my 3 boys and a Springer Spaniel!'

1987 Clare Murray (Waddington) emailed from New Zealand (see Business page) about the recent earthquakes 'The resilience of children is extraordinary – life goes on and their friends, activities and families are central to their lives – not buildings. Our three kids, George (12), Angus (10) and Saskia (8) seem to flourish regardless. I keep in touch with Carmel Slipper, Suzanne Sharkey, Lucy Asprey and Nina Van de Pol on a regular basis. All of them are godparents to our kids, and us to theirs. We nip back to the UK occasionally. It's great to receive the OGA news and visits from Old Girls are always welcome!'

1987 Abbie Paleoplogos (Franklin) emailed, 'All well in Sydney, Australia with work and two kids and life in general! Phoebe has just turned 4 and will be starting school in January - an amazing thought - the cycle begins again! I skype Caroline Steer (Ringrose 1994, missionary in Thailand) and Fiona Norris (Cooke 1994, living with her husband and 2 kids in Eire) and it's always good to catch up with them. I really enjoyed hearing back from Mrs Carmichael'.



Anna Sharman (MSJ 2008). Former MSJ Headmistress Ros Hayes' cousin is Head of Biology and Batsford Assistant Housemistress Nicki Jack worked at St Teresa's for two years before making the move to Malvern'.

1988 Lucy Dickson emailed 'We had a gathering in London in February of 1988 MGC leavers to wave Nic Lynskey (Taylor) off to Brunei. It was reassuring that we hadn't lost the knack of all talking at once, whilst being able to listen to what each other was saying. Present were George Macleay (Waggett), Amanda Brown (Johnson), Catherine Usher, Victoria Buckingham (Bloor), Camilla Beaumont (Huntington-Whiteley), Bee Sharkey (Cullen), Nic Lynskey (Taylor), Sarah Ainsleigh Jones (Hodkinson), Frances Pasteur (Mason), Emma Fowler (Kelly), Zanna Homan (Bourne), Lucy Dickson (Shone).



1988 Bee Sharkey (Cullen) emailed 'I married Jon Sharkey and we live in Wendover, Buckinghamshire. We have three children Philip 11, Imogen 10 and Kit 7'.

1990s

We are send good wishes to the following.

1991 Fiona Temple (Noble) emailed 'Thank you for the update, as ever it is great to hear what is going on at MSJ. Our daughter, Matilda Alice was born on 20 August 2012'.

1992 Pollyanne Andrews (Hooley) gave birth to Charlie Barnaby Hooley Andrews on 13 December 2012.

1993 Alex Hooley emailed shortly after Toby John Edward Milliken was born on 26 October 2012 'Toby is absolutely gorgeous and charming everyone who meets him!'

1993 Catherine Ramsden (Goodman) emailed 'Our daughter Rebecca Beatrice was born on 9 August 2012 – a sister for Helena and Lydia'.



1997 Elizabeth Day married Kamal Ahmed in 2011 and emailed 'We had a gorgeous December day in Cambridge - full of emotion and happiness and champagne'. Kamal is the Business Editor for the Sunday Telegraph.

1992 Kate Blackwell emailed 'I met up with a few Malvern girls this summer which was wonderful. Jo Pallett, Jo Varney, Mara Walsh, Anna Owen and

Tara Houghton and I all went out for dinner in London. Cobi Snelson (Scambler) and I have just come back from our annual weekend away, this time to New York. We also had a lovely time over breakfast with Helen Walters, as she lives in New York. I am still in touch with lots of friends from Malvern, and would love to organise a get together sometime soon. I'm on the left and Cobi on the right'.

1993 Kate Matheson (Seymour Mead) has recently completed a PhD and is moving to Washington where her husband is taking up a post at the British Embassy. She is expecting her fourth child in January.

1994 Belinda Morrison (Clasen) emailed 'Here is a group of MGC girls gathering this summer with their children at Mary's house, from left to right: Belinda Morrison (Clasen), Mary Powis (Kwok), Amanda Cleghorn (French), Jo Pond (Taylor), Katie Rogerson (Smith) and Laetitia Clapton (Northmore Ball). I moved to USA with my American husband Chris in 2010 and we have three children – Alice, 6, Zoe, 4 and Daniel, 2'.



