



# Old Girls' Guild

## Updates, reminisces and farewells

### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to the November OGG Update, I hope it finds everyone safe and well. As times continue to be challenging, we would like for the Updates to provide some form of distraction, joy and stir happy memories. If you would ever like to contribute your reminiscences to the Updates please [let us know](#).

In this edition, you will find a staff photo and some faces to be identified, an article from the School's Archivist, an update from our Old Stamfordians and a reminder about sending in your paragraph for inclusion in the member's OGG Magazine which is due to be published in March 2021.

As always, if there is anything you think the committee or School can support with [please do get in touch](#).

May Christ us Spede.

Jill Hamilton (OS 80)

Chair, SHS Old Girls' Guild

### REMINISENCES & UPDATES

#### STAFF PHOTO

Louise Rigby (OS 81) has kindly shared the staff photo below which has been loaned to her by Irene Glew who also attended the High School. The year of the photo is unknown and there are some faces that we don't recognise. On the back of the photo were also some signatures that we are trying to match up to their owner. We wondered if any of our OGG community would be able to put some names to faces? Do [let us know](#)!



## NATIONAL SPORTING HERITAGE DAY

You may have seen the 30 September was National Sporting Heritage Day. For the occasion our Archivist, James Buckman, wrote an article about the history of sport at the Schools, including M.J.K. Smith, England's last double international who represented at both cricket and rugby!



The aim of Sporting Heritage Day is to bring together the UK's sporting collections and the people who care for them, and [you can read the whole article on the School website.](#)

In addition, we have also sent out a request for people to share with us any photos etc of their times at the Schools to be used in our ever growing archives. Whether it be in a show or participation in sports or activities, we would love to be able to store the memories for years to come. Please feel free to [contact the archives.](#) A project across the Schools is to develop our digital archives so any additions will be much appreciated.

## **WHERE ARE YOU NOW?**

We have already had lots of responses to the request for updates to be included in our OGG Members Magazine 2020/21. If you would like to send through a few lines about where you are and what you have been up to since leaving the Schools please [contact us](#) for these to be included.

**Grace Cooke (OS 17)** got in touch to let us know what she was up to now:

I left after my GCSE'S as I knew the career path I wished to take and my aspirations for the future so I enrolled at Stamford College as a stepping stone to then studying at Norland College in Bath for their 3 year degree course. Although I left earlier my High school Year group is OS17.

I have just begun my 2nd year at Norland currently on a placement with a family on their holiday in Cornwall. My 1st year was amazing and everything I dreamed of and the opportunities for me in the future are limitless.

I feel I am an example of pursuing your dreams and not looking at what might hold you back. My GCSE results were fine and enabled me to enrol on the Children's Play, Learning and Development course Level 3 at college however I do struggle with exams but this course enabled me to be continually assessed throughout the two years achieving an A grade overall.

While at Stamford I had regular weekly singing lessons and was a member of Cantare which saw me performing all over Europe and my love for singing has continued as I joined The Norland Choir in my 1st term and again have performed in many prestigious venues.

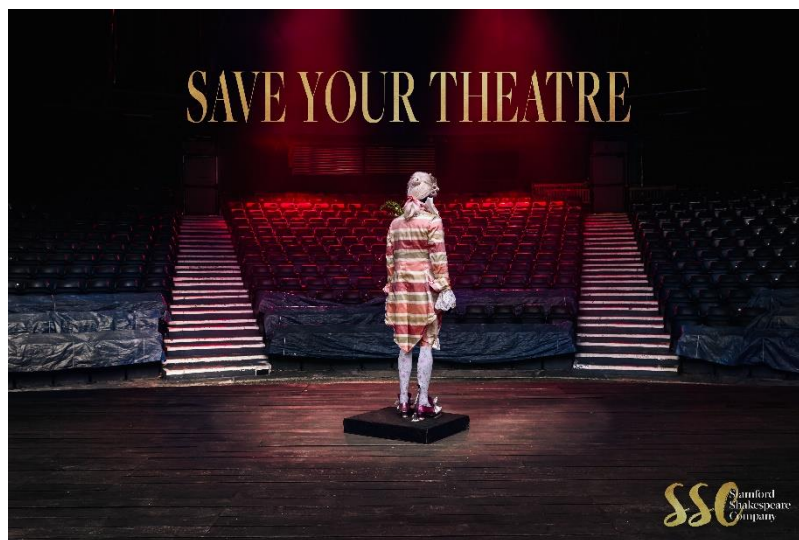
I feel extremely privileged to now be studying at a world renowned college and to also have had such a fantastic education at SES. I enclose a photo of me in my very distinctive uniform!



We wish you all the best Grace!

### **Stamford Shakespeare Company**

Caroline Stephenson (nee Parker) (OS 83) has written to us about Stamford Shakespeare Company's 'Save Your Theatre' Campaign. Having attended the High School and spent many happy summers on school trips to Tolethorpe Hall (which started her love of Shakespeare), Caroline returned to the Stamford area when she had her children and joined Stamford Shakespeare Company. She started off acting in the Shakespeare plays, progressed to directing and is now Chair of the Board of Directors.



Due to Covid-19, the 2020 summer season of plays was postponed and this had a significant impact financially on the company, and Caroline has written to ask us to highlight the plight of

the company and request your help. The company is fundraising by setting up a Just Giving page and she is asking for help to save the theatre for future generations. The company recently received a grant from the Cultural Recovery Fund which will ensure they can keep going for now but the future is still so uncertain. It is probable that the audience next year will only be one third of capacity, due to social distancing requirements, which will make the plays financially unviable without help from fundraising.

For more information [click here](#) to visit the website.

**Finally, we would be delighted if you would advise / update how you would like us to communicate with you:**

The Development Team have been working on **improving the Old Stamfordian website** and are proud to share the new look with you. [Click here](#) to have a look at the new pages! We would love to hear any feedback from you too so please do [lets us know](#).

The SES Development Office will be communicating with you periodically to share news about the work we are doing and to explain how that is supporting the Schools. We are keen to ensure that we communicate with you in the most effective way for you and about the things that are meaningful to you. We also welcome input at many of our events from our Old Stamfordian community and we would be delighted to hear whether that is of interest to you. Please do take some time to click the social media links below and sign up to our groups.

Please [click here](#), scroll down the page and complete 'Update your Contact Details and Preferences'.

With thanks.

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## **OSC Newsletter / OGG Magazine 2019-20**

As mentioned in the previous Update, the two committees have this year decided to publish the OSC Newsletter and

OGG Magazine as one  
publication in print.

Please click the relevant links  
below:

[OSC Newsletter 2019-20](#)

[OGG Magazine 2019-20](#)