



KIDDERMINSTER HIGH SCHOOL O.G.A. NEWSLETTER 2017

Future Events

N.B. Change of Date

2017 A.G.M. and Lunch: Sat 23rd September 2017 11:00 am.
A.G.M. and Lunch – The Wagon Wheel Inn, Grimley, WR2
6LU.

2018 Spring Meeting: Saturday 21st April 2:30 pm at The
Salvation Army Hall, Kidderminster, a costumed historical
talk by Max Keen.

2018 Summer Meeting: Friday 22nd June at 7:30 An evening
visit to Hartlebury Castle.

2018 A.G.M. and Lunch: Saturday 29th September 11:00am
A.G.M. and lunch at The Wagon Wheel Inn, Grimley, WR2
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From the Editor

Welcome to this, the summer 2017 edition of the newsletter. I hope you will find things of interest within it – don't forget that any items that you would like to send to me could be included in the newsletter next year.

I hope you all have a lovely summer.

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

Well, if last year went quickly, this one has flown past. Is that a sign of getting older?

It has been yet another good year in the life of the O.G.A. Although it is so sad when we lose members, it is lovely to see new members joining, and so much activity on the O.G.A. Facebook page. Please encourage as many Old Girls as possible to join the O.G.A., thus helping us to keep celebrating the legacy of K.H.S.

Do consider joining us on the committee as well - meetings are approximately once a term, and always involve cake!

We enjoyed a lovely A.G.M. and lunch at school, with Plyvine living up to their previous standard, when we had the centenary lunch. This year we are going back to The Wagon Wheel, as we so enjoy that sweet trolley. It also provides Anne and I with an excuse to have a morning out together, as we have to discuss the menu. The sacrifices we make on your behalf!! (Not that we need an excuse to go out for a morning – it usually involves wool shops.)

I know that, for me and many others, it is so lovely at the lunch to catch up with friends (I am not going to say 'old' friends!), so this year the committee have decided not to have an after lunch speaker, but to have 'social time' afterwards, so you can continue your conversations. Please let us know what you think about this after the lunch.

An evening with Max Keen was held in April, and it was great to see so many attending, including a good number of guests. This included a lovely couple who rang me after seeing the local press release. Please check the rest of the newsletter for future events, and let us know if you have any ideas for future events.

On a sadder note, some of you will be aware that Miss Bedford is far from well. At the time of writing she is in Tenbury Wells hospital; she has been

so for some time, and it would appear that some type of longer-term care will be needed. We have sent flowers and cards from the O.G.A., and will keep you all posted of any further news through the website and posts on our Facebook page.

My life away from the O.G.A. is as busy and fulfilling as ever. Everyone tells you that when you finish full time work your life will be even busier, and I can certainly vouch for the veracity of that statement.

My work in the Education department of the S.V.R. continues. One interesting highlight amongst many was helping out during the visit of the Flying Scotsman last September. With apologies to any steam enthusiasts out there, I had not realised that an engine (sorry – locomotive, to use the technical term I have now learned!) would generate so much excitement. However, on the first day of the visit, it was amazing to see so many people dressed in 1930s costumes celebrating the record breaking run by The Scotsman in 1934, when the 100mph speed was reached for the first time in the U.K. In particular, the beaded dresses worn by many of the ladies must have cost an absolute fortune, but they were simply beautiful.

I am very blessed by all of the opportunities given to me, which most definitely includes being part of the K.H.S. family.



A.G.M. 2016

A.G.M. 2017

Due to unavoidable circumstances the date of the AGM has been changed to 23rd September. This year we return to the Wagon Wheel at Grimley.

Menu sheets and booking forms are included with this newsletter.

Spring Meeting 2018.

Following the success of the talk by Max Keen in April, we have invited him back on Saturday 21st April 2018 at 2:30 when his topic will be Henry V. The venue will again be the Salvation Army Hall in Jerusalem Walk, Kidderminster. This time we will also include a Bring and Buy table.

Summer Meeting 2018

Following discussions on the topics of future meetings, the committee have decided to include an evening visit to Hartlebury Castle as part of the programme this year. The date chosen is June 22nd. The time 7:30pm.

If you would like further details and a booking form for either the Spring or Summer meetings please return the expression of interest form included with this newsletter. Details will be finalised and information sent out after Christmas. With the rising costs of postage and printing, it would be appreciated if more members would opt for email communications.

AGM 2018

A provisional booking has been made with The Wagon Wheel at Grimley for 29th September 2018.

