

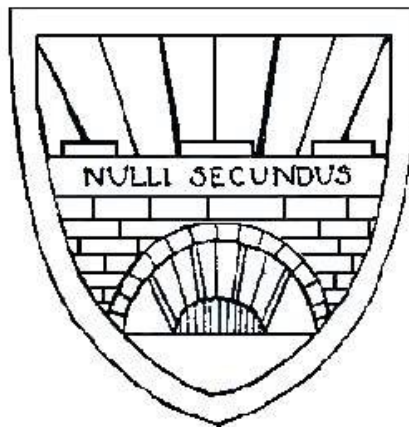
# School Magazine

‘Old Girls’

Pierrepont Secondary Modern School  
for Girls

Gordon Road, Nottingham

## Commemorative Edition 80th Anniversary Reunion



11th July 2013  
Mapperley Golf Club  
Nottingham

# WELCOME

This Reunion grew out of an online group of Pierrepont Old Girls on the internet site, Facebook (currently 55 members).

Thanks must go to everyone on this site and from elsewhere, whose photos, comments and contributions form a large part of this magazine.

Huge thanks must also go to Tarn Young (nee Hill) who has been a fearless collaborator in getting this current reunion up and running. It has been a pleasure being involved in the planning of this event and editing this magazine.

I wish you a Very Happy Reunion

Mavis Paskulich (nee Baker)

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## FOREWORD.

Once again it gives me much pleasure to present the work and activities of our school in our second magazine, though, naturally, the literary side of school life is much more prominent than such subjects as Arithmetic, Physical Education, or Art and Crafts. In addition to reports of Clubs and Houses, I am pleased that articles have been accepted from girls in most of the forms in the school.

At our recent Old Girls' Re-Union there were many old scholars who were engaged in very interesting jobs, and I am hoping that in magazine No.3 we may include some accounts of their work and experiences. Contributions will be accepted by our editor, Miss D.J.Stirland, who has been responsible for this most pleasing and successful edition.

H.R.Norman

# Nulli Secundus

(music and lyrics by Miss Hilda Rose Norman)

Proud is the School of the name she inherits,  
Bright are the hopes of the years that shall be  
High the ambitions that rest on her merits.  
Quickened by fellowship, joyous and free.

**"Onward and Upward"** shall still be our song,  
**"Steadfastness"** proudly shall bear us along.  
Jubilant, raise we the standard: **"Aim High",**  
As we **"Look Forward "** we join in this cry-  
Pierrepont!  
Nulli Secundus! Nulli Secundus!

Through the swift years she creates her tradition,  
Ours be the honour of guarding her fame  
Second to none in the lofty ambition,  
Winning or losing of "playing the game."

# THE PIERREPONT SCHOOL



Looking at these photos - weren't we lucky to have such a wonderful school, high up and overlooking a vast expanse of the city. It must have been quite modern back then - with all those doors opening out the back, wonderful on a hot day! The lovely quadrangle, the gardens filled with shrubs and the hordes of daffodils in the summer - bliss - better than being at a school surrounded by factories and houses - like being on top of the world! -*Tarn Young (nee Hill)*



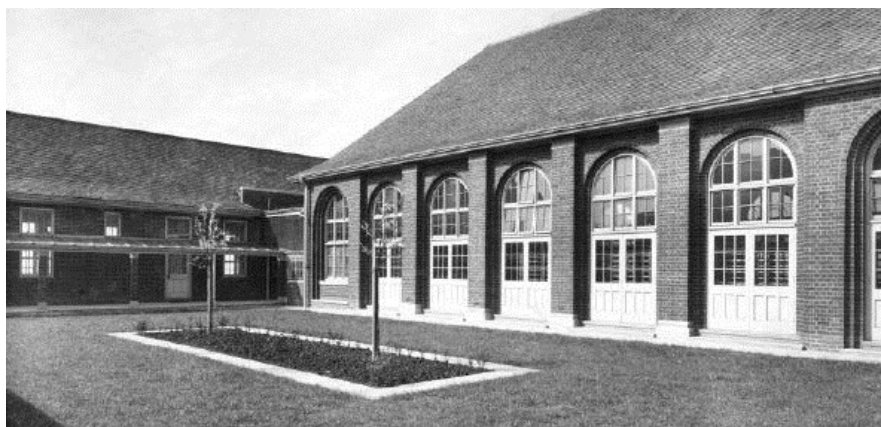
I was at Pierrepont 1948-1952. I remember my last year in 4A we were in that separate building (the music room). That was the year of the fire and I missed all the fun because I was home sick. -*Sheila Shoun (nee Harby)*

Compared with the Victorian built schools in the area (built in the late 19th century) this school was light and airy. My primary school had been the Board School on St Ann's Well Road where the windows in those classrooms were so high you could not see out of them. The Pierrepont school hall had so much light streaming in through that expanse of glass in the french windows. -*Mavis Paskulich (nee Baker)*



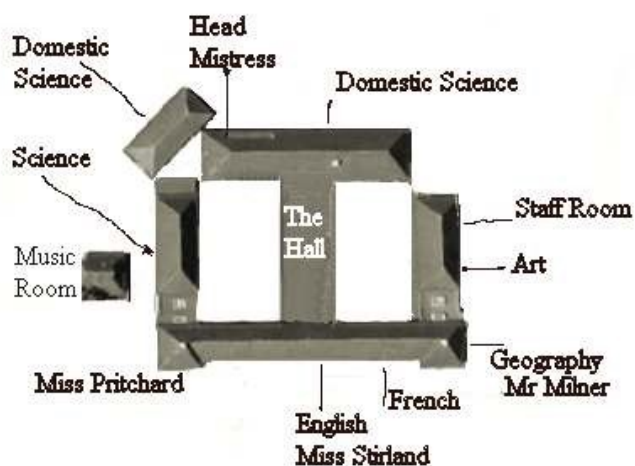
My memories included tennis courts and a lunch room at the bottom of the drive. I loved the music room. -*Jacqueline Brothwell (nee Newton)*

I went to Pierrepont, though most of the children nearby went to Morley S H School up the road. They could even catch a bus up to their school, though it wasn't done. I had to walk up Northampton Street, past that lovely old church at the top around the corner. Sometimes I would go in. The doors were always unlocked in those days. It was so quiet and peaceful. If I wasn't late already—I would be. On the days that had snow or ice I had to hang on to the fences to keep myself from sliding back down the street. It was quite a steep climb but there was no other way other than Southampton Street, which was just as steep. I loved going to Pierrepont. It was my bit of heaven in a “topsy turvy” childhood. -*Jacqueline Brothwell (nee Newton)*



