

# ST. MARYS HALL, BRIGHTON

# **NEWS LETTER**

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### **EDITORIAL**

9 Crescent Mansions,

Brighton 7.

Some of the Old Girls may remember a cold starched figure in a black woollen shawl which came over from the San with a rattle of keys and the tinkling of bottles to dispense medicine and give medical advice. With somewhat sardonic humour "Dunny" used to say:—"Take half a glass of castor-oil, and the sun will be shining to-morrow."

In this crisis of the school's history many of its members are taking their medicine courageously; for whatever the tragedy and pain of the closing of the Hall to-day, there is the thought of future peace and reconstruction, and the sunshine of a to-morrow when the School with its honourable traditions will once again take its place—as it has done for the last hundred years—among the foremost of our land.

ANN WANSTALL

# THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

233 Eastern Road, Brighton, 7 November 16th, 1940

Dear Members of the S.M.H.A.,

In my last letter I suggested that we should forego the News Letter this year but so much disappointment was caused by this that we decided to have one after all though perforce in a shortened form. The school news for last year will be found in the Annual Report which is being sent to you all with this. You will understand that in the disturbed state of the summer term, when girls were being sent for to go home almost daily, it was not possible to collect the usual reports of school activities. You will be interested, I know, to read the news of the mistresses who left the Hall in July. Of the girls who left then it is not possible to give a complete account. Thirty girls of all ages from Form VI to Form I are now at S.

Catherine's, Bramley. Through the kind invitation of Miss Symes, the Head Mistress, I spent a happy afternoon there in October and saw them all. Eileen Portas is a School Prefect and Head of a House. Jean Barker is Captain of one of the Netball Teams which includes Stella Portas and Jean Graves. Owing to the influx of St. Mary's Hall girls, hockey is being played once a week though La Crosse is the school game. Everything is being done to make the Hall contingent feel welcome and at home. Three S.M.H. girls are at the Ladies' College, Cheltenham; three at the Abbey School, Malvern; three at Blatchington Court, Kenton and one (Joan Reeson) at Queen Anne's, Caversham. Some of our day girls are at the Brighton and Hove High School and two juniors are at the Convent in Eastern Road. Meanwhile the Hall has assumed a military aspect and anyone entering is liable to be challenged by the sentry. The Common Room is now the Sergeant's Mess, the Officers have taken possession of the Drawing Room and the Staff Room has very suitably become the O.C's Office. We had an unwelcome visitation one night in August and scars can be seen on the hard courts, in the drive and in the Old Field. The front windows of Babington and the back windows of St. Hilary also fared badly on this and another occasion. I expect the Annual Meeting on January 11th will be held in Brighton but this cannot be definitely settled until the Committee meeting on December 7th after which Associates will be notified of the time and place. We are to have the honour of welcoming at this meeting our President, the Bishop of Chichester. I hope as many as can possibly manage it will make a point of coming so that our President may be given visible proof of the loyalty and affection he can depend upon when the happy day comes for the Hall to re-open. During the interim, when we have to forego nearly all that makes the corporate life of a school, these meetings are our best chance of keeping in touch with each other. There will be plenty of opportunity for talk on January 11th after the formal meeting is over, so do come, especially Associates from the MV upwards who joined last July or who would like to join. It will be such a delight to see you all and to hear your news and to feel once more that we are a school. My love and thoughts are always with St. Mary's Hall and all who belong to it.

Yours affectionately, E. E. STOPFORD

# MISS GHEY'S LETTER

Blunt House,

Oxted

November, 1940

Dear Members of the Association,

The enforced closing of the Hall must seem to all of us one of the most cruel by-products of the cruel war.

Let us, together with all other persons and causes oppressed by a disaster unwilled by us, take courage: evil does not in the long run rule the world. The patient and unresentful sharing of calamity may be a real contribution to the nation's strength: and some day there will be thanksgiving for evil overthrown. Let us all pray unceasingly for that, and for the restoring to life of all other good works and of the beloved School.

