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Report of the General Meeting, 21 June 2014 held at St George's Church Kemptown, Brighton

Present were Life President, Sue Meek, Chair, Olive Ridge, Secretary Virginia James, Treasurer Diana Sijpesteijn, Committee Members and 30 Members of SMHA

1. Welcome from Life President
2. School Prayer and remembrance (see Obituaries)
3. Apologies for absence (taken as read)
4. Minutes of last meeting – Newsletter 114, 2013 – taken as read
5. Report from the Life President on developments at St Mark's Chapel*
6. Report from the Chair on the work of the Committee, the Secretariat and 100 Club since the last meeting*
7. Report from the Hon Treasurer on the SMHA Accounts*
8. Report from the Hon Archivist*
9. Ratification of changes to the Constitution. (published on the website)
10. Committee members – retirements and elections*
11. AOB (none)
12. The SMHA Prayer was said and Sue Meek closed the meeting

*Reported elsewhere in this Newsletter

School Prayer

O God, by whose manifold grace all things work together for good to them that love Thee, stablish, we pray Thee, the thing that Thou has wrought in us, and make this school as a field which the Lord hath blessed, that whatsoever things are true, pure, lovely and of good report, may here forever flourish and abound. Preserve in it an unblemished name, enlarge it with a wider usefulness and exalt it in the love and reverence of all its members, as an instrument of Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Following the meeting, members lunched either in St. George's church, picnicked in the School grounds with the kind agreement of Professor Duane Passman, on behalf of the Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals (BSUH), or ate at one of several local hosteleries / tea shops. Almost 40 members and former staff also toured the main building of St Mary's Hall, by arrangement with BSUH. Photographs of this appear on our website, www.smhassociation.org. The Committee wishes formally to thank Professor Passman for his ongoing support for SMHA and our work and for his understanding of how much the School means to us. He has given, unstintingly, of his time to assist Penny Harrison to arrange and coordinate this event. He continues to liaise with us regarding the safe-keeping of many artefacts.

Letter from Sue Meek; SMHA Honorary Life President *(part of item 5 of General Meeting)*

Dear Friends,

It has been an exciting year, with the development of the new website and the Secretariat members. We are indebted to Penny Harrison for coordinating the Secretariat, which will support the work of the Committee - and to Olive Ridge, for her energetic leadership of the Committee itself. It is encouraging to see the excellent work that is being done to secure the future of our Association.

Since my last report, I have continued my involvement, as Trustee, with the development of The Spire Arts at St Mark's Chapel. As I explained last year, the Chapel has been leased by St George's church to three theatre producers who organise the use of the space, spearheading the fundraising campaign and the application for charitable status.

I was thrilled to attend the first major performance to be staged at The Spire during the Brighton Festival, the UK premiere of an intriguing piece entitled 'Perhaps All The Dragons' (inspired by the Rilke poem of the same title 'Perhaps all the dragons in our lives are princesses, who are only waiting to see us act, just once, with beauty and courage.' The piece, devised by the Belgian company 'Berlin', based in Antwerp, told 30 individual true stories on individual screens. Each audience member experienced 3 tales, personally encountering the people behind the stories, in filmed monologues. It was an imaginative and innovative piece of theatre, which was very absorbing.

I particularly enjoyed seeing the Chapel being used once again by the local community, even before the refurbishment has taken place. The South Transept entrance was used as the foyer, with refreshments served on arrival: then we entered the Chapel through draped red velvet curtains. The space was beautifully lit and very atmospheric, in spite of the unfinished floor and peeling paint, which one simply didn't notice!

Plans for the refurbishment had to be postponed because of the Festival bookings for rehearsals and performances, so this has now been re-scheduled for the autumn. The Chapel is still being used over the summer for rehearsals by local artists: a play is currently being prepared for performance at the Brighton Dome. There is no other rehearsal space in Brighton for performances which require big spaces and high ceilings. These bookings are useful sources of income.

And, of course, Margaret Ellis and her stalwart band of bell ringers are active on Thursdays evenings, much to my delight, and Morning Prayer continues to be held in the Chapel every Monday morning.

Taking into consideration the current use of the Chapel and as the building works have not yet been completed, the committee decided at the last meeting that our Yamaha piano should stay in St George's for the time being, where it is secure and being very well cared for. We shall review this decision once the chapel is re-furbished.

We continue to store SMHA belongings in the upper rooms of the chapel and some archives will be moved there on July 15, when most of the archives currently stored at Roedean will be moved to the Keep, the new centre for local records, which is situated near Sussex University on the Lewes Road.

At our reunion on June 21st we were extremely fortunate to have been so warmly welcomed back to St Mary's Hall by Professor Duane Passman and his team. It was fascinating to see how the school building is now being used and how sensitively and meticulously it has been refurbished to create a very attractive, bright environment for administrative staff, with the boarding houses used to accommodate young doctors and nurses who move into the area and who need accommodation. We were all deeply grateful to Professor Passman for allowing us such a special opportunity to visit the school building again and to picnic in the grounds, where the terrace roses were in full bloom! Our spirits were lifted to see for ourselves how the working lives of nearly 800 hospital staff have been so significantly enhanced by their move to the school site. With warmest wishes to you all

Sue Meek

Hon. Life President & Headmistress of St Mary's Hall (1997-2009)

A message from your Chair *(part of item 6 at General Meeting)*

Dear Friends

We were delighted with the success of the Reunion last June. It was a great joy to meet so many old girls and ex-staff and lovely to celebrate the unveiling of the plaque with the excellent concert here at St George's Church.

I know those of you who attended would agree with me. More than 100 people signed the Visitors' Book and we know that others were present on the day. It was a great opportunity to renew friendships and reflect together on the many happy times at SMH. We received many positive comments about the Reunion and this encouraged Penny Harrison, our Secretary, to survey members in order to gain evidence and feedback on what you wanted from the Association. The results of this were analysed by the Committee in the autumn. From many wide-ranging views, three main issues emerged.

- To develop better online communication with a more user-friendly website;
- To investigate the possibility of a Carol Service at St Mark's Chapel;
- To continue to offer reunions and other social activities.