## SCHOOL SUBJECTS

English  
 History  
 Geography  
 French  
 Arithmetic  
 Science  
 Art and Crafts  
 Gardening  
 Needlecraft  
 Domestic Subjects  
 Physical Training  
 (swimming, tennis,  
 netball)  
 Music  
 Commercial Subjects  
 Religious Knowledge



HOUSE	MOTTO	COLOUR
HOLME	ONWARD & UPWARD	BLUE
KINGSTON	LOOKING FORWARD	RED
MANVERS	STEADFASTNESS	GREEN
NEWARK	AIM HIGH	YELLOW

# Pierrepont Secondary Modern School for Girls

Our school was built in response to the rising population in the Carlton Road and St Ann's district. The school was named after the Pierrepont family on whose land it was built. Situated at the top of Gordon Road, the buildings, (according to an HMI report of the time), "occupied a splendid position on a hill from which there was an extensive view over the city." The school was officially opened on 4 July 1933.

Mrs C Harper of Nottingham City Council was presented with a gold key by the City Engineer for the official opening. Alderman J Baldwin spoke about the new Nottingham schools developed during that era – Morley, Ellis, Guilford and Cottesmore.

In 1933, there were 486 girls enrolled at Pierrepont. Six of the school's 13 rooms were devoted to practical work. In the art room, girls were encouraged to draw and make their own designs. Two domestic science rooms, fitted with gas, coal and electric stoves, were devoted to instruction in "cooking, laundry work and thrift."

Form teachers in the early days taught English, maths and needlework. PE lessons were described as "exhilarating and of a quality above the average", while musical activity was "an outstanding feature of the school."

The first Headmistress, Miss Maltby, soon organised a house system comprising Holme, Kingston, Manvers and Newark. An excellent school choir and a school magazine were established. Pierrepont girls won the first of many Nottingham Savings Bank trophies at the City Gala in 1936.

Pupils were given the opportunity to contribute to the war effort by knitting scarves, mittens and socks for servicemen and helped to raise money for cigarettes for soldiers. After one severe air raid in May 1941, part of the school was set on fire, but the blaze was contained, thanks to the expertise of staff fire-fighters. During the war, staff organised regular trips to a farm near Ruddington so that girls could do their share of "spud picking."

Post-war Pierrepont notched a twin success in 1950 when "Iolanthe" was successfully produced and the school choir came second in the Festival of Britain regional competition.

During the 1955 speech day, the girls were warned to "beware of sailing the seven Cs – clothes, crooning, chocolate, cigarettes, cinemas, candlelight and chaps!"

Coronation celebrations in 1953 were concluded with a visit to Carlton Road Cinema to see "The Coronation." During a severe blizzard that winter many staff had to walk four or five miles through the snow to get home.

Two teachers joined the staff for short periods around this time – Carol Chell, who became a BBC presenter and Brian Clark, who found fame as a TV playwright.

Pierrepont's swimming successes continued up until the school's amalgamation with Manvers School in 1968. Miss Bickers was the PE teacher at the school for many years and 'insisted' on every girl being able to swim!

After 35 years of strong traditions, Pierrepont School for Girls ceased in July 1968, though the buildings continued to be used until 1972 as a mixed secondary school, having been amalgamated with Manvers School. The building is now (2013) being used as Bluebell Hill Primary School.

**12th July 2013**

## **TOUR OF THE SCHOOL**

The current headmistress of the Bluebell Hill Primary School kindly invited 50 of the 'old girls' attending the 80th Anniversary Reunion to their morning assembly, followed by a tour of the school and a 'tree planting' ceremony.





## DAFFODILS

One of the school's annual activities was for us to buy and nurture at home daffodil bulbs that had been ordered specially from Holland. In spring, we would bring them back to the school and have a magnificent display in the hall. These bulbs would also be planted throughout the school gardens.

I have found a booklet from the 1983 reunion. The bulb competition started in October and in the spring, Mr Van Leewen came to present Dutch flower brooches to the winners - *Jean Nicholson*



Some of the girls of Pierrepont Secondary School, Nottingham, with the daffodils they are entering for a competition at the school today.  
Janet Tellett, Rosalie Knowles, ? Janet Rouse, Beryl Relph, Marilyn Davies - 1962  
photo - Janet Hoe (nee Tellett)

Every year we used to have a bulb competition and set a pot of daffodils. A grower used to provide the bulbs from Holland. He then came to present the winners with prizes. I won a small tulip brooch one year, so must have been reasonably successful. Gardening is still one of my hobbies so I wonder if this is where my interest started! - *Jean Ramsden (nee Piggott)*

## "Iolanthe"

### A Gilbert and Sullivan production

Performed at the school hall on May 23rd, 24th 26th 1950



Miss Lilley was the music teacher and Mrs Shaw was certainly involved. I was The Lord Chancellor and still remember some of the words I had to sing! Eileen Newton was the Fairy Queen and I recognise Pamela Ash as a main character. My best friend Cynthia Thompson - who lives in the USA - was a peer. It was a huge success and credit to the wonderful staff who worked so hard with all of us. It must have been so difficult to get all those costumes. I think it was the same year that we won a cup at the Albert Hall for singing. -*Shirley Brooks (nee Browett)*

# SCHOOL SPORTS

## ‘Netball, Tennis, Swimming’



*Evelyn, Doreen, Margaret Warsop, Ann Radnall, Ada Wragg, -Shirley Browett*

Pierrepont Netball team, (left) - began at school but then carried on once we had left. We were really good, won tournaments and some of us were chosen to play for Nottinghamshire. -*Shirley Brooks (nee Browett)*

School Netball Team (right) - Tarn Hill (centre), Judy Baxter (defence), Carol Riddell, Susan Porter, Front row from the left - Kathleen Boulby (shooter), Diane Smith and Jill Bartles) -*Tarn Young (nee Hill)*



### **‘Breaking the Rules’**

Girls who stayed on until the 5th year, were not allowed to go swimming....Of course, Miss Bickers, who was our 'Form' teacher, always broke that rule (without Miss Norman's knowledge). I remember she would request that we bring our towels and swimsuits to school and hide them under the desk. Then during the time we were not studying commercial subjects, she would wander out into the quadrangle to check that Miss Norman was not lurking around a corner, dash back into the classroom and usher us all out. She used to say 'quickly girls...hurry up...run'. We used to have to run down the drive and disappear into the obscurity of people walking along the main road. I still love swimming and have just joined a gym, just for the pool.