"In the same family we be,
By the same faith and spirit led."
Yours affectionately, F. L. GHEY

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# IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Hon. Secretaries announce with great pleasure that the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chichester, President of the Council of St. Mary's Hall, has promised to attend the Associates' Annual General Meeting on January 11th, 1940 (place to be announced later). This is a great honour for the Association and it is hoped that all members will do their very best to attend, to make the Meeting a truly representative one.

To save space and printing the Minutes of the last Meeting (January 27th 1939) will not be inserted here.

M. F. Wade, M. T. Smee, Hon. Secretaries.

# NEW MEMBERS OF S.M.H.A.

\*Denotes past or present Members of the Staff; †Life Member.

Atkins, Mrs. (K. Kennelly), 89 Grasmere Road, Purley, Surrey	1911—15
*Allen, M. G., 101 Constable Road, Ipswich, Suffolk	1936—40
*Andrew, P. C., Woolgangie, Peacehaven, Sussex	1937—40
†Barker, J. F., 11 Wilbury Villas, Hove 4, Sussex	1933-40 At school at St. Catherines, Bramley, Guildford.
Bayley, B. B., Castle Haven, Foley Terrace, Gt Malvern, Worcs	1935—40 At home.
Birts, Mrs. (A. Mackintyre), Woodcocks, Ditchling, Sussex	?
*Browne, Miss E. A., Little Marcle Rectory, Ledbury, Hereford-	
shire	1932—40
†Butler, S. V., Moorlands, 53 Harrowden Road, Wembley, Mx	1935—40 Secretarial Training.
*Chaldecott, Miss H., Lockwood, 30 Kimbolton Road, Bedford	1939—40
†Christian, Mrs. (N. Howe), Mill Ellers, Dalston, Carlisle	
Comber, M. H., 91 Wick Hall, Hove 2, Sussex	1931—40
Crowley, D. P., Belair, 303 Upper Shoreham Road, Shoreham-	
by-Sea, Sussex	1933—40
Davidson, Mrs. (J. Wilberforce), Ockley Manor, Keymer, Sx	
Day, B., Abbottsleigh, St. Mary's Avenue, Wanstead, Essex	1933—40
Downing, M. G. L., Wintersell, Edenbridge, Kent	1928—34 Is training at the Royal Sussex Hospital.
*Donaldson, Miss B. M. S., c/o Miss Wells, 110 Marsham Court,	
Marsham Street, S.W.1	1936—40
*Evans, Miss C., Beech Mount, Ladderedge, Leek, Staffs	1939—40
Felton, J., Coombe Drove, Steyning, Sussex	1933—40
†Galbraith, S., Morningside, I High View Road, Sidcup, Kent	1936—40
Gasston, A. E., 2 Queen's Park Rise, Brighton 7, Sussex	1932—40 Art Student.
Guise, E., 233 Eastern Road, Brighton 7, Sussex	1939—40
*Harris, Miss L., 17 High Park Gardens, Kew Gardens, Surrey	1939—40
Humphrys, S. N., Quint a Nova, Valley Drive, Withdean, Nr.	The second secon
Brighton, Sussex	1937—40 At school at Brighton and Hove High School.

