

# KIDDERMINSTER HIGH SCHOOL O.G.A. NEWSLETTER 2022

#### **Future Events**

**2022 A.G.M. and Lunch:** Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup> 2022. St George's Church Annexe. DY10 2ES.

**Autumn Informal Meeting:** 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022 in Morrison Coffee Shop, Kidderminster.

**2023 AGM and Lunch:** Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> 2023. Further details to follow.

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#### From the Editor

Hello and welcome to this, the 2022, newsletter. Thank you once again to all contributors. I look forward to receiving more contributions of family news, places you have visited or general chitchat which I will save and amalgamate into the newsletter next year. Please do not feel your news is not of interest, someone, somewhere will be interested!

Meanwhile, take care and stay safe.

#### From the Chair

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

#### **GRATIAS HODIE AGIMUS**

Well, dear friends, another year has flown past, again with much to be thankful for.

When I wrote last year's article, we were hoping for the ending of restrictions on our lives. This has now largely been achieved, and although COVID has not gone away, we are now living with it in a very different way. The vaccination programme continues to save lives, and our ongoing thanks must be expressed to the N.H.S.

We were thankful that we were able to meet as an Association for our A.G.M. last October. After the months of restrictions, we felt as a committee that the aspect of the A.G.M. most valued by members attending was the chance to sit and chat – something that was so sadly missed when in lockdown. A more informal format for

the occasion was trialled to try and make it easier to do this. The feedback given to the committee was totally positive, so we are retaining the same format for this year. May I use this article to encourage you to come and share with us – it's a reasonable cost for lovely food, and great company!

I shared with you last year my experiences after my accident. I continue to give thanks for my recovery. The walking stick is no longer in use, but sits in a corner of our hall as a reminder of how far I have come. I am still receiving physio for longer term consequences, but feel very fortunate to have received such wonderful support from the medical profession, as well as family and friends.

As for us all, life never stands still in the Morgan household.

By the time you read this, our second son, Thomas will have been ordained as a Salvation Army officer, and he will have relocated to the beautiful seaside town of Aberystwyth where he and his wife, Joanna ( who is also to be ordained in the same way ) will be responsible for the ministry of the Salvation Army in that locality. We are looking forward to their ordination ceremony, and also to visiting Aberystwyth for their joint installation service.

We are becoming a very ecumenical family, as David and his wife Vickie are, as many of you know, Anglican priests in South Hampshire.

Although we miss having them close, it is lovely to visit our children in the various locations that they now live. Our daughter and her family live in a small village on the outskirts of Weston super Mare, and we recently spent a very relaxing week

there dog sitting whilst they visited Disneyland Paris. This was originally planned to be a celebration of our granddaughter, Sophie's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday last year. Obviously COVID changed all that, so quite some time after we were originally asked, we enjoyed time walking the dog whilst exploring the local area, and then watching tennis whilst knitting, sewing et without feeling guilty about household chores! Throw in a freezer full of meals prepared for us, and you can see why it was so relaxing.

Looking further afield, we give thanks that we are not living in an area of armed conflict, such as that experienced by the people of Ukraine. Our hearts go out to all living in such dreadful circumstances, far beyond the comprehension of most of us. It was so heart warming to see the humanitarian response even in our own town of Kidderminster when the conflict erupted. Having heard accounts of the work carried out in some of the refugee camps on the border with Poland, we truly have much to be thankful for.

The link between us all provided by the O.G.A. is always a cause for thanks. I would not presume to speak for anyone else, but when I walked through the Pupil's entrance that September morning so long ago I had no idea of the family that I was about to become part of – a family that still links each of us to this day. The motto that was chosen for the school continues to resonate with each of us in so many ways - Gratias Hodie Agimus indeed!

#### A.G.M. and Lunch 2022

Following the positive comments and enthusiasm generated by the AGM last year, the committee have decided to stick with the same format this year.

So, the AGM and lunch will be on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 and will be held again in St George's Church Annexe, DY10 2ES. A sandwich lunch will be provided.

Places should be booked using the booking form at the end of this newsletter. The cost will be £11 per person.

The audited accounts for the O.G.A. will be available at the meeting and will be uploaded to the website in due course.

We are very aware that Covid restrictions may change at short notice but would like to assure members that any money sent for A.G.M. bookings will be refunded should the meeting have to be cancelled.

The occasion will be fully risk assessed and as COVID compliant as possible.

Please see booking form at the end of this newsletter for full details of .

