

Westcliff High School for Girls
Old Girls Association NEWSLETTER
2018-19



Miss Nancy Howard OBE
Born on 5th May 1928 Died on 21st February 2019

Eulogy, delivered by Sir David Amess MP at the funeral of Miss Nancy Howard OBE on Thursday 21st March 2019.

“Now girls, settle down, sit up straight and pay attention,” or “Can I have some hush please, I would like to start the meeting and I don’t want it to go on too long because we have all come to listen to David. Well I’m not sure that was true, but it did the trick in terms of the length of the meeting and for many of you present today, those sentiments, often expressed by Nancy, will touch a chord. I am sorry that I can’t replicate the Nancy look with her eyes or her forehead, but I am sure her niece Wendy might be able to do that later – that look, the Nancy look, certainly worked.

Everyone gathered here today, in such large numbers, will have their own very personal memories of Nancy. All of us owe her so much and in our sadness that she’s gone, I know that she would want us to get a grip and celebrate her life, so that is what we are going to do and what a life it was.

Although Nancy never married, the girls of Westcliff High were her children, just as the relatives of her late sister and brother were very much her family, and to them I and we offer them our deepest sympathy on their great loss.

Nancy was Headteacher at Westcliff High School for Girls for 18 years from 1972 to 1990. She had previously been Deputy Head of Nonsuch School in Surrey. She dedicated her life to the teaching profession, and this was recognised by the award and presentation of an OBE on 31st October 1989 for services to education.

I am grateful to the present head of Westcliff High, Dr Paul Hayman, for providing me with the following information. “During Nancy’s time at the school there were far reaching changes in education, including the introduction of the GCSE examinations. Many pupils benefitted from her ability to inspire those in her care and she was determined to secure the best possible start in life for the girls who attended Westcliff, and she commanded great respect from both pupils and staff.

Nancy was an inspirational Headteacher, who nurtured and allowed her staff and pupils to develop their potential; she will be sadly missed by all those who had the good fortune to work with her and to know her as a friend. She always had time for people, even if it meant long evenings working to catch up on all the tasks not completed during the school day due to interacting with staff, parents and pupils. Both inside and outside school, Nancy had a very busy and full life and was very organised and a clear analytical thinker.

Mrs Pauline Baines, one-time Deputy Head, has written this for the school magazine: “Nancy knew the name of every girl in the school. She had an open door policy and pupils and staff were always welcome to go into her room to talk with her. Former staff members recall one of her sayings: “remember, if you want to have a tidy environment in which to work, don’t put it down, put it away”.”

Nancy was eager for her girls to become involved in all new initiatives and was quick to enter the girls for the Sainsbury Project, which was an engineering competition which involved the design of a wind tunnel.

Nancy's deep affection for the school meant that she remained a part of the Old Girls' Association, attending each of the annual lunches, and actively supporting the school and past pupils in the years since her retirement.

Nancy was often welcomed back to support the school as a Guest at awards ceremonies, and her reminiscences of how things used to be were a great reminder of how things have changed and developed."

One of her former pupils, now a local Councillor, Mrs Georgina Phillips, has advised me that when a new school year arrived each September at Westcliff Girls, Nancy would give her welcome and advice speech to all new girls. This would include the expected rules of best intellectual effort at all times, impeccable manners and courtesy and of course, not to slide down the staircase bannisters.

"Nancy would tell all new girls that there were no rules of discipline at her school. We were told to self-regulate. If you had to face disciplinary measures, you had let yourself and the school down.

Nancy would never enter a room and ask for quiet. She simply stood there in her long black robe and white, striking hair. Her immediate presence would bring 900 girls to instant silence in the school hall. Nancy could also say a hundred words with the moving of just one eyebrow.

She had a great sense of humour. Nancy, along with two favoured members of staff, would walk every day down to the canteen for lunch. Although girls were allowed to arrive before her, a certain mischievous set would find the reserved staff table in the canteen and loosen the lids on the salt and pepper pots before Nancy's arrival. When Nancy sat down with her lunch, I would sometimes glance across in horror at a pending disaster. However, Nancy was a seasoned head of school and was seen to check the salt and pepper pots and do a quarter turn on each as a habit, before she used them. A scan across the canteen and a raised eyebrow were sufficient reprimand.

Every year, the Sixth Form would arrange Charity Week. This would involve a school revue, where a student would dress up as Nancy and quite often perform the latest dance moves in silhouette. Saturday Night Fever was one of these moves. During most years in Charity week, Nancy's car would be sprayed with a shaving foam message announcing her "Just Married" and strings of cans attached to her bumper. Nancy always took this in good humour, but ordered the school caretaker to get to work cleaning up the mess. Each year of girls always thought they were the first to have thought of this, but Nancy would never comment.

Nancy often had a battle for funding for her school and had an ongoing battle with Essex County Council and the boy's school next door. Although her girls were blissfully unaware, we later heard in our adult years about day to day struggles over obtaining funding for the education of girls and Nancy certainly led the way in levelling the playing field.

Nancy's reputation as a top-class head teacher was spoken about nationwide. She made Westcliff Girls the school it is today. A kind, wise, fair and formidable lady, who put every ounce of her being into the welfare of 'her girls'".

