



## KIDDERMINSTER HIGH SCHOOL O.G.A. NEWSLETTER 2020

### Future Events

**2020 A.G.M. and Lunch:** Please see enclosed letter.

**2021 Spring Meeting:** We hope to arrange a lunch event , but this is obviously dependent on the general situation

**2021 A.G.M. and Lunch:** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2021. Venue to be advised.

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## **From the Editor**

Welcome to this, the 2020 newsletter – I have tried to include a variety of news and items of interest and have now started collecting content for the 2021 newsletter. If you would like to share any information about yourself or fellow Old Girls, please send items to me for inclusion in a future issue.

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

This year's newsletter marks a quite momentous year for us all in many ways.

This time last year none of us could possibly have imagined the world we would now be living in. Lockdown provided many challenges for us all, not least depriving us of the simple pleasures of meeting family and friends. The past months have certainly given us the chance to gain a fresh perspective on many aspects of our lives.

Of course, this time has also given us various opportunities. Like many other households our garden has never looked tidier, spare bedrooms have been decorated, and various cupboards tidied out! We have also got to know our local neighbourhood much better, and come to really appreciate our local parks, with their wonderful variety of flora and fauna. I have renewed my acquaintance with, and rediscovered the joys of, George Eliot and Jane Austen in particular, even if some of the characters still sound like Miss Pearson in my head!

We are all finding our way through the 'new normal' as that continues to evolve, including a getting to grips whole new vocabulary. Social distancing, social bubbles, and many other terms were all completely unknown not so many weeks ago. (As I write this, we are looking forward to our first committee meeting of the year – socially distanced of course!) The possession of a supermarket delivery slot has, for some, been the equivalent of a lottery win at times. At least the panic buying of certain items has now subsided!

Some of these things will, undoubtedly, change over the coming months, but I do hope that the positive elements of community spirit will remain.

That spirit of community has been an ongoing mark of the O.G.A, since its inception, celebrated by this, the latest in a long line of newsletters.

It is only right that at the start of the Newsletter I pay tribute to Miss Beryl Bedford. Her death in March of this year really does bring an end to an era for the O.G.A. She took over the Chairmanship of the O.G.A. from Miss Renwick on her retirement in 1976 , who asked her to “Look after the Old Girls”, which she did for the next 37 years! She gave great commitment to the Association, and her prodigious knowledge of past pupils ( even those she had never taught), has passed into OGA legend.

She was a lady of great determination, and, as no doubt others of you will have experienced, a very hard lady to say “No” to. I really should have seen it coming when she, together with others on the committee, suggested creating the post of Vice Chairman in 2013, asking me to fill this role. How could I refuse? Of course, the following year Miss Bedford announced her retirement as Chairman of the O.G.A., and, as the saying goes, the rest is history!

However, I did manage a small victory. Once I had joined the Committee, which I did because she suggested I should ( and I could not think quickly enough of a good enough reason not to! ) she constantly asked me to call her “Beryl” rather than “Miss Bedford”. Well, that really was a step too far – I simply could not do it, and so she remained “Miss Bedford”.

As an Association, we owe her a great deal, as I do personally. Not only was she a wonderful teacher, whose ability to inspire respect simply by walking into a room was something I always wished I could emulate, but she brought me into the fold of the O.G.A., where I have made so many friends, and have had the privilege of following in her footsteps as Chairman.

*Gratias Hodie Agimus*

## **A.G.M. and Lunch 2019**

On Saturday September 28th 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 who had passed away since the last AGM were remembered.
- The accounts were presented and accepted by the meeting. Margaret Bazley was thanked in her absence for all her hard work over the year. Thanks were also given to John Neale for auditing the accounts. He was presented with a small token of thanks from the OGA.
- The flower fund accounts were presented and agreed. Following a suggestion from the meeting, it was agreed that the amount spent per gift would be increased to £15 during the year, but remain at £10 for Christmas gifts.
- A policy for Data protection was presented to the meeting, and approved unanimously. This mainly provides reassurance that any details held would be done so securely, and only used for OGA purposes.
- The Chairman's report reviewed the events of the last year, including passing on invitations to various Old Carolians events in the coming months.
- Elections:- Rosemarie Morgan and Anne Budworth were re-elected as Chair and Vice- Chair respectively. The committee was re-elected en bloc, with an invitation for more members to join the committee, as there were two vacancies.
- A warm welcome was given to the gentlemen who had joined us for lunch. Although we were pleased to be back at The Wagon Wheel , in view of declining numbers, consideration would be given by the committee to future venues and formats for the AGM and lunch . All suggestions were welcomed.
- Thanks were given to Rosemarie Moore and Elisabeth Robinson for their work with the Flower Fund, to Margaret Bazley as Treasurer and 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.
- As no other business was raised from the floor, members then adjourned for lunch, once again enjoying a lovely meal, including a sweet trolley with so much choice!