- *Tarn Young (nee Hill)*

### **“That will teach me”**

I had petite mal as a child and was not allowed to ride a bike or go swimming, in case I had a secondary blackout whilst doing so. This must have annoyed Miss Norman and Miss Bickers, as I know they were proud to always say that the school had always been 100% for swimming and I come along and spoil the record. I grew out of the malady when I was sixteen, but it haunted me until a few years ago. When I applied for my first driving licence I said 'yes' to the question regarding epilepsy and only got a three year licence for years after that with loads of form filling in. That will teach me to always be honest. -*Brenda Derner (nee Hartshorne)*

### **“I still can’t swim”**

Brenda, you were not the only one to spoil the school's record for not swimming. I remember our school year after year winning the trophy for Nottingham inter-schools swimming. I had asthma and when I entered the water it took my breath, so I was frightened of water. After a lot of Miss Bickers trying to get me to swim, one day she put a rope around my middle and gave me a float also. I couldn't let her down, so I did all the swimming movements with one leg on the bottom of the pool. Of course, Miss Bickers spotted this and was very angry and ordered me out of the pool to go and get dressed. I felt so bad, as all the girls in the school could swim. I still can't swim!!!!!! By the way I loved school. -*Hazel Budworth*

I always remember Miss Bickers helping us get all our medals for swimming. She would put you in for everything, then we would go in the hall at break and practice our lifesaving on each other. The school always won trophies for swimming, while Miss Bickers was there. - *Flo Garton (nee Wright)*

My friend Pamela Mullins couldn't swim she was frightened, Miss Bickers tried to force her, but Pamela's mum used to come to school to have it out with Miss Bickers regularly. I met Pamela years later, she still couldn't swim, wonder if she can now? - *Janet Hoe (nee Tellett)*



# NEEDLEWORK & COOKERY

## 'Cap & Apron, Blouse & Skirt and other delights'

Although I have never been fond of sewing (I do get the needle and thread out to mend things) I have fond memories of the sewing class. First year we made a bag to put our sewing things in, (mine had a music score on the front that I drew and embroidered). Second year it was the cap and apron for the domestic science class, third year a school blouse and a summer skirt and top, fourth year we could make anything from our own pattern and I made a summer dress. I am also very grateful for those domestic science classes: no cookery at first but lessons on personal hygiene, how to keep the kitchen and contents clean including the oven. It seemed like ages before we were allowed to do any cooking and this turned out to be fun. I remember we made a lemon meringue pie from scratch (no packets or tins). I remember getting to 4th year and with a fellow class mate we cooked lunch for the teachers. The menu was vegetable soup - cooked from scratch, puff pastry steak & kidney pie - pastry hand made, not bought. I think the pudding was a lemon meringue as this seemed to be a favourite. I have never lost my love of cooking and in particular baking. My grandchildren have always 'helped' with the baking and loved it too. –*Brenda Derner (nee Hartshorne)*

Do you remember making your own cap and apron in needlework? We also made our summer uniform of blue flowered skirt and blouse, and a mid blue winter blouse. I later made a fine needle cord pinafore dress in a dusty green colour. I loved that dress. The winter uniform was supposed to be navy skirt, mid blue blouse, and think it was royal blue tie, with navy cardigan or jumper. –*Janet Hoe (nee Tellett)*

I remember with angst my lovely blue flowered skirt and blouse (summer uniform). Unfortunately, it met with a disastrous end. After school (unknown to parents), Janet Smith and I used to bike over to Wollaton to see a boy. She sat on the saddle and I sat on the crossbar with a coat over me, so that I would not be seen by the police! It is a very long way from Carlton to Wollaton! and Janet had to peddle like mad, as we had to be home again by 9 p.m. This particular day, we arrived and were standing outside the boy's house, hoping to catch a glimpse of him. After a few minutes, his father came out looking bemused. Janet suggested we run off. I followed after her down the road. Unfortunately, a large piece of wire was sticking out of the hedge and caught my skirt as I was running. I carried on and the skirt tore horizontally almost all the way around, hanging down to the ground. I was really upset, but very thankful that the boy's mum came to see the commotion and very kindly sewed the skirt together again. Unfortunately, it still looked an unholy mess and I had a lot of explaining to do. We only made one skirt and blouse and I had to accept one from the 'poor' box, which had faded and was too big....I was mortified! – *Tarn Young (nee Hill)*

I too remember needle work - making the skirt and blouse, the hem being let down as you grew until you left. – *Gillian Smith (nee Bentley)*

### **Jackie Daley (nee Gunn) has found a booklet produced for the 1983 Reunion:**

The introduction contains events that occurred during 1933 when the school opened i.e. Adolf Hitler came to power in Germany, unemployment was at the high level of 2,700,000, there was a National Government in power led by Labour politician Ramsey McDonald. King George V and Queen Mary visited Nottingham and Derby in the summer and at the New Victoria there was All in Wrestling, (prices 1/2<sup>d</sup>, 2/4<sup>d</sup> and 3/6<sup>d</sup>.) It states the school opened on 4<sup>th</sup> July 1933 and Manvers on 10<sup>th</sup> January 1933

#### **Log Book Entries**

8<sup>th</sup> January 1952 School re-assembled this morning Miss M. Jones to take music and Mr T. Milner to take Geography.

11<sup>th</sup> June 1953 The whole school and staff (399 girls plus 19 staff) walked to the Carlton Cinema this morning for a showing of "The Queen is Crowned" cost 6d.

22<sup>nd</sup> February 1962 The school was presented with the "Myers and Jardine" trophies which are competed for in swimming and life saving by all schools in the city. It will be receiving the Myers Trophy for the fifteenth year in succession and the Jardine trophy for the twelfth time in the same period.

19<sup>th</sup> October 1966 Miss Gladys Aylward (the Far East Missionary) came to speak. She brought with her a little Chinese boy "Ai Chi Kwang" and told us how he had been found in a brown paper bag in her garden.

# LINKS WITH THE WIDER WORLD

Miss Norman ensured we had links with a wide range of people. Correspondence with them was a part of school life.... Who do we remember?

