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EDITORIAL

We should like to thank all those who have contributed to our magazine. The response from the Lower and Middle School was encouraging and we are only sorry that we could not publish all the articles we received. We thank also those members of the Upper School who have generously given up their valuable time to contribute to the magazine.

This year is the last in which the magazine will be published in its traditional form; we hope that it will be appreciated by the Old Girls as well as present school members.

Our thanks also go to the magazine committee and to Miss Woods for her guidance and assistance at all times.

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AN END AND A BEGINNING

This is the last number of a Shaftesbury High School Magazine in its present format. Next year it will be in two parts, both duplicated. The first will be a Chronicle of School events and the second, a paper something like the "Sphere" that last year's "O" level year produced after their examinations had finished.

I think this is a good move. We do not want to change all our traditional ways of expressing ourselves and of being ourselves, but it is essential that we examine them often and have the courage to change them. Sometimes Associations outgrow their purpose; sometimes we find benefit from a new one. We need to be as flexible about our community as we are about our clothes. Maxis and Minis and that very attractive inbetween length, come and go, and we ought not to be afraid to say that this way of doing something has been good once but now doesn't fit us.

Six years ago, we had thought that a great change in our school was imminent. We are still here and shall be for several more years. But this doesn't mean that we must leave all decisions of new ways for that time. It is the quality of the present moment that is important.

M. E. WOODS.

STAFF NOTES

At the end of the Summer Term we said goodbye to Mrs. Gee, Mrs. Weedon, and Miss Lawrence. Mrs. Gee moved to Herne Bay, Mrs. Weedon to Manchester, and Miss Lawrence, after her marriage to Mr. R. C. Stone, to Portsmouth. We hope that they will all be very happy.

Their places have been taken by Mrs. Marchant to teach Biology, Miss Howarth to teach German and French, and Miss Priest to teach P.E. We hope that they will be very happy with us.

We also welcomed Mrs. Purcell to help with French, Mrs. Hall to help with Geography and English, and Mlle. le Frioc as Assistante.

Miss Maddick retired at Christmas after twenty-five years in the school, first in the boarding houses and then as secretary. We have appreciated all that she has given to the school and shall miss her very much. In her place, we welcome Mrs. Deare-Jones.

Mrs. Stevenson also retired at Christmas and we wish her happiness in her retirement. In her place, at Sunridge, we welcome Miss Barrett-Selbie.

MISS MADDICK

Miss Maddick is remembered by many grateful "old" girls as a sympathetic and home-making Housemistress. I am sure they remember the walks she took them, the parties she arranged with their amusing skits by the Staff (who remembers "Comes the Prep?"), as well as the pets that surrounded her—the geese, the bees and, of course, Tigger.

Miss Maddick saw several changes in the boarding house development. First she lived in the School itself, with boarders sleeping in the present Room 3 and their sitting room above; and having the Sixth Form Room as a Dining Room. Then Sunridge was opened and finally, Barton Hill House.

Then, when Miss Langton left us for Royal quarters, Miss Maddick changed her work and became School Secretary. In this capacity she showed much friendliness to those in trouble of any kind and her efficiency as Accountant was always praised by County Auditors.

"Where can I find—What shall I do—Have you got my—How much money have we—Please order a coach" and many more questions were daily answered by her with patience and knowledge.

We are glad that she is staying in Shaftesbury so that we can keep in close touch with her.

M.E.W.

SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT, 1968/9

There were four meetings of the School Council in the year of 1968/69; Rosemary Sendell being the secretary for the greater part of the year, to be succeeded by Susan Hurst in September 1969.

During the year money was raised by the school in form of a "Summer Fête" and a "Folk Evening" in order to help supplement the cost of the school magazine, which leaves the school in debt each year. It was also decided that the current magazine be reformed so costing less money and providing greater interest to the school.

General items such as mirrors, clips and beakers were purchased during the year, together with major items in the form of library books and films.

The council is always considered an important factor helping in the smooth-running of the school and we hope it will continue in this way in the future.

SUSAN HIRST, *Secretary*.

SOCIAL SERVICE REPORT

The collections this year have received the average amount of £7 (an improvement on previous years) possibly resulting from the new method whereby individuals speak to the school about the causes for which they are to vote. This not only gives the school a greater knowledge of the causes, but also stimulates their interest in them.

The causes to which we donated money, included "Shelter", and "The British and Empire Cancer Foundation".

As usual, during the Christmas term, there was a great response to the collection of toys for deprived children.

We hope that the collections in the coming year will continue to show this encouraging upward trend.

JANET BEST, *Secretary* 1968/9.

OUR FIRST YEAR AT SHAFTESBURY HIGH SCHOOL

We began our first year at this school with Mrs. Weedon, who left us at the end of the Summer term, as our Form Mistress. Susan Fincher was our Form Captain. This term was a great success.

Teresa Kelleher was our Form Captain, with Mandy Jones as deputy, Jane Kirby-Williams was deputy during the first term. During the course of this term we went to London to the British History museum with Miss Woods and Mrs. Gee. We all enjoyed this trip very much.

At the end of this term we saw the film "Flipper".

I think the term we enjoyed most was the summer one. Jane Beck was my deputy Form Captain. We enjoyed the games of tennis we had and the swimming and athletics.

For our Form Outing we spent the day at Bournemouth. In the morning we went ice skating and unfortunately Mandy broke her arm. While Miss Laurence took her to hospital, Mrs. Weedon took the rest of us to the beach for a swim. We had an enjoyable day.

I think we all enjoyed our first three terms at this school.

M. TINDALL.

REPORTS

LIV FORM REPORT

We began our year in LIV with Mrs. Wild (who was then Miss Port) as our Form Mistress. However, in time she became very much involved with her production of *Androcles and the Lion*, and as Form Mistress found us too much to cope with as well! Because of this, Mr. Hall became our Form Master, and we moved from Room 3 to Room 7 at Barton Hill.

The Spring Term was fairly uneventful with the exception of the return of K. Porter from Australia, whom we were all pleased to see. (She has now moved up a year).

In the Summer we went on two Expeditions, firstly an expedition to London, where we visited St. Paul's Cathedral, the British and Foreign Bible Society, where we saw a Display of Bibles ranging from a bible small enough to fit in a pocket to one weighing up to 42 lbs.! Several of our Form later wrote projects about the expedition and won Book Tokens for them. The latter Expedition was to Bristol to see Bristol Zoo and other items of interest.

During the year we were very sorry to say goodbye to Susan Calladene who went to Germany to be a day girl at some school there, and Barbara Turner who left for Zambia.

Congratulations to Teresa Pope for winning the Senior Tennis Cup, and to Gillian Bates for winning the Junior Athletics Cup. Also to Jackie Howard, Ruth Cordon and Kate Porter for receiving Good Work prizes and to again, Ruth Cordon, Rosalind Mullins and Catherine Ball for receiving Department Stars during the year.

We would like to thank both Mrs. Wild and Mr. Hall for making our year in LIV such an enjoyable one.

F. J. HOWARD.

UPPER FOURTH FORM REPORT

We began our year in U.IV with Miss Lawrence as our Form Mistress and Room 2 as our Form room. During the first term we welcomed four new girls, Mary-Catherine Gloyens, Janette Draper, Catherine Pringle and Barbara Western, making our Form quite large at thirty-four.

Miss Lawrence took us on several trips, including several walks tracing rivers through their valleys. In the Summer Term our Form Outing was to London, which was very enjoyable despite the high temperatures.

Also in the Summer Term Susan Witt received a Department Star and Tina Yorke, Vicki Bale and Christine Lewis Good Work prizes. Jennifer Hughes won a Progress prize.

P. Jacobs, J. Eager, T. Yorke, A. Cooper, V. Jolley, J. Sinclair and P. Sandy entered for the North Dorset Sports and all did very well.

In July, Miss Lawrence took fifteen of our Form and some members of the Fourth Form on an adventure holiday in the Welsh Mountains, which was enjoyed by all.

During the year we were sorry to see Jane Sinclair, Barbara Western and Danielle Donougher leave for new schools.

At the end of the year we were sorry to have to say goodbye to Miss Lawrence who left for a new school, and we must thank her for being such a helpful and understanding Form Mistress and wish her every success for the future.

J. DRAPER.

LOWER FIFTH FORM REPORT

We began our Lower Vth year with Miss Watkins as our Form Mistress and our Form room at Barton Hill. Deborah Cole was our Form Captain and the Term went very quickly as we settled into our new duties.

Later, because of the difficulty of carrying books to Barton Hill, our Form room was moved down to the school in Room One.

Joanna Morgan took over Deborah's job of Form Captain in the Spring Term.

We welcomed a new girl, Sonia Bates, who left soon afterwards. We are glad to hear that she is doing well in her work.

After the Easter holiday, Christine Lamble became our Form Captain.

Early in the Term we went on a Form Expedition to the Max Factor factory in Bournemouth. The trip was very enjoyable.

Several of the Form went to Wales with Miss Lawrence and they had both a happy and an exhausting time.

Gaill McIlroy won the Middle School Tennis Tournament and Heather Midgley won the Middle School Athletics Cup. Several people were awarded Department Stars. Many also entered for the North Dorset Sports. Janet McMorran and Judith Morgan did particularly well and won their Athletic Colours.

H. Midgley and S. Hannam won Good Work prizes and Joanna Morgan won a Progress prize. We should like to congratulate them all.

For the Summer Fête we set up an "Aunt Sally" in which wet sponges were thrown at brave volunteers. We also had a "White Elephant" stall.

We should like to thank Miss Watkins for helping us through the year and also for making it so enjoyable.

D. COLE.

UV M FORM REPORT

We began our 'O' level year with Miss Matthews as our Form Mistress.