Another local Councillor, Mrs Helen Boyd, who leads for Education in the town, has advised me that she was in awe of Nancy and that her control over her pupils was second to none. At one assembly, Miss Howard, as she was known, told the gathering that she had heard that some Westcliff High girls had intended to join a strike, for whatever reason. Miss Howard told the assembly that if any girls went ahead with going on strike they would immediately be expelled from the school, no one went on strike. Teaching, I believe, is very much a vocation and that is what Nancy believed. Hardly a week goes by that I don't meet, in some capacity or other, a former pupil of the school who has achieved great things with their life and when I ask them who the headteacher was, one guess, it was Nancy. What a legacy.

After her retirement as Head Teacher, Nancy joined Southend West Conservative Association, being its Chairman from 2003- 2005 and then again in 2009 – 2011. She ran the Conservative Womens' Organisation lunches for over 20 years and was Chairman of Chalkwell Ward for two decades. Who will ever forget her distinctive handwriting and the incredibly difficult quizzes that she used to organise?

Incidentally, she also found time to travel all over the world with Titan Holidays on countless trips and enjoyed days out with Let's Go. She took on the Chairmanship of her Residents' /Tenants' Association and organised the installation of a new roof. She had a lifelong interest in Guiding from her days in Blackheath, indeed she became County Guiding Commissioner for London. Her Guides kept in touch with her from all over the country and she supported guiding locally by helping to run a Christmas lunch and summer buffet at Guidacres. The funds raised helped to run a Gang Show and provided any equipment they needed.

But turning back now to Nancy's association with my Party, I so well remember that when we first met, I don't think she actually approved of what she regarded as a brash, then young, man from, of all places, Basildon. My goodness how that relationship changed, and she became my staunchest, most loyal supporter.

I and my family spent so many happy times with this remarkable woman, who was so active in the local community and was loyal and dependable. Due to her many years as Head of Westcliff High School for Girls, pupils and former pupils, placed her next to

Royalty. They were therefore surprised to note that Miss Howard did actually live like a commoner - including buying her own knickers in Marks & Spencer's! Nancy often recounted this story and it amused her greatly.

My wife Julia was President of the Luncheon Club and she regarded Nancy as a superb chairman, who worked so hard to make every occasion a success. Of course, she had a great team around her, I mention no names, but Nancy was certainly in charge. When Julia was President, she attended many, many of the luncheons. Speakers were numerous and varied - and all were treated equally by Nancy. There were some who weren't always Nancy's cup of tea, but only those who knew her well were aware of this!

Visits to Nancy's home were very dignified affairs - one was made so welcome, albeit in a formal way. However, when Nancy relaxed and let her guard down, she had some hilarious tales to tell, many of which I was privy to when I shared car journeys with her.

Nancy tutored three of our five children in maths - two with huge success and one with limited success, because that particular daughter only wanted to be in the garden kicking a football around. In NO way was she going to get involved in anything vaguely academic. Years later that daughter has a Master's degree and freely admits she wishes she had paid more attention to Nancy - that said, her degree is in Health and Sports Science so football was very much part of her studies!

Once the tutoring sessions were over, Nancy would settle down in our sitting room and talk about her life and the amazing things she had done.

As Chairman of SWCA she was perfect - firm but fair. She certainly kept me in my place and was more than happy to tick me off when necessary. She was always calm and could diffuse difficult situations that arose during some of the surgeries. We have rarely met anyone who didn't know who Miss Howard was - and not ONE single word was said against her. Interestingly, when former pupils' names were mentioned to Nancy, she would instantly recall them - and in some detail too. Amazing.

I am so glad that at the very last ladies' luncheon on 8th February this year, with Nancy obviously struggling with her health, one of our members spontaneously stood up and paid a wonderful tribute to Nancy. I always think when I listen to eulogies, it is such a shame that the person spoken about isn't there to listen to it. Well, we didn't know it at the time, but Nancy did hear her own eulogy and knew how much she was loved, as we told her at the celebration of her 90th birthday last year.

This is not the end of Nancy, Southend's version of Mr Chipps. Her spirit will live on in so many of you and future generations. What a woman, what a legacy and what a life.

Date of Next WHOGA Luncheon – Saturday 12th October 2019
- we hope it will take place once again in the School Hall.

See inside for Menu and Order form for tickets.

Please bring your news to the Luncheon or send it to Lesley Woodward, Newsletter Secretary, before February 2020, for insertion into next year's Newsletter.

**Raffle prizes for the Annual Luncheon are very welcome
(The money raised from the Raffle goes to the School Hardship fund).**

If you have not already given us your email address, we would like to have it so that we can contact you more easily/send you future Newsletters (and save on postage). Please send your email address to Lesley.woodward1@btinternet.com or to one of the Committee, or to pastpupils@whsg.info or let us have it when you come to the Luncheon.

If you haven't got an email address, could one of your friends receive emails on your behalf, and pass them on to you?

WESTCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS PAST PUPILS

Calling all Past Pupils of Westcliff High School for Girls!

We are trying to update our records, so we can send you the occasional email about visiting the school and reuniting with old friends.