## **Future Meetings**

# Autumn Informal Meeting: October 16th 2022 at 12 noon.

It is becoming increasingly difficult, for various reasons, to get sufficient numbers of people to attend meetings for them to be feasible. After some discussion at a recent committee meeting, it was suggested that we hold an informal meeting, probably involving tea and cake, in the café in Morrison's Supermarket, Green Street, Kidderminster, DY10 ??. Anyone who is in the area and free that afternoon, would be welcome to join us. Tea, coffee, light lunches and snacks are available at a reasonable cost.

### **Carpet Museum**

The recent pandemic caused many events to be cancelled, including our visit to the Carpet Museum planned for Spring 2020. The committee are looking into resurrecting this visit and would like to gauge the amount of interest we would get if we arranged to visit there sometime in March 2023. It is suggested that we could visit on a Tuesday when at least one old girl is a volunteer there. There will be a sign up sheet at the AGM but if anyone unable to be at the AGM would like to go, please let a committee member know.

### AGM and Lunch – 2021

Thank you to Gloria Phillips for sending this A.G.M. report.

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2021 a smaller than usual group of Old Girls met at St. George's church annexe. As this was our first AGM since the pandemic, we were unsure how many would attend and so decided to try a smaller venue.

The day began as usual with coffee and opportunity to chat and to browse through some of the archive material on display.

The meeting began as always with a minute's silence to remember those Old Girls and staff who had passed away during the previous years.

A lively discussion followed, focusing mainly on the legacies left to the O.G.A. by Miss Bedford and Sheila Garlick. One idea was to use the funds to plant a tree. However, several difficulties have arisen in connection with this suggestion. Another popular suggestion was to donate the funds to a charity which would use it sponsor a girl's education.

Rosemarie Moore and Elisabeth Robinson had decided to stand down as Flower Secretaries after many years of dedication to this role. They were thanked for all their work and a flower arrangement was presented to Rosemarie. A similar presentation was planned for Elisabeth at a later date, as she was unable to be with us at the meeting. Flowers were also presented to Brenda Zych Who had recently celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Officials were re-elected and suggestions for future meetings were discussed.

Lunch this time took the form of individual boxes from Morrison's, each containing a generous selection of sandwiches, scones with cream and jam and other savoury and sweet treats. Everyone was very satisfied with the lunches and most went home with some leftovers!

Overall, we agreed that St. George's had been a very pleasant venue and one that we would be happy to use again.

#### In Memoriam

Muriel Potter died 9th September 2021

**Margaret Oakley (née Williams)** died on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022. She attended K.H.S. from 1945-1952 and leaves behind three children and her husband, Noel. After leaving school, she trained as a teacher.

Beryl Walker, former head of Burlish 1st School, died in April 2022.

Susan Hill, a former Head Girl of K.H.S. died in April 2022.

Clare Tromans (née Devitt) died in June 2022.

Jean Pycock (née Manson) died on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

Judith Knowles (née Bourne) died on 31st January 2021 aged 96.

**Ann Oakes (née Crowther)** died during the summer of 2021. She had an interest in family history and gave talks about how World War 1 affected her family.

**Annie Witts** the date of Anne's death was incorrectly reported in the newsletter last year. The entry should have been 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Apologies to Anne's family and friends.

**Betty Caswell (née Edwards)** died on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Due to Covid restrictions in force at the time, a small family funeral was held followed by a memorial service on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 at Cookley Church.

Betty taught me at Cookley School during the 1960s. She was an active participant of Cookley village life and published a number of local history books and had articles published in the Cookley and Wolverley local history magazine.

Her son, Tim, kindly sent me a copy of the address given at the Memorial Service.

Betty was born in 1931 as the eldest child to two teachers. Betty's father eventually became a master at The Harry Cheshire School. In 1942 Betty gained a scholarship place at Kidderminster High School for Girls. At the High School Betty made several, lifelong friends, amongst them being Rita Sheppy, with whom Betty shared a strong friendship for over 75 years. Betty was an excellent swimmer and she became the school swimming captain, taking the team to compete against other schools. Betty retained her love of swimming, enjoying an early morning swim well into her 70s.

On leaving school, Betty and Rita both went to Shenstone Teacher Training College. Betty taught in Cheltenham, at Birchen Coppice in Kidderminster, and at Cookley Sebright School. When she retired, she continued to enjoy weekly visits to Cookley School; she often used to marvel that she learnt more about the rules of grammar after she retired than she ever did at Shenstone!

