

# TALBOT HEATH OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION



## Agenda

for the

THOGA Annual General Meeting,  
Talbot Heath School

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2016

To be held at 12.15 pm in the Mary Norton Hall

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Matters Arising
4. Officers' Business
5. Notices of death since publication of Chronicle 2015
6. Any Other Business\*
7. Date of next meeting

\* If you have any matters you wish to raise under "Any Other Business" please let the Secretary know by the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016.

Minutes of the AGM held on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2015 can be accessed on the THOGA Website or can be sent out by post on application.

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Minutes of THOGA Annual General Meeting held at Talbot Heath, in the Main Hall, at 2.30pm on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Present: Mrs Angharad Holloway (Head); Mrs Celia Wood Secretary); Miss Austin- Smith (former Head); Ruth Peacock (Minutes). Barbara /Rowe, Paddy Howard, Hazel Cook, Fleur Croker, Madeleine Wentworth, Val Hartridge, Anne Pitcher, Rosemary Courtney, Sheran Bailey, Susan Raikes, Jean Filtness, Fiona Stewart-Hanney, Sarah Holmes, Claire Durtnall.

The Head, Mrs Angharad Holloway, opened the meeting by welcoming everybody and suggested that after the meeting and tea they take look round the school. As part of the Dorset Architectural Heritage weekend, Talbot Heath was offering a display relating to in World War II, which meant the School was open for public viewing including with tours of the air raid shelter. All OGs were invited to be interviewed on their memories of this time if they so chose after the meeting by Frances Holloway, who was collecting a digital recording of memories of former pupils, including that of Barbara Rowe (nee Magill) who left Talbot Heath in 1936.

### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs Averil Dalby, Mrs Margaret Bossom, Mrs Kate Potten, Miss Barbara Milner, Mrs Rae Macdonald and Miss Grace Blakeway

### 2. MINUTES

The minutes of the THOGA business meeting, held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2014, were read and it was unanimously agreed that they be accepted and signed by the Chair (AH) as a true record

### 3. MATTERS ARISING

Members praised the last edition of the Chronicle as a fascinating, wonderful and professional magazine. Mrs Holloway expressed thanks to Celia Wood, Hayley O'Shea and Jennie Cowan, a former head girl, for their hard work in putting the magazine together. There had been more submissions than ever before and a total of 80,000 words. Costs had been greatly reduced by about £7,000, through distributing 1500 copies online, sending only approximately 100 in print by post. It is hoped that the Chronicle will be produced along similar lines, every five years.

There were no other matters arising from the Minutes.

### 4. OFFICERS' BUSINESS

Report from the Head, Mrs. Angharad Holloway:

Mrs Holloway welcomed former pupil Ruth Peacock on to the committee as Deputy Secretary.

Thousands of old girls communicate with the school and each other. At present, they are contributing to a school magazine 'Time Traveller', which was similar to the one 'Inspire', which was produced two years ago. It is hoped to continue to ask former pupils to contribute to the school

magazine, which comes out every two years. Referring to the recent project 'Voices in the Woods', when Old Girls were asked for their memories it produced a deluge of responses within hours with stories spanning nearly a century – so many in fact that it was hoped to make these into a booklet.

400 former pupils now belong to a TH Facebook page (a closed group) This brings unexpected benefits, for instance when a request for help to man a checkpoint in a recent sponsored school run went out, someone came forward immediately to help and was delighted to do so.

100 staff, parents, former pupils and girls took part in the Bournemouth half marathon to raise £5,000 for a roof for TH's partner school in Rwanda.

Mrs Holloway is delighted at these examples of former pupils helping the present school community. Close to 2,000 former pupils are currently members of the Old Girls Association.

### **Living Legacy & Bequests**

During the year two bequests have been received from former pupils which have helped to pay for and support two girls to continue their schooling, thus enabling one to follow her dream to become a successful actor and the other to excel and compete in her sport at an international level. Mrs Holloway expressed appreciation and thanks for these bequests.

Mrs. Holloway showed film presentations on current activities and the life of the school.

### **iPads for all**

'TH takes off' explains how all pupils now have an iPad as well as textbooks which, for example, enables them to film and review science experiments and PE technique. They also help children learn through all senses - touching, watching and reading – enabling everyone to have the chance to do well.

### **Forest School**

'Forest School' described the way the woods are being used for education, with children being taught to bake, sculpt, make fire and create art. A World War II parachute is used as a canopy enabling girls to use the campsite area even in the rain.