Please can you send your email details to pastpupils@whsg.info

Also add to WHSG Past Pupil on Facebook!

Sheila Johnstone (McCubbin) 1961-68:

After leaving school I went to Goldsmiths' College, University of London, to do a B.Sc. in Geography with geology. This led to a teaching post in a secondary school in Upminster, teaching geography to A level, as well as some PE and needlework. After two and a half years I succeeded in obtaining the post of geography teacher at the RNIB girls' grammar school in Hertfordshire. In addition to teaching geography to A level and some O level human biology and chemistry, I had to study for the College of Teachers' of the Blind diploma, and do various non-teaching duties in this residential school.

In the days before computers and electronic braille writers, public exam times were always challenging. The pupils, many of whom sat eight O levels and three or four A levels, wrote their answers on brailers. When an exam was finished a member of staff had to take a pupil's script and, with a colleague, transcribe it word for word, including spelling errors and incorrect punctuation etc. An academically able and proficient brailist could write faster than a print user, so it could take us almost as long to transcribe each script as it took the pupil to write it.

In 1984 the RNIB concluded that a merger with the boys' school at Worcester was the way forward. Inevitably there would be some overlap of roles, and as I was able to move more easily than some colleagues, I went to Birmingham University to take a B.Phil.Ed in Special Education in 1985. It was assumed that I would move with the girls to Worcester on completion of the degree. However, part of the course required teaching practices in a range of settings, and I spent some time in an all age (4-18) school for visually impaired children in Birmingham. By the end of the course I was appointed Deputy Head of that school. My role also involved providing in-service training for new colleagues, teaching Braille reading and writing to any pupil who could not have accessed enlarged print, teaching braille maths in Years 5 and 6, and building up the braille maths and library resources. I also played a major role in relocating the school to a new campus.

In 1995 I married Peter, who was also a teacher, an amateur musician and a Methodist, so we have plenty of shared interests. In 2007 we both had to retire from teaching prior to major surgery, taking turns to nurse each other. We moved to Exmouth, Devon, in 2010. We've joined the Exmouth Light Orchestra (I play the flute, Peter the clarinet), and volunteer at a Work Club for people searching for jobs (helping people to search on-line, write CV's, apply on-line, etc). For a few years I helped with reading and numeracy in a local primary school, but for the past four years we have been going into the school two lunch-times a week to teach flute and clarinet to small groups of children from Years 5 and 6. We are both active in our local church.

I remember my days at WHSG with fondness (apart from some of the A level organic chemistry lessons!) and I will be forever grateful for the education I received, and the opportunities it has given me.

Liz Wheatley (Sharp) 1958 – 1965

Many thanks for this splendid newsletter.

Unfortunately, I am unable to join you at the lunch on Saturday, 13th October (2018). For the last 3 years I have chaired the Godalming/Mayen Association, which is the friendship group with Godalming's twin town of Mayen in Germany. 33 of our Mayen friends were over here at the beginning of July, but it has been decided that the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen from both sides of the Channel should get together in October to discuss future activities and we are to visit them in Mayen that weekend. It actually is the time of their Lukasmart, which is very special and something I have always wanted to see.

I am not seeking re-election to either Godalming Town Council or Waverley Borough Council next May, having, by then, served twelve years and been Mayor of both Councils. However, I

am currently Vice President of Godalming Rotary Club, so am due to become President at the end of June next year.

I am very sorry not to be with you, but I hope you have a very enjoyable lunch. My best wishes to anybody who may know me.

Ann Newman (Boatfield) 1952-1958:

News from 2017-18: Early in January we had a wonderful cruise from Sydney to Sydney circulating South America. We set out from home on 9th January aiming for Wollongong which we reached on the 10th, and an overnight stop with our niece and her family. We had a very enjoyable family time there and next morning, Bob (Barry's brother) drove us to the station. A short queue for a taxi and onto The Sea Princess. By the time we went to bed we'd got a Trivia team organised! Over the whole cruise we did quite well. Even won one 20/20!

Our first stop was Auckland where we collected more passengers having got rid of a few wedding parties! Then off to Tonga, American Samoa & Papeete. Here we had to stay on board, as they'd had such terrible weather, floods, lots of houses washed away. Government had declared a disaster. We had to refuel there & due to half power didn't get to leave until early hours of the morning.

This cruise we decided to do the ultimate tour of the ship. I had to squeeze myself into a pair of Barry's jeans, as only long trousers could be worn. Shorts would have been a lot easier! A very interesting tour indeed, we had nibbles in the galley, bubbly & chocolate coated strawberries with the Captain. He was the best Captain we've ever had. Great sense of humour.

On the 26th we cruised around Pitcairn Island. Both sides of the ship had good views as we did it both ways. Just as well for us, as we'd not been awake the first time! A few days later we were woken by the news that we would be able to go ashore on Easter Island. Quite a hairy lifeboat ride to get into the tiny harbour. Still we did get to see some of those amazing statues.