Leeke, F. M., Oakdene, Digswell, Welwyn, Herts	. 1935—40	At school at St. George's School, Harpenden, Herts.
*†McCormack, Miss P., Stonebridge Cottage, Worplesdon, Nr Guildford, Surrey	. 1938—40	
Mayne, P. A., The Vicarage, Appledore, Nr. Ashford, Kent	. 1936—38	Secretarial Training.
†Mackay, S., 29 King's Road, Berkhamsted, Herts	. 1935—40	
*Morley, Miss F. J. L., Elm Cottage, Albourne, Hurstpierpoint Sussex	1928—40	
*Munn, Miss K. F., 51 Templar's Avenue, Golders Green, N.W.	. 19 ?-40	
*Neame, Miss A. D., 26 Broadfield Road, Catford, S.E.6	. 1937—40	
Parsons, P., 9 Princes Square, Bayswater, W.2	. 1935—40	to read a life or the party of the latest and the l
Portas, E. M., 152 New Church Road, Hove, Sussex	. 1933—40	At school at St. Catherine's, Bramley, Nr. Guildford.
†Reeson, M., Oakdene, 3 Lloyd Road, Hove 4, Sussex	. 1932—40	Secretarial Training.
*Sampson, Miss E. W., 26 Newlands Avenue, Radlett, Herts	. 1935—40	
Schurr, M. C., 29 The Drive, Hove 3, Sussex	. 1932—39	Secretarial Training.
*Smith, Miss G. M., 62 Nutfield Road, South Merstham, Surrey	7 1936—40	
*†Stopford, Miss 233 Eastern Road, Brighton 7, Sussex	. 1936—40	
*Thouless, Miss E. M., Fairways, Salterton Road, Exmouth Devon	. 1931—40	
Tobin, J. E., St. Martin's, Green Lane, Prestwood, Gt Missenden, Bucks		
Trott, U., Gilston, Thorverton, Devon	. 1933—40	
Walker, J., Chideock Vicarage, Bridport, Dorset	. 1938—40	
Walker, R., Low Callis Wold, Bishop Wilton, Yorks	. 1934—40	At St. Catherine's, Bramley, Guildford.
Whybray, S., Cleyhithe, Woodruff Avenue, Hove 4, Sussex	. 1939—40	
Wilkin, N., Buttercups, Hurst Twyford, Berks	. 1932—39	Secretarial Training.
Wilson, D. M., 30 East Drive, Brighton, Sussex	. 1931—40	
Wright, A. M., Oxberry, 49 Surrenden Road, Brighton 6, Sa	1934—40	At school at Fauconberg House, Ladies' College, Cheltenham.
†Young, P. W., 27 East Drive, Brighton 7, Sussex	. 1930—40	Secretarial Training.

NEWS OF MISTRESSES WHO LEFT THE HALL IN JULY, 1940

Miss Andrew is House-keeper at Ancaster House School now at Buscot Park, Faringdon, Berks.

Sister Allen is Matron at the Waifs and Strays Home in Paignton.

Miss Baxter is working at Barclays Bank in Brighton.

Miss Browne is teaching at Brighton College and Brighton and Hove Grammar School.

Miss Chaldecott holds a commission in the W.R.A.F.

Miss Coe is at present in a post at Kendal.

Miss Donaldson is teaching at Queen Margaret's School, Castle Howard,

Miss Evans is teaching at Ware Grammar School, Herts. Miss Goodwin is teaching at Lawnside School, Malvern.

Miss Griffiths is a full-time A.R.P. worker at the Brighton Control Centre. Miss Hargreaves, now Mrs. Buxton, is living happily in two basement rooms of the Vicarage, St. Mary's Road, Peckham. The Church has been

destroyed and the Vicarage has been damaged. Miss Harris is working for the Ministry of Supply. Miss Lilley is going to Westonbirt School in January.

Miss McCormack is teaching at two boys' schools in Shropshire, Wrekin College and Wellington County School.

Miss Morley is living at home and teaching a few children at Hurstpierpoint. Miss Neame is teaching at the Mary Datchelor School, now in Wales.

Miss Powell is in charge of the Kindergarten at St. Mary's School, Calne.

Miss Storey is teaching at Lawnside School, Malvern.

Miss Sampson is matron at a new house being opened in Westmorland by the Liverpool College, Huyton.

Mrs. Stevenson is matron-housekeeper at Queen's Secretarial College, Clarence Lodge, Englefield Green.

Miss Smith is Head Master's Secretary at Abbotsholme School, Derbyshire. Miss Thouless is teaching at Abbeydale County School, Sheffield.

"Alice" Elliott is at 6 Arundel Street, Kemp Town and would appreciate a letter or visit.