Does anyone remember **Burt Pengelly** who the school used to write to. He was based in Nigeria and sent us regular information which Miss Norman read out at assembly. Anita Lawson remembers being chosen from our class to rewrite the draft of the letters alongside one other person. -*Jackie Daley (nee Gunn)*

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## Gladys Aylward, Eunice Bicknell and Ruth Cropper Pierrepoint Old Girls

### TWO ADVENTUROUS OLD GIRLS.

If you have a longing to live abroad you will probably envy an old Pierrepoint girl named Eunice Bicknell who has gone to Nigeria. Envy, however, will soon change to admiration when you know that Eunice is a nurse, Sister Bicknell in fact, and admiration will probably turn to something like awe when you realise that Sister Bicknell has gone to Nigeria to nurse people who are suffering from a terrible disease - leprosy. Sister Bicknell is a missionary as well as a nurse, and in her difficult, dangerous, but wonderful work, all members of her old school send her their thoughts and best wishes.

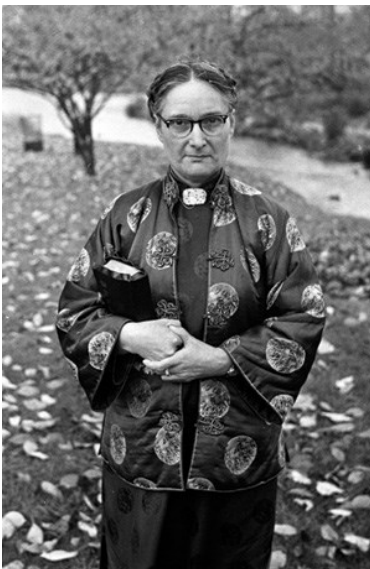
Living a less hazardous but equally interesting life is another old girl whose name before her marriage was Ruth Cropper. Ruth's home is now on a small island in the Indian Ocean called Mauritius. The island is only 29 miles wide and 39 miles long and yet its population of Europeans, Indians, Chinese, French, and the native Creole is about 70,000 people. Ruth's husband is a Bank Manager and she does a lot of entertaining. Natives help with the housework and washing but Ruth enjoys cooking. To Ruth also we send our greetings.

(This article was in an old copy of our school magazine)

**Eunice Bicknell** visited the school when I was there, she was a nurse out in Africa. I think the school used to raise money and send letters to her. —*Janet Hoe (nee Tellett)*

**Eunice Bicknell** lived four doors away from me with her mum and dad on the corner of Selby Rise. Eunice went to Pierrepoint in 1944 with Maureen and my Cousin Eileen Towne. She became a missionary; her friend was **Gladys Aylward**. Gladys came to stay with Eunice and they both visited Pierrepoint (1958-1960) - *Margaret Fidler (nee Fitzsimmons)*

**Gladys Aylward** visited from Formosa (an island off the SE coast of China)-*Susan Cumberland (nee Russel)*



### Gladys May Aylward

24 Feb 1902 – 3 Jan 1970

Gladys was a British evangelical Christian missionary to China whose story was told in the book *The Small Woman* by Alan Burgess, published in 1957.

In 1958, the story was made into the Hollywood film: *The Inn of the Sixth Happiness* starring Ingrid Bergman







I am on the front row second from right, wearing my attendance stripe, with Yvonne Rodney front row (extreme right). I do believe it was 3b2 not sure if it wasn't Mr. James class. Shirley Walker is in the middle, Yvonne is sitting next to me - the other girls, well, I have no idea.

*-Dawn MacGregor (nee Mead)*



1959/60 5A Judy Garratt, Mr Milner, Pam Fowles, ? Jean Mills, ? Lindsey Cartledge, ? Norma, Anita Rayson, Ann Rogers, Christine Richardson. Front row: Ann Smith, Mavis Baker, Jean Townsend, Sheila, Margaret Brown, Evadney Henry -*photo from Mavis Paskulich (nee Baker)*

My friend Anita Rayson (now deceased) left Pierrepont as I started there. Apparently, she was standing in a doorway as Miss Stirland came in. She tripped over Anita's foot and fell and broke her leg. Accident, so Anita always said ??? Miss Stirland always told us girls that people only swear because they can't think of something more intelligent to say. I've always remembered that and funnily enough I have never really used bad language! Miss Stirland was strict but fair. She encouraged me to stay on an extra year when I was determined to leave at end of 4th year. I stayed on and got 7 R.S.A. exams, and two G.C.E O Levels. We could only take two (O Levels were experiments at secondary schools in those days, usually Grammar and High Schools took them), so thank you, Miss Stirland. - *Janet Hoe (nee Tellett)*

# TEACHERS



Miss Norman  
and teachers outside the school hall

## MISS NORMAN (Headmistress)



Miss Norman looks just like you would imagine a head teacher of an all girls school would look. You can just imagine her addressing the pupils in assembly with her phrase 'Good Morning girls' and their reply 'Good morning Miss Norman. Good morning Masters and Mistresses' I remember it well! - *Tarn Young (nee Hill)*

Miss Norman is fondly remembered by many girls, including myself. On my first day at the school I stood in the schoolyard listening for my name to be called out to join one of the classes....but my name was never called. I was the only girl left with no class to go to. My name been sent to the Morley school. However, Miss Norman took me under her wing that day and put me in 1c, by the end of the day I was in 1a. Miss Norman ensured I stayed at the school. In retrospect, I find that I had admired her tremendously. She was kind yet firm. Her expectations of all pupils were extremely high. A good moral compass was no doubt her legacy to many Pierrepont girls. -*Mavis Paskulich (nee Baker)*

Miss Norman was very kind to me when my parents split up and she gave me little errands to do for her. When I was in the third year it was a very disruptive class with new teachers straight from college and I hated it. I was bullied because I wouldn't mess about and just got on with my work. Miss Norman knew I was unhappy and spent time with me. -*Brenda Derner (nee Hartshorne)*





Mrs Stones, Mrs Roe, Mr Elliott, Mrs Nicholson, Mr Milner, Miss Jones, Miss Stirland, Mrs Coates, Mrs Kilpatrick, Mrs Rabinovich, Miss Wall, Miss Bickers, Miss Stirland, (not in order). Can you name the others? - *Janet Hoe (nee Tellett)*



### MISS STIRLAND

I remember Miss Stirland in English class insisting we compose a letter correctly with indented paragraphs and the correct punctuation. I never forgot this and found it very difficult to change when using computers at work, as the norm then was to not indent paragraphs and not to punctuate. I think it did us good to have those high standards drilled in to us whilst at Pierrepont. -*Brenda Derner (nee Hartshorne)*