Penny, supported by a small group of old girls including Emma Thomas, Charlotte Steventon, Alice Rawdon-Mogg, Vicky Riley and Jo Grey formed a Secretariat who have helped with online communication. Bids were received to build a new website and the professional knowledge of the group was invaluable in the selection process. Charlotte Steventon presented a very clear proposal and was given the task. I do hope you have managed to visit the new website and I know you will agree with me that the result has justified our choice. We hope the online shop will generate greater interest and therefore more revenue. The inclusion of a business page will enable members to network and the charities page will record members' involvement in charitable endeavours. Penny has worked closely with Charlotte to ensure the safe transfer of data from the old website and both Jo Grey and Alice Rawdon-Mogg have kindly agreed to manage the new website. We feel that the new website showcases the very best of what the School aimed to provide and demonstrates the ongoing life of its members. We welcome your feedback. Thank you so much to the Secretariat, so ably led by Penny, for all your hard work.

Emma Thomas continues to take responsibility for the organization of the 100 Club. At present, there are twenty-one members with sixty-one numbers. Members have responded positively to renewal reminders. Emma tells me that Penny's monthly newsletters have been a good source of new business, so again thank you to Penny for your continued diligence in producing them. Emma would welcome suggestions as to how to encourage more people to sign up. Please do see her today if you would like to join the 100 Club. Thank you Emma for your work with this fundraising venture.

At last year's General Meeting, I stressed the importance of social networking sites in keeping old girls and ex-staff connected. Engagement through Facebook is ever increasing. Penny tells me that at times, more than four hundred people are seeing status updates. Some members also "tweet" and details of this are in monthly emails, from Penny, as well as on the website.

Sue Carnochan continues to be employed by Roedean School on a fortnightly basis to manage the archives. Jo Stubbs kindly joins Sue to support her. Again, I want to thank both Sue and Jo for their sterling work.

A number of you may remember that an ex-Head of Geography, Dr Roger Dixon, created a cookbook. Penny has produced a new edition, available for order. Do support this fundraising venture.

As a committee, how do we address the other two main issues identified in the questionnaire? We have already discussed the possibility of organizing a Carol service at St Mark's Chapel in December 2015 with Tony Jay, the ex-Director of Music at the School. In principle, he would be happy to be involved but we need to know if you, the members, would support it. Expressions of your interest will be sought soon. Reunions and other social activities can only be organized with your support.

Diana ensures that our funds are in very safe hands and Virginia minutes our meetings. Thank you all for your support.

Olive Ridge
Chair, SMHA

Hon Treasurer's Report on the Accounts *(Item 7, General Meeting)*

The Association's Accounts have again been prepared by Michael Dack and Company, Chartered Accountants, of Leeds.

The accounts show that in 2013 expenditure exceeded income by £400. The balance sheet at 31st December 2013 shows assets of £20,822; down from £21,222 in 2012 but slightly in excess of the 2011 total of £20,551. This is accounted for by the income and expenditure surrounding the Blue Plaque initiative, which, over the two year period, has been almost entirely self-funding.

Investments

The Association's investments include £20,822 in saver and current accounts with Barclays Bank. Interest paid in 2013 was £396 representing a substantial increase on the previous year.

Donations

A total of £123 was received in donations.

100 Club

This initiative generated an income of £455 for the Association

Future Expenditure

The website will incur a cost of in the region of £4,500; approved by the committee for 2014 to further raise the profile and accessibility of the Association. Administering the Association via electronic means of communication and the voluntary input by individual members ensures that costs are minimised. Ideas and suggestions from members for fund raising initiatives in the future are always welcome.

Diana Kaars Sijpesteijn-Markham
June 2014

Association Accounts: 2014

Extracts from the full, audited, accounts of SMHA formally presented
at the General Meeting in June 2014

Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31 December 2013

	2013 £	2012 £
Other business income	1,218	1,780
Expenses		
Telephone, fax, stationery and other office costs	1,464	819
Bank, credit card and other finance charges	-	5
Accountancy, legal and other professional fees	120	240
Other business expenses	34	45
	<u>1,618</u>	<u>1,109</u>
(Loss)/profit	<u>(400)</u>	<u>671</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2013

	Notes	2013 £	2012 £
Fixed assets			
Other fixed assets		-	15,000
Current assets			
Bank/building society balances	20,822	<u>6,222</u>	
Net current assets		20,822	6,222
Net assets		<u>20,822</u>	<u>21,222</u>
Capital account			
Balance at start of period		21,222	20,551
Net (loss)/profit		(400)	671
		<u>20,822</u>	<u>21,222</u>

Profit and loss account analysis

	2013 £	2012 £
Other business income		
Interest receivable	396	142
Donations	123	582
Reunion lunches	80	476
100 Club membership	455	523
Life membership subscriptions	52	57
Sale of memorabilia	112	-
	<u>1,218</u>	<u>1,780</u>
Telephone, fax, stationery and other office costs		
Postage	51	14
Reunion lunches etc	263	600
Committee expenses	134	82
Blue Plaque	960	-
Website costs	56	95
Subscriptions	-	28
	<u>1,464</u>	<u>819</u>
Bank, credit card and other finance charges		
Bank charges	-	5
Accountancy, legal and other professional fees		
Accountants fees	<u>120</u>	<u>240</u>
Other business expenses		
Sundry expenses	<u>34</u>	<u>45</u>

FROM THE ARCHIVIST

Archive information is regularly posted on our website.

CHARLOTTE REMEMBERED

In September 2013, a group of Americans from the Mount Hermon Interdenominational Conference Center, California, came to England to visit places where hymn writers, who had written particularly well-known hymns, had lived.

On September 26th, they came to Brighton where I had been asked by their tour leader, Ester Peters, to accompany them, to show them sites associated with Charlotte Elliott.



Firstly they looked at her tomb in St Andrew's churchyard, Hove and then went inside the church to sing "Just as I am". Their coach then took them to Brunswick Square, Hove, where the Elliott family had lived.

They had lunch in the Lanes and afterwards we were taken to St Mary's Church, Upper Rock Gardens, Brighton, where the church-warden, Michael Folkard, welcomed us and told some of the history of the church and of the part played in it by Henry Venn Elliott.



The organist had been invited to join us and played three different tunes to which "Just as I am" could be sung. The Americans sang the hymn to one of them, which was great. He then allowed two gentlemen who were qualified organists, to play his beloved Bevington Organ. It was wonderful to hear such music. The visitors loved it!

Then we went on to St Mary's Hall to look at the red floor tiles (which we had cleaned the day before) and which had been placed under Charlotte's Arbour when it was removed to the school in the 19th Century.



The red tiles showed up very well and you could even see the round postholes where the wooden upright structure would have been. I told them about a plaque dedicated to Charlotte which had, at one time, been attached to the Arbour.

