

**WHEN IS A HOUSE NOT A HOUSE?**  
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A simple question from **Sarah Davis (1984-90)**, regarding which 'house' she had been in and what the house colour was led to perhaps the largest piece of research I have undertaken in the ten years I have 'worked' for SMHA! I knew the names of Houses in my day - Adelaide, Bristol, Chichester, Elliott and St Hilary and had a vague recollection of 'my house' colour, but no more, so I asked the wonderful Girls in the Virtual Common Room, which then exploded in a burst of electronic comments which at times I feared would crash Facebook!

To my astonishment I learned that not long after I left the boarding houses were no longer regarded as Houses, their girls being subsumed into four 'new houses' for the purposes of inter-house competitions and so forth. I found this deeply unsettling and was only slightly heartened by comments from girls of that time who had been equally distressed.

**Gaynor McKinnon (Jupe 1976-82)**. At some point in the late 70s the VIth formers organised a strike and I can remember loads of us across all year groups sitting out on the grass area refusing to go into lessons - I think the bit that is now sandwiched between swimming block and Venn House (which wasn't built then). We were brave but not for long. I think, and forgive me if I'm wrong, that we were striking because the day and boarding houses were being merged. I ended up in Adelaide, and actually was very proud to be an Adelaide girl.

**Lesley Clifford (1971-78)** I can clearly remember being told that Hilary and Elliott would no longer be 'houses'. We were devastated and fought hard against it. I remember getting up on stage with a large group of borders and performing a song we had written. I can remember parts of it. The opening line was 'When boarding houses existed as two. And the daygirl houses were three'. Does anyone else remember this? I seem to remember we sang it to the tune of Scarborough Fair. I'm not sure of the year. The first 2 lines of another verse have come back to me: "Hilary and Elliott no more shall we be. But old times will stay in our minds".

**Carolyn Jackson-Brown (Sycamore 1974-81)** The only option was to go to purple Babington because it felt as if the houses had personalities as well as colours. When we started if you were a boarder you were either Elliott (red) or Hilary (yellow) but then we had to move across from onsite 'junior' to Sussex Square 'senior' I think in 1977, so the sports prowess was diluted anyway. All those colours were as Jenny says. In Yorkshire we say 'if it ain't broke don't fix it' so not sure why they meddled with the houses. At least we were still allowed to WIN which I dare say you can't anymore.

**Alison Platt (Schuller 1980-87)** I was in Chichester (green), but the other main houses were as mentioned: Babington (purple), Adelaide (orange) and Bristol (blue). I seem to remember seeing a few people with cloaks bearing the red or yellow of Elliott and Hilary but for the purposes of inter-house sports and competitions everyone was in one of four houses. Ironically, I am now in Adelaide - Australia, that is!

**Elly Maconochie (Royce 1980-86)** responded "Ditto Alison, I seem to remember Chichester house won the house cup for lacrosse and drama in 1986. But I may be wrong." Alison Platt: "Elly I don't remember Chichester winning anything much during my tenure - not sure if that had anything to do with me! 😊 I was never very sporty, that's for sure...!" **Judith Scott (1970-76)** added "Alison I was in Chichester too (long before your time). We never won anything then either!"

**Juliet Rose (O'Hea 1960-67)** commented "That's funny! I remember Bristol was very sporty and Chichester wasn't, and I was very disappointed in being put into Chichester when I became a day girl. **Judith Barrington (1948-61)** agreed "yes, Juliet, I was in Bristol and we won a lot of sports- specially tennis and ping pong! Chichester won things that required good behaviour."

But to return to the main question, I knew that before my time there had been Babington (purple) and now I knew that after the 'Houses ceased to be houses' Babington was reborn, still purple. I also knew Adelaide was 'new' in the 1960s. So all that was left was for me to read all the newsletters AND a history of the Hall, and find out the facts.

Extracts from Miss Meades' History tell us that (of course) the Hall was originally one House. In 1914 two houses in Hervey Terrace (now 'underneath Elliott House) were purchased to house boarders. By 1919 with the school taking non-clergy daughters number TWO Sussex Square was purchased and dedicated as St Hilary House. In 1921 22 Sussex Square was purchased and became St Nicholas House. Day Girls were organised into Bristol House. This was the first 'house system' to the best of my knowledge.

CHAPTER VI  
Miss POTTER was obliged to resign in 1911 on account of ill-health. Her successor, Miss Gley, was to hold the position of Head Mistress for twenty-five eventful years, during which the School was to pass successfully through a world war and to expand far beyond the original plan of its Founder.

Year by year there had been a long list of girls waiting for admission, and by 1914 the number of applicants was so large that two houses in Hervey Terrace (site of the present Elliott House) were occupied to provide sleeping accommodation for twenty additional boarders and three staff. The outbreak of war led to no diminution of numbers, for in those days there seemed little danger of direct enemy attack, even on the South Coast. The large schoolroom was divided into three by partition screens, the dining room was redecorated as a result of a two-year effort on the part of the girls to earn the £20 required, and the organ for the Elliott Hall was presented by friends and pupils of Miss Potter in memory of her years of devoted service to the School.

The War left its mark on the School chiefly in rising costs, and expenditure more than doubled between 1914 and 1920. Consequently the Trustees were obliged again to increase the School fees, and it was also decided to extend the scope of the School by taking as boarders other than Clergy Daughters. The admission of non-Foundation boarders was sanctioned by the Charity Commissioners with the proviso that the fees payable for them should be such as to preclude them from taking advantage of the original Trust. This meant that more accommodation would be required; and in November, 1920, during the Chairmanship of Sir W. Mackworth Young, St. Hilary House, Number Two Sussex Square, which was capable of holding forty girls, was dedicated by the Rev. Henry Venn Elliott, Vicar of St. Mark's Church and grandson of the Founder. Within two years the number of boarders had risen to one hundred and fifty, and in 1921 a second large boarding house was opened for junior girls at 22, Sussex Square, and named St. Nicholas House. Day girls were organised into a house named Bristol House. The status of the Hall was changed; it became a company, and in 1922, in order to provide the capital required for further expansion of the School, and for extinguishing the overdraft which had accumulated since 1915, the Governors gave the Head Mistress a free hand to try to raise debentures, with the result that upwards of £20,000 was subscribed, in debentures of ten pounds and upwards, on certain securities of the Hall.

This magnificent response was proof, if proof were needed, of the innate power of St. Mary's Hall to grow into something

even greater, and to furnish to its members wider opportunities of justifying the good intent of our Founder.

By 1922 the number of pupils had risen to one hundred and eighty-nine, including forty-two day girls. Twelve months later there were two hundred and one pupils, and it became necessary to hold a separate Prize-Giving for the Junior School. In 1925 Number 21, Sussex Square was purchased and adapted as additional premises for the juniors. One hard tennis court had been laid down in 1922, and now part of the School kitchen garden was converted into two hard tennis courts in memory of the Rev. Henry Venn Elliott, the Founder's grandson, who had died on August 26th, 1921.

Still the School continued to expand; by 1931 there were two hundred and forty-two pupils, and a new house, to be known as Hebbert House, was opened at Number 4, Clarendon Terrace. In May, 1932, a Kindergarten Department was opened at Number 1, Hervey Terrace, and this was largely responsible for a further increase in numbers to two hundred and seventy-one by October. As a result, an additional classroom had to be provided, a new sanitary block was erected, and part of the kitchen garden was levelled to make a second field and to improve the existing tennis courts. Babington House, at Numbers 2 and 3, Chichester Terrace, was opened in September, 1933, and the less convenient Hebbert House was closed. New playing fields were also acquired in Manor Road. Nor were the older parts of the Hall neglected. During the year 1928-1929 electric light had been installed in the dining room, classrooms and dormitories of the Hall. Gone were the days, recalled by many former pupils, when "a Governess came round with a candle to see that we were all in bed, and then again without a candle to see if she had set fire to anything". Friends of the late Miss Nora Waugh, who had been Art Mistress at the Hall for more than thirty years till she resigned through ill-health in 1926, presented as a memorial to her the oak front door carved in linen fold. Central heating had been installed in the Sanatorium and the lighting was completed—the cost of the latter being defrayed by the money raised as the result of a bazaar which had been organised by the mistresses and the girls.

A familiar object in the School garden until recently was the summer house, brought from the Founder's early home at Westfield Lodge, Brighton, in which his sister Charlotte Elliott wrote her well-known hymn: "Just as I am, without one plea," "My God, my Father, while I stray," "Christian, seek not yet repose." The tablet commemorating this fact was dedicated on October 9th, 1930.

A memorable day in the post-war history of the Hall was Tuesday, November 22nd, 1941, when it was honoured by a visit from H.R.H. the Princess Mary. She was met at the front door by the Chairman, Sir George Cassin Walker, Miss Gley and members of the Council, and as she entered the Hall the National Anthem was sung by the Lower School and the maids who were drawn up on the stairs. The Prefects and Captains were presented to her and each shook hands in British fashion; she then went to

In 1925 21 Sussex Square was also purchased.

No reference is made of it being 'named' so I am assuming it was an extension of (the then) St Nicholas. In later years 21 and 22 were conjoined, only being split off again when finally sold off.

4 Clarendon Terrace (Hebbert House) was purchased and opened in 1931, followed almost immediately by a Kindergarten at 4 Hervey Terrace.

Babington, 2-3 Chichester Terrace, opened in 1933 whereupon Hebbert House was closed.

LOCAL SCHOOLS EXAMINATIONS:	
Higher Division ...	Pass—E. WILSON, M. MENZIES, A. GIRDLESTONE (Piano).
Lower Division ...	Hon. Mention—E. CARRIE.
	Pass—J. BATEMAN, M. WATSON, M. McCAUSLAND, B. BARTON, K. BECH, I. CHAMPTION, M. LYON (Piano), P. RYAN (Piano and Violin).
Elementary Division ...	Pass—M. BROUGHTON-THOMPSON, V. OULTON, S. TYRRELL (Piano).
Primary Division ...	Hon. Mention—S. TYRRELL.
ENTRANCE EXHIBITIONS.	
January, 1930, Exhibition of £80 for 3 years.	M. ELLIOTT (St. Hilary's, Littlehampton).
July, 1930	M. BUSELL (St. Nicholas House).
CATHERINE DIGBY EXHIBITION.	
Sept., 1929	M. WALKLEY.
May, 1930	R. LOANEY.
Head Girls of Houses ...	Babington: J. H. BOWES, Snowdon-Smith: M. C. BRIGGS, St. Hilary: P. BOXLEY, Hervey: H. M. BOWELL, Bristol: E. M. MEYERICK and I. M. H. FULLER, St. Nicholas: H. GIBSON.

HEADS OF HOUSES, 1938-1939	
Elliott	Phyllis Cook
Babington	Margaret Lawson (one term)
	Kathleen Hewitt (two terms)
St. Hilary	Madeline Seccombe (one term)
	Patricia Meynell (two terms)
Bristol	Jean Walker
Chichester	Alison Young
St. Nicholas	J. Moyle, J. Lawrence-Archer
Head of School	Jean Walker
SCHOOL PREFECTS, 1938-1939	
J. Walker ( <i>Head of the School</i> ), P. Cook, M. Seccombe*, J. Dingley, M. Lawson*, A. Young, K. Hewitt, S. Walsh, J. Spooner, E. Oldfield, P. Meynell.	
* Left at the end of the Autumn Term	

"Snowdon-Smith" may refer to the second house in Hervey Terrace? It, and "Hervey" have disappeared in 1938 and "Chichester" has appeared.

Shortly after the Hall closed for the duration of WWII both Babington and St Hilary were badly damaged in air raids. (The school itself was of course virtually ruined by its 'occupation' by allied troops!) The off-site buildings could neither be sold nor tenanted so simply lay fallow during war-time. The school authorities believed that when the school reopened it would be self-contained with small pupil numbers.

In the event the school reopened, initially, for juniors only in Babington House, while the main Hall was still being repaired. By 1947 the school moved to its real home and Babington opened fully as a boarding house again.

21-22 Sussex Square followed suit, renamed St Hilary, with "2 Lewes Crescent" (I think this is what was referred to as 2 Sussex Square previously) being sold as an annexe for Brighton Training College. Then came the redevelopment of Hervey Terrace into what we all remember as Elliott House.

The next buildings all took place on Hall grounds - Venn House, Junior School and so forth - and all after the 'Houses' were no longer houses.

towards reopening the Hall, Miss Ghey and Miss Galton approached the Bishop of Chichester, who called a meeting of old influential friends at the Grosvenor House in February, 1946. Miss Ghey was asked to see what response the St. Mary's Hall Association would make; an Appeal was launched and offers of financial help were received from many quarters; the sum of £2,000 was promised, and a letter was sent to the Governors in which the Association expressed its keen interest in the re-opening of the Hall, and pledged itself to help financially. This letter, with its generous promises of gifts and loans, and its hope, so warmly expressed, that the School might live again, preserving its old traditions and remaining faithful to the intention of its Founder, turned the scale. Gifts continued to pour in. Miss Stopford sent from her own school a cheque for £200—the result of a sale on their Sports Day—as a token of sympathy with “a sister School that had been a war casualty”; a Bering and Kay Hall at Miss Ghey’s and Miss Galton’s Garden Field realised the sum of nearly £200, which was used to furnish two of the new bedrooms—each for five boarders—at Babington House. By the autumn the sum of £2,000 had been raised.

So, encouraged by the prayers, the gifts, and the firm belief in the future of the School, of friends of all ages, the Hall did indeed re-open in September, 1946, though not in the main building, for that was still in the dismal state in which bombs and Army occupation had left it. At first there was only the Junior School at Babington House, where the Rev. B. Crane, Vicar of St. Mark’s Church, took the opening service—a short and simple one, consisting of prayers, a reading from the New Testament, and the hymn “O God, our help in ages past”. His congregation was a very small one—Miss Robinson, the new Head Mistress; Miss Tanner, representing the Governors; and about twenty day-girls in white socks and new blue overalls.

In the empty and echoing main building, with no hot water and no comfort of any kind, Miss Robinson valiantly shouldered the task of re-creating the School, endowing it from the first with her own high standards of dignity and courage and responsibility. The difficult conditions laid too heavy a burden on her strength, but in her four years of office she brought back to life a School of whose spirit and determination the Founder would have been proud.

The new House Mistress, Miss Birney, and her assistant, Miss Alexander, were faced with a difficult task, with workmen in the house from roof to basement, and dust, plaster, wet paint and ladders in the most unexpected places. Nor was the task easier elsewhere. The furniture which in 1936 had been reserved for future use had been stored in the houses in Hervey Terrace, and much of it had been lost as a result of the bomb which destroyed two of those houses. The remainder had later been stored on the premises of Messrs. Strad, and there now began the daily task of sorting that which was past repair, and repairing and cleaning those pieces which could still be used. This task was nobly undertaken by Miss Galton, in conjunction with Mr. Dingwall, who at

and particularly in the summer term after the fall of France, girls were sent far to go home almost daily; it became obvious that so few girls were likely to return in September that it would be financially impossible to keep the Hall going except at a great and constantly recurring loss. So it was that at a meeting of the Finance Committee on June 22nd it was reluctantly decided that the School should be closed for the duration of the War as from the end of that term.

Founder’s Day, on July 15th, was a very informal occasion. All the prizes were National Savings Certificates. That morning bombs had fallen barely four hundred yards from the Hall, and though it had not been damaged, neighbouring houses had been less fortunate.

In August the Hall had a miraculous escape during an air raid over Brighton. Babington House had nearly every door and window on the front blown in and shattered by bombs, and St. Hilary also suffered some damage. During one night heavy bombs were dropped all round the Hall. One fell in the playing fields opposite; one made a large crater in the entrance drive and blew down the retaining wall; two others fell at Bents Gate. Yet in the Hall itself not a single pane of glass was even cracked. It was plain, however, that the building could not have re-opened as a school.

CHAPTER VIII

THE SCHOOL had closed, and soon afterwards the Hall itself was taken over by the Military Authorities. The Common Room became the officers’ Mess, the Officers took possession of the Drawing Room, and the Staff Room became the office of the Commanding Officer.

The Governors were faced with the problem of the three boarding houses, for which it proved impossible to find tenants. The cost of repairs and other outgoings was a severe drain on financial resources which already were heavily depleted; and in 1941 it was decided to sell the equipment of the boarding houses, to approach the Trustees for consent to sell the houses themselves after the War, or earlier if it appeared desirable, and to maintain the Hall and the immediately surrounding property to be available for use as a school as soon as it should be released by the Military Authorities, retaining for this purpose any equipment necessary.

In July the Bishop of Chichester explained this policy to the St. Mary’s Hall Association at a party which Miss Ghey and Miss Galton gave at Blunt House, Oxford, for the Old Girls. He said that the probability was that after the War it would be difficult to revive St. Mary’s Hall as it had been, and that it would have to be revived as a day-school. The Governors had therefore decided that the minimum number of day-girls should be eighty, who could be accommodated in the main Hall building; there should also be twenty boarders. The Hall was to be re-started as soon as possible after the War for girls of the same tradition. The Bishop said that, as a friend, he did not see how the Governors could have reached any other decision; he wanted St. Mary’s Hall not only to survive but to develop, because he thought it could give something to the educational world which it was not so easy for other schools to give. The Hall had closed, but St. Mary’s Hall Association went on; a Sussex Branch was formed, and it was arranged that meetings should be about three times a year, in addition to other meetings of the Association. Miss Ghey was asked to act as President of the Association until such time as there should again be a Head Mistress, and Miss Stopford, by this time Head Mistress of St. Elphinstone, Darley Dale, in Derbyshire, accepted an invitation to act as Vice-President. So the name of the School was kept alive, and past members continued to work and to pray for the time when it should re-open; loyal membership was renewed, and new members were added. At last, in June, 1945, the War came to an end, and then the faith and generosity of the members of the Association helped to bring the School back to life. The year 1946 dawned, and as no move had been made by the Governors

CHAPTER IX

LITTLE REMAINS to record of the Hall’s long history. Thanks to the devoted efforts of its friends and well-wishers the work of restoration went on. The gardens were re-created. Numbers 1 and 2, at 22, South Street, were purchased and named St. Hilary, and the rebuilding of Number 2, Lewes Crescent involved too heavy a financial burden for the limited resources available at that time, so the house was sold and became an annexe for Brighton Training College.

In March, 1950, after four years of strenuous labour in re-organising the Hall, Miss Robinson retired to South Africa, and Miss D. Conradi was appointed to carry on the work of consolidation and development of the post-war School. The Governors had by that time prepared plans, in conjunction with Miss Robinson, for the rebuilding of the former Hervey Terrace site as a Boarding House for the Junior Girls. Work began on the building in the early summer of 1950. In October the foundation stone was dedicated by the Bishop of Lewes and bears the following inscription:

Præce ab hostibus præcursu  
Novum apparuit tectum  
Mox Phœnicis illius  
Cui vita inter flammam deposita  
Restituta parva renovatur  
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after the heavy loss and damage of the War years. A School orchestra has also been formed.

In every department of the School’s life is visible the initiative, the courageous energy, and the devotion of Miss Conradi, as together with her staff of mistresses and other helpers she carries on into its second century the School our Founder created and committed to the faith of his successors.

So, with its old dignity restored, and new beauty added, the Hall faces the one hundred and twentieth anniversary of its foundation, looking back with gratitude to its past, and facing the future with confidence, yet mindful always of its motto, “Before honour is humility”.

The new House, named after the Founder, was blessed by the Bishop of Chichester, President of the Council, in September, 1951. In the following year, the old Science room on the drive was re-converted, re-decorated and equipped as a modern Cookery and Housecraft room, and the Hall was able once more to offer an all-round education. This completed the post-war additions to the building. In October, 1953, a full-scale inspection by the Ministry of Education—the first since 1926—showed that the School was well on the way to the recovery of its position in the academic world, and that many of the problems which marked the early years after re-opening had already been solved. During the last two years further changes have been made. A room has been equipped with special desks for Geography classes, and the Elliott Hall has been furnished with black-out curtains for use as film shows and dramatic performances. The beautiful staircase, damaged by fire in 1940, has been replaced. Comfortable common-rooms have been provided both in the boarding houses and in the Hall itself. The reference library and the fiction library have again been built up

I now tackle the question about why the 'Houses' were dropped unceremoniously. To me this seems strange beyond comprehension. In earlier times (reference illustrated extracts from 1949-1954) school had addressed the unfairness of the boarding houses 'winning everything' by forming Guilds (named for the four Patron Saints) which were the competitive arm of the school. Thus day girls and boarders alike, and a cross section of ages, were in each of the Guilds which could then compete on equal terms which the identity of girls with the house where they were, err, housed, avoided upset!

**Guilds.**—When the new school-year began in September, it was felt that the time had come for the introduction of the House-system, and we divided the School from Sixth Form to Form I into four groups, each including both boarders and day girls. So as not to confuse these groups with the Houses of the boarders, we have called them the Guilds.