I remember Miss Stirland very well. What a wonderful teacher...she was instilling such high standards. This has stood me in good stead throughout my life. -*Hazel Budworth*

We can't forget the tweed skirts and twin sets, jumpers/cardigans, the granny shoes, the unruly curly hair, and the very thin build of her can we? She must have read hundreds of books, as she was very knowledgeable about all the authors. She certainly put us through our paces in the Speech Choir, reciting poems. I still have a book of poetry I was given for English at Speech Day. -*Janet Hoe (nee Tellett)*

Being taught English well (by Miss Stirland and Miss Richards) at school was definitely a bonus for me in later life when writing my novels (well I'm not as good as Shakespeare! but I think we all had a good schooling - far better than today!). -*Tarn Young (nee Hill)*

Miss Norman once announced in school assembly that Miss Stirland had had a book published and offered congratulations. In recent years, I found and purchased a copy on ebay! "The Book of Great Writers" published by Cassell & Co Ltd 1959 - *Mavis Paskulich (nee Baker)*





Back row: Mr Hartley, ? Miss Lilley, Miss Stirland, Mr James, Miss Simpson, ?  
 Middle row: Miss Robinson, Miss Valerie Williamson, Miss Cox?, Miss Norman, Miss Johnson,  
 Miss Parker, Miss Bickers,  
 Front row: left ? Miss Ross, Mrs Shaw, Miss Mawer  
 Photo taken July 1951 Photo provided by Blanche Gee (nee Parnham)

### PIERREPONT GIRL BECOMES A HEAD TEACHER

At Pierrepont, we had a broad education where so many subjects were covered - Art, Music, Sport, Cookery, French as well as the 3 R's, they must have been dedicated teachers because we came from a variety of backgrounds. I went on to marry at 18, have three children but was then able to go to College at 35 and get an honours degree. I often wonder what the teachers at school would have thought of me becoming a Head Teacher! I wasn't an easy pupil!! Pierrepont was a school where teachers tried to get the best out of everyone, as well as laying a sound foundation for life. It certainly worked for me, except that I wish I had worked harder, especially in the French lessons with poor Miss Stanley. -*Shirley Browett (nee Brooks)*



**Shorthand and Typing Class**  
 Teacher: Miss Dixon

AnnaMaria Schneider, Joyce Bradley, Susan Caulton, Shirley Evans, Margaret Smith, Eileen Hinde, Gillian Bentley, Shirley Hart, Janet, Valerie Tongue, Christine Waldron with Miss Bickers (left)

# A list of the teachers we remember (2013)

Miss M C Atkins  
Miss Dixon  
Mr Barks (Maths)  
Miss C Berry  
Miss M M Bickers (PE and Swimming)  
Miss Bridges (Headmistress)  
Mrs Bibby (Cookery)  
Miss Chadwick (Headmistress)  
Mr Clarke English  
Mrs J Coates (Sewing)  
Mr L A Collalucca (Art)  
Mrs M Cochran  
Mrs C Cryer (Shorthand Typing)  
Mrs Dixon (Commercial Studies)  
Mr Elliott (Maths)  
Mr Hartley (History)  
Mr James (Science)  
Miss E Jaque  
Miss Johnson (Geography)  
Miss Jones (Cookery)  
Miss Kenyon (Netball, Gardening)  
Miss Kilpatrick (Music)  
Mrs D Lawson  
Miss Ligo (History)  
Miss Lilley (Music)  
Miss Mawer (Needlework)  
Mr Tom Michael Milner (Geography)

Miss M Nicholson (Science)  
Miss H R Norman (Headmistress)  
Miss Palmer (Tennis/Netball)  
Miss Parker (Netball)  
Miss M Pell (English)  
Miss B I Pritchard (English)  
Miss Rabinovich  
Miss J Richards (English)  
Miss Robinson  
Miss M Roe  
Miss Ross  
Mrs Shaw (Needlework)  
Miss Simblett  
Miss Simpson  
Miss D J Stirland (English)  
Miss Stones  
Miss S Tennyson (Music)  
Miss J M Thomas  
Miss Wall  
Miss A W Wyles (Maths)  
Miss Valerie Williamson (Cookery)  
Miss H J Woodward  
Mrs Wootton (Needlework) (and Lady Mayoress)  
Miss M Worth  
1958 Secretary Miss G Morley  
1958: Pianists Mrs Green, Mrs Crowson,



**Mr Milner.....**When I was at school, he would have been around 30ish! I bumped into him in the Victoria centre when he was in his late sixties/early seventies! He still had a twinkle in his lovely blue eyes. Who didn't have a crush on Mr Milner?  
- Tarn Young (nee Hill)



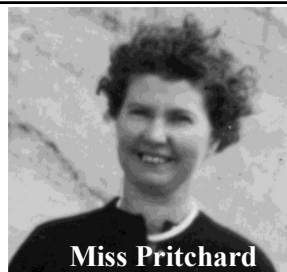
**Mr James** and students gardening in the Pierrepont gardens. I am to the far right next to Mr. James  
-Dawn MacGregor (nee Mead)



**Mr Milner** (geography) and **Mr James** (Science)



**Miss Bridge-headmistress**



I remember Miss Pritchard taking ill (heart attack) we were doing an exam at the time. -Jackie Daley (nee Gunn)



**Miss Branson & Miss Richards**  
(Miss Pritchard's niece)

**Miss Pell** -I did hear she left teaching and became a magistrate. Does anyone know if this is true? - Kate Croll

# BELGIUM

## Janet Tellett's Diary from the school trip to Belgium 3-10th June 1963

**Monday 3rd June 1963** - Eighteen girls accompanied by Mr Milner and Miss Bickers left Midland station Nottingham. We travelled to London. Miss Bickers stayed with our luggage whilst Mr Milner took the girls sight seeing. We then caught the train to Dover where we boarded the Koningin Elizabeth boat, which took us to Ostende where a coach was waiting to take us to Blankenberge. We arrived at the hotel after 9 pm where we had a delicious supper then went to bed.

**Tuesday** morning we went for a walk around the area, then in the afternoon we visited Bruges. We went to the Town Hall Belfry where there were 366 steps to the top. At 2.45 pm we were still at the top when the bells started ringing, it was very loud. We went for a boat ride along the canal. In the evening some of the girls went a walk with Mr Milner.

**Wednesday** we went on the beach. In the evening we all went to our rooms to write our diaries for the day as Mr Milner was coming to inspect what we had written.