## **Spring Meeting 2020**

Sadly, this meeting had to be cancelled due to Covid-19.

## **Spring Meeting 2021**

Nothing planned yet due to ongoing issues with Covid-19. It is hoped to arrange a lunch event. Please watch for details.

## **AGM 2021**

The A.G.M. for 2021 will be held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. The committee will be reviewing organisational details and more information will be available nearer the day.

## **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**

### **Beryl Bedford**

Beryl died peacefully at Brook Court Nursing Home on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

She was born in April 1937 in Worcester where she remained throughout her childhood. Following school and teacher training, she took a job in the

south of England before returning to the Midlands and taking up a job teaching Classics at K.H.S. She remained there for the rest of her teaching career, becoming Deputy Head and then Acting Head during the change to 3-tier education which took place in Worcestershire during the late 1970s.

She was interested in out of school activities and became Chair of the Old Girls' when Miss Renwick retired. Following her retirement, she became a School Governor, involving herself with Sub-Committees such as the Appeal Trust Committee.

She was also involved in many local charities, such as Wyre Forest Disability Action Group and could often be seen making her way home walking up Comberton Hill with her ever present shopping trolley. She was fiercely independent and only ever accepted a lift home from me once.

On 29<sup>th</sup> April I was privileged to attend her funeral at Kidderminster Crematorium representing the O.G.A. The service was led by an old girl called Juliet Kayes. Due to the pandemic, the service was very low key with only five people present. Juliet did admit that like me, she found it hard to refer to Beryl rather than Miss Bedford. The focus of the eulogy was memories and I have included a few memories of Miss Bedford later on in this newsletter.

It is hoped that when the current situation eases that we may be able to arrange some form of memorial service and tribute to Miss Bedford, to whom this organisation and so many others owe so much.

### **Janet Hughes (née Tolley)**

Janet died in April 2020 at her flat in Pershore. She joined K.H.S in 1960 and was Head of Cobham House. Her funeral service was on 21<sup>st</sup> May.

### **Anne Cocum**

Anne died at Brook Court on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020 aged 88 after a long illness. Anne's ashes have been interred at Areley Kings. The service was attended by a representative from the Old Girls.

### **Pauline Pritchard (née Garfield)**

A pupil at K.H.S. from 1945, Pauline died on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 leaving behind three children: Louise, Sarah and Nigel. Many people may remember her as she kept grocers shop in Hurcott Road, Kidderminster with her husband for many years.

### **Margaret Todd (née Burton)**

Margaret died on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2020 in a nursing home. Her parents used to run the workhouse in Kidderminster and Liz (Robinson) remembers visiting during the war years and being shocked at being offered a choice of food.

### **Maureen June Alton**

Maureen died on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at Holmwood Care Centre aged 90.

### **Lynne Woodhouse**

Lynne Woodhouse died earlier this year. Her funeral was attended by Maddie Saunders and Ann Marie Morgan. They were surprised to find that the officiant, Rev. Rita Holden, was also an old girl.

### **Muriel Hein (née Taylor)**

Muriel died in Canada at the end of 2019. She leaves behind sons, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

### **Valerie Eales**

Valerie died on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

## **Barbara Bond**

Barbara died on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at Dunley Hall Nursing Home.

## **Roma Wall**

Roma died on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at Nightingales Care Home.

## **Betty Tovey**

Betty died on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 aged 92.

## **Margaret Clarke (née Hands)**

Margaret died in May 2020 aged 91, at Blakebrook Nursing Home, where she had lived for some years. She was at K.H.S. from 1940-1948. She leaves behind a son and daughter.

## **Pat Price**

Pat died on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 in Istanbul in Turkey. She leaves behind Osman, her husband two daughters and two grandsons. Pat was at K.H.S. from 1955-1961 and was deputy Head-Girl. After leaving school, she went to teacher training college in Leeds.