Then off to the continent of S America. Our first stop was Valparaiso. We'd booked tours at most of our stopping places. I don't intend to tell you about many, too exhausting for me to write & for you to read! After Valparaiso we called in to the following places, Puerto Montt, Chacabuco, Amalia Glacier which was vast. This was a scenic cruising day. Punta Arenas was where we went on a ferry to Magdalena Island and saw thousands of penguins. We saw lots of all sorts of sea birds on the whole cruise, orcas & dolphins. But, the best we're the various types of penguins. Ushuaia we went on a train trip to the bottom of the world! Wild is a mild description of the weather!

We circled Horn Island twice, just because we could! The sea was so calm, grey, squally, but lots of sun too. Then off to The Falklands. Here we saw more penguins, gentoo & king. The trip to get to see these birds was hairy! Back to the mainland, Puerto Madryn. Saw lots of seals, sea lions & bird life on our tour today. Montevideo was next. After we left here, we were caught by a savage gust of wind & we tilted about 8 degrees. It felt a lot more than that. We'd finished dinner so our plates didn't crash to the ground. There was such a mess. Down in the lobby the waterfall & ponds were all over the floor along with the earth from around the plants!

Buenos Aires & Rio de Janeiro. Here we could see the statue of Christ the Redeemer way out too. Close up the statue is immense. Copacabana beach much overrated. Salvador, Fortaleza (a dump) where we had to refuel, no other reason to be there! Bridgetown was a delight. Swam in much colder than expected water, got cramp & had to be rescued, but at least I saw a turtle. Barry missed out. We both thoroughly enjoyed the rum punches! Willemstad interesting, very Dutch. Curaçao was enjoyable, Columbia I note from my diary. Noted because our tour was to the Colombian National Aviary. Towards the end, I had to be put in a

wheelchair & taken to a cooler place, much to hot & humid, but the birds were wonderful to see.

Then the Panama Canal. Glad we went through the old one. Fascinating to see how the ships are pulled along. There's a huge lake in the middle where we doddled along, seeing lots of islands & birds. Puntarenas, Costa Rica, (the quarantine mafia stole my key ring from here!) Manta, Callao - Lima. Barry got the flu and was quarantined for 24 hours. Glad we got it so early. He had to miss out on Manta. (Panama hats & ivory nuts).

Then, goodbye S America and off to Papeete, Auckland, Bay of Islands & Sydney. Bob met us there & drove us to Wollongong and another family time at Melanie & Maurice's lovely home. Then took off to Melbourne where we arrived on 7th April. We'd had some foggy weather, fog horn sounding all night & some of the day. A fantastic storm, lightning hit the water along the port side 4 times. One of them must have been what woke us, as our cabin was white light & the noise! The roughest sea was between Bay of Islands and Sydney. We took just over a week to unpack & nearly as long to stop swaying.

In August I had 2 weeks in hospital finding out what causes the severe chest pain. Not heart, but, a great relief to know. Had an operation on 5th December to put a rod into the top of my femur. A stress fracture which has not been able to heal, due to (a rare) side effect of my medication to stop me getting osteoporosis! I still use a walking stick if I need to walk anywhere except around the house.

In February we went on a cruise from Melbourne to Melbourne going around New Zealand. This time we took our younger son, Michael with us. Sadly he was affected mildly by the rocky seas! This was the 3rd cruise Barry & I had done around NZ, so I didn't even get off the ship, leaving the 2 men free to do walks and exploration I'd not have been able to manage! We actually had a mini-suite this time! Luxury indeed.

Since then back to normality, reading & playing loads of different types of games on my iPad! Hoping you'll enjoy reading this, it's rather long, but, I think I've cut out non important stuff. Best wishes, I do enjoy reading the Old Girls' newsletter when it comes each year.

Shirley Baker (Philpott) 1948-54:

It was a thrill this year to bring my daughter **Jackie Collins (Baker)** 1968 to the School lunch. She was so pleased to meet up with some of her old school mates and they plan to come again next year. Jackie had lived in Zimbabwe for the past 36 years but has now moved back to England to live at Ipswich to be near her family.

It was my pleasure also to meet up with 2 of my old school friends – **Ann Mott** and **Pauline Taylor (Barker)**. In all, a wonderful occasion.

Jean deJong (Carruthers) 1943-1948:

I attended Westcliff High from January 1943 until 1948. In those days I passed the "Scholarship " from Hadleigh Council School. The school was evacuated to Derbyshire and my parents did not want me to go away. As we lived out of the Borough we were not evacuated. So I went to Chelmsford High from September 1941 until December 1942. By then Westcliff High School for Girls had come back and I was thrilled I could actually go there at last and wear that little cap as part of the uniform! On leaving school I went to Teacher Training College in Yorkshire and taught at West Leigh Infants School until I married in 1954. I then went to live in Amsterdam until my Dutch husband was offered a job in New York City and we moved to the USA in 1956 with our one year old daughter, we went on to have three more children.

I have been a widow for many years, but am well and active at 88 years old and living near Boston, Massachusetts and still visit the UK most years. I was thinking about my days at Westcliff High School for Girls only recently when I came across my Mandeville badge! Although the area must have been considered safe by early 1943 we still had lots of air-raids and frequently sheltered in the basement. I have happy memories of those days and the teachers, Miss Gaukroger, Miss Hughes, Miss Chesterton, Miss Moorehouse, Miss Stuart, Mrs Murphy, Miss Goddard, Miss White, Miss Keller (Gym), Miss Carter and Miss Harris, as well as morning assemblies and singing in the school choir and of course, Miss Wilkinson. What wonderful days of so long ago. It is a very different school now, but still one of excellence.

