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## **MAGAZINE EDITORIAL**

We had a meeting in February to decide what articles to put into the magazine this year. It has been a strange one as last year we were celebrating the Queen's Jubilee and this year as we mourned the Queen's passing we look back at some of the encounters past pupils had with the Queen and look forward to a new era under the reign of King Charles III

We are always grateful for contributions from members – an article about an interesting hobby, holiday or job as well as news about families, especially their marriages and births. Please send any articles for the next magazine to Caroline Chapman. We hope you enjoy this issue.

**Caroline Chapman (Alder)** [caroline.chapman1816@gmail.com](mailto:caroline.chapman1816@gmail.com)

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

This year we are holding a luncheon I will be enclosing a reminder of outstanding subscriptions in with your magazine. Where subscriptions have been outstanding for more than 3 years at 1.4.23, your membership will be cancelled and you will receive no further magazines, as we cannot afford to keep sending them out with rising postal costs.

We hope that you will renew your membership, which has not increased for several years, in order that you do not miss out on keeping up with the news. As you can appreciate it costs a lot to print and send out the magazine as postage goes up each year. Our funds raised from subscriptions and other fundraising go towards our donations to local charities so your contributions are invaluable.

**Subscriptions are still only £5 per year or £20 for 5 years.**

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

If you feel that you could spare three evenings a year plus attending the AGM/Annual Luncheon and you live near the school where meetings are held, then please get in touch with Caroline Chapman.

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## **Teesside High Former Students' Association Awards**

Senior Speech & Drama award was presented to Nils Landstad

The Alexandrina Ruth Chalmers Award presented to the person chosen by the Head for his/her outstanding contribution to the School in 2021 went to Stella Clark.

*Miss A. R. Chalmers was the first Head of Cleveland School. This prize is awarded to a pupil chosen by the Head for his or her outstanding contribution to the life of the school. This is in memory of an inspirational lady whose determination and foresight enables us to enjoy this school in its beautiful surroundings today. The award is given by a group of grateful pupils who attended Cleveland School in the 1950s and 1960s.*

### **CHAIRMAN'S LETTER**

Welcome to this issue of the Former Students' Association Magazine.

After a 3 year gap we were able to hold our AGM and Annual Reunion Lunch on the 23rd April 2022. Our theme for the lunch was the Queens Platinum Jubilee. We had a change of venue this year and I was pleased to welcome everyone to our pre-luncheon drinks at Eaglescliffe Golf Club where the dining room had been decorated in purple and white, reflecting the colours of the Jubilee logo.

We enjoyed a lovely meal, lots of chatting and a goodie bag to take home as a souvenir of the day.

The committee have continued to hold face to face meetings during 2022. My thanks go to them all for their work and support which has enabled the Association to continue.

Finally 2024 will see the 125th Anniversary of the Association and during 2023 we will be discussing how to celebrate this significant milestone.

For the Association to continue new committee members are always needed. If you feel that you could spare three evenings a year plus attending the AGM, then please get in touch with Caroline Chapman.

With best wishes,  
Helen Vaughan.

## PICTURES FROM LAST YEAR'S ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Anne Smith (Robson), Jane Herbert (Willis), Joyce Willis (Cartwright), Joanna Lake (Heavisides), Susan Stansfield (Leng), Margaret Fraser



Jan Beeton (ex-teacher and a Governor), Caroline Chapman (Alder), Helen Vaughan (Williamson), Kathryn Gillie (Fawcett), Jean Goldsbrough, Lord Lieut. Trevor Watson

Ex-Cleveland Group brought along with Vera Wade's (Cowen) sister were: Dorothy Simpson, Marion Alderson, Christine Lawson, Hilary Thompson, and Jean Thornton.





Hilary French (ex-Head and our President, Kirsty MacKenzie (Current Head), Megan Humble and Abbie Smith (Games Captain and Head Girl), Nicola Stephens (deputy Head), Anne Vickers (retired Head of PE)

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Kirsty MacKenzie**

Looking back over the past year, I am extremely proud to say that Teesside High School continues to thrive. We have welcomed many new faces to our school family in the last 12 months and our nurturing ethos of support and outstanding pastoral care continue to be two of our finest and most valued strengths. Furthermore, our track record of outstanding academic achievement combined with our inclusive and non-selective philosophy gives Teesside High a unique value in a busy Independent School Marketplace.

April 2022 we were delighted to welcome a team from the Independent School Inspectorate to school. The visit had been anticipated for quite some time and, as with many things, the team were delayed by the Covid-19 pandemic. Four experienced inspectors from across the UK explored every aspect of our policies and processes during a four-day visit in April 2022, before moving on to the detail of our academic and co-curricular provision. They were able to give a great insight into life at THS following extensive contact with parents, pupils

and staff. Needless to say, we were judged to be 'Excellent' in all areas and the comments below show that, although the visit was brief, the inspection team really did manage to capture and understand the essence of our wonderful school. I am incredibly proud of their report - which you can read in more detail on the school website.

**"Pupils achieve a high rate of progress across all areas of learning and at all age and ability ranges. They achieve highly and show substantial pride in their school because of the excellent leadership of academic provision."**

**"Communication skills are a real strength of the pupils. In discussions, pupils were highly articulate and were able to express their opinions in a mature, confident manner and with great clarity...They are insightful and perceptive beyond their years."**

Although the inspection was a real high point, it is by no means the sole focus of our year. We pride ourselves on delivering 'Education as it should be' and, for me, inspection reports, academic excellence and a string of examination results which reflect the potential of the individual are just one strand of what we do.

This year has seen a full and action packed return to enriching trips and visits, with intrepid explorers from Year 7 and 8 Science classes venturing to the European Space Centre in Belgium, where they trained in mission control, space walking and working under zero gravity. Budding artists enjoyed a day in the capital visiting all of London's top art galleries and THS musicians and Orchestra players will travel to Paris in June to tour the Palais Garnier Opera House and perform two concerts at the Jardin de Luxembourg and at the stunning Eglise de La Madeleine. Our active PE department is also planning their return to Wimbledon, a popular addition to our trip calendar from 2022, as we strive to bring learning to life outside of the classroom.

We celebrated sporting triumph in hockey, with our Under 12 girls' team rounding off a sterling season by being crowned league winners, and in athletics, with boys and girls from across the school shining in individual events at a local, district and even national level.

We continue to support students in their creative arts endeavours through varied art, music and drama co-curricular programmes; our talented artists, actors and instrumentalists have shone in their House drama competition,



Platinum Jubilee project (which was shown on BBC One's The One Show!), tea-time and termly concerts and school public speaking contest.

As our Speech and Drama provision thrives, one of our Year 10 pupils was delighted to be shortlisted for a prestigious Ancient Drama Prize by the University of Oxford in 2022. Recent examination entrants also achieved 100% Distinction grades across the Prep and Senior School - their success will be celebrated in our upcoming school newsletter.

We head into a super busy summer term with gusto and look forward to celebrating the FSA's 125th anniversary with former pupils, their families and our wider school family in 2024. I hope you can join us in recognising such an incredible milestone with our alumni community.