St. Andrew, St. David, St. Patrick and St. George, and we are able thus to associate our Guilds with the Saint days in the Church’s year, and to keep them at our Morning Assembly. The Guild embraces all the activities of a child’s school life—everything she does counts for or against her Guild. The points are so assessed that it gives every child an opportunity to do something for the community to which she belongs. The final award for the year is the Guild Efficiency Shield.

**SCHOOL PREFECTS (1949).**

**Prefects**—Anne Harris (Head of the School). Anne Evans, Margaret Jones, Jennifer Southam.

**Sub-Prefects**—Mary Fosh, Gloria Henderson, Meryle Kalra, Avril Mason, Anne Nightingale, Diana Wiley.

**House Captains**—BABINGTON, Anne Evans; ST. HILARY, Jill Adams.

**Games Captain**—Avril Mason. **Vice-Captain**—Pat Trowler.

**Guild Captains**—ST. ANDREW’S, Anne Harris; ST. DAVID’S, Margaret Jones; ST. GEORGE’S, Anne Nightingale, Anne Evans; ST. PATRICK’S, Meryle Kalra.



Tweaks took place with the ages of girls in Houses – this one, in 1956, followed the end of the Guilds.

## HOUSES

It has long been the wish of the Governors that boarders of all ages should be well represented in each House and we have begun the Christmas Term with the re-arrangement of the boarders accordingly, so that each House now contains a 'family' of girls whose ages range from nine to over nineteen.

Day girls have also been divided into two all-age Houses named Chichester and Bristol after two of the earliest benefactors of the School. It is hoped that many varied inter-House contests will be regularly held in the future and that the Houses will develop into an important and stimulating influence on the life of the School.

However, in 1977-78 it was 'all change', songs and strikes notwithstanding, and girls who lived in St Hilary and Elliott were members of either Adelaide, Babington, Bristol or Chichester.

We changed the House System at the start of the Autumn Term (the new school year). From now on Elliott was to be just a boarding house for juniors, St Hilary just a boarding house for seniors. The competitive houses running across all ages, regardless of boarders and day girls would be: Adelaide (orange), Babington (purple), Bristol (blue) and Chichester (green).

### ADELAIDE

*House Mistress*—Mrs. Channing  
*Head of House*—Jeanette Iff

Throughout the year we have continued to support the House charity, the N.S.P.C.C. There was a welcome addition to first breaks during the summer term when over a period of five weeks there were ice-cream sales. The ice cream, a recipe supplied by Mrs. Channing, was made down in the D.S. rooms—a venture which provided many a laugh. From this enormous effort we made a profit of £15, which was duly presented to the N.S.P.C.C.

Last term, with the alteration to the then existing House structure, the members of Adelaide decided to hold a tombola in the hall during one break. After collecting the goods from the members we had a large supply of different articles. This, as well as a sale of Christmas tags, made by members of Adelaide, also raised £15. More than half of the proceeds were donated to the N.S.P.C.C., whilst the remaining profits were donated to house funds, one of the items being some clothing for the badly-needed new mascot. Carole Stone presented the mascot—a lovely cuddly bear—and we are very grateful to her.

The new mascot has indeed proved lucky, for on its first official attendance at the Inter-House Lacrosse match we had a splendid win. During the year we have had Inter-House Swimming, Rounders, Tennis and Badminton matches, in which the girls participating have put on a fine show.

### BABINGTON HOUSE REPORT

At the beginning of Winter term, 1977, Babington House was re-established as one of the four houses in the new system. It now consists of ninety-one pupils, both day and boarding, as well as nine staff. The House is named after the Rev. John Babington, a friend of the Founder. Originally it was a boarding house in Chichester Terrace.

Since its rebirth, Babington has undergone a slight metamorphosis. It has adopted the Babington family motto—"Foy est tout" (Faith is everything) and as there is a dragon in the family crest, now has a mascot, the dragon Henry. The House charity is the Church Missionary Society. The House Mistresses are Miss Bristol and Miss Griffiths.

At the end of the Winter term, Babington participated in the School inter-house badminton tournament and managed to gain the third place with Adelaide. In the

accounting of the school house points Babington was found to have reached second place, being beaten by Bristol. For a house newly re-established and still "finding its feet" as it were, we feel that this is a considerable achievement.

At the beginning of the Spring term a short house party was held. About forty-five girls enjoyed tea and games. Babington gained fourth place in the inter-house lacrosse tournament, and here we must thank D. Hudson and S. Blyth as well as the team itself for their efforts. Their spirit was excellent even if the goals were few! The netball and house music competitions are yet to come but our thanks go to J. Jantuah, P. Moisey, H. Goodall and K. Hodgson, without whose organisation and enthusiasm neither would be possible. While on the subject of thanking, we are very grateful to Amanda Holley for the time and patience she put into the making of Henry, our dragon.

But lastly the biggest vote of thanks must surely go to the staff, whose efficiency, enthusiasm and never failing loyalty have been so much the driving force behind Babington House.

*Fiona Robson, House Captain*

### BRISTOL HOUSE REPORT

*House Mistresses*—Miss Fabian and Mlle Jacquot  
*Head of House*—Caroline Smart

This year we were pleased to welcome boarders into Bristol House under the new system and we have enjoyed a successful year. We came top overall last term, gaining the most house points, and second in the Inter-House lacrosse and badminton.

Congratulations to Katharine Ridley and Virginia Calver for gaining their lacrosse colours, and also to Amanda Denny who continues to play well. We are proud to have the school's netball captain, Alison Miller, and the swimming captain, Katrina Williams as members, of our house. Once more Katrina has proved herself to be an excellent swimmer and Cheryl Curran and Jennifer Lewis are both showing promising signs for the future.

Further congratulations are in order to Sarah Hunt for passing her Grade VI piano examination with merit and especially to Philippa Morris who passed Grade VI speech and drama with honours.

Last term we continued to support the Brighton and Hove Girls' Orphanage with regular collections of fruit and eggs, groceries for their annual Pound Day and stocking fillers at Christmas.

We are pleased to have Peng Li Fu, Head of School, in Bristol House.

### CHICHESTER

This year has been one of success for the house. The new house system has introduced boarders as well as day girls to Chichester and so there is a wider range of capabilities and interests amongst the girls.

Last summer we made a special effort to raise money for the Jubilee Appeal and we have now taken the major step of adopting a new house charity—The Children's Hospital in Brighton. We collected stocking fillers for the patients at Christmas and these were received with gratitude.

At last we have managed to shake off our reputation of

being bad at sports and despite the fact that we came third in the lacrosse matches we won the house badminton shield. Personal success has also been achieved by members of the house. Our special congratulations go to Jo Hayes, our former head of house, who gained a place at Newnham College, Cambridge, and to Rachel Holley, who recently paid a visit to Buckingham Palace to receive her gold Duke of Edinburgh award.

Preparations are under way for the house music competition and I am sure that we will meet with the success which is due after all the hard work we have done. I should like to take this opportunity of thanking everybody who has taken part in the activities of the house throughout the year and made a success of the new house system.

*A. Levisseur*

In the course of my research I found so many interesting extracts in magazines and newsletters about Houses (and houses and guilds...) that I have added them at the end of this article for your enjoyment over time. Do download the article to your device if you want to read it at your leisure - I appreciate its size means you're unlikely to get through it in one go.

After the 'house' question, the colour one is easy...St. Hilary yellow, Chichester green, Bristol blue, Adelaide orange, Elliot red/burgundy. In both its phases of existence, Babington was purple. But please, I beg of you, don't ask me whether St Nicholas or Hebbert Houses ever had colours. Because I don't know and, at risk of expulsion, I don't care much either!



The Prefects and Prefects-1911-12.



PREFECTS-1911-12  
Front Row, Left to Right: R. Baker, J. Mordant, A. Brindley, C. Storr, Miss Corrado, P. Curran-Ross, H. Newsham, J. Barrington, P. Bennett.  
Middle Row: M. Warner, S. Givens, K. Crompton, M. Reid, J. Goodwin, V. Jarran, M. Radford, A. Davis.  
Back Row: P. Cope, L. Tabor, P. Wootie, K. Roberts, M. Thaindall, A. Dillmore, M. Ayling, H. Cross, P. Lister.

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support through the years." She spoke of the affection for the School shown by Old Girls whom she showed round, and said she had never known such loyalty, in spite of all the ups and downs. She went on to speak of the School, and stated that five out of seven girls had passed their School Certificate, and that in Via they were almost up to Higher School standard. There were 223 pupils, including 98 boarders in Babington and St. Hilary. Lacrosse, hockey and netball were played, and the School had come second in an inter-school competition in netball. There were many good awards in the Royal Drawing Society's examinations. Sir Charles Elliott's picture had been restored to the Elliott Hall; next term the winner of the first clergy bursary was coming to the Hall. She mentioned candidates who were being confirmed before Whitsun; extended an invitation to be present; and thanked L. Cope for keeping the Confirmation cloaks with such care.

Miss Robinson next mentioned the four Guilds, named after and associated with the patron saints, which included boarder and day girls, and were quite separate from the three Houses. She spoke of the enormous amount of help given by Miss Grey and Miss Galton in the furnishing of the School, and how immensely grateful she was. The inner garden was now restored from desolation to its old pattern; there was aubretia all over the rockery and wallflowers in the beds, and the tank was a lily pool. She ended her charming word picture by saying: "This is all told to tempt you. Thank you for your support, and for listening, and when you wake in the early morning, think of the old thrush, will you?"

#### SCHOOL PREFECTS (1950).

**Prefects**—Anne Harris (Head of School Sept.—Dec., 1949), Mary Fosh (Head of School Jan.—July 1950) (Boarder), Margaret Jones (Head of School Jan.—July 1950) (Day Girl), Anne Evans, Naomi Obediah, Jennifer Southam.

**Sub-Prefects**—Midge Davis-White, Joan Edwards, Gloria Henderson, Meryl Kalra, Beth Lawrence, Avril Mason, Anne Nightingale, Ruth Raven, Is Thorold, Yvette Whitefield, Diana Wiley.

**House Captains**—BABINGTON, Anne Evans to December, 1949. Mary Fosh, Jan.—July, 1950. HILARY.—Jill Adams to March, 1950. Jane Evans, April—July, 1950.

**Games Captains**—AVRIL Mason to April, 1950. Ruth Raven, May—July, 1950.

**Guild Captains**—ST. ANDREW, Anne Harris, Marigold Mack, Ruth Raven. ST. DAVID, Margaret Jones. ST. GEORGE, Anne Evans, Anne Nightingale, Mary Fosh. ST. PATRICK, Meryl Kalra, Jill Southam.

1951, dedication of Elliott and references to the Houses and Guilds

#### OPENING AND DEDICATION OF ELLIOTT HOUSE.

The new St. Mary's Hall Flag was seen for the first time flying gaily in the breeze over the new Junior House as Parents and friends arrived shortly before 3 p.m. on Monday, September 24th, for the Opening and Dedication by the Bishop of Chichester.

#### THE NEW HOUSE DEDICATION SERVICE.

On October 31st, 1950, the Foundation Stone of Elliott House was dedicated by the Bishop of Lewes (the Right Rev. G. H. Worde) in the absence of the Bishop of Chichester, who was prevented by a chill. He was assisted by the School Chaplain, Rev. F. Bryant Crane, the Senior Governor, Rev. G. M. Hanks and the Rev. G. L. M. Sheldon. Among the Governors present was the Chairman, Mr. C. E. M. Elliott, a great grandson of the Founder. Margaret Wanstall says it was an interesting and impressive service, and that the girls sang beautifully.

This new boarding house for some fifty girls is on the site of the Hervey Terrace houses bombed in the war. Some will remember that this was where much of the School equipment was stored, and that after the raid there were feathers everywhere around!

#### THE DEDICATION OF THE FOUNDATION STONE OF ELLIOTT HOUSE.

The foundation stone of Elliott House was dedicated by the Bishop of Lewes on October 31st, 1950. Part of the service was taken by two other clergymen, Mr. Hanks and Mr. Crane.

The day was ideal for an outdoor service and not too cold.

#### SCHOOL OFFICIALS, 1951.

**Prefects**—Mary Fosh, Head of School January to December, 1950 (Boarder); Is Thorold, Head of School September to December, 1950 (Day Girl); Ruth Raven, Head of School January to July, 1951 (Boarder); Patricia Carr, Head of School January to December, 1951 (Day Girl); Patricia Eggleton, Head of School September to December, 1951 (Boarder); Joan Edwards, Daphne Green, Vivia Seegobin, Toni Webber.

**Sub-Prefects**—Rosamund Bedford, Mary Boswell, Shirley Bolting, Sally Cary, Naomi Goodman, Carol Johnson, Jeannette Saunders, Jean Scatiff, Shirley Smart, Mary Patten, Jean Thomson, Lynn Whitlock.

**House Captains**—BABINGTON: Ruth Raven to July, 1951; Patricia Eggleton, September to December, 1951. HILARY: Sheila Allen to May, 1951; Joan King, September to December, 1951.

**Games Captains**—LACROSSE: Ruth Raven to May, 1951; Patricia Eggleton, September to December, 1951. NETBALL: Patricia Eggleton to May, 1951; Patricia Carr, September to December, 1951. TENNIS: Ruth Raven, May to July, 1951.

**Guild Captains**—ST. ANDREW: Ruth Raven, Paula Atkins. ST. DAVID: Patricia Carr. ST. GEORGE: Patricia Eggleton, Jean Thomson. ST. PATRICK: Joan Edwards, Toni Webber.



## 1951-52 and Guild results

Results of Guild Matches	
Netball Cup won by St. David.	
Lacrosse Cup won by St. George.	
Tennis Cup won by St. George.	
Rounders Cup won by St. David.	

SCHOOL OFFICIALS 1951-52	
<b>Prefects.</b> —Pat Eggleton, Head of School since December, 1951. Toni Webber, Day Girl Head from December, 1951, to April, 1952. Mary Boswell, Deputy Head Girl since September, 1952. Shirley Botting, Mary Patten, Susan Sainsbury, Jean Sealiff, Viola Seegobin, Jean Strike.	
<b>Sub-Prefects.</b> —Jeanette Saunders, Judy Pilcher, Evelyn Waring, Adele Freedman, Julia Franckeiss, Belinda Lindeck, Sofi Efstratyadis, Daphne Grimston, Charmian Orton, Leueen Wolfenden, Ann Griffiths.	
<b>Games Captains</b> —LACROSSE: Pat Eggleton to December, 1952. NETBALL: Shirley Botting to May, 1952. TENNIS: Pat Eggleton, May to July, 1952.	
<b>Guild Captains</b> —ST. ANDREW: Elisabeth Flint. ST. DAVID: Shirley Botting. ST. GEORGE: Pat Eggleton. ST. PATRICK: Toni Webber, Judy Pilcher.	
<b>House Captains</b> —BABINGTON: Pat Eggleton. ST. HILARY: Joan King, Wendy Clapperton, Nicolette Tredennick. ELLIOTT: Rosamund Willoughby (First Head), Anne Jones.	

SCHOOL OFFICIALS 1952-1953	
<b>Prefects.</b>	Head Girl, December, 1951 to July, 1953.
Pat Eggleton	Deputy Head Girl, September, 1952, to July, 1953.
Mary Boswell	
Leueen Wolfenden	Head Girl, September, 1953.
Sofi Efstratyadis	Deputy Head Girl, September, 1953.
Jean Strike	Prefects.
Paula Cabiglio	
<b>Sub-Prefects.</b>	Evelyn Waring, Adele Freedman, Belinda Lindeck, Julia Franckeiss, Daphne Grimston, Charmian Orton, Margaret Robinson, Sheila Powell, Fiona McWalter, Barbara Hahndel, Marylou Saunders, Clare Waddell, Jennifer Booth, Delia Bell, Susan Snelling.
<b>Guild Captains.</b>	St. George—Pat Eggleton. St. Patrick—Judy Pilcher. St. Andrew—Leueen Wolfenden. St. David—Mary Boswell.
<b>House Captains.</b>	Babington House — Pat Eggleton, Leueen Wolfenden. St. Hilary House—Nicolette Tredennick, Isobel Rowland. Elliott House—Carol Hayes, Elizabeth Sealiff.

## 1954 with 'interesting events' and 1955's officials and captains

<b>Guild Captains:</b>	Evelyn Waring—St. George Fiona McWalter—St. Patrick Leueen Wolfenden—St. Andrew Marylou Saunders—St. David Barbara Hahndel
<b>House Captains:</b>	Leueen Wolfenden—Babington House Angela Hutchinson—St. Hilary House Carol Hayes—Elliott House
DIARY OF OUTSTANDING EVENTS, 1953-1954.	
<b>CHRISTMAS TERM, 1953</b>	
<b>September</b>	Bishop of Chichester's meeting for Youth at Varndean. Lantern Lecture on "The Ascent of Everest" by Mr. T. Boardillon, at the Dome.
<b>October</b>	Full Ministry of Education Inspection. United Nations Party.
<b>November</b>	Sussex Branch Meeting of S.M.H.A. at the Hall.
<b>December</b>	Christmas Fair to raise money for a film projector. Carol Service in School. Choir sing Carols at Old Men's Home. "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme" and "Le Voyage de Monsieur Perrichon" at the Dome.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS.	
<b>Head Girl</b>	Winter Term, 1954, C. Waddell. Spring Term, 1955. Summer Term, 1955, V. Lambert.
<b>Deputy Head Girl</b>	Winter Term, 1954, V. Lambert. Spring Term, 1955. Summer Term, 1955, B. Bashford.
<b>Prefects</b>	H. Cook, J. Clark, V. Carter, A. Garnett, M. Sealiff, M. Chasen, G. Weston, A. Thompson, P. Marshall, W. Tredennick, S. Snelling, M. Bord, A. Francis, J. East, J. Windsor-Aubrey, N. Tredennick, M. Habersham, S. Garland, J. Biddle, C. Tassell.
<b>House Captains</b>	Elliott House, M. Titchald. St. Hilary House, V. Hardy. Babington House, C. Henderson-Brooks. C. Waddell. V. Lambert.

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HOUSE REPORTS	
Babington House	
This year has seen many changes in Babington. Both the House Warden, Mrs. Saunders, and the Head of the House, Elizabeth Viner, left at the end of this Summer. They both devoted a great part of their time and energy to Babington in her early stages, and this is a good opportunity to thank them for all that they did for the House.	
At the beginning of this term we welcomed Miss Collett as the new House Warden. In place of Miss Smith who was with us for just over a term, we have Miss Skinner. We hope both Miss Collett and Miss Skinner will be very happy in Babington.	
In several ways this past year has been one of constant activity in the House, for apart from Inter-House competitions, there have been many events in Babington's calendar. One day in July the House Picnic was held on the beach in front of King Alfred's Hove. It was a great success for apart from swimming, we were able to go on a pleasure boat trip.	
During the year some of the younger members of the House have given us several entertaining sketches and plays. Also we have held a Rag Concert practically every term. On one Sunday in each term the Matrons and Prefects have entertained Miss Conrady to tea.	

Bristol House	
At the beginning of the year, Felicity Gill was elected deputy head of the House to help Mary Howell-Davies, and a committee was formed consisting of a representative from each form. It was decided that fruit and eggs should again be collected and taken to the Girls' Orphanage. Also milk bottle tops and silver paper would be collected in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind or Spastic Children. In both Lacrosse and Netball matches Bristol came fourth.	
During the Spring Term a tea party was given by the committee members, on behalf of the House, for Miss Conrady and Miss Farmer. The girls made the food and prepared the tea themselves and the afternoon was a success. During the latter part of the term House Prefects were elected. Besides the usual competitions, a play-reading competition was held. Bristol chose two scenes from "Twelfth Night" and came a gallant third, having the misfortune to lose one of the characters who went down with German measles at the last moment. In the Netball matches we excelled ourselves by coming first.	
During the Summer term we again supported the Orphanage sale of work by having a flower stall, and raised £5 16s. 0d, which helped towards their biggest ever total. Bristol was placed favourably in the end of term results, carrying off the Hope Gill Efficiency Shield, narrowly coming second in the House points and Courtesy cup, and the House was placed second and third in the Tennis and Rounders competitions respectively.	
In July we said goodbye to Mary Howell-Davies who left us to begin her studies at the Maria Grey Training College. We all thank her for the good work that she put into Bristol House during its first two years.	
ELIZABETH COCKBURN.	

#### Elliott House

The success of Elliott House during the past year has been achieved mainly with the untiring help and assistance of the House Warden, Miss Selbie, and Mrs. Godwin. Although only joining us in the summer term, Mrs. Godwin has already given us her undivided support and encouragement.

Under the leadership of Marion Fardell, and the willing support of all her prefects, the united feeling among the members of the House has become increasingly obvious, enabling us to raise the standard of our work and games.

The success of Elliott House in the Music competition was due to the valuable work of Anne Bethell, assisted by Nora Chan who played the piano. We were also very fortunate in winning the Gym cup again being ably guided by Philida Bennett and Biruta Hulanicki.

