

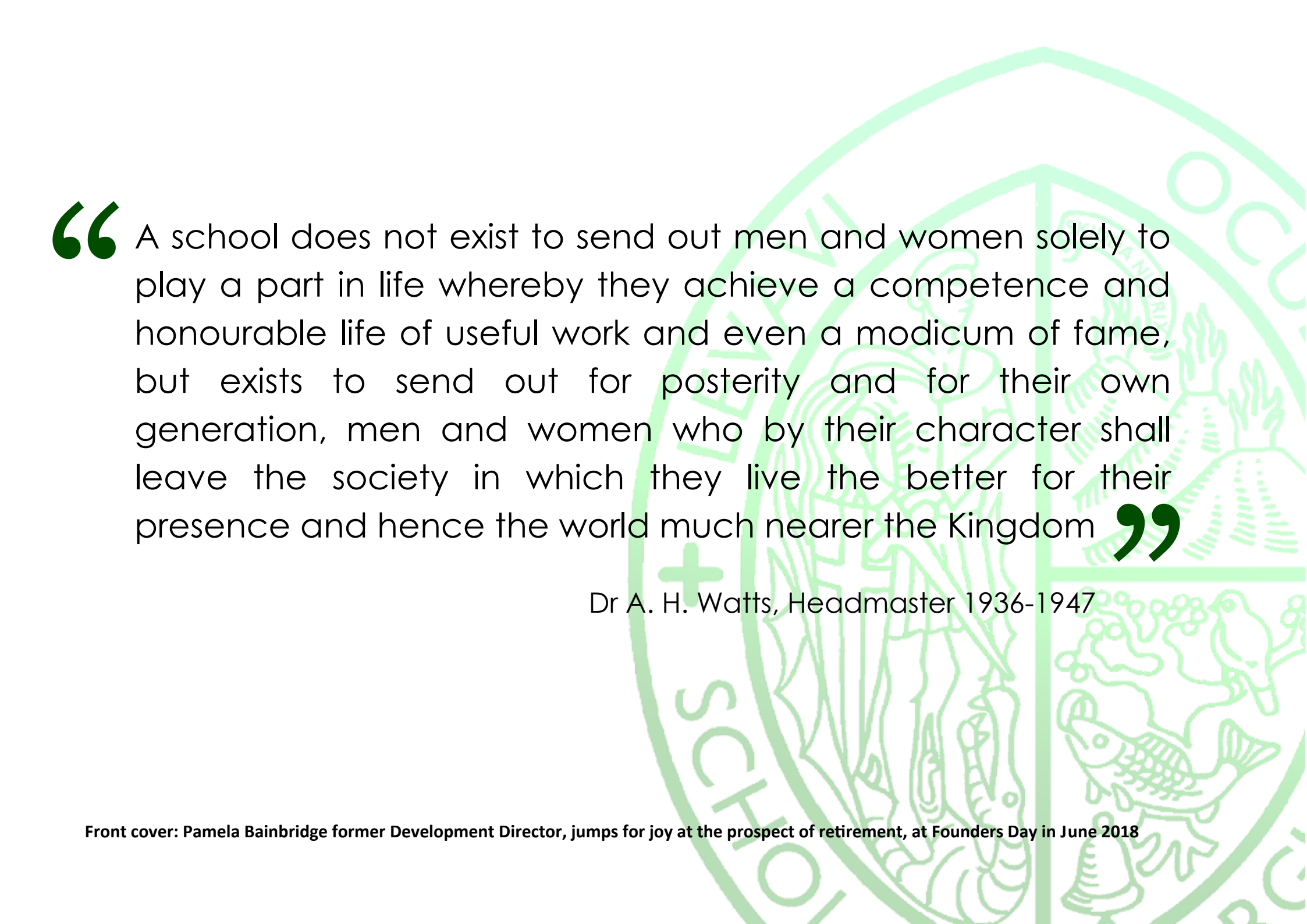


ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL HARPENDEN

A non-denominational Christian day and boarding school



Georgian Association Newsletter



“ A school does not exist to send out men and women solely to play a part in life whereby they achieve a competence and honourable life of useful work and even a modicum of fame, but exists to send out for posterity and for their own generation, men and women who by their character shall leave the society in which they live the better for their presence and hence the world much nearer the Kingdom ”