During the Christmas Term the French Group went to Yeovil Technical College to see a production of 'Le Malade Imaginaire', which was very enjoyable and most useful for those who took their French 'O' level the following day, all of whom obtained very pleasing results.

We also went to see 'Much Ado About Nothing' at Stratford. The acting was marvellous. Janet Suzman was included in the cast.

In the Spring Term we welcomed Susan Genge into our Form. We finished exams before half term and passed a fairly uneventful second half.

In spite of the dreaded 'O' levels, the Summer Term proved itself to be an enjoyable one. Many of us took part in the Youth Walk to Salisbury in aid of the 'Save the Children Fund', which was well worth it, in spite of our sore feet!

Towards the end of term we helped U.V W to organize a Talk Evening under the supervision of Mrs. Whaley, who helped considerably in making it such a success.

For our Form Outing this year we went to Torquay with Mrs. Whaley and Miss Matthews, where we spent a very enjoyable day. While some went to the cinema to see 'Gone with the Wind', others stayed on the beach, swimming and boating.

Several of our Form were awarded with prizes. Anne Lidley and Anne Milloy both received Good Work prizes, and Diana Sutton and Philippa Jenkins were given Progress prizes. Christabel Powell won the Accompanist prize for music, and Christine Pritchard won the Domestic Science prize. Diana Sutton came first in the Reading Competition, and both Lynn Joyce and Christine Meadon gained Department Stars. Well done all of them!

We were sorry to have to say goodbye to so many of our Form at the end of the school year, and would like to wish them all the best of luck in the future.

We should also like to thank Miss Matthews for all the help and encouragement she gave us as our Form Mistress during the school year.

CLARE McISAAC.

UV W FORM REPORT

Mrs. Whaley was our Form Mistress in our important 'O' level year and it is thanks to her that this dreaded year (in so many of our cases) turned out to be such an enjoyable one.

The Autumn Term was very eventful as some girls took their 'O' level examinations early. Needless to say they all obtained very satisfactory results!

We went to Stratford on Avon to see Shakespeare's play "Much Ado About Nothing". We enjoyed it very much.

Also in that Term the French group went to see a French play by Molière, "Le Malade Imaginaire", at Yeovil Technical College. In this excursion a trial lesson in modern language laboratory was included. It proved beneficial to those who went.

In the Spring many of our Form were involved in the Dramatic Society's production of George Bernard Shaw's play "Androcles and the Lion".

Our mock 'O' levels were over by half term thank goodness, and we were glad to have a peaceful remaining half term before "the ordeals" began.

At the end of this Term the whole of the Upper School saw the film "Love is a Many Splendoured Thing".

In the Summer we all worked hard to do well in our examinations, and it was difficult to settle back into regular school life afterwards. To help us relax (if that was possible when we were waiting for those results) we went to Torquay for our Form Outing with Upper V (M), their Form Mistress, Miss Matthews and Mrs. Whaley. Here, although the weather was rather cold and miserable, we enjoyed ourselves very much because the two cinemas showing "Gone with the Wind" and "Oliver" proved to be popular places for shelter from the wind!!

In the lapse after examinations some of our girls became rather bored with routine school life and wanted to do something unusual and worthwhile. With Miss Woods' consent they made surveys in Shaftesbury, wrote articles on fashion, poems and other interesting features, and by the end of term had produced a "magazine" 'Sphere'. What did they gain from it?—Well, at 6d. a copy the printing expenses were just covered and they had a sense of achievement.

In that Term Upper V W organized a Folk Evening with Upper V M and a great deal of help from Mrs. Whaley. A fee was charged for the entertainment and hot dogs were sold for refreshments. We met many new faces who all agreed that it had been a great success. The proceeds went into school funds.

We wish all those members of U.V W who have left good luck in the future and thank them for making 1968/9 such a happy and enjoyable year.

We also thank Mrs. Whaley for her patience and advice on which the smooth running of our Form depended.

V. GASTER.

SIXTH FORM REPORT

We entered the VIth Form with some apprehension, but we were warmly welcomed by the Upper VIth and also by Miss Frazer our Form Mistress, and Shirley Young the Head Girl, and very quickly felt at home as part of the top form of the school.

We managed at last, with the help of Miss Frazer to whom we are very grateful, to carry out our various duties and settle down to the 'A' level course.

The Lower VI year passed very quickly with very few interruptions in the normal running of the school and soon it was time to say goodbye to the Upper Sixth Form.

We changed a great deal in our Lower Sixth year and we now regard ourselves, and are regarded by others as adults. As a result we were granted a few privileges such as being permitted to wear make-up and to wear clothes other than uniform. The staff have tried to encourage us for which we are thankful.

We welcomed the new Lower VIth who have been very co-operative in taking on their new duties and thus allowing the Upper VIth to continue their studies uninterrupted. We would like to thank them and wish them luck next year when we leave.

C. CAIRD, U V.

NETBALL REPORT — AUTUMN '69

Despite the fact that few matches were played this term there has been a noticeable improvement in the standard of our Netball, especially among the third and fourth years. This has been due to Miss Priest's untiring efforts and encouragement. I should like to thank her for this and also for all the time she has devoted to us.

Autumn 1st VII Team

G.K. L. Bartlett
G.D. J. Morgan
G.A. S. Genge
G.S. P. Warden
C. H. Midgley
W.A. S. Hurst
W.D. B. McLeod

Spring 1st VII Team

G.K. L. Bartlett
G.D. C. McIsaac
G.A. S. Genge
G.S. C. Carter
C. H. Midgley
W.A. S. Hurst
W.D. A. Linley

(This team has been changed around often owing to absentees, on the cruise, etc.).

LAONE BARTLETT, U VI.

THE HOCKEY REPORT

Unfortunately we had a bad start at the beginning of the Autumn Term 1969, but we hope to raise our standard with regular hockey practices.

House hockey matches were held and Hardy won the Cup, with Wren second and Barnes third.

The VIth Form had an enjoyable hockey match against the VIth Form Grammar School in aid of Shelter. We raised £5 inspite of our 4—1 loss.

I should like to thank Miss Priest for persevering with us and for all the time she has donated to hockey practices.

1st XI

G.K.	J. George
R.B.	J. Berry
L.B.	H. Midgely
R.W.	A. Linley
R.H.	C. Caird
R.I.	S. Hurst
C.F.	C. Carter
L.I.	P. Joyce
L.W.	G. McIlroy
L.H.	M. Evans (Capt.)
C.H.	C. McIsaac

MARION EVANS, U VI, *Captain.*

TENNIS, 1969

The season began with 1st and U 15 VI's chosen from-enthusiastic players. However, owing to unfavourable weather conditions, few matches actually took place.

One of the most enjoyable, which was played, was against St. Mary's Convent. The match was held at the courts at Wincombe. Afterwards the Junior boarders entertained the players by serving tea in the garden at Barton Hill.

The great triumph of the season was when a Shaftesbury VI beat Gillingham by 7 matches to 2. At least Miss Lawrence left, knowing we had won something:

1st VI
Jane Kerley
Shirley Young
Pamela Scalbert
Patricia Scalbert
Catherine Carter
Julia Berry

U.15 VI
Heather Midgley
Gail McIlroy
Carol Stanton
Jayne Palmer
Cynthia Cox
Patricia Sandy

JULIA BERRY, L VI.

SWIMMING REPORT

For the greater part of the year the Barton Hill swimming pool was undergoing repairs. This meant that neither swimming club nor actual swimming lessons could take place for some time, and this resulted in the cancellation of the Annual Swimming Sports. Although this was disappointing we hope to have the Swimming Gala this year with, we hope, some enthusiastic participants.

Swimming Captain.

CHOIR REPORT

The choir met regularly on Thursdays after school throughout the year. The only occasions we sang in public were the Annual Speech Day and Advent Carol Service. In the 1968 Speech Day we performed, with Dr. Johnson at the piano, a selection of Dvorak's "Gypsy Songs". In the more recent one we sang selections from Handel's "Messiah" and "Stabat Mater" by Pergolesi. The highlight of the 1968 Advent Service was Brian Kelly's modern setting of the "Magnificat", and in this school year it was a setting of Psalm 27 by Gelineau. As usual we combined with the Grammar School under the direction of Mr. Cooper, who has replaced Mr. Hancock. We are very grateful to them for their support and are of course indebted likewise to Miss Drake.

CHRISTABEL POWELL.

RECORDER SOCIETY

The Recorder Society has worked hard during the past year and, although small in number, we have achieved a good standard in many musical items, of which, some of those by John Stanley, Dom Gregory Murray, John Dowland and Peter Warlock were especially favoured.

The group was sadly depleted at the end of the Summer Term when seven or more Seniors left, but some of the younger members of the school have since joined, and we hope still more will join, to find as much pleasure and enjoyment from playing together as we do.

Members of various other schools in the area visited Shaftesbury High School to join us in a day's recorder playing; and we also took part in a school concert at the end of the Autumn Term.

We should like to thank Miss Drake for all her encouragement, patience, and assistance, and we should also like to thank Jane Kerley and others for their enthusiasm and musical contribution.

JENNIFER M. POWELL, U VI.

ORCHESTRA REPORT

The Orchestra has met regularly during the year on Wednesdays during the lunch hour, and all members have put in a lot of work to make it enjoyable. Despite the odd assortment of instruments, we managed, in a concert at Christmas to play a Piano Concerto by Abel, with Christabel Powell as our soloist. All this, of course would be impossible without the help and direction of Miss Drake and Mr. Purcell; and we are indeed grateful to both of them for all that they have done for us during the year.

D. SUTTON, L VI.

FRENCH CLUB

French Club was formed for the first time this year. It has proved to be a great success. The first year go to French Club and the second year go to the talks.