In spite of wet weather, we had a House picnic at the Lagoon in Hove, where we spent a very enjoyable day sailing and swimming.

The younger members of the House have entertained the seniors on Sunday evenings by acting amusing sketches.

In the junior part of the House there is keen competition this year, as Miss Morris our previous matron kindly presented a cup for "the best junior dormitory." The picture for tidiness, which is competed for by everyone, went to the juniors last term, and they hope to win the cup also and prove their merit.

#### St. Hilary House

At the beginning of the year we welcomed Miss Paul to St. Hilary in place of Miss Turner and also two new resident staff, Miss James and Miss Veasey.

Towards the end of the Christmas term the Upper Vth and Vth forms went carol-singing and raised £2 for the Girls' Orphanage. We have also supported the Orphanage by each giving one penny a week throughout the year. Miss Parsons, the Warden there, very kindly allowed Miss Dolphin and a party of girls to visit the orphanage, and to spend some time with the girls.

This year the Junior Christmas party was held at St. Hilary and was a great success.

At the beginning of each term Miss Conrady came to tea with the Matrons and House Prefects. On one of these occasions the Lower IV performed a little play which was entirely their own work, and which proved very entertaining.

The Spring term was full of inter-house activities. The Drama competition was in the form of a play-reading competition, each house choosing a Shakespearean scene. We chose a scene from "A Midsummer Night's Dream." It was cast and produced by Elizabeth Everitt and to the delight of the House was placed first. We came second in the music, Gillian Bowden winning the solo-singing cup. On the athletic side we won the lacrosse but lost the netball to Chichester. In the gym competition, which this year was organised by the Removes, we were placed second. In the Summer we won the House tennis by a very narrow margin from Bristol.

#### Chichester House

At the beginning of the year, we welcomed several new girls to the House, and hoped that they would be very happy with us.

During the year, members of the House began to show more interest in House activities, and we were able to make quite a large collection of milk bottle tops to send to the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals. Also, at Christmas, the House made a collection of toys for the Round Table.

#### HOUSE REPORT

This year Houses have continued to compete against each other in friendly rivalry. Babington House won the Hope Gill Efficiency Shield, the Solo Singing Cup and the Netball Cup. Elliott House won the House Music Competition. St. Hilary House won the Fosh House Shield, the Lacrosse Cup, the Gym Cup and the Tennis Cup. Bristol House was first in the Sports, and at the end of last summer term was leading in House points. Chichester House won the Courtesy Cup.

All the Boarding Houses have welcomed new Matrons. In Babington House Mrs. Bruce came in the Easter Term as House Warden, and Miss Rosa Cimardi came from Italy, as under Matron. In Elliott House Mrs. Godwin left in March 1959, and Miss Lawton came to replace her. In September 1959 Miss Miller left St. Hilary to replace Miss Lawton at Elliott House when she went to help Sister in the Sanatorium. In St. Hilary House Miss Aitken left in the Spring Term 1959, and Miss Roberts came to help her for the Spring Term only. In September 1959 Miss Lewis and Miss Alliston came to St. Hilary House.

Susan East is now head of Babington House, Amanda Hobson of Elliott, Nicola Bruton of St. Hilary, Susan Bannister of Bristol and Patricia Doswell of Chichester.

At the end of the Summer Term all the Boarding Houses went on House picnics. Babington went to King Alfred, Elliott to the Hove Lagoon, and St. Hilary to Lancing. In the Autumn Term the prefects of St. Hilary went carol singing and raised money for the Orphanage. Bristol has continued to collect milk bottle tops for Spastics and fruit and eggs for the nearby girls' orphanage. At the end of the Summer Term Bristol House organised a flower stall at the Orphanage Summer Sale and managed to raise £7 12s. 6d. Chichester House has been collecting milk bottle tops for the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals. In the Autumn Term, 1959, they sold seals in aid of the "Busy Bees" and in the Summer Term, the House began to send girls to the Sussex Hospital to talk to some of the patients and to buy any necessary shopping for them.

During the 'Flu' epidemic in the Spring Term, the patients overflowed from the San into the Boarding Houses, and we should like to thank the Matrons and other members of Staff for their unfailing patience and care during this time.

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#### HOUSE REPORT

This year saw few changes among the House Staff. In the Spring Term Miss Gordon replaced Miss Lewis as Senior Matron of St. Hilary. At the end of the Summer Term it was with great regret that this House bade farewell to Miss Dolphin who had been House Warden for the past seven years. St. Hilary House wishes to express its thanks for her unfailing loyalty and devotion. In September they welcomed Miss Barr

who came to take her place. This year we also welcomed Miss Humphries and Miss Saberton as Junior Matrons of St. Hilary and Babington respectively.

Bristol continued to help the nearby Girls' Orphanage by regular gifts of fruit and eggs and also by raising almost £10 at the Orphanage Summer Sale. St. Hilary, too, helped with their termly contribution. Last Christmas Chichester collected toys for the Round Table and throughout the year girls visited patients at the Royal Sussex County Hospital.

On the last Monday of the Summer Term, Miss Conrady gave the School a half holiday on which the boarding houses went for their annual picnics. Despite the windy weather everyone enjoyed the day's outing. St. Hilary went to Birling Gap, Elliott to Rustington and Babington to a beach in Hove.

The results of the inter-house competitions and matches were as follows:—Babington won the Netball and the Gym Cups and at the end of the Summer Term was leading in House Points with Bristol, who were again first in the Sports and also won the Tennis, the Solo Singing and the Hope Gill Efficiency Shield. Chichester retained the Courtesy Cup and won the Music and Drama Competitions. Elliott won the Fosh House Shield and St. Hilary retained the Lacrosse Cup and won the Rounders Cup.

Carol Hayes is now head of Babington House, Heather Newenham of Elliott, Patricia Carlton-Scott of St. Hilary, Rosemary Baker of Chichester and Susan Bannister of Bristol.

#### HOUSE REPORT

The end of the Spring Term saw the sad departure from Babington House of Mrs. Bruce, to whom the girls of that house owe much gratitude. Her place was taken by Mrs. Dibdin, who had previously been Senior Matron, and this post was filled for a term by Mrs. Nevill.

The boarders also had to say good-bye to Miss Saberton and Miss Humphries as junior matrons in Babington and St. Hilary, and to Miss Selbie as Warden of Elliott. To Miss Selbie the girls of Elliott House extend their warm thanks for her five years of kind and loyal service. In September Miss Hyatt-Shortt was welcomed in her place, and Miss Hayward and Miss Hadden came to Babington. Miss Caxelles came as junior matron at St. Hilary just before half-term.

The Orphanage continued to benefit by gifts of money, fruit and eggs provided by many of the girls in St. Hilary and Bristol. St. Hilary House Prefects went Carol Singing before Christmas and collected £2 for the Old People's Home in Sussex Square, and in the same term Chichester raised £10 for Spastics.

The Boarding Houses enjoyed their annual picnic on the last Saturday of the Summer Term. They were fortunate in choosing a sunny day. Babington went to the beach in front of the King Alfred Baths, Elliott to Littlehampton and St. Hilary to Rustington.

The results of the inter-house Competitions were as follows:

Babington won the Hope-Gill Efficiency Shield, Chichester the Courtesy Cup, and Elliott the Gymnastics and Rounders Cups. The Tennis, Netball, Sports and Singing Cups went to Bristol, while St. Hilary retained the Lacrosse Cup, and won the Fosh House Shield from Elliott.

Ann Jarvis is now head of Babington House, Phillida Bennett of Elliott, Mary Rand of St. Hilary, Shirley Giovetti of Bristol and Jenefer Riley of Chichester.

HOUSE CAPTAINS.



## HOUSE REPORTS

**Babington House** was pleased to welcome Mrs. Crews and Mrs. Wicks as matrons this term. In the Spring Term, Miss Browning took over from Mrs. Dibdin as House Mistress. Several new societies have been started, including a sketch club and a play reading group, and it is hoped that a Nativity Play will be produced at Christmas time. Instead of the annual prefects' tea-party, Babington gave an evening coffee party for Miss Conrady.

The House picnic was spent visiting Alfriston, Drusilla's tea gardens and the Old Man of Wilmington.

Babington won the Drama cup; Christine Cocks is now Head of House.

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**Bristol House** continues its fortnightly collections of fruit and eggs for the Girls' Orphanage and managed to raise £6 10s. at the Orphanage summer sale. Several sack-loads of milk bottle tops are still collected each term in aid of spastic children.

Bristol won the Tennis cup and came first in the sports; Elizabeth McLeish has become Head of House.

**Babington House**

IN THE SUMMER TERM, 1964, we collected five House awards out of ten on speech Day. These included the Fosh House Shield, the Drama Cup, Gymnastics Cup, Lacrosse Cup and Tennis Cup. At the end of term we had a House Party with refreshments, games and an evening swim in the sea. We had our usual Conga and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne", in the playroom. Mrs. Eggleton gave the Sixth forms a special party, and took the opportunity to say a sad farewell to Andy, our American exchange student, who had spent a few weeks in Babington.

In the Autumn of 1964, we began another school year with Elizabeth Douse as Head of House. We entertained Miss Conrady at a coffee party, and again finished the term before Christmas with another House celebration. In the Spring, Elizabeth became Head Girl. We welcomed Miss Williams and Miss Bell as new House Matrons. It was during this term that we lost Anne Lenagan. Many of her close friends in Babington, accompanied by Mrs. Eggleton and Miss Conrady, were able to attend the funeral in Manchester. The House Singing and Gym Competitions were cancelled because of a flu epidemic, but we achieved second place in the House Lacrosse. In the summer of 1965 we won the House Swimming Competition.

In the Autumn, 1965, Margaret Aubrey-Smith became Head of House. Rosemary Boorne returned from her year at St. Mary's Hall, Burlington, with Louise Yard, the next American exchange student. We were pleased to welcome Louise for the first term of her stay, and we are still hoping that she will be with us for a while in the summer. Ingrid Kjellander, a Swedish girl, also stayed in Babington while visiting the school for three weeks.

In December, Babington performed scenes from "Pride and Prejudice" on the House Drama Day and many members took part. Some of the third formers also took part in a pantomime. Unfortunately, "Tiny" left at the end of term and Rosemary Boorne filled her position as House Captain. This Spring Term we are having a table tennis tournament, and we have invited Miss Davies to join us. The Lower Sixth had special permission this term to attend a party for Louise and her hostess, at the Elphick home. This was very enjoyable.

We are very proud of the outstanding achievement of one of our members, Marchia Allsebrook, who last term obtained a place at St. Hilda's College, Oxford. She will go up in October, 1966, to read Philosophy, Politics and Economics.

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**POUNCE, GABRIEL, BOONIE, POUNCE.**

This place was retained in House points in the autumn, a fairly level standard being maintained throughout both terms. In December, Elizabeth Baker left us for Oxford University where she is now studying Mathematics, and the house welcomed Claire Horley in her stead.

Under Claire's leadership, the House contributed an item to the informal concert that was held at the end of the Spring Term, at which Angela Pascoe gave a piano recital, and pieces for a percussion band were played by members of the Transition and Preparatory forms. The House also came second in orderlies this term. In the summer sports, Chichester again won the tennis, for the second time running. At the end of the year Claire left, after only one year in the Sixth Form, to take up nursing. She gave two terms of able and willing service to the House.

In the autumn Ursula Penney became Head of House. We worked hard for the House Plays that were performed at the end of the term, and produced an adapted version of "The Boy with a Cart", by Christopher Fry.

This term the House, which retains its enthusiasm for the Orphanage, is planning to make a Lent collection of old toys, books and records.

**Elliott House**

ELLIOTT HAS SUFFERED a certain amount of disruption during the past two years, and particularly during last term when, to our regret, Miss Miller was suddenly taken ill and was away for a considerable part of the term. Mrs. Valentine, who came to us in the summer of 1964, valiantly continued with the kind help of Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Jackson, and the girls were very co-operative on the whole, so the House continued to run as smoothly as possible. This term we have been glad to welcome Mrs. Winter-Blythe, who has come to take Miss Miller's place temporarily.

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Last year, Chichester House raised £6 10s. for the spastics by selling Christmas seals. Silver foil is also being collected and will be given to the same organisation.

Sport has improved; the house tennis team came second to Bristol and the rounders team won the cup in the inter-house matches. Chichester also won the Courtesy Cup. Jenefer Riley is Head of House.

Miss Miller became the Elliott House Mistress in the Summer Term on Miss Hyatt-Short's departure and Mrs. Edwards came as matron for one term, being replaced this term by Mrs. Hutton, from Babington.

The House picnic was held in Arundel Park by Swanbourne lake and it was very enjoyable, although the food had to be shared with hundreds of ducks.

The House netball team did well, winning the cup. The Head of House is now Jill Gooding.

St. Hilary House this term welcomed Mrs. Lugg as assistant matron.

At the end of the Christmas term the House prefects went carol-singing and collected £3 10s. for the Old People's Home in Sussex Square, and termly contributions are still given to the Orphanage. A record fund has been started and is supported with enthusiasm.

Everyone enjoyed herself on the House picnic which was at the 14th century Bodiam Castle, full of historic interest.

St. Hilary won the Hope-Gill Efficiency and Fosh House Shields, the lacrosse and swimming cups, and the inter-House relay. Rachel Clarke is Head of House.

HOUSE CAPTAINS.

We are on the whole quite active in the school considering that we are the smallest boarding house, now consisting only of thirty girls. We are always thankful to have Mr. and Mrs. Eggleton's encouragement and support in everything we do, and we hope that with their help, we may continue with our successes and achievements and as a House, "Hold fast that which is good".

**Bristol House**

OVER THE PAST two years, Bristol House, which is under the supervision of Mrs. Webb, has increased somewhat in size. Last year saw Jennifer Aserappa as House Captain, and under her leadership Bristol, for the eighth year running, won the Sports Cup. This year Diane Hohaus is House Captain.

We decided in both years to continue to collect fruit every two weeks for the orphanage at Bristol Gate. On the whole, these collections are fairly good, and the Pound Days, usually in November, have been excellent. Last year we again had a flower stall at the orphanage fete, but this time we also sold fruit and vegetables. All the flowers, which were beautifully arranged, were sold and we made a total of £6 17s. 6d.

Perhaps the biggest event has been the House Plays which took place at the end of last term. We decided to do a scene from "Lady Precious Stream", by S. J. Hsiung, which was quite a suitable play as the cast called for many and varied characters, and bright, Chinese costumes. The play was generally considered to be a success.

**Chichester House**

UNDER THE GUIDANCE of Mrs. Ellwood, Chichester House has taken a great interest, over the past two years, in the St. Gabriel's Orphanage. The home holds a pound day every October, and in both years an admirable collection of groceries was made and taken round by the House Prefects. On the last two Christmases, presents were also sent to the children, who greatly appreciated them.

In the summer term of 1964, with Elizabeth Baker at its head, the House was much occupied with knitting a blanket for a mission school in India, and this was completed and sent off the following July. In the House Sports Chichester won the house cup and in House orderly duties and general House points, gained second place.

Suzanne Fleming was Head of House from 1964-65 and Gillian Synge from 1965-66. As usual during these past two years we have all contributed to send money to Chailey Heritage Craft Schools, and several of the Fifth and Sixth Forms made felt toys which they sent for Christmas and which were greatly appreciated.

Elliott has managed to win the Hope Gill Efficiency Shield two years running and the Courtesy Cup in 1964, and we have won the orderly picture for the last two terms. Elliott girls are obviously far more practical than sporty, although we have managed to win the Sports relay in two consecutive years, and the Rounders Cup last summer, for which we had an excellent and very enthusiastic team.

During last term the House Plays were held and Elliott performed part of "Toad of Toad Hall" which was very suitable as we have so many juniors, and we were able to include many of them in the cast. I think this was greatly appreciated by them and by the rest of the school.

**St. Hilary House**

DURING THE LAST two years little has changed in St. Hilary. We are grateful for Miss Barr's unfailing interest in, and concern for, us. We were very sorry when Miss Macmillan decided to leave in the Christmas term, after two-and-a-half years with us. Mrs. Stephenson came to take her place in the Spring term.

Anne Finch was head of house from 1964 to 1965, and Margaret Powell from 1965 to 1966. Throughout the two years we have been fairly successful in the House Competitions, and although we won only the lacrosse matches, we came second in the tennis, rounders and swimming competitions in 1964 and in the school sports in 1965.

In the summer term of 1964 we retained the Fosh Shield, and won the orderly picture. Unfortunately our standards have declined, and we have not won them since.

St. Hilary has retained its custom of carol singing at Christmas. Although in 1964 the Seniors were unable to go carol singing owing to bad weather, we were very impressed by a short service of carols sung by members of the Second Form downwards. In 1965 the Seniors were able to go carol singing, and the juniors again gave a short and excellent service for Miss Davies, several parents and staff, and the rest of the House.

The House Drama was held at the end of the Christmas term, and St. Hilary performed a scene from Noah, by André Obey. Since there was a large cast, almost the entire House was able to take part in some way, and the play was generally considered to be a great success.



## HOUSE REPORTS

## Adelaide House

OWING TO THE INCREASING NUMBER of day-girls it became necessary to create a new House this term, which would be made up of girls from both Chichester and Bristol Houses, together with any new girls. After much discussion it was agreed that the House would be called Adelaide, after the school's first patron, Queen Adelaide, and that its colour would be orange.

This newly-formed House has got off to a good start this term with Mrs. Sheasby as its House Mistress, and Margaret Lindley as Head of House, helped by the House Prefects, Stella Hughes, Cecilia Ware, Juliet O'Hea and Jennifer Snowden.

Although we have not yet decided on a permanent House charity, we have been making a continuous effort throughout the term by collecting one penny from each girl every week. This has amounted to over £2, and we hope to send it to a charity such as the League of Pity at Christmas.

Another money-raising effort by the House for this cause will be a cake sale at the end of term, which we all hope will be a great success in promoting House loyalty, as well as in raising money. We hope to find a charity to which we can give our undivided attention next term.

## Babington House

UNDER THE HELPFUL and cheerful guidance of Mr. and Mrs. Eggleton, Babington continues to be a happy and united House, despite the fact that over the past two terms it has seen a rapid decrease in numbers. We now consist of only nineteen girls and will be only eighteen at the end of this term, when we say good-bye to Rachel Turner, who has gained a place at Cambridge University to read Mathematics. We also have to say a sad good-bye to Miss Williams, whose kindness has always been greatly appreciated.

In the Summer Term, 1966, under Rosemary Boorne's leadership, we won the Tennis Cup and were placed second in the swimming competition. We celebrated the end of term with an evening swim in the sea and a barbecue in the school grounds, which, everyone agreed, was a great success.

In the autumn of 1966 we began another school year with Margaret Outram as Head of House. We worked hard towards contributing toys for the school fair and every girl in the House made either a "tivy" or a felt mouse. As all the House, with the exception of two girls, are in the school choir, we have decided to go carol singing at the end of the term and we are grateful to Mr. Paton for his assistance in planning our "route". The House voted that the proceeds of this carol singing should go towards Cancer Research.

## Bristol House

ON THE WHOLE it has been a good year for Bristol. Under the expert guidance of Mrs. Webb we have continued to support the Orphanage. Apart from the regular fruit collections we made a collection of Easter eggs and as usual supported Pound Day. As in past years, our flower stall at the Orphanage summer

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sale was a success, despite the very poor contribution by the majority of the House. On the other hand, the response to the project for collecting small stocking-fillers this Christmas has been excellent. It has been agreed that the Fourth Forms upwards in the House should help at the Orphanage in pairs next year. This is an excellent idea and I only hope that the present enthusiasm will last.

In the Summer Term we won the swimming competition—a very good effort. We also won the Gym Cup this year—this was awarded on the basis of points for each girl and therefore every member of the House, rather than a special team, contributed to this success.

Owing to the formation of a new day-girl House, there has been rather a shuffling of girls in the Houses and we have lost some of our previous members to Adelaide. We have also gained several new girls, however, including our Head of House, Caroline Johnson, who comes to us from Elliott, replacing Diane Hohaus.

## Elliott House

THIS YEAR has been a successful one in the games field, but an otherwise uneventful one for the House. Our Head of House, Gillian Syngé, left at the end of the term to go to the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, and we now have Glynis Cox in her place. Mrs. Valentine left at the end of the Spring Term and we welcomed Miss Ward as the House Matron.

Our games successes have been outstanding: we have won the House Rounders Cup (the second year in succession), the House Lacrosse Cup and the House Netball Cup. However, we came down in the swimming and were fourth! The Elliott Junior Dramatists have been very busy and have in the last two terms produced two plays—the first "Hansel and Gretel" and the second a Nativity play. The scripts for both of these were written by Elizabeth Tooms, who also produced them. The money raised was sent to charity.