**Thursday** we had to get up extra early as we were going to Holland. We were 7 minutes late for the ferry so had to wait for the next one. We visited a miniature town in Middleburge. We went back to the hotel via Sluis, Knokke, Zeebrugge. In the evening we went for a walk along the pier with Mr Milner.

**Friday** We all went on the beach on the morning. In the afternoon we went by tram to the beach at Le Coq. Some of the girls dug a hole, when I stood in it they filled it in around my legs so I couldn't get out.

**Saturday** we went to Brussels and Waterloo. In Brussels we saw the Atomium, which was built for the World exhibition. We also visited Ghent. We had a pleasant but sleepy journey back to the hotel.

**Sunday** we went to a Catholic Church. The chairs had low seats and very high backs, which cost 1fr. The idea was that during the service we had to kneel on the chairs and if we got tired we turned them round to sit on. The singing of the priests was nice but the people didn't sing like in our churches. Later some of us went on the beach.

**Monday** the coach took us to Ostend where we boarded the boat Koning Albert, it was a smooth crossing back to Dover. We got the train to London then another train to Nottingham. We had had a really enjoyable holiday. - Janet Tellett 3A





# BELGIUM



Belgium School Trip 1963—*Gillian Smith (nee Bentley)*



Teresa Parr, Janet Tellett, Mr Milner, Miss Bickers, Glenys Wood and Susan Cottingham.



5th year 1959/1960 - photo Mavis Paskulich (nee Baker)

# BELGIUM



## Belgium trip circa 1959

left: Miss Bickers, Miss Pritchard and Miss Richards  
centre: Mr Milner and Miss Bickers; also Pam Fowles and Ann Smith, Janet Stokes and Mavis Baker  
right: on the canal in Bruges



Pam Fowles, Ann Smith, Mr Milner, Jean Townsend ? - ? - ? Janet Stokes, Jean Piggott, Mavis Baker, Miss Bickers. Front left ? - ? Lindsey Cartledge - ? - Judy Garratt



Gillian Bentley, Miss Bickers and Susan Cottingham. (1963?)



Teresa Parr, Susan Cottingham, Janet Tellett



Elaine Spencer, Susan Rowlson, Teresa Parr, Miss Bickers, Janet Tellett. -photo Gillian Smith (nee Bentley)



# PIPEWOOD

There are now few tangible relics of Pipewood Camp – three miles from Rugeley in the Staffordshire countryside. This was a holiday haven for local children who desperately needed a break from the austerity of city life in the years that followed the Second World War. It was an escape from the tightly packed terraced houses of Sneinton, St Ann's, Hyson Green and Radford. For many inner city youngsters from Nottingham in the early 1950s, Pipewood was the first real taste of country life they had ever experienced. At a nearby farm, children were shown how to milk cows. Lessons were held outdoors and there was plenty of sport on offer. (Edited extract from an article on <http://www.thisisnottingham.co.uk>)



These two photographs were taken at Pipewood Camp, probably in 1948.  
What wonderful months we had there. - Shirley Brooks (nee Browett)



This was taken at Pipewood in 1955. I am on the back row 4th from the left. I cannot put names to many faces, can anyone else? Those I do vaguely recall are :- ( From top row going down) Maureen Smith? 3rd row 5th from left Loraine? 3rd row 6th from left Jean? 4th row 5th from left, Georgina Branson? 4th row 5th from left, Anita & Benita Whitebread (twins) bottom row 4th & 6th from left.

What I can remember of our time away - we all had a good time (I think I got home sick) although the dormitories were a bit Spartan and the food not too brilliant!!

Would be thrilled to bits if any of you remember me and could fill in the gaps? -Val Baxter

(article found on website: Friends Reunited)



1959 3b—Brenda Derner (nee Hartshorne)



Dawn MacGregor (nee Mead) - photo 1953

# PAST REUNIONS



1987 Bestwood Park. Tarn Hill extreme left. with Kathleen Boulthy, Jean Huddlestone, Pat Osborne, Margaret Fitzsimmons, Janet Fearon, Lesley Chilvers, Carol Riddell, Linda & June Baxter.  
- photo Tarn Young (nee Hill)



1985 Top left. Janet Tellett and AnnaMaria Schneider at the start of the evening. Top right. Janet, Anna and Linda Baxter. Bottom: Susan Bown, Margaret Walters, Margaret Smith, Gillian Smith, Susan Caulton. (photo from Janet Hoe (nee Tellett))



**Happy reunion:** Former teachers at a reunion in 1984 to celebrate the golden jubilee of the Manveis Pierrepont School. More than 100 people attended the event.





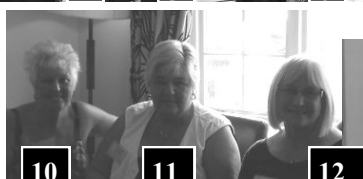


**Back to school:** Former pupils from 1950 gather at the Punch Bowl in 1987 for a school reunion party.

In 2011, enthusiasm for a 2013 reunion was first generated, after many 'old girls' attended an informal soiree at the 'Punch Bowl', Thorneywood. The pub was alive with reminiscences, laughter and ideas for the future, not to mention the heartfelt camaraderie that had survived the decades.



- 1 Janet Tellett
- 2 Mavis Baker
- 3 Tarn Hill
- 4 Carol Riddell
- 5 Pat Osborne
- 6 Linda Baxter
- 7 Rosa Rhodes
- 8 Pat Osborne
- 9 Tarn Hill
- 10
- 11 Margaret Sharpe
- 12 Jacqueline Cooke
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- 14
- 15 Mavis Baker
- 16 Susan Russel
- 17 Jean Piggott
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- 20 Elaine Fox



# Life After Pierrepont



I can still remember myself in my cotton blue and white uniform dress leaving school at age 15; imagine leaving school at 15, set free to see the world! My first job was in the offices of Pearson Bros. however I soon left to ice skate professionally in the Christmas Pantomime "Babes in the Wood" at the Nottingham Ice Rink. From there I didn't look back. I travelled around UK and in many different countries in different ice shows. America always held a fascination for me, so in my early twenties I went to New York for what I thought would be a brief time, but life happens and I still live part of the year in USA and part in my homeland. I love this 'Sceptred Isle', this country that bore me. I have two sons and three grandchildren, a fourth is due in December. I work for United Airlines as a flight attendant. I've learnt a lot and have few regrets. I made my plan, but someone else directed my steps.