We have been asked by several people if the A.G.M. and lunch could return to The Hundred House at Great Witley, sadly this is not possible as The Hundred House, as of April 2017, was being converted into eighteen residential units.

However, the committee would welcome any suggestions from members of venues for future A.G.M. meetings or indeed ideas for other places of interest to visit in Spring and/or Summer.

MAX KEEN TALK: The Civil War in Kidderminster and Bewdley

On 3rd April 2017 an audience of approximately 60, comprising of Old Girls with assorted husbands, partners and friends, gathered at our new venue at the Salvation Army Citadel to hear Max Keen's talk on the impact of the Civil War on our local area.

Max entered dramatically in authentic C17 costume. He challenged us to say whether he was a Royalist or a Roundhead, then revealed that both groups dressed the same, the colour of sash being their only distinguishing feature.

Max proceeded to entertain us with a very lively and amusing talk, illustrated with slides, and packed with interesting facts about the Civil War in our part of Worcestershire. We could imagine the Royalist army marching very near to the spot where we were sitting, on their journey through Kidderminster to Stourbridge and Dudley, to defend Dudley Castle. We found out where we can see holes from musket balls in the walls of St. Mary's church, and where King Charles stayed in Bewdley at Tickenhill Manor and at the "Angel". We imagined the night of the Battle of Worcester through the experience of Richard Baxter, as he was woken from his bed by the noise of horses "flying" past and heard the sounds of battle.

By the end of the evening our knowledge of the Civil War was expanded and all the more memorable for having been presented in such an enjoyable manner.

We thanked Max Keen for his engaging presentation and hope he will return soon to talk to us about another fascinating historical period.

(Note from Editor – Max has been booked for a return visit on 21st April 2018)



Increase in subscriptions

The last increase in subscriptions from £1 to £2 had been in 1992 when according to the constitution subscriptions "were due for payment by the A.G.M. or at the latest, January 31st the following year". If not paid by that

date it was deemed that the person wished to cancel her membership. It was agreed by the committee that the membership fee should be increased to £5 per annum for members in Great Britain and £10 per annum for overseas members. New members joining for life via the internet would pay £25. This was agreed at the 2015 A.G.M. (See A.G.M. minutes).

Please remember to contact your bank to increase your standing order if you have not yet done so.

In Memoriam

Sadly, we say farewell to a number of old girls and friends.

If anyone would like to send an obituary or memories of any Old Girl for future editions, please email or send details to the editor.

Jean Margaret Williams, (née Hopkins) -7th May 2015.

Sheila M West - 21st April 2016.

Melvyn Pignon (née Hickey) - 4th September 2016

Beryl Smith October 2016

Susan Ellis 5th November 2016 - teacher of Music at K.H.S. During the 1960s and 1970s.

Sibyl Ann Rogers (née Squires) – 19th December 2016

Beryl Hall 17th January 2017

Kathleen Bartels (née Bayes) – 20th January 2017

Edna Davey (née Jones) 3rd March 2017 aged 90

Ruby Cartwright 4th March 2017 aged 92

Mary Elizabeth Raw 7th May 2017

Annette Jacobs (née Devitt)20th May 2017

(Note from editor – as we went to press, we heard that sadly, **Ann Mole** (née Hammond) passed away on 24th July 2017. A full tribute will be paid to her in the next newsletter.)

Jean Margaret Williams, (née Hopkins), was a pupil at K.H.S. during the war years died at her home in Gloucester on 7th May 2015.

Sheila M West a pupil at K.H.S. From 1937-1943 died at Russell Hall Hospital on 21st April 2016.

Sibyl Ann Rogers, (née Squires) died on 19th December 2016 at the age of 89 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada where she had lived since 1952. She leaves her two daughters Ann and Michelle and a son Mark plus seven grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Beryl Hall – Fondly remembered “Pink Lady” from the 1970s passed away

peacefully at home aged 85 with her family by her side. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Kathleen Bartels (née Bayes) was born at Highfield, Low Hill and continued to live there for the first 69 years of her life. She enjoyed her time at K.H.S. enormously and after, became a shorthand typist in the carpet industry. where she met Cyril whom she later married. In 1983, the decision to sell Highfield was made and a move to Southgate Close followed the untimely death of Cyril. Kathleen continued to drive until she was 80 and was a willing taxi driver and regularly drove to various local events including O.G.A. functions. She leaves two sons, three grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Annette Jacobs