OBITUARIES

Ruby Dunn dies early 2018 WHSG 1948-1956:

After leaving school, Ruby trained as a pharmacist and worked in local hospitals throughout her career, becoming the chief at Rochford. Rather than marrying, she chose to stay at home with her parents, but had fun taking her brothers' children on exciting holidays. As a Sunday School leader at Shoebury West Road Evangelical Church, she took dozens of children camping. She was also an organist there, and at her funeral we sang cheerful Sankey hymns.

(submitted by Ann Mott)

Valerie Ann Harris: May 1950 – June 2018 WHSG 1961-68:

Val attended WHSG 1961-1968, then went to University College Hospital, London to train as a State Registered Nurse. After working as Staff Nurse she moved to Abingdon to train as a midwife in Oxford. Val was a hospital and a community midwife for many years, and later became a tutor. While in Abingdon, Val met her partner Ann.

After Ann's death, Val decided to move back to Essex to be nearer to her family. She continued to work within the NHS at Southend University Hospital where her role involved teaching and assessing student nurses, and updating teaching modules and policy documents. Val retired "on 30th July 2010 after almost 42 years' service with the NHS" (her words).

In 2009 Val was diagnosed with breast cancer. Despite various courses of treatment and surgery, which caused increasing mobility problems, the cancer spread, and by Christmas 2017 Val knew that indefinite chemotherapy was her only option and that her condition was terminal. However, having cancer did not usually interfere with Val's love of life. Whenever she was well enough, she enjoyed holidays in Britain and abroad, and hosted staying guests. She studied German at adult education classes, enjoyed theatre, concert and cinema outings, was a church warden, volunteered at the local Food Bank, helped with Messy Church and at 'Open the Book' in a local primary school.

When Val's mobility became much more restricted, she resumed her hobbies of baking, knitting and sewing – invariably giving away the results to her many friends, neighbours and in aid of good causes. Val's laughter, generosity and positive approach will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

(submitted by Sheila Johnstone)

Patricia Ray King (Healy) WHSG 1945 – 1947

Patricia joined the school in about 1945, having been moved from Bearsden Academy in Glasgow. The family had been evacuated there from Leigh-on-Sea where Patricia had gone to Westleigh School. She remembered being interviewed by Mrs Wilkinson who mentioned that they already had a Pat Healey at school. Unfortunately, Pat passed away in May 2018 after a long, but pain-free illness.

As a young adult she took part in many model aircraft contests, even beating her male counterparts. She was also an RDA instructor, the chair of Essex Wildlife Trust, vice chair of Cory Environmental Trust. She had many interests such as birds, horses and flora and fauna. She was also an amazing artist bringing animals and plants to life.

(submitted by Michael King)

Christine Heardman (previously Hayes, née Howells) 1948-2019 WHSG 1959-1966:

Chris was born in London and moved to Leigh when she was seven. At WHSG she had many good friends and they seemed to giggle a great deal! Her sense of humour was a hallmark throughout her life even to her very last days. She loved science, girl-guiding and athletics, representing the school in the 150 yard sprint.

Since a small child she knew she wanted to be a physiotherapist and after working in Southend Hospital and Kingsdown School she set up her own practice in Western Road, Leigh. Due to her hard work and what patients often called 'her healing hands' the practice expanded. Chris loved bringing up her two daughters and also enjoyed fundraising with the Rotary Club.

Her health began deteriorating in her early fifties and she had to retire at fifty-five. She was misdiagnosed with ME and after four years of extreme ill health she moved to a retirement village in the Midlands. Soon afterwards she was diagnosed with Addison's Disease and with the correct medication, she became stronger and enjoyed happy years with her two grandchildren. Sadly, during this time she suffered many other conditions, but was always so courageous and also accepting of her limitations. Through meditation she learnt to enjoy life despite it often being unfair to her. She died peacefully on 9th January in a wonderful hospice in Warwick.

We feel privileged to have share her life and been inspired by her courage.

(submitted by Rosemary Porteous-Butler - sister)

SCHOOL CENTENARY

2020 marks the Centenary of the founding of the School (as Southend Commercial and Secondary School, which was co-educational). We would particularly welcome articles on former pupils' memories of their days at the School, which can be put together to create a history of the school throughout the last 100 years.

We are hoping to hold some joint celebrations with the Boys' School and would also welcome any suggestions on how we could mark this milestone in the history of the two schools.