# NEWS OF FORMER MISTRESSES

Miss Hensley is now living at 4 Sudeley Terrace, Kemp Town, Brighton 7. Miss Batterbury's new address is Little Codford, Windmill Lane, East Grinstead, Sussex. She is using her car for W.V.S. work.

Miss Shepherd has a very happy post at Dr. Williams' School, Dolgelly,

N. Wales.

Miss Elliott has moved her School from West Heath, Sevenoaks, to Claydon House, Bletchley, Bucks.

Miss Hodgson has been appointed Secretary to the Head Mistress of the School of St. Mary and St. Anne, Abbots Bromley. Miss Walford is in the W.A.A.F.

Miss Carmichael is in the Civil Nursing Reserve and is teaching at Queen Anne's School, Caversham.

WANTED! by Miss Ghey, please-married names and addresses of Betty Flinn, Muriel Podmore, Margaret Naillard, Barbara Edwards, Molly Darroll-Smith.

# NEWS OF OLD GIRLS

E. d'Amburneuil (E. Carnes) was an Ambulance Driver and is now married.

M. Anderson (M. Goddard) is now married.

Irene Ashwin is to be Head Mistress of St. Michael's C.M.S. School, Limpsfield.

Betty Bardsley is Deputy Billeting Officer for Barton, near Preston.

Gillian Bardsley is Secretary to her uncle, the Bishop of Leicester, "an exceedingly busy, cheerful and capable factotum."

Catherine Barrett, Betty Flinn (married name unknown), Joyce and Vivienne Oulton and Phyllis Trubshawe have all been working in the W.A.A.F. at Brighton.

J. Bevan (J. Goddard) has a second son.

Margaret Stuart Black is now Mrs. Howlett. Her present address would be welcomed.

Betty Boak has joined an A.T.S. Company at Leeds.

Elaine Bott and Marjorie Newberry are both in training at St. Thomas' Hospital.

Rosemary Bratmann has passed the London Intermediate Arts examination at the Royal Holloway College.

N. Burden writes that she is marrying Alan Priestnell.

B. Burner is training at St. Christopher's Nursery College, Tunbridge Wells. Judith Castle is a V.A.D.

M. Cran (M. Dudley) has been awarded a Civil List Pension £75 p.a. by the King in acknowledgement of her services to literature.

Dorothy Cross travels each day to Surbiton High School from her flat in Chelsea.

Helen Davies (B.A. Hons., Cl I.) is teaching in a large Convent School in Woolwich.

Margaret Davies is a trained Secretary with a post in the War Office and is engaged to a Medical Student at Guy's Hospital.

Pauline Davies is Senior Lady Cook-Housekeeper in the Private Wing of

the Middlesex Hospital.

J. Davis is studying in Toronto University.

J. Fawcett is an Officer in the W.A.A.F.
Margaret Gale, having finished her training at the Middlesex, has become an Army Nurse.

Elizabeth Guise has joined the A.T.S.

Ursula Hale has joined the A.T.S. at Bristol.

Joan Harries is being coached for London Matriculation at Blunt House, Oxted.

Heddan Hett (now Mrs. Robertson) is organising the war-time activities of her husband's parish in Somerset.

Barbara Hunt is an A.T.S. Officer.

Jean Jackson is doing well in her first teaching post at the School of St. Clare, Penzance.

D. Johnston is a V.A.D.

Peggy Keech has a Commission in the W.A.A.F.

Wendy Keech is in the W.A.A.F.

Dorothea Kempe, after taking her Degree at Oxford, has followed the Teachers' Training Course.

J. Lafford is working with Women's Land Army.

Molly Leachman is a Sister in the R.A.F. Nursing Service, at Gloucester.

Ruth Leachman has taken a course of Secretarial Training at Miss Kerr-Sanders' College at Stanway.

Esther Lloyd (now Mrs. Fish) spent her honeymoon on Mt. Carmel and by the Sea of Galilee. Her new address is "House of Michael Kawas, Bethlehem Road, Upper Baka'a, Jerusalem."