*-Dawn MacGregor (nee Mead)*

**Name:** Brenda Margaret Derner 1986 to present.

**Previous married name:** Cresswell 1967 – 1980 (Husband died aged 38)

**Maiden name:** Hartshorne 1946 - 1967

**Date at Pierrepont School:** 1957 – 1962

**Status:** Married to Richard Retired 2011

**Siblings:** Brother (Nottingham City Councillor for 30+ years, Sheriff twice and Lord Mayor once)

**Interests:** Music (current pop, sixties, 80s, rock, heavy metal.) gardening, knitting, making cakes exercising, films, grandchildren (5) on my side combined with husband almost 30

**Work:** Receptionist/switchboard operator 1962 -1964  
General office worker 1964-1972

Housewife and mother, break from working 1972 – 1983

Part time cleaner in a factory 1983-84

General Practitioner Receptionist 1984-1987

Reprographics Officer, Caseworker, Purchasing officer, accommodation officer, Estates Manager, Head of Finance & Estates, Project Manager and Regional Estates Advisor at Crown Prosecution Service 1989 – 2011

**Other:** Favourite Colour: yellow (sunshine)

Favourite Holiday destination: Ic'meler, Turkey

**Pet Hates:** Bad spelling and grammar, dirty dishes in the sink, untidiness in general . I mourn the lowering of standards in everyday life and morals and am grateful to have been taught good manners and the importance of standards in life.

I didn't want to leave school...I went to work at British Rail as a typist and then became a deputy head in the reprographic room which I really enjoyed. There I was able to make and print off (with permission of course; in those days it was more than your job's worth to abuse your working time) my 'Order of Service' for my wedding to John in 1971, who was an auto electrician. We spent our first two years living in a maisonette, (which was built by John's uncle) in Calverton, which was just up the road from Mr Milner who I used to see often when I visited the shops with my first daughter. We left Calverton and moved to Kenrick Road, Mapperley in 1973, where I still live today. I continued with Girl Guiding, becoming a Lieutenant and then Captain - I gave that up about 1974, by which time I had two young children. We owned a grocery shop on Sneinton Dale 1982-87 and that was enjoyable but they were long hours, 7 days a week. We were blessed with five children, who were aged 18, 17, 12, 4 and 2 when John died suddenly from a heart attack in 1990. Having my older children and two younger ones kept me busy, but I had plenty of support from family. My eldest three children eventually left home and I was busy again looking after grandchildren (7 in all) in between looking after parents and in-laws. Luckily, I have been a stay at home mum but have had the odd twilight work and also some book keeping for an uncle. I haven't travelled or gone on holidays but I have enjoyed being a wife/mum/nannie/daughter and sister. I am looking forward to meeting new and old Pierrepont Girls at the reunion.

*-Gillian Smith (nee Bentley)*

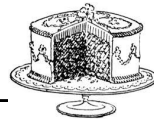
# Life After Pierrepont

I left Pierrepont in 1965 and went to work in the clothing industry as a machinist; starting at Daks Simpson and then went on to a lingerie company. I married at 18 and had 3 children. During my marriage I worked part-time doing various jobs - bar work - cinema usherette - selling Avon - Jewellery parties - Tupperware in the early years when the children were small. I then went on to work with the elderly and children in local homes around the city as a Social Carer. I attended College and gained my qualification in Social Care. I went on to work at the Queen's Medical Centre as an Auxiliary Nurse. I left the Queen's and got a secretarial job at Britains Petite in Basford.

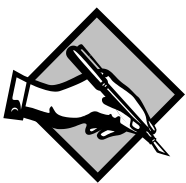


I was married to my first husband for 25 years. The marriage ended in divorce 5 years after we split up. During this time I met my second husband and we have been together for nearly 18 years. Between us we have nine grandchildren. During my second marriage, we lived in Cambridge and I nursed at Addenbrookes hospital for a period of time before I got to work as a P.A to a Pathologist there. I also went to college and gained a qualification in Holistic Therapies and Aromatherapy, as well as studying for my teachers' qualification. I taught evening classes in holistic therapies. We moved to where we live now in 1996 and I carried on my teaching at New College in Nottingham for a couple of years. My husband and I started our own company in recruitment, recruiting HGV drivers. The company was in Coventry, so we commuted every day. This lasted for 6 years, then we sold the business.

As you can see I have had many experiences through many jobs over the years. But my love now is Sugarcraft. I am a member and accredited demonstrator of the British Sugarcraft Guild and teach 5 - 18 year olds the art of Sugarcraft in my village. I am also the Chair and Bookings Secretary of the Nottingham & District Sugarcraft Guild. My life has been busy but I wouldn't want it any other way. My husband calls me a Butterfly, maybe I am, but I'm a happy one.  
-Jacqueline Taylor (nee Cooke)



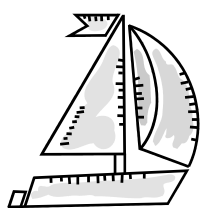
\*\*\*\*The Celebration Cakes for the 80th Reunion were made by Jacqueline\*\*\*\*



Absolutely loved school, albeit I was channelled into an office career, which, although productive, was definitely not on my 'to do' list. An actress or criminologist was but a dream! I married in 1968 and had daughter, Joanne in 1974 (she has two children). I separated in 1978, divorcing in 1981. I met my second husband, Alan, at a barn dance (the only time either of us went to one) - I moved in within the week! I thought he was a travelling salesman specialising in sun lotion, due to his tan. Completely wrong! actually a Captain, with Gulf Pilots. We lived in the UAE, where I P.A'd for the Vice President of Whittaker International. They were building a hospital for the Sheikh in Sharjah (the office experience came in useful!). Our time in the UAE was exciting and fulfilling. We married in 1981 and returned to the UK in 1984, where our son, Stephen was born. In 1987, I studied Forensic Science at a local college (nearer my dream). Jury Service saw me persuading the eleven other jurors to bring in a 'guilty' verdict - (landmark 'rape within marriage' case). Initially, I was the only one to vote 'guilty', but turned it around, as I recorded the whole trial in shorthand! (another office tool). When the Millennium arrived, I became a 'powerboat' groupie! Alan raced 'Alien' in Offshore Races in England and France...exciting times. Now I'm retired, but incredibly busy. My roller coaster lifestyle gave me the impetus to write 'Silent Torment', published in 2011 - one of a trilogy set mainly in Nottingham. Some of the characters and situations are based on real life people/events. 'Elusive Shadows', my second novel, is due for publication very soon. 'Tangled Web' (the climax), is yet to be written, but I know the plot...unlike my actual life! - Tarn Young (nee Hill)



# Life After Pierrepont



By 1969 I was 25 and married with two sons living near Perth Western Australia. We had a family plumbing business which thrived. Both sons eventually became plumbers and musicians. By 1975 I was back in an office when computers were introduced. By 1980 I was at teachers' college and became a qualified primary school teacher.. Sailing was large part of my life from the early 1980s—competitive club racing and social sailing. With the approach of the millennium my marriage was ending. I met my second husband (John) in 2003—and we now live in the Perth Hills.

