
FARINGDON
COUNTY GRAMMAR SCHOOL
FOR GIRLS

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NEWS
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• July, 1957

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1st June, 1957.

Dear Old Girls,

I am glad to have this opportunity of thanking you for your kind welcome to me. Even though I have been here such a short while I have been deeply conscious of the happy atmosphere and of how much the School owes to Miss Moore and the Staff.

I had hoped to be able to tell you that the new building, which was planned while Miss Moore was here, was rising rapidly, but unfortunately as yet there is no sign of it. We are still hoping that building may begin this year for we are dreadfully short of accommodation, but I must add that it is a joy to work in a school set in such beautiful surroundings.

It is good to know that there will be a large number of you here for the Old Girls' weekend in July. I have heard so much about your reunions that I am looking forward to the weekend with great interest. Camping seems to be a most original way of getting over the transport difficulties. The swimming pool is a great delight. I do hope that you will have a hot weekend for your reunion so that you can make good use of it.

Yours sincerely,

A. J. TOWNS.

THE OLD RECTORY,
WATERPERRY,
WHEATLEY,
OXON.

My dear Old Girls,

First of all I must thank you very much indeed for the really lovely greenhouse that your generous present has built. Miss Craig and I have already had great delight from it, and have been able to save the plants we brought with us, as well as bringing on seedlings. It fits perfectly into this garden,

and is so well built that it looks right at once. I do hope any of you will come and see it and me whenever you are in this direction. Waterperry is two miles off the London-Oxford main road, turning off at Wheatley.

It was such a pleasure to see so many of you in December, and to hear from others. The Old Girls' weekend will soon be here now and I do hope that a number of you will be able to come, to see old friends and make new ones, and to have a swim in the pool.

With very many thanks,

Yours sincerely,

ANSTACE H. MOORE.

REPORT, 1956-57

Our Summer Reunion last year was held from 13th-15th July; we had record numbers, with Old Girls from many different years, so that it was a really representative gathering of the Association. As this was Miss Moore's last Reunion as Headmistress we were pleased to see so many different stages in the School's growth represented and we had a wonderful weekend. On Saturday morning we went to look over Buscot Park and walked through the grounds, but on Saturday afternoon it poured with rain so long and so hard that both the cricket and tennis matches had to be cancelled, and instead badminton was played in the School Hall. The rain in no way damped our spirits and we enjoyed ourselves meeting our old friends just as much as if we had had our usual sunshine. There were many ex-members of Staff to meet, including Miss Pengilly, who spent the whole weekend with us, Miss Haughton, Miss Ledger, Miss Chapman, Mrs. Healey, Mrs. Howell and Miss Harvey. Dinner followed, with speeches from Betty Cornwall (Betty Drew) proposing the toast of the School, replied to by the Head Girl, Rachel Owen, Miss Pengilly proposing the toast of the Old Girls' Association, replied to by Joan Birch (Joan Cahill). After a short business meeting we spent the rest of the evening dancing. On Sunday morning the usual service was held in the School Hall, when Miss Moore gave the address, with the School Choir singing and members of the Old Girls' Association reading the lessons.

In December we had to say goodbye to Miss Moore, after twenty-six years as our Headmistress. All of us realise how much she has done for our School, which, when she first came, consisted of one building with a wooden laboratory and about 43 girls, and the way in which she guided its growth through the years, with all the additional buildings and increase in numbers to what it is today, with more than 300 girls. We were very fortunate to have benefited from her wisdom, her high ideals and individual attention all these years, and you showed her how much you appreciated what she had done for us by responding magnificently to the appeal for her leaving present, so that on 14th December, when we gathered for a farewell tea party we presented her with a cheque for £75, with wishes for a long and happy retirement.

During the Spring term the Committee met Miss Townes and on your behalf welcomed her as President of the Association, and we hope as many of you as possible will be able to meet her at the Reunion from 12th-14th July.

At the general business meeting held during the Reunion we elected Maureen Walters (née Allee) to the Committee in the place of Ruth Israel, who felt she should resign as she is so far away she can rarely attend Committee meetings. At the business meeting a discussion was held on subscriptions, and it was decided that it should be permissible to pay a Life membership subscription in three yearly instalments of ten shillings for the first three years after leaving school. The Treasurer reported that the Association had a balance in hand of £24. At a Committee meeting held in the Autumn it was voted that Miss Moore should be made Vice-President of the Committee of the Association so that we should continue to have her help and guidance. At this same Committee meeting it was reported that, owing to larger numbers, the Reunion had not been run at a loss last year.

I am very grateful to those of you who tell me of your change of address, and send me items of news for the News Sheet. It is a great help.

This year we welcome as new annual members: Angela Field, Marion Jacques, Janet Lovegrove and Catharine Pullen.

New Life Members: Alma Bowl, Rosemary Bolter, Janet Chandler, Ann Fletcher, Jennifer Gibbs, Judith Hulbert, Dorinda Knapp, Eva Linnegar, Rachel Owen, Janet Taylor.