**Kirsty Mackenzie, Head**

**TEESSIDE HIGH SCHOOL is awarded the highest possible grade in all areas during a recent inspection (June 2022) by the Independent Schools Inspectorate.**

Inspectors spent four days reviewing all aspects of the School, including lesson delivery, extracurricular programmes, catering provisions and school facilities across the Nursery, Prep School and Senior School and Sixth Form. ISI awarded "excellent" in all areas with the report highlighting pupils' high rate of progress and excellent attitudes to learning. The report also commended pupil achievements outside of the curriculum with many pupils receiving local, regional and national success in sporting, musical, artistic and cultural areas. Mrs Mackenzie, Head, said "I am delighted that this rating reflects the hard work and dedication of our staff and pupils. The exceptional educational provision provided by our staff is evident across all areas."

## FORMER STUDENT SUCCESS

Huge congratulations to former student Gregor who was presented in May 2022 with his Gold D of E Award at Buckingham Palace.

Gregor completed all three awards whilst at Teesside High School and we are delighted for him and his achievements.



Former student Grace Breckon was also presented with the award at the same event.

## TEESSIDE HIGH FORMER STUDENTS ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS RAFFLE £5 PER TICKET

First prize : £50 M&S voucher went to Amy Clarke

Second prize : £20 Waterstones voucher went to Terry Ward

Third prize : £10 Boots voucher went to Lucie Hawkings

Fourth Prize : Bob Mortimer book donated by THS went to Jane Herbert



## Trophies award by the School during 2022

Allison Art & Design	Stella Clark	Highest mark at GCSE
Anderson Cup for Chemistry	Alexandra Bonas	A Level achievement
Bartlett Cup	Yash Vagadia	Awarded to Head Boy
Chamberlain Cup	Alexandra Bonas	Passion for Geography
Charities Trophy	Freya Williams	Raising the most for charity
Commodore Award for Science	Emmeline McGloin	Year 10 promising scientist
Crudginton German Cup	Neve Humble	Best German student yr 10
Haggie Speech & Drama	George Davies	
Hilary French House	Cleveland House	
Joan Mills Memorial Prize	Holly Newman	Best Original Junior writing
	Tom Robinson	Best original Senior writing
Junior Classical Civilisation Cup	Archie Laird	Year 9 best student
Junior drama	Holly Newman	
Junior Sportswoman	Oliver Mash	
Junior Sportsman	Evie Sheridan	
Lara Menzies Cup	Yash Vagadia	High achievement for all sciences
Lydia Neave Cup for Psychology	Rhys Ditta	Passion for Psychology
Millie Allen Cup for Geography	Phoebe Anderson	Contribution to Geography
Miss Jones Music Trophy	Abbie Smith	Greatest contribution to music
Miss Mather French Cup	Abbie Smith	Best overall in French (oral & written)
North Classical Civilisation Cup	Stella Clark	Best classical student in Year 13
Rising Star	Maria Bausor	Exceptional potential in Sport
Senior Drama Department	Rachael Turner	Supporting the department in spare time
Senior Drama Trophy	Rosie Foster	
Senior Sportswoman	Layla Key	
Senior Sportsman	Kiyan Bayat	
Service to the School	Hannah Taylor	For outstanding contribution
Spirit of Adventure	Emmeline McGloin	Achievement in challenging activities
Sports Personality of the Year	Megan Humble	
Stewart Music Cup	Elisa Holden	Excellence in singing
The Al-Qazzaz Business Cup	-	Achievement in Business Studies
The Evans Trophy	Archie Hawkings	Pupil showing most promise in ICT
The Jenkinson Economics Cup	-	Achievements in Economics
The Julia Cup	Stella Clark	Best piece of original English writing
The Lewis Latin Trophy	Charlotte Sowerby	Excellence in Latin at GCSE
The Patterson Orchestral Cup	Rebecca Poppitt	Contribution to the School Orchestra
The Simpson Mathematics Cup	Annabel Reid	Performance in Mathematics in Year 9
The Tuckett Junior Latin Cup	Edward Mogie	Best Latin in Year 9
The Vickers Trophy	Abbie Smith	Awarded to Head Girl
The Wardhaugh Cup	Hannah Taylor	Enthusiasm and motivation in Biology
Thompson History Cup	Annabel Reid	Outstanding Historian in Year 9
Mrs Watson Mathematics Prize	Alexandra Bonas	Best A Level Maths student
Wendy Barton Trophy	Abigail Loveridge	Academic achievement in Sports Studies

# SIXTH Form Leavers Summer 2022

## A-level Results and Destinations

(UPPERCASE indicates A-level, lowercase indicates AS level, **bold** indicates A/A\*)

Laura Anderson	<b>Applied Science(BETEC), Music (BETEC)</b> Psychology	Business Management University of Northumbria
Alexandra Bonas	<b>Chemistry, Further Mathematics, Geography, Mathemmmatics</b>	Maths & Statistics University of York
Liam Brittie	English Language, <b>EPQ</b> , Physical Education, Psychology	Air Squadron University of East Midlands
Stella Clark	<b>Art &amp; Design, Classical Civilisation, Drama, English Literature</b>	English Language & Literature University of Oxford
Rhys Ditta	Biology, Chemistry, Psychology	Psychology University of Teesside
Shanice Dube	<b>Applied Science (BETEC) Music (BETEC), , Psychology, EPQ</b>	Audiology at De Montfort University
Rosie Foster	English Language, <b>English Literature</b> EPQ, History	English and Creative Writing Bath Spa University
Alexander Hartness	Applied Science (BETEC) <b>Music (BETEC)</b> Psychology	Music Production University of Chester
Millie Holmes	<b>Music (BETEC)</b> Physical Education, Psychology	Paediatric Nursing University of Chester
Megan Humble	Biology, <b>EPQ, Physical Education</b> , Psychology	Physiotherapy University of Leeds Beckett
Harry Mackenzie	Economics, Mathematics, Physics	Employment
Millie Poppitt	Chemistry, Drama, Mathematics, <b>Physical Education</b>	Paediatric Nursing University of Chester
Linxi Rao	<b>Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics</b>	Veterinary Medicine, University of Edinburgh
Quentin-Gauthier Sellenne	Applied Science (BETEC), Economics, <b>French</b> , Spanish	International Business University of York St John
Abbie smith	English Literature, <b>EPQ, French, German</b>	French & Russian University of Oxford
Kate Stubbs	<b>French, German, History, Mathematics</b>	French & Philosophy University of Oxford
Hannah Taylor	<b>Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics</b>	Medicine University of Cambridge
Yash Vagadia	<b>Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics</b>	Natural Sciences University of Durham

## DEGREE SUCCESSES

Sophie Donaldson: BSc Upper Second- Class Honours- Psychology,  
Loughborough University

Sarah Henderson: BSc Upper Second-Class Honours – Physics, University  
of York

Samantha Pinches: First Class Honours – Music – University of Cambridge

Ella Scaife: MA Merit Master of Arts – University of Leeds



**The Laying of the Foundation Stone of Teesside High School on October 4th, 1969.  
Miss N. Brown handed Mr. H. Whitfield the trowel which Miss Brown's father used  
when he laid the Foundation Stone of Queen Victoria High School.**

(By Courtesy of the "Northern Echo.")

