

ST. MARY'S HALL ASSOCIATION SUMMER 2017 e-LETTER

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Dear Friends

Welcome to the Summer 2017 e-letter. This would normally have been the Annual Newsletter posted out to all members of the Association (in the days before email!), and there are still a small number of you who will be receiving this as a paper copy, together with a conglomeration of the "best bits" of the previous three newsletters which have been emailed. Penny Harrison is putting together a paper hard copy to be posted to these few annually. So, for those members who are receiving this as a paper copy – welcome, and I hope that you enjoy reading about all the news that has been published over the last year. Also, a special thanks to those members who have very kindly offered to print off the paper version and post it to the recipients. With the fact that this is now sent out every three months, the formality of a single, annual newsletter is now somewhat lost I think, so I will be keeping this e-letter to the format of previous ones.

When I finished the April e-letter I thought I could put my feet up for a couple of months before starting the July one. Wrong! The last two and half months have flown by and I am almost at the end of the deadline of July! So here goes

Team News

First off, I am delighted to announce that the Management Team is being strengthened by the addition of **Jan Johnson, (Launchbury) 1977-84.**

We debated the size and duties of the Team at our first Skype call in March, and identified two specific strands of work we would like to undertake but do not really have capacity for. Also, because we were six in number, should we be unable to reach a consensus the rules meant we would have to go to the whole Association to break the deadlock even on a trivial matter. Being all in our late 50s and older we also had a need to think about succession planning and keeping up with the expectations of the younger members.

Jan perfectly embodies what we were looking for, and is also ten years or so younger than the rest of the Team!

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Living in Fife would previously have prevented her from joining the Team but, as we have amply proved, distance is no barrier and we look forward to her joining our next Skype call in September. Meanwhile, she will be included in the Team's monthly e-mails, which comprise our agenda and work stream, and is already contributing with her thoughts and advice.

In other news ... **PLEASE NOTE** ... due to some confusion regarding **OUR** official website - there are many websites with 'smh' included in their address but our **only one** is: www.smhassociation.org. Any others, although looking as if they may belong to the Association, do not! Any information given on them has been posted by people with no connection to St Mary's Hall Association and should be ignored.

*****Forthcoming Events*****

Carols at St Mary's Church, Brighton

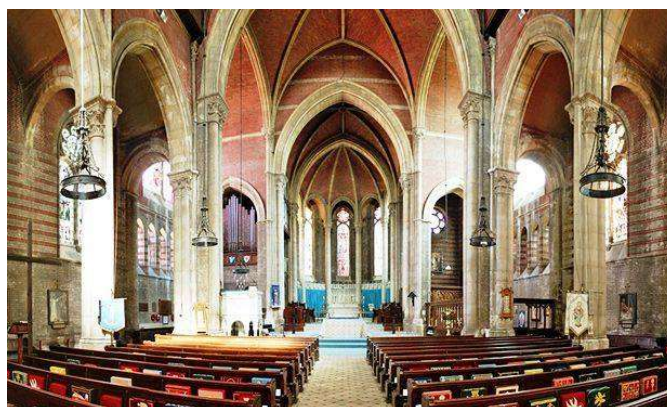


We are delighted to announce that SMHA members have been invited to join the congregation at this lovely Service on **Sunday, 10 December at 5 pm.** One of our Team members, **Sian Spencer (Williams) 1967-1977**, who has been instrumental in making all the arrangements for this event, will be reading a lesson.

St Mary's Church has a long connection with St Mary's Hall. Henry Venn Elliott was the founding minister of the church and founded St Mary's Hall whilst he was there. The church holds the portraits of the Elliott family on long term loan from SMHA together with several other artefacts from the school.

There will be a reception in the Church, following the service, and Father Andrew would be delighted if we will all stay for this.

If you would like to attend, can you please let me know – ideally asap, but by 31 October so that we can let the organisers know numbers for the catering. This Service will also be open to the public so it is not 'our own' reunion. If you and your friends want to go on somewhere else for a get together following the Service, please feel free to make your own arrangements.