PEGGY SCOTT (née Church),
Secretary.

OLD GIRLS' COMMITTEE, 1956-57

President: Miss TOWNS.

Vice-President: MISS A. H. MOORE.

Secretary: MRS. P. SCOTT (née Church), Eastbrook, London Street, Faringdon.

Treasurers: STELLA PROCTOR and MAY HUGHES, 5 Highworth Road, Faringdon.

Games Secretary: JUNE CARTER, Bicester House, Marlborough Street, Faringdon.

MISS OSBORN, FRED A BAKER (née Indge), RACHEL BOFFIN, MARGARET HART (née Hopkins), JENNY MACDONELL, RACHEL OWEN (ex-Head Girl), JANET PRIESTNER, ELIZABETH WALKER, MAUREEN WALTERS (née Allee).

GAMES REPORT, 1956-57

March 30th, 1957. Netball: win to the School by 20 goals to 5. The cricket, tennis and hockey matches had to be scratched through rain.

JUNE CARTER.

OLD GIRLS' LOAN FUND

Grants for training of any kind are made to Old Girls who have been in the VI Form. These Grants can be applied for at any time and vary according to need. They are repayable in instalments when the training is finished. No interest is charged, the money goes back into the Fund to help the next generation. Apply to Miss Towns for information.

OLD GIRLS' NEWS

JANET PRIESTNER got Class II in Honours Geography at Bristol last year. She is training for teaching at the London Institute and has just been appointed to take charge of the Geography at Truro County Grammar School.

DIANA WILSON also Class II in Geography at Bristol, after working in Oxford for a time, has now moved to Surrey with the Colonial and Military Survey which she finds very interesting.

MAUREEN PECKHAM (Hawes) has moved to Bexhill and is going on teaching Juniors. She and her husband seem to be enjoying exploring Sussex.

MONICA BOND (Symonds) has a new house in Nottingham. PAT BAUMKACH (Wentworth) is very thrilled with Canadian life. She went out there last year and was married in Toronto last Autumn.

SHIRLEY BEAMES takes Finals this summer and is hoping to get a post as Employment Assistant in the Youth Employment Service. At King's she has been very interested in the College newspaper of which she was Assistant Editor.

SALLY GOUS having got Class II in French at Exeter last year is training for teaching at King's College, London. She is going to Beals Grammar School for Girls, Ilford as French mistress in September.

JUNE CARTER is taking History Finals at Bristol this year.

RUTH ISRAEL has had a year at Seale Hayne Agricultural College, Devon, and is taking the N.D.D. this summer. She has been accepted by the Imperial College of Science, Kensington for a two-year research course for M.Sc. in Bacteriology.

BARBARA GLUECKAUF, who is working this year as a computer at A.E.R.E., Harwell, has been accepted at Nottingham University to read maths.

ANNE JOHNSON, one of our first doctors, is specializing in anaesthetics, and has been "on call" day and night, except a half day a week and alternate weekends. She has now moved to Harefield, Middlesex to the Thoracic Surgical Unit.

DOREEN OVERALL has been working at Checkenden this year, after being the only girl at Hurley to reach Distinction Level in the Final Exams last summer. She hopes to go to Seale Hayne College to take the N.D.D. next year.

MARGARET THORNDICK (Nobbs), who has been living in Preston for five years is hoping to move to Middlesex. Her boy Philip is six and Barbara two and a half so she is kept busy.

JANET CHANDLER is still at the Botany Department, Oxford, and is now doing a job previously done by a person with a degree, part Botanist, part Botanical Artist, just the work in which she is most interested.

AUDREY KNIGHT has moved to the Elphin Grove Nursery, Ealing.

JEAN PAXTON is working at the Guildhall College of Music on piano and oboe and has a Berkshire Major Award.

EVA LINNAGER also with a Berkshire Major is reading Geography at Nottingham. She is in the University 2nd XI Hockey Team and has played for the 1st XI; active in Guides, working hard and enjoying it.

BRENDA SCOTT is in the Library at Harwell and working for Library exams, it is good to hear she is so well now.

MARGARET TOPPING is in her last year at Bedford Physical Training College. She is going to Alice Otley School, Worcester as P.T. Mistress in September.

JUDY HULBERT is working at Compton Agricultural Research Station.

JILL FRICKER, who passed her Finals last summer with Distinction in Practical Education and merit in Domestic Subjects at Berridge House, is teaching at Drove Road Secondary Modern School, Swindon.

NESTA LEWIS has charge of a lively class of nine-year-olds at Pangbourne Junior School. She had a Distinction in English in her Teaching Diploma.

MAVIS WIGGINS and BARBARA WRIGHT are training as telephonists at Abingdon.

PAULINE PRIOR is working at Harwell A.E.R.E.

CHRISTINE EDWARDS is working as Librarian of the Presbyterian Historical Society.

ROSEMARY BOLTER is Assistant in one of the Berkshire Children's Homes before taking a Social Service Diploma Course.