Dr A. H. Watts, Headmaster 1936-1947

Front cover: Pamela Bainbridge former Development Director, jumps for joy at the prospect of retirement, at Founders Day in June 2018

Welcome to the new look Georgian Association Newsletter. First of all can I introduce myself, my name is Helen Barton and I was appointed Head of St George's in September 2017, having held the post of both Assistant and Deputy Head at the school previous to my appointment as Head. I have the privilege of being the first female head in the school's history, and I love both the job and most importantly the school I lead. The Georgian Association is an integral part of our school life, it enables us to share what is currently happening, keep in contact with those who have moved onto pastures new, and ensure that we keep in contact with our wider community of friends and supporters.

Part of my role in this association is to try and give you an insight into what is happening in school at the moment, but there are many more people who have and are still working hard to help make our association both viable and vibrant.

So lets introduce the team.....



Miss H. J. Barton, Headmistress

“ Meet the Team ”

Details of the full committee membership
can be viewed on the [school website](#)



Sarah Thompson
Secretary

Sarah attended the school from 1980 to 1987.

She has been the secretary since 2013. She loves being part of the school both as an active Georgian and parent.

Ian attended St George's from 1937 to 1951, entering the Children's House (Montessori).

He is passionate about keeping the traditions of the school going and has worked tirelessly as President of the Georgian Association for many years.



Ian Hemmin
President



Paul Streeton
Committee Member

Paul attended from 1978 to 1985.

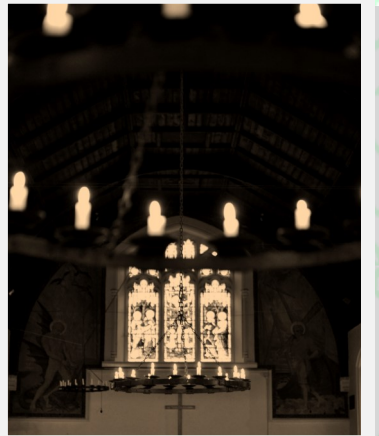
Paul was the newsletter editor for several years and is a regular on the Georgians cricket team.

Colin is a member of the staff team. He joined St George's in 2011. Colin has taken over the development and alumni role and is keen to maintain and develop links between the association and the school.



Colin Wareham
Lettings & Development
Manager

“ Things to be involved in ”



**Join us at the Georgians Carol Service
Saturday 15 December 2018**

*Carol Service starts at 3.30pm followed by
mulled wine & mince pies in the Old Library*

SAVE THE DATE

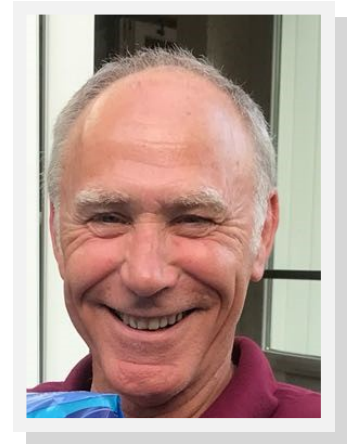
**Founders Day & PSA Fete
Saturday 15 June 2019**

&

**Founders Service & AGM
Sunday 16 June 2019**



Mr Robertson is still a good sport after 37 years ...



and Mr Barton is still smiling after 39 years!

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What's new in the school? ”

We have been working hard to improve our school facilities.

Grant redevelopment has been a big project. The room pictured has lived life as a History room, Psychology room and is now used for Modern Foreign Languages.