Kate Blackwell and Cobi Snelson



1995 Hannah Storm (Cowdy) emailed 'Four of my Greenslade housemates and I were reunited for the first time since leaving MGC. We met at the Kuala Lumpur home of Fara Rahim, just days after she gave birth to her fifth daughter. Organised by Fara and DK Marianah, the get-together gave me a real taste of Malaysian food and hospitality at the end of my first visit to the capital, where I attended a regional journalism conference. Fara and DK arranged for Aida Sophia Ramli, and Norinna (Noni) Bahadun to come along. Noni went to LSE and took her LLM (Master of Laws) at UCL. She now works as a senior federal counsel in the Attorney General's Chamber in Malaysia. Aida works as a HR manager at the national oil company Petronas. She is married to her university sweetheart Suvarna and they have three children: a nine-year-old boy and girls aged five and 1. She and DK meet often. DK has been with Petronas for the past six years, working in one of their legal teams. Married to UCL engineering graduate Mohamad Hafiz, she has two boys aged nine and five, and a daughter who is three this year. DK has recently started running and last year completed her first 10k. DK and Fara also see each other regularly. Fara has been married to Fakhri Yassin for the

past 13 years and they have five daughters, ranging in age from 10 years to newborn at the time of our reunion. After graduating, Fara worked for a short time in corporate finances before becoming a full-time Mum. She travels with her entire family once or twice a year because she believes in 'exposing the girls to as



many different cultures and people as possible'. Fara was a consummate hostess, and despite all the time since we last saw each other, it really did feel like none of us had changed that much at all! We're all keen to make contact with as many other Old Girls who remember us and may well plan another KL reunion sometime soon!

1996 Victoria Scott (Milne) emailed 'I'm still living in Qatar with my husband Teil, who's an airline pilot, and our son Raphael, who is 2. We moved here in 2009. I'm a freelance journalist, with a regular column in the Telegraph's expat section, and I also freelance for the BBC and numerous magazines around the world'.

1998 Lisa Shattock (Parkinson) is currently working at BT.

1999 Rebecca Vafiadis emailed 'After studying BA French and Russian at University of Bristol (with a year abroad in Paris and St Petersburg), I went on to work for Condé Nast Publications in London for almost 5 years, culminating in a role as Digital Project Manager. I then decided to go freelance last year and worked for a couple of creative agencies. I've now decided to further my studies by studying MA Interactive Media at University of the Arts London'.

2000s

We send good wishes to the following.



2003 Harriet Biffa married Daniel Martinez on 15 September 2012. Harriet emailed 'I have attached a couple of photos as there a few faces you will recognise. From left to right, Claire Scott, Harriet Watkins, Sara Darweish, Daniel Martinez, Harriet Martinez, Kavina Manalan, Holly Webster and Imogen Allen-Back'.

2005 Hannah Mitchell married Tom Luck on 8 September 2012. Hannah emailed 'I am 6 months into my legal training contract at Macfarlanes LLP and I attach a few pictures from my recent wedding. It truly was the best day of my life! Em Borrowdale was my bridesmaid and Sarah Passmore, Amy Swash and Thea Lees were wedding guests'.



2000 Frankie Pickard emailed 'I completed the Tough Mudder North West in November at Cholmondeley Estates in Cheshire, (12 miles 27 military obstacles) raising over £500 for Help for Heroes'.

2001 Sadie Pickup recently completed her DPhil at the University of Oxford (Wolfson) in Classical Archaeology, following undergraduate and MA studies at the University of Reading. She teaches History of Art to Undergraduate and Masters students in London at Christie's Education, which is affiliated to the University of Glasgow. She also works in the Antiquities and the Exhibitions departments at the Ashmolean Museum. In 2010, her work 'Brill's Companion to Aphrodite', jointly edited with her former mentor at Reading, Dr Amy Smith, was published. She is working on further publications, alongside preparing her DPhil thesis. She continues to be grateful for the influence and support of Mrs Beech and Mrs Nesbitt during her time at MGC. In 2009, Sadie married Peter Facchino, a chartered management accountant, currently working in the Netherlands, whom she met at Reading. They divide their time between their home in Witney, Oxfordshire, and Amsterdam'.