**Volunteering for Girlguiding UK – by Helen Vaughan**



A chance conversation with a colleague of mine, Janet Cross, resulted in me becoming an adult leader in the "Girl Guides Association".

I became a Brown Owl. My first Brownie Pack met at the Village School in Thornaby and when the Barder School Brownies were due to close in December 1997 the two packs merged and I became Brown Owl of the 9th Thornaby Brownies. After 6 years at our new venue the 9th Thornaby Brownies closed due to a lack of leaders and my guiding journey continued when I became Brown Owl for the 3rd Yarm Brownies.



Over the years I have seen many changes in the organisation. Different uniforms, badges and challenges, but the fundamental principals have not changed. We still make new friends, have fun, learn new skills and have adventures.

Besides weekly meetings I have taken part in International Camps, Pack Holidays, a ferry trip to Belgium, sleepovers and annual outings, the most memorable being a coach trip to London with Brownies and Guides from our Division. I also became County Arts Advisor where I was involved in both County and North East England activities.

Girlguiding UK launched a new programme in the Autumn of 2019. We were just getting into the swing of it when Covid struck. We did our best to keep the Brownies engaged through Zoom meetings, information sheets and newsletters. Once we were able to meet again a number of leaders in our Division decided not to return to their units and despite a recruitment drive we were unable to find new leaders. Sadly, I had to close my unit, so what next for me? Having kept my qualifications up to date I remain a Guider within the Tees West Division working with Rainbow, Brownie, Guide and Ranger Units on an ad hoc basis which I really enjoy, I am also Cleveland County Vice President a role that I will hold for the next 5 years.

Last year I was presented with a long service award, I can't believe I first became a Brown Owl in 1982. Continuing to volunteer for the organisation I am looking forward to new challenges and adventures but most of all .....having fun.  
Helen Vaughan



**SHALL WE TRY AGAIN?**

**AN AFTERNOON TEA**

**TO CELEBRATE THE KING'S CORONATION**

**Enjoy your own afternoon tea whilst chatting to other THFSA members and partaking in quizzes and bingo**



Please email : [caroline.chapman1816@gmail.com](mailto:caroline.chapman1816@gmail.com) if you would like us to arrange one.

### **DONATIONS TO CHARITIES**

Last year we donation to three charities; Guide Dogs for the Blind, Air Ambulance and Butterwick Children's Hospice.

These are the three lovely letters we received



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Eaglescliffe,  
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Our Reference: 154494

20 May 2022

Dear Mrs Chapman

I am writing on behalf of The Great North Air Ambulance Service (GNAAS) to thank Teesside High Former Students' Association for supporting our charity with a donation of £100.00.

Your donation will help people in our region such as Abi Law who was involved in a head-on collision with a van in Cambois, Northumberland. GNAAS' critical care team was called to the scene and assessed and treated Miss Law before airlifting her to the Royal Victoria Infirmary in Newcastle. Miss Law said:

*"I know for a fact that I wouldn't be here today without the support and help from the air ambulance. Even police and doctors have told us that as well. GNAAS are absolutely amazing in everything they do. Without a doubt."*

Last year we were called out 1640 times across our region. To enable us to continue to provide this service, we must raise more than £5m every year. We couldn't be there for people like Abi without the generosity of the communities we serve and greatly appreciated grants such as yours.

If you would like to contact us about your donation, please call 01325 487 263 or visit [www.gnaas.com](http://www.gnaas.com)

Again, thank you for your continued support, we couldn't do it without you.

Yours sincerely

Grace Daji

On behalf of Great North Air Ambulance Service

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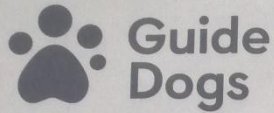
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Supporter Number: 38524451/

16 May 2022

Dear Supporters

Thank you so much for your recent gift of £100.00 which will help provide guide dogs and other life-changing mobility services for people who are visually impaired across the UK.

We rely on donations from individuals to continue our life-changing work and it's only because of people like you that we are able to keep up our lifetime promise: **To provide every one of our guide dog owners with a guide dog for as long as they need one.** This means that a blind or partially sighted person may have up to eight dogs in their lifetime.

It costs Guide Dogs around £50,000 to support a guide dog from birth to retirement, so your gift really does make a difference.

If you would like further information about Guide Dogs and our work, please visit our website at [www.guidedogs.org.uk](http://www.guidedogs.org.uk) or call our Supporter Care line on 0800 953 0113

Yours sincerely,

Clare Joof - Head of Supporter Care



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**Did you know?**

Almost two million people in the UK are living with sight loss. By 2050, there could be nearly four million.

We rely on donations to continue our life-changing work. Every pound raised makes a difference to people in the UK living with sight loss.

Every hour, another person in the UK goes blind. When someone loses their sight, the charity Guide Dogs is here to make sure they don't lose their freedom as well.



17/05/2022

Our Ref: 27322

Teesside High Former Students Association  
C/o Mrs Caroline Chapman (Hon Treasurer)  
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HAMSTERLEY MILL  
NE39 1NW

Dear Mrs Chapman

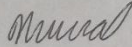
Thank you so much for your kind donation of £100.00 which we recently received from your Annual General Meeting. We really appreciate your kind and generous gift.

At Butterwick Hospice Care, we are proud to continue the inspirational work of our founder Mary Butterwick OBE, providing the highest level of care and compassion to those in our local community that need us, often at the very darkest of times.

We believe in adding life to days when adding days to life is no longer possible. We provide our services free of charge to patients and their families thanks to the incredible support of local businesses and individuals like you. Your ongoing support is crucial as 70% of our funds come from private donations, so without your loyal and generous backing we would no longer be able to carry out the vital work we do.

Once again, our sincerest thanks for the support you have shown to Butterwick Hospice Care.

Yours sincerely



Michelle Wood  
Supporter Care Team Leader

P.S.

Why not extend your donation by leaving a regular gift? By giving a regular gift you become the driving force behind everything we do. A regular gift allows us to plan for the future, knowing we have a steady income stream that helps us plan with confidence and keeps us caring for those who need us most.

For example:

£7 a month could provide care to a terminally ill patient at home

£12 a month could provide play therapy for a child with a life limiting illness

£28 a month could provide respite care for a very sick patient and their family

For more information or to give a regular gift please visit

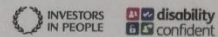
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Helen Vaughan with  
Vanya, a guide dog I looked  
after the summer of 2022



Five years ago -Having  
dinner together on her last  
night in Portugal , where we  
met whilst we were on  
holiday; Her sister it turned  
out was Pat Nixon. They  
talked about Mrs Hanson ,  
our history teacher and how  
brilliant she was.