Our archive includes photographs of the Arbour taken in 1885 and 1936. It is thought that she wrote some of her hymns and prayers whilst sitting in it, when it was in the garden of Westfield House, Kings Road Brighton.

Does anyone at school in the 1950s remember it? I do not know what happened to it. (see *News of Old Girls for more*) It was dedicated on that very spot in October 1930 and those who had been present on that day also sang "Just as I am".

Finally we went to see the Blue Plaque, commissioned by SMHA and unveiled in June 2013, commemorating Charlotte and her brother Henry, our founder - and of course the school itself. They took plenty of photos. I thoroughly enjoyed taking them round and telling them what I knew of the Elliott family. So our beloved school, St Mary's Hall and Charlotte Elliott, will be remembered in one small area of the U.S.A.

Sue also visited Brighton in Autumn 2013 to see the Queen open **The KEEP** where our own archive will be stored from 2014.



Members who would like research carried out on their behalf should contact SMHA Archivist, Sue Carnochan, on 01273 306676

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NEWS OF FORMER HEADMISTRESSES (SMHA Hon Vice Presidents)

MISS N. OLWEN DAVIES 1965 – 1973,

Olwen wrote to say how delightful it has been to have had contact with Mary (Noble) Panter and Amanda (Nicholls) and also her chauffeur from 2013, Susan Mitchell. She continued: "I do enjoy hearing news of people and visitors are always welcome. I have spent the winter in hibernation and summer seems a long time arriving but it is beginning to look more promising. My garden enjoys the rain and so do the fish in the pond but alas, a local heron also enjoys the fish. A duck husband- and- wife team appear at frequent intervals and practise their diving which stirs the pond up further so there are some visitors who are less welcome." Olwen is sorry not to have been able to come to the reunion but sent a message of good wishes to her "vintage" which we were pleased to pass on. Olwen's email address is on the database on our website for anyone in the Alresford area who may wish to contact her.

MRS. CLARE FEAVER 1981 - 1988,

Mrs James has been in touch with Mrs Feaver during the year and she sent her good wishes to members.

MRS. TERESA BROADBENT 1988 – 1991,

Teresa sent us the good news of her continued improved health and to confirm that she would welcome contact from anyone wishing to visit her in Bath.

MRS. PAMELA JAMES 1991 – 1997.

"From a busy year," Pamela writes, "I pick out those events which may interest you. The first took place in Lewes last August and was a very happy occasion: the marriage of Jenny Lovell to John Pigott. It was a beautiful summer's day and the sunlight streaking into the crowded church seemed to symbolise the joy and warmth of the event."

Among former members of staff attending were Anne Corris, Betty Drew, Susan Dury, Helen Howard, Val Martin, Sue Meek, Kathy Rees and Olive Ridge. Lalida Richardson was also sitting near me. Please forgive any omissions from the list – but it was crowded! At Easter this year I had a visit from Dong Ching Chiu. (She and her sister Dong Fuh were at SMH during the period between 1975 and 1985). They came from Sarawak, Malaysia, but the family also has a flat in London. Dong Ching, who is a doctor, brought her bicycle with her to Brighton on this occasion so that she could have an early morning ride along the seafront. It was very good to see her again.

The third event was a tour of the main original building of St Mary's Hall, now converted to the administration block for the Royal Sussex County Hospital. Of course the building is listed and therefore looks the same from the outside (see photographs elsewhere in this Newsletter). Professor Duane Passman, the manager of the ten year project to rebuild part of the Hospital, arranged the tour for us and was very understanding of the affection so many of us have for the school. We were delighted by the very high quality of the refurbishment and the care which has obviously gone into them. Staff have already moved in and the whole place felt warm and inviting. Elliott and Venn Houses are being used for medical and nursing accommodation and there is a plan for some units in Venn to house young doctors with their families.

I know that I share with many of you a deep sorrow that the school is no longer in operation but there is some comfort in the fact that it is being put to such good use for the community at large."

Messages for Mrs Feaver, Mrs Broadbent and Mrs James can be forwarded by Hon Ed. secretary@smhassociation.org

Memorabilia for Sale

Own a memory & support your Association

Notecards, postcards, Newsletters and other items of memorabilia will be available through the website shortly.

They are ready to send to anyone ordering them. The notelets/cards represent fantastic value at only £3 for ten, including envelopes and we urge you to order while stocks last. The images, whether black/white or colour, are lovely and evoke happy memories. If you have problems ordering through the website, or just want to get in quickly while the opportunity is still there, drop email secretary@smhassociation.org

Some copies of Mr Martin's Short History of SMH are also still in stock.

A few newsletters are left from most years – details of availability are too long to publish here but if you have a specific enquiry either check out the website or email us.

You can also sign up to the **100 club** on the website, or by emailing 100club@smhassociation.org it is a great way to support the Association as half the monthly funds are returned to participating members in prizes!

The **SMHA Cookbook** is also available for purchase – please go to <http://www.feedaread.com/books/SMHA-Cookbook.aspx> to place your order.

If you are experiencing difficulties in finding or buying it email secretary@smhassociation.org and we will endeavor to assist.

The Cookbook has been produced free of charge and all monies raised from the sale will go to support the ongoing work of SMHA.

NEWS*NEWS*NEWS OF FORMER STAFF AND PUPILS

Hon Editor writes, before I introduce you to the News I have been asked to say a few words about Facebook. Many Old Girls use and enjoy the SMHA Facebook page, found at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Marys-Hall-Association/265334070191137>.

They read, comment on and message each other through the page. Many others network through me on my own page <https://www.facebook.com/penny.harrison.9> On this page we fall into a couple of eras – a few years each side of and including my own (69-73) and those of the contemporaries of the likes of **Charlotte Steventon (late 1990s)**, **Katie Johnson**...I am not saying "do it" but **Sian (Williams) Spencer**, **Lis (Ferguson) Eastham**, **Susanne (Nicholls) Rea (1956-61)**, **Angelica Meletiou (1957-63)** to name but a few, find great pleasure wandering down memory lane with me...and I would be happy to add you!

A couple of months ago we had an enquiry on our Facebook page from one Old Girl, whose details were not on our database; asking whether we know about another one. The second girl, by one of life's coincidences, found us when our new website was launched and I was able to put them in touch with each other. Such are the benefits of the www!

We also Twitter, for those OGs who enjoy this form of networking – if you would like to join us there, please tweet us at @smhassociation

Congratulations to Old Girl **Judith (Patten) Gunton**, co-creator of All-Energy, and editor of News@All-Energy, who has been awarded MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List, for services to Renewable Energy.