The House produced a large contribution of hand-made toys and hand-knitted baby clothes for the school's Christmas fair and as a result has had no time to make the usual collection of toys for charity. There have also been House parties held at the end of term, which are generally considered to be good fun.

## Chichester House

OUR WORK this year has again been focussed mainly upon the support of St. Gabriel's Children's Home. Our help has taken various forms, the climax being a party organised for the home at the end of the Summer Term, 1966. As it turned out, St. Gabriel's suffered from a communal throat infection and were unable to attend. Instead, some children from the Bristol Gate Orphanage, another local home, and some of the domestic staff's children came. It was generally agreed to be a roaring success—thanks to much hard work put in by the organisers.

At the end of the term we were sorry to say good-bye to Ursula Penney, the Head of House, who had put in a year of hard work for Chichester. She has now gone on to Reading University. We also had to say good-bye to our Housemistress, Mrs. Ellwood, who was devoted to Chichester and worked hard to help the House—we do appreciate it. We have this term welcomed Miss Rogers as House Mistress and Rosemary Scully as Head of House.

Our House tennis team came second in the inter-House matches. Apart from this, our last year's sporting efforts should be sunk into eternal oblivion.

On October 12th, 1966, we collected 43lb. of groceries to contribute towards St. Gabriel's annual Pound Day. They were very warmly welcomed, and we realised just how great the home's need of support really is. We were given tea and shown around by the Father—a man who obviously loves the children in his care very much indeed. During the whole of the Autumn Term, prefects and representatives have been selling seals in aid of spastics throughout the school, raising £3 17s. During the term we have also taken a convincing lead in the House stars, which we hope to maintain.

## St. Hilary House

AT THE END of the Summer Term we were very sad to say good-bye to Miss Barr, who had been our Housemistress for six years. She always encouraged us in all our House activities and never failed to show concern for us throughout all her time here.

At the beginning of the Autumn Term, we welcomed Mary Buckland as Head of House and our new Housemistress, Miss Payne, in Miss Barr's place. She has quickly settled in and has shown great consideration and generosity towards us. Mrs. Stephenson and Miss Giffkins, who had both been with us for two terms, also left and Mrs. Twiss and Miss Kvamen took their places in the autumn.

After a lapse of one term, we regained the orderly picture, but have not met with any success in the netball and lacrosse matches.

During the year we have supported our usual charity, Brighton and Hove Orphanage, contributing every term, and at the end of the Autumn Term, the House Prefects went carol singing and collected nearly £4 for mentally handicapped children.

We are very pleased to be able to congratulate Margaret Powell, our Head of House, 1965-6, on her entry to Girton College, Cambridge, to read Medicine.

## Chichester House

THIS YEAR has been quite successful and we have continued our support for the St. Gabriel's Children's Home. At the end of the Summer Term a party was organized for the children and proved to be a great success. The bad weather necessitated games in the Gym, where the main attraction was undoubtedly the trampoline. We were all very exhausted, but it was generally agreed that the party was a great success, thanks to the hard work of Gay Horley, Jean Durnell, Rosemary Elphick and Elizabeth Tiptaft.

Miss Rogers, our House Mistress, arranged for Mr. Kent to show us a film entitled "Children on Our Conscience," on behalf of the Church of England Children's Society, under whose auspices St. Gabriel's is run. Amongst other things, he said that the homes are often more grateful for financial rather than other kinds of practical aid.

Our Head of House, Rosemary Scully, left at the end of the Summer Term, and we wish her every success at the College of Education, Avery Hill. We welcomed Elizabeth Tiptaft in her place in September, 1967.

There is a great lack of enthusiasm for games in the House and consequently the results of the lacrosse and netball House matches are better not mentioned. However, we did manage to come third in the tennis. There also seems to be a lack of enthusiasm for orderlies' duties, which is losing us valuable House points.

On October 11th we collected 87lb. of groceries to contribute towards the St. Gabriel's Pound Day. This was a very good effort and the goods were very much appreciated. Seals were sold in aid of the Spastics Society, and this raised £5 5s. A collection for St. Gabriel's was made this year instead of sending toys, and £3 was spent on making an attractive Christmas parcel containing fruit, nuts, dates, biscuits, mince pies and a stocking full of sweets, which were all very gratefully received.

## HOUSE REPORTS

## Adelaide House

WE HAVE CONTINUED to support the League of Pity. Every week the girls contribute one penny and we sent our contributions off in time for Christmas. We hope to have a lecture and a film concerning this organization to make the girls realize how much their contributions are needed and how gratefully they are accepted.

We were very sad to say good-bye to Margaret Lindley, our first Head of House, in July, 1967. In the autumn we began another school year with Sarah Eadie as our new Head of House, helped by the prefects from the Sixth and Fifth Forms and Stella Hughes, the Head Girl. Mrs. Sheasby continues as our House Mistress, supporting us in every way, especially in the House charity collections, where she, as a form mistress, contributes her form's "confiscation money."

We have kept fairly near the top in House points and we hope to maintain this throughout the year. Our sporting efforts have not been exceptionally brilliant this year and we hope that the juniors, of whom there are a large percentage in the House, will try their best.

## Bristol House

THE HOUSE has grown enormously this year and now numbers eighty-three girls. We hope the achievement will rise in proportion. Although House activities as such have been scarcer this year, owing to a great many school activities and therefore a lack of time, we have continued to support Bristol Lodge orphanage under the guidance of Mrs. Webb, our House Mistress, and F. Rouse, our Head of House. The fortnightly "fruit and egg" collections dwindled alarmingly last summer, but owing to a concerted effort by the House prefects to prod the memories of our more forgetful members, they showed a welcome increase last term. The collection for the Pound Day was extremely good, consisting of eighty-one items, a total only narrowly beaten by Chichester's effort and "stocking-fillers" of all descriptions filled a large box at the end of the Christmas term.

The struggle for House marks continues and although we are not bottom we are, unfortunately, not at the top either. The other struggle, to ensure that berets remain on top of their owners' heads on the way to and from school,

### Elliott House

THIS YEAR has been fairly unsettled for the girls in Elliott House, as a considerable number of changes have taken place. Our Matron, Miss Wiggins, left us at the end of the Summer Term, and we welcomed Miss Rose in her place. Although Miss Rose originally came for only four weeks, a permanent Matron could not be found and she stayed until the end of term.

Our House Captain, Glynis Cox, left at the end of the Summer Term and was replaced by Sally-ann Tyoran in September, 1967. She was given strong support by Marilyn Stead, Deborah Harrison and the rest of the Sixth Form. At the end of the Autumn Term we were all very sorry to say good-bye to Mrs. Wynter-Blythe, who had been our House Mistress for two years; but we were very pleased to welcome Mrs. Twiss from St. Hilary in her place. We also welcomed a new Matron, Miss Carrington-Davies.

Elliott House itself has undergone several changes. The corridors have been made narrower, thus giving more space to the front dormitories. Two more common rooms and some Sixth Form studies have also been built. The whole House has been redecorated and the effect is very attractive.

Meanwhile, Elliott has been supporting various different charities, including the Chailey Heritage and the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Although Elliott has been rather unsuccessful in House competitions during the past year, we hope to do better during the coming year under the guidance of Mrs. Twiss.

### St. Hilary House

THERE HAVE BEEN many changes in St. Hilary within the last year. Numbers have increased considerably for several Babington girls joined the House at the end of the Summer Term and many other new girls in the following term.

A beach party was organized by Miss Payne, our House Mistress, at the end of last Summer Term at Black Rock. The party was a great success.

At the end of the Summer Term Miss Kvarnen, the Junior Matron for a year, had to leave us, but we were glad to have her friend, Miss Viik, who remained with us for only a term. Mrs. Twiss, who has been our House Matron for four terms, unfortunately had to leave us to be House Mistress at Elliott House.

We sincerely wish her every success. In the Spring Term we welcomed Mrs. Hills and Miss Marsaglia to the House and hope they will enjoy their stay.

At the beginning of the Autumn Term, 1967, Ann Judd was made Head of House, but unfortunately she had to leave us and so Mayling Lee took her place this term.

The House has a very satisfactory place in the competition for points and we hope to remain in the lead. We came second in lacrosse but were not so fortunate in netball. The arts have not been neglected, for two of our girls, Scarlett Havam and Alison Attisstrong, won prizes in the Worthing Singing Competition, and quite a number were in the school play, "Caesar and Cleopatra." Stephanie Poole and Isabel Child played Cleopatra at separate performances.

In the Autumn Term the House collected and made small cuddly toys which were shared out between the Brighton and Hove Orphanage and the Children's Hospital. At the end of the Christmas Term, the traditional carol singing by the House Prefects had to be cancelled owing to bad weather, but we are still continuing to support our usual charity, Brighton and Hove Orphanage—contributing every term.

The House Christmas party was extremely successful, with Miss Davies and Miss Hill as our guests of honour. The playroom was decorated admirably by the Fourth Forms to give the effect of a fisherman's cove and the rest of the House had to dress appropriately.

During the summer holidays many alterations were made in St. Hilary. New dormitories were created out of the old trunk room and sewing room. The 'ice-box' of little Bramber has now been made into one large dormitory and new storage heaters have been installed. Miss Payne has a lovely spacious flat constructed out of the old prep. room and staff kitchen, and the Matron's room now has its own bathroom. The House is now warmer but the alterations have in no way changed its particular character.

Now for a design change (not before time!) 1969, 70 and 71







## HOUSE REPORTS

### Adelaide

House Mistress: Mrs. Sheasby

Head of House: KATHLEEN HOLLOWAY

First in the House Tennis and tied third in the House Rounders. We have continued to support the N.S.P.C.C. throughout the year. In the Spring, each girl took home a collection envelope and by the end of the term £10 had been collected. Last term the House raised over £18 by selling the N.S.P.C.C. Christmas cards. Congratulations to Louise Dixon for her solo performance in Elphig this term.

### Bristol

House Mistress: Mrs. Webb

Head of House: MARGARET JENNER

Second in House Tennis. Third in House Netball, Lacrosse and Rounders, 1971. 2nd in House Netball, 1972. We, again, gave fortnightly fruit and egg collections to Brighton and Hove Girls' Orphanage and supported their Summer Fair and Pound Day.

Congratulations, on gaining places at Cambridge, to Alison Edmunds (Girton College) and Nicola Boyes (Clare College)—she is one of the first thirty-six women to R. Wheeler for entrance to Royal Holloway College and to Anna Cutress on being the first girl to win the Netball Shooting Award.



### Chichester

House Mistress: Miss ROGERS

House Captain: CHARLOTTE PUMPHREY

Winners of Hope Gill Efficiency Shield. Winners of Junior Inter-House Music Competition. Support given throughout the year to St. Gabriel's Home; successful party for youngest children of the Home. Congratulations to A. Powell on being awarded the Individual P.E. cup, and Senior gym stripes.

### Elliott

House Mistress: Mrs. TWIN

House Captain: CATHERINE MALKIN

Winners of the swimming, netball and lacrosse cups and second in rounders.

We have continued to support Chailey Heritage. Congratulations to the following winners of colours: M. Langmead (Senior lacrosse), B. Thompson (Senior netball) and also to E. Tooms for passing her grade 7 Speech and Drama and S. Jantush who passed her grade 4 with merit.

### St. Hilary

House Mistress: Miss PAYNE

Head of House: HILARY HORNE

Winners of Lacrosse and Rounders Cup. Second in Netball and Swimming. Second in Junior House Music Competition.

Support is given to the Brighton and Hove Girls' Orphanage throughout the year.

Congratulations to S. Poole on her entrance to Leeds University, A. Valls to City University, P. Clarke to Exeter University; also to M. Bowden and J. Reynolds on their entrance to St. Andrew's University; to A. Fridl on her entrance to the Royal College of Music; to S. Corringham, R. Holman, J. Laton, C. Fraser, R. Buckley and A. Charles for their game colours.

We are pleased to have S. Handcock, Head of School, and Susan Greene, the American Exchange Student from St. Mary's Hall, Burlington, New Jersey, in our House this year.



## HOUSE REPORTS

### Adelaide

House Mistress—Mrs. Sheasby

House Captain—Elizabeth Kneath

Winners of the House Tennis and Rounders and Hope Gill Efficiency Shield. E. Kneath and R. Sabine won the Senior Tennis Doubles Cup and E. Sabine won the U15 Tennis Singles Cup.

We have continued to support the N.S.P.C.C. throughout the year and in the summer term we collected six pounds from a food sale. We also raised seven pounds from the sale of N.S.P.C.C. Christmas cards and helped to pack some Christmas parcels for the children.

Congratulations to R. Haylock for gaining her Grade Six Singing and E. Kneath and R. Sabine for gaining their tennis colours.

We are pleased to have R. Haylock, Head of School, in our house.

### Bristol

House Mistress—Mrs. Webb

Head of House—G. Lawrence

Second in House Tennis. Second in House Netball.

We have continued to support Brighton and Hove Girls' Orphanage with fruit and egg collections, stocking fillers and Christmas cards, and a successful fruit and flower stall at their summer fair.

Congratulations to A. Cutress for gaining her netball colours and also a place in the Sussex Netball team.

### Chichester

House Mistress—Miss Rogers

Head of House—Miss Pomeroy

We have continued to support the St. Gabriel's Orphanage by collecting Easter eggs, Christmas stocking fillers and proceeds throughout the year. Money was raised for the Church of England Children's Society by the sale of Christmas cards.

Congratulations to E. Levison for passing Grade 5, 'Cello, with Mark-Jo K. Harrison for her cello playing at the Luffield concert.

Congratulations to E. Levison for passing Grade 5, 'Cello, with Mark-Jo K. Harrison for her cello playing at the Luffield concert; and, particularly as we are an unathletic house, to D. Silver for gaining games stripes in lacrosse, tennis and netball.

We would also like to wish last year's head of house, Charlotte Pumphrey, every success at the University of St. Andrew's.

### Elliott

House Mistress—Miss Bowes

Head of House—Abimbola Debayo

We are pleased to announce that we have won both the netball and lacrosse cups this year.

We have supported the N.S.P.C.C. Some of our girls have raised money through raffles and count the Simples.

Congratulations to Susan Moller on gaining a place in the Sussex County Reserve team; both she and Caroline Randle have been awarded netball colours. Several girls have achieved excellent results in music and ballet examinations. Elaine Elliott members are taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, and Nicole Whitworth has secured her bronze medal.

We congratulate Elizabeth Tooms on attaining a place at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford.

### St. Hilary

House Mistress—Miss Payne

Head of House—S. Corringham

Second in House Lacrosse. Third in House Netball.

We continue to support the Brighton and Hove Orphanage and other local charities. Congratulations to P. Titheradge for winning the sight reading class at the Worthing Festival. P. Burners for passing Grade 3 piano and violin exams with distinction; K. Fletcher and S. Remondin for passing G.C.E. 'O' level early, both with grade 1's; S. Corringham for gaining her netball colours; A. Toner and Sarah Goss for gaining their Grade 1 B.A.G.A. awards.

We are proud to have Diana Markham, Deputy Head of School, in our house this year.

J. Biddle



### Adelaide

House Mistress—Mrs. Sheasby

Head of House—Jill Elliott

Winners of the House Tennis and Rounders. Second in the House Music Competition.

Throughout the year we continued to support the N.S.P.C.C. During the summer term the girls brought gifts for a tombola stall at the N.S.P.C.C. fair, which was a great success. £20 was collected for their Christmas cards in the winter term.

We congratulate Sheila Hurd on being accepted to play the flute in the Downs Sinfonia Orchestra, and M. Yusuf for passing the Grade 3 Public Speaking examination with Honours.

### Bristol

House Mistress—Mrs. Webb

Head of House—Sue Robinson

Third in House Tennis, Third in House Netball.

We are still supporting Brighton and Hove Girls' Orphanage with stocking fillers at Christmas, Easter Eggs and regular egg and fruit collections throughout the year. We also had a successful fruit and flower stall at their summer fair.

Congratulations to K. Vokins and G. Bower-Kemp for gaining a Grade I in the B.A.G.A. awards; to S. Graves for gaining her tennis colours; and especially to Margaret Ellis who became a Queen's Guide in June, 1973.

### Elliott

House Mistress—Miss Bowes

Head of House—Belinda Clark

Elliott won the Lacrosse and Swimming Cups and came second in the Inter-House Netball matches.

We have continued to support the local orphanage this year.

There have been several excellent passes in music and drama examinations, and Deborah Eborn gained her silver Duke of Edinburgh award. Anna Cutress has been chosen to play in the Sussex Junior Netball squad. Abimbola Debayo, Sara Burnett-Smith and Anna Cutress were awarded their netball colours. Sandra Jantush gymnastic and Susan Moller netball colours.

Mary Langmead, our head of school, has been selected to play in the Down Symphonia Orchestra.

We shall be sorry to lose Miss Bowes at the end of the school year, but wish her the best of luck in her new post.

### Chichester

House Mistress—Miss Rogers

Head of House—Alison Foster

Our support of St. Gabriel's Orphanage has continued this year with collections of eggs at Easter and of Christmas stocking fillers.

The collection of groceries for the Home's Pound Day was combined with the school's Harvest Festival. Christmas cards were sold, raising over thirty pounds for the Church of England Children's Society.

At the end of the summer term we won the House Shield, which we still proudly hold, despite our overall failings in the inter-house matches.

Congratulations to Deborah Silver for gaining games stripes in tennis and rounders and to Constance Gamble for passing Grade 5 'cello.

### St. Hilary

House Mistress—Miss Payne

Head of House—Fiona Fraser

This has been a successful year for St. Hilary, who came first in the House Netball, the Music Competition and also won the new Choral Cup, presented by Jane Smithard, an old girl of the house.

We have continued to support local charities. Congratulations to the following members of St. Hilary—Cynthia Bulteel and Philippa Burrows on being accepted for the Junior Brighton Youth Orchestra; Philippa too for gaining distinction in both her violin and piano examinations; Sandra Newman for passing her Grade 5 piano with Merit; and the four girls who gained their Grade 4 B.A.G.A. awards at proficiency level.

Several members of the House participated in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, and Lorraine Rents has been awarded her gold medal.

We would also like to send Lorraine our congratulations for her forthcoming marriage to Mr. D. Stockman this summer.

**Adelaide***House Mistress*—Mrs. Sheasby*House Captain*—Sheila Hurd

Winners of House Tennis.

Once again we were able to support the N.S.P.C.C. by selling Christmas cards to staff and girls alike.

Apart from the House success in the tennis tournament, Edwina Sabine, Melanie Staples, Julia Behar and Sarah Staples all won doubles matches in the school tournament, and Melanie Staples and Gillian Green won singles matches, so the House was well represented in each age group. Gym stripes were gained by Sara Gould and Caroline Keeling, trampoline stripes were gained by Sarah Staples, Julia Behar and Gillian Green. We would particularly like to congratulate Sarah Staples, who won the P.E. Cup for the year. Congratulations also go to Rosamond Mann, who passed her Grade VIII clarinet and who, with Margaret Denby, continues to play in the Senior Brighton Youth Orchestra.

**Bristol***House Mistresses*—Miss Fabian and

Mlle. Jacquot

*Head of House*—Margaret Ellis

We have continued to support the Brighton and Hove Girls' Orphanage with fortnightly fruit and egg collections, stocking fillers at Christmas, pound day and a bottle stall at the summer fair, which was a great success.

Our congratulations to J. Banner for gaining her netball colours, K. Vokins gym. stripe, G. Bower-Kemp gym. stripe and colours and L. Monnington for lacrosse stripe. S. Graves won the Over 16 singles school tennis tournament and L. Monnington won the Under 15 doubles with S. Staples (Adelaide).

We were very sorry to lose Mrs. Webb last summer. She had been our dedicated House Mistress for 18 years and we wish her well in the future. We are pleased to welcome Miss Fabian and Mlle. Jacquot as joint House Mistresses.

**Elliott***House Mistress*—Miss Miller*Head of House*—Kate Lord

All the House joins with me in welcoming our new House Mistress and wishing Miss Bowes all the best in her new school.

This year Elliott has won the inter-House netball and swimming sports but were unfortunately

just beaten in the rounders by their "arch enemies" St. Hilary!

We congratulate S. Moller for once again gaining a place in the Sussex lacrosse team and all the girls who have won games stripes and passed gym awards.

V. Angus was very successful at Worthing Music Festival this year, gaining a first and two second positions in her three classes and coming second in the open intermediate championship.

Once again many of the girls in Elliott have passed examinations for the extensive selection of instruments they play. We especially congratulate J. Child on achieving merit standard in her first violin examination and C. Moisey for gaining a pass with merit in her Grade III piano.

Five of us have been equally successful in gaining speech and drama exams. and R. McClaughry was awarded a scholarship.

Finally we congratulate P. Wade on completing her bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award and becoming a Queen's Guide and we look forward to as good a year in 1976.

**Chichester***House Mistress*—Miss Rogers*House Captain*—Sarah Mont

We have continued to support St. Gabriel's Orphanage by collecting stocking fillers at Christmas and groceries for them.