Westcliff High School for girls Year 13 Destination of Leavers – Summer 2018

Name	Destination	Course Placed
ABBOTT Madeline	Law	Warwick
ADENIJI Katie		Apprenticeship EDC
ADESINA Grace	Law	Warwick
ADEYEMI Symone	Psychology	De Montfort
AGBAJE Alexia	Biological Sciences	Leicester
AGBAJE Tomi	Biomedical Science	Keele
AHMED Aabir	CHEMISTRY with Medicinal Chemistry	Imperial
AJAYI Grace	LAW And SOCIOLOGY	Warwick
AL-KHAFI Fay	POLITICS And RUSSIAN	Manchester
ALLARD Brienny	Music	Canterbury
ALLDAY Hannah	Art Foundation	Southend
AL-SHAMMARI Zahra	International Relations	SOAS
ANWAR Hannah	Biomedical Science	King's College, London
ARCHER-ZEFF Molly	History	Oxford
AZIZ Sara	Medicine	Imperial
BAIG Abdul	Economics	Birkbeck
BARNES James	Economics	Kent
BASSETT Caoimhe	English & Creative Writing	Birmingham
BELCHER Rachel	Medicine & Surgery	Newcastle
BISHOP Mollie	Law	Nottingham, Trent
BLACKMAN Darcey	Materials, Science & Engineering	Birmingham
BOEM Eimear	Real Estate	Nottingham, Trent
BOOSEY Ella	Economics	Nottingham
BRACKETT Regan	Business	KPMG Apprenticeship
BREAVINGTON Jessica	Natural Sciences	Durham
CARPENTER Georgia	International Business	Birmingham
CARVOSSO Elise	Fine Art & Creative Writing	Lancaster
CHAMBERLAIN Ellie	Psychology	Nottingham, Trent
CHAPMAN Eva	Midwifery	Bedfordshire
CHAUHAN Jasmin	Economics	Manchester
CHESTER Katie	ENGLISH And HISTORY	Cardiff
CHEUNG Kristen	Business & Management	Royal Holloway
CHINOY Jasmine	Actuarial Mathematics	Liverpool
CHIPPERFIELD Josceline	Psychology	Royal Holloway
COLQUHOUN Josie	Architecture	Nottingham
CORNELL Jennifer	Financial Mathematics	Queen Mary
COX Frankie	Law	Cambridge
CRISP Charlotte	Computer Science	Southampton

DALE Lucy	FASHION With BUSINESS STUDIES	Brighton
DAVIS Olly	Popular Music	Royal Northern College of Music
DAWBARN Richard	Statistics & Economics	Glasgow
DE'ATH Elle	Criminology & Psychology	Royal Holloway
DIXON Amy	History	Kent
DOSI Tanvi	Physics	UCL
DVORAKOVA Adriana	ARCHITECTURE And ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN	Nottingham
ERBYNN Esther		Applied to Canada
EZUGWU Mmachukwu		Gap Year
FARROW Madeline	Professional Dance & Musical Theatre	Greenwich
FERRIES Millie	HISTORY With A European Language	UCL
FIELD Rebecca	Nursing (Mental Health)	Leeds
FIRTH Janina		Gap Year
GARDINER Darcey	Computer Science	Loughborough
GARDNER Harry		Gap Year
GBALAJOBI Lonpe	Business Management	Birmingham
GENIUS Isreal	Mechanical Engineering/Aerospace	Southampton
GEORGE Krupa	Applying for Medicine	Bulgaria
GHANI Summayah	International Politics	City
GIBSON Amy	Silversmithing & Jewellery Design	Glasgow School of Art
GOSHEN Karen	Social Policy & Economics	Edinburgh
GOULD Lydia		Apprenticeship
HAGAN Adjoa	Biomedical Science	Sheffield
HALDER Namrata	Accounting & Finance	City
HARDING Charlotte	Costume Construction, Foundation	Southend
HARRISON Florence	Economics & Politics	York
HAYES Tom	Financial Economics	Kent
HENDERSON Liam		Year in industry
HESKETH Louise	Business Management	Leeds
HORGAN Eleanor	Ppe	UEA
HOWELL Ellie	Law	Queen Mary
JACOBS Jordan	POLITICS With INTERNATIONAL RELATAIONS	York
JAYASEKARA Charlotte	Public Health	Greenwich
JEFFREYS Jake	Economics	Royal Holloway
JIBUIKE Chioma	Accounting & Finance	Birmingham
JOHNSON Joyce	Mathematics & Accounting & Finance	Kent
JOSEPH Mayowa	Ppe	Leeds
JOSEPH-ANYAEGBU Ogechi	Graphic Communication & Illustration	Loughborough
JOY Peter	Film Production	Gloucestershire