The All-Energy Exhibition & Conference is the UK's largest event devoted to all forms of clean and renewable energy. Judith is pictured, right, at the 2014 All-Energy Conference in Aberdeen.



Thanks to **Victoria (Vic) Hastilow** for these photos of **Emma Watkins-Nobbs'** wedding (as she is now known!) from Friday October 11th 2013.



Bridesmaids left to right: **Larissa Heavens (nee Kanagalingham)**, **Charlotte Bishop**, **Vic and Saphy Ali**



While we are in bridal mode...

Jenifer (Commin) Phillips SMH 1992-2001, married Dr Iain Phillips on September 7th 2013 in Iford village, near Lewes.

There were a few old girls in attendance including: **Ellen Grist, Nicola Johns, Eleanor Burke, Fiona (Miller) Hugosson-Miller and Mother of the Bride, (old girl) Anne (Leviser) Commin.**

It would not be an SMHA Newsletter without the **Read-Jahn** update, and this year it is from **Shirley**, whose son, Sam, got married at his father's villa in the countryside area of Mesagne, Puglia, Italy on September 21, 2013.

"In September", writes Shirley, "my sister, **Pam (Read-Jahn) Bailey** (v.i.), flew with me and my husband Horst Reimann (I married him here in Australia January of 2012), from Sydney to Italy. In Naples we met up with **Rowan (Cawkell) Fookes** who had flown in from her home in Spain. She is my son's godmother. We also met up in Naples with two of Pam's 4 daughters, Nic & Zoe, flying in from Zanzibar and London, respectively. The six of us attended the huge wedding at the Villa Pizzorusso, and it was absolutely fabulous. A few photos are below, some of the wedding at the Villa Pizzorusso, and some of us in Naples, before driving to Mesagne for the wedding. I, as a landscape designer, and another friend of Mary's (also a landscape designer) who had flown over from Chile, did all the floral arrangements for the wedding. There's also a photo attached here of our group cutting plant material for the wedding. My son's father and stepmother rent out the villa when not holidaying there themselves. It's such a lovely place. See www.villapizzorusso.com.

"Pam and I will be returning to Matala, Crete, for another reunion of the hippies who used to live in the caves there in the late sixties (we never thought of ourselves as hippies!). The mayor is planning to confer the honour of "honorary Greek citizens" upon us, and to premiere the documentary of that politically interesting time in Greece's modern history. Pam and I have "lead" parts in the documentary's caves segment along with a couple of German "hippies". The documentary was filmed in June 2011 at the first hippie reunion in Matala. Some 45,000 (truly!) people came for those 3 days. The town actually ran out of food over the long weekend and more had to be flown in. Horst will be accompanying us. He has been fascinated about my past! *[as are we all, Shirley! Hon Ed]*

"I turn 70 in November 2014, and Horst & I have been invited to Somerset, England to spend Christmas (and to celebrate my big birthday) with Sam's wife Mary's family. They are part of the Clarks Shoes family (Mary's great uncle is the late Nathan Clark, who designed the Desert Boot). We "oldies" all had brothers or boyfriends who wore desert boots! Mary and Sam are living in Nathan's house in Greenwich Village, NYC."



Rowan, Pam, Shirley, Horst, prepping

Rowan and Pam at the wedding



Vivienne (Goff) Lagraulet writes:

'This photo was in the 1960s, not sure which year but around 1965 or 1966, we were in 3rd or 4th form I think.

'I'm still in regular contact with **Juliet (O'Hea) Rose** who is fourth from the left in the top row, and she is still in contact with **Anita Bowden**, second from the right in the middle row, and who lives in the States.

'Our beloved friend "Woody" (**Caroline Woodhead**) who sadly left us not long ago is on the far left in the middle. I can remember practically all the names of those in the photo, amazingly. I am in the bottom row on the far right.

'Hope this may jog a few memories and take us all on a trip down nostalgia lane!'



'As for other old girls, thanks to Facebook I also found my first form friend **Penny (Hewitt)** who emigrated to Australia before this photo.

'I'm also in very regular contact with **Daniela (Perillo), Harwood** she is my niece and was at SMH in the 1980s. She's married with four sons and lives in Hertfordshire.'

Prisca (Baillie) Furlong saw this thread on Facebook and commented "I met **Juliet O'Hea** here in Louth about 15 years ago - she lived here for a short time. We met at a local International Women's Association meeting in a mutual friend's house...got talking as you do...both said we went to school in Brighton...SMH...mentioned our names and remembered each other from Elliott House - she was a couple of years older than me. She moved to the Middle East shortly after that meeting.

I also recognise **Anita Bowden, Maxine Wilson** and **Kathryn Ellwood** in this photo - I think that's **Sally Anne Tyrone** fourth from right back row - she gave me one of her cast-off bikinis! And I remember Woody... all lovely girls." She adds that Kathryn's sister, Rosalind was in her form - their mother taught English at SMH.

Morny (Pike) Pritchett was contacted by Sue Carnochan to ask if she remembered **Charlotte's Arbour and plaque at SMH** (see the Archivist item, earlier in these pages). Morny contacted 15 girls who were at school with her between 1953 and 1960 to ask what they remembered and here is the result. 12 of the 15 replied. 6 say they can remember the arbour but only 4 remember the plaque. The other 6 who replied cannot remember either.

They also confirmed last year's recollections of "Biba" Morny writes "As far as any of us can recall Barbara Hulanicki was NOT at SMH, but her younger sister Beatrice was probably there 1952-56. The youngest Hulanicki girl was **Biruta** who was nicknamed Biba and she was there 1955-59 approx. It is Barbara who started the Biba shops." Morny added that the Old Girls from her year who are in contact, meet up at least once a year and each time seem to have "found" another OG. "Our memories of years at SMH vary considerably!" she adds. Mr and Mrs Pritchett celebrated their Golden Wedding in Autumn 2013 and 2 of their guests were old girls of SMH. One aged 94 and the other 64!

Attention, Class of '53!