The activities throughout the year have been the talk Mademoiselle gave us about France and the shops. Mrs. Purcell told us about the fashion in France and also told us a French fairy tale. She told it to us in English. The fairy tale had never been changed into English.

We made notices for the wall written in French about Food, Lorries, Animals and People. These notices were pictures stuck on a large sheet of paper. Underneath was written what the picture was in French.

We had great fun in learning and singing songs in French, which we enjoyed very much.

During the year Miss Hibbs, a student from Weymouth, came and played her guitar while we sang.

The 1st and 2nd year wish to thank Miss Howarth for all the hard work she has done, and Mademoiselle and Mrs. Purcell. We thank Miss Hibbs for coming and playing her guitar.

One last thing, French Club is held on Thursdays at Break in Room 5.

SUZANNE GOUGH, 1st Year.

SCIENCE CLUB

The Sixth Form Science Club, shared with the Grammar School VI, was begun in the Autumn Term. The aim was to provide an informal talk every month on various scientific topics, the Grammar School being invited to attend. The talks were followed by refreshments and an opportunity for free discussion. We have had four speakers so far, the first, in November, being Dr. Tapper, who talked about "Drugs". The December meeting was cancelled due to pressure of end of term fixtures. However, in January Mr. Sanders from the Milk Marketing Board spoke to us about "Milk Testing". In February Mr. Marchant the Governor of Marsh, introduced a less scientific topic, "Crime and Punishment", and in March Mr. Wilson talked about "Witchcraft". All of these subjects have been extremely interesting, and the speakers, informative.

We should like to thank Mrs. Marchant and the Committee for all their hard work and hope the Club will continue to flourish.

G. JOPSON, U VI.

GYM CLUB REPORT

Gym Club has been running throughout the last year and it has welcomed many new members. Last summer a successful Gym Display was given for the Parents' Evening arranged by Miss Lawrence. Unfortunately Miss Lawrence left and we should like to thank her for her patience and all the extra time she gave to Gym Club. Miss Priest came in her place and took over very well. Miss Priest also encouraged younger members of the school by forming a Junior Gym Club, and we would like to thank her for all her encouragement and teaching that she has given, especially to all Gym Club members.

H. MIDGLEY, U V.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY REPORT

On her arrival at the High School, Miss Port took over Miss Fraser's post as leader of the Dramatic Society, and chose "Androcles and the Lion", by G. B. Shaw to perform at the end of the Spring Term. We became acquainted with the play during our weekly meetings, and soon began auditions. Mrs. Whaley kindly offered to be responsible for the costumes, as we had decided to make them ourselves from dyed sheets and sacks; it seemed unnecessary to hire costumes for such a small play. We had to manage with very simple scenery, and fortunately Mr. Hall was able to improve the situation by erecting extra lights.

We performed the play on three successive nights, March 19th to 21st, with Christine Tyson (Androcles), Philippa Jenkins (the Lion), Gail McIlroy (Ferovius), and Caroline Caird (Julius Caesar) taking the leading roles. It was said to be a great success and all the cast thoroughly enjoyed the performances.

Our warmest thanks to Miss Port (now Mrs. Wild) and Mrs. Whaley for their constant help and encouragement, for without them the production of any play would be impossible.

ANNE LINLEY, U V.

FLOWER GROUP REPORT

Our small but enthusiastic group of flower arrangers has once more had a successful year under the help and guidance of Miss Drake.

Our members won several prizes at the Chrysanthemum Show, and at the Gillingham and Shaftesbury Agricultural Show.

Once again the group decorated the Hall and tea tables for Speech Day, as we did for most school functions.

All our sincere thanks go to Miss Drake, who has so kindly spared us so much of her valuable time. We hope that with Miss Drake's assistance we shall be even more successful in the coming year.

JANET BEST, U VI.

DEBATING SOCIETY

We are much obliged to the organisers of the Grammar School Debating Society for inviting the Sixth Form to attend and participate in their meetings. Throughout this school year and last school year a number of motions were debated, including one about compulsory religious education in schools, in which several members from the High School Sixth Form spoke. We hope this co-operation between the two schools will continue so we can again have some more very interesting and enjoyable debates.

C. CAIRD, U VI.

HOW TO BROADEN YOUR OUTLOOK IN ONE EASY STAGE

I now feel the simplest way to broaden your mind is to go on an educational cruise! Before the party of twenty-seven girls embarked on their Mediterranean cruise, there was considerable doubt as to whether this would be of any value to the students, or just a glorified holiday.

I have returned from this cruise and have had my eyes completely opened. Previous to this cruise, England to me was going 'stale', but after visiting Gibraltar, Madeira, Lisbon and Ceuta, I found I appreciated 'good old England'.

But what could have been more enlightening on this cruise everyone is asking? All I can say to that is that if everyone could have joined us, they too would have been stunned by the moving scenes we met on our journey.

The first and most moving sight we saw was that of the "Christo Kei" statue of Christ, that dominated the hill overlooking the harbour of Lisbon. This statue whose head was tilted so that he looked down over Lisbon was really an aweinspiring sight, especially when it was lit up at night. The statue was erected by the women of Portugal to commemorate their country staying neutral during the II World War. As for its size, would it be enough to say that one finger of Christ's hand was 8ft. long!

At the next port of call, Madeira, we were taken to its highest point and looked down at the breathtaking panoramic view of Madeira below; the very fact that we were 6,320 ft. above sea level with only a wicker fence separating us from safety and eternity was enough to arouse sleeping senses. The beauty of the flower markets, and old flower girls trying to sell their iris' and passion flowers to the awe inspired tourists.

Ceuta--yes, Ceuta, we can certainly say that after we had visited Tetuan the real native village we certainly knew how the other half lived. We learnt their customs, religion and way of life. The only excruciating thing about Ceuta was the revolting stench of sweat, camels and dusty roads.

Finally at Gibraltar we were introduced to "the Rock" and told the old saying—

"As long as there are apes on the Rock; it will stay in British hands", and after seeing "British we are, and British we stay" plastered over walls, I presume they are satisfied with life as it stood.

Yes, the cruise certainly broadened my outlook and assisted by its lively social life and enlightening lectures, I feel I have gained only good from this cruise and hope that the next people to go on one will enjoy it as much as we did. We give many thanks to Mrs. Whaley, and Mrs. Weedon for escorting us so ably on our cruise "NEVASA 156".

P. JOYCE, L VI.

THE NIGHT IN THE STORM

As the moon rose higher and higher, the cat shuddered to think what would happen to her if she lost her footing on the roof. Pitter-patter, bang! Wallop! Splash! as the rain fell on the corrugated iron roof-top and down to the gutter by way of the drain-pipe.

Suddenly the moon disappeared behind a large, black cloud and the cat was left in a pool of darkness. Crash, boom, bang! The thunder roared like a lion with its mouth full, and the earth shook as a terrible flash of lightning zipped across the sky only to strike a tree, which frizzled in an instant. "Miaow" she cried in vain, "Miaow" she cried again, but no one heard her. They, being humans would stay inside and not care about anything but the television, even if they had heard her plaintive cry. "To-whit-too-whoo!", she shuddered again as she heard the cry of her enemy who always spoiled her night-hunting. There was a piercing scream, like that of the woman about to be murdered, but she knew, even as her heart missed a beat, that this was only the badgers complaining about the weather. Another flash of lightning. She saw the church tower door swing open; that gave her an idea, even having to share the day with such low companions as the bats, was worth it to get out of this torture.

She desperately tried to walk down the roof, but in vain; she was swept down by the ever-increasing rain which forced her to struggle to the side of the rushing torrent, after half-winding herself in the fall from the roof to the gutter.

After a long and arduous fight she managed to get to the roadside and scurry, tired as she was, to the open tower door, where there awaited warmth and dryness.

There she fell asleep on an old coat in the corner. The next time she awoke it was morning; she still felt bedraggled and it was a very sorry-looking cat that asked to be let into the cheerfulness of her own home.

BRIGID LOVELL, II.

THE MISFORTUNE OF A BADGER

One day in November I was walking through our copse when I heard a rustling sound. I stopped walking and turned round, rather startled at first. Then I saw a fox and a badger fighting.

Now and again I heard squeals from one of the two animals. But the fight was soon over; it was a victory for the fox. When the fox had gone away I noticed that the badger had not attempted to move. I walked up to its side and noticed that both of its front paws were bleeding. It was a sad sight but then I had one of my brain waves. I quickly rushed home to get out our cat basket. On my way back to the badger I put some straw in the basket. When I reached the copse I found that the badger was still in the same place where I had left it. I slowly walked up to it and tried to pick it up but it bit me. It kept its eyes on me and shuddered. After about ten minutes I managed to pick it up, place it in the basket and put the cover over the top. Then I left the copse and walked home slowly to get some money and a coat.

When I had these things I walked down to the 'bus stop with the basket in my hand. I got on to a 'bus that goes to Salisbury. As I sat down in a seat I heard a rustle coming from the basket. It kept walking around until our journey was nearly over. When we reached Salisbury there was silence, I picked the basket up and got off the 'bus. From the bus station I had to walk to our vet. When I reached the surgery I had to wait until I was called. After fifteen minutes of waiting I was called by the vet. He said, "Now what have we got in this basket? A cat I suppose". I told him "No" and turned back the lid of the basket. He was surprised at first but then took it from me. He told me to go out of the room and look at a magazine. Within twenty-five minutes he brought the badger to me. Its paws looked much better already. I put it back in the basket and caught a 'bus home again.

I kept it at home for three more days until its paws were better. Then on the fourth day I put it in the basket and took it to the copse to set it free once again. Reluctantly I pulled back the lid and let the badger jump out. It turned around and looked back at me before running into the distance.