Just to note – parking is at a premium in Kemptown! You will need to allow for two hours parking (up to £5/hour). Nearest car parks are Church Street, North Road or the Marina.

Obituaries

In June **Penny Harrison** contacted **Laura Bristol**, via her sister, and asked about **Miss Kathleen Farmer/Mrs Milton**. She reports "I am saddened, but not surprised, to report that Laura had had a phone call, sometime before last Christmas, from Margaret Thorne (**Mrs Sanderson** who was assistant Geography teacher). She occasionally rings **Laura** to have a chat, and had told her that **Kathleen Farmer** had recently died and her husband Mr Milton a little while earlier." This news was first reported in the VCR and this is a selection of the many messages from old girls:

***Prisca Furlong (Baillie) 1964-1970:** Very sad, she was a lovely person and a great teacher who nurtured my love of geography.*

***Angelica Meletiou 1957-1962:** Yes very sad.. she was such a lovely kind and gentle person.*

***Shirley Read-Jahn 1954-1961:** Oh my goodness; I totally remember **Miss Farmer**, as she was when she taught me Geography (and hence my many travels afterwards throughout my life), and I remember when she became Assistant Head to **Doris Conrady** (I think Assistant Head was her title?). I wonder if these teachers ever realised the often important influence they had on us. In the 2000 SMH reunion (the only one I've been able to return for), I remember telling Miss Bristol how much she'd influenced my life, leading to my ability in romance languages and later on with the Latin vocabulary in landscaping work.*

***Jeanette S. Cureton (Smith) 1961-1962:** Thank you, Penny, for sharing this sad news. **Miss Farmer** was an inspiring teacher and thoroughly lovely person. When I last returned to England--in 2006--and enjoyed a heart-warming reunion in Oxford with OGs Jenny Riley Wray, **Mary Abbis (Rand) 1960-1962**, and **Liz Caudle (Baker) 1950-1964**, we phoned **Miss Farmer/Mrs. Milton**. I was delighted to be able to tell her how much she had influenced me when I had been an exchange student and to thank her. On the phone, she sounded just as kind and gentle as she had been 45 years earlier. I treasure that conversation and am sad to know she has passed away.*

***Anthea Holland (Drake) 1967-1970:** How sad. I remember **Miss Farmer** very well and she often said she thought I'd travel to faraway places! I've been to some and lived in the Middle East for many years.*

News from past Headmistresses

N Olwen Davies (Noddy) 1965-1973 asks to be remembered to all those reading this who remember days which she looks back on so fondly. SMH was her first headship and with a new Chairman of the Governors, Admiral Evershed (whose daughter Hattie came to the school following the Admiral's untimely death in 1971) who appointed a Bursar, Commander Martin – the 'team' from the Navy - around her she was supported to take decisions which enriched the lives of the girls and enjoyed some of the happiest years of her own teaching career.

Now she finds herself in not so good health with problems which would be troublesome if she allowed them to be. Through the services of her wonderful gardener her garden has been revamped with scented plants and brightly coloured flowers close to the house so that her failing eyesight is not a barrier to her enjoyment, and with the help of her niece she is still able to cook for herself. She recently topped and tailed many of the glut of gooseberries

(for the freezer) and has invented a new dish, ham with marmalade, which she described as 'interesting but not perhaps to be repeated on purpose'.

A new washing machine brought its challenges but the installer has set it up so that provided she can count to three she can turn it on to the programme she wants, only once having inadvertently done a pre-wash as well!

Noddy would prefer not to be contacted directly but if anyone would like to pass on a message to her please email Penny Harrison at pennyharrison55@btinternet.com and she will collate these for the next of her semi-regular phone calls.

We continue to be indebted to **Mary Panter (Noble) 1967-1971** who, sometimes with **Sue Mitchell (James) 1967-1974** calls in now and then and always lets us know how **Noddy** is doing.