Mary Annette Devitt was born on 13th February 1925 in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada. She moved to England with her family in the late 1920s. She went to the local elementary school before moving to K.H.S. Aged 9, She took secretarial training at Hampstead Secretarial College in 1943. The college had been evacuated to Shropshire at the start of the war. Following this she found employment as secretary to the Chief Commissioner for Girl Guiding in Wales where she remained for six years before returning to Kidderminster and becoming a school secretary. In 1962 she married Stanford Jacobs. After six years Jakes' job caused them to move to "Wayside" in the Rugby area. She became involved in village life and became secretary at Stanford Hall, a local historic house. After Jake's death in 1996, she remained at Wayside supported by family and friends in the village. Following health issues, she moved to The Elms Care Home at Clifton on Dunsmore where she was happy and greatly loved by the staff.

Mary-Elizabeth Raw died on 7th May 2017, aged 70. A brave and remarkable woman she will be sadly missed by her family and many friends. Her funeral service was held on 31st May, at St Peters Church, Weston-super-Mare. Mary-Elizabeth attended Liverpool University Veterinary School between 1966-1972 followed by postgraduate studies at Bristol University. She was also a Fellow of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. She had been ill for many years with MS but continued to edit a veterinary journal and study for a fine arts degree.
(Note from editor – a fuller, more personal tribute to Mary-Elizabeth is being prepared and will be included in the next newsletter.)

Sue Ellis – a tribute by Rosemarie Morgan

It was with great sadness that we received the news that Miss Ellis had

died. She was one of the iconic figures of my time at K.H.S., and played a major role in my musical education at school. When thinking of Miss Ellis, with all her musical ability and accomplishments, the most influence she had on me was as a Choir director and trainer, especially with her beloved Madrigal Choir. She demanded excellence – and usually got it! The range and complexity of the music sung would be the envy of many an adult choir, I am sure. It is so hard to choose a highlight, but our visits to the International Eisteddfod at Llangollen would surely rate highly in anyone's list. I'm not sure that we fully appreciated at the time the many wonderful opportunities that were being afforded us by Miss Ellis, but time has put that full perspective in place.

Her influence was not, however, limited to the choirs. It always raises a smile to hear the school song sung with the whole hearted emphasis on the "h" for "Head, heart and hands" by those who would not claim any interest in choral singing. (I am sure that previous music teachers also drummed that in to people!) Her high musical standards and expectations have stayed with me, and, I am sure, many others.

I was so pleased to be able to attend her funeral. A humanist service, it was full of beautiful words and wonderful music, providing a fitting farewell to a lady that I will always be indebted to.

For the privilege of having been taught by Miss Ellis – Gratias Hodie Agimus.

Melvyn Pignon (née Hickey)

Melvyn was probably the best known player of her era, representing England from 1954 when she played at the IFWHA World Tournament in Australia, through to 1967. She was a colourful character and as a speedy and skilful winger she was an inspiration to many youngsters. Melvyn went on to win 62 caps and had the honour of being appointed England captain for the 1966 & 67 seasons.

At the end of her playing days she married Laurie Pignon, the renowned Tennis correspondent, but she continued to write extensively on hockey and was President and a lifelong supporter on her club, Wimbledon LHC, until very recently. A full obituary on Melvyn's fascinating life and contribution to hockey are on the news page on The Hockey Museum website. <http://www.hockeymuseum.net/index.php/news/118-2016-news-items/287-melvyn-pignon-nee-hickey-1930-2016>

News of Old Girls

If you would have any news of Old Girls that you would like included in the next newsletter, please send details to the Editor.

Alice Bennett (née Cookson) 1967-1974 sent the following contribution about her M.B.E. award.

It was a great honour to receive an M.B.E. Award for services to Early Years. My Investiture Day at Buckingham Palace was a very special and memorable occasion and I thoroughly enjoyed sharing the events of this landmark day at the Kidderminster High School Old Girls' Association luncheon in the Oldfield Hall in September 2016. My exciting life journey to date has been greatly influenced by the excellent education I received at K.H.S. and I was thrilled to share my memories with such receptive and appreciative group. To be invited as a guest to Buckingham Palace and to walk along the splendid corridors, enjoying the artistic master pieces, the animated company of other medal winners, and just to enjoy the opulence of this Royal Household was a great honour that I will never forget. Following the Investiture we enjoyed lunch at The Ritz followed by a personalised tour of The House of Commons and finally a Dinner Dance Cruise with all of my family members, along the illuminated banks of the River Thames. It really was an unforgettable day and a tremendous high point in a long, and passionate career in Early Years Education.