Margaret Lloyd is doing A.T.S. work.

Marion Lloyd is Sister in Matana Hospital, Ruanda.

Anne Lockhart is in the F.A.A.N.Y.

Elizabeth Miller, after three years at the C.M.S. Headquarters in London, has joined the W.R.N.S. at Dover.

- E. Moody (E. Ehrmann) writes that her husband has been appointed Chaplain of St. Hild's College, and Lecturer in Diocese of Durham.
- D. Moore is working in an A.R.P. Canteen.
- E. Moore is a member of The Child Care Reserve and working with Gibraltar evacuees.

Mary Noble has come home from India to take Nursing training at St. Thomas' Hospital (now near Guildford).

Alyson Nunn has joined the W.R.N.S.

Joy Orde has a commission in the W.A.A.F.

Jessamy Otway is training at Guy's Hospital.

Margaret Phair (Mrs. H. Tredennick) is at 9 Lyndewode Road, Cambridge; she and her husband thought it wiser to send their three children to a friend's house in Calgary, Canada.

Joan Plunkett is in the A.T.S.

Mildred Riddelsdell is one of Mr. Ernest Bevin's Secretaries.

Betty Ryan (now Mrs. Peter Leir) met Marjorie Duke (Mrs. Elliott) by accident at an hotel in India, to the great surprise and pleasure of them both.

P. Ryan is engaged in India.

E Sarel is a member of the W.V.S.

Helen Seth had a very good post on the staff of the magazine "The World's Digest" and was to take a party of children to Australia

Winifred Owen Smith has lost her flat in the London bombardment

Joan Spooner is in the A.T.S.

Jean Stewart is in Forestry.

K. Thomson (K. Seth) is in Australia but hopes to do V.A.D. work in Hongkong.

Phyllis Trubshawe is in the W.A.A.F.

Nancy Vost is working as Dietetician in St. David's Wing of the Royal Northern Hospital, N.7.

Mary Wade has been appointed Classical Mistress at Westonbirt School.

Jean Walker is a V.A.D. and goes to train at St. Thomas' Hospital in January.

M. and A. Wanstall are members of the W.V.S.

Elizabeth Watson is in training at St. Thomas' Hospital .

Mary Whorlow does Auxiliary Nursing.

Joan Wiles or Wills? is training at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Viva Wilkins has been studying Art at the Slade School, but is now a Probationer at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

#### BIRTHS

- Elliott—On September 19th, at Trimulgherry, India, to Marjorie (née Duke), wife of J. Denis Elliott, Royal Signals, a son.
- Hughes—On June 3rd, 1940, at Bangalore, to Joan (née Barker), wife of Capt. A. C. Hughes, I.A.O.C., a son (George Auriol Cunynghame). (Lived only 10 hours).
- Layton—On August 15th, 1940, at The Sandford Nursing Home, Llandudno, N. Wales, to Beryl (née Drew), wife of Martin Layton, a daughter.
- Job—On September 2nd, 1940, at 19 Bentinck Street, London, to Nina (née Silcock), wife of Thomas Warren Job, a daughter.