Betty married Geoff and had two sons; Tim and Peter. Betty spent many happy school holidays with Sally (her granddaughter), Geoff, and whichever dog was in residence at the time.

Betty and Geoff were married for 62 years and were delighted to receive a message from the Queen, congratulating them on their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Geoff and Betty had a vibrant social life in their village; they were, at different

times, active members of the Tennis Club, the painting and walking groups and the U3A amongst others.

During her retirement, it is fair to say that Betty was busy. She took an Open University degree, obtaining a Bachelor of Arts, of which she was very proud. She sat on the PCC of the village church and was an integral part of the Wolverley and Cookley local historical society, formed in 1988.

Betty was an avid traveller and visited places such as China and Nepal that, 40 years ago, made her quite a pioneer of overseas travel. One special holiday she took with her old friend Rita and their husbands was a luxury Russian cruise to celebrate their golden wedding anniversaries. But no matter where Betty travelled to she would often say that there is no place, anywhere, quite as wonderful as home.

#### **News of Old Girls**

Sherry Bird and Elizabeth Swanston have recently been in touch and are hoping to meet up in the near future.

Anita Wilson has moved away from Kidderminster to Alsagar to be nearer her family. The move has been prompted by both the pandemic and health issues. Although, a relatively recent move, her move to a bungalow near daughter Jane, already feels like home. The local community have made her feel very welcome.

The 1967 starters, including myself have resumed their lunches at The Running Horse, Bewdley on a relatively regular basis, although this does depend on family commitments. Conversation is lively and covers a wide variety of topics, including our growing collection of grandchildren!

Congratulations to Barbara Hughes and her husband Tim, who recently celebrated their Diamond wedding anniversary.

Is anyone in contact with Barbara Warwick? If so, please could you ask her to contact me at <a href="mailto:blueyonder.co.uk">budwortha@blueyonder.co.uk</a>.

**Rosemarie Moore** sent the following report about the Jubilee Street Party recently held in her road:

Last year a letter was circulated to the residents of Roden Avenue inviting thoughts on a street party to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Having met with a good response, a committee was formed to organise the event which was to be held on Saturday June 4th from 2 to 10pm.

Arrangements for the road closure, insurance decoration of the Avenue (we made a lot of the bunting ourselves) and games for the big event were all discussed at our meetings.

Mary Rayner our local councillor opened the event and after singing the National Anthem the festivities began with games, tug of war a Know your Avenue Quiz being all part of the celebrations.

We were extremely lucky with the weather and many residents, families and friends joined in the party. We catered for our own groups and the wine flowed!!!!

It was all worth the effort and we enjoyed meeting up with our neighbours and friends.

# A ROYAL VISIT- Peggy Guest remembers the Royal Visit to Kidderminster in 1957

It was 1957 and I was a student at the Birmingham School of Music, now the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire. As part of our training we were encouraged to take part in small recitals visiting various towns in the Midlands. So it was no surprise to be asked to play my clarinet in a small ensemble at Kidderminster Town Hall. However it soon became known that this was indeed a very special invite as it was to be a Royal Occasion when our new Queen and Prince Philip would be the guests of Kidderminster Town Council.

15 students were selected to play and the School of Music was asked to produce a programme of suitable music to be played when the Royal Party took tea, Rehearsals were going well when our Director announced that some of the items in the programme would have to be changed as the organisers of the event did not think they were suitable for the occasion!! Unfortunately we have no record of the programme but I do recall that we indeed did play a composition titled Cobweb Castle. Composer unknown. and I cannot recall the melody, I think it is just the rather strange title that has stuck in my mind since then!

On Easter Tuesday. April 23rd we all arrived at Kidderminster Town Hall to arrange seating and have a brief rehearsal. The Royal Party were to arrive from Stourbridge and then Hagley Railway Station travelling by car to the town centre which had been polished and painted for the occasion. (Inside the Town Hall tables were laid in long rows down towards the stage, the Royal Guests were to be seated at the right hand table. Crowds were forming outside and of course there was an air of excitement as we arrived. We commenced playing and the invited guests were given tea. Afterwards the Queen was introduced to 34 civic guests including the 'Misses Badlands' centenarian sisters of the town. The one sister was

very 'vocal' and obviously wanted to have a good chat with her Queen. Eventually one of the Royal Attendants escorted her, reluctantly back to her seat and the Royal Party preceded onto the stage. As I was positioned at the top of the steps I had an excellent view as they walked up the steps. I recall that the Queen was wearing a very pale blue/green suit and matching small hat, black handbag and shoes.