Catherine Cairns and Sister of Patricia (Trish) Nixon

Catherine  
was at Goodwood Revival in  
the South Downs and  
happened to sit next to a lady  
called Sarah. We got chatting  
and it turned out she was also  
at THS leaving about 1981. She  
now lives at Petworth and is a  
regular visitor to Goodwood  
with her husband. They are to  
meet up again next year



Catherine Cairns met Sarah nee Covill,



Gillian Furphy sends her  
best wishes to  
everyone who  
remembers her and a  
picture of her class at  
QVHS



**Photographic — Autographic Record**

School Queen Victoria High School for Girls Date July 1965  
Teacher Mrs Dorothy Blackburn Head Mrs K. Stallen

CLASSMATES' AUTOGRAPHS—READING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT—

1 <u>Gillian Furphy</u>	2 <u>Jo Anne Anz</u>	3 <u>Heather Fox</u>	4 <u>Helen Bass</u>	5 <u>Rayanne Wilson</u>
6 <u>Teresa Foster</u>	7 <u>Gaye Edwards</u>	8 <u>Lindsay Galley</u>	9 <u>Pauline Ball</u>	10 <u>Caroline Hancock</u>
11 <u>Felicity Seligle</u>	12 <u>Blaydel Hensby</u>	13 <u>Ann Walsh</u>	14 <u>Renee Davis</u>	15 <u>Patricia Hancock</u>
16 <u>Barbara</u>	17 <u>Yvonne Howard</u>	18 <u>Karen Arthur</u>	19 <u>Shirley Parker</u>	20 <u>Elizabeth Gull</u>
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26 <u>Julie Green</u>				

★ IMPORTANT ★ REMEMBER

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July 1965.

An article sent in  
from Susan  
Wilkinson  
(nee Oliphant)

## A 'swim-away' victory

AIDAN'S HOUSE with 166½ points easily won the championship at Queen Victoria High School for Girls senior swimming gala at Billingham Bath today. Cuthbert's was second with 93 points and Bede's third with 69½.

The senior champion was Joan Rees with 14½ points. Alison Armstrong was second with 12, and Claire Edeleanu was third with 11. Margaret Armstrong and Cherry Crawford tied as middle school champions with 12 points each and Jacqueline Randolph was third with 11.

### Results

First places: Breast stroke, one length, under 13: Ann Webb. Under 14: Judith Charlton. Under 15: Margaret Armstrong. Under 16: Claire Edeleanu. 16 and over: Lesley Haworth. Two lengths, under 15: Margaret Armstrong. 15 and over: Vivien Hay.

Front crawl, one length, under 13: Nora Twyman. Under 14: Cherry Crawford. Under 15: Jacqueline Randolph. Under 16: Rosemary Smith. 16 and over: Alison Armstrong. Two lengths, under 15: Jacqueline Randolph. 15 and over: Alison Armstrong.

Back crawl, one length, under 13: Susan Oliphant. Under 14: Cherry Crawford. Under 15: Jacqueline Randolph. Under 16: Denise Bell. 16 and over: Joan Rees. Two lengths, under 15: Cherry Crawford. 15 and over: Joan Rees. Inter house relay, under 15: Aidan's. 15 and over: Aidan's (new record).



## A KING IN THE MAKING

Charles's investiture was a massive affair when it took place on July 1, 1969, with millions watching the ceremony on TV and street parties held across the UK. However, it polarised opinion in Wales, as the event came with a backdrop of protests and bombings and has been much discussed in the years since the event.

On the day in 1969, the weather was overcast, with grey clouds looming over the ceremony in Caernarfon Castle in Gwynedd. A stage set in the centre of the grounds was surrounded by around 2,500 personnel from the three Armed Forces and some 4,000 guests, around 3,500 of which were people who lived and worked in Wales.

Our now king was just 20 at the time, kneeling on a pedestal in front of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, decorated with the full force of royal pomp and ceremony, as he had five pieces of insignia bestowed upon him, a sword, coronet, ring, the gold rod, and a kingly mantle. Charles repeated the oath: "I, Charles, Prince of Wales, do become your liege man of life and limb and of earthly worship and faith and truth I will bear unto thee to live and die against all manner of folks."



# MEMORIES OF MEETING OUR KING

## LONG LIVE THE KING or Prince Charles as he was when I knew him

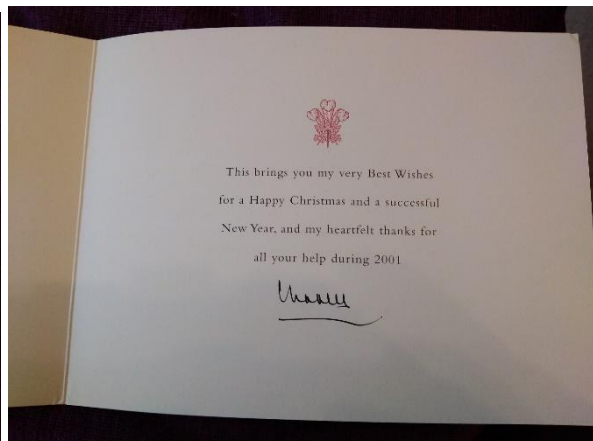
Obviously I did not actually know him. In the Civil Service when they shuffle the jobs around and, you don't want to go where they want to send you, you can often be seconded to an outside organisation. In 2000 when I didn't want to permanently relocate to Whitehall I was seconded to the Disability Partnership of the Prince of Wales Trust. I had an amazing year working there and meeting so many people. During my first week I got very over-excited when my boss said we had a meeting at the Palace! Unfortunately, it turns out that he was referring to the Palace of Westminster. I very much enjoyed the work which involved a lot of networking and having tea in the Houses of Parliament with titled gentlemen as well as MP's. They were actually all men when I come to think of it.

I was amazed to receive a beautiful Christmas Card from Prince Charles and actually signed by him. The front of the card shows a winter scene at Balmoral which was painted by the Prince of Wales. It is one of my little treasures. I am hoping to visit Buckingham Palace while it is still a working palace as I have a feeling that the King won't ever live there and may make it into a kind of museum. I also want to visit the Crown Jewels and do all the "touristy" stuff you never do when you live there.

I have visited Kensington palace a couple of times and at my last visit the exhibition contained Princess Diana's wedding dress which was amazing but I am going to aim to visit Buckingham Palace in the Summer. I feel sure there are going to be many changes while King Charles is streamlining and slimming down the Royal Family so I need to get my skates on and make some plans.

LONG LIVE THE KING.

Sue Wilkinson





**Joyce Willis (then Miss Cartwright) with Head Teacher Renee Harding and colleagues and children from Fleetham St. Infants School , Middlesbrough, waving to the Queen in the mid 1950's.**

**Sheila Downs remembers:**

I was a pupil at QVHS 1943-50, when I went to read English at King's College in London... an exciting time to be in London. I can't say that I met the Queen, but spent 36 hours on the pavement at the junction of Whitehall and Parliament Square from where I and a group of other students witnessed all the excitement of the Coronation procession. This was a somewhat rash thing to do as it was just a week before Finals. Nevertheless, it was wonderfully exciting and memorable... and I did get my degree! In addition to all the excitement of the coronation we were roused from our somewhat wet slumbers (it rained most of the night) by the cries of the newspaper sellers crying " All this and Everest too" marking the first conquering of Everest. On reflection this memory seems as vivid as it did nearly 70 years ago. I doubt I will be lining the route for King Charles' coronation, but watching it live on TV from the comfort of my chair.