R. THICK, III.

KITTENS

Little bundles of soft fur,
Can you hear a gentle purr?
Staring eyes of brightest green;
Loveliest things you've ever seen.
Fast asleep upon the rug,
Close to mother, warm and snug.
Lapping milk or nibbling fish
From a special little dish.
Playing with a woolly ball,
Scratching tables in the hall.
But though they sometimes make us mad,
Without our kittens, we'd be sad.

JANET TAIT, I.

THE UNICORN

Milk white flanks,
So firm and tender,
Long spiral horn,
So white and slender.
White velvet neck,
Soft curly mane
With a slight grey fleck;
Frail, and yet so strong.
Shoes flashing like fire,
Glittering like gleaming gold,
As through the trees you thunder,
A unicorn, mighty and bold.

JANE BECK, II.

THE TOWER

Cold, stone,
It stands,
alone.
Leaves through the crannies peep,
It will never get its sleep.
Music resounded in her halls,
Now the left wing slowly falls,
It was once full of power;
The tower.
Pretty ladies,
In their gowns,
Now gone.
Gone with the sun long ago,
Now bats fly to and fro,
The tower desolate and grey
Has stood for many a day
It was once full of powder;
The tower.
Rattle clank
There it comes
on and on.
The bulldozer has arrived to kill,
No-one can stop *its* will,
Tumble, tumble to the ground,
There won't be another sound.
It was once full of power,
The Tower!

R. COOMBER, III.

THE LITTLE PIXIE

There is a little Piper who plays an elfin tune,
In the sunlight and the moth-light and underneath the moon;
If you know how to listen you're sure to hear him soon.
By hedge and barn and woodland, in city, street or square,
You'll catch the pixie-piping, like star-dust in the air,
Of the little shy musician so gay, so fair of hair.
He cares not how you seek him, in rags or tags or lace;
You may limp out a beggar, or ride in royal grace;
He will not play to please you unless he likes your face.
He will not play for silver, he will not play for gold;
He will not play for man or maid whose heart is very cold;
But if you love to listen you'll never quite grow old.

TERESA POPE, III.

ON THE SEASHORE

Sunburnt sands, golden and glimmering,
Sifting in the heat and simmering,
Scorched black rocks stick up from the beach,
The cool green sea flows, but just out of reach.
I sit on the white parched rock, my feet burning,
Waiting for the sea to come, but now the tide's turning;
Leaving behind it wet seaweed, but soon that will dry
And frizzle up in long thin strands, beneath a burning sky.
Seagulls cry, the voices screaming round about,
Some sitting gently on the ripples, others floating further out,
Then they waddle round, or fly high up to the cliff top
Where they fearlessly perch, unconscious of the sheer drop.
Evening comes closer, dusk is drawing near,
The seagulls all stop calling, just rippling sea I hear.
The cliff casts cooling shadows, the pebbly beach is cold,
The sun draws back behind a cloud, as day is growing old.
I slip off my ledge, the stars are beginning to show—
The moon's reflection glimmers in the water, as it ripples to and fro.

S. CAMERON, III.

JUST A LITTLE SOMETHING

I was asked to think up a poem,
Or an essay that was quite unique,
But I couldn't think what to write of,
Though I thought, and I thought, for a week.
I thought of a brilliant essay,
Only I *couldn't* think how to start,
When I did, I just *couldn't* finish,
And then I had a change of heart.
So I decided, well why not a poem,
But it didn't turn out as I'd hoped,
It started "A Purple Horizon" —
Only nothing would rhyme with "groped".
I finally thought "I won't bother",
But you'll never guess what I found —
There's a prize for the wittiest poem!
Just *think* what I'd do with a pound! !

L. HEALEY, III.

THE EVILS OF SLEEP . . .

Last night I dreamed I was in Rheims,
Where kunzle cakes their songs do gunge.
And as I walked the narrow road
I came across a friendly lunge.
"Oh lunge my dear", quoth I to he,
"What saddens you to weep?"
"Oh thing" said he—for he it was,
"I've lost my evil tweep!"
"My friend" I said in great despair,
"What is a tweep, I pray?"
"A tweep", said he, "has golden eyes
And long, fluorescent hair".
The truth became apparent then;
The thing of which he spoke
Was one I'd passed upon the road
When coughing, caused by smoke.
"Oh lunge my dear, you need not fear,
Salvation is at hand.
For down the road is her abode
Where plays the lic'rish band."
"Oh thank you sir", it was a he,
Or so at least I think,
But when I looked, I found
It had, become a yellow dunk.

S. J. WOODS.

QUERY

Who are we?
A tiny midget droplet spinning
Round our fiery benefactor
In dizzy circles, on a never-ending path
Laid down by gravity.
An insignificant world is an island universe,
Universe moving in garactic night
In vacuum and gas of an inhuman system.
Man dominating.
But no further than his world of carbon.
Wishes to extend influence beyond all he rightfully possesses,
To the uttermost frontiers of all he can see.

C. LEWIS, IV W.

HOCKEY

Quiet, supreme silence,
PH-E-E-E,
Instant Action,
Poor goalie,
Frozen.
Thenallinarush,
she's bombarded,
by people
Kick, Scream,
"I can't shoot
I'm goalie!!"
"Oh, you can't let them get it",
Always Excitement,
Tense Excitement.
At last a goal,
but, alas, not for us.
Then GLORY,
We get a goal,
AND another,
It's a pity
that this can't happen
in a match,
as well as a practice!

R. CONDUIT, IV M.

A PASSING BEAUTY

It's raining now —
A soft patter of beauty,
Transparent, soft and ice-cod,
The flowers lift their drowsy crowns
And quench their thirst.
There's a soft breeze blowing too,
And the drops fall from one petal to another;
Kissing each shining colour,
And lingering only a second
— As if to tell a secret.
Then the shining crystals
Slide to the ground
And melt into the earth
And are gone.
The ground becomes wet and spongy
And the grasses cling together —
The raindrops slip down their blades,
Slip down, then they too disappear,
Not a lasting beauty —
It was only a passing shower
— Only a passing beauty.

CLAIRE PERRY, V.



OLD GIRLS' SECTION

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The Fifteenth London Reunion

March 8th, 1969

It was with some trepidation that I approached Overseas House, on the beautiful sunny afternoon of March 8th, 1969, wondering if there would be any familiar faces at the London Reunion, after having a gap in attending for five years.

I need not have worried—soon first one and then other "Shaftesbury" persons appeared, and even if their names escaped me, the friendly smiles did not. Gradually we assembled and soon sorted ourselves out into groups, renewing old friendships. One felt "at home" at once and the total friendliness of the occasion is the greatest impression left after the meeting.

Miss Dunford gave us news of various Old Girls, many of whom are living abroad, and Miss Woods gave us the latest news of the School, some of which was rather startling to those of us who had not heard that the buildings were in quite such a state of delapidation. This is sad news. However, it is with interest that we now know that the future of the School has been finally decided in the merger into the new three tier system for Shaftesbury's Schools. Will the lovely garden really have to end up as a Car Park though? We all hope not.

We were sad that Mrs. Raad could not be present but were glad to see several members of Staff, both past and present.

After a very short business meeting we adjourned for tea, and as there were 59 members present—almost a record attendance—the room seemed very full and the noise quite considerable. The afternoon had passed extremely quickly, but it had proved to be very well worth the effort to attend and it had been most enjoyable meeting old friends again and hearing all the different news of people with such diverging occupations and interests.

How Miss Dunford manages to recognise each Old Girl, most of whom have altered in appearance, is a very great wonder to us all—but it is much appreciated. Having attended the very first few London Reunions it is marvellous to see how these events have grown into such thriving occasions and this must be due entirely to Miss Dunford's efforts. Long may the Reunions continue.

JUDY ALLUM (*née* Peel).

"Craigmoor." House-warming for O.Gs

At the kind invitation of Betty Drewitt O.G. Members were entertained to tea and chat at her delightful cliff-top flat in Bournemouth on Saturday, 21st June. Unfortunately, only a few Members were able to be there, nevertheless it was an extremely happy gathering, and many memories were revived by Mrs. Raad and her girls and Miss Dunford and her younger set.

After a delicious tea Betty conducted us along the cliff path on the fringe of Meyrick Park Golf Course, over which her kitchen window looks, where we were able to absorb the panorama of Bournemouth beneath us.

All too soon it was time to leave, and I am sure we all felt very grateful to Betty for her kind hospitality.

BARBARA AUSTIN (*née* Follett).

Mary Murray (*née* King) enjoyed this meeting so much that she wrote to our Secretary suggesting that, as there is no longer to be an O.G. Summer Meeting at School, one should be held in Bournemouth if Betty Drewitt were willing.

O.G.A. Summer Meeting, July 5th, 1969

The Summer Meeting of the O.G.A. took place on Saturday, July 5th, at School. The annual tennis match between the Old Girls and the School was won by the School. Although it was a slightly chilly evening it was enjoyable to sit in the Summer House and watch the match. The teams and the spectators then went into the Domestic Science Room for light refreshments which had been prepared by the Committee.

It was a pleasant informal evening and everyone had ample opportunity to exchange items of news and reminisce, although it was disappointing that so few people were there. After supper the School was open for anyone who was interested in looking around it.

GRACE COOMBS.

O.G.A. Autumn Reunion November 8th, 1969

The venue for this year's Autumn Reunion was School. Old Girls duly assembled in the School Hall where they were warmly welcomed by Miss Woods, Miss Dunford and members of the Committee. After a short exchange of greetings all adjourned to the Domestic Science Room where a delicious fork supper—prepared and served by the Committee—was enjoyed. The gay and modern setting, adorned with lovely floral arrangements, allowed full scope for a lively exchange of conversation and gave a pleasant start to the evening.

After supper we reassembled in the School Hall in readiness for the business meeting presided over by Miss Woods. The minutes of the last A.G.M. were duly read and signed. News of Old Girls' recent visits to School were given by the Head Mistress.