After more presentations and short speeches the party left for their journey onwards to Worcester, again by train. As we walked down and through the long lines of now empty tables I caught sight of the floral arrangement on the table where the Queen had sat. I bent over and took a carnation from the lovely arrangement. It is still in my possession, kept in my school Bible which I covered in blackout material and was used ever morning at K.H.S. assemblies. It's a real treasure to me and a reminder of a very, very special day in my life.



#### O.G.A. Archive

The items in the O.G.A. archive are still 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.

#### Old Girls' in the Media

I still look for news of Old Girls in the local newspaper. Sadly, this year, I have been unable to find any mention at all in any publication of any past pupil.

If anyone spots anything in the press or on television or radio 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.

# Legacies

There has been a lot of discussion, both at committee meetings and at the AGM about the legacies from Beryl Bedford and Sheila Garlick. Following the most recent committee meeting, involving even more discussion, it has been decided to recommend to the A.G.M. that we donate an amount to a charity with the particular remit that it should be used for education of a girl or girls. Our initial research led us to Action Aid, a large well known charity. However, since then, we have discovered that a former vicar at a local church, is involved with a much smaller charity called Under Tree Schools which supports education of girls in South Sudan.

Gloria Phillips has kindly provided the following details:

Under Tree Schools is a small charity based in Barnes, London, which supports the Ayok Anei School for Girls in South Sudan. The school was founded by the Rev. Joseph and Mrs. Karin Ayok-Loewenberg. Joseph was formerly vicar at St. Chad's, Kidderminster.

Under Tree Schools gets its name because, during the civil war in Sudan before 2005, children were taught literally under the trees, so that if the fighting came too close, teachers could pack up and quickly take the students to safety. Since 2009 the school moved into a physical building.

The school is situated in Malek Alel, Joseph's home village, where girls had previously not had the opportunity to go to school. It is a primary school for girls aged 6-15 and follows the South Sudanese national curriculum. The school receives no funding from the government, except for a small salary paid to the teachers. The charity pays for all expenses concerned with running the school, maintaining the building, the girls' uniforms (which are now sewn at school), salaries for the non-teaching staff and a small top-up for the teachers' salaries. Lessons take place each weekday morning and end at noon, when a hot meal is provided for every student. For many, this is their only meal of the day. There is also a nursery so that girls can bring their younger brothers and sisters, rather than having to care for them at home. The school also operates a small cattle farm and offers vocational education in agriculture, IT and sewing to enable the girls to become productive members of their community. In recent years UTS has been raising funds for bursaries to send some of the more able older girls to secondary school in the nearest big town, Aweil. To attend secondary school, the girls have to live in Aweil, possibly with relatives. This gives them the opportunity to progress to careers such as nursing or teaching. The first girls to attend how now completed their secondary education and some have returned to the school to help teach the next generation.

You can find out more about the charity and view lots of photos on their website <a href="https://www.undertreeschools.org">www.undertreeschools.org</a>

There will be the chance to discuss this at the A.G.M., but it is recommended that we send a donation to Under Tree Schools.

**Phil Wright**, a former pupil of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Hartlebury, is currently searching for his former classmates from Bennett Street School who started there in 1957/8. He has remembered over 20 names, but if anyone knows any Bennett Street pupil from this era he would be interested in hearing from you. He is particularly interested in finding former Bennett Street pupils who went on to attend K.H.S. Please send any information to me to forward to him.

#### **Muriel Oldfield**

I have recently been approached by a relative of Miss Oldfield who is researching his family tree and wondered if we could provide any information about Miss Oldfield. I will, at some point, have a look through the archive material but wondered if any former pupils had any information or anecdotes they would be willing to share. I will pass on any information I am sent.

#### **Old Carolian Events**

108th A.G.M. - 19th October 2022

Remembrance Ceremony - 11th November 2022

Founders Day - 18th November

112<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner - 19<sup>th</sup> November 2022

For further details of these events, please visit the Old Carolian website. https://www.oldcarolians.org.uk/

#### Found on Facebook

Hazel Saunders posted pictures of her needlework folder from the early 1970s. She gained a grade 1 pass and the Needlework prize. She still, after 50 years

claims a passion for stitching and is thankful for the excellent teaching of Mrs Franklin. Maybe if you see this newsletter Hazel, you might fancy contributing a piece for the next newsletter about your more recent needlework exploits.

