

## Old Girls' Association Newsletter June 1974

**President:** Miss A.J.Towns.

**Vice President:** Miss A.H.Moore.

**Treasurer:** Mrs Hazel Wyatt (nee HAINES).

**Secretary:** Mrs Barbara Osborne (nee FREE).

*Letter from Miss Towns:-*

For several reasons this is a momentous year. In April we became part of the new Oxfordshire and in September we amalgamate with Tollington School to form Faringdon School a co-educational comprehensive school with an age range of 11 to 18 years operating on two sites. This site – The Elms – will not be developed apart from providing cloakroom and changing room facilities for sixth form boys. It will be used eventually for the sixth form. Tollington School in Fernham Road was opened in 1962 and the necessary extensions for the developing school will be built at that site which will cater in the main for the first to fifth years. Building should begin this April. Unfortunately because of inflation and other problems this first phase of the building programme will provide only a science block and certain adaptations to existing buildings: the Sports Hall and Library/Lecture Hall block have had to be cut out. The catchment area for the new school will be that at present serving the primary schools at Ashbury, Buckland, Faringdon, Longcot and Fernham, Longworth, Shellingford, Shrivenham, Southmoor and Watchfield. However the pupils at present in the two secondary schools will continue in these schools and follow the courses on which they have already embarked so that for several years girls will continue to travel from Wantage to Faringdon although some may transfer to the sixth form at King Alfred's School.

Mr Davies, Headmaster of Tollington School, is Associate Head, Miss Blackford Deputy Head, Miss Bell Head of the Faculty of Health, Social and Physical Education, Miss Breakspear Sixth Form Mistress, Mr Speed Second Master and Mr Sadler Head of Lower School. Together with other staff we have been busy making plans for the future. Because of the nature of the buildings the school will be divided horizontally on a year basis – Years 1 and 2 forming the Lower School, Year 3, a year of transition operating on its own, Years 4 and 5 forming another division and Years 6 and 7 another. Each pupil will be allocated to a tutor group and will be in the care of a Form Tutor. For the academic organization there will be five main areas or Faculties of the curriculum and in the early years all pupils will study within each faculty taking English, French, Classical Studies, Mathematics, Combined Science (biology, chemistry, physics), History, Geography, Religious Studies, Design – Art, Metal/Needle and Woodwork, Cookery, Music and Physical Education.

The time table will be arranged so that Faculty and departmental heads can organize the work and the teaching as their subject demands in mixed ability groups, in sets or team teaching groups as is felt to be in the best interests of all pupils. For children who experience particular difficulties of learning, arrangements will be made for remedial help by a specialist teacher. For pupils there is to be no movement between sites other than for swimming and, at sixth form level, technical subjects, but some staff will teach at both sites. Opportunities will be provided at both sites to work together for some out-of-school activities.

As one of the first steps in reorganization from January 1974 one Governing Body was formed to serve both schools. Unfortunately this meant the resignation of Mrs Baker, Miss Balforn, Mrs Ball, Professor Hawkes, Miss Raphael and Dr Wiles, to all of whom we are deeply indebted for their concern, ready help and wise advice. Major Peter Walker is Chairman and Sir Henry Williams Vice-Chairman of the combined Governing Body.

Inevitably there have been some staff changes. In July Mrs Fretter left on her appointment to the staff of Norland Nursery Training College. Mrs Trevethan moved to Wokingham on her husband's appointment as Headmaster of St Sebastian's Primary School and Miss Weller – who had returned as Mrs Newbury after the Spring Bank Holiday – joined her husband in Edinburgh. Mrs Chester is busily occupied looking after Jacqueline.

Although much concerned with the future we should not forget that the school has had a busy year and that lively and interesting work has been done. Many girls have reached very high standards in their special interests outside school. Susan Caldwell obtained among several

awards the prize for the Highest Score for Lady Competitors in any section of the London Chess Congress and was invited to play in an International Invitation Lady Masters Tournament in which she shared first place.

Jacquelyn Hunt won the Berkshire County Junior 110 yards breaststroke championship and represented the Southern Counties; Valerie Banham and Sara Lewis played tennis for Wiltshire; Rena Smith was offered coaching under the Junior Training Scheme of the English Ladies Golf Association; Hazel Collins came second in the Berks, Oxon and Wilts Ladies Judo Championships and Jane Skinner reached the quarter finals in the Junior National Championships.

#### Scholarships:

##### Major Awards:

Karen Appleyard, Susan Beaumont, Amanda Carter, Barbara Carter, Sarah Egerton, Sheila Fallace, Elizabeth Grigg, Kathleen Hawkes, Helen Johnson, Susan Johnson, Judith Joslin, Carole Lane, Sally Luther, Judy Marriott, Brenda Mellanby, Helen Middlebrook, Audrey Middleton, Frances Orman, Pamela Sayle, Lindsay Scholes, Sheila Tew, Helen Wise.