DORINDA KNAPP passed the Pharmaceutical Chemists' Qualifying Exam and is doing her year's apprenticeship in Leicester.

RACHEL OWEN has a Berkshire Major and is reading History at Durham.

GILLIAN PARSONS is working in the Bodleian Library, Oxford. MARGARET DUGGAN got Class II in Honours History at Cardiff last year.

ENTD BLAKE (Burbridge) has just been appointed Headmistress at Ulceby Primary School, near Skegness.

VERA PACKER was appointed Head of the Springtree Nursery School, Rose Hill, Oxford, last January and is enjoying her work there very much.

MARY WENTWORTH is working as senior analyst at Bladen Dairies in Swindon.

JUDITH WEBB is teaching at Botley Junior School.

NAEMI HAMLIN has finished a secretarial course and is about to go as Secretary to a large firm of doctors in Cambridge.

RACHEL CORY (née Green) was married in May and is now living at Frinton-on-sea, where she and her husband are on the staff of Hildenborough Hall, a Christian Conference Centre.

MARY HASKINS who had been working at Compton until last year has moved to the research laboratory at Glaxo's in Greenford, Middlesex.

JEAN BROWN moved to a new job last year at Kinnard Park School, Bromley, teaching Piano and accompanying for class singing.

ALMA BOWL is at the Preliminary Training School, Charing Cross Hospital, and about to start on the wards.

BIRTHS

- March 3rd, 1956. To Mrs. C. Blake (Enid Burbridge), a son, Jeremy St. John.
- March 15th, 1956. To Mrs. H. Jenkinson (Molly Willmer), a son, Paul.
- April 8th, 1956. To Mrs. E. Barry (Kathleen Gerring), a daughter, Julie.
- Sept. 2nd, 1956. To Mrs. A. C. Reynell (Diana Baldwin), a daughter, Katherine Anna.
- Sept. 18th, 1956. To Mrs. F. Carter (Mary Hunt), a daughter, Helen Frances.
- Sept. 21st, 1956. To Mrs. W. Cowan (Kathleen Matthews), a son, Iain.
- Oct. 1st, 1956. To Mrs. D. Read (Joyce Cooper), a son, Simon Peter Benjamin Cooper.
- Nov. 10th, 1956. To Mrs. E. Pocock (Joan Willmer), a daughter, Rosemary Honour.
- Dec. 28th, 1956. To Mrs. P. Bayes (Mary Cowey), a son, Jonathan Francis.
- Jan. 12th, 1957. To Mrs. P. Colwill (Margaret Lovell), a daughter, Sarah.
- Jan. 22nd, 1957. To Mrs. F. Crawford (Evelyn Martin), a daughter, Alison.
- Feb. 17th, 1957. To Mrs. J. Martin (Jean Batt), a daughter, Lesley Caroline.
- Feb. 26th, 1957. To Mrs. D. Hares (Janet Wilson), a daughter, Linda Janet.
- March 9th, 1957. To Mrs. L. Clarke (Miss M. Yeardley, F.C.G.S. Staff), a son, Timothy.
- April 8th, 1957. *To Mrs. W. Miller (Brenda Garrett), a son, Russell Layne.
- April 24th, 1957. To Mrs. C. Wirdnam (Elsie Boucher), a son, John Barry.
- June 21st, 1956. †To Mrs. C. Tailleur (Ann Holland), a son, Steven William.

*In Missouri. †In New York.

MARRIAGES

- HOGAN—JONES. On Sept. 29th, 1956, Joy Hogan to Derek Jones.
- HAMLIN—SAINSBURY. On Oct. 6th, 1956, Elizabeth Hamlin to Colin Peter Sainsbury.
- WENTWORTH—BAUMKACH (in Toronto). On Oct. 20th, 1956, Pat Wentworth to A. W. Baumkach.
- HAWKINGS—TELLING. On Nov. 28th, 1956, Beryl Hawkings to F. W. G. Telling.
- MATTHEWS—DOUGLAS. On Dec. 29th, 1956, Stella Matthews to Leslie C. Douglas.
- LEWIS—ELSIP. On Jan. 5th, 1957, Margaret Lewis to J. Elsip.
- GUTTERIDGE—SCOTT. On March 30th, 1957, Marina Gutteridge to Gordon W. Scott.
- PEARCE—PEARCE. On April 20th, 1957, Sylvia Pearce to John Pearce.
- NAYLOR—LACEY. On April 20th, 1957, Enid Naylor to John Lacey.
- GREEN—CORY. On May 2nd, 1957, Rachel Green to Ian H. C. Cory.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for 1957 are now due: 5/- per year or Life Membership £1 10s. 0d., and should be sent to Miss S. Proctor, 5 Highworth Road, Faringdon, or Miss M. Hughes, 79 Chiswick Village, London, W.4. It is now permissible to pay a Life Membership subscription in three yearly instalments of 10/- for the first three years after leaving School.

S. PROCTOR,

M. HUGHES,

Joint Treasurers.