Congratulations to all those who achieved good results in the music examinations which were taken in July and especially to Constance Gamble, Grade V 'cello, to Anne Levisseur, Grade V piano, and to Sarah Mont, Grade VII piano.

We have greatly improved in our sporting activities during the past year. C. Hooper gained a lacrosse stripe in the spring, A. Knight and her partner won the Over 15 doubles in the school tennis tournament, J. Liddell won an effort and improve cup for P.E., A. Forman won a rounders stripe in the summer, D. Silver won a tennis stripe, N. Stokes won a gym. stripe and V. Mont won a dance stripe in the autumn.

We are please to have Hilary Porter, Head of School, in our House.

**St. Hilary***House Mistress*—Miss Payne*House Captain*—Gaile Ashby*Deputy House Captain*: Shanti Hayllar

First in House rounders, first in House lacrosse, second in House swimming.

St. Hilary are proud to hold the House Shield, which was gained by the efforts of the whole House. Our congratulations go to Elaine Southon for gaining her lacrosse colours, to Gillian Green for winning the U.15 Tennis Singles Cup and to the many other girls who won their games stripes. We are pleased that four of our girls are now members of the Brighton Youth Orchestra, that Catherine Argent gained honours in her Grade III singing exam. and that Alison Whittome gained distinction in her Grade V clarinet exam.

There are eighteen girls taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. Congratulations to Lorraine Rents and Penny Titherage on their recent marriages.

We were very sorry to lose Miss Redfern and Mrs. Schimmel, but are pleased to welcome Mrs. Greaves, Miss Porta and Miss Le Courtois.



**Adelaide**

*House Mistress—Mrs. Sheasby  
House Captain—Malvina Mann*

This year the house managed to gain almost £50 in aid of the N.S.P.C.C. by the sale of Xmas cards. We congratulate the house teams which have achieved a large amount of points and prestige for the house this year—winning the netball cup and being the runners-up in lacrosse, tennis and also badminton. Numerous games colours and stripes have been gained by many of the girls and in particular B. Hayes, M. Staples and S. Staples who incidentally won the Under 15 tennis doubles and was second in the Over 15 tennis doubles.

**Chichester**

*House Mistress—Miss Rogers  
House Captain—Elizabeth Levisseur*  
We were unable to maintain the house tradition of collecting stocking-fillers for St. Gabriel's Home at Christmas, and unfortunately all plans to raise money for the children in other ways have had to be suspended as a result of the school's being struck by 'flu. However, the year is as yet only half spent and we shall no doubt have embarked upon some fund-raising project before my term of office expires.

Our various athletic achievements seem on the whole to have been very average: we came third in last spring's netball and lacrosse, and likewise third in the house swimming; the autumn's badminton proved something of a disaster. Personal congratulations, however, must go to Camilla Ewing and Lisa Downey for gaining netball stripes, to Sharelle Barber, Nicola Stokes and Lisa for rounders, and again to Lisa for gym. Elizabeth Pile is likewise to be congratulated for winning her dance stripe.

Chichester continues to show considerable intellectual prowess (Hilary Porter winning a place at Girton College, Cambridge and our early 'O' level entries gaining superb results) and to provide the music department with competent musicians. We have merely to ensure that this remains so, while raising our athletic output to a similar level.

**Bristol**

*House Mistresses—Mlle. Jacquot and  
Miss Fabian*

*Head of House—Julia Banner*

Winners of the House Tennis and the House Badminton—we have been celebrating ever since!

We have been able to help the Brighton and Hove girls' orphanage with Easter eggs, stocking fillers at Christmas and regular fruit and egg collections. We also ran a bottle stall at their summer fete.

A very hearty 'well done' to Fiona Robinson for gaining a place at Girton College, Cambridge.

Congratulations to G. Bower-Kemp for winning the gym cup, to L. Monnington for gaining her tennis colours and her badminton stripe, and to K. Vokins, S. Howell and G. Bower-Kemp for gaining various stripes. S. Graves and C. Bowes did particularly well in tennis. Sue won the Over 15 singles cup, Sue and Claire won the Over 15 doubles, Lu Monnington being the runner-up; she however won the Under 15 singles and doubles. Katrina Williams did very well in swimming last season gaining her swimming stripe and a place in the Sussex squad doing butterfly.

Several members of the House have taken music examinations this year, notably A. Smith who gained her Grade 7 piano. P. McDowell, who has now left, won the Junior Music Cup.

We are pleased to have Iona Wilson, head of school, in our house.

**St. Hilary**

*House Staff—Miss Payne, Miss Heenan and  
Miss de Diego*

*Heads of House—R. Beckley and A. Charles*

September saw the beginning of a change in the structure of the two boarding houses when we welcomed several members of Elliott house to St. Hilary.

Congratulations to all the House teams, especially the lacrosse team for gaining 1st place in the interhouse competition but also to the netball team for their 2nd place, the swimmers also for 2nd place, and also to the rounders team for coming 2nd. Well done to the badminton team for gaining a 3rd place, but better luck next time. Congratulations to A. Charles for her lacrosse colours and J. Purley for gaining her trampoline colours. F. Johnson gained the overall P.E. cup and M. Tinner received the cup for overall effort and improvement. J. Purley came runner-up in the U15 doubles.

E. Godden gained her Grade VII singing, B. Fleming Grade V flute—with distinction—and Grade V singing. F. Miller gained Grade V speech and drama—with merit. Congratulations especially to M. Tinner for gaining piano Grade VI—distinction, piano Grade VII, singing Grade VI with distinction, singing Grade VII, and also violin Grade V. M. Tinner and C. Bulteel also played at the Albert Hall with the Brighton Youth Orchestra. R. and A. Holley have gained their

2nd place, and also to the rounders team for coming 2nd. Well done to the badminton team for gaining a 3rd place, but better luck next time. Congratulations to A. Charles for her lacrosse colours and J. Purley for gaining her trampoline colours. F. Johnson gained the overall P.E. cup and M. Tinner received the cup for overall effort and improvement. J. Purley came runner-up in the U15 doubles.

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We are pleased to have S. Newman and R. Beckley, the two deputy-heads of school, in the house. We welcomed also at the beginning of the Summer Term the arrival of two cats belonging to Miss Payne. To Mary Langmead, ex-head girl who joined us in St. Hilary as a temporary matron, we wish the best of luck in her forthcoming marriage. Thanks also to the previous head of house, S. Mitchell.

**Elliott**

*House Mistress—Miss Miller*

*Heads of House—Carolyn Doraisamy and  
Susan Moller*

We are pleased to announce that this year we have not only won the House Shield, but also the swimming and rounders cups.

Congratulations to Susan Moller, who was captain of the Sussex County Reserve team; to the twelve girls who won various games stripes this year and to Sandra Jantuah, who played in the most matches during the Spring Term. Several girls have achieved excellent results in music and ballet examinations, especially Carolyn Sycamore, who passed Grade 7 piano with honours. We also congratulate Vicki Angus, who won the Mason Cup at the Worthing Festival.

At the start of the Autumn Term two third formers and five fourth formers left Elliott to go to St. Hilary. This was the first stage in the develop-

ment of separate Junior and Senior houses. We hope the scheme will go well.

Although there were no Elliott guides at the beginning of the year, we are now happy to say that many girls have joined.

Sadly we had to say goodbye to Miss Dickson, who left us at the end of the Autumn Term. However we welcome to the house Miss Mann and hope that she will be very happy with us. Last but by no means least, we would like to thank Miss Miller for all she has done for us this year.

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**ADELAIDE**

We were sorry to lose Mrs. Sheasby, our housemistress, at the end of last summer term, but welcome Mrs. Channing in her place.

This year we were again able to support the N.S.P.C.C. by selling Christmas cards. A total amounting to almost £45 was gained (and our thanks to the bursar for an extended loan!).

During the course of the past year we seem to have reserved second place in the inter-house tournaments, coming second in lax, swimming, tennis and badminton. Last spring term S. Staples and B. Hayes played the most times in matches for S.M.H. and S. Staples gained her lax colours. In the school tennis tournaments of last summer term S. Staples was runner up in the over 15 doubles, E. Robertshaw was runner-up in the under 13 singles and M. Staples won the under 15 singles. Also M. Staples won the overall P.E. cup for the year. During last autumn term H. Gillham and S. Gould gained their ballet colours and throughout the whole course of the year many people gained various P.E. stripes.

Our congratulations go to C. Doyle, who is now the leading flautist of the Brighton Junior Orchestra.

We are pleased to have L. Muirhead, who is one of the present deputy heads of school, in our house.

*Anne Haigh, U.VI*

**ELLIOTT**

Elliott House won both the house shield and rounders cup.

Last year's opera was a great success, greatly due to V. Angus as Dido.

Lacrosse colours were won by S. Jantuah, also a number of girls won games stripes.

Individual Gym Cup was won by J. Campbell and individual Lacrosse Cup was won by S. Moller.

Our support of Chailey Heritage continues and some 2nd years are knitting scarves for leprosy.

Thank you goes to Deborah Goodall our last Head of House.

Tennis tournament (U.13) was won by C. Brown.

Honours were awarded to S. Kentish for her Grade VIII singing exam.

Our Christmas house party was held jointly with St. Hilary up at School.

Unfortunately we lost our third and fourth years to St. Hilary last September.

Sandra Jantuah, our Head of School, is in Elliott.

Elliott is sad to say good-bye to Miss Miller who is retiring in July and welcomes Mrs. Drew.

*Penny Wade, U.VI*

**CHICHESTER**

*House Mistress—Miss Rogers*

*Head of House—J. Hayes*

The House continues to support St. Gabriel's Home and, thanks to the generosity of the girls, we sent nearly a hundred small gifts for stocking fillers this Christmas.

Our sporting prowess continues to form, fluctuating between the events we would prefer to forget, and the somewhat rarer, but more auspicious occasions. We won the inter-house netball, and for two of the three terms, achieved the greatest number of games stars, but on the whole, we have tended to occupy the middle positions. Congratulations to Nicola Stokes who won the P.E. cup for effort and improvement, to Georgina Lewis, a runner-up in the under-13 doubles in the school tennis tournament, and to all those who won games stripes during the year.

However, as far as intellectual and artistic successes are concerned, we more than make up for any minor athletic deficiencies. Elizabeth Levisseur, our former Head of House, winning a place at St. Anne's College, Oxford. As well Joanna Sayer passed her Grade VIII Speech and Drama exam, and we continue to produce good musicians.

#### BRISTOL HOUSE REPORT

Bristol House has enjoyed a very successful year, particularly so for a day house. I should like to thank all members for their great keenness and for the kind assistance I have received during my term of office. The reorganisation of the house, namely the choosing of a representative from each year group, has been highly successful.

Bristol House now proudly displays the Coat of Arms of the family of the Marquis of Bristol. Permission for this was kindly given by the present Marquis, the 6th Marquis of Bristol. A personal letter relating to this may be seen on our notice board.

Our main interest and ambition is to do all that is possible for Rosas House, the Brighton and Hove Girls' Orphanage. Grateful thanks to all members of my house for their wonderful response to the request for fruit, and this will shortly be followed by decorated oranges, from a competition arranged for Prep and Transition. Our bottle

stall at the Summer Market had the privilege of raising the highest amount of money for the orphanage. This success was closely followed by Pound Day and again, I thank all members, both pupils and teachers, for their wonderful support. Christmas time brought stocking fillers, thus filling both the cupboard and the 'tummy.' Easter is our next thought and we shall not forget our friends at Rosas House.

Various competitions have been well supported by the members of Bristol House. The Word Competition, congratulations to Brenda Jackson, the junior winner and Karen Vokins for winning the senior prize and the six contestants who won the consolation prizes; from a 5p entry fee, we were also able to donate £3 to the Swimming Pool Fund. The poem competition, for the most original poem appertaining to Bristol House, has been won by Katrina Williams and Caroline Smart.

If effort alone was sufficient for maximum results, we would have reached great heights in sporting prowess. In tennis and school badminton we have done just this, thanks to the wonderful record over the years of Susan Graves and Claire Bowes, together with the invaluable support of Lucinda Monnington. We now look to Sarah Hunt, Karen Vokins and others to carry on the tradition. We came third in the inter-house netball, lacrosse, rounders and swimming, and fourth in the inter-house badminton. The swimming gala was held for the first time in our magnificent swimming pool. Congratulations on the following achievements: Katrina Williams—swimming colours; Lucinda Monnington—badminton colours; Karen Vokins—tennis stripe; Catherine Wellings—gym stripe; Elspeth Jones—gym and ballet stripes.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my year as head of Bristol House and I would like to thank Miss Fabian and Mlle. Jacquot for their invaluable guidance, also all members of the House for their enthusiastic support. Keep up the good work!

*Lois Hall, U.V.I*

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#### ST. HILARY HOUSE REPORT

*House Staff*—Miss Payne, Mrs. Glascock, Miss Heenan and Miss Mills

*Head of House*—Z. Verjee

St. Hilary continues to welcome new senior members from Elliott House. We would like to convey our sincere thanks to Emma Godden and Susan Rosser, our previous Head and Deputy Head of House, and welcome Peng Li Fu as our new Deputy. We would also like to convey our congratulations to Sandra Newman for gaining a place at Somerville College, Oxford.

Congratulations to all the house teams, especially lacrosse and badminton for gaining first places in the inter-house matches, and to everyone who took part in the School Swimming Gala, which we also won. Congratulations to E. Hutchinson for winning the Under 15 school tennis tournament doubles. Many girls gained colours, stripes and stars. Among them, Sh. Goss and F. Johnson gained their lacrosse colours, and D. Hudson her ballet colours.

In the music department, St. Hilary maintains a high standard of passes in examinations. We would especially like to congratulate D. Zeki for gaining distinction in her oboe, Grade IV, and A. Hennings also for gaining distinction in her Violin Grade IV. Also special congratulations to M. Turner who gained the Music Shield by obtaining the overall highest mark for her music examinations. She is also a member of the Brighton Youth Orchestra who are visiting North America in the summer.

Congratulations to L. Sinclair, K. Hodgson and C. Bowles for gaining their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh awards.

Sadly we had to say goodbye to Mrs. Kannagara and Miss de Diego who left us half way through last autumn term. We welcome Miss Mills and Mrs. Glascock, our new assistant house-mistress. Finally, we would all like to convey our sincere thanks to Miss Payne for all that she does for the house.

#### ADELAIDE HOUSE REPORT

Adelaide began the year with a 'near-miss' in the music competition, coming a close second to Babington, and perhaps that position will be improved with practice this year. Both rounders and badminton proved too much for the members who came third in both, but the aquatic capabilities of all 'Adelaiders' were outstanding, since we gained a triumphant victory in the swimming competition. Perhaps we concentrated too hard on the sports activities and the number of house points obtained could not, therefore, excel; once again, we gained third place for the House Shield.

Apart from the efforts to defeat the other houses in physical activities, the Adelaiders also turned their hands to contributing towards funds for our new charity, Cancer Research. A motion for the change of charities from the NSPCC to CR was carried unanimously, and in the summer there was an ice-cream sale, using, again, Mrs. Channing's delicious concoction, from which we succeeded in collecting £12.50—an astounding sum for the amount of ice-cream made. This was the only means of raising money that Adelaide could attempt during the year, since energies were spent primarily on preparations for the Christmas Fair.

Special thanks must be conveyed to all the house staff, who provided the idea of a summer house party which everyone thoroughly enjoyed, and to Mrs. Brown we owe the grateful appreciation of her beautiful 'book' cake.

The influx of eighteen new girls into Adelaide certainly boosted our egos and they fill some of the gaps left behind by Sharon Goss, now at York University, Clare Woodhead, at

Durham University, Nimet Maherali, at Leicester Polytechnic and last, but by no means least, Jay Ife, our 'ex-head', who is now nursing in London. We wish them all the best of luck as we do Sarah Goss, Johanna Manners and Dinya Zeki, the top officials in the school, whom we are proud to have as members of the house.

All good things are supposed to come to an end; however, we hope that during the coming year the participation of all Adelaiders in school activities will be equally as good as, if not better than, it has been previously. Many thanks to all the staff and girls and may we wish you 'Pob Hwyl' (Welsh—good luck) in the future.

*Philippa Gerrard-Wight*

#### BABINGTON HOUSE REPORT

In the last Report, Fiona Robson mentioned the Inter-House Netball Tournament and the Music Competition, which at that time were still in the future. Now, however, we are happy to report that, even though we gained fourth place in the Inter-House Netball Tournament, and in the support and enthusiasm of everyone involved, win the Choral Cup in the House Music Competition as well as the Mary Fosh Guild Music Trophy, for coming first overall.

During the Summer Term the Inter-House Summer Sports Tournaments were held. The first of these was the Rounders Tournament and our team, trained by Victoria Ansell and Georgina Lewis, came third. In the Tennis our couples, with the help of Soraya Hamid, came second, and in the Swimming Gala, our swimming squad, led by Diane Hudson and Heather Gillham, came third.

At the end of the Summer Term, Babington held a House Party. The games and tea were enjoyed by all and it was a very pleasant summer's afternoon. Our thanks go to everyone who was involved with the organising. The Summer Term concluded with the presentation of the House Shield, for which we were runners-up.

During the Winter Term, the House Badminton matches were played and our team, led by Victoria Ansell and Georgina Lewis, came second. The netball and lacrosse teams, trained by Henrietta Gray, Maha Ghazzawi, Nicola Aylin and Diane Hudson, came fourth in the spring Inter-House tournaments this year.

Finally, we would like to say how pleased we are that Mr. Liddell, who kindly records our House events with photographs, at regular intervals is in Babington. Also, we are pleased to have the Senior Librarian, Elizabeth Pile, and the School Tennis Captain, Soraya Hamid, in Babington. Last, but not least, we must thank all members of the House for their invaluable support during the Inter-House matches and competitions. It is most encouraging to see a good House spirit developing.

*Katie Hodgson*

#### BRISTOL HOUSE REPORT

This has been a year of outstanding success for Bristol House. In the accounting of the school house points Bristol gained first place, thereby winning the House Shield. Thus we managed a double first: this being the first time that Bristol has won the shield and also the first house to accomplish it under the new system uniting boarders and day girls. We now hope to maintain our premier position.

The performance in sporting activities has been improved. Bristol came first in the tennis thanks to Alison Miller,

Virginia Calver, Karen Vokins and Katherine Ridley; this was repeated in the netball, which was very exciting, and in the last match we scored eleven goals to win on goal average over Chichester. We also came second in the swimming gala after the coaching given by Katrina Williams, and second in lacrosse.

Special thanks are due to the staff who organised a very enjoyable House Party at the end of the Summer Term, and in particular to Mlle Jacquot who arranged the games. The party was very popular with all who participated and we hope to have another one next year.

We continued to support the Summer Fair at Rosas House, taking charge of the bottle stall. Our gratitude to the House Mistresses for all their hard work to make the afternoon such a success. Preparations are now underway for the house music competition in which we hope to do well after the diligent work that Sarah Hunt has put in. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the girls for their support and I hope that Bristol House will continue to flourish.

*Sara Rose*



#### CHICHESTER HOUSE REPORT

Slowly but surely we are losing our reputation for being the 'duffer' house at games by winning the badminton and the rounders, missing first place in the netball on goal average and coming in a graceful third in the lacrosse. Many thanks to all who played, and gave up their breaks to practise, and to Nicola Stokes, without whose organisation and enthusiasm we could not have produced the teams.

The new venture of having an annual house party was started this year at Christmas, with food and games in the hall, rounded off by a 'Heather Gosden' pantomime in which the lower sixth had great fun making fools of themselves. A follow-up is planned for next year.

Congratulations to Joanna Sayer for winning one of the five Nuffield Scholarships to St. Hilda's, Oxford and to Donna Parker for her performance in the school play.

Preparations for the house music competition are well under way and we are hoping to put on a better performance than last year.

Thanks must also go to Anne Levisier and Joanna Pink for all the time and effort they put into the house during their term of office.

*Susan Perham*

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#### DE REBUS CONCILII DISCIPULORUM

We girls of St. Mary's Hall love our School Council! With its advent we are forever indebted to its founder Mrs. Alford, and of course to Mrs. Leslie for allowing such a degree of democracy in our school.

Formerly we were unable to express our views through any effective medium. Now, with a freedom hitherto unknown, we not only express our views but put them before representatives of the school to be voted upon! Matters of general concern such as the regulation shade of school attire, the modification of existing systems of organization, and the introduction of extra-curricular activities are among topics discussed. Whether or not our democratically voted views are put into motion is quite irrelevant. Surely the chance to air our opinions is enough?

This is written in the hope that any illusions as to the failure of the School Council must surely be dispelled—after all, every leaf floating upstream must have its problems, mustn't it?