It was reassuring to learn that the Association is now solvent. A proposal that the O.G.A. should donate ten guineas to the School for the purchase of much needed Library books resulted in an equally divided vote—some members obviously feeling it would be wiser to be cautious than over-optimistic concerning the present financial situation. Miss Woods felt that the matter should rest for another year and suggested that the question should be reopened in 1970 after another financial year. This was carried unanimously.

At this point the meeting took on undertones of disquiet, following a dissertation by a member on the constitution of the O.G.A. This conveyed, in short, that Staff should have little, if any, voice in any matters concerning the Association, and then only in a co-opted capacity. This speech engendered much feeling and led to hotly debated points, counter proposals and numerous amendments. Eventually the final amended proposal was carried by a very small majority. One noted, however, that the majority present abstained from voting on a matter by now distinctly distasteful to them.

As a direct result of the previous discussion concerning change it was proposed and carried that next year's business meeting should be held earlier in the evening, at 6 p.m., in School, to be followed at 7.30 p.m. by a buffet supper at the Grosvenor Hotel. Another suggestion put forward was that names of prospective candidates for the Committee should be proposed, seconded and forwarded to the Secretary in advance of the business meeting.

Miss Woods said she had little real news of reorganisation since the whole question was in a state of limbo. The date for the next London Reunion was announced, March 7th, 1970, and it was sadly agreed that the Summer Meeting should be abandoned since support for this event was lacking. The Headmistress kindly offered the use of school premises if Old Girls felt they would like to convene a simple get-together during the summer. Further news of Old Girls was given by Miss Dunford before the meeting ended. It was in a disturbed state of mind that many left this year's meeting.

HELEN PERRY (*née* Hall).

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News of Mrs. Raad

We are very sorry that Mrs. Raad has not been able to attend any of the three Reunions this year, but we were glad to see her at Betty Drewitt's O.G. House-warming in Bournemouth.

I was glad to be able to call at Havant and have lunch with Mrs. Raad and hear all her news. Her grandson, John, was at home with his family for Christmas, but is returning to Canada for at least eighteen months. Her great-grandson, Nicholas Charles, is now two years old.

When Mrs. Raad's son, Cedric, has sold his present house they all hope to move to Moonhill House in West Wight, a few miles from Totland. It is a Georgian farmhouse, with a fourteenth century cottage attached, and stands in 8½ acres of land.

Mrs. Raad was delighted to have a letter from "Little Mlle", Frau Yvonne Taegen, from Barcelona, with news of her daughter's wedding.

We hope that Mrs. Raad will be well enough to come to the London Reunion on March 7th, 1970.

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Former Members of Staff

MRS. BROOKS (*née* Matthews) is teaching P.E. at the Park School, Yeovil, as her youngest child can attend a Nursery School there. Clare and Alison are at school in Shaftesbury.

MRS. DAVISON has moved into a new bungalow of their own devising and says they have years of work ahead making a new garden. Her address is:— Sorrel, Red Hill, Four Marks, Nr. Alton, Hants. Sheila has two children now and has moved to St. Albans. Chris has three children and lives at Teddington.

MISS HOLMES has retired as Headmistress of Brampton Down School, Folkestone, and now lives at Wimborne.

MRS. HOSFORD. We were grieved to hear of Captain Hosford's death this year, and are glad that Mrs. Hosford is staying on at The Knoll in Bleke Street.

MRS. JESSIMAN (Mrs. Blackall) hopes to come to the London Reunion again this year. Her son, Philip, is very happy as an Arts Student at Aberdeen University.

MRS. LAWSON (*née* Newton) is delighted that they have been able to buy a house in Swanage ready for their retirement from Barnstable in three years time.

MISS LLOYD is enjoying her retirement in Shaftesbury and finds plenty to occupy her time.

MISS MADDICK. Her address after March 14th, 1970, will be:— Flat 15, Butts Mead House, Shaftesbury.

MRS. WHITE (*née* Rhodes) has had a difficult year as her husband is still only able to do part-time work. Andrew now goes to Primary School, and Celia to Nursery School.

MISS WILLIAMS has had two poems published in "A Christmas Anthology". She was glad to meet Miss Brewington for a day in the summer.

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Engagements

Shelagh Beck to David Cox.

Elizabeth Breeds to Steven Huizing.

Diane Dunster to David Beck.

Christine Elkins to Alan Robert Priestley.

Sandra Golden to Peter Maker.

Karen Jesse to John Skears.

Cheryl Ottey to Said Aissi.

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Marriages

Pamela Albericci (*née* Cherbury) to Terry Doneghue.

Julie Austin to Douglas Malcolm Werts.

Pamela Hayter to Robert Corfield.

Ann Hitchings to Timothy John Ferreira.

Shirley Howell to Douglas Andrew Rough.

Mary Kelly to Michael Tuff.

Mary Miles to David Ian Lewis.

Ann Milroy to David John Hancox.

Susan Perkins to Michael Crosfield.

Susan Pile to Christopher St. John Yates.

Ruth Rossiter to Roger Fulford.

Anne Rowlands to Michael Croxford.

Olive Willis to Sydney Boobyer.

Daphne Woodman to John Edwards.

Births

Cynthia Agar (*née* Humble), a son, Ashley Paul.
Daphne Eaglestone (*née* Pickford), a son, Guy Peter.
Kirsten Forster (*née* Klose), a son, Tim.
Gillian Frampton (*née* Mullins), a daughter, Melinda.
Lesley Fuller (*née* Bennett), a son, Justin William.
Margaret Harrison (*née* Woodman), a son, Christopher Alan.
Norcen Hunt (*née* Elford), a son, Stephen.
Julia La Bouchardiere (*née* Smithers), a son, John.
Gillian Malcolm (*née* Ralph), a daughter, Josetta Margaret.
Pamela Peters (*née* Collis), a son, Mark.
Ann Purdon (*née* Huby), a daughter, Kate Louise.
Mildred Read (*née* Topp), a daughter, Nora Elizabeth.
Nancy Roberts (*née* Talbot), a daughter, Lucy Rebecca.
Mary Rowbotham (*née* Stainer), a daughter.
Susan Saunby (*née* Bond), a son, Christopher.
Janet Shelton (*née* Pitman), a son, Andrew Jason.

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Death

Muriel Jeanne Parr (*née* Williams) on January 6th, 1969.

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O.G. News

CYNTHIA AGAR (*née* Humble) (1953) broke her right arm just before Christmas, which was a handicap in caring for her new baby, Ashley Paul.

SALLIE ALFORD (1969) is taking a secretarial course at Bournemouth Technical College.

DENISE ALLUM (1969) is taking a secretarial course at the City of London College.

JUDY ALLUM (*née* Peel) (1954) is specially glad that she was able to attend the last London Reunion as they have now moved to Holland. Tony is on the Staff at the Nato H.Q. for Central Europe and will probably be there for two years. They live in a mining area in the south of Holland almost in Belgium and Germany. Julian attends the International School which has 1,700 boys and girls. He is anxious to learn Dutch. Bridget is disappointed that she hasn't seen more windmills.

HELEN BAIRSTO (1969) is taking up a career in Banking.

BETH BAKER (*née* Rebbeck) (1955) is taking the two year course for Mature Students at the College of Sarum St. Michael and enjoyed her first term very much. Her husband is working in the Meteorological Office. At present they are living in Andover but hope to move nearer to Salisbury. Beth's parents have retired to Charlton Marshall.

SALLIE BARTLETT (1966) has decided to become a teacher and is taking the Diploma of Education at Keele University.

HILDA BEVAN (1916) is going to live in Butts Mead House in March. This is a new block of flats for retired people where Miss Maddick will also be living.

- JENNY BLANCHETT (1968) is enjoying her four year course which combines training as a nurse and health visitor. Kings College Hospital is one of the few which organises this integrated course.
- JANE BRAYFORD (1956) is sorry to lose her contacts with Dorset now that her parents have left Frampton and retired to Hereford. Jane had a good holiday in the Lake District.
- ELIZABETH BREEDS (1964) is nursing in Switzerland.
- BRIDGET BUCKLAND (*née* Salisbury) (1957) has her two boys at school now but is very busy with several thousand laying hens to care for.
- JENNY BUFFLE (*née* Cobley) (1961) has had a happy first year of marriage. They live a fairly "uncomplicated life" picnicing in the mountains at weekends and following church activities. Jenny is happy to be working with the World Council of Churches again. They came home to Devon for Christmas.
- MARCELLE BURT (1966) is teaching at Ludwell County Primary School.
- SUZANNE CARR (1969) is taking a joint honours course in England and Economic History at the University of Nottingham.
- PAMELA CARTER (1968) took a month's course at the Lucie Clayton Model and Finishing School after leaving the Constance Spry Flower School at Easter. Then she went to U.S.A. For ten weeks she worked in Putnam, Connecticut. She found the people very friendly and the floristry methods interesting, though the designs themselves were a little large and bright for British taste. She was lucky enough to come home via Canada and to see the Niagara Falls. She is now working at Longmans, the Florists in Fenchurch Street. She looks forward to having a business of her own when she has widened her experience.
- SONIA CASSELL (*née* Zinkova) (1954) and her husband, and Robin and Louise, spent a fortnight's winter holiday in Tunisia. They stayed at a hotel about 40 miles from Tunis but enjoyed visiting the old city and were greatly impressed by the Museum there. Visiting Carthage was also a "wonderful experience".
- LINDA CHINCHEN (1969) is working in Barclays Bank in Shaftesbury.
- GILLIAN COOMBE (1969) is taking a secretarial course at the City of London College.
- HELEN COOPER (1969) is taking the St. Christopher's Nursery Nursing Course.
- FELICITY CORP (1960) has become the first Children's Librarian ever appointed by the City of Portsmouth. She is thoroughly enjoying the opportunities of this work, the liaison with schools, and the setting up of services for children such as a Magazine, Story Hour, and Story Hour with the Under Fives.
- BARBARA COX (1969) is taking a secretarial course at the Salisbury College of Further Education.
- SANDRA CREW (1969) is working at Lloyds Bank in Shaftesbury.
- JOAN CUSTARD (1967) is living in Hall again for her last year at Bedford College. She spent a month in Germany at Easter and will spend part of the summer in France.
- DENISE DART (1969) has joined her father in the Abbey Printing Works in Shaftesbury. She keeps the accounts and helps generally.
- MOIRA DAVIES (1969) is training as a nurse at the Royal Masonic Hospital.
- SUSAN DAWSON (1969) is taking up a career in Banking.