Anne Valentine met up with friends from "her era" in Bath early in June. (see above). Back row, from the left, **Amanda Hobson, Judith Patten, Patricia Doswell, Jill Steiner, Susan Reynolds,** and **Suzy Duncan**. Sitting from the left, **Rosemary Tyron, Nicky Bruton, Carole Bartlett, Janet Strachan,** (standing) **Louise Crawford,** and **Morny Pike** (see above, also!). Front from the left, **Mary Cunliffe** and **Mariota Fardell**. (Anne took the photo). She writes that it was great fun. "First we had a tour of the beautiful; Abbey and then we had lunch, a somewhat noisy one! But then questions were being asked as to what happened to the rest of our class. Between us we managed to piece together the remainder of the class and decided to ask you if you could trace any of them. We know that two of the class are dead, Carole Beeby and Elizabeth Everitt, both died some years ago with cancer. We are looking for: **Deanna Bennett, Helen Blair, Ann Braid, Elizabeth Collin-Jones, Susan East, Tessa Jackson, Janet Phillips, Helen Piddington, Gloria Smart and Felicity Thomas**. The person who interests the group most is Felicity Thomas or "Fizz" as she was known"

I was able to put Anne straight in touch with Gloria – can anyone help with any others?

Katie (Catherine Cook) Johnson kindly shared 100 or so photographs of the school buildings and grounds on our Facebook page. She wrote " It's so bizarre that there is so much of a cyber-world out there, yet, when I was at SMH it was a highlight to go on one of the 2 computers in the whole school. As you say, it's only over the years that you appreciate what once was and it's important to keep the past alive.

I never thought, when I left school in 1985 that I would EVER want to set back on the grounds again but it brought back all the good memories when I did." Katie's years were 1979 - 1985 from Prep to 5th year and we are so pleased to have found another younger Old Girl...We know you are out there, girls, and we will find you!!!

Here is just one of her lovely images, which we are proud to have used as the main photograph for our new website – thank you so much Katie!



Lis (Ferguson) Eastham sends news from her home, La Petite Touche, 49490 Genneteil, France. She reports that she and Mike (Brighton College OB) have had a good Gite season, having clients there most weeks from May to September.

They have still found time to visit the UK a few times for family and friend celebrations and to visit Mothers – we had the pleasure of seeing Lis' mum, Ruth, at the Blue Plaque reunion and again last month, of course. In September and again in October they welcomed two sets of friends from the UK to spend a day or so with, one of whom took the lovely photo of Lis and Mike at La Petite Touche.

In early November the final stage of renovation of their home was started. This will mean that the whole house will have been renovated over a period of about 7 years, so we should be able to guarantee its weather resistance for some years to come now. The removal of the old render has yielded up a number of old entrances, bread ovens etc. which have been 'bricked up' over the years, including most bizarrely the fact that at some point roof tiles have been used as wall tiles and were stuck to the outside wall – the masons have never seen anything like it!

Michael and Elisabeth, and their cats Jess, Whisky, Benji, Lady, Morgan and Martini welcome visitors to La Petite Touche – do look at their website, or email, for more details.

Lis asked whether we had news of **Cynthia (Fabian) Palmer**, former French teacher at SMH for the late 60s – 70s era and updated that she had been in poor health.

We then heard from Cynthia who wrote, in February, that she continues to make slow progress but "2013 was certainly my "annus horribilis. I have moved from Zimmer to wheeled stroller to walking stick and indoors I am hobbling around without artificial aid. This is all good news but my hands are still semi-numb and tingling and I have lost some sensation in my lower left leg and foot. Meanwhile the optician noticed one of my pupils was smaller than the other so I'm now under investigation for possible Horner's Syndrome, a very rare (of course!!!) condition. The worst thing is that I'm dependent on transport to get me anywhere and I still can't walk the dog".

Cynthia and **Laura Bristol** (see below) had a long phone call over Christmas and former Head **Olwen Davies** ("Noddy") also contacted Cynthia when she heard of her misfortunes. Cynthia hoped to attend the reunion, however, sadly had to email us just beforehand to ask us to accept her apologies for absence. She said: "I had expected to be well enough to attend and was looking forward to it, but progress has been much slower than I had hoped and although I am much better in myself I am still not quite mobile enough to use public transport. I no longer drive and have to rely on lifts everywhere. I am now able to walk outside with a single stick but cannot go very far and find it difficult to stand still for any length of time. Things have improved more in the home and I am back to usual kitchen and laundry duties and I can speed up and down Sainsbury's aisles with panache pushing my trolley !!! The consultant says up to 2 years post op. and I am now 15 months so, DV I will be storming ahead this time next year. Please send my greetings and best wishes to all who remember me.

Many of you sent messages and expressed affection for **Laura Bristol** around Christmas time and we passed all these on. In response, she reported that although she is getting better now she had a fall in the autumn of 2013, resulting in the need for a hip operation. As a result of this she has, with great reluctance, given up driving and will therefore not be coming to the reunion. She asked for her good wishes to be passed to those who remember her and looked forward to reading all about the event in the newsletter.



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If anyone would like her address or phone number to contact her directly please let me (Penny H) know. She was delighted to hear of the relaunch of the Cookbook, commenting that Miss Odell (some of whose mother's recipes are included) who taught geography, briefly, gave a lot of books to the Library. Her brother was a member of an Everest expedition in, Miss Bristol thought, 1933 or thereabouts.

The predicaments of both Mrs Palmer and Miss Bristol could, I am sure, have been addressed with early intervention in the form of offers of transport so could we put in an early appeal for our next event by asking for offers of transport from anyone who plans to attend, giving your journey details (from...via...) and how many seats you could offer.

Katherine (McGlinchey) Hollissey-McLean got in touch at Christmas 2013 to give us her new address. She has working as a journalist for the Worthing Herald for seven-and-a-half years. At the end of 2013 she was acting content editor, covering maternity leave, but was about to take maternity leave herself from her usual job of deputy content editor to await the birth of her first baby, due on 19 January 2014. Katherine married her husband Nathan in Florida in 2009 after they met in 2003 while working for a year at Walt Disney World in Florida.

Another new Mum is **Vicki-Ann Hughes** whose plans, following motherhood, were to emigrate to Cape Town in 2014. We hope for an update from Vicki-Ann, or any friend reading this!

Emma (Ems) (Wills) Shotts wrote to tell us that Sally Williams – PE teacher 1984-92 give or take is now at Cranleigh school with the privilege of teaching Ems' daughter. Ems is unsure who she feels sorrier for!

Judy (Reynolds) Hart wrote in January: "Recently I opened a cardboard box which has been moving round the country from house to house with us since April 1980, if the newspaper used for packaging was fresh at the time! Amongst the items is a wooden cross, maybe 16 inches tall, which I acquired (with permission of Mrs Eggleton) at the time that Babington House was being emptied and closed. It came from the prayer room there, and, at the time, my 13/14 year old self thought it would come in handy when I became a missionary in Africa, and was building a chapel!