One of the comments replying to the original post was from Alison Steadman who also enjoyed her sewing experience at K.H.S. and has since made 17<sup>th</sup> century costume and outfits for her son and daughters weddings. Again, is this an article for a future newsletter.....

Several people remembered the school trips we had the opportunity to be part of. These included Brintons, Cadburys, Wembley and theatre trips to numerous places including Stratford and Birmingham.

Further down the comments I noticed that Liz Ford remembered going on a trip to learn how to make corn dollies with Miss Baker. I didn't see the comment at the time but I, too, went to make corn dollies with Miss Baker. We went to Eye Manor in Herefordshire. I wonder if Liz went to the same place. The lady who taught us was Lettuce Sandford, author of several books on corn dollies, and I seem to remember involved in scandal of some sort. Maybe I should do a bit of research and write about this in more detail for the next newsletter. Incidentally, I still sometimes make corn dollies, although it is getting quite difficult sourcing wheat with long straw, usually Maris Widgeon.

Stella Gardner remembers the school trips in celebration and commiseration when K.H.S. ceased to be in 1977. There were five coaches heading for Oxford, London and Llandudno. The changes were to make way for three tier education locally and K.H.S. amalgamated with King Charles and Queen Elizabeth's. I had already left by then but Rosemarie was in the last intake to complete her education at K.H.S.

Since then, of course, more changes have been made and we now have a two tier system once again. I was working at King Charles at the time of the later changes.

A comment from Pip Wadsworth about her memories of summer at K.H.S. caused a flurry of postings as others added their memories. These included Sports Day, Little Scotland, cycling down Station Hill while not wearing a hat, catching a squirrel at lunchtime and putting it in a box outside Miss Renwick's office, finding out that Slade were at number one in the charts again and the garden fête with a tombola and roll a penny.

Any ex-pupil is welcome to join the Facebook Group

https://www.facebook.com/groups/111380622234374

#### O.G.A. Flower Fund

As reported in the last newsletter, Elisabeth and Rosemarie have stepped down from Flower Fund duties after many years of service, for which we owe them a debt of gratitude. At the time of writing, no one has stepped in to take on the role.

In the short term Rosemarie Morgan and I have kept things ticking over with cards and gift tokens. We sent 13 Christmas gifts and have sent three in the last six months.

However, if the O.G.A. is to continue to offer this service to it's members, it needs someone else to take on the role. It is not onerous, but gratefully appreciated by all recipients. If you feel that you could help the O.G.A. to maintain this service, please contact myself, Rosemarie or any committee member.

#### O.G.A. COMMITTEE 2022 - 23

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)
	Anne Budworth	(née Amies)
Minutes secretary	Rosemarie Moore	(née Brockway)
Flower Fund	Vacant	
Committee	Judy Neale	(née Beddoes)
	Gloria Phillips	(née Galloway)
	Sheila Kirk	(née Ryder)

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If you no longer wish to receive communications from the Old Girls', please contact Anne Budworth.

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

#### MINUTES OF THE A.G.M. HELD ON 2.10 21.

#### 1.WELCOME.

The chairman welcomed all members of the O.G.A to the Annual General Meeting. It had been decided to use a different format for the A.G.M. The meeting was held at St. George's Church annexe followed by a packed lunch purchased from Morrison's. This proved very popular and it was agreed by all members that it should be repeated in 2022

#### 2. IN MEMORIAM.

Members stood to remember those Old Girls who had died in 2020 and 2021.

2020. Beryl Bedford, Janet Hughes (nee Tolley), Anne Cocum, Pauline Pritchard (nee Garfield). Margaret Todd (nee Burton), Maureen June Alton, Lynne Woodhouse, Muriel Hein (nee Taylor), Valerie Eeales, Barbara Bond, Roma Wall, Betty Tovey, Margaret Clarke (nee Hands), Pat Price.

2021. Sylvia Archer (nee Hadwell), Rosemary Boucher (nee Fletcher), Anne Witts (nee Brighon), Susan Benbow, Anne Carpenter (nee Webb), Dorothy Bown, Elaine Hugh Jones, Sheila Garlick, Shiela Hodges (nee Jacobs), Judith Knowles, Ann Oakes (nee Crowther) Muriel Bent.

- 3. APOLOGIES. Mary Johnson, Eileen Tasker, Sheila Kirk, Margaret White, Anita Wilson, Alison Hargreaves, Judy Neale.
- 4. MATTERS ARISING. None.
- 5. TREASURERS REPORT. Margaret Bazley had been re-elected as Treasurer in 2020. Rosemarie thanked her for all the work since then.

