

# St Elphin's Old Girls Guild – Spring 2000 newsletter

Dear Old Girls

I can't believe this is the third newsletter I have edited – time flies!

I had a very adventurous trip to Botswana and attended a friend's outdoor wedding. I also went on safari and the group (seven of us) had a wonderful time. We saw large herds of elephants, zebras and every sort of antelope which was particularly spectacular. We also had a very adventurous time in the evenings. This included a lion wandering through the camp, hippos wondering around our tents and a scorpion lurking in the dug out toilet!

I didn't manage to raise sufficient funds to cycle across Mexico in aid of Macmillan Nurses but I have been transferred to another trip in September when hopefully I will have raised enough funds. This trip will be cycling across Mongolia! To be able to cycle across one of the last unfenced wildernesses in Europe will be amazing. The detailed route notes are, however, very daunting!

If anyone would like to sponsor me, please send a cheque made out to Macmillan.

We are attempting to move house and I am sure that other Old Girls are also currently suffering the trials of house hunting when houses are being sold within one day!

I have had the idea of video interviewing Old Girls as a special project. These videos will then be available from the school and myself and I hope will be an interesting archive of Old Girls achievements and

experiences. If you would like to suggest either yourself or a friend – please let me know. I would particularly like to hear from Old Girls overseas.

I must apologise for any offence caused by the typo's I made in the obituaries in the last newsletter. I realise that this must be very upsetting for close friends.

The London reunion in November – Lunch at the Savoy on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>. A three course lunch plus coffee & petit fours in a private room overlooking the Thames. The total cost will vary slightly depending on how many Old Girls attend, but should be around £48. If you are interested, please return the tear off slip – without any money – so that I may get an idea of numbers. The Savoy needs to have a firm booking by the end of June.

Would anyone who would like to receive the School Magazine, please let either me know as it would appear that records are not complete.

I have a new e-mail address: [fiona&paul@fhunter2.freeseer.ve.co.uk](mailto:fiona&paul@fhunter2.freeseer.ve.co.uk)

Please write or e-mail me with your news – and photos as I hope to be able to scan these into the next newsletter! This will enable us to have a new style of newsletter!

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*Letter from Valerie Fisher,  
Headmistress*  
Dear Old Girls

I write on a lovely warm morning, so unusual at this stage of the school year

except that this year is not usual. This Spring Term has been, is, extraordinarily long. This means that there is

plenty of time for examination preparation, all accompanied by warm spring weather, but both pupils and staff are becoming tired and we all long for the Easter holidays. Tomorrow's Confirmation and a visit from our chairman of Governors, John Packer, will be most pleasant, an opportunity for parents to enjoy his gentle, personal approach.

The subject uppermost in the minds of St Elphin's people at the moment is the Swimming Pool. Plans have taken shape much more since I last wrote to you and we have a firmer picture of the sort of thing that we both want and can possibly afford. You may remember that scheme amounting to over a million pounds put forward a year ago and while this was for a project that included every possible want of the girls of St Elphin's a more sensible cost of £600,000 is now envisaged.

For the last three academic years the Matlock pool has been giving immense trouble and swimming time has not been reliably available. Our Juniors have been using the small pool at Edensor in the Chatsworth Park but Seniors have been using the PE time to do other things, important but not completely satisfactory. Also it will be remembered that St Elphin's has no proper showers connected with the PE department and this has affected the PE, especially so when we have visiting teams in school. It has always been strange to have some of the best pace for play in the area but not the facilities to back it up. With this current project we hope to have a 25m pool,

changing rooms, showers, an office for administration, a viewing area for galas, a baby pool and all the equipment

for swimming, teaching and competition.

We can borrow the money over a 15 year period which would entail a pay back monthly of £4,000. A proportion of this can be earned from a partnership with a couple of the local swimming clubs who presently travel a great distance to do their training of children. We can also work with a group of local schools who would like to use a facility close by them. The pool will cost about £12,000 to maintain at current prices and we can earn at least £25,000 by working on partnership with other bodies.