Upon retirement in 2009 I pursued my artistic interests and began painting on silk. I am a member of the local learning centre where I teach a drawing course as well as being part of the silk painters group. I have made regular trips back to Nottingham to visit my family. During the past few decades I have travelled and seen far more than I ever could have dreamed. I never thought I would get to visit Marrakech, Venice or Croatia let alone the USA. This year we will taking a cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest after our visit to Nottingham. -*Mavis Paskulich (nee Baker)*



All the time I was at Pierrepont School I was a Girl Guide and this has carried on throughout my life. I have run various units all in the locality of Pierrepont School (as was) holding many different appointments, culminating in becoming County Commissioner for Nottinghamshire Guiding for 5 years. I am still involved in Guiding currently Vice President for Nottinghamshire and supporting Guiders in running Rainbow, Brownie and Guide Units in The Brickyard, just off Porchester Road. Through being involved in Guiding I have travelled the world including visiting Mexico, USA and India.

I have also been involved in running large International Scout and Guide Camps as well as international camps for Guides and a very special national camp for Members with Disabilities. I now have girls in units which are the children of Brownies of many years ago who remember the fun and friendship made through being a member of The Guide Association.

I still live in Thorneywood and have two sons and four grand daughters ranging from ages 15 months to 10 ½ years. My work life has been mainly within the Voluntary Sector as an Information Manager. -*Jean Ramsden (nee Piggott)*

During the summer of my 15th birthday, I decided to gain some qualifications by going to evening classes at the Broadmarsh College of Further Education.

My first job was in the post room at Midland Household Stores and having gained my typing certificate and passed an English exam I was moved to the typing pool. I spent some time as an audio typist for the junior directors and married in 1968. I have 3 sons and held various posts with M & S and the local post office as well as working 9 years as a foster parent. In 1984 I commenced employment with The Salvation Army and after completing a training course in London at a 228-bed hostel for single, homeless men, I moved to Portsmouth and spent 26 years working as the manager of a residential unit for families. In September 2012 I was asked to manage a hostel for single, homeless men and women in Southampton and made a round trip of 60 miles per day for two years.

In October 2012 I retired from work, but my retirement lasted for only 8 weeks as I was asked to work on a consultancy basis in a new contract for the same organisation. I re-married in November 2007 and enjoy my leisure time travelling, reading, walking and spending time with our 10 (shortly to be 11) grandchildren.—*Jean Stubbings (nee Huddlestone)*

## HIGHLIGHTS OF 1957

(from the school magazine)

Looking back over the twelve months which have passed since the publication of our last magazine, one is conscious of much that has been achieved.

One of the earliest events of 1957 was the Spring Bulb Display when it almost seemed as though the prosaic platform in the hall had transformed itself into fairyland. There were actually two displays - one of daffodils and the other of hyacinths. The daffodils were judged by our friends Mr Casson and Mr van Leeuwen and Mr Massey of the Parks Department judged the hyacinths.

Between Easter and Whitsuntide, a Verse-Speaking Contest was held for the first time, and the award of a silver cup was gained by Holme House.

Twenty of the 4th year girls and three members of staff spent an enjoyable Whitsuntide holiday in Belgium. During the summer term there was a day's outing to Ladybower Dam. There were visits to the Home Safety Exhibition and the Dairy Exhibition; visits to concerts at the Albert Hall; visits to the cinema and theatre.

The annual Swimming Gala won by Holme House was held in July. By the end of the school year (July 1957) 88% of the school could swim, 280 girls held awards of the Royal Life Saving Society, and 103 girls gained the Bronze Medallion or higher awards. Later in the year Mr Martin, President of the Amateur Swimming Association, came to present us with the Myer Trophy for Life Saving for the 10th year in succession.

Speech Day and Prize Giving was also held in July, and we were pleased to welcome as our guest speaker the Derby poetess, Miss Teresa Hooley, whose speech was reported in the national press. This was a great occasion for the many girls who were thrilled to receive the prizes they had won for good work, the attendance stripes they had gained for no absence during the year, or the cups won by the four houses.

In spite of more absence than usual due to the influenza epidemic, the winter term was full of interest and new ventures. Television was installed in the Geography Room, and the programmes were watched every afternoon with critical interest. Our horizon was widened in another fascinating way when we became linked to an Air Field in Malakal in the heart of Africa. Letters have been written, and such news from Africa about the surrounding countryside and the different tribes of the vicinity has been exchanged for information about the origin of the name of our school, and the recipe for a Yorkshire pudding!

November had a happy ending when the Speech Choir came first in their class in the Music and Drama Festival.

And so to the final month of the year—a month which is always crammed full of excitement and thrills. Three of our girls who entered a Baden Powell competition were fortunate enough to win prizes for needlework or domestic science. Christmas cakes were made as usual by the senior girls and an attractive display was on show to parents and visitors.

It was pleasant to see so many Old Girls and former members of staff at the Re-Union Evening. For the school, the highlight of the month was the Christmas party. We tried to extend the spirit of goodwill into our Carol Service and Nativity Play, and we remembered others less fortunate than ourselves when we sent our gaily decorated Christmas Tree laden with presents for the men and staff to Ellerslie House.

Yes, 1957 was an interesting year. Life in school never stands still and it is up to us to make the most of every opportunity school life offers.

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**Mavis Paskulich nee Baker and Tarn Young nee Hill  
maintain this email and both websites**



## Example of the conversations on our Facebook Group

**Mavis:** form photo 1953 (sourced from Friends Reunited website posted by Sylvia Fletcher—the third from the right)

**Angela Moore :** ok then ...mum also has this photo, and her little sister Eunice Parnham, is on here.... 4th from the left ...on the middle row ! I am also informed that on the front row in front of Eunice is possibly Jean Thomlinson ...

**Tarn:** Kathleen Boulty remembers a Valerie Fletcher, who used to have a lovely voice. Wonder if she is a relative of Sylvia Fletcher?