Sometimes you just need to go through the pain to enjoy the gain!



GRANT BEFORE



GRANT AFTER



Mr Storrie has a room with a view!

Our Student Services area has been improved and an area has been created in Grant Quad for the 6th formers to have a place to relax...

All this work has meant some office moves for senior staff too. You may remember where Mr Storrie was located, well he has now moved to an office in the Old Goddard building where he is now able to keep a watchful eye on us all.



A new Library office has created room for the 6th form study space.



Now located within the Library, Archives has moved out into the light!



Our light and airy Library Resource Centre

“ Our beloved Chapel ”



Rev. S. Warner, Chaplain

I would like to thank all of you who have donated money to this cause already. We really appreciate the gifts that we have received. If you would like to continue to give you can do so through [ParentPay](#) if you are a current parent or directly to the Development Office at the school.

Many of you will know and understand that our school chapel is the very heart of our community. It is the place where we worship God together, celebrate achievements and where we remember those who have gone before us. We “inherited” it from the previous school which had existed on our site, and it was of the main reason for Cecil Grant, our founding head, to site St George’s in this town.

The Chapel was built in 1898 and so celebrates its 120th birthday this year. To her credit she still looks pretty good.....but just like us, she is beginning to feel the pain of older age, so the time has come to offer her the opportunity for a little bit of a “face lift”.

To our knowledge the slate roof has never been replaced, the building has no insulation in the roof, and the guttering is looking tired. Our mission this year is to try and rectify some of these issues, it is a large project and to do this I will need the help of all members of our community.

We would love it if you could help us reach our target of £100,000 and to help you do that we have included the form and donation information at the back of this newsletter.

“ On the grapevine ”

Paul Wilson who left St George's in 2010, recently gave an inspirational talk to boarders about his time boarding at St George's; the educational path he took and how he has answered his calling and taken a different path working in a care home for the elderly.

Mawuli Ladzekpo who left St George's in 2005 returned as Middle School Prizegiving speaker in July to share his thoughts and experiences.

He is the eldest of four brothers who all attended St George's School.

Capt Dan French, Adjutant 35 Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal & Search) who left St George's in 2008, returned in September as guest speaker at our Senior Prizegiving ceremony. A remarkable young man who gave an inspirational speech to a packed chapel, recounting fond memories of his days at St George's.



Georgian Kate Mullins who left St George's in 2002, went on to become a professional singer (Puppini Sisters).

Kate returned to St George's this month to hold a concert in the Old Library as part of her tour with pianist Will Bartlett launching their debut album 'Between Us'.

We asked Kate:

What are your fondest memories of St George's?

*"Singing in the school choir in the chapel, wearing the red robes!
Sneaking into the chapel and playing the organ! Itchy gym knickers and smelly blazers after it rained".*

What advice do you have for students?

"The benefits of practice is not a myth, don't believe the X Factor myth either, you are not born a star as there is no substitute to hard work".

“Those we’ve said goodbye to...”

Richard GILBERT who left in 1956 died on 16th January 2018, aged 80, in York Hospital after a short final illness.

Karin Graham Christie (née Samuel) **1939-1950** - Karin sadly died on 6th April 2018. She had been suffering from Lewy Body Dementia for more than three years.

Nicola Grendon Simpson (née Heaton) **1965-1970**—Nicky died peacefully at home on 29th April 2018.