2003 Katie Micklethwaite emailed 'How incredible to think it's nearly sixteen years since I started at MGC, and eight years since I left! I recently moved to Bogota, Colombia, which when I was at school was at the peak of its notoriety as one of the most dangerous countries in the world but is now a good deal more secure! I work as an analyst for risk consultancy Control Risks, focussing on the politics of the Central Andean region and Chile. Latin America is a big place (years of all-night bus journeys have taught me just how big!) but anyone passing this way is welcome to get in touch at katie.micklethwaite@gmail.com and I'll see what I can do - from meeting up to travel tips'.

2005 Amy Lewis emailed 'I'm still living in Manchester where I work as a Fundraising Manager for Macmillan Cancer Support. It's a varied, rewarding and demanding job, and I've raised over £420,000 so far this year (here's hoping for the half million!). I'm also a committed fundraiser for Child Bereavement UK, a cause very close to me and my family: I decided to (finally) learn how to cycle and completed the Cycletta Cheshire challenge, cycling 26 miles in just over 3 hours and raising over £400 for the charity. Highlights of the year have included seeing Jess Wood, Kate Turner, Jo Neville, Caroline Copeland, Vicki Thwaites, Kitty Wilkins and the Reeds (all three)'.



2006 Sandra Siu emailed 'I completed my Bachelor degree at the University of Hong Kong majoring in Politics and Criminal Justice and I am now doing a Master degree at the City University of Hong Kong majoring in Translation and Interpretations'.

Generations at MSJ



We are delighted that the following are at MSJ: Lucy Walton, Diana Hale's daughter (MGC 1985), Philippa and Georgiana Kwok, Vivienne Tsao's daughters, (MGC 1981) and Angela Tachie-Menson, the daughter of Ekua Hayfron-Benjamin (MGC).

Elizabeth Rees is pictured at this year's

Carol Service with her grandmother, Denise Bond (MGC 1942) and Pandora Fowles is the granddaughter of Patricia Barrow (MGC).

Visitors

There have been lots of MGC visitors

Margaret Boggis (1940)



Charles and Angela Yule (Hewitt, 1960)



Zoe Hutchison, (1980)



Joan Rudd Jones (Newhouse, 1943) and Adrienne Davison (Dale, 1948)



Karen Fitzgerald (Parker, 1984), with John, Kitty and Phoebe



Alistair, and Janine Smillie (Bradbury, 1964)



Martin with Tamsin Whipp, James with Helen Peel and Karagh Boothman (Gilliatt), (1992)



Fontane Ip, (1995), left, her husband, Li and right, Stephen, her brother are welcomed by Elisabeth

Patron, Ros Hayes emailed news of her trip to the Amazon, 'Not able to contain my excitement, I was on deck every morning at sunrise as we cruised up the Amazon to Manaus. Having taught the ecology and anthropology of the equatorial rain forest for 25 years, I did not want to miss a minute of the experience. Situated 800 miles from the river mouth, Manaus is the largest city in the Amazon basin. Once the centre of the world's rubber trade, it was very wealthy. The stunning opera house, built in 1896 with materials brought from Europe, reflects the affluence of the rubber barons and should definitely be on one's 'must see before I die' list! Manaus also boasts one of the



world's most fascinating natural phenomenon, known as the 'meeting of the Waters'. The black, humus rich waters of the Rio Negro meet the white, silt-rich waters of the Amazon and for many miles flow side-by-side as clearly defined streams. I visited a small village where the inhabitants still followed a traditional life style, attempted piranha fishing and studied the agriculture of the fertile flood plain – and realised just how little I really knew about this unique part of the world. "The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only one page." Saint Augustine'.

Honorary Member, Jane Smallwood was a Paralympic volunteer and emailed 'The summer is so exciting for sports lovers!' Jane with Tanni Grey Thompson.



2007 Maddy Hurley emailed 'I am starting an intensive course in Newmarket which will teach me everything there is to know about the thoroughbred breeding industry!' Maddy visited with Helen Scott.

2007 Rosabella Styles emailed 'Having done a couple of years on cruise ships as a Jeweller and speaker, I started 'R.Styles PAT Service' after seeing a gap in the market. We do electrical testing all within a 2 hour radius of Malvern and it is going even better than expected!'