I hope that we can begin to building in September of this year and the pool should be in place after 20 weeks (!). I am sure that this is optimistic. Between now and September, however, there is time to do some fund-raising so that the project does not become a drain on the school in future years. The School's Friends are fundraising during the next year, as they are always doing and parents are generous in the time and effort they put into all the events. A simple way of making sure that the bank loan does not cost the school more than absolutely necessary is for individuals or companies to offer interest free loans that we can repay in the ordinary way over an agreed number of years. The Old Girls have helped us so many ways over previous years; it may be that some would consider

assisting the current project in this way, at no loss to them or their families.

### **Mrs Doreen Pearce and Mr Dave Farrer**

Many Old Girls will have benefited and enjoyed Mrs Pearce and her English teaching. They will remember the death of Ron and the brave way she continued to work for the school. This Easter she will move house in order to be nearer to her family and so will not return in the summer. This is after 19 years at the school.

The English department has tried to list the ways in which she has contributed. The list is endless. She has taught debating, public speaking, literature, Latin, classical studies, grammar, grammar..... more grammar.....! Mrs Pearce with her even, good humour, precise turn of phrase and bottomless charity has supported generations of pupils through examinations, inspired the brilliant and made sure that the not-so-good knew exactly what they had to know in order to pass. My own gratitude after only 6 years is difficult to put into words. Mrs Pearce has been one of the staff deeply conversant with the tradition of the school, happy to accept that change must take place but constant to the things that are really important in education. We all wish her a very happy, well-deserved retirement.

Mr Farrer will also be leaving us after 17 years. We have appointed a Physics Teacher from Nottingham who will maintain the tradition of quality Physics teaching in the department that is confidently keeping up with the demands of the

modern Curriculum. We shall miss Dave Farrer for his involvement in the Duke of Edinburgh Award, but I rather suspect that we shall continue to see at least something of him in that capacity. Both Doreen and David will be glad to have time to follow their own interests form the end of this year and they richly deserve this.

### **More changes**

Old girls may be interested to know what is happening in this so-called new style Sixth Form Curriculum 2000. The main difference is that the girls will take two, one-year courses with an examination at the end of each year. UCAS forms will have examination results of the first year included as a matter of course. Greater breadth of study is recommended and so the girls will take four or even five subjects in their first year. It is alleged, however, that the quantity of work required in this year is not as much as 50% of the total. In the second year the girls will follow three of their subjects and take them to what is the equivalent of the old A level. In addition to this all pupils must continue with computing, mathematics and communications. They will also have the opportunity to maintain their interests, especially sport and D of E, voluntary work. Music, debating, sport and swimming and lifesaving. What is different about all this some may say? Probably not much for St Elphin's girls. I feel that some will be appalled at the prospect of maintaining some subjects which they have been looking forward to dropping for many years! Others may see this as an opportunity to keep up that language which they feared would not be possible in, say, a three-science course.

Perhaps many more will do mathematics with whatever their style of course will be. Certainly from the school's point of view the idea is that the Lower Sixth can be the year of the school play or running a business. Girls are more than ever needing to do a sprint start from September with very little time for re-thinking of mistakes. Many of us will look back on these mistakes... but those were the days when very little careers advice was given further down the school and hardly anyone saw a need for course planning in the way we do it now. When I begin to worry about the future for the coming generation I hear Laurence my son say "Chill out mother! Cool it!" Somehow the pupils always seem to manage.....  
Valerie Fisher

### *Letter from Peter Pollard*

Dear Old Girls

Fiona Hunter has asked me to write a few lines to include in the Newsletter and I'm happy to do this. Having just written an account of the York Reunion, I realise that I've now acquired a new role! To judge from the many letters I received last November, people enjoy visiting York and I'm certainly willing to organise a Reunion there every two years, if that's what members would like.