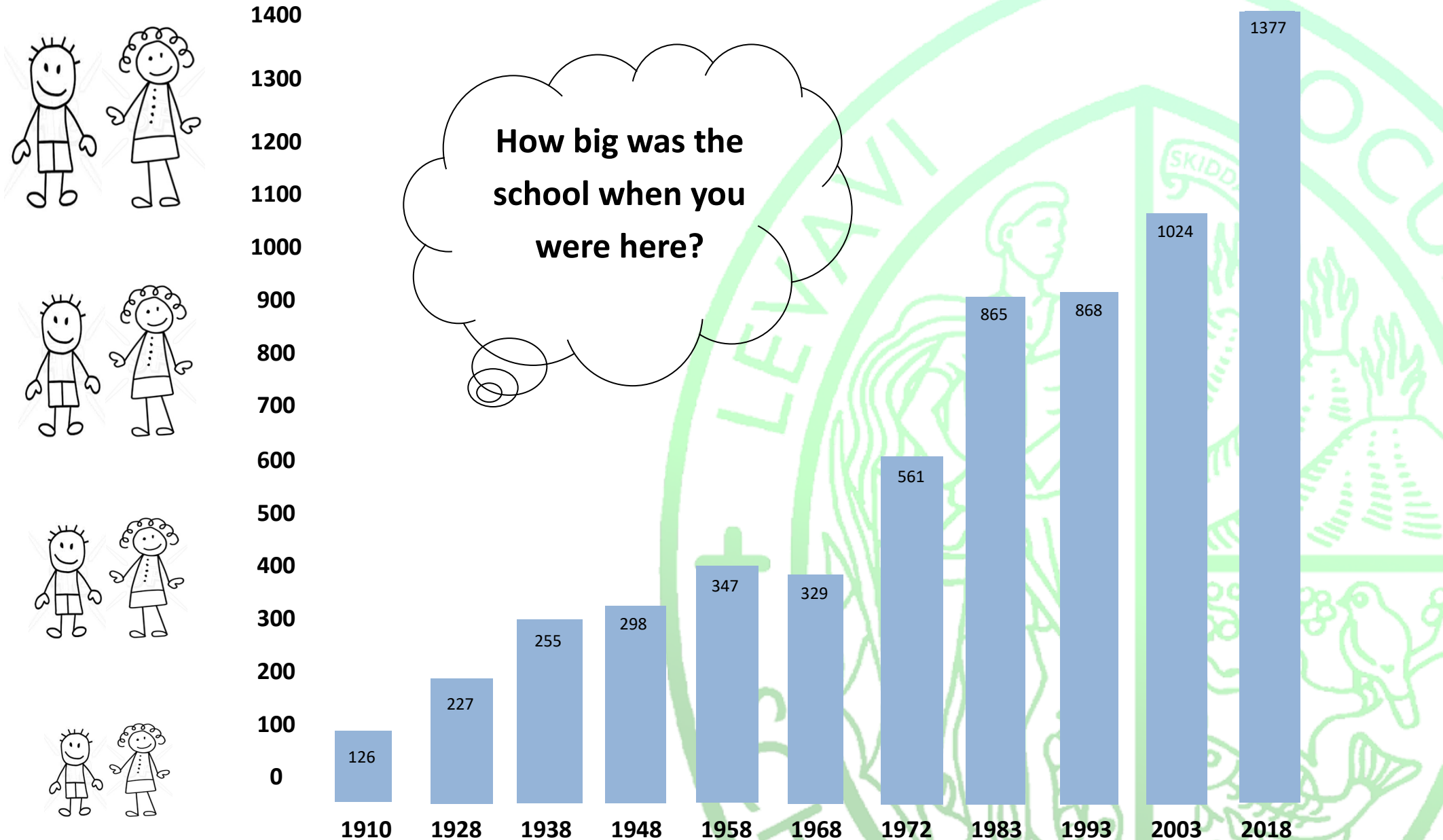
John Apted 1927 – 1935 died on 21st May 2018 at the age of 100.

Mary ‘Jean’ KNIGHT (née Schofield) **1936 -1944** passed away peacefully on 2nd June 2018 after a short illness, aged 92. Devoted wife to John and cherished mother to Richard and Jenny. Proud grandmother and great grandmother and much loved dental surgeon.

Michael Broad 1937 -1944 sadly passed away on 18th Sept 2018.