**In memory of Joyce Hodgson  
(1.6.1936-5.10.2022)**

**(Head of Biology 1983-1996).**



Teesside High School, like Cleveland School and Queen Victoria High before it, has played host to a great many interesting people over the years and Joyce Hodgson was no exception. In her case, her 13 years as Head of Biology at Teesside High School came between periods of conducting original biological research, teaching internationally and publishing books of poetry and literary criticism.

Born in County Durham in 1936, Joyce was an only child, and the first of her family to attend university. She studied at Alderman Wraith Grammar School before reading science at university. After teacher training in Bristol, Joyce moved to Switzerland. Specifically, to Chaterlard School in Les Avants in the Canton of Vaud. There, she taught Biology and (surprisingly) P.E.- the latter being especially in the form of Mountain Walking.

In some ways, Switzerland at that time was more restrictive than the UK- its women did not even have the vote until 1971. However, for Joyce, the experience was liberating and mind-expanding, rather than restrictive; she learned to speak French and spent her spare time climbing mountains- notably in the Cantons of Vaud and Vallais; she watched wildlife and she learned to ski.

In later years, Joyce spoke fondly of her time in Switzerland and even published a short book ("Waiting for Birds") about her sojourn amongst the pine forests and wooden chalets high above Lake Geneva. In 1974, after returning to the UK, Joyce embarked on a master's degree in Ecology at Durham University. Her thesis and research concerned using fossilized pollen grains to chart the historical abundance and distribution of various plant species across the North East.

Specifically, her work involved travelling across the Tyne, Wear and Tees Valleys, collecting peat samples with a borer, and then dissolving them in hot hydrofluoric acid, before identifying the plant pollen within each sample with a microscope. The end result was both a shiny new master's thesis and a succession of original research papers published, in collaboration with Dr Judith Turner between 1976 and 1991.

As a teacher at Teesside High School, Miss Hodgson almost invariably described both herself and her much respected colleague, Dr Wardhaugh as “biologists”, rather than a “biology teachers”. It always seemed that this identity and distinction was rooted in her deep esteem for her subject and the respect she had both for her work and Dr Wardhaugh's work as real-life, actual biologists: people who had walked the proverbial walk... and come back to share their knowledge with pupils. In the classroom, Miss Hodgson was exacting and firm, but she was fair, too. Those who knew her as a friend outside of school found her witty, cultured, interesting and impeccably honest and discrete.

For someone such as Joyce, who turned 17 the year the structure of DNA was first described, the changes in her subject area during her career must have been almost beyond imagining. When she began her university studies, biology involved much detailed description of anatomy and morphology. Large amounts of time and effort had been invested by the greatest minds of the day in classifying animals by the shape of their various appendages and in documenting embryonic development. Genetics was a matter of dominant, recessive and co-dominant genes – with most of what was then known relying upon studies of peas, maize and snails. Experiments were done in test-tubes with Bunsen Burners and chemicals with names like “Caustic Potash.” By the time she retired, genes could be copied with automated PCR techniques and Miss Hodgson was expected to teach future biologists and doctors about genetic engineering.

As many former students will recall, ‘A’ level biology courses at THS were taught jointly by Miss Hodgson and Dr Wardhaugh- partly to allow students the benefit of the expertise of both teachers and- possibly- to allow both teachers time to rest their brains. Undoubtedly there are a great many doctors, nurses, veterinary surgeons, biology teachers and others still making daily use of the skills they were taught by Miss Hodgson and Dr Wardhaugh at Teesside High.

After retiring in 1996, Joyce turned her attention to her passions of bird watching, walking and reading and writing poetry. She made frequent trips to Scotland, to climb (bag) the Munros and to visit friends. Her first short book- "Waiting for Birds"- was published by Brown and Whittaker in January 2000. Subsequent pamphlets dealt with the sea ("Coming to See You"); her family and early life during World War 2 ("Meeting the Family"); and the Natural World ("The Moth Poems", "Letters to Mr. Darwin" and "The Mushroom Poems"). Readers often found a sense of humour thrown into the mix.

Joyce's studies of literature and creative writing ultimately led her to return to Newcastle University. There, she undertook a doctorate supervised by the poet and lecturer Prof Bill Herbert. Its focus was the poetry of Dylan Thomas, Barry MacSweeney and Derek Walcott. After publishing "Dynamic Memory: the long poem and the poetics of autobiography" in November 2009, her final book was an expansion on this work, published in 2011 as "Devices and Desires: Commentary on Brigg, Letts, Omeros and the Book of Demons" (Lambert Academic Publishing 2011).

In later life, Joyce suffered various health problems, before passing away on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022 in Durham. It is hard to convey in any number of words the complexities and nuances of any human being. Perhaps such a thing is unnecessary, anyway. In the end, we all leave behind different memories and impressions with each of those who knew us. For a teacher, of course, there is the legacy of the lives shaped and the young people trained over the course of a career. For a scientist, or writer, there remains a body of work that- with luck- will be of use, or interest, to others. In all these regards, Miss Hodgson leaves a worthy legacy. She will, no doubt, be missed by many in the THS community.

**THREE FORMER STUDENTS HAVE ALL REACHED 90 YEARS AND THEY REFLECT  
ON THEIR SCHOOL DAYS AND BEYOND. IT IS INTERESTING HOW SIMILAR**

**SOME OF THEIR MEMORIES ARE. ALL ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR WHAT THEY LEARNED AT SCHOOL AND THE FRIENDSHIPS THEY MADE THERE. SHEILA DOWNS, JUNE KENT (CUSSONS) AND JOYCE WILLIS (CARTWRIGHT)**

**SHEILA DOWNS (Born 23.02.1933)**

In September 1943, having successfully written about ration books in the scholarship exam and remembered countries neutral in the war when asked by Miss Symes, I arrived at QVHS to be welcomed by Joyce and June, both of whom were “old girls” from Junior School. Restricted as we were by the war – there were no lessons on Tuesday morning and school dinners were served by parents- school life was both happy and stimulating.



Going to the Raby Road playing fields was a challenge, manipulating a hockey stick on one's bike and then learning to cope with the slope on the field. On one never-to-be-forgotten occasion Joyce and I always great talkers, took so long to get ready for home that Miss Linton locked us in the field and we had to hurl our bikes over the gate and climb after them! PE in the Hall was fun, particularly when we were allowed to play shipwrecks involving ropes and wall bars without touching the ground!

I was fortunate to be house Captain of Venerable Bede which involved conducting the House Choir in the singing completion and on the Saint's Day, May 27<sup>th</sup>, giving an account of his life: and then as Head Girl representing the School at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner of the Old Girls in the Queens Hotel – a long dress affair!

We certainly had a good all-round education with memorable drama and fun music inspired by Jean Povey, Botany field trips, swimming and cinema outings (Olivier's Henry V)

Having successfully steered my way through higher exams, the last before the introduction of A levels, I read English at King's College, London and spent my entire career in teaching in Hertfordshire, London, Leeds and finally as Headmistress of the Belvedere School, Liverpool for 20 years.

Early in my retirement I was invited to distribute the prizes at Teesside High School and at the same time officially open the new art block by unveiling a plaque, which I suppose is still there – a surprise invitation as practical art was not my strength! It was a particularly happy visit as I stayed comfortably with Joyce and Arthur.