*Dünya Zeki, UVI  
Secretary of School Council*

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#### ADELAIDE HOUSE REPORT

By the time this is in print the results of the 1980 Inter-House Netball and Lacrosse will be known; however, at the moment we are in a position only to report on the efforts of 1979. Unfortunately the results in the Netball were not outstanding; however, this was made up for by the fact that we won the Lacrosse for the second year running. In the Summer the Swimming was also a triumph for Adelaide, and thanks to the efforts of Sara Gould and Deanna Angel we gained second place in the Rounders. Many thanks must also go to Ruth Holder, who put such a lot of effort into the organisation of the Adelaide contribution to the House Music Competition. Without her we could not have hoped for the positions we gained—1st in the singing and 2nd in the music.

The Summer also saw the annual ice cream sale in aid of Cancer Research, which raised over £20. The fund-raising activities continued in the Autumn with the somewhat unusual competition "Guess the name of the skeleton"! He was appropriately eventually christened Yorick. This and the individual cake sales held within forms raised £35, again donated to Cancer Research. Our academic record is also looking healthy; at the end of 1979 we were second in the House Points, having come first in the "Stars" and points gained from matches played.

Finally we would like to thank all members of the House who have contributed in some way over the past year—and last but by no means least, many thanks are due to the staff without whose help and support the house would not be what it is today.

*Verail Johnson and  
Judy Hughesdon*

#### BRISTOL HOUSE REPORT

Bristol had tremendous success last year, and I am pleased to say that we have maintained this high standard this year in most of the school's activities, despite fierce and growing competition from the other houses.

We won the House Shield for the second year running, and we, yet again, repeated last year's excellent performance, coming a proud first in the Netball and Tennis. In the exciting and very close swimming gala, we tied second with Babington. We also came second in the Lacrosse—many thanks to all those who played. Extra thanks to all the girls who volunteered or were "press-ganged" into taking part in the Music Competition, and especially Sarah Hunt, who put much time, effort and enthusiasm into it. But alas, we came last!

The House Party at the end of the Summer Term was a

great success, and both staff and girls enjoyed the fun, food and games (not forgetting the quickly melting ice cream)! Special thanks go to Miss Fabian and M<sup>rs</sup> Jaquot for all their help and organisation, and to the rest of the staff and Sixth form who enjoyed themselves arranging the games in a most enthusiastic manner.

The Summer Fair at Rosaz House was supported by generous contributions to the bottle stall. We hope in the future to transfer our support to an international charity organisation.

We are pleased to have the Head Girl, Sarah Hunt, and one of her deputies, Kath Ridley, in Bristol.

Finally, I would like to thank EVERYONE, both teachers and pupils, especially my deputy Alison Miller, in our House for their unanimous support and help, and I sincerely hope that next year will be as much fun and as successful as this one has been.

*Amanda Denny*

#### BABINGTON HOUSE REPORT, SPRING 1980

The third year of Babington's reintroduction has been busy and largely successful. We began well by winning the Inter-House Music Competition, with Chichester, for the second year running, and were narrowly beaten into second place by Adelaide in the Choral Cup. We are especially grateful to Heather Gillham, who trained the choir with such dedication. Our swimming team, led by Diane Hudson, achieved second place, and the rounders team (trained by Jackie Jantuah), and tennis couples (E. Bunn, J. Owen, J. Ruoss, L. Thwaites) both came third in the Inter-House tournaments. Babington was also victorious in the Badminton, thanks to E. Bunn, J. Jantuah, J. Owen and L. Thwaites, who gained a well-deserved first place. We were runners-up in the House Shield.

At the end of the Summer Term, the annual House Party was held, and greatly enjoyed by all who went. We are very grateful to the staff who organised the tea and games, and also to Diane Hudson for her delicious "dragon cake"!

Thanks are due to all the people who worked so hard and enthusiastically for all these events; but if a few names seem to recur, then what was certainly the greatest success of the year was a whole-hearted communal effort by the entire House. This was a Mini-Fair held in aid of the Church Missionary Society, the House charity (for whom we also collect postage stamps). The generosity of everyone, not only Babington members but the whole school, both in donating items for sale and in coming to buy, enabled us to raise the truly amazing sum of £75—in one half-hour lunch break. We can only offer a very large vote of thanks to all those involved, and especially to the staff—in particular, Mr. Liddell, who printed the mounts for our homemade Christmas cards—who, under the inspiring leadership of Miss Bristol and Miss Griffiths, have contributed so much to the spirit of Babington House.

*Lucinda Morrison*

#### CHICHESTER HOUSE REPORT

The year started well, with the House joint winners of the Music Competition with Babington. Thanks go to Heather Gosden for all the time and effort she put into it.

The junior part of the house just missed winning the Netball, but came back well to take the Rounders Cup, the team being coached by Nicola Stokes and Linda Woodhead. A good fight was maintained during the Inter-House Lacrosse, but we only managed third place. The Tennis team played well and gained second place.

House points are still not very forthcoming, so we again took fourth place in the Shield.

At Christmas the House collected stocking fillers for the Children's Hospital for the last time, as the House Charity is being changed to The Dr. Barnardo's Homes. A cake sale and a "guess the number of raisins" in a fruit cake competition raised £20 for their Christmas Appeal. Early this term, Prep. and Trans. held their own cake sale and raised £3.50. Mr. Cowing is also running a collection of Cadbury's labels for the Dr. Barnardo's Minibus Appeal.

The Chichester House Party was again held just before Christmas with the 'Chichester Chicks', better known as the Sixth Form, performing to the delight of the younger ones.

Many thanks to the staff and the rest of the House for all their help over the past year, and all the best for the House in the coming years.

*Susan Perham*

## 1981 (and announcement of VI form centre)

### ADELAIDE HOUSE REPORT

We have held a number of fund-raising activities throughout the Summer term we sold ice cream and raised

a splendid total of £64; in the Autumn term we held a raffle which raised £33.55—many thanks to the generous contributions of the prizes by the house staff; and even in the Spring term we managed to raise some money by holding a cake sale, which raised an amazing total of £23. A committee member of the local branch of the Campaign for Cancer Research came to visit the Heads of House, and supplied us with much interesting information about their work, since throughout the year the House has continued to support the Campaign.

The House has shown much enthusiasm for the Inter-House competitions and we should like to give everyone concerned our hearty thanks. We trained very hard for the lacrosse and won it again. The badminton team's keen efforts were thoroughly rewarded by a glorious victory. Despite the tremendous enthusiasm displayed at the numerous practices we were narrowly beaten in the rounders and swimming. But we were very pleased that nearly all the Inter-House art prizes were awarded to members of our House: Clare Back, Dong Ching Chiu and Maria Windsor all gaining 1st prizes and Jackie Rogers a 2nd prize. Very well done!

Whereas last year the House party was successfully held at the end of the Summer term, this year we found it very pleasant to round off our term of office in the Spring term by the annual House party.

We should like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the House for their hard work in fund-raising and competitions throughout the year.

*Sarah Humphrey, Jane Campbell*

We are extremely grateful to Jane and Sarah for all the hard work they have put into making 1980-81 such an enjoyable and successful year for Adelaide House. Their enthusiasm and energy for House affairs made every occasion exciting and enjoyable. It is with great regret that we have to say goodbye to them as House Captains, but we are sure that they will continue to give their support to whoever takes over from them next term. We are sure that we speak for every member of Adelaide House when we wish Sarah and Jane 'Good Luck' in the 'A' level examinations and we hope that they will keep in touch with us when they leave S.M.H. at the end of the Summer Term.

*B.C. and S.B.*

### CHICHESTER HOUSE REPORT

This year Chichester House has managed to raise approximately £70 for the Dr. Barnardo's Homes, our new House Charity. The money has been raised through a cake sale, a book sale, a raffle and two 'guess the number of sweets in the jar' competitions, and the junior members of the House have shown great enthusiasm in their approach to raising money.

In the Inter-House competitions this year, Chichester has not managed to gain the position of first place, but not through lack of effort on the teams' parts. At the end of the Summer term Chichester was narrowly beaten into second place in both the Inter-House tennis and the General Knowledge Quiz. Bad luck Chichester!

Every year Chichester holds a party for its members at the end of the Christmas term. This year the theme was fancy dress and the girls showed great imagination in the costumes that they wore. The Sixth Form performed a short pantomime which, although not very professional, was enjoyed by everyone and the party ended with carol singing. I should like to thank all the staff and Sixth Form who provided the delicious food, which guaranteed the success of the party.

Thank you to all those members of the House who represented Chichester in the Inter-House competitions; to my deputies Theodora Pepera and Sarah Squibb; and also to Katy Taylor and Nicola Currie, all of whom have been very helpful during my term of office. Also thanks are due to the staff who have given invaluable support to Chichester.

*Vanessa Mont, UVI*

### BABINGTON HOUSE REPORT, 1980-81

Babington has had a highly successful past year, counting amongst its triumphs first place in the House swimming, badminton, netball, rounders and tennis, not forgetting the House Shield. Many thanks are due to all those who worked so hard in coaching the teams, playing for the House, or merely lending their vocal support to those playing. Much enthusiasm was given to the lacrosse and general knowledge too, although we were not quite as successful in those fields.

We have managed to raise quite substantial sums of money for the House charity, which is the Church Missionary Society. This is given to the medical work of Miss E. Vause amongst the children of Zaire. Some of the money was made by way of a cake sale in the summer which raised a phenomenal £30.50. Miss Griffiths' sale of pens raised a further £32.70, and by May, 1980 we were able to send a cheque for £50. By November 13th another

for £75 was forwarded. At present, we are testing our true sense of charity by passing a collection box around the House each week.

This year, the house welcomed Miss Payne, Mrs. Sevinck and Mrs. Smith into the noble ranks of the Babington House staff. The year was marred, however, by the sad death of Heidi Ruoss, one of the House's most cheery members, whose happy smile will always be missed.

It is extremely encouraging to see the tremendous extent to which the House spirit has developed in such a new House. Many thanks must be given not only to Miss Griffiths and Miss Bristol for their inspiring leadership, but also to the rest of the House staff, and most important of all, the members of the House themselves to whom this year's achievements can be attributed. With such a powerful combination of team spirit and determination, I am confident that Babington will stride on to even greater achievements in the future.

*Jennifer Child, UVI*

### BRISTOL HOUSE REPORT

The year started well, with the House winning the General Knowledge Quiz, which replaced the Music Competition this year.

Preparatory and Transition managed to retain the Rounders Cup for a second year. However, the Junior Rounders team was not as successful, just missing the second place and tying with Chichester House in third. Our Swimming team, led by Alison Miller, and our Tennis couples, comprising A. Miller, A. Denny, S. Hunt and K. Ridley, both achieved third place. Charlotte Homewood shared the individual Ballet Cup presented by Heather Gillham, and Miss Ramsey's Cup was awarded to Bristol House as a whole. Unfortunately, this year, the House Shield, which we had been holding for two years, was lost to Babington House by a margin of a few points.

The House Party, held at the end of the Summer term, was a great success and both the staff and the girls enjoyed the food, fun and games. Special thanks to all the House staff who helped to make it the success it was. The staff made a cake, specially decorated with beautiful blue elephants, as a farewell present to Mile Jacquot, who retired this year. Our best wishes to her in her retirement. This year Mr. Wells has replaced Mile Jacquot as Head of House.

The Autumn term began well, with a mini-fair held in the school hall in aid of Dr. De Winter's Cancer Crusade, the House Charity. The generosity of everyone, not only Bristol House members but the whole school as well, both in donating items for sale and in buying items on sale, helped us to raise the amazing sum of seventy-five pounds!—in one half-hour lunch break. We can only offer a vote of thanks to all those involved, especially the staff and, in particular, Mrs. Sinclair, who devoted much of her free time to the cause.

Although our badminton team put much time, effort and enthusiasm into the tournament, alas we came last. Arrangements are under way for a sponsored swim, which will be held at the end of this term in aid of the House Charity. We hope it will be as great a success as the mini-fair.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone, both staff and

pupils, for their continuous support and help. Also, we hope next year will be as much fun and will bring even greater success than this one.

*Idunnu Odulate and Ann Quinn*

### HEADMISTRESS'S REPORT

A school, especially a boarding school, is a microcosm of life. This thought has been brought home to me more and more during the past year. Work and recreation, success and failure, joy and sorrow make up the pattern.

The Sixth Form Centre, which was little more than a dream this time last year, is taking shape and we now know it will be ready for occupation in September. It has been frustrating to have to turn away potential boarders because of lack of space and it will be a relief to have about twenty more boarding places from next September. In the first year, we will have to publicise the fact that the Sixth Form is expanding, and I depend on you to make this good news known to friends if they are looking at Sixth Form places.



**ADELAIDE HOUSE REPORT**

Our year of office started very well when we organised a "sponsored cycle" which took place in Preston Park one Sunday afternoon in May. This was the first of its kind in this school and the seven members of the Lower Sixth

and Staff who took part managed to raise the sum of £210 on this occasion. In the Summer Term we sold ice cream and made another £80 and there have been several other smaller fund raising efforts e.g. raffles, guessing the height of Venn House and cake sales. And these came to a total of £50. All this money has been sent to Cancer Research, which is undoubtedly a very worthy cause.

Much enthusiasm has been shown by members of the House in inter-House sports and as a result we came first in the badminton matches and we are most grateful to Farshid and Fern and Rebecca and Sarah for playing so well. We came second in the swimming competition and we did well in tennis and rounders matches too!

The annual Christmas party which was held jointly with Bristol was one of the most entertaining we have had for some years. The Staff were very brave when they dressed up and acted their own version of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream". The performance was hilariously funny and resulted in much applauding for encores.

Elizabeth Ager and Tamsin Johnson, who were last year's House Captains, have kept in touch with us and we are happy to report that Tamsin is enjoying her year in America before commencing her studies at Durham University. Elizabeth has finished her secretarial course and is waiting to start her next course at University.

We should both like to say "Merci Beaucoup" to all members of Staff in this wonderful House and especially for making this a year full of good experience and fun for both of us.

*Farshid Moussavi and Mei Sing Wong, House Captains*

As House Mistresses of Adelaide we should like to say a very big thankyou to Farshid and Mei Sing for carrying out their duties as House Captains in a most efficient, cheerful and enthusiastic manner. They have, during their year of service, gained the respect and affections of everyone in the House. We are most grateful to them for all that they have done to create good house spirit and we sincerely hope that they keep in touch with us. We wish them luck with their studies at University next year.

*B.C. and S.B.*

**BRISTOL HOUSE REPORT**

It has been a steady year for Bristol, coming second in the overall position of the Houses in both the Summer and Winter Terms. There has been considerable success on the academic side (Bristol has always proved to be strong in this respect), and this has been shown by a large proportion of the girls being mentioned weekly in assembly for having gained superstars. In the Summer of 1981 our general knowledge team, which consisted of Karen Bowerman, Jane Clifford, Tracey Baker and Angela Tebe, did well in the heats, but because we just lost to Babington we did not succeed in getting through to the final.

Bristol has not had such a good year in the inter-house sports events, but this can most probably be attributed to the girls' dedication to their academic work! In the Summer Term we came fourth in both the netball and tennis, but gained great consolation from our efforts in the inter-house swimming. We had a marvellous team and came a close third in the racing events and second in the diving, thanks to the dare-devil feats of Sammy Davies and Benice Rents! Last term we did not succeed in getting into the finals of the badminton, but nevertheless our team of Ilsa Blumbergs, Rosemary Drew, Roselina Yaakub and Nina King played admirably throughout. Let us hope that this term we shall prove our worth by pulling ourselves back to the top with the lacrosse and netball.

Last year's sponsored knit, which was held in the Easter Term, raised an incredible £439 for Dr. De Winter's Cancer Crusade, and there were 739 squares knitted overall. Last term Bristol held a cake sale on behalf of Christian Aid, and £22 was raised. The major fund-raising effort of this term is the sponsored spell competition, which will be an inter-house event. The money raised will go to the individual House charities, and points will be awarded to each House according to their performance.

Thanks are due to the Lower Sixth for their support, especially for their help and participation in the Bristol House party, which was held last term with Adelaide. The party proved to be a great success with the girls, who particularly enjoyed the Staff's contribution to the entertainment. Mr. Wells, Mr. McCulloch, the Reverend Otto and Mr. Roser (the latter two from Adelaide) formed the robust voices of our male quartet, which went down very well, even though the theme of their song was somewhat chauvinistic! Also much enjoyed was the all-female cast of teachers acting out their spoof version of "A Midsummer Night's Dream".

Many thanks to my Deputy Sophie Grant for all her support, and congratulations to her for having recently gained a place at the London College of Music.

Finally I must thank both Mr. Wells and Mrs. Palmer for their tremendous support and help during the year, and I wish Bristol all the best in the future.

*Veronica Barrett, House Captain*

**BABINGTON HOUSE REPORT**

Babington House has continued its success of the last few years. We have kept up our past victories by coming first in the general knowledge, rounders and swimming; and we were a close second in the tennis and badminton. These achievements exactly match those of last year, which includes the winning of the House Shield for the third successive year. We hope to continue our success at the end of this term in the netball and lacrosse. One of the reasons for our success has to be attributed to the great support and competitive feeling the girls have for their House. A big "thankyou" must go to all those who have represented their House in any way, and those who have trained the teams.

Apart from our victories on the field we have had several fund-raising events for our charity, The Church Missionary Society. We are still collecting postage stamps, which are sorted out and then sold, the proceeds going to C.M.S. During the Summer Term we had a

sponsored swim which proved to be fun, if not exhausting for those of us who were unfit. From this energetic form of exercise we managed to raise just over £200. At the end of last term we had our usual Christmas Fair, which has proved to be a great success in the limited time we have. We sold everything from cakes to calendars during one second break and raised about £50. We hope to be able to raise more money with the sponsored spell arranged by Mrs. Wooliscroft. Our thanks is given to the usual enthusiasm of the House and the support of the School for helping us to raise this money.

On Shrove Tuesday, 15th February, Babington held a joint party with Chichester House, which took place in the Robinson Wing and was a great success. Many members of each House came along to join in the games, organised by Mrs. Ringer, and to satisfy their appetites, after all their running around, with food provided by the Staff and Sixth Form members of both Houses.

I should like to thank the Staff and girls of Babington House whose enthusiasm, loyalty and support have enabled us to continue our success in both inter-house activities and fund-raising events.

*Pamela Blagg, House Captain*

**CHICHESTER HOUSE REPORT**

This year there has been a great upheaval in Chichester House, with the sad retirement of Miss Rogers, after a great number of years as Head of House. We have, however, been fortunate enough to gain the excellent leadership of Mrs. Bland and Mrs. Betts in her place.

We have held our own in this year's inter-house sports competitions. We came first in the tennis, thanks to the skill of our players, Nicola Currie, my predecessor, Katy Taylor, her deputy, Susan Standing, and Melissa Webb, who all very kindly returned after their respective 'A' and 'O' level examinations. We took second place in both the badminton and rounders, but despite an enthusiastic team, we scooped only fourth place in the swimming. Thanks must go to the four "bright sparks": Elisabeth Mason, Claudia Murray, Dee Davis, and Shani Waller, for the effort they put in to broaden their knowledge, and thus take second place in the general knowledge quiz.

We have had two main fund-raising events so far this year, both to satisfy our stomachs! The first event came in two parts. We began with a House baking competition, kindly judged by Mrs. Needham, where even the Staff were obliged to make bread rolls! We finished with a sale of the produce to raise money for our new charity, The Church of England Children's Society. Our second event was a sale of Kit-Kats. We had a large quantity to sell, expecting them to last for weeks, and yet they were consumed in only three days! Thanks to all those who bought them.

As well as the more serious side, there has been a lighter side, namely a very enjoyable House party. For the first time Babington and Chichester joined together for a party on Shrove Tuesday. Much effort was put in by Staff and Sixth Form to make it a success, and Mrs. Ringer

**ADELAIDE HOUSE REPORT**

During the past year Adelaide has been successful in raising its academic standards to lift the House from its usual third place to second for the Christmas Term. A close second behind Babington in the Inter-House quiz also reflected this improvement in standard.

We have had one main fund-raising event during the past two terms, which was the annual ice-cream sales throughout the summer, including the sale of 'lollies' at the Garden Party. This raised a record-breaking sum of £220. Other small events included the raffling of a large teddy-bear and various other prizes, and a cards, calendars and gift tag sale. These raised around £30 and all the proceeds from these events were sent to Cancer Research.

In this year's Inter-House sports competitions we gained a well-deserved first in the rounders and continued our success with a close second in the badminton and third in the tennis. Although we managed only a fourth in the swimming, I would like to thank everyone who made such a good effort. We are looking forward to the lacrosse and netball at the end of this term with anticipation!

The annual House Party, held jointly with Bristol at Christmas, proved very successful. The Sixth Form performed a much-applauded play and Reverend Otto, Dr. Dixon and Mr. Wells sang, much to the amusement of all the girls.

I should finally like to thank everyone for their generous support to the House, especially my deputies Jo-Anne Galbraith and Mei Teck Wong and of course Mrs. Channing and Mrs. Best for their valuable guidance throughout the year. I wish Adelaide the best of luck in the future.