In fact, my most recent associations with St Elphin's have been rather sad ones. Miss Crook and I attended Dr Margaret Farley's funeral and that of Mrs Clare Macfarlane, a governor and former parent; we've also been present at two other funerals of friends whose daughters attended the school in recent years. And of course the tragic death of Dr Rachael Dawson (Farley) shocked everyone who knew

her. Miss Crook is kindly writing about Rachael in this Newsletter, and Mrs Hodgson has asked me to provide a short article about Rachael and her mother for "The Elphinian" later this year.

On a much happier note – only a few days ago I received a long letter from Miss Robinson, now in her 92<sup>nd</sup> year and frustrated by increasing physical frailty, but still with a mind that remains in razor-sharp condition! She loves to keep in touch and would, I know, enjoy hearing from many of you, even though she now finds personal correspondence harder to sustain. I remain in touch with pupils of 'my' years and with quite a few former staff members and governors as well as friends in Derbyshire; that too, is a source of pleasure. Members who do not already know will be sorry to learn of the recent death of Sir Paul Osmond, husband of Olivia Sybil (Wells) who remains such a loyal supporter of St Elphin's. A memorial service is to be held in St Margaret's Church, Westminster at Noon on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May and I hope the school will be well represented at this.

Here in North Yorkshire, the word 'retirement' still means little to me. I now sing permanently in a rather good church choir near Helmsley – as well as being PCC Secretary in my own parish – and with yet another choir (my Shrewsbury link) hope to be singing in Salisbury and Durham Cathedrals, as well as St Paul's Cathedral in London during the course of this year. I remain Chairman of Governors at the Primary School. We

survived our OFSTED inspection and are now trying to put into practice all the good advice given. Later in the year I hope to go to Oberammergau with a parish group to see the Passion play which is performed every 10 years. This remains an unfulfilled ambition, even though I've visited that part of Germany on several occasions.

My younger son, Ben, is teaching German and French at Eltham College, south London, and in recent months he and I have had splendid short trips to Berlin and Paris. My elder son, Hugh, remains in sound health – he is studying in York and we visited Scotland, in particular, St Andrews, last summer. What a delightful old town it is.

All the activities I've mentioned are now the centre of my life and I feel fortunate to have so much to do. I keep closely in touch with Mrs Fisher and those at the School, and hope to be able to attend the May Reunion when I look forward to renewing contact with many of you.

With very best wishes, as always

Yours sincerely,

Peter Pollard

**York Reunion 13<sup>th</sup>  
November 1999**

About 70 former pupils, together with present and former members of staff, gathered in York on a sunny November Saturday for the second biennial Reunion at St William's College. Situated next to the Minster, this seems the ideal venue for such an occasion, and as before we were warmly

welcomed by the excellent college staff.

We in turn welcomed Mrs Fisher and three senior girls from St Elphin's, but were naturally sorry that Fiona Hunter, Guild Secretary, was let down by her car and had to end her journey at Doncaster! Apologies or best wishes were also received from Anne Bisbrown-Lee, Rachel Butler, Rosemary Chambers (Thornton), Dorothy Edwards, Majorie Gardener (Longden), Dr Florence Mahoney (Peters), Lady Osmond (Wells) Judith Robinson (Sheard), Mary Scudamore (Jones) Rosemary Taylor, Susan Williams and from Colonel Kenneth Hobbs, Mrs Ann Hodgson and Mrs Sylvia Hooley.

Before Luncheon a Minutes silence was observed in memory of Dr Margaret Farley (Smart) and Dr Rachel Dawson (Farley) each of whom had so recently died. All presented wished to express sympathy to the Smart and Farley families.

There followed a delicious meal and an afternoon of friendship and gratitude, at the centre of which lay the presentations to Miss Judith Crook (recently retired Deputy Head) and Mrs Mavis Hunter (Secretary to Heads of St Elphin's for the past 25 years). Each spoke affectionately of her long association with the School.