In the event my missionary experience in Africa was limited to a 3 month locum in a Church of Scotland mission hospital in Kenya in 1979, and I didn't take the cross. It has a rather faded inscription on the back which could indicate that it was donated by a Mary Robinson in 1919.



The inscription – very difficult to read...but clearly there!

Babington was a fabulous property, right on the sea front, with excellent banisters for sliding down!! Sadly it was already on the way out when I arrived in 1965. There were probably only 20 or so girls living there, and they were divided between Hilary and Elliot the following year when it was sold.

My best friend at the time, **Julia Clayton**, lived there so I had the opportunity to explore it from top to bottom with her, as there was not much supervision imposed.

Mrs Egg, who taught sport, and her husband lived there, they had a skinny dachshund called Chippy and an elderly grey dog called Trixie. She was also housemistress. The housekeeper/matron type lady was single and had a cat called Timmy Willy. Julia and I started the Mouse House in 1966."

We were delighted to put Judy in touch with Jo Stubbs to arrange for a permanent home for the cross in our memorabilia and we were so pleased to see it on 21st June 2014, in St George's church. Thank you so much, Judy, for thinking of us and for sharing these memories.

Margaret (Jones) McCall wrote to me in February after I updated the "snail-mailers" Margaret came last year to see the Blue Plaque and I was very disappointed to miss her. She is my oldest correspondent, and perhaps the oldest active Old Girl having attained 90 years of age last December. She writes that she had a great celebration with all her family flying in from Mexico and Holland including a brand new Great Grandson from Delft.

In January 2014 she visited **Barbara (Wilberforce) Schooling** for her own 90th birthday celebrations and met Barbara's daughter **Ann (Schooling) Wood** who is also an OG and now lives in Geelong, Australia. *On the right, Margaret [L] and Barbara [R].*

Jean Robertson, another OG and contemporary of Margaret's is 90 next month, July 2014.

Both Barbara and Jean live in care homes in Hove, close to Margaret.



We were so happy to see Margaret at the Reunion although she was unable to tour the school. However her son, John, deputized for her and reported back – including the information that "her" classroom now houses cardiac-rehabilitation. We were highly amused!

Other highlights of the tour were the TOILETS – still there, unchanged, and much photographed; Miss Bristol's classroom, now the Boardroom, and the vastly improved basement. No more smelly plimsolls! The main staircase is safer now, thanks to appropriate carpeting, correctly installed over the slippery wood.

Old Girls who attended came from all over the world including South Africa and China and our age range was 20-90, although we were all young on the day.

See page 24 for a group photo and list of most of those present.

For a photographic record of the day please go to www.smhassociation.org and click on the Reunion Album.

Here are a few taster images...



The main building, from the drive



San / Art Block – depending on your era!



Above: Sue Carnochan, the Demirates sisters, Pamela James, Jessie Redfearn, Sue Meek and Penny Harrison with Prof. Duane Passman



The main staircase and front hall



...View From!



The Toilets...once seen, never forgotten

One of our busiest Old Girls during 2013/14 has been **Susanne (Nicholls) Rea**. As well as flying to and from the UK to visit her family, Queensland based Susanne has worked tirelessly on a project to eradicate Polio. This globally important work is being spearheaded by Rotary International.

We asked Susanne to tell us more...

"Recently there has been a resurgence in the disease Polio and due to a Funding Gap I would like to invite you to take part in the "World's Greatest meal to help End Polio". I set up this idea to help end polio around food, fun and fundraising. To date over 340 events globally have raised nearly \$600 thousand dollars assisted by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. This is enough to fund one million doses of Polio Vaccine.

The idea is so simple and entirely up to you. We have had such a variety of events from a simple morning tea to special fundraising dinners. By joining together in a worldwide event we have greatly enjoyed international fellowship

You can join in via Facebook....all monies collected go straight to the Rotary Foundation through our Website Donate Button which means that it is fully tax deductible in many countries.

www.facebook.com/Meal2endpolio or go to <http://wgmeal.com/>

While attending one of her many Rotary engagements, **Susanne** found time to catch up with **Pam Bailey** (v.s.). The event, 55 years after leaving school, was captured for posterity and our enjoyment...

We welcome photos from your "reunions", whether they were between two OGs or tens of you. Please email them to Penny with the names of those in the picture(s) and the dates you were at school.



Another Old Girl who devotes time she has not really got to helping others is **Jan (Launchbury) Johnson, (1977-84)**. She and her family have so far raised £3267.28 over the last 18 months for Kidney Research UK. Jan first became involved in fundraising for the charity 2 years ago when she decided to undertake a Rotary Club coastal walk just for fun and the club sent her a charity sponsor form as part of the registration process. Jan's husband, who suffered with Kidney problems as a child, suggested she use the walk to raise funds for Kidney Research UK. Jan originally started out with the intention of walking 6 miles. On a beautiful spring morning she set out for the start line at 7am with no idea of what the walk entailed or what the terrain was like. Having already walked 3 miles to the registration point Jan found a bus was just leaving for the much longer 14 mile walk and on a whim she jumped on that instead.

Despite never having walked 14 miles in one go before, Jan completed the distance in record time and raised £540 for the charity. The following year she did the same walk with her husband and 11 year old daughter and raised £730. Following her first walk, Jan was contacted by the Kidney Research who asked her to become an official volunteer for the charity. As well as charity walking, Jan now organises fundraising dress down days at her place of work and also sells donated books for Kidney Research as part of the second hand book circuit. She is currently involved in trying to open a second Kidney Research shop 'north of the Border'.



This year, despite Jan suffering from cartilage problems in her knee, and appalling weather, the Johnsons walked for the charity once again! During the 2 years they've been walking for Kidney Research, Jan has fallen down a cliff, Mark has been chased by a bull and when a local farmer decided to relocate his pig farm on the route of the walk, the whole family struggled through knee deep mud to reach the finish line spattered with manure!

The Johnson family would very much appreciate ANY donation, however small, and invite you to visit their JustGiving site to find out more about the work they do: <http://www.justgiving.com/walktocrail2014>

Jan would like to thank ALL SMH girls, both in the UK and abroad, who have already donated to this worthy cause following an appeal on Facebook. Any member of SMHA who would like to donate but does not have access to the internet is welcome to send a cheque, made payable to Kidney Research UK, to Jan at 39 Whitelaw Crescent, Dunfermline, Fife KY11 4RP. All postal donations will be acknowledged.