KODE Helen	PharmacyKA	Aston
KELLEY Thomas	Politics & International Relations	Kent
KERSCH-HUNT Ben	CHEMISTRY With Industrial Experience	Birmingham
KEY Grace	BUSINESS MANAGEMENT With FINANCE	Brighton
KHALIQUE Farhana	Psychology	Queen Mary
KHAN Farbeen	Biological Sciences	Essex
KINGSBURY Ella	MATHEMATICS With ACTUARIAL SCIENCE	Southampton
KIPPING Holly	Politics & International Relations	Nottingham
KNIGHTON Georgina	HISTORY Of ART	Leeds
KRICHA Saffron	Politics & International Relations	Exeter
KUSOSA Anesu	MEDICINE With Foundation Year	UEA
LAMBERT Chloe	Business Management	Sheffield
LAWRENCE Vicky	Mathematics	Bath
LEHRIAN Neve	Law	Reading
LEONARD Jordan	Philosophy & Psychology	Keele
LEWIS Jessica	Geography	Lancaster
LUO Daniel	Physics	UCL
LYONS Issy		Apprenticeship
MACWHIRTER Roseanna	Business Management	Exeter
MADOO Darcie	History	UEA
MANTHORPE Rachel	History	Durham
MARTIN Jacob	Sport & Exercise Science	Kent
MARTIN Rebecca	MATHEMATICS With Foundation Year	Sussex
MASON Megan	Medicine	Cardiff
MATHEWS Debbie	BUSINESS MANAGEMENT With ECONOMICS	Sussex
MICHUKI Vikki	Sociology	Aston
MILLER Megan	Natural Sciences	York
MIRZA Ismaeel		Employment
MOORE Anna	Drama & English	Birmingham
MOORHOUSE Arthur	Politics & International Relations	Lancaster
MOSAKOWSKI Lina	Architecture	Edinburgh
NUTLEY Abi	Biomedical Sciences	Southampton
OBI Radha	ECONOMICS And FINANCE	Newcastle
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OSEMWEGIE Jasmine	Psychology	ASTON
OTTER Charlie	MUSIC And SOUND RECORDING	Surrey
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PARRISH Jessica	Human Geography	Reading
PARRISH Rachel	Psychology	Reading
PATTENDEN Rebecca	Geography	Oxford
PAYNE Lucy	Medicine	Nottingham
PICKETT Sarah	Mathematics/Computer Science	York
PITT Harrison	Modern History & Politics	Southampton
POLLARD Rachel	Mathematics	Sussex
PRIESEN-REIS Elena	Physics	UCL
PROFFITT Lucy	Computer Science (Digital & Technology Solutions)	Leeds
QUICK Maddie	Psychology	Canterbury
RAHMAN Adnan	Law	Nottingham
RAMA Anna	Medicine	King's College, London
REYNELL Megan	Economics	Exeter
RODGERS Amber	Criminology	Surrey
RODRIGO Mahari	Biochemistry & Genetics	Nottingham
ROYCE Hannah	Politics	Leeds
SAMMONS James	History	King's College, London
SANT Lauren	English Literature	UEA
SCARSBROOK Sophie		Gap Year
SHAH Aarani	Pharmacy	UCL
SIMON Aleena	Medical Sciences	Exeter
SINGH Atulya	Computer Science	Manchester
SMITH Ella	Psychology	Kent
SOAR Chloe	Politics & International Relations	Nottingham
SOLOMONS Becky	History	Birmingham
SRIRANGERAJ Hamssadvani	Design Engineering (Gap Year)	Imperial
STALLEY Tom	Economics & Finance	Southampton
STARK Elanor	Computer Science	Cambridge
STEEL Millie	Economics	Loughborough
STEWARD Jessica	Medicine	UEA
SWESTUN Rebecca	History	Southampton
THOMPSON Sophie	Computing	Imperial
THORN Bradley	Economics	Loughborough
TUSTAIN Lydia	Veterinary Science	Liverpool
USMAN BUHARI Faridah	Architecture	Loughborough
VESEY Ruby	History	Oxford
VIDGEON Alicia	Human Resource Management	Northampton
WALE Hollie	Primary Education	Canterbury
WANG Jonathon	Physics	King's College, London
WARD Abbie		Gap Year
WELCH Isabel	Geography	Royal Holloway
WESTGARTH Sophie	History	Southampton
WILLIAMS Ellen	Biological Sciences	Oxford
WILSON Billie	Fashion & Textiles course	
YEOMANS Izzy	English Literature	Leeds

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Note to all Committee Members:

The next Committee meeting will be held on Monday 30th September 2019 at 6.00pm at the School. Please try to attend, to help with the final arrangements for this year's Luncheon.

Raffle Prizes for the Annual Luncheon

Old Girls who have been to the Luncheon before will know that we always have a raffle on the day. The money goes to the School Hardship Fund which has been very supportive to many girls in the past. **Raffle prizes are very welcome, thank you.**

If you do not have the use of a printer to print the Lunch order form, please contact Sue McCamley at the School or email her at: pastpupils@whsg.info.

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WHOGA Luncheon 2018
List of attendees – Current names first

Joan Aldridge (Barrell)
Stephanie Andrews
(Pyne)
Carol Attersley
(Cottridge)

Shirley Baker (Philpott)
Helen Boyd (Skinner)
Shirley Bradley
(Prentice)
Jo Brockis

Jo Carrasco
Maxine Carrigher
(Martin)
Jacque Carter (Story)
Lisa Clarke (Dixon)
Jacqueline Collins
(Baker)
Anne Cornell (Martin)
Hilary Cox (James)
Michelle Curtis (Lewis)

Paula Davies (Tingey)
Catherine Deeming
(Davies)
Pauline Devereux
(Bate)
Helen Duxbury (Doe)
Tara Dye (Jones)
Katie Dyos-Smith
(Dyos)

Pat English (Staines)

Claire Fennell (Hickey)
Anita Forde
Mary Francis (Kent)

