

ST. ELPHIN'S SCHOOL

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March 1996

Dear Old Girls,

The offer of the Bonning Scholarships aroused considerable interest and the names of the girls who will benefit are as follows:

Nicola Bateman, Conway Preparatory School, Boston, Lincs
Charlotte Brown, St Elphin's Junior School
Gemma Hammerton, St Elphin's Junior School
Sophie Hill, St Elphin's School
Lisbeth-Faye Rosebery, Salcombe Preparatory School, London
Alexandra Vernon, St Elphin's Junior School.

I was delighted to receive two letters in response to my request for details about Joan Hughes, in whose name the bequest was made.

The date of the next Scholarship examination is Saturday, 25th January 1997. I would be very grateful if Old Girls would pass on this information to at least one friend or member of the family. The Old Girls' Scholarship of £2,000 per annum will again be available from September 1997 and as many as possible Old Girls' daughters or grand-daughters should be informed of this valuable opportunity. It is also worth reminding you that traditionally St Elphin's has offered very generous bursaries to daughters of Anglican clergy.

This summer onwards will see a great deal of extra activity. At last our old boiler will be removed and a new heating system installed. The leaking roof on the main building will be repaired. None of this will spoil the Old Girls' Day in May, but visitors in the summer vacation will see signs of work going on.

Catherine Haynes, an Old Girl of St Elphin's, who is at present an ordinand in her final year at St Michael's Theological College, Llandaff, has accepted an invitation to officiate at Evensong on May 11th. Catherine tells me that after her Ordination on 29th June she will be taking up the post of Curate at Llantwit Major. All her teachers here obviously wish her every success and happiness.

Here is a list of some more useful dates for your diary, and I warmly invite you and your families to come to as many of these events as you can:

Friday, 10th May, 7.30 p.m. School Concert
Saturday, 11th May - Old Girls' Reunion at the School, Evensong 3 p.m.
Saturday, 18th May, 11 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. Friends' 'Fun Day' at St Elphin's
Saturday, 22nd June - Sports Day 9 a.m. start
Saturday, 29th/Sunday, 30th June - Strings weekend for ages 11-18, Grade V - VIII, led by Neil Clarke, professional violinist and teacher, ending with Concert at 2.30 p.m. in the Stopford Hall
Tuesday, 2nd and Wednesday, 3rd July - School Play 'Oliver Twist'

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- September - Royal Schools of Music 'High Scorers' Concert at St Elphin's
- Saturday, 21st September - Farewell to Bishop Michael, Chairman of Governors for 20 years, at Liverpool Cathedral.
- Saturday, 12th October, St Elphin's Annual Sponsored Walk.
- Saturday, 5th October, Lecture by Dr Harry Chasty, Educationalist
- Friday, 25th October, 10.30 a.m. Commemoration Service and 2.15 p.m. Prize-giving.
- Sunday, 3rd November, 10.30 a.m. Choir sings at St Elphin's Church, Warrington.
- St Nicholas Concert, 10th/11th December - date to be finalised.

Plans are afoot for a beautiful new magazine in October and a Calendar for 1997. The Old Girls' News will also be ready in the autumn and we plan to post this with our new magazine in the same general mailing. Please keep both if you wish, sending the School a cheque for £6.50, otherwise look at the magazine and then return it in pristine condition!

I am pleased to tell you that numbers have increased for next year, the first time for some years, and the size of the boarding community is especially promising. Despite all the problems of the recession and social changes I believe that the tradition of St Elphin's is healthy and vigorous.

With every good wish. I look forward to seeing many of you in May.

Yours sincerely,

Valene E. Fisher

Catherine Myers, an Old Girl of St Elphin's, who is at present an orphaned in her final year at St Michael's Theological College, London, has accepted an invitation to officiate at evening service on Friday 11th...

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- Friday, 10th May, 7.30 p.m. School Concert
- Saturday, 11th May - Old Girls' Reunion at the School, 9.30 a.m.
- Saturday, 11th May - 3.30 p.m. Friends' Tea at St Elphin's
- Saturday, 12th June - Sports Day 9 a.m. start
- Saturday, 13th June - strings played for ages 11-18, Grade V - VIII, led by Neil Clarke, professional violinist and teacher, ending with Concert at 2.30 p.m. in the Spofford Hall
- Tuesday, 14th and Wednesday, 15th July - School Play, 'River Twain'

ST. ELPHIN'S OLD GIRLS' LONDON REUNION
12.00 - 4.00 ON SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER, 1996
AT THE R.A.F. CLUB,
128 PICCADILLY, LONDON W1V 0PY

Dear Old Girls,

We are once again holding the London Reunion at the above venue and hope that many of you will decide to attend. Holding it in November seemed to be popular giving ladies the opportunity to take in Christmas shopping, and of course, London looks very attractive at that time of year.

The lunch will follow the same format as last year with a choice of main course and sweet, and coffee and as usual there will be a raffle for S.E.O.G.G. funds.

If you would like to attend please return the tear of slip below to JUNE GIBSON, FAIRLANDS, RISBOROUGH ROAD, TERRICK, BUCKS HP22 5XL. June's telephone number is 01296 612591 and I am sure if you have any queiries she will be only too pleased to help. The cost will be £14.50 per person and June would like to have final numbers in by 30th October.

Yours sincerely

Christine

Christine Codling Secretary S.E.O.G.G.

PLEASE BRING A RAFFLE PRIZE

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ST. ELPHIN'S OLD GIRLS' REUNION
R.A.F. Club, London Saturday 16th November 1996.

Name.....Nee.....

Address.....
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.....Tele. No.....

Dates when at School.....House.....

Cheque £14.50 per person made payable to S.E.O.G.G. Amount.....

Please return by 30th October, 1996..

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29th March, 1996

Dear *Elizabeth*

I am very pleased that I shall see you on May 11th. Below is the programme for the day which I hope meets with your approval. The School is looking forward to welcoming you and there will be an opportunity for you to look around the school and see some of the newer things if you would like to do so.

- 10.00 Coffee in the Thornton Suite where Name Badges will be available.
- 11.30 A.G.M. in the Common Room.
Pre-luncheon Sherry
- 12.45 Lunch in Stopford Hall
- 2.15 Tours of the School, walks, rounders match if required
- 3.00 Chapel: Choral Evensong, lead by St Elphin's Choir
- 4.00 Tea and Farewells

Yours sincerely,

Valerie Fisher

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