I have been fortunate to travel extensively, particularly on retirement, to both the Arctic and the Antarctic, frequent visits to Greece, Australia, Italy and Scotland and in between to spend time on Anglesey where I still have a caravan and use throughout the summer. 90 years well spent!

I have always been grateful for what QVHS gave me. I greatly value the friendships formed and despite living at a distance from Joyce and June have kept very much in touch with them, helping to celebrate special occasions in our lives. Many good wishes to Teesside High School, long may it flourish!

Sheila Downs, Q.V.H.S. 1943-1950.



June Kent (nee Cussons)

I became a pupil at QVHS in 1941 in the Junior School, I remember having to take my gas mask every day – when one day I forgot it and was sent home to collect it (2 buses each way)

I left School in 1950 to go to the teacher training college in Durham. I had been a Prefect in Sixth Form and Deputy Head Girl in the last year.

I taught in an infant school until I was married. After having two children I returned to part-time teaching. In 1966, I joined the QVHS staff as Kindergarten Mistress. I remember the lovely classroom with the open fire and the large fireguard.

After the birth of our youngest son, I returned to teaching as a school based individual tutor and continued in this post in the North-East and South-West until I retired.

Since then I have been involved in voluntary work, first as a room steward in a National Trust House, then chairman of a Camphill Village Trust and finally as House Chairman of an Abbeyfield Home.

I still enjoy walking including a sponsored marathon when I was 88. Like Captain Tom, I walked one mile a day and raised nearly £3,000 pounds which was divided between a local foodbank and purchasing malaria nets for children in Africa.

Now I am resorted to knitting for St Theresa Group - mainly seamen's hats and blankets for premature babies.

My life has always been busy and happy and I thank Q.V.H.S - for the foundations it gave me.

### **JOYCE WILLIS (CARTWRIGHT)**



In 1937 I joined Kindergarten at the age of 4 years. I quickly learnt to read, helped by Miss Maughan's "a for apples, b for baby" cards. We were kept warm by a large real fire, protected by a huge fireguard. I remember being taken to Stockton & Thornaby Hospital to see a little child in "The Cot" which school supported.

Then war came, I had to carry my little gas mask everywhere. We had air raid practices in the cloakroom and an air raid shelter. However, we survived and I went through School, loving it and remember especially PE lessons with Nan

Kirkpatrick, Kaye Duncan and hockey with the “never to be forgotten” Miss Linton.

We learnt to swim at Stockton Old Baths, had dancing lessons with Audrey Bailey and had great music lessons with Jean Povey.

I became a prefect before leaving in 1950 to go to Neville’s Cross College, Durham, to train to be a teacher. In Durham I met my husband, Arthur, who became Head of Geography at QVHS in 1957 and the first male member of staff – he loved the job.

In 1966 our daughter Jane joined Kindergarten at age 4 and saw QVHS join up with Cleveland School to become Teesside High School. She eventually became Deputy Head Girl before going on to University to study French and German.

I have been a long-standing committee member of FSA, was a Governor for five and half years and have been involved with many reunions, particularly the 120<sup>th</sup>. Although I now have some mobility problems, I continue to take an active interest in the School and wish it every continued success. I remain ever grateful for the friendships I made there, many of which are still going strong, and for the ethos of the School which has stayed with me all my life. Thank you QVHS.

### **JOYCE WILLIS CELEBRATES HER 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**

Joyce Willis (nee Cartwright) was delighted to receive a beautiful bouquet of flowers from the FSA committee to mark her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Joyce writes –

I had a great Birthday with two parties. The first was at Headlam Hall Hotel near Darlington, a very favourite place. Kind neighbours and local friends came. Sadly there were many people who were not there for various reasons (one in particular of course) but it was - lovely to have my niece, Sue and her husband Rob who came from Bridgnorth and Jane and Steve, Matthew and Nina, my grandchildren, who managed to be there. Matthew loves his job working in the labs at Sandwell Hospital, West Bromwich and miraculously Nina made it – she is working for ORCA a charity, lecturing on eco-systems and wildlife. Recently she has been on cruises to Norway, France, Spain, British Isles, the Ferries between Newcastle and Amsterdam and was shortly off to the Falklands and Antarctica – fantastic experiences. It’s quite fun being 90 after all!





## NEWS OF FORMER STUDENTS

**Joy Sinclair** moved to Castleton in North Yorkshire on the Friday before lockdown in 2020, so had a strange beginning to life in the country. Our daily walks were along empty country roads where we could walk right up the centre of the road with an occasional passing tractor. So quiet and peaceful. It's busier now of course but still a totally beautiful place to live. I am still a trustee at an academy trust in Grangetown in Middlesbrough and have become a governor at a group of three local schools. Tony and I both volunteer with a local charity that supports the elderly in the area. Apart from that it's all the traditional things that retired people do, including looking after our three grandsons – Jack, Alfie and Tommy. They are an absolute joy to us. (Alfie and Tommy are my daughter Lizzie Moss's 2 children – also a former student of THS). I don't get along to any THS events as I find my hearing loss as a result of meningitis in 1992 makes it too much of a challenge at events like lunches, but I send good wishes to everyone I once knew at School.

**Dr Victoria Welch** joined as a member this year. Victoria attended THS Sept 1989 to June 1996. She has a BSc (Hons) degree in Microbiology, UCL (1999) and has a DPhil in Zoology at Oxford (2003). She moved back to the UK in August after several years in the Middle East (living in the mountains around

Jerusalem) and would have returned earlier, Covid permitting. She once met King Charles when he came to Oxford at the behest of her (then) supervisor, Dr Andrew R Parker, shortly after the release of one of Andrew's books (around 2003) and she spent a while talking to him in the Zoology Department teaching laboratories. (she was either a doctoral student or a post -doctoral researcher at the time). The Oxford Times got a nice photo of it, actually, but I don't have any copies. He was all very gracious and charming with me.

She is in touch with her classmates Lindsay Turner and Beth Reid, Jennifer Cash, Priya Puranik (Kieffer) and others on Facebook.

**Beth Reid** (THS ca 1990-1994) works in Edinburgh as a children's therapist and is also campaigning on homelessness.

**Gloria Mackie** After getting over the Covid lockdowns and realising time goes by so quickly , I thought I should test myself and get out of my comfort zone, with a trip to the Arctic Circle in January. It was the best idea I've had. I flew to Oslo from LHR, then another flight to Tromsa, a very beautiful town where we went out in the evening at 7.15pm to chase the Northern Lights...finally tracked them down at 12.30am and it was breathtaking. We got back to the hotel at 2.00am, ready to start the next morning for a visit to the Sami the indigenous people, to see the reindeer, have a sleigh ride, hear the local stories of their special relationship with the reindeer, and hear them 'joiking', the call they make to the animals. As the whales were still further north due to global warming, we visited 3 fjords without seeing them but were bowled over by the beauty of it all. So glad I went!

I then took up another challenge, to take part in a special adaptation of T S Eliot's Quartet, specially adapted for 6 voices. There were many rehearsals which were quite exhausting and there were times when I thought I wouldn't last the course! We performed it in St Mary's church, Sunbury on Thames where I live and we packed the Church and the gallery and made a very handsome donation to our local food bank.  
Thinking of my next adventure now!