Once again members had given most generously to the Raffle, which brought the event to a close at tea-time. A large number let with prizes won, and a most happy occasion had, alas, ended.  
*Peter Pollard*

*Letter from Judy Crook*

I want to take this opportunity to say a very big

thank you to all of you who were so kind and generous last year on the occasion of my retirement. I should love to be able to write to each of you personally but if I tried to do that I think some of you would be kept waiting for a long time!

The reunion in York was a lovely occasion. Thank you to all of you who were able to come and thank you too for the special messages sent from some of you who were unable to be there.

The enormous plant pot with its lovely display of plants was a big surprise. (It was also a source of much amusement – a far better sentiment to remember than frustration – as I left it with Mavis Hunter outside Sir William College while I tried to bring the car to pick it up. I'm afraid the one way street system defeated me and having suffered the indignity of having to reverse back down a one way street full of pedestrians, I abandoned the original plan, left the car outside the city walls and walked with my enormous planted – with frequent rests.) The gift did reach home safely and brought much pleasure. I have replaced some of the plants now but I am still enjoying the lovely pot and display in my conservatory.

Accompanying the plant pot was a cheque – THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH INDEED. I have been overwhelmed by your generosity. I am sorry I cannot yet record how I've used it. I want to make sure I have a permanent reminder of my 21 happy and busy years at St Elphin's. When I retired and was told I'd be busy, I hadn't realised that the "busyness" began straight away!

Had a very happy visit to Ghana last December, where I had worked before St Elphin's. 1999 was a year of weddings: Germany in January, France in August and Ghana in December. (The German and French brides are friends because they had worked at St Elphin's.) My elderly father is pleased to see more of me and I'm spending a day or two each week with him in Sutton Coldfield. I am enjoying having time to spend in Matlock in my house and garden which were neglected for many years. There is still plenty to do in finding homes for "things" which had lived in school and I am still unearthing old treasures as I do my sorting out.

#### WORDS

For the last 14 years one of the papers displayed in my office talked about "words". I don't know whose idea it was originally but it was given to me by a Ghanaian friend who found it at a conference in India. I used these "words" first at the Junior School Prizegiving but then they seemed to recur in different speeches. One Old Girl wrote and asked me for a copy so I thought others may be interested to read them again. I should also like to leave you with the thought I shared with the Juniors about "words" – Psalm 119 verse 105 says "God's word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path."

- The six most important words

*'I admit I made a mistake'*

- The five most important words

*'You did a good job'*

- The four most important words

*'What is your opinion'*

-The three most important words

*'If you please'*

- The two most important words

*'Thank you'*

- The one most important word

*'We'*

- The least important word

*'I'*

*Letter from Mavis Hunter*  
Dear Old Girls,

It was a great pleasure for me to be able to meet again so many of you in York last November. I thoroughly enjoyed the occasion and hope Peter Pollard will be kind enough to organise another before too long!

I wanted to thank you all for your most generous gift of flowers and a Book Token. The flowers gave me great, though transitory, pleasure. It was great fun deciding what I should get with my book token and I finally decided on Delia Smith's 'Learn to Cook' Book 2 – not that I really need to learn, though we can all benefit from others' experience, but I just enjoy her attitude to cooking. I also bought 'A Short Walk to Harrods' by Dirk Bogarde. It is one of his series of autobiographies, five in all, I think, each one standing on its own rather than as part of a serial. I thoroughly enjoy his writing, both fiction and autobiographic, and can re-read his books.

I know that Judy Crook is writing to you and that she will mention her experience in getting her pot of plants from St William's Hall near her car. I travelled with Judy

to York and 'kept guard' as it were on our gifts whilst she went for the car. There was another event being held there early that evening and whilst I was waiting at the door, please were smiling and saying 'good evening' to me, so I naturally responded in kind which led to the people following on thinking that I was a one-woman welcoming committee! The amusing part came, however, when foreign visitors were looking inquisitively at the Hall and started asking me questions. I knew only what I had read about the place in the last half hour or so but what I was able to tell them seemed to satisfy and I pointed out where they could obtain more information. I wondered if I should apply for a job as a Guide!