It has been a great privilege to devote the past 30 years of my life to the care and education of young children. Early Years Education is a very rewarding but also very exhausting career! But what could be more important than helping young children to spread their wings and fly off with the necessary skills and confidence to achieve their potential.

Leading a talented team of childcare professionals has been a meaningful and also extremely rewarding task as together we nurture and educate the citizens of tomorrow. With 80% of a child's brain being formed by the age of 3, the great responsibilities of working with young children needs to be fully understood. For too long, Early Years Teachers have been looked down upon as the least important members of the teaching profession. But gradually parents and politicians are coming to realise the significance and importance of the work we do. It is time now that our status and pay are appropriately improved to reflect the great contribution we make to the Society of tomorrow.

It was my delight to share the honour of the M.B.E. award with the magnificent Staff Team I am privileged to lead. I also include many retired members of staff who have worked alongside me with such skill and devotion in the past. Early Years Teaching can often be a thankless task. We nurture and guide children's progress for up to 10 hours daily, day after day, whilst parents dash off to work. We are often overlooked in the fast pace of Society. Early Years Staff make tremendous personal

commitments to children and their families ensuring each child's personal needs are carefully met so that parents can have complete peace of mind as they take up their place in the workforce. Carefully we plant the important seeds of attitudes, values, ethics and personality into children's lives at the most significant stage of their education.

Life affords no greater responsibility and no greater privilege than the raising of the next generation and Education is the most important tool we have to change the World!

It is an amazing legacy that Madresfield Early Years Centre has created over the past 3 decades and as we develop our innovative new Centre at Worcester I am thrilled to be expanding our outstanding Early Years Services to more local families.

We strive to give all children the very best start in life. To be honoured by inclusion into the Queen's Birthday Honours List was a tremendous joy and privilege. I thank those who have nominated me for this wonderful accolade and praise those who have so valiantly worked at my side in challenging times to transform so many children's lives with education, laughter and love.

We welcome visitors to our beautiful Early Years Centres. Come and be inspired and see for yourself the outstanding services we provide. As Good Teachers we inspire children and instil a love of learning that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

Chris Goggin (née Brook) 1967-1974 made her annual visit to England in June where she was able not only to meet up with Jen Booth (née Brookes), Helen Barlow (née Perrins) and Anne Budworth (née Amies), but also, Rob Budworth, Adrian Hayes and Dave Barnett who were at Queen Elizabeth's, Hartlebury, with her husband Patrick.

Sue Whistance-Smith (née Cartwright), **Jenny Booth** (née Brookes) and Anne Budworth (née Amies) continue to meet on a regular basis and are hoping to visit Wightwick Manor sometime soon, although a cream tea is next on the list of things to do. We have also started meeting **Helen Barlow** (née Perrins) and **Deb Brown** for lunches.

Mary Johnson (née Bradley) 1948-55 writes that she is still in touch with several friends from 1948-55, including Diana Gooseman (née Slater) and Jennifer Morris (née Astill). She lunches with local friends, Mary Davies (née Wilcox) and others who attend lunches kindly arranged by Elisabeth

Robinson. She also visits Diana and Jennifer in New Zealand.

Did you start K.H.S. In 1960?

If you did and left in either 1965 or 1967 you may be interested to join the regular Coffee Mornings arranged by Chris Titley. Chris also regularly arranges lunches at The Manor, Stourport – the next one is on October 14th. If you would like further details of either the lunches or Coffee Mornings, please contact Chris direct on christinetitley@gmail.com

League of Friends Coffee Shop.

In the newsletter last year, I mentioned the need for more volunteers at the League of Friends Coffee Shop at Kidderminster Hospital. Since finishing work in November, I have joined the volunteers there. I can thoroughly recommend it as a way of meeting different people and feeling needed. A choice of shifts is available on a permanent rota or as holiday cover. If anyone would like to find out more, please contact the volunteer coordinator, Chris Titley, herself an Old Girl.(christinetitley@gmail.com)

Other Coffee Shops in other hospitals in other areas are also available...

From the editor.

I still keep cuttings from both the Kidderminster Shuttle and the Thursday edition of the Express & Star both of which are distributed at free in the Wyre Forest area, but if anyone spots something about an Old Girl in a different newspaper, I would be most grateful if they could let me know the details for our next newsletter.