- STELLA DIBBEN (1963) is sorry that she cannot be at the London Reunion this year but she will be doing residential work in Bexhill. She is being transferred to the Salisbury Branch of the Spastics Society in March for a while to be nearer home as her father has been ill during the last year.
- PAMELA DONOGHUE (*née* Cherbury) (1951) married again after completing her training at the College of Sarum St. Michael and is living in Portsmouth. The combined families now consist of Julian, Paul, Mandy, Helen, Antony, and Clare. Pam is teaching 7 year old boys at St. John's, a Roman Catholic College.
- DAPHNE EDWARDS (*née* Woodman) (1957) met her husband, John, on the hockey field. They are both keen players. They live at Lindfield in Sussex. Daphne works for a firm of vacuum consultants and John is a Customs and Excise Officer in London.
- DIANA EVANS (*née* Stainer) (1948) has moved to New Malden. Their garden there is overgrown but full of promise and Diana is eager for the Spring. Richard and Suzanne have settled well in their new school and Kate joins them there in September.
- RUTH EVERITT (*née* Gibbs) (1955) met Joy Lancaster (*née* Cox) in the summer when she was on a visit from U.S.A. with her two children.
- ANN FERREIRA (*née* Hitchings) (1954) was married at the R.C. Church in Salisbury in May. They spent their honeymoon in Cyprus on their way to Bahrain for two years. She finds Bahrain fascinating but says it is definitely a man's world. They have rented a bungalow with a small garden and hope to grow some vegetables. There is a British Club with a swimming pool near.
- RUTH FLETCHER (*née* Spencer) (1958) is enjoying her experience as Chair-man of the local Play Group in Child Okeford.
- JESSIE FLOYD (1963) has had a six months holiday with relatives in U.S.A. and a few weeks with relatives in Vancouver. She is now teaching in Dorset again.
- BERYL FOOTE (1965) is still working for the firm of John Laing in London, on a Local Authority Housing Estate in Hampstead. When this site is completed in June or July she hopes to move to a site nearer Dorset. She and Elizabeth Rowbotham meet fairly often.
- KIRSTEN FORSTER (*née* Klose) (1955) has moved to North Germany where her husband is working in the radiology ward of a hospital. Kirsten is now at home looking after her two children. She misses the work in the hospital but wants to give her children the best possible chance.
- RUTH FULFORD (*née* Rossiter) (1965) passed her State Final Exam in February and stayed on at the Westminster Hospital as a Staff Nurse in a Radiotherapy Ward. Now that she is married she lives at Fonthill Bishop and does 35 hours a week nursing at Salisbury Infirmary.
- JEAN GAY (*née* Bristow) has left Haywards Heath and is now living at Wardour.
- PENNY GIBSON (1967) is a Statistician in the Research Department of the I.T.A.
- ZELDA GLYNOS (1966) has gone to Southampton University for her Diploma in Education and hopes eventually to become a lecturer in Sociology. She spent the summer holiday in Greece first with a Greek family and then travelling. She became a courier for a Greek Coach company and guided the drivers, who were unable to speak English, across Europe.

- JANE GOLDEN (1969) is taking a secretarial course at the Salisbury College of Further Education.
- SANDRA GOLDEN (1964) is still at the Royal Insurance Office in Salisbury and is hoping to be married in the Spring of 1971.
- ANN GOULDING (1965) likes living in Oxford. She hopes to be married in 1970 when she will have completed two years in her first teaching post and Bob will have finished his Accountancy exams.
- MARY GUTTMAN (*née* Hiscock) (1947) and her husband have moved to Le Goff School, Beaver Crossing, Alberta. This is a school for 100 Indian children and has five teachers and two aides. The Indians farm the surrounding area and the land is good.
- JENNY HACKER (*née* Burr ridge) (1958) visited School and saw Miss Dunford and Miss Moore while she was in England. Bryan met them at Sidney and drove them back over the Blue Mountains to Brisbane. Alison starts school in September and then Jenny will be able to tell us something about the Queensland educational system.
- CHRISTINE HAINES (*née* Burton) (1958) is now living in Yeovil.
- ANN HANCOX (*née* Milroy) (1961) enjoyed her first post at Chipping Campden but, on her marriage, moved to Birmingham where her husband teaches in one of the King Edward Grammar Schools. Ann is now teaching in a Comprehensive school in West Bromwich.
- JILL HENDERSON (1969) is at the Salisbury College of Further Education.
- HEATHER HESTLER (*née* Jesshope) (1950) has moved from Toronto to Victoria, British Columbia, where Ann Purdon (*née* Huby) lives.
- VALERIE HOARE (1969) is taking a secretarial course at Weymouth Technical College.
- YVONNE HUMPHRIES (1957) has reverted to her maiden name. Carol Ann now attends a Nursery School. She is full of mischief.
- ELIZABETH IMBER (1966) obtained her B.Sc. with 3rd Class Honours at Nottingham University and is remaining for a fourth year for her Education Diploma.
- PHILIPPA JENKINS (1969) is taking a course at the "School of Remedial Gymnastics and Recreational Therapy" at Wakefield.
- SUSAN JOHNSON (*née* Clarke) (1956). When her father died in 1968 her mother took over the Highcliffe Nursing Home in Salisbury Street, Shaftesbury, and she and Susan run it as a Convalescent and Rest Home. Susan and her husband live near with their two children, Mark aged 8 and Terry aged 7. They are all enjoying life in Shaftesbury.
- JANE KERLEY (1969) obtained her A.R.C.O. before leaving School and is now studying Music at Durham University.
- BERYL KNAPTON (1950) coaches games every afternoon at Gillingham School and plays Hockey for the Gillingham Ladies' Club.
- DIANA LANGLEY (1969) is taking a secretarial course at the Salisbury College of Further Education.
- JOY LANCASTER (*née* Cox) (1956) has moved from an apartment to a bungalow with a fairly large garden and a beautiful swimming pool. In June they went camping for ten days to the Sequoia and Yosemite National Parks and said the scenery was "absolutely marvellous". John is now working with Avon Cosmetics. Joy was glad to see Margaret Harrison (*née* Woodman) and her baby, and Ruth Everitt (*née* Gibbs) when she came home for a month in August. They expect to be in California for another two years.

JACKIE LEWIS (1968) is enjoying her second year at Rochampton. She is sharing a flat in Putney with five other students. Her sister, Susan, is now working in Lloyds Bank in Bond Street, W.1.

MARY LEWIS (*née* Miles) (1965) obtained a Distinction in her Diploma of Education at Reading University.

SUSAN LOFTING (1968) is enjoying her second year of training at the West End Hospital Speech Therapy Training School. Her sister, Nancy, is now a day girl at Rosebery County Girls' School, Epsom.

BRENDA MACEY (*née* Bracher) (1950) now lives at Woking. She was able to come to the O.G. Dinner this year for the first time as her husband was attending the O.B. Dinner at the Grosvenor Hotel. She hopes to come to the London Reunion also.

GILLIAN MALCOLM (*née* Ralph) (1961). Miss Dunford was glad to meet Teresa and Josetta at Gillingham in the Summer. Gillian's husband is on the committee of the Community Relations Council in Southampton, and recently attended the First Carribean Festival in London for West Indians to meet each other.

JENNIFER MEREFIELD (*née* Gatehouse) (1959) is a Staff Nurse at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital at Portsmouth.

CHRISTINE MOORE (1969) is taking a secretarial course at the Salisbury College of Further Education.

MARY MURRAY (*née* King) (1943) was sorry that she could not come to the Autumn Reunion, but her son, Alan, was being confirmed in Wimborne Minster. He is at Canford and her daughter, Christine, is at a secretarial college in Wadhurst.

CHERYL OTTEY (1965) is working for a Research Firm which is doing surveys for I.T.A.

SUSAN PARKER (1963) now lives at Cher Hill near Calne and does secretarial work at the District Hospital at Chippenham. Her only brother is in the Army and has been posted to the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific.

GABRIELLE PAGE (1963) is in the fourth year of her Medical Course in Australia and, like all her family, is enjoying it "down under".

AROHA PAGE (1963) wrote a long letter to Miss Piggott. After five years in Australia she "thoroughly" loves it and has seen a good deal of it. As President of the Student Nurses' Union for Western Australia she attended conferences at Sydney and Hobart. After her final nursing exams she did a year's course in Obstetrics at Melbourne. She found this very interesting as graduate nurses from all over the Southern Hemisphere train as Midwives there, and the majority of the patients were migrants from Europe. The Page family has now moved to Gnowangerup which is a large wheat-belt and sheep community. Aroha is Deputy Matron in the District Hospital there. She is taking flying lessons. Later she hopes to take a B.A. Course.

EILEEN PARSONS (1955) has bought a maisonette on a new estate at Selsdon as the friend with whom she has shared a flat for eleven years is now married.

LYDIA PEATY (1969) is taking a secretarial course at the Salisbury College of Further Education.

SALLY PEMBERTON (*née* Thorne) (1952) is enjoying her first year of training at the Bromley College of Education. She says that the College is large (1,200 students), and impersonal, but there are a good many mature students there.

- KATE PIKE (*née* Coles (1961) is now living at Bradpole near Bridport. She has enjoyed demonstrating in Dressmaking and Toymaking Courses to the Townswomen's Guild and the Women's Institute. In their area they have a Residents' Association which arranges a summer outing, a fire-work display and a visit to the pantomime for the children.
- SALLIE PILE (1967) is in France for a year as an Assistante in a mixed school in Barcelonnette. Then she will return to the University of Kent for the rest of her course.
- ELIZABETH PRATT (*née* Jean Nathan) (1951) has her father living with her in Bristol since her mother died a year ago.
- ANN PURDON (*née* Huby) (1950) now has four children, Penny, Christopher, Mickey, and Kate Louise.
- ROSE RAWLES (*née* Napper) (1959) has moved to Yeovil and enjoys living there. Karen and Stephen are very energetic children. She meets Christine Haines (*née* Burton) weekly for a cup of tea and a chat.
- MAUREEN REYNOLDS (1969) is taking a secretarial course at Weymouth Technical College.
- JANET RHOADES (*née* Alner) (1959) greatly enjoyed her year at College taking the Health Visitors Course, though it was very hard work. She qualified in August and is now working in Mill Hill attached to five G.P.s who have a group practice. She finds the work very rewarding.
- ESTHER RUTHERFORD (1969) is making Banking her career.
- ELIZABETH SANDY (1969) has gone to St. Thomas's Hospital to train as a nurse.
- BARBARA SKEW (1966) is enjoying her medical training very much. For her Elective period she spent several months at All Saints' Hospital, East London, in South Africa. She hopes to complete her degree in April.
- JOY SOBELL (*née* Slade) (1948) found her New Zealand holiday great fun. They toured the North Island by car, seeing the Thermal Area and the famous Glow-worm caves at Waitomo. After flying to the South Island they went Glacier climbing at Mt. Cook. Joy has also been sapphire hunting, about 60 miles from Canberra.
- ANN STAINEX (1964) is working in Warwick and devoting her free time to the study of mime and dancing. At the Edinburgh Festival this year she appeared in a presentation by the "Lindsay Kemp Mime Theatre". A critic in The Scotsman wrote "The one girl (Ann Stainer) in this company of seven gives a hauntingly beautiful performance".
- MARGARET STONE (1954) has been Senior Sister on the male neurosurgical ward of the Wessex Region's New Neurological Centre, attached to Southampton General Hospital, for four years now and hopes to return to U.S.A. to continue her work in neuro-surgery in California.
- DOROTHY STRANGE (*née* Burr) (1928) had an interesting holiday this year. She and her husband went to Harrogate where John is Under Manager at the Cairn Hotel. He drove them on to stay with Richard and Jenny (*née* Cary) at Rosyth, and for a short tour of the Highlands and then drove them back to Shaftesbury.
- GRETA STUBBS (1964) is now enjoying earning her living in Music, accompanying and piano teaching.
- PENNY STUBBS (1968) is very happy in her nursing training at Kings College Hospital. She is able to meet Greta often.

- ROSEMARY STURMAN (1963) missed the London Reunion for the first time because her friend was being married. After three years with I.B.M. she is now an analyst specialising in applications for statistics and project planning. She travels round advising customers and speaking at seminars. She went to Dusseldorf to compare notes with her German counterparts.
- ELIZABETH TEASEDALE (1967) has broken off her engagement. She hopes to find a teaching post in Bristol next year.
- ANN TIDEY (1948). We apologise for wrongly reporting Ann's engagement last year. She has passed her promotion exam and is now a Major at a British Military Hospital near Hanover.
- MARY TUFF (*née* Kelly) (1966) obtained a Lower Second Honours Degree in Pharmacy at the Portsmouth College of Technology. She warmly recommends it because she was so happy there. Her husband, Michael, is taking a 2 years trainee and management course in Pharmaceutical development with C.I.B.A. at Horsham. Mary is doing a year's post-graduate training at Boots there.
- ROSEMARY WAGNER (1963) went to the Cavendish Square Graduate College for her Diploma in Education, after teaching at Clifton High School. She is now teaching French and German at Hampstead Comprehensive School. It is an enormous mixed school and she finds the work challenging.
- JEAN WALKER (1953) obtained Class 2 in her B.Sc. Honours Degree. Miss Dunford was glad to be at the Graduation Ceremony in the Assembly Rooms at Bath, and to be shown over the new University buildings. Jean was rewarded a Research Fellowship in the Sociology of Nursing at Cardiff University which is a new appointment. She has to lecture to first year under-graduates in Sociology. She finds Cardiff an attractive city.
- JULIE WERTS (*née* Austin) (1964) met her husband at Reading University. They both obtained their B.Sc. there.
- DEBORAH WILLIAMS (1966) is studying Medicine at University College Hospital.
- JENNY WILLIAMS (*née* Harding) (1957) was not able to come to the Autumn Reunion because she had pneumonia. She says her life revolves round her children, David aged 8, Philip 7, Timothy 4, and Linda aged 15 months.
- JEAN WINCHESTER (*née* Hall) (1948) was not able to attend the London Reunion because her family was ill. She spent Christmas with her parents and her sister, Ann, whom she had not seen for seven years. Ann's third baby, Paul Cameron, arrived just before Christmas and all three children were christened at Berwick St. John. Ann has returned to Guadeloupe in the West Indies.
- SUSAN WOOLRIDGE (1964) is doing her Midwifery Course at Poole.
- SUSAN YATES (*née* Pile) (1964). She and her husband are both teaching English at a boys' school in Koblenz.
- HETTY YOUNG (*née* Clarke) (1929) had a holiday in Singapore where their son, Graem, was stationed with R.A.F. Their first grandchild was born after they left. Graem returned to England for Christmas and hopes to be in England for two years.
- MARY YOUNG (1927). We were delighted to hear that she has been elected to the Shaftesbury Borough Council.
- SALLY YOUNG (*née* Church) (1961) gave up her work as a nurse at the Royal Berkshire Hospital in November as her first baby is due in February.
- SHIRLEY YOUNG (1969) is specialising in P.E. at the Bishop Lonsdale College of Education.

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TWO SPECIAL S.H.S. FAMILIES

1. The Scalbert Family

After teaching at the Grammar School Mrs. Scalbert came to the High School in 1946 as Senior English Mistress. She was not able to stay for more than a year because of the arrival of Ann, but, later, was a great help in filling in for absent members of Staff.

Ann came to School in 1958 and stayed for seven years until she got her 'A' Levels. She is now a Staff Nurse at the Westminster Hospital in London. Francis started in 1959 and left after 'A' Levels in 1966. She is now in her final year at Southampton University. The twins, Pamela and Patricia, arrived at School in 1962 and they, too, stayed for their 'A' Levels. So all four daughters were in School together for several years. Pamela is now in her first year at Gipsy Hill College of Education, and Patricia is a 1st year Student Nurse at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital in Exeter.

Now that so much of the Sixth Form work of the Grammar and High Schools is shared Mr. Scalbert teaches French to High School Sixth Formers.

Mother and father and four daughters all linked with the School. Can any other family offer a comparable record? I think it must be unique.

2. The Jesse Family

Towards the end of the 19th Century William Jesse married Rose Jeanes. They had six children all of whom attended either Shaftesbury Grammar or High Schools. The eldest son, Reginald, became a Governor of the Grammar School and President of the Old Boys' Association. He had seven children, all of whom attended one or other of the two schools. William Jesse's eldest daughter, Mabel, well remembers travelling to school, in the days of the great Miss Dunn, by pony and governess cart, which was left at the Ship Hotel, and being kept in to write lines because she had not changed her boots for slippers. She also remembers winning a silver thimble as a prize for a Spelling Bee.

William Jesse's grand-daughter, Ruby Peel (*née* Hicks) has had four sons as boarders at the Grammar School and all have attended the High School for Pure and Applied Maths in the Sixth Form.

Of Reginald Jesse's seven children Betty Abbott (*née* Jesse) had a daughter, Pat, who was a boarder at School and later became Assistant House-Mistress at Sunridge. Norah Cridland (*née* Jesse) had one daughter, Barbara, at School, and she is now train-

ing as a teacher at Saffron Walden College of Education. Frank had an adopted daughter, Karen, at School. She has just become engaged this year. John Jesse has a daughter, Claire, who is still at the High School.

Can any other family offer a comparable record? If so I should be very glad to have it for publication in our next Magazine.

MARJORIE K. DUNFORD.

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TWO POINTS OF VIEW

Proposed Changes in the Constitution of the O.G.A.

1. Many O.G.A. members must be wondering what lay behind item 6b. of the agenda for the last Autumn meeting which read:—

“Discussion and vote on Miss B. Drewitt’s resolution of 1968. This reads: ‘That the serving officers and committee of the O.G.A. should be composed exclusively of Old Girls and that existing or former members of the Staff may be co-opted when and if desired’.”

In fact, this motion did not become a resolution at the Autumn 1968 meeting. What actually happened was that there was a long, informed and interesting discussion on it at which a wide variety of views were expressed, and when put to the meeting the motion was defeated by a majority of one vote. Nevertheless, the interest in the subject was such that the 1968 meeting asked for a further discussion the following year and this was duly held in November last.

The idea embodied in the formal wording of the motion is simply that the Association should be run by the O.G. themselves instead of by the Headmistress of the School. I had hoped to put forward my views on this in last year’s magazine for the benefit of the great majority of members who cannot come to our meetings, but, unfortunately, the article I wrote was not published and the discussion that took place at the 1968 meeting was not reported in the account of that meeting in the 1968 magazine. In consequence there must be many members who do not know that these discussions have been taking place, or why some of us have felt impelled to try to change the leadership of the Association at this time.