Pamela James 1994-1997 sends her love and best wishes. She has asked me to pass on apologies to those of you who may not have heard from her when you have expected to do so (Christmas cards last year being a case in point). She says that these things just seem to take longer to get done with advancing years! However, this does not mean that she has forgotten you or is not thinking of you.

She has had quite an busy year involved with various activities, but is now winding down in preparation for an operation on her foot in the Autumn. I am sure that you all join me in wishing **Pamela** a speedy recovery.

Sue Meek 1997-2009 has also been dealing with health issues recently as well as welcoming her son and his family home to the UK after seven and a half years working overseas! She is still a Trustee for St Mark's Chapel and is happy to say it was fully booked for Brighton Festival Fringe events. She sends her best wishes to you all.

100 Club

April 50 entries

1 st Daphne Bonner	No 56
2 nd Hilary Briegel-Jones	No 84

May 51 entries

1 st Margaret Ellis	No 66
2 nd Hilary Briegel-Jones	No 15

June 47 entries

1 st Daphne Bonner	No 45
2 nd Sue Meek	No 63

The **100 Club** raises funds for helping towards the day to day running of the Association going forward. 50% of the proceeds from each draw go to the Association and 50% is given back in prizes to the members. If you would like to join please contact:

secretary@smhassociation.org for more information or go on the website <http://www.smhassociation.org>.

News of Old Girls ...

Elizabeth Nye 1969-1971 - After reading about **Olwen Davies'** 91st birthday in the Telegraph, Elizabeth was prompted to contact us. She writes: "I was a pupil at SMH from 1969 to 1971 where I completed my A levels in Physics Chemistry and Biology. Friends names include Gail Olliver, Stephanie Poole, Penny Stock and **Nicky Sampson (James) 1965-1971**. I was known as **Elizabeth Nye** then, have married and about 20 years ago reverted to my maiden name. I was in St Hilary House in Sussex Square and have memories of a big sweeping staircase, and making hot buttered toast in the kitchen on Sundays. The highlight of the week was walking to the Chapel at Brighton College, ostensibly for morning service, but also to eye up the male talent.... I expect things have changed greatly since those days of segregation. We were involved in a great production of Volpone with the College, probably 1970, with Steph in one of the leading female roles and Chris Terrill as Volpone. Of course, he has gone on to be a very successful television and film documentary maker. I then moved on to Brighton School of Pharmacy where I gained a B.Sc. with Honours in Pharmacology becoming a practising pharmacist in 1976. I have worked in Kent, Sussex and the Middle East and have been living in Guernsey since 1984." **Elizabeth** would be happy to hear from anyone who remembers her.

We have also been in touch with **Adele Rew (Dillistone) 1952-1961** who was a day girl. She recognised a few of the names in the e-letter especially **Heather Johnson (Heald) 1948-1957** and **Angelica Meletiou**. **Adele** writes:" My closest friends were **Veronica Hurren (King) 1954-1960**, Mary Ayling, Sarah (or Susan) Fawcett. Fond memories of **Miss Conrady** who was a great lady - firm but fair. **Miss Farmer** - very loving. **Mrs Eggleton** - great sports teacher. **Miss Wyn** - who terrified me and I still can't sing one note in tune. **Miss Davies** who ruined one of my paintings because it didn't turn out how she wanted. **Miss Dimishky** (?spelling) - amazing English teacher. **Mrs Gillette** who threw blackboard rubbers round the room if you got incorrect answers in maths! Also, **Miss Foster**, who actually married my grandfather after my grandmother passed away. Quite interesting really but I loved school!!!""[A group of us built a camp with branches, grass, leaves etc. and invited **Miss Conrady** to visit and she kindly agreed! I didn't recognise the remote, austere lady mentioned by one of the old girls in the latest newsletter. That didn't do her justice. I married in 1968 in London and moved to Hastings in 1972. I now have 5 children and 11 grandchildren who keep us busy.