Spotted on Facebook

It may have taken 44.5 years but finally Libby Shewry (née Owen) 1967-72 & Jen Booth (née Brookes) 1967-74 were able to have a reunion down under in Australia when Jen visited with her husband, Colin. Libby & her husband Don ensured they had a fabulous day in the Blue Mountains despite the considerable (but nonetheless warm) rainfall!

Bob and **Diana Gooseman** (née Slater), from near Christchurch in New Zealand went along to the Wolverley and Cookley Historical Society meeting one morning and were surprised at the number of K.H.S. Old Girls present – a celebratory photograph included **Alison Beddoes**, **Margaret Page** (née Thompson), **Mary Johnson** (née Bradley), **Betty Caswell** (née

Edwards), **Christine Barfield**, **Elaine Smith** (née Penn), **Jenny Hall** (née Smith), **Janet Lamb** (née Cooper), **Barbara Freeman** (née Woodroffe) and **Linda Swinton** (née Bennett). Apologies for any omissions or mistakes with the names.

Diana said having the group photo (posted on the Facebook page) made her day.

Rosemarie Morgan (née Pitt) and Anne Budworth (née Amies) have had several happy days during the last few months visiting places of interest to knitters – the highlight being Wonderwool in Wales in April. A lot of Old Girls are still living within the Wyre Forest area – if anyone would like to join us on these outings or would be interested in an informal Knit and Natter Group, please let me know.

OGA Flower Fund

During the year Old Girls received flowers, tokens or cards for a variety of reasons, mainly celebrations, illnesses or bereavement. So far this year many Old Girls have been recipients.

If you know of any Old Girl who would appreciate flowers please contact Elisabeth Robinson (01562 750891) or Rosemarie Moore (01562 67546).

O.G.A. COMMITTEE 2016 – 17

Chairman	Rosemarie Morgan (née Pitt)
Vice Chairman	Anne Budworth (née Amies)
Minutes Secretary	Rosemarie Moore (née Brockway)
Treasurer	Margaret Bazley (née Osborne)
Newsletter Editor	Anne Budworth (née Amies)
Committee	Sheila Garlick Monica Bashford (née Hall) 2014-2016 Shirley Whiteside (née Hall) 2014-2016 Judy Neale (née Beddoes) 2015-2017 Gloria Phillips (née Galloway) 2015-2017
Flower Fund	Rosemarie Moore (née Brockway) and Elisabeth Robinson (née Wrigglesworth)
Co-opted	Sheila Kirk
Friend of the Committee	Mary Wehner
Web-mistress	Rosemarie Morgan

Please send any correspondence regarding the O.G.A. to Anne Budworth, 108 Park Lane, Kidderminster, DY11 6TB or budwortha@blueyonder.co.uk who will forward it to the correct person.

KIDDERMINSTER HIGH SCHOOL O.G.A. A.G.M. AND LUNCH 17th SEPTEMBER 2016.

The Chairman, Rosemarie Morgan welcomed all the members.

Deaths. Those who had died since the last AGM were remembered, including Becky Giddins, a member of staff who had died at the age of 34.

Apologies: Jean Ovens, Monica Bird, Judith Knowles, Beryl Haughton.

The minutes were signed as a true report. There were no matters arising.

Treasurer's Report. (Copy on File). Margaret Bazley reported that the Financial Year started on August 1st 2015 and ended on July 31st 2016. On August 1st 2015 the Current account stood at £584.90. The income for 2015/2016 was £1993.00 and the expenditure was £1792.41. The cash in Lloyds Bank at 31.7.16 was £785.49 and cash in Scottish Widows account at 1.1.16 was £2566.91 which included interest of £8.18 and £1,000 which belonged to the Flower Fund. Margaret pointed out that interest paid from Scottish Widows was 0.4% which as from November would be reduced to 0.15%. Currently there is a surplus of £200.59.

Annual subscription of £5 for UK members, £10 for overseas members and £25 for new internet/Life members had been passed at the 2015 AGM. Margaret reminded members to make sure they were paying the correct amount. Margaret completed her report by thanking all members for supporting the OGA.

Rosemarie Morgan asked that thanks should be minuted to Margaret and also to John Neale who had audited the accounts. A bottle of wine had been given to John in appreciation.

The website had been updated.

Shirley Keays proposed and Shirley Whiteside seconded with all in favour that the accounts should be adopted.