## **Memories of Miss Bedford**

**Judith Meredith** I was at KHS from 1970 to 1977. I was sorry to hear of Miss Bedford's illness, and her death. She was one of my Latin teachers at O and A level. She was a superb teacher, and had a great presence in the class room. When I was in the VIth form she became a deputy/assistant head, and



I realise now how busy she must have been at a time of great change, but she came to lessons fully prepared. Not many people can combine such organisation, learning and warmth. She kept us on our toes. She could be quite sharp sometimes, but had a lovely warm smile. She gave me a life-long interest in the Roman world, and Latin has given me a great base for learning Italian and Spanish.

A brief look through the School magazine for 1970 reveals that as well as Miss Bedford, Mrs Clement, Miss Harmsworth, Mrs McWilliam, Miss Owen, Miss Taylor and Mr Armstrong joined the staff during the year.

The Head Girl for the year was Sally Gethin and the magazine editor was Melissa Harman.

At the time the O.G.A. was split into several groups depending on their years at K.H.S. A variety of activities were enjoyed including a visit to Stratford Memorial Theatre organised by Sheila Hodges, a champagne evening and monthly meetings to exchange news and photographs of families and friends. 1970 was the first year that the A.G.M. was held in September. It was here that a presentation was made to Miss Chalk in recognition of her long association with the O.G.A. During the same year a Fork Supper was held at The Lenchford and the Rev. Edward Montague-Youens gave a talk entitled "People, Places and Things"

**Joy Crosher** remembers that Miss Bedford was often at Worcester University on Trainee teacher recruitment day along with other Union reps.

**Liz Payne-Ahmadi** remembers Miss Bedford as an amazing teacher. She taught her Latin O-level (1-2-1) when I was in the VI form 1968-70.

**Ingrid Morden** remembers her as a special lady, unique and gifted in so many ways.

## News of Old Girls

**Jo Price (née Stringer)** writes that she was at K.H.S. from 1958-1964, starting in 3M and finishing with two years in U5K with Miss Marky Davis as her Form Tutor. She is married to Ken Price and is the sister in law of Pat Price (mentioned earlier in the obituary section).

Jo has enjoyed reading the posts on the Facebook group, finding some names she recognises. She is particularly interested in hearing about the teaching staff.

**Diana Revitt (née Blackford)** writes from Australia that she has recently met up with Barbara Midwood (née Packington) despite the 2300 km distance between their homes. Barbara and her husband holidayed in Darwin last year and arrived in Adelaide on the GHAN railway. They were both excited to meet up and share their K.H.S. memories. Both had started at K.H.S. on the same day in 1953.

**Liz Hodges** has been living in Portugal for a number of years and managed to meet up with Dina Jackson and Tina Heptonstall in 2019. Liz attended the A.G. M last year with not only her mum, Sheila, but also her sisters, Amanda and Caroline. It was lovely to see all four of them together.

**Rita Hardiman** (a previous contributor to this newsletter) has recently been instrumental in forming a choir at Ravenshurst Care Home in Stourport. The Ravenshurst Angels joined choirs from across the country at the Kidderminster Dementia Action Alliance event. Rita, who was a music teacher, read a poem she had written for the event and the choir all wore matching Christmas jumpers.

**The 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), who meet for lunch at The Running Horse near Bewdley as regularly as holiday and other commitments allow, were amazed at their pre-Christmas meeting to be sitting near a group of Marks and Spencer retirees which included Jane Madge, also a 1967 starter. Amazingly, she recognised us and chatted to us before they left!

We are still meeting, although now our meetings are virtual. Last time we met, we also welcomed (allbeit briefly) Chris Goggin (née Brook) to our zoom conversation. Chris had plans to visit us from America earlier in the year but sadly these plans could not materialise (can't imagine why)!

### **1970 starters**

In July 2019, a group of 1970 starters arranged to meet up for afternoon tea. This was to celebrate us all reaching a significant birthday during that academic year. As only a few had met up during the many years since we left KHS, all had been arranged via emails and Facebook, so there was a degree of trepidation involved – would we recognise each other? Would we have anything to say to each other after all this time?

None of these fears were realised in any way. Shrieks of recognition rang around the restaurant, proving that we hadn't altered that much, if at all. The afternoon passed so quickly, with so much catching up about careers, life events, family life before we began to reminisce about KHS. We roared with laughter at some of the memories, realizing quite how mild some of our 'antics' really were, although they did not seem so at the time. Indeed, there was some lack of clarity of memory as to which teacher had been locked in a Maths cupboard by one of our absent friends!