Alison Platt (Schuller) 1980-1987 recently bumped into **John and Sarah Thomason** at Athens International Airport. **John** used to be the head chef at SMH in the '80s and **Sarah (Morgan)** was her history and classics teacher.



Many congratulations to **Shirley Read-Jahn 1958-1961** who became an Australian citizen on 25th July, 2017. Here's a photo of her sister, **Pam Bailey (Read-Jahn) 1954-1959** (who is already an Aussie), **Shirley's** husband, Horst, and **Shirley**, taken by the Mayor in the Shoalhaven Council Chambers. This makes **Shirley** a citizen of Great Britain, the USA, and now Australia. A woman of the world...well, some of it! What do you call someone with citizenship of three countries? – well travelled!



Jessie Redfern (Armstrong), who many of you will remember from her time on the staff **1958-1966**, has written to say that she very much likes to get news of OGs. She taught "Transition" – the ten-year-olds. She said "I arrived at the school with **Laura Bristol**, **Lili Hauser** and **Rocky (Ruby) West**. There is a photo of us somewhere in the archives (Staff between 1958 and 1966). I worked with **Mrs Jackson**, **Mrs Webb** etc. I also went to **Miss Conrady's** funeral (or memorial). **Kathleen Farmer**, **Laura Bristol** and **Mrs Parsons** were all there. I do receive the SMHA letter which is lovely. I haven't been down to Brighton as I cannot use trains. Otherwise I would have gone to the lunch. It would have been lovely. However, I am having as active a life as I can here in spite of having to walk with two sticks. I attend a musical appreciation class on Tuesdays. This term it is the music of Purcell and last year it was the fabulous chamber music by Schubert. We also have a good Community Centre here who run a weekly talk with tea and cake (which encourages friendly chat). Who says London is not friendly? I have always found it friendly and enjoy my life here." **Jessie** would love to have direct contact with any of you who remember her - she is not on Facebook but if anyone can email her to say hello then it would be greatly appreciated. Her email is: jessie@aspiration.eclipse.co.uk.

Shout Outs

A Shout Out to anyone who is in touch with **Margaret (Maggie) Lindley 1963-1967**, last known to be living in Seattle, WA. Please ask her to send me an email with her up to date details as we have been trying to get in touch with her.

"Where are they now?"

We're appealing for your help in tracking down Old Girls/former members of staff with whom we have lost touch. We have written several times to their last known addresses and, where we have a telephone number, tried to contact them this way, too; all to no avail.

They are listed by their years at school, then their name at school and we have included their surname now and the location we last had for them.

Patricia Valerie Carr, 1931-38, Kent
Diana Mary Stapleton Moore (Gosnell), 1931-36, Herefordshire
Pamela Young, 1931-40 East Sussex
Elizabeth Watson (Meredith), 1932-38, Somerset
Nell Campbell (Knowles), 1934-39, Shropshire
Sheila Nancy Humphrys (Allison), 1936-41, West Sussex
Diana Wiley (Borthwick), 1946-49, Warwickshire
Fiona McWalter, (Carter), 1947-53, West Sussex
Judy Coate (Page), 1950-59, Renfrewshire
Barbara Stewart (Woolf), 1950-60, Australia
Gabrielle (Gay) Horley (Allen), 1960-68, Guernsey
Margaret (Maggie) Lindley, 1963-67, USA
Marion Murdoch (Saunders), 1970-72 Cambridgeshire
Sarah Blyth, 1971-78, Spain
Sarah Elizabeth Anne Humphrey, 1973-81, East Sussex
Sarah Wolff, (McQuade-Wolff), 1977-82, Luxembourg
Claire Tickner, 1982-91, Lincolnshire
Alice Tarrant (Mallen), 1985-87 Hampshire
Rachael Gordon (Stewart), 1991-98, Ross-shire
Becky Weatherley, 2001-2009, East Sussex
Kat (Ka Wun) Chan, 2002-2004, London
Vusisizwe Tebe, 2005-2005, East Sussex
Stephanie Robb, 2009-2009, East Sussex
Charlotte Roberts, 2009-2009, East Sussex
Kim-Alina Grieger, Germany

(Apologies if you have been reconnected since this list was forwarded to me for inclusion in this newsletter.)