# MARRIAGES

- Anderson: Goddard—On July 25th, 1940, at St. Andrew's, Oxshott, John Thomson McKellar, son of the late Mr. J. Anderson and of Mrs. Anderson, of Bagshot, to Moira Ann, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Goddard, of Oxshott.
- Eade: Pearce—On October 26th, 1939, quietly, at Withersfield Church, Suffolk, Edward Eade to Phyllis Pearce.
- Eggington: Baron-Suckling—On September 11th, 1940, at Barsham, Suffolk the Rev. William Charles Eggington, C.F., to Mary Margaret Baron-Suckling.
- Fish: Lloyd—On July 24th, 1940, at Christ Church, Jerusalem, Frederick Percival James Fish, of the Palestine Police Force, to Esther, second daughter of the Revd. E. L. Lloyd, of Woodbridge, Suffolk.
- Lester: Hayes—On November 9th, 1940, at Bapchild, Kent, by Canon H. L. Hubbard, All Saints', Margate, Peter Herbert Lester, R.A.F.V.R., of Rodmersham House, Kent, to Monica Mary Ormston, only daughter of the Revd. A. O. and Mrs. Hayes, of Bapchild Vicarage, Kent.
- Marsham: Landale—On June 28th, 1939, at Keymer Parish Church, Sussex, by the Rev. B. G. Popham, Michael Henry Marsham, only son of the late Lieut.-Col. the Hon. R. H. Marsham and the late Mrs. Marsham, to Frances Aileen Landale, only daughter of the late Lieut.-Col. J. R. Landale and Mrs. Landale, of Hillside, Hassocks, Sussex.

- Pope: Wilson—On July 17th, 1940, at Hunsdon, Herts, by the Rev. C. C. C. Wilson, father of the bride, Henry Pope, R.M., to Barbara, younger daughter of the Rev. C. C. C. Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, of Hunsdon Rectory.
- Taylor: Barton—On October 14th, 1939, at Slindon, Sussex, Michael Everard Taylor, Royal Ordnance Corps, to Gabrielle, youngest daughter of the Revd. Conrad and Mrs. Barton, of Slindon Rectory.
- Thomson: Seth—On November 24th, 1939, at Hongkong, Mr. G. B. S. Thomson to Katherine Seth.
- Young: Oxley—On September 28th, 1940, at Kafue, N. Rhodesia, Malcolm Young, son of Mrs. Young and the late Dr. F. Young, of Bampton, Devonshire, to Dorothy Malcolm Oxley, younger daughter of Rr. and Mrs. W. H. F. Oxley of Blackheath, London.

#### DEATHS

- Bott—On October 9th, 1940, after a short illness, the Rev. Arthur Everard Hulton Bott, Rector of Shipston-on-Stour.
- Carnes—On September 14th, 1940, at Kingswood, Helen, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Carnes. of Smugglers Ridge, Kingswood, Surrey, and Bramington, Streatham Park, S.W.16, in her 23rd year.
- de St. Croix—On Sunday, November 3rd, 1940, suddenly, but very peacefully, while staying with relations at Boarshead, Sussex, Ethel Augusta de Croix, of The Gables, East Blatchington, Seaford, last surviving child of the late Rev. William de St. Croix, sometime Vicar of Glynde, aged 76.
- Fotheringham—On June 30th, 1939, at Mendip, Kennington, Ashford, Kent, the Rev. David Ross Fotheringham, dearly loved husband of Mildred Fotheringham, formerly Vicar of Charing, aged 66.

### ON ACTIVE SERVICE

Felton—Killed in action, May 24th, 1940, 2nd Lieut. W. B. Felton, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Felton, Steyning, late R.A., serving with a Field Anti-Tank Regt. Tended by R.I.F. Buried at Les Glatignies, France.

#### IN MEMORIAM

- Clifton, Rev. E. J., O.B.E.,—C.M.S. Missionary in Persia. Member of the Royal Asiatic Society. Senior Chaplain 1914-18. Twice mentioned in Dispatches. Author and Lecturer of the Selborne Society, Rector of Heddington, Wilts. Dear Father of Jess.ie
- Robbins, F. D.—(née Kiff). Hospital Nurse, Missionary (C.E.Z.M.S.) in Punjab 1890-95. Married to the Rev. E. F. Robins who became Archdeacon and then Bishop of Athabasca, and they spent 21 years in Canada ministering to the Red Indians. In 1930 her husband became Assistant Bishop of Norwich. Mrs. Robins died at Wicklewood this year.
- Stringer, E. M.—A pupil at the Hall in the early eighties. A Missionary under S.P.G. in S. Africa, where she worked for 21 years in schools and among the Basuto tribes, and later in Bloemfontein. She died on July 4th, 1939.

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