The accounts had been audited by Thomas Jones on the 20th August 2021.

Full report on file.

Subscriptions were still being received, but a few paid by standing order or fast payment had still not been increased from £2 to £5 and Margaret asked that the people involved would sort this out.

The Flower Fund had received donations of £244.00 in 2020 and this would be paid into the Flower Fund account in year 2021/22. There were two legacies from Beryl and Sheila Garlick.

Flower fund money collected 2021/22 was paid into the fund at the start of the financial year.

£500 had been transferred from Scottish Widows to the Flower fund.

Expenses cover postage etc.

There was a refund from the Museum of Carpet and repaid in 2020/21.

There is a surplus of £443.25.

Scottish Widows Account had £2,077.99 with an interest paid of 26p.

£500 belonging to the Flower Fund remains in the account.

6. FLOWER FUND REPORT.

Full report on File.

Elisabeth Robinson and Rosemarie Moore wished to relinquish the post of Flower Secretaries after many years. The Chairman thanked both of them and presented Rosemarie with a beautiful flower arrangement. As Elisabeth was unable to attend the meeting flowers would be given to her at a later date. The Chairman asked if anyone would be prepared to take over the position but no one offered.

£410 96 had been carried over from July 2021, £500 had been transferred from the Scottish Widow's account and with donations of £192 gave a total of £1,102 96. Expenditure of £381.89 left £721.07 to be carried forward.

#### 17. NEWSLETTER REPORT.

Anne appealed for more contributions to the newsletter, and thanked those who had contributed news. Rosemarie thanked Anne for her work over the year.

8. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. (Full report on File).

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming to the A.G.M. In 2020 the A.G.M. was held by post and the committee deliberated hard and long about the venue and format for 2021. It was decided to hold it in St. George's annexe with a buffet lunch. Because of falling numbers it was difficult to have the same format as previous years and it was felt that an informal meeting would give people time to chat and look at the archive material. These "historical artefacts" would

eventually be fully catalogued and be transferred to The Hive at Worcester for safe keeping. Rosemarie said that after the meeting had closed there would be an informal meeting to discuss the future of the O.G.A.

Rosemarie thanked members of the committee especially to Anne for all the work she does, often behind the scenes.

- 10. ELECTIONS.
- a)Chairman
- b)Vice Chairman
- c)Treasurer
- d)Committee Rosemarie, Elisabeth, Gloria Judy.

There were no changes.

#### 11. LEGACIES.

A memorial tree had been suggested in memory of Beryl Bedford and Sheila Garlick but was not met with much enthusiasm.

- a. Where would it be planted? It would work out very expensive in St. George's Park (£300 for tree and another £300 for a plaque).
- b. St Mary's Churchyard is run by the Council.
- c. National Trust. We would be unable to say where it should be planted.
- d. King Charles School. Would it be looked after?
- e. Crematorium grounds.
- f. The money could be used for educational purposes.

The matter was left in abeyance.

The next A.G.M will be held on Saturday October 1st 2022 at St George's Annexe

# K.H.S. O.G.A. Membership Renewal Form.

	Annual Subscription (£5.00)	£		
	Lifelong internet membership (£25.00).	£		
	Correspondence is via email only, NOT post and it is			
	the responsibility of members to provide any change			
	of email address. Further details are on our website.			
	Flower fund donation	£		
	Total	£		
	I enclose cheque for £ Payable	e to K.H.S. O.G.A.		
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l am willi	ng/not willing to have notices of meetings and the newslette	er sent to me by email.		
Please complete and return this form to Anne Rudworth, 108 Park Lane, Kidderminster, DY11				

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# A.G.M. Booking form.

## Saturday 1st October 2022

# **Programme of events**

Venue: St George's Church Ar	nnexe, Birmingham Road, Kidderminster, DY10 2ES			
11:00	Tea and coffee			
11:30	A.G.M.			
12:15	Lunch			
14:00	Good bye – see you next year			
We are very aware that Covid restrictions may change at short notice but would like to assure members that any money sent for A.G.M. bookings will be refunded should the meeting have to be cancelled.				
If you would like to attend, at a cost of £11 per person, please fill in the booking form below.				
Name				
Address				
Post code	Tel			
Maiden Name	Years at K.H.S			
Date of Birth	Email address			
I enclose cheque for £	payable to K.H.S. O.G.A.			

Please send cheques to Anne Budworth,108 Park Lane, Kidderminster, DY11 6TB by 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022.