Hon Ed: – this brought back happy recollections of the charity walks of my era at SMH – Alfriston from Telscombe Cliffs, and the to-and-fro along the sea front.

I viewed them (with many of my contemporaries) as a great way to have a day out at the weekend without using one of the five termly exeats, but one of the great things about boarding school is the bigger pool of those who will give money to such things and we always did well, financially...Memories, anyone?

There is a page on our website, www.smhassociation.org where members can give details of charity fundraising ideas. Please email us for details, or look at the page to see more. Members wishing to promote business opportunities can also do so through the site.

Leone Ratner (affectionately known to all, including herself, as Rattie) wrote in March that she attended a recital of Shakespeare Songs by Old Girl **Sue (Mileham) Paine** who "gave a very authoritative and intelligent performance. the whole programme was full of charm and beauty." I share Rattie's hope that Sue will be prepared to offer a solo at any future SMHA event. Her accompanist, Nicola Grunberg, has, in Rattie's words "quite a pedigree". Leone continued by telling me that she had met with a group of Old Girls in Hove last November, with many memories and much laughter. May I express a little frustration here? We LOVE TO HEAR ABOUT THESE EVENTS. Please send us names, photos, some detail of your mini-reunions. Networking is what it is all about - particularly now SMH has closed - and this Newsletter would be much the poorer without being able to say '*who saw who, where and when*' - and to smile when we see the beaming faces of those happy *reunionees*! Please remember us...

Leone kindly sent two snapshots, (reproduced below), one taken on the roof garden of the RFH and the other from one of the wonderful Chapel Choir outings to sing evensong in Winchester Cathedral. We have identified some girls – can you help with more?



We can pick out **Hattie Evershed and Anne Fridal, in Winchester and at RFH Diana Markham, Sandie Newman, Mary Langmead, (Rattie, of course) Jane Smithard, Angie (Charles) Risley, (behind Rattie), Roz Burrows back left, (Libby Levisaur) Commin, Sarah (Kentish) Collette and Vicki Angus.** Also **Anne Day** kneeling far left and **Heidi** someone?



On the left is **Margaret Habershon** who was at SMH between 1951-57. Margaret lives in Lindfield in West Sussex and would love to hear from anyone local to her.

She writes "I am enjoying retirement; travelling, helping in my church and community especially with the elderly, caring for my garden and meeting up with friends.

Does anyone have news of **Valda Lambert** or **Sue Fingland** as they were called at school?"

Please drop secretary@smhassociation.org a line if you can put either of these OGs back in touch with Margaret.

It was lovely to see Margaret at the Reunion!

Another Old Girl who joined us on 21st June 2014 was **Jessie (Armstrong) Redfern** who wrote "It was a fabulous day! I did chat with a lot of very friendly people which brought me so much pleasure. I also enjoyed seeing the wonderful building again which is being cared for so lovingly. Walking round was to revive many vital memories..... The views out of the front windows were beyond price, especially as the sunshine was out of this world yesterday. My years teaching at SMH were extremely happy.

The school photographs were intriguing and I found myself on the 1965 one! I bought some of the literature on sale. The short history is fascinating and I was reading it throughout the journey back to London – still in a haze of pleasure at the events of the day. I also loved the "last year" magazine full of excellent pictures. How appreciative we are for the kindness of Professor Passman, who allowed us to tour the school. I also very much enjoyed talking with Pamela James.

I was very pleased to see the church again. I remember it with its pews and we attended early morning service there on Sundays. The vicar, I believe, was called the Revd. James.

Memories will keep on coming and I shall remember the happiness of the day for a long time."

Sarah (Boyd) Mylne writes..."the last time I was in touch I was way up on the Isle of North Uist in the Outer Hebrides. Now I am back in England after 33 years in Scotland. I have moved back to North Devon, having left in 1980. I moved in to my little house on 23rd. December last year, and am still unpacking boxes and pictures, but am really enjoying the gentler air here and the conspicuous lack of midges. If anyone from my years at SMH is in the area, I am in Great Torrington, 'phone number 01805 624 810, and it would be good to catch up with a cup of tea. My years were 1950 – 1960.

Rosemary (Haylock) Batts, SMH Head-girl 1972, has been teaching for many years now at St Andrew's Primary School, Hove. OGs of her era will remember Rosemary's wonderful singing voice which is still regularly heard in her Church in Seaford where she and her husband Tom play guitar and sing.

St Andrew's is a very musical school; the first primary school in Brighton & Hove to have an orchestra. Rosemary's other strength at school was art and readers will see from these photos of the Festival Parade, 2014, that her talents were put to good use in this representation of the Nutcracker. Rosemary is the Sugar Plum Fairy, pictured below! Rosemary is in regular touch with the Newsletter Editor and also with **Susan (Corringham) Medley**, with whom she trained at Bulmershe College.





Lizzie Stubbs, daughter of Old Girl and SMHA Deputy Chair **Jo (Podd) Stubbs**, regularly rides the Henry Venn Elliott bus and kindly sent us these photos – one of her with the 5a and one “just” of the bus.

Another bus has been named for George Basevi, the school’s architect, perhaps better known for dying after falling from the roof of Ely Cathedral, as **Jan (Launchbury) Johnson** reminded us!



Maria (Tinner) Dunn tells us of her “networking” meetings with **Sandra (Jantuah) Pepera**, **Sarah (Kentish) Collett**, **Belinda (Evans) Fleming**, **Sally McDonagh**, **Felicity (Johnson) Crouch**, **Annie (Weston) Clarkson-Webb**, **Anne Fridal** and **Amanda Lugg**...but no photos (this time!)

Beryl (Swan) Richardson (1947-51) wrote again this year to thank us for the Newsletter and to request the contact details for **Rosemary (Farr) Southworth** whose news she had read and who she remembered from the dormitory in Babington. They live in Norfolk and Suffolk respectively so we hope may have managed to meet up. She also said how pleased she was to hear of the “tour” and is sorry she has to miss it, but at 80 years young she is off on holiday with her local National Trust group! St Mark’s church was “her” Chapel and she remembers lining up for Church Parade having been inspected by Miss Robinson (head teacher) each Sunday morning. She keeps in touch with her contemporaries, **Anne Evans** and **Sally Wingfield**.

Obituaries

Margaret Blinco sadly passed away on 28 July 2013. Margaret was the wife of the Caretaker Brian Blinco who was at school during the 1980's and 1990's.