We came away when it was becoming clear that the restaurant was wishing too close, with a firm resolve to meet up again, perhaps in a different part of the country to enable more friends to join us. In fact, meeting in a series of places in the UK appears to be the only solution-KHS on tour anyone?

## REMEMBRANCE 2019 A Contribution from Rosemarie Morgan.



A little while ago , there was a view that Remembrance Day might start to lose its impact. This has not proved to be the case. In recent years, it appears to have found a renewed public awareness. The commemoration of the centenary of the ending of World War I, publicity given to such organisations as Help for Heroes, the Invictus games, have all helped to raise its national profile. This appears to have been mirrored at a local level as well .

Having participated in the Kidderminster parade for many years, representing The Salvation Army, I know that the parade itself is larger than it has ever been in my memory, as has the public attendance at the service at the War Memorial outside St. Mary and All Saints church. It is very humbling to lay the wreath on behalf of The Salvation Army at such an event, whilst also giving thanks for the safe return of my grandfather , who fought with the Worcestershire Regiment, including the Gallipoli campaign.

It was an extra privilege this year for Old Girls to be invited to attend the Old Carolians service of Remembrance on November 11<sup>th</sup> in the old school hall on Bewdley Road. A short service was held in front of the stained glass windows that commemorated Old Boys lost in the two world wars. The service included poetry readings, including a personal favourite - 'Dulce et Decorum Est' by Wilfred Owen- and a very moving listing of all Old Boys of both King Charles and Hartlebury Grammar schools who lost their lives in those conflicts, as well as Isobel Squires, an Old Girl whose life was also lost in the Second World War. Also remembered were two pupils of the new school, who died in the Falklands War and Afghanistan conflicts respectively. A wreath of poppies was laid by Stephen Wyer, current President of the Old Carolians on behalf of us all.

Refreshments were kindly provided by the M and M Dance Academy who now use the hall.

## **How to be a School Secretary**

The following item was provided by Liz Robinson – Thank you Liz.

### **Miss K M White, a former School Secretary, has written about some of the more unusual aspects of a School Secretary's life.**

The duties of a School Secretary are some of the most varied any post can offer and life at Kidderminster High School was no exception. Some of the following incidents may prove my point and amuse you.

On the occasion of my first Prize Giving, rain was descending in torrents and I arrived at School in Wellington Boots and Mackintosh to find Mr Bennett turning out all the cushions in his taxi and the Head Mistress agitatedly calling for the Secretary. Somewhere between Somerleyton and K.H.S. her garnet necklace had disappeared, later to be found caught up in the lace of her dress. Meanwhile the Secretary was asked to hold her Report safely and to stand in the Hall without moving – Wellington Boots and all – while V.I.P. guests arrived in their numbers.

Yet another unexpected duty came my way when the very old gymnasium was demolished and the then “new one” built on its site, it caused a breakdown in the plumbing in two cloakrooms. To prove to the County Authority how urgent the matter was, one dinner hour while the School was feeding, the Head Mistress went round while the Secretary timed the refills with the Shorthand Stop Watch.

During the first year also came my first experience of a burglary when the Police considered I must have been locked in school while the burglars are inside. Some of you may remember that in the early days the Office was behind a curtain outside the Head Mistress's door and there I was counting money. However, I was left in peace while they rifled the Staff Room and Larder.

Perhaps the most amusing and certainly very humanising side of school in those early days was contact with the Kindergarten and Preparatory. One day, taking a message to Miss Johnson at Register time I heard of a small boy in the front row who refused to answer to his name. Twice Miss Johnson called and then said “Absent”. The reply, “Don't be silly”.

Another time a Preparatory boy decided to go for a bicycle ride after School. At 6pm an agitated parent telephoned and the Secretary set out to search. He was found having a lovely time by “Captain's Pool”.

You will remember Eye Testing on the Alphabet Card in the Office at Medical Inspections. One very small nervous boy, while undressing, suddenly let out blood curling yells and began kicking hard. Asked what the matter was he sobbed, "I don't know my alphabet and the Doctor will be so cross!"