Mike Heron died aged 97 in October 2018. Mike was a pupil at St George’s in the 1930s.

How the school pupil numbers have grown over the years!



“ How we remembered them ”



On Sunday 11th November as part of our centenary remembrance service in the school chapel, Deputy Head Paddy Storrie relayed the moving stories of Georgians lost in war and that of two brothers, both former pupils, Phillips and Langdon Muirhead who both perished. To a packed chapel, Paddy told of two happy, sporty boys, their life at school and the horrors they had faced as told in their letters home from the front.



Phillips

“He has, or pretends to have, a cynical sneering outlook on life. I believe much of this is pose. Others are impressed by his cynical swagger.”

“Whatever he undertook, as Scholar, Musician, Athlete, Prefect, Captain of the School, he performed with a ready grace and seemed to hardly know what difficulty was.”



Langdon

For those of you who attended the service, you would have seen as part of ‘there but not there’, named, Perspex silhouettes representing each of the lost Georgians, dotted around together with an account of their own story.

After the service Paddy took them to seven of Harpenden's pubs where they sat for the day; people sat with them, read their individual stories and some even bought them a drink I believe.

We were also fortunate to have as our guest, Sally Fieldsend, the niece of fallen Georgian, Lt Wilfred Thomas.

A thought provoking time for all but a very fitting tribute to our brave young men who fought for us.



PHILLIPS Q. MUIRHEAD



Paddy Storrie with his Herts Advertiser unsung hero award in recognition of his work raising funds for ABF The Soldiers Charity through the school's Great Curry Run events.

“Where are they now?”



1967

Over time we have sadly lost touch with many Georgians.

If you are in touch with any Georgians from any of the years we would love to hear from them.

Either contact Colin Wareham, Lettings & Development Manager on 01582 716383 or email him at cwareham@stgeorges.herts.sch.uk

You can also register on the new Alumni website by [clicking here](#).

“ Our wonderful school is honoured ”


THE SUNDAY TIMES
SCHOOLS
GUIDE
2019

COMPREHENSIVE
SCHOOL
OF THE YEAR

In November, after 2 weeks of having to keep the biggest secret it was with great pleasure that I was able to announce to staff, governors, representatives of the student body and members of the wider St George's community that we had been awarded the accolade of "The Sunday Times Comprehensive of the Year 2019". The award not only focuses on our fantastic exam results, but also recognises the education and learning experiences that we offer beyond the classroom. The school featured in a written

article in the Sunday Times on 25th November, along with some supporting photos. I know that we could not be the school we are today without the continued passion and commitment of the staff, governing body and supporters of the school. They are what makes us a special and unique place to both learn and work. A proud time for all!

Headmistress

How you can contribute to the future of St George's

Make a donation

If you would like to make a donation, complete the donation form and return it to the Development Office. Please remember to sign the Gift Aid declaration on the next page. Return both completed sheets to Colin Wareham, Development Manager, St George's School, Sun Lane, Harpenden, Herts AL2 4TD.

Leave a Legacy

If you would prefer to remember St George's with a legacy, the legacy leaflet on the school website contains further details or you can contact the Development Manager on 01582 716283, for a discussion.

DEBIT/CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

VISA/MASTERCARD/DELTA/SWITCH/MAESTRO (please indicate)

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I would like to make a donation of £ _____

Name: _____

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PAYMENT BY CHEQUE

I enclose a cheque for the sum of £ _____ (payable to St George's School (Harpenden) Ltd)

GIFT AID DECLARATION

Gift Aid Declaration – boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate

I want to Gift Aid my donation and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to St George's School (Harpenden) Limited. I am a UK tax payer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Please notify the school if you want to cancel this declaration, change your name or home address or no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains. If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

St George's relies on the support of its Georgians, parents and friends to help us deliver what is important to us. Your support will help us to ensure the continued success of St George's. Every contribution matters and we will be most grateful for your support.



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