Best wishes to you all.

Mavis Hunter

*Letter from Ann Entwistle*  
(*nee Lyon*)

My years at St Elphin's were 1947 – 51 in Powys House. My mother and four aunts (Thomason family) were pupils during the second decade of this century and my grandmother when the school was still in Warrington – both my grandfather and great grandfather were clergymen.

I was especially saddened to hear of Jill Mulshaw's death as she was a contemporary of mine and admired because of her sports talents with which I was not gifted!

My husband has retired from full time general practice. I have been a magistrate now for 23 years and as Chairman of our Family Panel have considerable related commitments to voluntary groups supporting families in difficulties.

After 35 years living in Widnes where my husband was in practice, living here is very rural and gives him an opportunity to do a great deal of gardening which has always been his hobby.

I regularly see Mary Dodd (*nee Banks*) when I attend services at St Luke's Parish Church in Widness (I still belong to Mothers' Union there.) Mary and I attended the reunion that Florence Peters was at in 1997.  
*Ann Entwistle*

*Letter from Mary Cliffe*

I am writing to tell you about Hilda Hyatt, as we are all getting so ancient now, I wondered if there was anyone left who knew her!

Hilda died peacefully on January 18<sup>th</sup>, aged 96. She was at St Elphin's sometime before I was (I am 81) but for a long time, her flat was only a minutes walk from my house. We worshipped at the same church until she joined friends in another local parish. Our Leicester newspaper wrote a paragraph about her, with the headline "Maths genius, Hilda, dies at 96". A photograph shows her collecting her MBE at Buckingham Palace from King George VI with her mother and brother in 1945. She controlled war-time supplies for the whole of Great Britain.

Hilda was an extremely kind and thoughtful lady, and gave much of her time to helping others and the Church.

How quickly time passes! I remember St Elphin's with affection and was happy there 1930 – 36. We used to have such lovely walks around Two Dales and the lakes, "Toothbrush", One Tree Hill, Earl Greys Tower and Robin

Hood's Stride and Bluebell Wood. I expect it is all very different now and they don't walk in a crocodile as we did. Of course, when I first went to St Elphin's, Miss Flood was headmistress, followed later by Miss Hudson.

My sister, Pat, was at St Elphin's during the thirties and my cousin Peggy Denning (*nee Clarke*) joined us a year or two later. Pat went to live in Canada some years ago and is now a great-grandmother. I saw Peggy last year when she came from Worthing to my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party, which I held for 80 guests at the University here. It was great fun. Thankfully, we still have our faculties and manage to get about and enjoy life. I take an active part in church life and spent time regularly visiting old peoples homes which is so interesting.

If any Old Girls live around here would like to call, I should always be pleased to see them.

*Mary Cliffe*

*Letter from Jo Halliday*  
(*nee Salsbury*)

I felt I just had to reply to the letter from Denise Henderson and add my memories of St Elphin's under the rule of Miss Robinson.

I was in Margaret Flood and Gresford House and also a member of the short lived house created for the Upper 3<sup>rd</sup> in September 1962. I remember the acute terror when Miss Robinson was summoned to Willis Dormitory well after lights out for a rebellion so severe that Miss Hewitt, the House Mistress, could not cope. The house

was disbanded and we were split up into the senior houses. I remember just who the troublemakers were, but will not name and shame! I just hope the memory makes them smile how trivial it all seems now.

The picture Denise painted of Maud was wonderful. I remember her saying 'I can read your mind like a book Jo Salisbury' during end of term report reading and I really thought she could.