**Charlotte Riley (English Language and  
Linguistics, St Cuthbert's Society, 2000-2003)**

**Awarded Doctor of Letters**



Charlotte Riley is an award-winning actress and playwright best known for her roles in ITV Wuthering Heights in 2008 on the BBC, and as May Carelton in hit show Peaky Blinders. Born in Teesside, Charlotte read English Language and Linguistics at St Cuthbert's Society, Durham University, later studying at LAMDA. Whilst a student at Durham, she was deeply involved in student theatre, including the famed Durham Revue.

She is patron of a number of charities and is the founder of the Wonderworks – an innovative childcare charity and campaign aimed at keeping women and families in the film industry. In 2020, she launched a permanent Wonderworks nursery site at Warner Bros. Studios, Leavesden. The Ofsted registered childcare facility provides quality, flexible care for those working on productions or on the site.

**Sylvia Dalton.** Following a nasty cough and cold in February this year and the onset of deafness too, she decided it was time for 24 hour care and has gone into a care home at the age of 101. She is in Montpellier Manor Care Home on Strait Lane in Stainton and has settled in well and Julia West (daughter) still takes her to the local cafes and garden centres as usual. She enjoyed her school life and consequent life in education too. She was passionate about her job as Headmistress at Roseworth Infant and then Primary School. She has six grandchildren with another expected in April.

## Deaths

**Joyce Harrison (nee Foster)** died 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021 aged 90. Joyce was the widow of the late Henry Harrison, who farmed with their family at Girsby before retiring to the village of Hornby, not far from the farm. They were well known in the farming circles and Joyce was an active member of the Girsby and Over Dinsdale WI until the time of her death.

**Pam Carter** died 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 suddenly aged 69. She had been part of Sue Wilkinson's QVHS reunion group and was always described as the fit one, walking up Helvellyn and hiking in Spain for 3 months every winter along with other energetic pursuits. She leaves behind her Mum who lives near the School and her sister Phillipa.

**Megan Opie (nee Philips)** died 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022. She had bowel cancer and coped for a few years with a stoma and chemo. Sadly she had a stroke and died peacefully in hospital. She had recently moved to Scotland with her husband John. She had been a past committee member and regular attendee at our events in the past.

**Peter Alec Cooper** died 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022, aged 78, husband of Margaret (Meg) who had been taught at QVHS by Arthur Willis. Margaret who had attended our luncheons was Head Teacher of Whitehouse Farm Primary School in Stockton. She is Mother to Simon and Joanna who both attended THS.

**Brenda Warriner (nee Wilson)** died in late 2022 aged 90. She had attended QVHS and was a School friend of Joyce Willis and June Kent and Sheila Downs.

**Maureen Galley (nee Newton)** died on 18.10.22 aged 82. Maureen was an ex Cleveland girl and had been a member of the THFSA for some years.

**Janet Burrell (nee West)** died 21.4.22 aged 66, suddenly whilst on holiday. Devoted wife of Paul and will be sadly missed by her friends and family. She was at School with Joanna Sellers (Murphy), Helen Vaughan (Williamson) and Caroline Chapman (Alder)

**Olwen Thomson (nee Walker)** died 5<sup>th</sup> November 2022 aged 85 from Parkinson's. She was an ex Cleveland Girl and was one of the first to get a Scholarship to the School. She was a long life friend of Wendy Waite. The last time Wendy saw her had been at the last Cleveland Reunion

**Mel French**, died suddenly on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Husband to Hilary French (ex Head of THS and one of our THFSA Presidents) He had often attended the THS events in support of Hilary.

**George Harrison** died on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021 aged 75, peacefully at Church View Nursing Home after a short illness. He was husband to Susan (nee Fox) and dad to Julie. Susan had been a committed member of the THFSA and came to many events.

**Marcus Phillips** died in March 2023. Husband to Melanie (Agar). Melanie was a deputy Head Girl at THS.

### **Change of Address**

**Alex Carey (nee Hamblett)** : 64 The Stables, Wynyard Village, TS22 5SG  
**Dorothy Simpson** : 5 Howden Road, Romanby, Northallerton DL7 8JA  
**Sylvia Dalton** : Montpellier Manor Care Home, Strait Lane, Stainton  
**Joy Sinclair** : 2 Ash Grove, Castleton, Whitby, N Yorks YO21 2EP

### **Marriages**

**Amanda Chapman** (daughter of Caroline Chapman) married Megan Crawford last year in a secret wedding and we have all been celebrating the marriage this March (a year on) with a lovely party for their friends and family. They are extremely happy and are planning on travelling around Canada later this year for a few months.

### **Births**

**Elizabeth (nee Sellers) and Christopher Rusk** are proud to announce the birth of DeAndre, a brother to Odell on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Grandson for Joanna Sellers and nephew for Caroline Paul (nee Sellers) and great nephew for Leigh Pearson (nee Murphy)

### **E Mail address changes**

**Julie Thompson** Juliemthompson59@gmail.com

### **New Members**

**Dr Victoria Welch** : 30 Wissen Drive, Letchworth, SG6 1FN.  
Email: [victorialwelch@live.com](mailto:victorialwelch@live.com)

**TEESSIDE HIGH FORMER STUDENTS ASSOCIATION**

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

## FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

<b>CURRENT ACCOUNT</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	<b>Lunch Fund</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Balance Brought Forward 1.10.2021</b>	<b>313.20</b>	1,053.16	1,366.36
<b>Income:</b>			
Subscriptions		710.00	
Donations		60.00	
Luncheon/Christmas Online raffle	92.00	115.00	
Luncheon + wine receipts	708.00		
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	800.00	885.00	1,685.00
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Sub total	1,113.20	1,878.16	3,051.36
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Flowers for Sylvia Dalton's 100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday		51.00	
Postage of Christmas Hampers		23.46	
Postage of AGM/Luncheon Notices		98.86	
Magazine costs including postage		110.60	
Greedy-Soul Lunch cost	690.00		
H Vaughan-Luncheon chocolates	65.10		
Golf club wine	73.40		
Donations – Guide Dogs		100.00	
Butterwick Children's Hospice		100.00	
Air Ambulance		100.00	
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	828.50	583.92	1,412.42
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<b>Balances at 30.09.2022</b>	<b>£ 284.70</b>	<b>1,354.24</b>	<b>1,638.94</b>
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### Investment Account

Balance at 1.10.2021	£ 1,572.88
Interest to 31.1.2022	0.16
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<b>Balance at 30.09.2022</b>	<b>£ 1,573.04</b>
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**TEESSIDE HIGH SCHOOL FORMER STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

**THIS IS THE FIRST AGM TO BE HELD SINCE 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019**

## MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD 23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2022 AT