Dentist's visits were perhaps my biggest "cross". They took place in the Sick Room next to the Office and we answered the telephone to the accompaniment of groans from nervous patients. One small boy was so terrified that the Dentist banished mother and left the Secretary to cope. Once, before School Dental treatment was organised for the Grammar Schools, the School Doctor asked if the Secretary might be allowed to take a highly nervous girl to visit her own Dentist. She was taken in a taxi, but when she reached the chair refused to co-operate. As I had an appointment booked for a later date the Dentist suggested that I took the girl's place. This I did watched by her! The bogie was buried and later the girl made and kept her own appointment.

During the War I had to undergo a knee operation, and while in Hospital received a letter from each child in Form 1 (written during a lesson on letter writing and these kept the other three patients and myself happy for hours. When I returned to duty (leg still in plaster) one small boy told his mother that Miss White must have been very ill because "she doesn't run any more".

Incidents such as these bring variety into the routine work of a Secretary, but it is above all the friendly contacts with Governors, Staff, Parents, and Pupils (past and Present) which make the work so rewarding.

## **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**

### **Helen Barlow**

Members of Birlingham Photography Club (including Helen Barlow (née Perrins), met in August 2019 for their Annual Print Competition.

From the 46 photographs submitted on a wide variety of subjects, our congratulations must go to Helen for her monochrome image of "Power through lines" which won an award.

Coincidentally, the judge for the competition was Clare Carter, who worked at King Charles for a number of years.

I know from conversations with Helen, how much she enjoys her photography!

### **Ruth Rudd**

During lockdown, Ruth has been persuaded by her granddaughters to make a series of short videos of dancing routines to put on Tik Tok. The videos went viral and Ruth appeared in the Kidderminster Shuttle. Not content with that, she was then spotted on Midlands Today, BBC Breakfast and the first programme of the new Sunday Breakfast Show with Martin and Ronan Kemp. A media star in the making perhaps...

### **Monica Jones**

An article appeared in the Daily Mail on 25<sup>th</sup> May about Monica Jones. Written by Beth Hale, gave information about the previously unreleased letters between Monica and her lover, Phillip Larkin. 2400 letters have been in stored in 54 boxes at The Bodlian Library in Oxford following strict instructions that they were to remain closed until decades after her death. Some of the letters were published in a book in 2010. Professor John Sutherland, a leading academic, close friend and former pupil of Monica has been given access to this unique collection.

Monica's death was reported in the 2001 newsletter.

**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.

## **Old Carolian Events**

Like the Old Girls', the Old Carolians' have also had to curtail events due to covid-19. Their website <https://www.oldcarolians.org.uk/> will detail their future events.

**Great Days out** – Rosemarie suggested including enjoyable days out in this newsletter. To set the ball rolling, I would like to mention Wonderwool Wales, 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.

Sadly, the event this year was cancelled due to Covid-19 but planning is already underway for Wonderwool Wales 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Further details can be found at <https://www.wonderwoolwales.co.uk/>

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

## **Found on Facebook**

**Alison Tredwell** posted a photo and asked who remembered the school trip to the Loire area of France by the Sixth Form French Group in, she thinks, 1963.

Further discussion confirmed that the visit was in August 1962 and that the teacher in charge was Miss Chalk.



Helen Willis managed to identify all the faces on the group photo and added that she remembers the whole group getting soaked at Chenoncaux and that the dress she was wearing at the time was a strange orange colour.

**Melanie Gibbs**, while listening to the record of the week by Celeste on Radio 2, was reminded of the tradition of choosing your “French Name”. Hers was Celeste. Not many other people seemed to be able to remember theirs, but I can confirm that for the purposes of French lessons, I was Sophie.

**Anita Wilson** posted a photo of a 1956 starters reunion held at The Gainsborough Hotel in 1986. As she recalls, a few of them went for coffee at the home of Trish Nash(Harris) and ended up staying all night! Names included Ann Ashcroft, Margaret Halfacre, Janet West, Ann Miles, Paula Cooper, Doreen Bampfield, Chris Jones, Anita Parker, Maureen Barker, Ann Robinson, Kitty Ball and Susanne Yarranton.

Any ex-pupil is welcome to join the Facebook Group  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/111380622234374>

**O.G.A. Flower Fund-** During the year Rosemarie and Elisabeth have made 24 visits delivering flowers to local Old Girls and have sent cards and tokens to 26 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.