Reunions

At the beginning of May, **Rosa-Kate Cook (Suffolk) 1985-1990** organised a gathering of Old Girls who took their GCSE's around 1990 give or take a year or two. Here are a selection of the photos that she posted on the VCR and apologies that I am unable to name who is who – I'd already had four children by then, so they are all several decades after my time at SMH!! I do think I recognise **Anne Corris (Staff)** however!







Jo Grey (French) 1983-1988 has sent in this report: It was the sudden and unexpected death last December of our 6th form friend **Clare Prior (Urwin) 1986-1988** that made many of us sit up in shock and realise that it was, in some instances, about 35 years since we had last



met some of our school year group (we really don't feel yet that we are nudging 50!) After a flurry of activity via Facebook and Messenger, a group of about 25 old girls from O'Level year 1986 and A'Level year 1988 were connected. We quickly ascertained that **Catherine Philpott (Philo 'Lob') 1980-1988** was due to return to the UK from her home in Australia during the summer and a tentative reunion date was set. Venue? Brighton of course! We were thrilled to later learn that **Nancy Fung (Wong) 1983-1988** had

decided to make the long trip back to the UK from Hong Kong via an exhausting European tour with her daughter, Pearl. **Alison Turner (Cox) 1978-1986** and I were first to the Old Ship Hotel Bar on Friday 30th June, followed soon after by **Nancy** who literally squealed with delight at being reunited with her old school pals. **Vicky Riley (Mokhtar) 1980-1986**, **Sarah Carter (Van Carapiett) 1982-1986**, **Katie Johnson (Cook) 1979-1985** and **Catherine Hamilton-Woodthorpe (Woodthorpe) 1979-1988** soon followed and together we walked to the restaurant, Donatello's, where **Neroli Allen (Barnes) 1979-1986** and **Katy Geary** were waiting for us. Soon we were joined by the stragglers, **Shani Mason (Waller) 1980-1986**, **Catherine Philo**, **Anna Fradley (Hewitt) 1979-1986**, and **Angela Tebe**. Safe to say that the



conversation never stopped and I'm sure we drove a few tables out of the restaurant early, but it was so incredible to see everyone, to learn about what they had been up to in the intervening decades, and to realise that, despite changing hair-styles, no one had changed so much that they were unrecognisable! We were

even able to share photos, post a short Facebook Live film to our own group for those who couldn't make it this time, and even to Skype with Lizzie Sale Alison Purvis (Jennings) who now lives in the USA. Dear **Clare** would have loved the evening. It is hard to put into words how moving and inspiring the reunion was. Safe to say, we really can't wait until the next one which we hope will be over a weekend in summer 2018. **Jo Grey (French)**.



Rosemary Warren (Bellamy) has contacted us to say: **Elizabeth Caudle (Baker) 1950-1964, Jean Peters (Pearson) 1957-1964, Elizabeth Julyan (Allwright) 1958-1964, Alison Vaughn, Rosemary Warren (Bellamy) 1960-1964 and Susanne Bray (Fopp) 1961-1963** (all at SMH between 1959 and 1964) meet up every year to reminisce about school days and old friends. **Susanne** was remembering Vanessa Langton-Lockton at SMH 1960 -1963 and particularly spending the day of Princess Margaret s wedding at her home. **Rosemary** has asked us if there is a register of old girls.