At the age of 16 I got into dreadful trouble when I had my ears pierced (although I seem to think our learned head also had pierced ears) and was told I would amount to nothing as I was so undisciplined. After leaving school I joined Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service and took the Navy discipline in my stride. It was nothing compared to St Elphin's.

Long married now with two grown up sons, who both went away to school, it took years before I didn't have that awful sinking feeling of abject terror when confronting head teachers. My eldest son is now a teacher and I think how lucky his pupils are to have such a laid-back, friendly easy going teacher. How things have changed.

Like Denise I now realise that the changing world outside of the school walls was a threat to the 'Miss Robinsons' of the sixties of which I am sure there were many but despite all, on leaving school, I seemed to adapt very quickly to all that the era had to offer and wasn't it fun!!

On a different note has anyone still got Mrs Barling's flapjack recipe!! Anyone in B classes circa

1961/69 will be instantly transported back to Domestic Science lessons but I have never had such good Flapjack and lost my recipe book in one of our house moves.

*Jo Halliday*

#### Obituary

*Dr Margaret Farley (Smart) and Dr Rachel Dawson (Farley)*

It is with great sadness that we record two deaths last October, 1999. News of the first reached school as some of us returned from a lovely exchange week in Germany. It was such a shock to hear that Rachel Lindsay Dawson (nee Farley), a talented young doctor specialising in anaesthesia at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital had used her own knowledge, whilst suffering from depression, to end her life. The second death was of Rachael's mother, Margaret Lindsay Farley (nee Smart) two weeks later. Margaret had battled bravely against leukaemia for several years. Both funerals took place near the family home in Southport. Peter Pollard and I were present at Margaret's funeral and felt privileged to share in the service and at the family gathering afterwards. As well as seeing family members we knew from the past we were pleased to meet Rachael's husband, Richard, who was keen to hear our memories of Rachael at school and we in turn learnt by their meeting and marriage. Our hearts go out to him and all those who mourn especially Eileen Smart who has lost a granddaughter and daughter, Dr Tom Farley who has lost his wife and daughter, Susie & family, Alix and Tom who have lost a sister and their mother.

For those who wish to be reminded of the Smart/Farley connection with St Elphin's School, I suggest you find the 1988 Elphinian, pages 82-83, where Margaret wrote about the 69 years long family association with the school, in the year Rachael left school. I have been asked to write a few words about Rachael which I am happy to do.

Rachael joined St Elphin's as an 11 year pupil in September 1981 beginning boarding at exactly the same time as the "new" Deputy Head. I always felt a special bond with the new girls that year! Rachael joined her two older sisters, Susie and Alix, in Powys House, following the family tradition. Although I knew all three Farleys as boarders, it was only Rachael who I actually taught. On making this observation to their parents one parents' meeting, Margaret - who loved all four children but recognised each as an individual with different needs and talents - remarked on Rachael being the most good-natured and equable of her three young daughters. I certainly enjoyed knowing her.

I have two vivid memories of Rachael at school. The first is with her sister, Alix, in a House Music Competition. The two young sisters contributed a vocal duet whose title I've forgotten but I do remember two angelic voices emanating from two small kneeling figures dressed as nuns on the stage in the Stopford Hall - a moving scene. The second is in the Biology laboratory a little later in Rachael's school career. The GCE 'O' Level Biology set in which Rachel's options choices placed her was not large but it did have a very wide ability range. Very early in

the course I established a pattern whereby the three bright sparks sat together at the back so that after they had led some stimulating discussion they worked on their own. Rachel was, of course, one of the bright sparks! (The others were Rachel Johnson and Elspeth Tyler.)

I do not remember ever reprimanding Rachael. She was kind and gentle, helpful and caring but always ready to speak her mind. She was not a conformist in the way teenage girls tend to be, and she was very much an individual. She was an able student who was also industrious and conscientious. She had many interests especially enjoying needlework and dancing. I remember an occasion in US - under stress - because there was too much work to do - when I persuaded her to go to her dancing lesson. She returned refreshed. Rachael always enjoyed singing, was a loyal choir member and in her final year was Head of Choir. She was also Head Sacristan - she always enjoyed working in Chapel - and in the days before women were actually ordained Rachael had plans of being the first female Bishop (or was it Archbishop?!)!