#### Exam Results 1973:-

##### General Certificate of Education, Advanced Level:

46 girls entered, passes obtained in 104 papers.

Kathleen Hawkes awarded a Merit for a special paper, Lindsay Scholes a Distinction.

##### General Certificate of Education, Ordinary Level:

58 girls gained passes.

##### The following have added subjects:

44 girls in the 6<sup>th</sup> form added subjects.

##### Certificate of Secondary Education in Maths:

12 girls gained passes with 2 gaining Grade 1.

##### Associated Board of Royal Schools of Music:

31 girls gained certificates in cello, Clarinet, Flute, Piano, Theory of Music.

##### The Old Girls' Award: Ginetta Milea.

##### Successes of Old Girls:

*B.Sc.Hons. Biochemistry, Class II Division II, Bristol* – Barbara Bridges.

*H.N.D. Institutional Management, Sheffield Polytechnic* – Freda Bunce.

*S.R.N. Guy's Hospital* – Kathryn Carroll.

*B.Sc.Hons. Applied Science, Class II Division I, C.N.A.A, R.M.C.S.* – Jennifer Colley.

*Dipolma Modern Languages & Business Studies, Leeds College of Commerce* – Brenda Daniels.

*Certificate of Education, Theory & Practice of Education (credit), French (credit), Professional Studies (credit), Exeter* – Rosemary Earl.

*B.A.Hons. American Studies & Sociology, Class II Division II, Keele* – Gillian Gregory.

*B.A.Hons. Geography, Class II Division II, Reading* – Marian Hobart.

*B.Education, Keele* – Alison Horsley.

*Certificate in Education, Lancaster* – Carol Hovard.

*B.A.Hons. English, Class II Division I, Hull* – Barbara Johnson.

*B.Sc.Hons. Chemistry, Class II, Hull* – Susan Jones.

*Certificate in Education, Home Economics, Leicester* – Glenys Langley.

*B.Sc.Hons. Chemistry, Class II Division II, Southampton* – Valerie Mace.

*Diploma in Domestic Science with Food & Nutrition, Edinburgh* – Fiona McLaren.

*B.A.Hons. Maths, Class II Division I, Essex* – Ruth Middleton.

*Certificate in Education, Education (distinction), History (distinction), Loughborough* – Maran Peters.

*Graduate of the Institution of Maths & its Application, distinction in each of 5 papers, Sheffield Polytechnic* – June Pickering.

*B.A.Hons. French & German, Class II Division II, London* – Lorna Richardson.

*Certificate in Education, Physical Education (Advanced Level), London* – Penelope Scott.

*B.A.Hons. French & Music, Class II Division II, Exeter* – Georgea Trafford.

*Certificate in Education, London* – Lorraine Turley.

*B.A.Hons. Social Science (Geography), Class II Division II, Leicester* – Rosemary Tyrrell.

*Certificate in Education, London* – Susan Ureidge.

*Member of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapists – Gillian Viner.*  
*Certificate in Education, London – Jane Watson.*

**News of Old Girls:**

Georgea Trafford = -- Reay-Jones.

Susan Wyatt (nee ETCHELLS 1944-50) – married to an architect, they live in Folkestone with their two sons. She is working part-time as Organising Supervisor for Dr Barnardo's.

Judith M. Smith (nee HOSKINS). She has two sons, Nicholas & Hartley (born 1973). They live in Wootton Bassett, Wilts.

Jane Holden = Petty Officer John Blaney, Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> 1972.

Noreen Waring (nee CHAPMAN) died.

Valerie Randall (nee BARKER), lives in Maidstone and has a son, Justin, born Oct 1972, & a daughter who started High School last September.

Rita Stephenson (1936-40) lives at Romford.

Jill Green (nee FRICKER) had son, Jonathan David on Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1971.

Jennifer Varney (nee KNAPP).

Betty George & Joan Birch have celebrated their mother's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Lillias Cooper (nee DEWHURST) left school in 1961, worked as a library assistant for U.K.A.E.A at Harwell. After her marriage in 1964 she transferred to U.K.A.E.A. Dounreay. Two children – Amy Elizabeth born 1970, William John born April 1973.

Michelle Raymont = John Ellender, 10 April 1974 at Cumnor Church. They live in Cumnor.

Susan Richmond (nee SILMEEN) married Brian Richmond and had a son, Matthew born 16<sup>th</sup> April 1974.

Mary Hall (nee DAISH) just moved to Bishops Stortford, Herts.