Old Girls have been keen to offer their memories and tributes to this great lady.

Jan (Launchbury) Johnson wrote: “I remember Margaret Blinco very well, she and her husband Bill lived in the cottage at the top of the further of the three driveways up near the tennis courts. I used to walk up there and past the cottage, that was before the Junior School was built and even before Venn House, it was all tennis courts back then. My Dad was in the Army and we were based in Germany at the time. We didn't have a phone at home so the only way to keep in touch was by letter and they took ages to arrive. When I first started school in 1977 my Mum wrote every week. She had a script typewriter which looked like handwriting, (very rare then), and she would write about 2 or 3 pages full of home news. I think it was in my first week or two of school I had just received a letter after breakfast and I walked up there before school to read of it and of course became overcome with missing my Mum and began to cry. I would have been about 11. Margaret Blinco came out of the cottage very concerned, ushered me into their tiny kitchen and gave me tea and toast whilst I sobbed all over her. Their kitchen was very homely with a Formica table, a little piece of home and normality in the midst of school (which was very Spartan then). I soon began to cheer up and Margaret gave me a hug and sent me back to school. Our class was based in the Pool block so was quite close by. I don't even think anyone missed me. I often used to drop by their kitchen for tea and toast whenever I was feeling lonely and gradually as I began to go less and less as I began to settle in, but Margaret always had a smile and a cheerful greeting and always asked about my Mum.

“Margaret and Brian were very down to earth uncomplicated people but extremely devoted to the school and they both had big hearts, always cheery and smiling and nothing was ever too much trouble. It wasn't until I heard Margaret had died that I remembered about the tea and toast.

I used to go to a retro cafe near my house that had a similar Formica kitchen table in bright yellow and I always used to sit there, I wonder if it was because of that."

Mike Wells endorsed this, saying "Margaret was always so friendly with the girls and the staff. Both she and Brian were approachable for example during school activities which went on late and they were loyal and caring supporters of the school and its activities. Their son Carl worked with them and the school benefited from this cheerful family presence."

Judith (Green) Prime commented "I'm sorry to hear about Margaret Blinco...I particularly remember going into their cottage on the school grounds and watching as badgers came to feed on food she put out for them! The Blinco family (including their son, Carl) were always friendly, helpful and kind."

We have learned from her nephew, Michael Thompson, that **Lorna (Thompson) Hindmarsh**, twin sister of Nora, S.M.H.1927-1934 died on 10 December 2013 in Australia aged 97 years.

Elizabeth (Sykes) Scott died on 23 January 2013. Miss Elizabeth Sykes started her teaching career at Westonbirt in 1962 and "taught all the sports" (apart from tennis classes). She left in 1967 to become Head of PE at St Mary's Hall, Brighton. After her marriage in 1968, she lived in Bristol, returning to Westonbirt to teach Ballroom Dancing until 1976/7, with a gap covering the birth of her son in 1973; her daughter was born in November 1976. She spent several years doing supply teaching in Bristol, but then "settled for an easier life helping my husband with his business"; she was also involved in various local voluntary activities. In 2011, she celebrated her 70th birthday. Then, just before Christmas that year, she was found to have ovarian cancer. She died 13 months later, having warned others that this insidious disease which can be confused with irritable bowel syndrome.

Elizabeth was described by past pupils as "a lovely, sunny person and good fun"; "dedicated, professional and inspiring. One of the girls from her first years at Westonbirt described her as "the epitome of what a good young teacher should be. 'One of us' and yet always that little barrier between, that you knew you crossed at your peril", and another, a few years younger, that she had been "a main reason why I went into teaching". Prisca (Baillie) Furlong wrote "she was a very enthusiastic and encouraging PE teacher and can't have been much older than us when she came to SMH." Olwen Davies added the information that she had been very happy that Elizabeth had "followed" her to SMH from Westonbirt.

Beryl (Swan) Richardson told us of the death of **Jane Evans**, younger sister of Ann, earlier this year. Jane was in her 70s and was a music teacher and organist at local churches.

Although not an Old Girl, nor former member of staff of SMH, it would not be fitting to let this edition of the Newsletter pass without recognizing the sad passing, early in 2014, of **Ian Carnochan**, husband to our wonderful Archivist, Sue. Many of us have had the pleasure of meeting Ian over the years, most recently at the 2013 Reunion when he was a tower of strength – always there when one turned round looking for help and always offering the best solution; the pair of hands or item required to make the day go so smoothly. As you will read elsewhere, he helped Sue prepare the welcome for visitors from the USA. He will be sadly missed by his immediate family, and also by his extended SMHA family.

Joyce Tinto's death was announced in the Telegraph on Saturday 21 June 2014. It was reported that she died (no date) peacefully at home (Redhill) with her family, age 98. As you may know, Joyce was a stalwart of the Association committee in earlier years and her name crops up over and over again in the magazines and newsletters.



June 21st 2014 on the steps of St Mary's Hall

Those we can name are (back left to front right)

Miriam and Suzan Demirates, Jane (Amherst-Clark) Watson, Olive Ridge, Sue (Corringham) Medley, Julia (Bagshaw) Dunncliffe, Addy Balogun, Jo (Podd) Stubbs, Diana (Markham) Sijpesteijn, Anne Fridal, Pamela James, Lindsay (Heath) Plant, Corrine (Hannan) Andrews, Roger Roser, Ruth (Powell) Ferguson, Kathy Howard, Virginia James, Olivia Gordon, Margaret Ellis, Sian (Williams) Spencer, Mary (Howell-Davis) Philpott.

(If anyone has been missed please contact Hon Ed and we will correct the Newsletter – a big advantage of electronic version!)

Also there but not, we think, in the photo:

Sasha (Kofman) Tresidder, Emma (Davies) Thomas, Claire Grinyer, Robina Methven, Charlotte Steventon, Catherine Bartram, Charlotte (Crutchley) Harvey (with little Joshua), Jennifer Clarke, Margaret Habershon, Jessie (Armstrong) Redfern, Penny (Titheradge) Harrison, Sue Meek, Sandra (Jantuah) Pepera, Margaret (Jones) McCall (with son, John), Leone Ratner.

SMHA Prayer

O God, who art everywhere present, look down in Thy mercy on all those who have gone forth from this school. Grant that by the light of Thy divine inspiration and the gifts of Thy bountiful providence they may fulfil Thy purpose for them here on earth and may attain at length to that blessed home where they shall go no more out but serve and praise Thee continually in Thy temples; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen