



KIDDERMINSTER HIGH SCHOOL O.G.A. NEWSLETTER 2019

Future Events

2019 A.G.M. and Lunch: Saturday 28th September A.G.M. and lunch to be held at The Wagon Wheel, Grimley, WR2 6LU. Tea and coffee available from 10:00. A.G.M at 11:00.

Spring meeting: Wednesday 22nd April 2020 at 10:30 at The Carpet Museum, Green Street, Kidderminster, DY10 1AZ.

2020 A.G.M. and Lunch: Saturday 26th September 2020. Venue to be advised.

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As another year as Chair of the O.G.A. draws to a close, Rosemarie Morgan has sent the following contribution to the newsletter.

At the end of another busy year for the OGA, it is good to look back on events both relating to the OGA, and personal, although they are inevitably linked at times.

Last year's A.G.M. and lunch at The Wagon Wheel was quite a momentous occasion, as we invited partners to join us. Also invited was the President of the Old Carolian's Association, Mr David Lavery, who attended as a guest of the OGA. (this only seems fair, for the last few years I have been invited to the OCA Annual dinner as their guest). It is good to see a growing number of OGA members attending the OCA dinner – we are all invited, and details are posted on the OGA Facebook page. This is, perhaps, an appropriate time to note that all events relating to the OGA are posted on to our Facebook page, and, as much as possible on to our website. Unfortunately, the cost of postage prohibits us from sending out every new event by mail. We try to give as many dates as possible in the newsletter, but do not always have details to hand when this is produced.

Members of the OGA were also invited to the OCA barbeque, held in the Rose Garden at school. Whilst the garden itself is certainly not in the beautiful state we all remember, the event itself was great fun, accompanied by great food (and so much of it!!) , including puddings provided by the OGA.

Anne and I, together with our husbands, also attended the President's quiz night for the first time. Unfortunately we did not win - but we didn't come last ! This was, of course, a diplomatic move on our part -well,at least that's what we are claiming.

We return to the Wagon Wheel again this year, and following the positive comments after last year's events, partners are once again invited. This year , the invitation is extended from the start, as always on a 'first come' basis, so please get your booking form in early to avoid disappointment.

As our Spring meeting this year, the committee decided to offer something different, and an afternoon tea was held at De Beers garden centre. This was a lovely occasion, and the quantity (and quality) of the sandwiches

and cakes made it very good value for money. Several of us went home laden with boxes of cakes so that other family members could have a taste of our afternoon. As always with the OGA, the conversation flowed freely , and we reluctantly left as the café closed!

As I indicated in last year's newsletter, this has been a busy, and joyous, year in the Morgan household. Our daughter Ruth got married last August, and, true to her mission to do things differently, got married in a lighthouse in South Wales. It was certainly a unique location, including the 87 steps up to the wedding room on the 3rd floor ! (Yes, I counted them). As the ceremony was only for immediate family, as was their wish, a big party was held a month later.

Our second son, Thomas, got married to Joanna in January, 10 days after Christmas. This was another lovely family occasion, and, in contrast, took the form of rather more traditional service that was held at The Salvation Army church in Swindon. Whilst the ceremony was conducted by their own ministers, brother (Rev) David played the piano and preached, and sister Ruth was the photographer. A proud Mum occasion again.

The most recent event in our lovely family year took place very recently. As I write this, we have just returned from Hampshire, where David has just been licenced and installed as the new incumbent of his first parish as Vicar of Soberton, Newtown and Hambledon in Hampshire. Hambledon does, in fact have two claims to fame – the local cricket club is recognised as the oldest in the world, and the High Street features on the front cover of the original Ladybird book of 'The Little Red Hen'. Apparently the illustrator was resident in the village at the time. They are beautiful villages, and we look forward to getting to know the area.

In closing - The influence of KHS in all our lives was something that I do not think we could ever have appreciated at the time of our attendance. The fact that the OGA still exists is a great testament to that influence. It is a great privilege to be a part of the KHS family, and something to give thanks for- Gratias Hodie Agimus.

A.G.M. and Lunch 2018

On Saturday September 29th the O.G.A. gathered again at The Wagon Wheel, Grimley for our A.G.M.. After tea and coffee, the AGM opened at 11 a.m.

The main points of the AGM were as follows:-

- Members of the O.G.A. who had passed away since the last A.G.M. were remembered in a silent tribute.
- The accounts were presented by the Chair in the Treasurer's absence.
- Events of the last year were reported - the visit to Hartlebury Castle State Rooms and Hurd Library, and Max Keen's lively and informative talk on Henry V.
- The flower fund accounts were presented, together with an explanation that members who lived out of the district were sent marks and Spencer gift cards in lieu of flowers.
- Rosemarie Morgan was re-elected as Chairman, and Anne Budworth as Vice Chairman.
- The meeting was informed that it was proposed that the O.G.A. would begin to work more closely with the Old Carolians and Old Elizabethans Associations, in publicizing each others' events, and organizing joint events. To this end, the lunch this year had been opened up to members of those associations, and husbands and partners of members. The president of the O.C.A., Mr David Laverty would be joining us as our guest.
- Thanks were given to Rosemarie Moore and Elisabeth Robinson for their work with the Flower Fund, to Margaret Bazley as Treasurer, to all of the Committee for their work throughout the year, with particular thanks to Anne Budworth for all her hard work as Newsletter editor and vice Chairman.
- After the meeting closed, a delicious lunch was enjoyed, with many thanks to the Wagon Wheel.

Spring Meeting 2019

The Spring meeting this year took a rather different format. 19 Old Girls gathered in the Palm Tree restaurant at De Beers garden centre for an afternoon tea in April. We enjoyed a lovely variety of sandwiches set out on huge platters to share, and were constantly asked if we needed more sandwiches. It was very tempting, but all of us wanted to leave room to enjoy the cakes! We were not disappointed. Cake stands full of delicious

cakes soon arrived, swiftly followed by enormous scones, complete with dishes full of jam and cream. Of course, this was accompanied by a seemingly never ending supply of tea and coffee.

The afternoon was, as always with O.G.A. gatherings, a good time of conversation and catching up with friends, as members from different eras at KHS shared memories. Although we did try our best to do the food justice, nothing was wasted, as boxes were supplied to take left overs home to give others a small taste of the superb food we had enjoyed.

Spring Meeting 2020

A group visit has been booked to The Carpet Museum, Green Street, Kidderminster, DY10 1AZ on Wednesday 22nd April 2020 at 10:30. If you are able to attend, please book your place on the AGM booking form. If you would like more information about the Museum, please send a stamped addressed envelope to me and I will pick up a leaflet from the Museum and pop it in the post for you. The event will be publicised on both the O.G.A. website and Facebook after Christmas. The Carpet Museum shares a building with Morrison's supermarket where there is a cafe serving a range of hot and cold food.

A group tour (costing £6.50 per person) includes the following:

- Tea/coffee & biscuits with a short talk about the Museum and the history of Kidderminster's significant role in the carpet industry
- A hand loom weaving demonstration
- A power loom weaving demonstration
- A brief tour of the Museum, which explores the social history of the industry, alongside methods of carpet manufacturing
- Free time to browse the Museum at your leisure

Further details are available from: <https://museumofcarpet.org/>

AGM 2020

The A.G.M. Next year will be on 27th September 2020. As yet the venue has not been decided.

Increase in subscriptions

The last increase in subscriptions from £1 to £2 had been in 1992 when according to the constitution subscriptions “were due for payment by the A.G.M. or at the latest, January 31st the following year”. If not paid by that date it was deemed that the person wished to cancel her membership. It was agreed by the committee that the membership fee should be increased to £5 per annum for members in Great Britain and £10 per annum for overseas members. New members joining for life via the internet would pay £25. This was agreed at the 2015 A.G.M. There are still a number of members who have not increased their subscriptions. **Please remember to contact your bank to increase your standing order if you have not yet done so.**

Following discussions between Lloyds Bank and our Treasurer, Margaret, the bank have agreed to accept cheques made out to ‘Kidderminster High School O.G.A.’ or ‘K.H.S. O.G.A.’ Thank you Margaret for clarifying this.

In Memoriam

Yvonne Robinson (née Taylor) 1952-1957 May 2017

Ann Spooner (née Bewick) 1952-1959 July 2017

Sheila Cope (née Smith) 1952-1958 November 2017

Vera Ryan (née Price) 1957/62 February 2018

Margaret Rogers 2nd September 2018

Sheila Tipper (née Franklin) September 2018

Maureen Barker 21st April 2018

Carol Collins 1957-1962 November 2018

Sylvia Archer 11th September 2018

Rosalind Waterman (née Bewick) 18th December 2018

Jennifer Binnion – date unknown

Robina Burford 11th April 2019

Margaret Badger (née Bevan) 8th June 2019

Eileen Foxall (née Hall) May 2018 Eileen was an active member of the Wyre Forest Disability Action Group.

Lyndsey Granger August 2018 at KHS 1968-73 leaving behind a daughter, son in law and grandson. Lyndsey raised over £20,000 for cancer charities both by organising black tie events at the Gainsborough House Hotel and by challenging herself with projects such as hiking around the Great Wall of China and cycling through India.

Janet Lowe (née Trout) 23rd October 2018

Janet was Headgirl of K.H.S. in 1968. The school magazine for that year reveals that:

- Caldwell House won the Senior Hockey award, Cobham won both the Junior Hockey and Senior Netball awards while Chad won the Junior Netball award.
- Miss Miles left to teach in Birmingham,
- Mrs Dunne and Mrs Pickthorne joined the school to teach Modern Languages,
- there were a large number of trips and outings including visits to the Eisteddfodd, a rainy day in Bath and Blenheim Palace,
- The Sixth Form Society had an unenthusiastic year with activities being suggested but not eventually happening,
- A group of pupils from Upper IV H went camping at Coldspring's Farm, Derbyshire,
- There were 40 new members of the O.G.A. in July 1968,
- The O.G.A. Annual Dinner was held at The Lenchford, and,

- The O.G.A. visited Hartlebury Castle!

Jenny Price – the Department of Archaeology at Durham University paid the following tribute to Jenny Price.

The department is sad to announce the death of Emeritus Professor Jennifer Price who died on Thursday 16 May 2019 in St Leonard's Hospice in York, aged 79.

Jenny was an internationally renowned archaeologist and expert in Roman glass. Her most notable publications include: the *Council for British Archaeology Handbook of Roman-British Glass Vessels*, *Roman Vessel Glass from Excavation in Colchester 1971-85*, and *The Roman Glass from Usk*.

Jenny gained her bachelor's degree in archaeology from [Cardiff University](#) in 1969. She then worked in the [British Museum](#) between 1972 and 1973, before returning to Cardiff to teach prehistory. In 1977 she became Keeper of the [Salisbury Museum](#), and in 1978 she was elected as a Fellow of the [Society of Antiquaries of London](#). She became Lecturer in Archaeology at the [University of Leeds](#) in 1980, where she completed her PhD thesis on 'Roman Glass in Spain'. Jenny then moved to Durham University in 1990 where she taught provincial Roman archaeology, eventually earning a personal chair in the Department of Archaeology as well as serving as Head of Department between 1998 and 2001. To mark her retirement in 2006, a two-day conference was held in her honour by the Association for the History of Glass (of which she was a founding member and President). A 2015 collection of papers, titled *Glass of the Roman World*, was also dedicated to her.

Jenny's funeral and interment will be held on Monday 10 June at York Cemetery, York YO10 5AJ at 1.30pm. All are welcome. Family flowers only and any donations to be made to St Leonard's Hospice.

Marion Poole September 2018 remembered by Sheila Kirk

“HE WHO LAUGHS LAST ”

We, the 'class of forty-six', were saddened to hear of Marion's death. Over the years we had some happy times together. Following her retirement she

came to live in Hereford, which happens to be my main shopping area. We often met for coffee or lunch at the Antique Tea Shop, sometimes joined by Joan Nottingham and Sue Moore – our own mini-KHS reunion. Whenever she came into town Marion had to pay a visit to the Lakeland store and have a prowl round the shelves looking for something to buy. We always used to tease her about her obsession with Lakeland, saying that if ever she withdrew her custom the shop would go bankrupt and be forced to close down.

A short while after her leaving us, I had occasion to be in Hereford so I decided to pay homage to Marion by having lunch at The Antique Tea Shop followed by a prowl round Lakeland.

Picture my SHOCK ! HORROR! on reaching Lakeland to find that blinds were down on the door and all the windows, with a poster on the door announcing “ We regret to report that this store has now ceased trading and has closed. The nearest Lakeland Stores are at Droitwich and Cheltenham.”

So after all, Marion had the last laugh!

News of Old Girls

Margaret White (née Jones), together with her husband Dennis, celebrated her 65th wedding anniversary on 12th September 2018. Dennis, an Old Elizabethan, attended K.H.S. For A-level maths in 1947. Sadly, since this celebration, Dennis was taken ill and passed away.

Diane Revitt (née Blackford) writes from Australia that she enjoyed reading the 2018 newsletter but that she was saddened to hear of the deaths of both Audrey Bishop and Mary-Elizabeth Raw. She first met Mary-Elizabeth when her father became headmaster of King Charles Grammar School. Mary-Elizabeth's father was great friends with Diane's father. Diane still has many happy memories of her time at K.H.S.

A group of 1967 starters (usually Deb Brown, Helen Barlow (née Perrins), Jen Booth (née Brookes), Sue Whistance-Smith (née Cartwright), Jill Bartlett and Anne Budworth (née Amies), meet for lunch at The Running Horse near Bewdley as regularly as holiday and other commitments allow. It is amazing how we can just pick up after 45 years as if it were yesterday and we never run out of things to say. (With apologies to Sue, whose quote I have just stolen from Facebook). We are hoping that Linda Stone (née Postins) and Anna Hicks (née Dysatov) will be able to join us when work commitments allow. Other 1967 starters always welcome

Betty Foulkes (née Lloyd) 1946-1953 has lived in Auckland , New Zealand since 1995.

Bev Caudle (née Martin) left in 1971 when her family emigrated to Perth! She now lives in Margaret river and has done for the past 29 years!

Rosemarie Moore (née Brockway) was proud to tell us at the last committee meeting that her son Matthew and his wife, Harriet (daughter of Jane Morris (née Tatlow), have both been awarded the gold award for choristers. Congratulations to them both. Harriet's sister, Esther has taken the same award and awaits her results.

In February, a small group of 1970 starters met in Kidderminster at La Brasserie. Several of us had not met up for many years, so there was a lot of catching up to do ! Inevitably, thoughts quickly turned to KHS, and many memories came flooding back. It's amazing how often Marky Davis' name came into a conversation. She could not possibly have known the impact she would have on our lives – even on those she didn't teach! It was a lovely evening, ending with a resolve to organise another get together in the summer. This is now in progress – we are having an afternoon tea to mark the fact that by then most of us will have celebrated one of those 'significant' birthdays!

The meeting is on 27th July, too late for this newsletter but I am sure someone will be reporting back for the newsletter next summer.

O.G.A. Archive

The items in the O.G.A. archive are currently being sorted and catalogued. Items include school magazines, newsletters, school log books, committee minutes books, photographs, press cuttings and various items of school uniform. They will, eventually be donated to The Hive in Worcester. Meanwhile, the committee wondered if there would be any interest in a meeting to look at and discuss the less fragile items.

Old Girls' in the Media

I've failed to spot any Old Girls in local press recently, so it is probably a good time to mention my appearances. One of my other interests is membership of CAMRA (the Campaign for Real Ale) and since retirement both my husband and I have been active in the local branch. We both volunteered at the Kidderminster Beer Festival last year and so I appeared in the Kidderminster Shuttle along with a group of other members for publicity purposes.

Since then I have appeared, also in the Shuttle with a group of people from the local breast cancer support group, Bosom Friends, when they donated money to local cancer charities.

Most recently, I have become a cover girl on the CAMRA branch magazine (much to my embarrassment and my husband's amusement). And not only that, but there is a picture of the female volunteers at the Beer Festival inside!

If any of you regularly meet up with your contemporaries, please let me know so that I can publicise your events for you.

From the editor. I still look out for news of Old Girls but if anyone spots any news about an Old Girl, I would be most grateful if they could let me know the details for our next newsletter, particularly as I am aware I do not know the name of every Old Girl.

Bernie Crossland: Suffragette and Geography Teacher

Rosemarie and I (along with several other Old Girls) belong to The Wyre Forest Historical Research Group. Earlier this year, their monthly meeting

was about local involvement in the Suffragette/Suffragist Movement. After the meeting, we asked the speaker, Gaye Hill, if she knew anything about Bernie Crossland. She suggested searching the Internet. This search revealed several items.

The first was details from a past pupil, Margaret, used as part of a talk by u3a.

Margaret had looked at the life of Bernie Crossland from a personal point of view, as she had been taught Geography by her at Kidderminster High School. Mrs Crossland was born in January 1907 and died March 1995, she was the last surviving suffragette in Britain. Bernie was seven years old when she marched with her mother in a demonstration for women's right to vote.

Bernie's mother was Eleanor Higginson, a militant who had chained herself **to railings outside Parliament and been on hunger strike in Holloway Prison**. Margaret related many stories about Bernie whilst she taught in K.H.S. The giving out of stationery, she always wore brown or green coloured clothing - geography colours! She used to fold her arms under her bosom and hoist it! She was fascinated by pupils who were left-handed! Bernie lived long enough to participate in the 1987 opening of the Pankhurst Centre in Manchester, a feminist centre and archive for suffragette memorabilia.

Mrs Crossland is also mentioned on page 26 of the Memories of a School, published by the O.G.A. in 1995.

<http://www.khsoldgirls.org.uk/pdf/memoriesofaschool.pdf>

Bernie Crossland: Obituary published in the Daily Telegraph on 12th April 1995

Bernie Crossland, who has died aged 88, was the last survivor of the Suffragette campaign for Votes for Women.

In 1914, aged 7, she stood in for a woman who could not face the trauma of the occasion and marched through Preston, Lancs, wearing a large purple cloak. As the women passed through the market, men pelted them with cauliflower stalks.

Eleanor Beatrice Higginson, young Bernie's mother and herself a suffragette, advised her not to retaliate: "Let them be. If you throw them back, it will only provide extra ammunition."

Bernie Crossland devoted her adult life to teaching girls and to giving talks about the suffragettes, deploying such relics of the struggle as her mother's medals, blood spattered sash of purple, white and green and release papers from Holloway (where she was held under the Cat and Mouse Act) – and a letter from Mrs Pankhurst.

Constance Bernie Higginson was born in Preston on Jan 24 1907 and educated at the Park School and at Leeds University, where she read geography and went on to take a Diploma in Education.

During the course of her career she taught geography at the Park School, Preston, at Stratford-upon-Avon Church of England Central School, Itchen Grammar School, Southampton, Shenstone Teachers' Training College, Kidderminster, and for 25 years at the Girls' High School, Kidderminster.

In retirement she taught for two years at Lickey Grange School for the Blind. A determined figure, though given to quiet chuckles, she was an adventurous traveller in pursuit of her subject. She was president of the Droitwich Spa Civic Society and editor of its newsletter, helped to run the Droitwich Heritage Centre, wrote the Droitwich Town Trail Guide and was instrumental in saving the Old Library. She was also a founder member of Avoncroft Open Air Museum and active in the Spa Ladies group.

In 1941 she married Percy Crossland of Sheffield, who was head of biology at Shenstone College for many years and died in 1991. There were no children.

Bernie Higginson's Suffragette memorabilia will go to the Pankhurst Centre in Manchester.

Ann Mullard commented on Facebook that she believed Mrs Crossland left the school a little before her time, but thinks she recalls her attending House Day assemblies. What amazing stories she must have had. Ann is always disappointed that our attention was not properly drawn to having the last living suffragette there to teach us. That would have been some assembly! Did she ever speak about it?

(Note from editor: I was in Mrs Crosslands tutor group in my first year and was taught by her for five years but cannot remember ever hearing her mention her Suffragette experiences.)

Old Carolian Events

OLD CAROLIANS BBQ JUNE 22nd 2019

On a warm Saturday evening, (somewhat of a rarity at the time of writing this) over 50 Old Carolians and Old Girls gathered in the Rose Garden for the annual Old Carolian's BBQ.

The food was excellent, and plenty of it! Who knew that so much meat could be consumed in such a short space of time? Congratulations and thanks must be given to Dave Laverty and Peter Picken for their skills at cooking everything so well with not a burnt offering in sight. The range of accompanying salads was very impressive , as were the delicious desserts (provided by the O.G.A.).

It was good to see a growing number of Old Girls attending , and very gratifying that most of the raffle prizes were claimed by Old Girls (as well as being first in the queue for the food- mentioning no names, of course!). Perhaps it could be a clean sweep next year?

November 22nd: Founders Day Service

November 23rd: Annual Dinner

The current President, Arthur Miller, is also planning his President's event – details to follow.

Further details of these events are available from the Old Carolian website.www.oldcarolians.org.uk

A trip to Manchester was organised by Dave Laverty on behalf of the O.G.A. along with the Old Carolians' and the Heritage Opportunities Group as a joint venture. The following is a report of the day by Gloria Phillips.

On Tuesday 21st May, a group of Old Carolians and a few intrepid Old Girls set off for Manchester. Various options were available on arrival; we chose the Salford Quays drop-off. Salford Quays is worth seeing, for the unusual

buildings and the way it has been redeveloped, with views across to MediaCityUK.

Our first stop was The Lowry, to view the permanent exhibition of works by L.S. Lowry. As this exhibition is free, I expected it to be small, with maybe up to ten paintings. In fact there were four rooms of paintings, drawings and information, covering his early work in the impressionist style through to his iconic industrial landscapes with his distinctive 'matchstick' figures. It is hard to believe that such a prolific and talented artist also spent his entire working life as a rent collector and clerk!

We were offered a free talk on Lowry, but had to decline as our time in Manchester was limited and I had another destination to visit: The Imperial War Museum North. I am, of course, not a fan of war, but knew this would be full of interesting exhibits and I was not disappointed. The building itself was noteworthy, having been designed by world famous architect Daniel Libeskind. Its design reflects the globe shattered in to three 'shards', representing conflict on earth, water and in the air. The main exhibition space is divided into various zones e.g. 'Home Front', 'Experience of War', all equally interesting and arranged around a selection of 'large objects', including a US Harrier, suspended above the entrance and the Field Gun which fired the first shot for the British Army in World War I. At intervals throughout the day, a 'Big Picture Show' takes place; this is a powerful, immersive experience, helping visitors to appreciate the impact of wars all over the world. The current temporary exhibition is 'Yemen: Inside a Crisis', featuring many powerful photographs and objects to increase understanding of this terrible conflict of our times. For me, the most poignant image is the one which is used as the poster for the exhibition: a little boy aged 9, or 10, standing and staring at the blackboard in the rubble of his destroyed classroom.

We joined the rest of the party in the early afternoon for our final destination in Manchester: the Pankhurst Centre. This is the house where Emmeline Pankhurst lived with her daughters, Sylvia and Christabel, from 1897 to 1907. It is now a small museum, dedicated to the Suffragette movement. After an interesting talk we were free to explore the exhibits, including a DVD showing actual footage of Emily Davison running out in front of King George V's horse. Less distressing displays include the parlour, which is furnished and decorated as it was in the Pankhursts' time and the beautiful garden. As Old Girls we are proud of our links to the Suffragettes through Mrs. Crossland, and the Pankhurst Centre made us more aware of the sacrifices made by these brave women to benefit the women of future generations.

We left Manchester after a very full day, feeling there was much more to explore and we will definitely return. Our thanks go to Dave Lavery for organising the visit and for inviting the O.G.A. to participate.

Great Days out – Rosemarie suggested including enjoyable days out in this newsletter. To set the ball rolling, I would like to mention Wonderwool, held at the end of April each year at the Royal Welsh Showground in Builth Wells. It is a fantastic mix of textiles including knitting, crochet, spinning, dyeing and weaving and well worth a visit if you are in the area.

Can anyone else recommend any other great days out which could be included in the next newsletter?

A number of Old Girls belong to Wolverley and Cookley Historical Society. They hold regular meetings and walks and also produce publications. Further details are available from their website <http://www.wolverleycookleyhistorical.btck.co.uk/>

Their varied programme includes walks, talks and social events. Max Keen, previously seen at O.G.A. events is visiting them with his talk about Edward 1 on 11th November this year.

Found on Facebook

Joan Margaret Page suggested the following link <https://player.bfi.org.uk/free/film/watch-kidderminster-story-1963-online?fbclid=IwAR1BFPRTBGMXrmIYa6-7p5F77ktWYm7AD9r3ZJ047-1Wy7s097ErtxPDP94> which takes you to a free to view 25 minute long film about historic Kidderminster including detailed footage of the carpet industry.

Lesley Thomas commented that the film It brought back so many memories of standing in a weaving shed, watching the looms working - no such thing as health and safety then!! Her father was a weaver and she did her work experience at the factory. Her first job that week was to count the number of squares of each colour on one of those design sheets which was about 18" square.

From Anna Cockcroft née Whittaker: thought it worth mentioning that there is a Susan Ellis Lieder Prize at the Worcester Competitive Festival, which happens in March each year. Miss Ellis became Head of Music a couple of years after her mother, Sheila Whittaker came to K.H.S. to teach violin, viola and piano, and was a great influence on her musical life. She thought she would also mention that she played in a concert with her trio, the Beacon Piano Trio on Sunday September 29th 2018 at St Lawrence Chapel in Ashburton, Devon. We played a concert of glorious music - including a piece called Trio Passionato which she commissioned Sarah Wormell to write in memory of Susan Ellis.

O.G.A. Flower Fund- During the year Rosemarie and Elisabeth have made numerous visits delivering flowers, tokens or cards and have sent cards and tokens to Old Girls out of area. If you know of any Old Girl who would appreciate flowers please contact Elisabeth Robinson (01562 750891) or Rosemarie Moore (01562 67546). Rosemarie and Elisabeth are happy to travel within a 15 mile radius of Kidderminster to deliver flowers or gifts but if you are in contact with any Old Girl needing flowers who lives further away, please consider contacting them with a view to buying flowers and then claiming the money back.

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If you no longer wish to receive communications from the Old Girls', please contact Anne Budworth budwortha@blueyonder.co.uk

O.G.A. COMMITTEE 2018 – 19

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MINUTES OF THE KIDDERMINSTER HIGH SCHOOL O.G.A. A.G.M. 29TH SEPTEMBER 2018.