### **'Voices in the Woods'**

This was a special afternoon event where memories were written out and displayed hanging on trees and lines, musicians played, girls dressed as woodland animals or fairies, dens were made and trees decorated, enabling full use of a fantastic resource, the TH School woods. Parents, grandparents and other family members were invited to tea and to see the activities for themselves.

### **Camp International**

19 girls visited Ecuador on a 4-week expedition with 'Camp International' to work on community projects, planting trees, clearing a beach, building a school dining room and laying the foundations of a community centre. It is hoped to undertake a similar expedition to Borneo in 3 years' time.

### **Sport**

The school's tennis team had had an exceptional year, representing England at the World Championships in Qatar, having won every National tournament at home. They were two girls down but still came fourth. Two girls played at Junior Wimbledon

## Secretary's Report

Celia Wood said the next Newsletter would be sent out around Christmas

Unfortunately, the treasurer was unable to be present at this meeting but Celia Wood reported that there had been very little expenditure since last year when the accounts were healthy and there was no expected or large payment due. She will send the accounts to members with the Newsletter.

The Schools' 130<sup>th</sup> birthday will be celebrated probably in the first weekend of July 2016 – this would also be confirmed in the next Newsletter.

### 5. NOTICES OF DEATH SINCE PUBLICATION OF CHRONICLE 2015

Mrs Holloway announced news of the following deaths for former pupils: Mrs Margaret Cawthra (nee Bernard) who left school in 1966; Ms Barrie MacFarlane (nee Bending) who left school in 1949; Mrs Vivian Freshwater (nee Guy); and Dr Joanna Kozuba-Kozubska, who left school in 1965. A touching tribute by Miss Milner (former English teacher) to Dr Joanna Kozuba-Kozubska, a former prison officer who had been involved in the Old Girls' Association and was a rich source of memories for all who met her, was read to the meeting and will be sent out in the next Newsletter. The meeting was also told of the death of Jean Burgess, the former head of the junior department. Mrs Holloway will get in touch with her family and put the notice in the next Newsletter. [The Secretary later determined that this death was in fact notified on p82 of The Chronicle.]

### 6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Sheran Bailey asked that the Old Girls' Association meetings should include lunch as well as tea, giving more time to meet others and look around the school. She felt that this would be especially advantageous to those travelling a long way for the meeting. Mrs Holloway said this would be done in future, with the option of providing picnic tables for those who preferred to bring their own refreshment.

### 7. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next THOGA AGM would be held to coincide with the celebrations next year of the School's 130<sup>th</sup> birthday. This was likely to be during the first week of July but the date will be confirmed as soon as possible, posted on the THOGA website and published in the next Newsletter.

Thanks were expressed to the Catering Department for the production of an excellent tea and to the staff who had decorated the hall and tables in such an attractive way.

The meeting ended at 4 pm.



**THOGA**  
**Income Expenditure A/c 2014-5**

	<b>31/03/2015</b>	<b>31/03/2014</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Life subscriptions	35.00	2950.00
Donations	235.00	
Reunion fees and sale of goods and raffle	273.00	1137.50
School birthday tea party		
Tea parties	30.00	27.50
Chronicle	15.63	0.89
	<b>588.63</b>	<b>4115.89</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Honorarium	1000.00	300.00
Reunion expenses	250.00	565.00
Tea party expenses		
Post and stationery	1894.45	611.83
Chronicle		
Leaving gifts		
Donations - Guild of Help		310.00
	<b>3144.45</b>	<b>1786.83</b>
<b>Net income/expenditure</b>	<b>-2555.82</b>	<b>2329.06</b>
<b>Income and expenditure account b'fwd</b>	<b>10165.86</b>	<b>7836.80</b>
<b>Income and expenditure account c'fwd</b>	<b>7610.04</b>	<b>10165.86</b>

**T.H.O.G.A.**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AT MARCH 31, 2015**

	<b>31/03/2015</b>	<b>31/03/2014</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cash at bank</b>		
Current account	2415.92	4934.29
Deposit account	38.61	38.47
National Savings	5155.51	5143.10
Investment 3.5% War Stock - (redeemed during year)		50.00
	<b>7610.04</b>	<b>10165.86</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
<b>Income and expenditure a/c</b>	<b>7610.04</b>	<b>10165.86</b>