Maddy and Helen

2008 Heather Porter graduated from Southampton University with a 2.1 MGeol degree.

2009 Vicky Ellaway-Bell played in the Exeter University Concert Band when the Queen visited the university in May. Vicky graduated from Exeter University with a 1st in BA Geography with Spanish and is now studying for her PGCE in Geography.

2009 Fiona Sedgley emailed 'I am enjoying life studying Law in York. The course is intensive but I am finding it extremely worthwhile. Still playing Lacrosse - but for a Club in Leeds so it is nice to be able to get back there when I can'.



2010 Evgeniya Malina 'I received an invitation to attend the Collegiate Presidential Inaugural Conference in Washington DC. It was fantastic. I was able to engage in debates on hot political issues with various current political activists and key decision-makers. I was also been selected amongst 900 attending students to meet Jesse Jackson in private and take a picture with him, which was such an honour for me'.

2012 Rosie Baker emailed 'After an unfortunate bouncy castle accident in freshers week that left me with a broken shoulder, I've not been involved in much sport. I've been busy producing a theatre show and helping run the Expedition Society. I've loved my first term but am missing all things 'Malvern', so looking forward to heading back to Malvern for the Carol Service to catch up with everyone!'



Hannah, Jess, Brahm, Rosie, Jess, Ella at Malvern Priory

A Celebration of Christmas, with Malvern St James, past and present

Special thanks to Becky Fisher for contacting so many recent Old Girls who joined the Choir for the Christmas Celebration. It's great that many Old Girls are studying or involved in the Performing Arts. The following gave their news on the day.

Diana Cuthbert (St Js 2004) is a RE teacher at Christopher Whitehead Language College. From 2005, **Jessica Hill** (MGC) is the Festival Coordinator of the London A Cappella Festival; **Kate Valentine** (MGC) is a freelance music teacher in the Manchester area; and **Felicity Houlbrooke** (St Js) is living in London and about to play Cecily Cardew in a UK and Ireland Tour of 'The Importance of Being Earnest'. From 2006, St James's Old Girls, **Emma White** is a project manager/business analyst in programmes for Sanctuary Housing and a part-time singer, **Elizabeth Rita Scott-Keele** is living in London as a model and celebrity make-up artist and **Alice Bendall** graduated from ARTS Ed with a degree in Musical Theatre and works in all areas, from choreographing/ directing to performing! Also from St James's, **Laura Bensted** is the manager of a team at npwr and **Alexandra Thornton-Hopwood** is a Senior Account Executive at a Creative Agency, which involves design, web build and social media. **Elizabeth Bennett** (MSJ 2007) is in her final year reading Child Psychology and Sociology; she plans to do a Masters in Psychology and Education. From 2009 **Gabriella Grandi** (MSJ) is at the University of Kent studying Comparative Literature and in the Chamber Choir! There were lots of MSJ leavers from 2010: **Hannah Evans**, studying Music at Bath Spa University, recently took the lead in 'The Magic Flute'; **Sarah Holdsworth**, at Aberdeen University, is studying Theology and loving university life; **Rhiannaon Allen**, studying English Literature at Cambridge, is doing lots and lots of theatre with a view to film and theatre directing; **Frankie Hill** is studying Music at the University of Bristol; **Charlotte Mason** is at the Royal Northern College of Music (Manchester) studying opera singing and **Georgie Rees** is at Winchester School of Art, studying fashion Design. **Becky Fisher**, a second year medical student at Edinburgh University, doing lots of singing on the side, had gathered friends from 2011. **Annabel Darling** in her first year of a management degree at Manchester – and loving it! **Ellie Montgomery** is a Fashion Marketing student at Northumbria University and about to move to London for a year in industry. **Elizabeth Lewis** is studying Politics and East European History at University College, London. OGA Committee Member, **Eleanor Kirby** is at the University of Lancaster studying Theatre and English Literature. From 2012, **Zara Edwards** is doing a Foundation Course at Birmingham School of Acting, and hopes then to study Music! **Brahm Jagpal** is on a GAP year and hopes to study Business Management. **Helen Buchanan** is studying Classical Studies at Royal Holloway. Helen's sister **Laurel**, the 2010s Representative, came to the service.

Natalie Hackett

Natalie Hackett (MSJ 2007) has launched 'Countrified' the first daily deals website to cater purely to the country market. Natalie emailed 'Presenting a range of products, services and experiences at fantastic prices, Countrified enables you to live in the country for less!



Whether you are looking for a new dog bed, a day's hunting or simply some wellie socks, we have it covered. Featuring on our website enables businesses to experience a cost effective, risk-free form of online marketing.

www.countrified.co.uk



Fiona Huck



Fiona Huck (Lawnside 1991) runs a graphic design company based in Cheltenham – she would like to offer all members of OGA a 15% discount off any graphic design work, no matter how big or small the job. She can help with a whole host of things from logo development & stationery for business startups, through to

advertising, web design, brochure, flyer, invitation & notelet design as well as print and much more. Get in touch to find out how she can help.

www.wabbey.co.uk



Clare Murray

Clare Murray (Waddington, MGC 1987) emailed photos of the Red Zone, the Central Business District of Christchurch, decimated by earthquakes, especially on 22 February 2011, 'There have been some terrible tragedies and continuing hardship. On a positive note, the city is reinvigorating itself in incredible ways: the arts community put in place public art, festivals and community events; the student community conduct volunteer work; the business community are more open to new ideas. 150,000 workers had no offices to go to in early 2011, and yet most people managed to continue working. My husband, Justin, and I started a merchant bank here in Christchurch 8 years ago. With the need for financial expertise as capital arrives into the city from insurance companies and investors for the purposes of the re-build, we are well placed to provide the firm's expertise in the recovery. We both are involved in community work. My principal role is as Co-chair of the biennial Christchurch Arts Festival, in August 2013, and we want to put the Festival Club back into the Heart of the City'.

www.murrays.co.nz and
www.artsfestival.co.nz



Jenny Williams

Jenny Williams (MGC 1987) emailed 'My career started with illustration work but I now specialise in portraits. I have a business that sells greeting cards (individually and in quantity, bespoke for businesses), prints and bespoke originals, in particular, portraits. Please visit www.lowenart.co.uk or www.lowenartshop.co.uk and bear in mind that I would be happy to give anyone associated with Malvern St James a 10% discount. I just love reading our magazine!'



Deirdre Kinloch Anderson

Deirdre Kinloch Anderson (Loryman, MGC 1956) enjoyed showing round Rory Bremner who learned about kiltmaking and tried his hand at chalking a kilt. Afterwards he modelled a fine Highland Dress outfit for his interview with Deirdre on kilts and tartan. Deirdre emailed 'Our elder son, Peter, joined the Company this year and is now living in Shanghai as Kinloch Anderson's Director of Brand Development, where he is looking after all our interests in the Far East'.

www.kinlochanderson.com

'Rory Bremner's Great British Views' is to be broadcast on ITV Granada in February 2013.



CAREERS

Lucy Darling and Alice Porter, both at Oxford, talked to Sixth Formers about Oxbridge. Lucy, reading PPE, spoke at an Oxbridge and Interview preparation afternoon. Alice, reading English, answered the individual questions of applicants, which inspired them and also eased concerns about this challenging process.



Lucy playing for the OGA in 2011!

Alice had the leading role in *Dangerous Liaisons* at the Oxford Playhouse - which Elisabeth Rambridge attended and thoroughly enjoyed.

A Message from Rachel Huntley and Sally Bennett: We are very grateful to Lucy and Alice for giving up their time and would love to see more Old Girls coming back to talk to girls about their experience of University and work

Charlotte Melhuish (MGC 2004) gave an excellent presentation to Sixth Formers. OGA Prefect Sarah Carrington said 'The lecture gave us an insight into the reality of a Career in Law and the possible routes we could take from someone who could share her experiences and observations. She dispelled any myths and showed us the vast number of areas that law is related to! We are very grateful to Charlotte for sharing her expertise and answering our questions so helpfully'.



Careers Fair 2013

A Message from the Head of Careers

Since joining MSJ in 2008 I have been fortunate to meet many of our Old Girls and I am very grateful for the help that has been given.

The next Careers Fair is on the afternoon of Friday 13 September. We would like to welcome you to host a stand and share your experiences of University and Employment with our girls. If you are interested in attending the Careers Fair or wish to offer your support in other ways such as coming in to talk to the Sixth Form about your profession or acting as an email contact for girls with occupational queries, please contact me by email careers@malvernstjames.co.uk or my direct line is 01684 584629.

With best wishes to all of you for 2013, I hope to get the opportunity to meet many more of you this year.

samantha marfleet

Gemma Elwin Harris

Gemma Harris (MGC 1992) has compiled 'Big Questions from Little People: Answered by Some Very Big People' to raise money for the NSPCC. Gemma emailed 'Children have a knack of asking great questions... Why is the sea salty? What makes me me? Over 100 real questions are answered, in simple terms, by some of our best-loved experts, including Sir David Attenborough, as well as sportswomen Jessica Ennis and children's author Philip Pullman'.



Big Questions from Little People: Answered by Some Very Big People is published by Faber & Faber (ISBN 9780571288519).

Life in the Balance

Andrew PB Lound's biography of William Edward Hipkins 'is dedicated to Janet Pickard, William's closest living relative whose help made this book possible'. WE Hipkins was Managing Director of the famous firm of W & T Avery, the world's largest weighing company; it was his 'great misfortune' to be on a business trip to America, sailing on SS Titanic, and he did not survive. Janet (Brown, MGC 1963) spoke about her family connections at the book launch. Visit www.averyweigh-tronix.com/museum.



Janet and Chris Pickard, with Penny Smith at the Carol Service

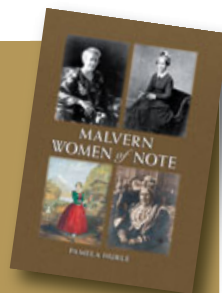


Pamela Hurle

Pamela Hurle is pictured before she spoke at the Autumn in Malvern Festival about her recent book

'Malvern Women of Note'. In the chapter 'Economic contributions' Pamela discusses the pioneering headmistresses of Malvern Girls' College, St James's, The Abbey and Lawnside, as well as Ellerslie.

'Malvern Women of Note' is published by Aspect Design. To buy a copy, email pamela_hurle@btinternet.com



Kate Baker and Elizabeth McKellar



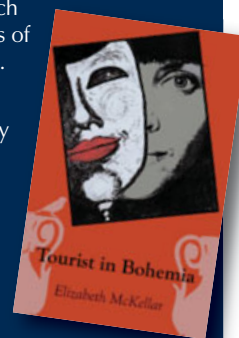
Kate Baker and Elizabeth McKellar, known as Kip and Kella, left MGC in 1967. Kate, on the right, went on to have a career in architecture and Elizabeth as an Art Historian. Kate emailed 'We maintained contact, and

round our mid-thirties, both lived in Cambridge. During this time we married and each had a son and a daughter who have grown up feeling like cousins; our two families have a 23 year tradition of seaside holidays together. By chance, we both published books recently'. Kate has written 'Captured Landscape, the Paradox of the Enclosed Garden'. She traces the ideas behind enclosed gardens, by looking at a range of examples such as cloister gardens, Islamic gardens, as well as contemporary ones. Elizabeth has written a novel 'very funny but sad too' called 'Tourist in Bohemia', the story of deep friendship between a gay man and a straight woman across a gulf of class, gender and attitudes to love - a friendship which is tested as the conflicts of the 80's decade unfold.



Tourist in Bohemia can be ordered through any bookshop or online from YPD Books (ISBN 9780954748821).

Captured Landscape is published by Routledge (ISBN 9780415562294).



Elizabeth Gowing

Elizabeth Gowing (MGC 1990) read from her latest - and mouth-watering - book at the Autumn Reunion, 'The Little Book of Honey', which takes you around the world with the flavours of honey, offering recipes with nature's most versatile sweetener.



Buzz off to look at the delightful website for details! www.thelittlebookofhoney.co.uk

Wildness

Richard Bonfield, the son of Joan Bonfield (Greasley, MGC 1950) sent a copy of Wildness to the OGA office, which was very gratefully received. This beautiful book is a collaboration between wildlife artist Pollyanna Pickering and Richard who is the Poet in Residence for the Born Free Foundation. Visit www.bornfree.org.uk.

Carla McKay



Carla McKay (Dobson, MGC 1970) attended the Summer Reunion and has published two books recently: her first novel 'The Folly of French Kissing', which she describes 'as a thriller of sorts, about

British ex pats living in the south of France, written whilst I was briefly an ex pat myself. 'Yoga for Unbelievers' is a kind of manual for people, like me, who are cynical about the benefits of yoga but become wildly over enthusiastic once they get into it. I still review books, mostly crime fiction, for the Daily Mail, so it makes a welcome change to write my own'.

The Folly of French Kissing (ISBN 9781908096104) and

The Reluctant Yogi: Yoga for Unbelievers (ISBN 9781906142995) are published by Gibson Square.





150th Anniversary

Councillor Ian Hopwood, the Mayor of Malvern, with Mrs Hopwood, along with volunteers from Malvern Museum, joined in the 150th Anniversary celebrations of the opening of The Imperial Hotel. It was great to see Fiona Gow and her husband, among the Old Girls who came to the Heritage Open Day.

DONATIONS

Old Girls and their families, as well as other interested people, continue to send in a variety of items to the Archives and all the contributions are very gratefully received.



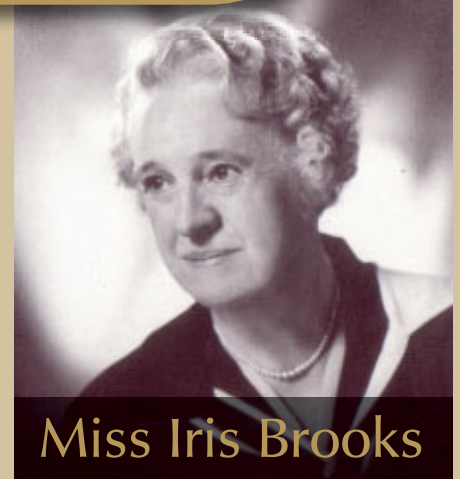
There are more blazers: from the Huntington-Whiteley family, and Anne Norton, who sent one with a highly decorated badge. Maddie Thurlow sent a splendid item from her mother, an Abbey Old Girl – a commemorative Abbey tea towel.

Eleanor Grigson (Higwell) brought along her Silver Bar for Gymnastics Badge when she attended Miss Moore's funeral. Frankie Williams sent magazines. Frances Calder sent a copy of 'Perhaps Not' – a



revolutionary attempt to produce something less formal than the usual school magazine' – and the news cutting about the MGC team for Sixth Form Challenge, with Frances second from the left, second from the right is Christine Harpham, Elizabeth Day's mother. Cynthia Haywood sent a treasure trove box – house photos, news cuttings, the order of service from Confirmation, December 1944 –

and a charming hand-made Menu, dated May 8th (1945). St James's Old Girls Margaret Sisam (Peggy Barnes) and Jane Manaster (Goldstone) sent photographs. Liz Archer, a retired archivist, found a rolled College photograph (July 1923) amongst unrelated papers and kindly tracked down MSJ.



Miss Iris Brooks

Diana Holloway (Habershon, MGC 1957) sent 'A personal memory' of Miss Iris Brooks.

Diana's father was the Deputy Legal Officer for Schleswig Holstein after the War. Her parents thought she should attend an English boarding school. Diana writes 'The obvious choice was Malvern where my father's first cousin

Iris Brooks was the Headmistress. I rarely saw 'Auntie' Iris – the only exception being on my birthday when she invited me to tea. I was allowed to choose three friends and suddenly became very popular. A chauffeur driven car would arrive at Parkfield



Iris and her brother circa 1900

and we would be whisked away. As we sailed through the main gates we would see Iris waiting at the front door to welcome us. Iris was a formidable and charismatic headmistress. On retiring, she bought a house in Canford Cliffs, overlooking Bournemouth Bay. For a short while Patrick (my husband) and I lived next door. I became very fond of Iris. She was wonderful company and great fun and I wished I had known her longer in a grown-up capacity'.

If you would like to read the full article, please contact Elisabeth at oga@malvernstjames.co.uk

The School Archivist has been pleased to welcome

- **Canadian academics, Marelene and Geoff Rayner-Canham**, continuing their research project, Pioneer British Women Chemists from 1880-1949. They were delighted to see the name of Daphne McKay-Ohm on the Honours Board in the York Hall, and by the reference to the Science Laboratory at The Abbey School in the 1917 edition of The Hazel Nut.
- **The Worcestershire Wives Fellowship**, led by Frances Grieveson, Dani and Alex's mother, for a talk about the Main Building, titled 'c60 Years a Hotel, 90+ a School'. The group kindly made a donation which Elisabeth gave to the Gambia Project.
- **Ian Broadway** researching his mother, Dorothy Marian Grant who was at The Abbey School between 1920 and 1924, when she travelled to Switzerland to join The Abbey's newly opened sister Finishing School, Beaupre, near Geneva. She left to return to India where she married Alan Colquhoun Broadway in 1933. Ian would be very interested to contact anyone with knowledge of his mother at this time.

Hatfield is 50!

We hope to celebrate this at the next Heritage Open Day.



DIARY DATES 2013

Thursday 5 March

TEA PARTY FOR HONORARY MEMBERS

Former members of staff are invited to Malvern St James by the Headmistress

Saturday 18 May

AGM & SUMMER REUNION AT MALVERN ST JAMES

See invitation

Saturday 8 June

10 YEARS ON REUNION FOR THE CLASS OF 2003

Details from oga@malvernstjames.co.uk

June (day to be set)

NORFOLK REUNION

Lunch at The Anchor Inn, Morston. Details from Jen Murray, 01263 740404

Friday 13 September

CAREERS FAIR

Details from careers@malvernstjames.co.uk

Saturday 14 September (3 - 5pm)

HERITAGE DAY AT MALVERN ST JAMES

HATFIELD IS 50!

Details from oga@malvernstjames.co.uk

September (date to be set)

OGA LECTURE

By Hannah Storm (Cowdy, MGC 1995), Director, International News Safety Institute

Details from oga@malvernstjames.co.uk

Saturday 28 September (tbc)

REUNION OF OGS BORN 1940ish

Details from Jill Gladstone, 01207 528 114 or at Jill.Gladstone@dsl.pipex.com

Saturday 12 October

OGA COMMITTEE MEETING AT MALVERN ST JAMES

Summer Reunion

You are warmly invited to the Summer Reunion on Saturday 18 May 2013, especially welcome are *Old Girls from the 1990s*
LET'S NAIL THE NINETIES!

12noon: Welcome at Malvern St James

12.30pm: AGM

1.00pm: Barbecue Lunch in the Quad
Tours of the School

3.30pm: Musical Entertainment, followed by Tea

Please come to the AGM and don't worry, your family will be looked after during it! If you are bringing children and think it would be easier to bring a picnic, that's fine!
RSVP to the OGA Secretary by WEDNESDAY 8 MAY 2013.
Members are welcome to Lunch and Tea free, their Guests for £8 for Lunch and Tea.

NEWS

A huge thank you to everyone who sent or emailed news last year. We look forward to hearing from you by 30 November 2013 - and remember those groovy photos!

1950s, 1960s & 1990s Representatives on the OGA Committee

Please send in your nomination by 6 May 2013.

Minutes of the 2012 AGM and Annual Accounts

These are on the website. Please send a self addressed envelope for a copy to be sent to you.

GOLF

The Tassie was cancelled last year due to the poor weather. We hope to organise a Golf Day in Malvern. Please contact Elisabeth for details.

New members

We welcome warmly to the OGA; Sarah Grace (Alexander, L 1978), Christina Lees-Jones (L 1985), Karena Meyer (Stewart, L 1960), Elizabeth McKellar (MGC 1967), Deborah Woudhuysen (Loudon, MGC 1973); and Honorary Members, Gina Andrews, Pam Binyon, Susan Marsden, Pam Morton, Judy Palmer, Dora Paynter, Jill Smith and Rita Taylor.

Elisabeth Rambridge is leading a Restoration Appeal for her church. Philip Serrell, the Malvern auctioneer and television personality, very kindly gave a talk in aid of the Appeal.



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