The main reason for having an O.G.A. is to provide the means whereby O.G. can keep in touch with one another both by meeting from time to time and by correspondence. Recently, however, some of us have felt that the Association was getting a bit stale, not making further progress and not adapting itself to the rapidly changing scene we see around us. We feel that more could be done to promote the sort of activities that members would find attractive and would like to see some new thinking as far as the O.G. calendar is concerned. For example, it has been demonstrated over and over again that there are only really good attendances at Autumn meetings when these are held at an hotel, but the committee still dissipate much of their energy and valuable time in preparing a fork supper every other year. Again, efforts are made in the summer to stimulate interest in a tennis match but many members, perhaps the majority of those who regularly attend functions, are well past the age for active sports and would probably much prefer a coach outing to the coast or some place of interest. Take also the question of finances. These are reasonably satisfactory at the moment, so much so that there were even suggestions at the last A.G.M. that we should give some of our money away! But how many people realise that, because it has relied so completely on the School for all these years the Association has no capital assets of any kind whatsoever; no office equipment, not even a typewriter; no addressograph and no means of having anything duplicated. It is a sorry situation, for who knows how long we can go on borrowing these things from the School?

So much for social activities for those of us that attend them or could do so. But what about the interests of those many members who live right out of range, even overseas, and have to rely entirely on the magazine for their news of others. There is always a list of O.G. with brief accounts of news, but the far away O.G. miss the letters that are read out at meetings and these, in my view, are much more interesting than articles written specially for the magazine. People will write letters far more readily, too, but these do not get published. How much better if we had a magazine of our own, with a correspondence column all could contribute to without reservation instead of having a few pages at the back of the School magazine? Admittedly we would not be able to afford an expensive letterpress product, but would anybody mind that if it were lively and interesting and contained lots of letters from our members overseas and at home?

My own feeling is that we can only go forward and make these improvements by establishing ourselves as an independent body. We will naturally want to keep links with the School; everyone is interested in it. Some members have children there (some possibly grandchildren!). There is no difficulty whatsoever in keeping in

touch either by inviting a member of the Staff, if willing, to be co-opted on to the committee or simply by making a particular member of the committee responsible for liaison with the School. Although the decision on my motion at the 1969 meeting was by no means clearcut, the way is certainly open to make some changes. I was invited at the meeting to let the Secretary have a draft of a new Constitution which will seek to embody the decisions of the 1969 meeting and will, of course, have to be acceptable to the 1970 A.G.M. A promise was also made at the 1969 meeting that the Secretary will invite nominations well in advance for Officers and members of the new committee.

It now rests with the members themselves. How many people will volunteer to serve on the new committee? So that we can get off to a really fresh start, please do not wait for someone to nominate you. If you are willing to serve in any capacity at all, as Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer or an ordinary committee member please write in to the Secretary; the formal arrangements to get nominations can always be made later. What is needed is a hard core of people willing to serve. And remember, if the Headmistress is no longer the Chairman of the committee, there is no reason why committee meetings should be held at the School, or, indeed, at Shaftesbury at all. They can be held in the homes of members, taking it in turns perhaps, or in the home of the new Chairman, or possibly at School sometimes and sometimes elsewhere. All sorts of arrangements are possible, but let us get away from the idea, in this motoring age, that only people who happen to live in or very near Shaftesbury can serve on the committee. The catchment area could include the whole of Dorset, the Salisbury area of Wiltshire, and the Bournemouth area of Hampshire at least. There need be only two or three meetings a year and the venue can be varied to suit the members. Please help to get the new style O.G.A. off to a flying start in 1970.

BETTY DREWITT.

2. A meeting of any nature must evoke some form of emotion if it is to make an impact but the reaction evoked usually fades quickly. Only when a memory persists, either pleasant or unpleasant, can one know that the meeting concerned is personally important.

The November meeting of the O.G.A. falls into this category for me. It has, in fact, left a very unpleasant taste in its wake, so much so that I feel it is important enough to state my personal views on the issues involved.

In retrospect, it seems to me that the whole crux of the matter which was raised at this meeting is that a few militant members are insisting that a 'wind of change' should enter the association, but one of gale force velocity.

Now I firmly believe that if any association is to continue and flourish necessary changes must occur from time to time, in order that a contemporary outlook can be maintained. This is essential if new members are to be made to feel as much a part of the Association as older members, but there are acceptable ways and means of achieving these changes and an acceptable form of going about this business.

This has not been the case in our Association. It appears to me that the underlying drive and aim of the militants is to rid the Association of Staff domination to the extent of ousting this influence completely. To me this is utterly wrong and downright discourteous. Can one really imagine that an association of Old Girls of a school will exist, let alone thrive, without the active support of Staff both past and present? Who better than Staff members can act as liaison officers between the School and Old Girls of all ages? Surely too, no thinking member could allow or expect Staff to give help in a co-opted manner only, as has been suggested.

I have always assumed we became members because we were pleased to be associated with our School and wished to continue to help the present establishment. If we wish only to belong to a glorified social club then an Old Girls' is unnecessary.

If the Old Girls value their Association I would ask them to give these matters deep thought and be prepared to forward their views to members of their Committee prior to the next A.G.M., or to present their views, in person, at the business meeting.

I am quite prepared to admit that I am not the most active member of our Association, but I do feel that I am an average associate. I have attended many meetings since leaving School more than twenty years ago and have, till November last, enjoyed these meetings.

It is obvious that differences of opinion exist among members, but I hope these differences can be resolved in an amiable and courteous manner. They will be resolved, I am sure, if Old Girls work together for the good of the Association.

HELEN PERRY (*née* Hall).

PLAYGROUPS

One Saturday morning someone knocked on my door and asked if I would be interested in sending my nearly three year old to a Playgroup starting in the village on the following Monday. As most mothers of three years olds will appreciate I readily said 'yes' not really knowing what a Playgroup was or how it would benefit my child. This was one of the very first groups to be started in this area and it was very much a case of developing activities as we went along. Several of the more interested mothers attended courses and lectures on running Playgroups and through them we introduced new ideas.

At first I was only involved as one of the "mums" taking my turn at helping about once a month (our playgroup is run on the basis of a regular paid supervisor and helper plus two "mums"). After a year I was elected to the Committee, and it was not until I was made chairman six months later that I fully realised the purpose of the whole movement and the tremendous work which goes into it. There is a national organization, Pre-school Playgroups Association, which liaises between individuals, playgroups and county organizations on the one hand and some of the forward looking County Councils, the Health Ministry and government officials on the other; besides issuing a monthly magazine "Contact" and answering numerous inquiries from members. They have one advisor, paid for by the Government, and this is the only direct help Playgroups receive. However, they have been responsible for negotiating grants for some Playgroups from County Councils in such areas as Bristol and Birmingham.

Many people say that Playgroups are doing the work of State Nursery Schools and tend to think of them as such. Whilst Playgroups thrive beyond all belief, probably because of the lack of State Nursery Schools, do not confuse them. The parents, with very few exceptions, have to pay on average 10/- per child per week. This varies according to the liabilities of the Playgroup, the size, voluntary help available, hours attended, etc. Whereas as far as it is possible with three and four year olds Nursery Schools set out to teach the three 'r's this is just what Playgroup is not about. One of the most difficult jobs in recruiting new members is to put over this point. Mothers very often say to me 'well what do you teach them' or 'why should I pay ten bob a week for my child to play three mornings in the Village Hall instead of at home'.

The whole basis of Playgroup is play and the importance of play; making the child aware of the things around him; tolerating other children and general social behaviour (this is particularly valuable when the child is an only child). The activities vary from

group to group largely according to its particular location rather than the type of children it caters for. For instance in a very built-up area, if during discussion someone asks how pottery, bricks that make houses, or furniture is made then visits to local factories can be arranged. Alternatively in the country, if the local farmer is shearing his sheep he may invite the children along to have a look. It can then be explained how wool is made and then a small demonstration of weaving, but this is as far as we attempt to go in teaching. It is really stimulating the child's quest for knowledge. Various facts and figures are often quoted about a child's learning potential at the ages of three and four, and whilst I would not doubt them the whole fun of learning is finding out for oneself. We try to create an environment where this is possible. Indoor activities include a wendy house, quiet book corner with good quality, well presented books, climbing frame, painting, clay, pastry, sand, lego and very simple educational toys such as matching shapes, counting beads, etc. Group activities include musical instruments, story telling action songs and nursery rhymes.

My eldest daughter starts school next term and already she knows more than half the children who will be in the same class because they were at Playgroup. Because of the Christmas party, visit of Sooty and other events to which we have joined with the school, Sally also knows the teachers and has no fear at all of going to school.

There is so much one could write about Playgroups, and for anyone thinking of setting up one it is very well worth while. Established Playgroups will welcome spectators and participants, and this is the best way to get ideas. P.P.A. issue invaluable literature on Insurance, Registration with the Health Authorities and such things as coping with Village Hall Committees, often one of the biggest hurdles.

RUTH FLETCHER (*née* Spenser).

If you live in an area where there are no Playgroups or County organizations who can help, Ruth will be only too pleased to put you in touch with people who can help and supply information generally. Address—Hanford Farm, Hanford, Blandford.

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SUMMER AT-HOME: Miss Woods will be pleased to see any Old Girls on Saturday, July 18th at School. Old Girls with families are most welcome from 2.30 p.m. until 4.0 p.m. to show them where mother went to school. Evening—Dutch Supper and Tennis, 6.0 p.m. to 9.0 p.m.

A.G.M. & DINNER at Royal Hotel on Saturday, November 14th, at 7 p.m.

To all Members of the School,
Whether near or far,
We send our greetings and good wishes.