## O.G.A. COMMITTEE 2019 – 20

Chairman	Rosemarie Morgan	(née Pitt)
Vice Chairman	Anne Budworth	(née Amies)
Treasurer	Margaret Bazley	(née Osborne)
Editor of Newsletter	Anne Budworth	(née Amies)
Website	Rosemarie Morgan	(née Pitt)
Minutes secretary	Rosemarie Moore	(née Brockway)
Flower Fund	Rosemarie Moore Elisabeth Robinson	(née Brockway)(née Wrigglesworth)
Committee	Judy Neale Gloria Phillips	(née Beddoes) (née Galloway)

### **KIDDERMINSTER HIGH SCHOOL O.G.A. A.G.M. AND LUNCH 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019.**

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

**In Memoriam** Members of the O.G.A. who had died since the last A.G.M. were remembered:  
Carol Collins, Sylvia Archer, Rosalind Waterman (née Bewick), Robina Burford, Margaret Badger(née Bevan), Eileen Foxall (née Hall), Janet Lowe (née Trout), Jenny Price, Lynne Woodhouse.

**Apologies:** Peggy Guest, Elizabeth Watt, Anne Cockcroft, Pauline Bland, Karen Hall, Gillian Carter, Alison Hargreaves, Shirley Keays, Joan Nottingham.

**Minutes 2018:** These were signed as a true record.

**Matters arising:** No matters arising.

**Treasurer' Report:** (on file) Margaret Bazley reported that the opening balance was £1,670.66 and the income 2018-2019 was £1,751.50 bringing a total of £3,422.16. Expenditure was £1,307.00 leaving a total of £2,115.16 with a surplus of £444.50. Cash at Lloyds Bank on the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019 was £2,115.16 and cash in the Scottish Widows account on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 was £2,577.47 (plus interest of £0.26). £1,000 belonged to the flower fund.

**Flower fund report:** Carried forward from 2018 was £633.45 and donations of £295.50 brought the amount to £928.95 which left the fund in a healthy condition. Christmas 2018 Elisabeth and Rosemarie visited 20 Old Girls and sent 9 tokens and 5 cards. Throughout the year visits, cards or tokens have been made to 24 Old Girls. Because of the healthy situation moneywise it was suggested that money for flowers and tokens should be increased to £15. Christmas expenditure would remain at £10.

**GDPR – data protection.** Rosemarie Morgan gave a précis of the policy and asked that it would be approved. Contact details would be kept on a password protected computer and the information would be used only for the purpose of contacting members on O.G.A. business. They would not be divulged to anyone else without the member's permission. The committee have each others contact details which are only used as necessary. If photographs are taken at any event and used by the O.G.A. for publicity, members would be given the opportunity to decline.

**Chairman's Report.** (on file). Rosemarie Morgan thanked the Wagon Wheel for their kind hospitality. Over the past year afternoon tea had been arranged at De Beers. Several members had joined with the Old Carolians on a visit to Manchester which included a visit to the Pankhurst Museum. Bernie Crossland (a former member of staff of K.H.S ) had donated suffragette memorabilia which formed part of the collection. Rosemarie said that this trip was part of our movement to develop closer links with the Old Carolians. Old Girls had also been invited to a Barbeque organised by the Old Carolians.

Unfortunately the president of the Old Carolians was unable to join us but Rosemarie had accepted an invitation to their annual dinner on November 3<sup>rd</sup> to which everyone was invited. The booking form would be posted on Facebook and hopefully on the website.

Rosemarie welcomed all the guests but said due to a fall in numbers other options were being looked at for future formats and venues, and asked for ideas.

Rosemarie thanked the committee for their support over the year with a special thank you to Anne Budworth for all her work, (often behind the scenes) and help.

Rosemarie thanked everyone who had given her the opportunity to serve as the chairman of the O.G.A .

Elections.

Chairman Rosemarie Morgan proposed by Anne Witts, seconded by Jane Booth all in favour.

Vice Chairman. Anne Budworth proposed by Liz Skeldon, seconded by Pauline McDonald, all in favour.

Treasurer Margaret Bazley who has another year to run so no election necessary.

Committee Rosemarie Moore, Judy Neale, Gloria Phillips, Elisabeth Robinson. Two vacancies. All re-elected.

Programme for 2019-2020.

23<sup>rd</sup> November

Old Carolians Dinner.

April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020

Visit to Museum of Carpet in Kidderminster

£6.50.

2020. Old Carolians hope to arrange a Spring trip possibly to the Tutankhamen exhibition in London. This exhibition will then return to Egypt permanently.

September 26<sup>th</sup> A.G.M. and Lunch.

As there was no other business the members adjourned for lunch.

## **Privacy Statement**

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