Pauline Godfrey (Irwin)
Marilyn Goodman
Tina Gowers (Webb)
Liz Green (Elizabeth
Tait)
Christine Hawes
(McAvoy)
Dr Paul Hayman
Alison Holmes (Miller)
Nancy Howard, OBE

Claire Hughes
Sarah Hunt (Saint)

Sheila Johnstone
(McCubbin)
Annette Jordan
(Rayner)

Pat Kenny (Tomkins)
Sarah Kiernan

Susan Layzell (Gallacher)
Hilary Le Marie
(Gothard)
Josephine Lennox (Hall)
Helen Lewell (Vivers)
Sheila Leys (Clarke)
Brenda Lobar

Susan Mahagan (Hance)
Joanna McCarthy
Gillian McGrath (Flynn)
Sarah Mismar (Baron)
Stephanie Moon
Helen Morgan (Catton)
Alison Morrison
(Clarke)
Joanne Moss
Ann Mott
Jane Murphy
(Donnithorne)

Claire Parrish
Helen Patel (Johnson)
Theresa Philips
Doris Plowman (Everitt)
Nancy Poskett-Taylor
(Taylor)
Dawn Pyne (Tyler)
Karen Ratchford
(Hughes)
Anne Rickard (Turner)
Dorothy Rickard
Tina Rippon (Whatley)
Vanessa Robinson
(Roberts)

Joy Sawkins (Hartley)
Angela Shaffer

(Berman)
Sally Smith
Anne Sorrell (Gregory)

Pauline Taylor (Barker)
Jennifer Thorogood
(Clarke)
Carol Tissington
(Wilson)

Doris Underwood
(Mathers)

Sheila Webb
(Millbourne)
Maureen Weedon
(Davison)
Jane Whittington
(Jarrett)
Lesley Wilkins (Wood)
Martin Wilkins
Lesley Woodward
(Ogden)

and Margaret Lockhart –
unable to attend

SATURDAY 12th October 2019

**12.00pm – 5.00pm
at the School**

MENU

Homemade Soup - Seasonal Vegetables

OR

Warm Tartlet of Roast Tomato, Basil & Mature Cheddar

on crisp salad with homemade Onion Chutney

OR

Terrine of Salmon and Crab – Smoked Salmon wrapped Cream Cheese & Crab Mousse served with dill mayonnaise, wedge of lemon & crispy salad

Braised Shank of Lamb

served with a mélange of roasted vegetables & merlot sauce

OR

Baked Chicken Supreme filled with Brie and

wrapped with smoked bacon served with a tomato & basil sauce

OR

Poached Fillet of Scottish Salmon on a bed of sweet potato & potato mash and lemon hollandaise sauce

OR **Vegetarian alternative:**

Vegetable lasagne

Selection of Vegetables and New Potatoes, Roll & Butter

Raspberry Torte -Fresh Sponge Topped with a Raspberry Mousse & a Raspberry Coulis Topping, Summer Fruits & Clotted Cream

OR

Steamed Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce – with Creamy Custard Sauce

OR

Traditional Sugar Crusted Crème Brûlée served with Hedgerow Fruits and Vanilla Pod Cream

OR

Fresh Fruit Salad

Coffee or Tea

Cost **£19.75**

DRINKS

Wine and soft drinks will be on sale as usual

Please choose 1 Starter, 1 Main Course and 1 Dessert and mark your choices clearly on the booking form.

Please bring some change with you if you wish to buy a drink (it's difficult to deal with too many £10 or £20 notes, especially early in the event).

Please wear your 'House badge' if you have one, or you can order one (see booking form).

If you have any queries about the Lunch, please contact Sarah Mismar at sarah.e.baron@googlemail.com

WHOGA 2019 – ANNUAL LUNCHEON – Saturday 12th October 2019

12.00 for 12.30 pm

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY

Name (at school) (Name now)

School years Email address:

Please seat me on the same table as
(Name of school friend(s))

I would like to order (at a cost of **£19.75** per head):

Please tick the relevant box

<u>Starters</u>	Seasonal Vegetable Soup	
	Warm Tartlet of Roast Tomato, Basil & Mature Cheddar	
	Terrine of Salmon and Crab	
<u>Main Courses:</u>	Braised Shank of Lamb	
	Baked Chicken Supreme	
	Poached Fillet of Scottish Salmon	
	<u>Vegetarian</u> – Vegetable Lasagne	
<u>Desserts:</u>	Raspberry Torte	
	Steamed Chocolate Sponge	
	Crème Brûlée	
	Fresh Fruit Salad	

Checklist:-

I enclose a cheque for £..... (made payable to W.H.O.G.A.)	
<u>I enclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope</u> (very important)	

Please send cheque (**payable to W.H.O.G.A**) & **stamped addressed envelope** to:-
Sarah Mismar, 49 Thames Drive, Leigh on Sea, Essex SS9 2XQ

I wish to <u>order</u> a 'House Badge' for (name of 'House') costing £2 (payable at the lunch)	
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Please apply by **15th September 2019** – any queries to Sarah Mismar

Please note tickets will not be sent out until **after 15th September 2019**.