*Carole Barr, House Captain*

*We are extremely grateful to Carole and her deputies, Jo-Anne and Mei Teck, for all the hard work they have put into organising Adelaide House during their year of office. They have been successful in creating some House Spirit, with the result that we came second instead of third at the end of the Christmas Term.*

*They are to be congratulated on the way they have managed to raise large sums of money for charity and we hope that they will continue to give their invaluable support to the House after they retire from office at the end of this term.*

*On behalf of all members of Adelaide House, we wish them every success in their 'A' Level examinations and good luck in their chosen careers.*

*B.C. and S.B.*

**BRISTOL HOUSE REPORT**

The year began with an Inter-House sponsored spell and all minds were set to learning fifty set words. The competition went well and Bristol alone collected over £300 for Dr. de Winter's Cancer Crusade. Further charitable events included a cake sale, which raised about £17, and a sweet stall organised by both Chichester and Bristol Houses which collected approximately £23 overall. The major event this term is to be a sponsored poem recital, which should set the brains ticking again! Many thanks are due to Mrs. Wooliscroft, who has organised the various charity events over the past year. Her enthusiasm and help in the House are very much appreciated.

Bristol has retained her steady position in the Inter-House sports, having come second in both tennis and swimming, and third in the rounders. Particular thanks are due to those girls who stepped in at the last moment to swim for the House. They all did extremely well, especially since several of our top swimmers were unable to compete. In the badminton last term Bristol were not so successful, but there was a great team effort, despite the strong opposition. The netball and lacrosse captains for the games at the end of this term have already been selected and the eager Bristol teams will soon be busy training!

Academically, Bristol has continued to win points with superstars, which are called out every week in Prayers. Unluckily though, Bristol failed to reach the finals of the Inter-House general knowledge quiz, but the team of Minnie Black-James, Angela Tebe, Tracey Baker and Aureol Bowerman made a very brave attempt against the difficult opposition. At the end of this term those

interested in drama in the House will be able to flaunt themselves in the Inter-House drama competition. The production team has already been chosen and consists of Rosie Drew, Karen Bowerman and Fiona Appleyard. We hope that our talented girls will be successful.

Thanks are due to all members of the House, both staff and girls, especially for their help and participation in the joint Bristol and Adelaide House Party. It was a great success with the girls, who particularly enjoyed the musical trio performed by Mr. Wells, Dr. Dixon and The Chaplain at the piano. The food went down especially quickly after the usual party games and a show performed by the Sixth Form.

Generally, the year has been an enjoyable one, for myself at any rate. My two deputies, Brigitte McAteer and Nina King, have both been a great help and have contributed a great deal to the House activities and I wish them all the best for the future.

Finally, I must thank both Mr. Wells and Mrs. Palmer for their generous and most welcome support throughout the year. I am sure that we all wish Mrs. Palmer many congratulations for her new daughter, Emma, and hope that she will be back soon to continue to give her support to the House. The year has been a wonderful experience for me and I hope that the next will be as much fun and as enjoyable as this one has been. I wish Bristol all the best for the future.

*Caroline Searle, House Captain*

**BABINGTON HOUSE REPORT**

Babington House has enjoyed yet another successful year. We achieved outstanding victories in the Inter-House swimming, tennis, badminton and general knowledge competitions and were runners-up in the rounders. We also won the House Shield for the fourth consecutive year. We hope to continue our success at the end of this term with good results in the lacrosse, netball and drama. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those girls who put so much effort and enthusiasm

into the coaching of the teams, not forgetting the team members themselves.

At the end of last term Babington had a joint party with Chichester House, which was held in the hall. The festivities started with a 'silent-movie' performed by the Sixth Formers of both houses, alias the Babchester Players, and was well received by staff and pupils alike. Many thanks to Mr. Roser, who accompanied the performance on the piano, Janine Launchbury and Melanie Morrison, who wrote the play, and all of the Sixth Form for their support. I would also like to thank the members of staff, especially Miss Bristol and Mrs. Bland, and all of the girls who so generously provided food and drink.

Babington has continued to raise money for the Church Missionary Society. The money is used to buy medical supplies which are needed in Zaire. Last term we held a cake sale which raised £15.50. Miss Griffiths has raised £12 from her sale of pens and when money received from sales of pencils and marmalade is included, the total comes to nearly £34. This term we are hoping to raise some more money with the proceeds from a sponsored event and a 'guess the baby' competition organised by the Sixth Form.

Finally I should like to thank all of the staff and girls for their support, encouragement and loyalty, which have enabled Babington House to flourish over the last year.

*Joanna Podd, House Captain*

**CHICHESTER HOUSE REPORT**

Chichester House has had a reasonably successful year in all its activities. With regard to games, we were unable to improve our position in the summer sports, but everyone took part in them with great enthusiasm and we achieved third place in both tennis and swimming, but sadly came fourth in rounders. With regard to other Inter-House activities, one member of each year represented Chichester in the General Knowledge competition; our team coped creditably with the harrowing questions.

Fund raising for the House Charity formed a large part of our efforts this year. Popcorn replaced Kit-Kats as the main edible commodity, along with Coca-Cola and Mars bars. In addition a sponsored swim in the Autumn Term raised £91 owing to the enthusiastic efforts of many of the House members. A sum of £230 was reached with the sponsor money from the Inter-House spelling competition; therefore the House charity (The Church of England Children's Society) will be receiving a cheque from us to help them in their work.

On a lighter note we again joined forces with Babington House for our annual House Party. The high point of the afternoon, apart from the delicious food provided by the staff and Sixth Form, was the première of the Sixth Form play. This comprised a silent movie with musical accompaniment provided by Mr. Roser. Many thanks to him and also to the many other people who helped, especially Janine Launchbury of the Upper Sixth for both writing and producing a truly humorous piece of entertainment.

As noted by my predecessor, Louise Venables, the House Spirit has grown substantially and I hope that this enthusiasm will continue next year. Personally I owe thanks to my House Deputy, Rachel Hardaker, who has been of unfailing support throughout the year.

*Annabel Middlemas, House Captain*



## ADELAIDE HOUSE REPORT

Katereh and I have been Heads of Adelaide House since the beginning of the Summer term, 1984. During the good weather we continued the Adelaide tradition of selling ice-creams to the lower school weekly. By the end of term a total of £50 had been raised—two-thirds of which was sent to Imperial Cancer Research and one-third of which was sent to Dr. Jande Winter's Clinic in New Road, Brighton. We would like to thank Jo-Anne Galbraith for donating £10 before she left the school.

Last term we continued to raise more money by having a Wellington-Boot Throwing Competition which was well supported by the first and second years in the school. However, I must not forget to mention the two extremely keen and competitive members of staff, namely Mrs. Sevink and Mrs. Bland. They valiantly tried several different methods of throwing the welly-boots long distances across the lacrosse pitch, or not-so-long distances, as the case may have been. Thank you.

This, together with the sponsored swim held last term, raised £46 to be sent off to Ethiopia. I wish to thank all those who were involved in the sponsored swim, both the swimmers and their relatives and friends who donated the money.

I have to say that, despite the well-supported sponsored swim, the Inter-House Swimming Competition was, in contrast, a fairly tragic event for Adelaide. It was badly supported by the House and as a result we came last. However, Katereh and I were very pleased with the extremely enthusiastic and well-organised impression given by members of the House during the Inter-House rounders and tennis matches. We came first in the rounders and second in the tennis. Thank you, Hoda, for being so helpful in organising the rounders team.

We came third in the Inter-House badminton, which involved the Fifth- and Sixth-formers. All the matches were very close and provided great entertainment.

At the mention of entertainment I would like also to wish Jane Whittemore the best of luck with the Inter-House Drama Competition, held during the last week of this term. Jane is currently directing the young and very talented Adelaide actresses to perform the A. A. Milne play "The Man in the Bowler Hat".

Katey and I wish to thank everyone in Adelaide who has helped us during the last few terms. We hope that Adelaide continues to be successful and even more successful in the future!

*Sheenagh Bodkin*

## BRISTOL HOUSE REPORT

The year began with an Inter-House sponsored poem recital, which raised over £200 for the House charities.

There were other charitable events, including a cake sale which raised around £16. This term's major fund-raising event is a sponsored knit, which proved so successful a few years ago. It is already well under way and we hope to improve on last year's total. Many thanks are due to Mrs. Wooliscroft, who organises these major events. Her help and enthusiasm are very much appreciated.

At the end of last Spring Term Bristol's talented young actresses took part in the Inter-House Drama Competition in which they performed "Tom Sawyer". Bristol's cast was a large one and everyone worked extremely hard under the direction of Karen Bowerman and must be congratulated for achieving second place. We look forward to this term's competition with eager anticipation!

Bristol has continued to do well in the Inter-House sports, achieving second places in the lacrosse, netball, tennis and swimming but, alas, coming only fourth in the rounders. In the Inter-House badminton competition held last term Bristol played well and gained second place. There was great team effort in all the games and the teams must be commended for all their hard work.

In the competitive field, Bristol's outstanding success of the year was the victory in the Inter-House General Knowledge Quiz held in the Summer term. The team, which consisted of Tracey Baker, Angela Tebe, Minnie Black-James and Melissa Bowerman, must be congratulated for all their hard work and quick thinking in achieving first place—well done!

This year we have had to say farewell to Mrs. Palmer, who has left to look after her daughter, Emma. I am sure we

would all like to thank her for the generous support, encouragement and enthusiasm which she has given to the House over the past years. We all wish her and Emma success and happiness in the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my two deputies, Rosie Drew and Lisa Blumbergs; they have both been a great help throughout the year. Finally I would like to thank everyone, both the staff and girls, for their generous support and help during the year. I hope that next year will be as much fun and will bring even greater success than this one. I wish Bristol the best of luck in the future.

*Lisa Bannerman*

## BABINGTON HOUSE REPORT

This year Babington House has once again surpassed itself in its numerous successes. At the end of the Spring Term 1984 there was a new inter-house event, an inter-House Drama competition. Babington won it with a play called "Sunday Costs Five Pesos". I would like to congratulate all those involved in it, and I offer my best wishes to those who are working hard at this year's play.

The Summer term brought further victories for Babington. We won the inter-house tennis and swimming competitions, came second in the rounders and third in the inter-house general knowledge quiz. However, everyone involved in all these events deserves to be congratulated. All Babington's successes resulted in winning the House Cup for the fourth successive year at the end of the Summer term.

Babington joined with Chichester House at Christmas to hold a party. The Sixth Form started the festivities with a variety of entertainments, including sketches from "Grease" and Michael Jackson's "Thriller". The results were semi-disastrous but apparently highly entertaining! I would like to thank Miss Bristol, Mrs. Bland and all the other members of staff who helped to make the party so successful.

Babington House has also made some effort to raise money for the house charity. The Church Missionary Society. Because of the School's Christmas Fair Babington House was unable to hold their annual mini-Christmas Fair. However, after trying to devise an original way to raise money, Babington House presented "The Babington Dragon Game" to the rest of the school. This game has raised £10 in a couple of weeks and before the end of term we hope to have some more fund-raising events. Miss Bristol has raised £15 by selling marmalade to members of staff. During Lent a house-box will circulate, to which I hope people will contribute generously. Babington House is also helping Canon Jones to collect writing aids and posters of England to send to his school in India.

Finally, I would like to show my gratitude towards Miss Bristol, Miss Griffiths and all the other members of staff in Babington House for all their help in the last year, as well as to the members of Babington House themselves for all their enthusiasm and support. I am sure that Babington House will continue to go from strength to strength.

*Francesca Buckroyd*

## CHICHESTER HOUSE REPORT

This year has been a very active one for Chichester House in that it has raised much money for charity, which was fun for everyone. Last year ended with the inter-house plays in which Chichester House performed "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"—an extremely funny play. The inter-house quiz and sports also went well.

This year opened with our House Christmas Party, which was shared with Babington House. The Sixth Form performed some amusing sketches and there were games as part of the entertainment. Everyone, including the staff, thoroughly enjoyed it.

1984 was a very good year for raising money; crisps and cans of Coca-Cola were sold at break by Sixth Formers, which went down a treat with the younger girls! Many girls offered to wash Staff cars regularly, during the lunch break, for charity. However, on numerous occasions the wrong

cars were washed! Two sponsored swims were also arranged, one of which was swum by Mrs. Jackson. A total of £120 was raised and this money, together with some held over from the previous year, was donated to the Church of England Children's Society. A final cheque of £500 was sent off.

I would like to thank everyone who helped in making the year so successful and so much fun and I hope that next year will go just as well, if not better!

*Lisa Edwards*

## ADELAIDE HOUSE REPORT

Very sadly we had to say goodbye to Mrs. Channing at the end of the Summer Term. Her support in House matters was invaluable, and she will be remembered with affection by all House members. We also welcomed Mrs. Boddington, who joined Mrs. Best in the leadership of the House, and many thanks are due to them for the help which they gave me in my term of office. Thanks must also be given to Jane Whittemore, who was House deputy for the Summer Term, but left school and was replaced by Clare Hemmings, who has undertaken the job with great keenness.

The House has continued to support Cancer Research and, despite the particularly cold summer, we managed to raise £45 from our customary ice-cream sale. During the Christmas Term we raised £30 from a raffle and £10 from the sale of Christmas parcel boxes. We introduced the sale of chocolate chip cookies in the Easter Term and, quite remarkably, raised £50 within three weeks!

In the Inter-House sports, congratulations must go to the members of the lacrosse and rounders teams, both of which came first. The netball team members also deserve praise in that they narrowly came second to Chichester on goal difference. In tennis, badminton and swimming, the girls had less success, but equal enthusiasm. In the General Knowledge Quiz, the team came third. However, we had more success in the Inter-House Drama competition, with the play "The Man in the Bowler Hat" by A. A. Milne, coming second.

The House party this year was held at the end of the Christmas Term and was a joint party with Bristol House. Thanks must be given to all Adelaide and Bristol sixth formers, who staged several short pantomimes, and especially to the staff, who provided delicious mince pies. It was very enjoyable.

Lastly, I would like to thank all Adelaide members for being so co-operative and helpful during the last year. I hope that Adelaide will continue to do well and we all wish Heather Bruce-Merrie and Nadjeh Oroumchi the best of luck as the new House Captains.

*Maha Barakat*

## BRISTOL HOUSE REPORT

Once again we have come to that time of year when we have to sum up the events of the past few terms for Bristol House. Although our teams have not been entirely successful in the sport competitions, their performances were consistent and we certainly have a team spirit and enthusiasm which can never be beaten.

The bitterly cold Spring Term did nothing to quench this spirit and we achieved second and third places in the lacrosse and netball respectively. Meanwhile indoors Jenny Buck was highly praised for her performance in our house play "Burning Topic", which made up for the fact that we were placed fourth, trailing by only one point behind Chichester, overall.

The Summer Term did much to raise the Bristol morale, particularly intellectually. Our team of Catherine Scarborough, Melissa Bowerman, Minnie Black-James and Angela Tebe excelled themselves in the General Knowledge Competition, with our reserve for the first year Lynnette Rogers-Wright stepping in bravely at the last minute, and we maintained our reputation of coming first. We also gained the highest number of house points for the term, but, unfortunately, it was not enough to pull us up from second over the whole year. In sport our swimming, tennis and rounders teams all came third, but illness hit us badly and we were pleased with the way the Bristolians pulled together even in the face of "press-ganging".

Autumn '85 saw some tense and exciting badminton matches in which our team were narrowly beaten into second place by Babington. The Christmas and end of term mood was heightened by our joint party with Adelaide House. The sixth form in particular enjoyed the event and the preparations for it. Our clown costumes disguised us sufficiently to allow even the most shy to take to the stage in some bizarre and modern interpretations of three well-known pantomimes. We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and the fact that we over-ran our time limit meant that a few highly-privileged parents were able to join in the fun. We hope that a good time was had by all.

We have always been successful in supporting our house charities — Dr. de Winter's Cancer Crusade and Christian Aid — and this year has been no exception, as we raised the most money as a house during the year. We have spent our time searching for new and innovative fund-raising ideas. We repeated our sponsored knit, which enabled us to send ten large blankets to East Africa with the Red Cross and raise £260 for famine relief there. The cake sale was one of our less original events but, as usual, it was very popular and raised over £30. Joining together with Babington House we held a staff baby photo competition, which attracted many members of the school and it is to be repeated soon with upper sixth photos. To celebrate Hallowe'en we held a "pumpkin pip" competition and we assure you that to guess the exact number was far easier than fighting through the pulp to count them! More recently the third years organised a "buttons in the jar" competition and the second years a Treasure Hunt, both of which raised smaller amounts of money, but were enjoyable. We are having an Easter egg raffle with which the first years hope to make a larger sum and are looking for a big project to boost our donations — all suggestions welcome.

We would like to thank all Bristol staff and members of the sixth form who have backed us up throughout our term of office and parents who support us so generously. We wish the new head of Bristol, Sarah Alshakley and her deputy Vicky Davis, the best of luck during their year ahead and as much enjoyment as have had.

*Lisajane Nash, Liz Warburton, Melanie Harrow*

## BABINGTON HOUSE REPORT

This year has been another good one for Babington House as far as Inter-House competitions go. What looked destined to be a disastrous performance of "Ernie's Incredible Illusions" somehow sorted itself out in time to win the Inter-House Drama Competition. Babington also came first in the swimming and badminton owing to the teams' hard work, and loud verbal support from the rest of the House, particularly in the swimming! Then, in the General Knowledge and tennis, Babington allowed itself to come second, feeling consideration for the other less illustrious houses! Yet, despite this little act of kindness, Babington still won the House Shield for the fifth successive year. Next year we may perhaps allow another House to win it to add a bit of variety.

Fund-raising also went well. We held a "Guess the weight of Miss Bristol and Henry the Dragon Competition" together with "Guess the baby", which consisted of some very revealing pictures

of the Staff in younger days. We hope to hold a similar competition using photographs of the Sixth Form. To prevent everybody from being totally fed up with guessing, we held the traditional Babington Mini-Fair and a Cake Sale as well. Throughout the year we have been diligently collecting foil, aluminium cans and stamps, while Miss Bristol has been selling marmalade to members of staff. All these enterprises have resulted in one hundred and ten pounds for the Church Missionary Society. To add to this, we sent a parcel to a missionary school in India containing crayons and pictures of England. This was very gratefully received.

The other main event of the year was the House Party with Chichester. The Babchester Players got together to perform an episode of "Dallyst" accompanied by some delicious food very kindly prepared by the House Staff. Party games followed, which everybody greatly enjoyed, including the Sixth Form, who really have not grown out of House Parties yet.

To conclude on a more serious note, Babington House has in all respects, had another excellent year. This has been made possible only through the strong support of Miss Bristol, Miss Griffiths and the other House Staff, and the enthusiasm of the members of Babington House itself.

*Patricia Kennedy*

## CHICHESTER HOUSE REPORT 1985/6

Another year has passed by and I believe I may be right in saying, with a great deal of success. The credit must go to the staff and pupils of Chichester House, who have exerted a great deal of energy into amassing money for our charity, Dr. Barnardo's. Enterprises have included a sponsored swim, various cake sales, and the most profitable of all, the selling of crisps. From all these we have collected the encouraging sum of £164.

As well as these exploits, there has been a noticeable growing optimism in Chichester. In the last year we did very well in the sporting activities. There has also been an improvement academically. Chichester House gathered the most house points in the autumn term 1985. Our house has not often been in the limelight, but I suspect that in the future, this will be reversed. I have really enjoyed being Head of House, and am grateful to Kate Wolff, who acted as vice head. I now hand the post over to Vicki Tink, wishing her the best of luck for the next year.

*Rebecca Utley*



## ADELAIDE HOUSE REPORT

The start of the Summer term was saddened by the unexpected news of Mrs. Best's death. She will be greatly missed, but will always be remembered for her generous contribution and participation in the running of Adelaide House. Mrs. Boddington kindly took over as Head of House and as a result of her helpful guidance we have both thoroughly enjoyed our year in office and our best wishes go to the future Heads of House.

The fund-raising has been the most prosperous activity in the year's calendar. We raised £452.00 at the end of the Summer term which went to the Cancer Research Centre in Brighton. Dr. de Winter wrote to tell us that the money was spent on buying a microwave. In the Summer term we continued selling ice-creams, the sale of which was well-supported by the junior members of school. So far this term we have made £142.00 from cookie sales and have recently started selling hot chocolate.

In the Inter-House sports, congratulations must go to all the teams who participated; the Netball team came first and in Lacrosse we came a close second. In Swimming we had less success and came third. In the General Knowledge Quiz the team of Emmeline Smith, Joanna Ball, Sam Watts and Anthea Davy did extremely well and gained first place. The joint House Party with Bristol was held at the end of the Christmas term and was a fun occasion all round. Thanks must be given to the staff for supplying the sausage rolls and fairy cakes and to the lower sixth for their sketch entitled "A Day in the Staff Room". The play for the Inter-House drama was "The Red Velvet Coat" in which we came third. Lara Jennings gave an outstanding performance and won the award for best actress. We look forward to this term's production of "After Magritte" by Tom Stoppard.