Rosemarie Morgan (Chairman) welcomed all the members and visitors.

Members of the O.G.A. who had died since the last A.G.M were remembered: Mary Wehner and Jane Randall who had been mentioned last year, Linda Mays Pat Chester, Maureen White, Audrey Howell, Stella Palmer, Vera Ryan, Marion Poole, Lyndsey Grainger, Jackie Everist, Yvonne Robinson, Ann Spooner, Sheila Cope, Sheila Tipper, Margaret Rogers, Sheila Franklin, Maureen Barker.

Apologies. Janette Woolley, Paula Slater, Shirley Keays, Sheila Kirk, Elizabeth Watt, Anne Witts, Margaret Bazley, Monica Bashford, Peggy Guest, Freda Salter.

Correction to 2017 Minutes. The visit to Hartlebury Castle was held in the morning of the 14th of June and not in the evening of 23rd June. The minutes were signed as a true record with all in favour. Rosemarie Moore was thanked for typing the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Margaret Bazley, Rosemarie Morgan read the report which is on file. The income for the year from August 2017 to July 2018 was £3,580.72 and the expenditure was £1,910.05.

Cash in Lloyds Bank at 31.7.18 was £1,760.66 and there was £2,577.21 in the Scottish Widows as at 1st January 2018 of which £1.000 belonged to the Flower Fund.

Proposed by Sue Smith and seconded by Jane King with all in favour.

Rosemarie Morgan asked that thanks to Margaret Bazley should be recorded.

Flower Report: Full report on File. Rosemarie Moore said that the flower fund was in a healthy state thanks to the Old Girls' generosity. Carried forward from 2017/2018 was £620.90 + any donations, Seventeen Old Girls had been visited last Christmas and twenty two tokens or cards had been sent, During the year twenty four Old Girls had been visited and fourteen cards or tokens had been sent. The report was proposed, seconded, with all in favour. Rosemarie Morgan asked that thanks should be minuted to Elisabeth and Rosemarie.

Newsletter Anne Budworth said that most of the newsletter contained information from her year and asked members to send information about themselves or other Old Girls that would be of interest to the association.

Chairman's Report: (on file). Rosemarie Morgan thanked the staff at the Wagon Wheel for their warm welcome and advice on the delicious menus which they offer. In spite of this there were several people who would like a venue nearer Kidderminster. Rosemarie explained that it would be difficult to arrange this in view of our numbers attending the A.G.M. and it would be difficult to find a central place when our members are quite scattered.

Rosemarie touched on our meetings during the year Max Keene and the very enjoyable visit to Hartlebury Castle which incorporated the Hurd Library. Unfortunately numbers are declining which causes some concern.

Looking to the future it is hoped that a visit to De Beer's restaurant for afternoon tea will be arranged and the committee would appreciate other suggestions and prepared sheets for consideration of future meetings were available for perusal.

This year had seen momentous change by inviting husbands, partners and friends to our lunch which seemed only fair as Rosemarie had been invited to the Old Carolians annual dinner and this invitation had been extended to members of the O.G.A. on November 17th.

It has been suggested that closer links should be developed between the three associations whilst retaining our individual associations and identities. As a committee it was felt that this could only be beneficial to all.

Rosemarie said it had been a privilege to serve the association and thanked the Committee for their support with a special mention to Anne Budworth (Vice Chairman).

Elections: Rosemarie Morgan unanimously elected as Chairman.

Anne Budworth unanimously elected as Vice Chairman.

The Committee were elected unanimously en bloc.

The date of the next A.G.M. was left open for consideration. The 14th September was probably designated for the Heritage Weekend. The probable date would be September 23rd 2019.

Future events for consideration: 9th April 2019 Afternoon tea at the Palm Tree Café 2.30p.m.

Bess of Hardwick, A talk on Owls, Visit to Ironworks Sculpture Park Oswestry.

The meeting closed at 11.45a.m. followed by lunch.