This prompted me to remind you all that OF COURSE there is a register of old girls – or at least those who have re-connected with the Association. This register can be accessed from the website and all details are at the end of this newsletter. You may have noted that some people mentioned in the newsletter are in **Bold** with their current surnames and years at

school given. This means that they are on the register (or they are ex-staff). Those who are not in **Bold** are not on the Association register and therefore not known to us. **Therefore, they are not receiving this newsletter!** If you are in touch with anyone who is mentioned (but is not in Bold), do encourage them to contact me: secretary@smhassociation.org and re-connect.

Fundraising ££££££££££££££££

There has been recent interest, following a posting in the VCR, about the Tea Towels with the image of the School, with a couple of members posting photos of their treasured originals and others asking if they are still available. Apparently, there were many of them found in cupboards all over the school when it closed, but these have now all been sold.

We have commissioned a repeat print of the Tea Towel in one colour (Teal/Petrol Blue), 100% Cotton. The photo below shows a sample of a Tea Towel to show what ours would look like.

Costs (inc P&P) for UK delivery will be £7 including postage for one. Orders for more than one will be £10 for two; £12 for three and £15 for four.

Several of you are overseas and if you have a UK address it would help us, and save you at least £1 if you can have it posted there, but if not then you will be asked for a minimum of £8 and invited to offer £9 (for one).

If you would like to add your name to the list of those who have already expressed interest, then please email pennyharrison55@btinternet.com with the number you would like but please do NOT repeat your request if you have already asked about one in the VCR (where this item has already been offered).

Deadline for expressions of interest is 31st August.



(P.S. As at the time of writing, orders for over 50 have already been placed through the VCR on Facebook, so don't delay if you are interested.)

Feedback from previous newsletters

Katie Lower (1994-2004) wrote: I was just having a read of the newsletter and noticed one of the mystery photos - the first was from my years at the school, although I'm not in it!

It was taken when we did our production of 'First Kids in Space', around 1995/1996 I believe.



In the photo, left to right: unsure, Katerina Soumilova, **Jodie (?) Graham 1992-1999**, Alissa Watts, Romi Pinsent, Elisa Mansell, Christine Barclay, Natalie Lawrence and Lauren Whyte.

Hazel Hawtin - Head of Junior School 1999-2007 wrote: Just a quick note to say that the final photo in the newsletter was from a Pre-Prep Nativity - I would guess around 2003. From left to right the children are Pauline Schou, Harriet??, Georgia Burgess, Amelia ??, the last 2 may come to me.



Rebekah Palmer wrote: Thank you for the newsletter which I read with great interest – it's really interesting to see how the school has changed since I left in 1991. I also enjoyed looking at the photos and I was surprised to see myself appear! On page 13, there is a group photo and I'm the girl with the ?? (Back row, second from left) – I was and still am, Rebekah Palmer and I attended SMH from **1985 to 1991** – the Smash Hits show was a

particular highlight for me when I was at school! I have sadly lost contact with all the girls I went to school with so the newsletters are a chance for me to catch up on some of my peers so long may they continue!

Fiona Hunt (Goodwin) 1996-2001 has written: I

was one of the pupils that went to Ightham Motel! I remember it very well, probably not for the right (educational) reasons but because the coach broke down. The first photo, the pupils from left to right top row are: Maria Redman, Kate Smith, Lucinda Brett, Charlottle Gumbrell, Joy Flat, Nicki Edwards, Ellen Grist and **Laura Drew 1990-1991**.

Bottom row, left to right are, Nicola Ghiaci (spelling?) Yewande Osasanya (again spelling?), Georgia Hamilton and Roksanna Saddigazeadeh (again I'm not sure if that's the correct spelling). I am probably in the bottom photo but I can't find me.



I am currently working in what was the kitchen of SMH in the EBME Department for BSUH NHS Trust as an Electro-Biomedical Engineering Technician. It is very, very strange coming here to work, walking along the same corridors and stairways when I was at school, parking my car where the teachers used to!

Where I work is unrecognisable now with the alterations that were done by the Trust but much of the school is the same. Even smells the same! It is amazing how much I can remember from coming to school here. I sit on the front lawn to have my lunch (where those photos were taken of us dressed up) although I have to say the gardens don't look anywhere near as nice as they used to sadly.

The Lady of Shallott - You may remember **Brenda Matthews (Martin) 1948-1953** trying to track down a copy of the score and music of the Lady of Shalott which she had sung in the choir in the 50's under the direction of **Miss Wynne**. **Penny Harrison**, while compiling the hard copy annual newsletter for those who have opted for the one a year version, checked out Wikipedia to see if she could find any further information, and discovered that In 1946 Phyllis Tate composed a setting of Tennyson's *The Lady of Shalott*, written for the 10th anniversary of the BBC Third Programme. **Brenda** got on the trail with the BBC to see if by any chance they had kept a copy of the recording! She also managed to track down a website for Phyllis Tate. She listened to a piece of the composition sung by a tenor but sadly it was not the score she is hoping to trace. She has also found two other compositions on YouTube, but again, they were not THE one. She then found a fourth version by Cyril Rootham Opus 33. She contacted Rootham's son who not only sent her the score but a DVD copy of the recording of its performance. Again, like the others it was not the same as the SMH version. She is now thinking that perhaps the version sung by the choir was composed by Miss Wynne herself, but will wait to see if the BBC can throw any light on the score. Well done for perseverance **Brenda**, and do let us know if you have any updates!

Many of you will have heard mention of Old Girl **Susanne Rea (Nicholls) 1956-1961**, who has been a driving force in the Rotary Worldwide campaign, 'World's Greatest Meal', to eradicate polio. *The following article has appeared in a recent issue of Rotary Great Britain and Ireland*



Making A Meal Out of Polio



In three years, the World's Greatest Meal has raised millions of pounds in the fight against polio.

Susanne Rea has got a goal – and it is so close, that by the time you read this article, the target will have probably been surpassed.

This likeable Australian is one half of the brainchild behind the hugely successful Rotary fund-raiser, the World's Greatest Meal.

A polio survivor herself, **Susanne** is hoping that by the time her countryman, Ian Riseley, becomes Rotary International President at the end of June, the dinner party project will have

raised a staggering \$7.5 million (£6 million).

"The most important thing we are talking about is lives," explained **Susanne**. "Twelve million children have been vaccinated through funding from the World's Greatest Meal, money which otherwise would not have been there."

Susanne was four-years-old when she woke up one morning and couldn't get out of bed. Living in Birmingham at the time, she was one of thousands of children in the 1940s who contracted polio and, consequently, spent plenty of time in hospital.

Since then the battle against polio has become personal, and after falling into Rotary at the age of 50, **Susanne** set about to make a difference to Rotary's End Polio Now campaign.

Working in partnership with friend Mukesh Malhotra, from the Rotary Club of Hounslow, the pair reached across the miles in 2014. They harnessed the power of social media to encourage Rotarians to hold their own culinary fund-raisers and donate the proceeds to End Polio Now.

The response has been staggering over the past three years, with more than 3,600 events staged in 73 countries across five continents, with 210,000 Rotarians taking part.

"Some meals are worth \$10, one was worth \$67,000. It doesn't matter, all events are valued and we would love to have you on board. Even if you are having a cup of tea with a friend, you will be helping End Polio," reflected **Susanne**, when she spoke at the Rotary Conference in Manchester in April.

As a result of spearheading the World's Greatest Meal project, **Susanne** has been travelling the globe, spreading the gospel and understanding more about Rotary and the fight against polio.

"It is amazing how people from the other side of the world can join together and this is all due, of course, to that wonderful medium Facebook," she added.

"We are such a visual project through social media, we are a sort of public image machine with Rotarians sending in photographs of their events.

"I have learnt so much since being a Rotarian. I think those of you in Rotary know what I mean, because you are given so many opportunities to do things and be part of a wonderful organisation."

But even though the end is tangible in the battle against polio, **Susanne**, who is a member of the Rotary Club of Cairns Sunrise in Queensland, Australia, sounded a cautionary note that Rotarians should not relent in their struggle.

"Little girls and boys everywhere are still in danger," she warned. "Polio is still a threat, and where there is one case of polio in the world, then we cannot relax."

I know that I have reported on **Susanne's** efforts in a previous magazine, but the work that she has done for this campaign is truly amazing and we should all be immensely proud of her. For more information visit the [World's Greatest Meal website](#).

It's Competition Time.

We are running this competition to encourage those of you who might be wavering, to join the Facebook VCR where 355 old girls and staff (now almost half the Association) can get together for a chat and a laugh over their school memories. As we have said before, we know that this is not for everyone, so for those of you reading this and the next newsletter these will be your two chances to take part in the competition.

We have allocated a number in the 100 for the remaining 6 months of the year with the caveat that no one may enter for more than one month. All you have to do to be in with a chance of winning the first or second prize if that number is drawn in this month's 100 Club draw is email Penny with the post code of FIVE OG's from the database whose addresses include a reference to a tree or trees.

You have until 30th August to email pennyharrison55@btinternet.com with your answer.

You need to access <http://www.smhassociation.org/latest-news.php> and scroll down to open the database to answer – if you really can't find/remember how to do this from past e-newsletters and posts in this group, then contact **Penny** and she will resend the details.

Entry by Private Messenger or email to **Penny** (pennyharrison55@btinternet.com).

Good Luck

Mystery Photos #2



This was obviously a school trip somewhere, but does anyone know where, when and who is featuring?



This one is a bit blurred, but it looks like an indoor sports event as everyone is wearing trainers. Any idea what, when and who?



This is obviously a younger class taken during the Summer Term – blue sky and summer uniform! (That is not a bubble next to the girl front right but a mark left by blu-tac!) Who can throw some light on this photo?



And last one for this newsletter, two harassed looking teachers? Thank you's? Awards? Birthdays? Who knows??

Knock Knock! Who's there? (With apologies if any of you have reconnected since I was given this list)

What do the following people have in common? Sadly, NOT the common room! Each one of them has contacted us to ask to join us but then failed to see or respond to our messages asking them for the necessary details to add them to our database. If any of you reading this know them and think they would still like to re-connect with their school's Association please do pass on the message that if they contact Penny (pennyharrison55@btinternet.com) it will be sorted out, immediately, if not sooner.

Lysbeth Muirhead, Judy Krolick, Isabel Masey, Helen Holmes, Claudia Ching, Carol Pham, Kate Lee, Rachael Simpson, Andrew Clarke, Charlotte Abbiss, Diane White, Beth Morris, Charlotte Morgan, Zoe Richmond-Smith, Ayesha Baker, Sheridan O'Connell, Sue Fokes, Lara Bowen, Alexandra "Mums Fitness", Philly Davis, Belinda Evans, Bwalya Shula, Cassi Kim, Claire Hart, Emily Beard, Felicity Ellerton, Cynthia To, Christina Ng, Caroline Draper, Michelle Stevens, Ellis Ward, Hannah Draper, Samantha Mui, Anna Giles, Hilda Ziembinska, Anna Stacey, Daniella Harwood, Shanti O'Hea-Francis, San-San Pang, Naj Mclovinstonville...

AND FINALLY, JUST A REMINDER ...

Please do have a look at the website. We have been doing some tidying up and generally making it work better - www.smhassociation.org – have a look and let us know what you think. All comments/suggestions happily received!

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Please note that this information is confidential to SMH Association members only, and to preserve data protection legislation, should not be passed to anyone else. If you have SMH friends who are not members but who would like to be, ask them to contact Penny Harrison or me so that we can ensure that they are correctly registered, thereby keeping every member's data protected.

If you have any trouble logging in do please contact me.

I hope you all enjoy the rest of your Summer or Winter depending on which hemisphere you are in. Closing date for any submissions for the next e-letter is 15 October.

Best wishes

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