At the beginning of the year we welcomed Dr. Hopley and Mrs. Cutress to the House. Mrs. Ridge left at the end of the Summer term to take her maternity leave. Charlotte was born in October and we look forward to Mrs. Ridge's return next term. Also congratulations must go to Amanda Bisset who has been offered a place at New Hall College, Cambridge, to read medicine. We wish her the best of luck.

Lastly, we would like to thank all Adelaide members for their support and co-operation during the last year and we hope that next year will be even more successful.

Nadieh Oroumchi and Heather Bruce-Merrie, UVI

## BABINGTON HOUSE REPORT

The Spring term for any House requires full support from its members as it is then that most House matches and competitions take place and in 1986, as always, Babington continued to "stay on top" with the full support of House members. We came first in the Inter-House Lacrosse and second in the Inter-House Netball. The Inter-House Drama Competition proved to be a genuine drama for the players owing to illness (tonsillitis) of the leading actress on the "Big Day". Despite this setback we managed to come second, which is not bad at all.

The energies of the House members were mostly devoted to the 150th anniversary celebrations during the Summer term and money-raising activities for the House became less vital. Nevertheless, we did manage to run a joint "Guess the Baby" competition with Bristol House in which some very revealing pictures of the Vith form were shown to the school. We kept up our high standards in all the summer sports, coming first in tennis and second in rounders. We also maintained our position at second place in the Inter-House General Knowledge — though we were only a few points behind Adelaide.

Another main event for the House was the Christmas House Party with Chichester. This year the Babchester Players came up with yet another original idea: "Blind Date" — the S.M.H. version. But I think the House members enjoyed the food far more than the Vith form entertainment! A big "thank you" is due to all the staff for the delicious food. Games followed and the time flew by: the original leaving-time was extended by a few minutes. There was only one House match played during the Christmas term, Badminton. The two teams consisted of Vith and Vith forms who played extremely well to come first.

Our money-raising has been less productive than previous years. However, we still continue to collect used stamps and foil which we sell to various organisations. The money raised then goes to our House charity — The Church Missionary Society. We have also continued to sell pencils in House colours and on odd occasions, soft chews to the younger members of the school. We shall be holding an Easter Mini-fair this year instead of our traditional Christmas Mini-fair, which we hope will bring in some more money.

Finally, I must thank not only all the House staff but also all the House members for their generous and most welcome support and enthusiasm throughout the year. It has been a pleasure being Head of Babington House.

Houri Alavi, UVI

## CHICHESTER HOUSE REPORT

Chichester House has gone from strength to strength this year, thanks to the enthusiastic support of every member. We saw resounding successes with the Inter-House Rounders, Tennis and Swimming in the Summer term; hopefully, Chichester will have some success in the Netball and Lacrosse this term, if our trusty green mascot does his work! After the blockbusting "Passion, Poison and Petrification", Chichester has become more enthusiastic about the Inter-House plays — we are looking forward to "Six of Curses" by Bernard Shaw, which is in the capable hands of Lizzie Anderson, our budding director. The Inter-House quiz gave Magalie Brown, Lizzie King, Amy Butler and Cheryl Garnsey the chance to display their intelligence — many thanks to them. Thanks also to Joanna Royle, Emma Atkinson, Janet Dodd and Sophie Longhurst for their exquisite Badminton playing.

In July our Head of House, Mrs. Bland, was delighted to be able to send a cheque for £350 to the Children's Society, our House charity. Since then our fund-raising activities have included cake sales, crisp-selling, car-washing and a sponsored swim. Special thanks to Mrs. Bland and Mrs. Ringer for their delicious cakes, Daniela Gibbs, Jane Comer and Sarah Spratt for all of their help and, of course, Emma Willis for all her support. So far, we have raised £269.62. This term we have plans for another cake sale and a "knobbly knees" competition!

House points have been very encouraging this year; Chichester won the House shield for the first time ever! The superstars and merit marks for Chichester have augmented rapidly — keep it up, Chichester!

Our House party at Christmas, shared with Babington, produced a laugh when the Sixth Form performed a take-off of "Blind Date"; the games were equally amusing. Many thanks to the staff of Chichester and Babington, who gave up their valuable time to such a successful party.

It only remains for me to thank Mrs. Bland and Mrs. Betts, our invaluable Heads of House, to the members who devoted such a lot of time to the House this year and, of course, to my deputy, Lucy Douglas-Mann. I do not think that my successor could possibly have the support that I have had this year. Thank you all, and best wishes for the future.

Victoria Tink, UVI

## BRISTOL HOUSE REPORT

The Spring term saw the sporting activities and although results were disappointing our teams could not have had more enthusiasm and we wish them more success this year. Our House play "Cheers for Miss Valentine" was well performed by all the members of the cast and the Lower Sixth are currently directing a play called "The Dear Departed" which we hope will be successful in the forthcoming Inter-House Drama Competition, proving that although we were placed fourth last year we have the ability and genius to come first.

The Autumn term kicked off to a good start with a cake sale — an original idea but one which raised over £29.00. Orange juice sold at lunch time, an idea brought forward by Mrs. Woodliff, was in operation throughout our Christmas term and together with the younger members of Bristol House carrying out their own enterprises, our donations to Dr. de Winter's Cancer Crusade and Christian Aid have been boosted considerably.

Christmas and the end of term mood was heightened by our joint party with Adelaide House in which the Lower Sixth carried off a rather successful interpretation of a voted such a lot of time to the House this year and, of course, to my deputy, Lucy Douglas-Mann. I do not think that my successor could possibly have the support that I have had this year. Thank you all, and best wishes for the future.

Finally I would like to thank all Bristol House staff and especially all the members of the Sixth Form who have backed Hasrah and me up throughout our term in office. We would also like to wish the new Head of House the best of luck and hope she enjoys it as much as we have.

Sara Al Shaikhley, UVI

There is a gap in the records now due to splitting of newsletters (SMHA) and Magazines. As far as possible I have referenced 'house reports' or similar and these continue in date order.

## HOUSE REPORTS

## ADELAIDE HOUSE REPORT

This year Adelaide House has decided to support a new charity, Tumour's Appeal. This charity is for St Thomas's Hospital, London, which is trying to raise enough money for a research centre which is concerned with the problems arising from childhood. At the moment, in the UK, there is no research centre devoted to these problems.

Adelaide has raised a large amount of money this year for the charity. This has been possible through the sale of ice-creams and choc-ices in the summer term, hot chocolate and biscuits in the Christmas and Spring term, and, to boost this total, a Multi Day was held on February 2nd this year.

We have done well in some of the Inter-House activities which have taken place this year. In the Summer term, we had a strong rounders team and gained first place. The Autumn term also saw some great achievements with strong teams in both badminton and swimming. The badminton team managed to win the competition and, although the swimming team suffered from a lack of support, they still managed to attain second place. Many thanks to Anna Green who swam extremely well and dived well.

This term sees the Inter-House netball and lacrosse matches, as

well as the Inter-House drama competition.

Good luck to everyone in Adelaide in the forthcoming matches and competitions and well done to everyone who has already supported this house. Carry on collecting those House Points!

Tracey Bowes UVI

## BABINGTON HOUSE REPORT

Throughout the last year, the members of Babington House have worked hard at both sporting and academic activities to achieve points for their House, although in the final count, our efforts have not always achieved the results we would have liked! Last Summer term, many House members formed teams and took part in the Inter-House tennis and rounders matches. Our final position in the tennis was third and in the rounders fourth, and in the House points total for the term we came fourth. During that same term, we also held a Multi Day, where any girl in the school can pay 75p to wear non-uniform clothes for the day. This event raised nearly £90.00 for our charity, the Save the Children Fund.

In the Autumn term, many girls took part in the Inter-House

badminton and swimming, and we came third in both events, although we came fourth in the final scores for House points.



Victoria Hensell, winner of the prize for the Writing Festival (1986).

At the beginning of the new academic year, we had a new idea for fundraising: that of the members giving a voluntary contribution to the House, say 10p a week on a regular basis. We felt that this enabled people to give as much or as little as they wanted, and required less organisation and caused fewer subsequent problems than some of our previous activities. So far it has worked quite well, with few reminders being necessary!

It just remains for me to say thank you to all the members who gave their time and efforts to all the Inter-House activities.

Helenista Knott UVI

## BRISTOL HOUSE REPORT

Vicky Robinson and I found ourselves Heads of the House after Judith Green's highly successful reign. Although rather daunted by the task which lay ahead, we soon began to enjoy the responsibility, and I don't believe that the House has suffered any loss of prestige during our term of office!

We began the year with the obligatory cake sale, continuing to raise money for Leukaemia Research and made some money from petrol tokens and stamps. However, it was in the Autumn Term that the Sue & Vicky fundraising machine proved its value with the very successful chocolate bar enterprise. We raised a very pleasing sum last term and many thanks are due to the second and third years who gave up their breaks to help us with the selling.

The highlight of the year was our House play "Charles Augustus Milverton", a lavish production with tremendous atmospheric effect and authentic period settings. The atmosphere was rendered all the more tremendous when the window decided to assert its authenticity by collapsing on Holmes and Watson midway through Act IV. Emerging from the wreckage these characters (Selena Hoskins and Laura Harvey) proceeded with unabated

confidence and style, demonstrating maturity and true professionalism. We really enjoyed our first experience of "lavvie" status and many thanks are due to our enthusiastic, talented cast.

We won the swimming last term and have had a fairly successful year in all areas of sport.

Finally, we would like to thank all our members who have supported us this year, especially Selena Hoskins. Having led our cast to a very respectable third place, she also helped with the selling and demonstrated a superhuman energy and enthusiasm in the swimming competition, thus elevating herself to aquatic superstardom.

We have enjoyed our experience in office, and we hope that Bristol House will continue to thrive even after the dynamic duo have moved on to further theatrical exploits at university.

Susanah Hildyard UVI

## CHICHESTER HOUSE REPORT

The past year has been full of activity and achievement within the House. We came a satisfying second when the house points for the academic year were tallied. Other inter-house events, such as

swimming, badminton, tennis, rounders and general knowledge, were well supported and good results were achieved.

As dedicated fund raisers for the Rooking Horse Appeal, Chichester House was invited to its re-launch. The occasion took place at the Metropole Hotel at which Olympic Gold Medalist Sally Gunnell was the guest of honour.

The selling of chocolates and crisps at break time has contributed greatly to our House funds, which were added to further by the generous donation of a cheque presented by a member of staff, who shall remain nameless!

The House play "The Lady in The Crag" is in the safe and capable hands of the lower VI. The play provides a good opportunity for members of the house to come together and work on a hopefully successful production, which we are all looking forward to viewing at the end of this term.

The support and encouragement from the members of Chichester House has been greatly appreciated and I wish everyone luck in the forthcoming inter-house events.

Rachel Pratt UVI

## 1996 – Head's report on the provision of day care and the Venn House extension

For the youngest (3 +) we have provided, in response to demand from working parents, all-day care. For the oldest, the extension to Venn House was opened at the beginning of the Summer Term 1995. Why not come to see it at the S.M.H.A. Luncheon on Saturday 11th May? You will be very welcome.

PAMELA JAMES

## 1997 Head Girls' report to SMHA

### HEAD GIRL'S REPORT

It is strange to think that when we first started our lives in the Senior School, the great heights of the Sixth Form seemed so far away and we seemed to have so much time. Once we reach the Sixth Form, and A-Levels and University are approaching fast, then time goes increasingly quickly and is increasingly valuable. We have to concentrate on UCAS forms, A-Level dissertations, preparation for interviews, and trying to keep the balance between our work and the hobbies and activities which we love.

This year, there have been even more School activities, and one of the most exciting is the school newspaper. A small group of girls is working as a team to gather information about a wide variety of topics, ranging from the latest music and films to our everyday lives at S.M.H. Information technology is being used to plan and prepare a new school newspaper.

There have been many trips to London for lectures, interviews and theatre visits. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme is becoming increasingly attractive to girls in all forms, and our Gold expedition to Snowdonia this year was an outstanding success. The Sixth Form continue to be enterprising in business; last year's Young Enterprise, 'Ex-Sell' made a substantial profit and repaid all the shareholders while still managing to donate a large sum of money to the Helen House Hospice. This term a new company called 'Trinkets' is hoping for similar success.

Our sporting activities are a source of pride and many girls are enjoying their new-found hockey skills. We are looking forward to the swimming gala, at which once again we take part in friendly competition.

As I write, a large cast is moving into the final stages of rehearsal for Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', to bring magic and fun to the end of term. Following the plan we once again have the Christmas Concert and the candlelit Carol Service in which the warmth of Christmas hymns and carols will fill the Chapel and renew the spirit of Christmas.

Looking forward to next term, I have decided to build on the success of previous cultural evenings by taking as the theme: 'Around most of the world in approximately two hours'. This will explore the adventures of a traveller in different cultures around the world. All those who have dreamt of a round-the-world trip need go no further than S.M.H.

OLIVIA LIPSCOMBE  
Head Girl 1996-7

## 1998 Extract from Head Girl's report to SMHA

St Mary's Hall now has a School Council. This involves a member from each form in the Senior School representing her form. All the representatives meet about twice each half term to discuss any matters of concern and to make suggestions which will be of benefit to the girls.

The four house charities continue to profit from the hard work carried out by the members of the houses. The houses have all sold small snacks and chocolate in break times to raise money. Other activities included Mr Low's shaving his beard off for Bristol House in aid of Leukaemia Research; and a multi day organised by Babington House in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind. Both events successfully raised large amounts of money.

The school year has only just started, but already we have an extensive programme of events ahead of us. What a promising and exciting year this will be! As always, there is much to strive for and much to which we can look forward.

HANNAH GALE  
Head Girl 1997-8

## 2001 and 2002 reports on inter-house drama/games competitions

The standard of the House Play Competition has also improved markedly over the past few years. Mrs Ginny Whitelaw, Head of Drama at Benenden School, adjudicated the competition and awarded first prize to Chichester House for their production *Burn Around the Crem* - directed by Sarah Sage and Sarah Hatherly. The award for Best Actress was shared between Jessica Warner as Alice in the Babington House production of *Alice in Wonderland* and Amy Blackburn as Lloyd the Lad in the Bristol House production of *The Demon Headmaster*. Runner-up was Adelaide House with *Dark Horses*, directed by Lauren Lansdowne and Saphy Ali. We invited parents to the Dress Rehearsal for the first time this year, and I know they appreciated seeing for themselves what can be achieved with just 'bare boards and a passion'.

The House Play Festival is always a popular event, and this year was no exception. The adjudicator was Miss Judi Campbell, actress, director, teacher and examiner. Miss Campbell awarded first prize to **Adelaide House** for their production of Alan Ayckbourne's *Ernie's Incredible Illucinations*, directed by Lauren Lansdowne and Valerie Furnham. Runner-up was Babington's production of *Hard Candy*, directed by Julia Bezanson and Jenifer Commis.

There have been many highlights in the PE calendar this year under the expert leadership of Miss Whittaker. I have already mentioned the Samsung Tournament. There was also considerable success for the various school teams.

The Under-12 netball team won the Plate competition at the Lavant House Tournament, and the Under-16 hockey team won through to the semi-final stage of the British Aerospace National Schools Hockey Tournament. This year has seen the first volleyball matches against other schools, and we hope to continue and flourish in this sport.

In inter-house competitions, the green giants of **Chichester House** reign supreme this year, and have set the standard for other houses to achieve.



## 2003 c/o Mrs Meek's report to SMHA

In the PE department's inter-house competitions, **Chichester House** was finally knocked off its pedestal this year after several triumphant years, but did hang on to the swimming trophy. **Bristol** reigned supreme, winning the rounders, hockey and netball tournaments, under the excellent leadership of **Amie Noone**.

## 2004 from Head Girl's report to SMHA

The Inter-House Drama Festival was, as usual, a huge success with houses all helping each other out when cast members became ill at the last moment. **Adelaide House** triumphed this year with their play and they also won the Inter-House Swimming and House Points, but **Bristol** conquered in the Hockey, Netball and Rounders.

## 2004 c/o Mrs Meek's report to SMHA

The PE Department has had another successful year. In the Interhouse Competitions **Adelaide** won the swimming gala by the largest margin in the last five years. However, **Bristol House** reigns supreme in all other events winning the rounders, hockey and netball.

## 2006 c/o Mrs Meek's report to SMHA

The House Plays, directed by the Sixth Form, are always a pleasurable way to end the Spring Term and this year was no exception. I am always amazed by the high standard achieved after such a short rehearsal period. Certainly, I should have found it hard to choose a winner from this year's performances. However, this was the task of the adjudicator, Ms Felicity Clements. Ms Clements awarded the cup for Best Production to **Chichester House** for their accomplished performance of 'La Dispute' by Marivaux, directed by **Rachel Flatt**. Several actors were highly commended: **Lily Vernon-Hunt** as Jim in **Bristol's** 'Resting Place' by David Campton; **Sarah Harman** for her performance as Adrian Mole in **Adelaide's** 'The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole aged 13 3/4'; **Vusa Tebe** as Bud in **Georgia Rushton's** original script 'Grin and Bare It' for **Babington House**. The award for Best Actress went to **Chloe Sachikonye** for her polished performance as Azor in the winning play.

A superb achievement last year in the PE Department was that in May St Mary's Hall won the Brighton and Hove Schools' Swimming Championships for the second time running and retained the cup. This year we won 7 races, taking away 5 gold and 2 silver medals. Swimming is going from strength to strength under Ian Newells' expert coaching.

In the **Interhouse Sports Competitions**, **Adelaide House** won the swimming gala by the largest margin in the last 5 years. **Adelaide** also won the inter-house sports day. However, **Bristol House** reigned supreme in all the other events, winning the hockey and netball four years in a row.

## Mrs Meek reports on Games and Plays in 2007

And, in interhouse events, **Miss Whittaker** and **Miss Gale** were impressed by the highest standard they had seen. The interhouse

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hockey cup was awarded to **Adelaide House** and the netball cup went to **Bristol House** in hard fought and extremely skilled matches.

Then came the House Play Festival. The joint-winners this year were **Chichester House's** production 'Specimen 6', a brave original script, written and directed by **Rachel Flatt**, and **Bristol House's** hilarious production of 'The Musicians' by Patrick Marber, co-directed by **Lily Vernon-Hunt** and **Rebecca Ridge**. The adjudicator, Richard Lindfield, praised individual performances in **Adelaide's** Play, 'Sparkleshark' by Philip Ridley, adapted and directed by **Emma James** and in **Babington's** 'The Exam' by Andy Hamilton directed by **Lucy Hunt** and **Harriet Butterworth**.

Senior actors who were highly commended were **Claire MacNeill** as Captain Wow and **Annie Sinclair** as Ratcatpony in 'Specimen Six'. In the same play, **Gumashah Al-Ateeqi** was awarded Best Supporting Actor and **Lily Vernon-Hunt** was a popular choice for Best Actor of the

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Festival in her wonderfully comic performance as Alex the Caretaker in 'The Musicians'.

And finally...the report, in 2007, of the opening of Gloucester House, the new junior school now pre-prep department for Brighton College, and the Senior Boarding House and VI form Study Centre in Elliott, now staff accommodation and offices for the BSUH Trust.

## Also the happy/sad report of a return to St Hilary.

In April, the Duchess of Gloucester officially opened our wonderful new Junior School, Gloucester House. Then, this September, we launched our new Senior Boarding House and Sixth Form Study Centre, Elliott House. Both projects were brilliantly managed by our Bursar, Chris Elkins.

In order to fund our new buildings, we sadly bade farewell to St Hilary House – the grand old building in Sussex Square which was originally home to Thomas Kemp and over the years to both Junior and Senior Boarders. Last year we leased it back from the new owners, while we converted Elliott House. To commemorate the final Christmas in St Hilary, Senior Boarders arranged themselves on the magnificent staircase and entertained guests around the Christmas tree in the hall with a programme of carols and beautifully recited Christmas readings.

For a finale, there was an energetic rendition of 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' with instrumental accompaniment! **Mr Jay** was an outstanding Master of Ceremonies and the students expressed warm thanks to **Miss Gravett** (the Housemistress from 2001 until this year) for their time in St Hilary, while looking forward to the future 'state of the art' facilities of Elliott House. We were delighted to welcome back for the occasion **Miss Margaret Payne** (Housemistress of St Hilary from 1966 to 1982) and **Mrs Betty Drew** (Housemistress of St Hilary from 1983 to 1988).

Sad to reflect on how short lived the great optimism shown in this – and the rest of Mrs Meek's – report was. And to close, a reminder that all newsletters, magazines, histories of the Hall and much more besides is to be found, much better reproduced than this article permits, on our website [www.smhassociation.org](http://www.smhassociation.org).