When Rachael left school we knew she had been a valuable, faithful member of the community, of who we were justly proud. At that time she and her family gave "The Lindsay Cup for Public Speaking". This trophy is awarded annually at Speech Day and is a fitting tribute to the Farley interest and talent in public speaking and debating.

After school Rachael studies Medicine at Southampton University and graduated from there in 1994. To summarise her working life I should like to quote from her obituary in the British Medical Journal (15/1/2000) sent to me by Dr Laura Bennett. "After house jobs in Southport and Kings Lynn she found her niche in anaesthesia where her talents were recognised and encouraged. She became a specialist registrar in February 1999. Although intelligent and articulate, she found it hard to make new relationships and difficult to come to terms with her own illness, but she remained loyal to her friends and dedicated to her patients".

Old Girls' Reunions were always part of Rachael's agenda. As a pupil she loved to welcome her grandmother, Eileen Smart (a former OGG secretary). After she left school Rachel was most faithful in her attendance. She was always pleased to offer advice to girls at school. It was hoped that Rachel would one day take a lead in the organisation of the Old Girls' Guild, and she had indeed agreed to do so in the future when medical examinations were behind her.

*JM Crook  
March 2000*

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#### Marriages

Mrs Katie Caddy -  
Congratulations to Katie Else  
who was married last year.

#### Donations

Gratefully received from Mrs  
Mary Davey,  
Newcastle upon Tyne

#### Deaths

Hilda Hyatt on January 18<sup>th</sup>  
aged 96.

Susan Hammett (nee Mitton)  
January 2000  
Susan was in Kennedy house  
during the 1940's and her two  
daughters, Sally and Mandy,  
followed her to the school

Mary Illesley born on 17<sup>th</sup>  
June 1917 and died on 29<sup>th</sup>  
July 1999 aged 82 years.  
Attended the school during  
the early 30's, studied  
physiotherapy and was in the  
Land Army for the entire  
war. Mary spent many years  
working at Stoke Mandeville.

Pat Skinner (nee Rona  
Patricia Towers) died in  
November 1999. Pat was in  
Powys and attended St  
Elphin's from 1939 to 1945.

**ST ELPHIN'S OLD GIRLS' GUILD REUNION AND A.G.M.  
SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2000 AT ST ELPHIN'S SCHOOL  
DARLEY DALE, MATLOCK DE4 2HA**

- 10 am            Coffee will be served in the Stopford Hall and name badges will be available for collection.
- 11.15 am        The A.G.M. will take place in the Common Room
- 12:45 pm        Lunch will be served in the Stopford Hall
- 2:15 pm        you are welcome to wander around the school or visit an exhibition (yet to be confirmed)
- 3:15 pm        Chapel
- 4pm            Tea and farewells

The cost of the above day will be £8.50 for adults and £4.25 for children. If you are only able to join us for part of the day or would prefer to bring a picnic or go to the local pub for lunch this will be fine, but please let us know so that name badges can be made and your name recorded. If you do decide on any of these options there will be a charge of £1.00 per head to cover the cost of coffee, name badges etc.

Mrs Fisher is once again offering accommodation and should anyone require this facility please get in touch. Please return the slip below to Fiona Hunter, 60 St James Road, London E15 1RN.

Please bring a prize for the raffle. Proceeds to SEOGG

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**St Elphin's Old Girls Guild Reunion and AGM on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2000**

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Address.....

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Dates when at School..... House

Lunch at AGM £8.50 ..... Amount .....

Cheques made payable to SEOGG

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**St Elphin's Old Girls Guild Reunion in London – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2000**

**I would provisionally like to attend – please send me further details.**

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

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