Flower Fund Report. (Copy on File). Rosemarie Moore reported that £294.46 had been carried forward and with donations of £483 + £1,000 in the Scottish Widow's account the fund stood at £1,777.46. Last Christmas Elisabeth and Rosemarie had visited 23 Old Girls and sent 3 tokens and during the year had either visited or sent tokens or cards to 23 Old Girls. Rosemarie said that she and Elisabeth had been less busy during the year and did rely on information being passed on about Old Girls who may appreciate a visit. She said that if anyone wished to visit a member of their own family or a friend they would be reimbursed .

Rosemarie Morgan asked that thanks should be minuted to Rosemarie and Elisabeth. It was proposed by Sue Smith and seconded by Anne Witts with all in favour that the report should be accepted and signed.

Newsletter. Anne Budworth reported that news had been short this year. It would be appreciated if any news to be included in the newsletter was sent by email. Rosemarie Morgan asked that thanks should be minuted to Anne.

Chairman's Report. (Copy on File). Rosemarie Morgan hoped that all who had attended the AGM last year at the Wagon Wheel had been pleased with the venue. The meeting had been much improved by holding it in the main bar area. The food had been excellent and the after lunch talk by Judy and Mary had been extremely entertaining. Today the speaker would be Alice Bennett who had been awarded an MBE. Rosemarie suggested that someone should be invited to the palace during the next twelve months so that they could talk about it at the next AGM.

Rosemarie said that she had been invited to the Old Carolian's annual dinner, the first time that the chairman of the OGA had been officially invited.

She mentioned the very entertaining evening which had been held in the spring when Richard Westcott gave a talk on "Confessions of a Pantomime Dame".

The committee were thanked for their support especially Anne who as vice chairman had given her such tremendous personal support.

Constitution. The Constitution had been circulated to all members and a copy is on file with the following amendments:-

The object of the OGA: " To promote friendship /fellowship between all former members of staff and pupils of KHS so that the spirit of the school continues"

The Annual General Meeting: To be held during the first half of the autumn term
Other meetings to be organised at the discretion of the committee. These two points give flexibility in organising meetings.

The committee will consist of: The secretary will be elected by the committee as and when required. At the moment Anne Budworth deals with all the secretarial duties and Rosemarie Moore takes and types the minutes.

The format will be proposed at this meeting and if adopted will commence at the AGM in 2017.

The motion was proposed by Alison Hargreaves, seconded by Gloria Phillips with all in favour.

Elections.

Chairman Rosemarie Morgan proposed by Rosemarie Moore seconded by Alison Hargreaves with all in favour.

Vice Chairman Anne Budworth proposed by Judy Neale seconded by Monica Bashford with all in favour.

Treasurer Margaret Bazley Three year appointment – has another year to run.

Committee Alison Hargreaves wished to retire from the committee in view of other commitments.

Rosemarie Moore, Elisabeth Robinson, Judy Neale, Gloria Phillips.

Sheila Garlick and Sheila Kirk – co-opted

Monica Bashford and Shirley Whiteside to be elected for 1 year as a transition period.

Monica proposed by Stella Stone and seconded by Jane.

Shirley proposed by Alison Hargreaves and seconded by Monica Bashford.

Dates for future meetings 2017.

Monday 3rd April Max Keene (costumed historical lecturer) venue to be advised Civil war in Bewdley

Guests to be charged extra.

Saturday 16th September AGM Wagon Wheel Grimley 10.30 Coffee

12.30 Lunch

Any other business.

Sheila Kirk said that this particular day was an historical one as it was 70 years since the school became known as a Grammar School. There were three houses, Chad, Clare and Cyniberht. Miss Leigh objected when a fourth house, Clent was proposed.

As tips had not been included in the price of the meal Rosemarie Morgan said money would be collected.

Melvyn Hickey a former member of the school and who captained the English hockey team had died. Rosemarie Morgan had been contacted by the Times for any relevant information about her.

The meeting was formally closed.

Expression of interest in the Spring 2018 meeting-

A Historical talk by Max Keen on 21st April 2018

Please complete your details below and return this form to Anne Budworth, 108 Park Lane, Kidderminster, DY11 6TB. budwortha@blueyonder.co.uk if you would like to be sent further details of this meeting once they are available after Christmas. Returns by email would be most welcome.

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Expression of interest in the Summer 2018 meeting-

An Evening Visit to Hartlebury Castle on 22nd June 2018

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