

# ST TERESA'S OLD GIRLS' ASSOC.

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Dear Ladies

After 20 years on the Stoga committee and 10 as Chairman I indicated my desire to step down some time ago. Additionally, Jill Trevor stepped down as Treasurer and Membership Secretary two years ago after 10 years. In the interim we have continued to support the Association together with Marion Corrigan, Pauline Lubbock and Sr Carmel. In the absence of new committee members we have consulted widely and explored many options about how best to maintain and strengthen ties with you all; ensure the Association can flourish; and that everyone can be more involved.

Mr Farmer, the new Headmaster, is very keen to embark with us on an exciting new phase for Stoga. We aim to ensure we strengthen the sense of St Teresa's community which is so special to us all. Everyone involved in running Stoga over the years, most particularly Sr Catherine who founded the Association, have done a sterling job to keep its members in close contact with one another and school through newsletters, events and networking. However our membership does not include all former pupils and there are many with whom we have lost touch. Equally, social media and the web provide a variety of avenues for you all to keep in touch and we recognise that greater use of these features will benefit you and the Association. It is sensible that school, with the expertise and resources available to them, should be more involved in these developments for the Association.

So we are delighted to let you know that Jilly Cooper will now be in school to help launch these new initiatives and to be a point of contact for former pupils. She is currently developing a new dedicated area on the school website <http://www.st-teresas.com/school/alumnae-friends/> as well as a Facebook Page which will include a bulletin board and photo galleries so that you can post and exchange your news. She plans to launch this shortly so please visit the school website to view it. She will also be issuing a new annual newsletter and would be delighted to have your news and any photographs for the first issue by email to [stoga@st-teresas.com](mailto:stoga@st-teresas.com) or by writing to her at **St Teresa's, Effingham, Surrey, RH5 6ST** (01372 750215)

As we progress, she hopes to introduce a variety of events and reunions for you all and you will be advised of these soon. If you know of anyone who has not received this letter or wish to offer your services to help in any way please contact Jilly.

Another change will be no future subscriptions - so those of you who pay annually by standing order should make arrangements to cancel your bank instructions. In future the school will fund activities and the Stoga monies currently held on your behalf will be transferred and continue to be used solely for Association activities and the continuance of the Stoga bursary scheme. All your details will be transferred too, so you can be assured that you remain registered.

We are very aware of how important it is to so many of you to continue your connection with St Teresa's, friends, teachers, staff and the Community. These changes will help maintain and strengthen those ties and ensure your interest in the school continues. You are always welcome to visit the school and meet the staff and pupils (term dates are shown on the school website) and we all look forward to meeting you at future reunions and events.

With best wishes to you all.

**Lindy Williams (Stoga Chairman)**