### THE EAGLESCLIFFE GOLF CLUB.

1. **Present:** Helen Vaughan, Caroline Chapman, Alex Carey, Sue Wilkinson, Joanna Lake, Joyce Willis, Jean Goldsbrough, Margaret Fraser, Jane Herbert, Ann Smith, Kathryn Gillie,
2. Helen welcomed everyone after a 3- year gap. Thanks to Caroline for everything over the past 2 years which has kept us running with all the communication and magazine. We have a change of venue this year due to the Chef at THS leaving at the end of the Spring Term, so thanks to the Golf Club for stepping in at such short notice. Nice to see everyone together again.
3. **Apologies** were received from: Kirsty MacKenzie, Kiron Wilcox, Sylvia Dalton, Gloria Mackie, Jean Butler, Joanna Sellers, Julie Cooper, Karen Button, Joan Hennessey, Bridget Sutton, Wendy Waite, Malcolm Wilkinson, Margaret Littlefield, June Kent, Sara Reid, J Davies, Julie Den Hartog, N Carter.
4. **Approval of the minutes of the previous AGM** dated 27.4.2019. Helen read through the minutes and Caroline proposed they were a true record and seconded by Alex Carey.
5. **Matters arising from the Minutes** – There were none.
6. **Correspondence**- Caroline had received a letters from Megan Opie saying that as she had moved to Scotland she was stepping down as a member and also an email from Malcolm Wilkinson who is very busy in his retirement with his duties at Kiplin Hall and wished to withdraw from his role as Honorary Member.
7. **President's Report** – As Kirst Mackenzie was unable to attend the meeting but was coming to the lunch, the report from our President as printed in the Magazine was accepted.
8. **Treasurer's Report** – Caroline reported that in the year to 30.9.2021we received £350 from subscriptions and spent £208.03 on the magazine leaving a balance of £1053.16 to carry forward to the year to 30.9.2022. From October 2021 the luncheon fund has been transferred to the general fund but will remain as a designated fund within it. Income from the Christmas Fair was gathered through an online raffle as Caroline had been unable to attend the Fair at THS due to storm Arwen, but we made as much so we plan to do both online and attend the THS Christmas Fair this coming December. So far we have made no donations, but flowers were sent to Sylvia Dalton on reaching her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday and £98.86 was



spent on postage for the AGM/ Lunch notice and £23.46 on posting out the raffle prizes. Current totals were £1554.84 in the general fund and £331.20 in the luncheon fund (prior to the drinks bill and raffle).

9. **Donations to School** – We will pay for the paperweights for the School leavers in June. We will wait to see if there is anything the School would like in particular to which we could contribute.
10. **Donations to other charities**- Request to support the Air Ambulance after their lifesaving efforts with Sue Wilkinson, who is now doing her own fundraising for them too. Decision made and approved to give £100 donation. Noted that any letter should thank them for their help in saving Susan. Helen then discussed her role with Guide Dogs and for the variety of support they offer-beyond the dogs. This includes a “buddy” scheme for failed guide dogs to live with poor sighted/blind children and volunteers who help others go shopping. Decision made and approved to donate £100 to them and also a further £100 to the Butterwick Children’s Hospice. Articles about Sue and the Air Ambulance and Helen and the Guide Dogs are in the magazine.
11. **Magazine Report** – Caroline has produced the magazine this year with the help of Helen, and copies are available to take home today, hoping that we can reduce the postage cost. Caroline is always on the lookout for news for the next edition. Helen is still going through the archives.
12. **Election of Committee Members**- We will review the committee members at our next meeting to establish who still wishes to be a part. If anyone is local and interested in joining the Committee, let us know.
13. **Future Fundraising** – The School are hosting their own Jubilee fair, if anyone wants to go, the details are in the magazine and on the School website. We will attend the Christmas Fair.
14. **Any other Business**- Sue Wilkinson has been looking at the social media presence and gave a written report about what we have available. She suggested membership should be a focus for the future committee meeting as the school allows alumni registration online. An agenda item for our ne4xt meeting.
15. **Date of the next Committee meeting** – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 5pm in the School Sixth Form block.

## **TEESSIDE HIGH FORMER STUDENTS’ ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION**

1. **The Name** of the Association shall be Teesside High Former Students Association

**2. President** – The Head Teacher.

**3. Vice Presidents** – To be nominated and appointed at the discretion of the committee

**4. Objectives**

To keep up a connection between past and present staff and students of the School.  
To contribute money or goods from any money raising efforts to the School and local Charities at the discretion of the Committee  
To form sub-committees as appropriate.

**5. The Committee**

The committee shall consist of a maximum of twelve members, including a 6<sup>th</sup> Form representative, with the addition of the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Editor of the News Sheet. The Chairman shall be nominated at the AGM.

An attendance of four members shall constitute a quorum.

The Chairman shall serve for a period of three years; Officers for a three year period by rotation. Three members of the committee shall retire annually in rotation, but can stand for re-election. On retirement, the Chairman and Officers may become Associate Committee members for the following year.

The Secretary shall have power to call a meeting at any time.

The Committee shall meet once a term.

- f. Any five (or more) members may form a sub-committee, provided their proposal is agreed by the full committee.

**6. Membership and Subscriptions**

- a All former students shall be eligible as members, having been two years in the School or at least one year in the Senior School.
- b Staff of the School shall be invited to become Honorary members. On leaving the School they shall be offered Ordinary membership.
- c Existing Life members shall continue to be Honorary Members of the Association.
- d Annual subscriptions of £5 to be paid to the Honorary Treasurer OR £20 for five year membership.
- e Any member not having paid their current Subscription will not receive a copy of the News Sheet and will cease to be a member.

**7. Meetings**

The Association shall meet annually.

**Adopted at the AGM 23.04.16**

**TEESSIDE HIGH FORMER STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

**MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates attended THS: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Attended QVHS or CS

University/Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Life since Leaving School :

\_\_\_\_\_

Subscription: £20 for 5 years or £5 for 1 year

Please make cheques payable to THFSA and send to:

Mrs C Chapman - Friar's Oak, 24 Mill Farm Road, Hamsterley Mill, Co Durham NE39 1NW

### **Making a tax-effective Will**

Bequests to Charities such as Teesside High School are exempt from Inheritance Tax. If the value of your estate is over the Inheritance threshold, it will be liable

to the current rate of Inheritance tax even if you have made a will. A gift to Teesside High School can lower that excess. Your solicitor or tax adviser will be able to explain this and provide advice on other legal and financial issues surrounding your estate.

We would find it helpful to know if you have decided to include a legacy to Teesside High School in your will. This will enable us not only to thank you for your generosity, but also to keep you up to date with our activities. You can notify us of your intentions by completing the reply form below, or asking your solicitor to contact us. Naturally this is not legally binding, but simply an expression of your present intentions and will of course be treated **in the strictest confidence**.

Title..... Name

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Address

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Telephone .....

I have left a legacy to Teesside High School in my Will. This takes the form of:

Y/N The residue/ a percentage of the residue of my estate

Y/N A cash gift of: £.....

The legacy is made:

A to support the furtherance of Teesside High School in general

B to support a particular area of the curriculum/buildings at Teesside High School

I intend to leave a bequest to Teesside High School Y /N

I would like to visit Teesside High School to see how my legacy could help. Please arrange by contacting the School Y/N

**Please detach this form and return to :**

**Caroline Chapman (Hon Treasurer THFSA) 24 Mill Farm Road, Hamsterley Mill, NE39 1NW**

**Email: [caroline.chapman1816@gmail.com](mailto:caroline.chapman1816@gmail.com)**