



# AYLESBURY HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNAE April 2018

## IMPORTANT

### GDPR 'Opting In'

Forthcoming changes to the Data Protection Act 1998 to become Europe-Wide General Data Protection Regulations means that we have to ask your written consent to use your personal information to contact you.

With that in mind we recently mailed all our Alumnae to ask you to complete a Contact & Consent Form with this permission.

Alumnae who have made contact via LinkedIn have also been requested to complete one of these forms, so we may email them Newsletters, invitations to Events, as well as



other school information.

*After 25 May we will be unable to send information to Alumnae who have not completed the Contact & Consent Form or 'connected' with us via LinkedIn.*

*If you would like to receive more detailed information about our initiatives and have not yet completed a Contact & Consent form, please email Alison Pexton at [apexton@ahs.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:apexton@ahs.bucks.sch.uk)*

## A Chance Alumnae Reunion in India!



Whilst working on a Rotary Polio Immunisation Project in Kolkatta (formerly known as Calcutta), two of the 85 volunteers taking part in the project, **Hilary Brian** (nee Wilson) of Canterbury and **Sue Smith** (nee Osman) of Yorkshire, discovered that they were both AHS Alumnae!

Every year Rotarians from all over the world go to India to work with the Rotary Clubs and the Indian healthcare workers to give children their Polio drops.

Polio is a crippling and potentially deadly infectious disease which is spread person to person and typically through contaminated water. It can attack the nervous system, and in some instances, lead to paralysis and deformities. Sadly, children younger than 5 years old are more likely to contract the virus than any other group.

Early immunisation is essential and the work of

Rotary GBPI is so important in the global battle against polio. Hilary and Sue can be seen here carefully administering the polio vaccine.

Thanks to Rotary, and the support of their partners WHO, Unicef, CDC and the



Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, there are now just three countries still classed as endemic: Pakistan, Nigeria and Afghanistan.

Over 2 billion doses of oral polio vaccine have to be administered each and every year in over 60 countries until the world is finally certified polio free.

During their work on the Rotary Immunisation Project Hilary and Sue were able to catch up and reminisce about their school days.

Although in different year groups (6 years apart), they shared many happy memories of their school days and 'our wonderful teachers – in particular the world famous Mr. Chaplin!'

We are delighted that they have made contact and very impressed at their dedication and commitment to this valuable initiative. They are each 'Women Who Inspire!'

If you would like to find out more about Rotary GBPI and possibly volunteer or make a donation, please go to:

[www.rotarygbi.org/what-we-do/purple4polio/](http://www.rotarygbi.org/what-we-do/purple4polio/)



**AHS**

**Building A Brighter Future Fund**

Please remember our Building A Brighter Future Fund which helps us to develop the school's resources to ensure that every girl is able to fulfil her potential, wherever her strengths may lie.



**Any donation to our Fund is very gratefully received and contributes significantly to our school's development.**

For further information on donating, please visit our dedicated website page

[www.ahs.bucks.sch.uk/supporting-us/](http://www.ahs.bucks.sch.uk/supporting-us/)



**Alumni Prize Donation**

Alumni and RED Driving Instructor, Jon Dwyer, has kindly donated a double driving lesson as a prize for a forthcoming Sixth Form Competition. More information to follow!

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**Please Don't Forget to Buy Your Reunion Ticket!**

AYLESBURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL	 <b>Invitation</b> <b>AGS &amp; AHS Reunion</b> for <b>1997 to 2017 Leavers</b> AGS Foundation Hall, Walton Road, Aylesbury HP21 7RP Saturday 14th July: 2018 4 pm – 8 pm £10 per person, including hot buffet and soft drinks (Informal Cash Bar available) Please RSVP by 30th June to: AGS: Nikki Taylor development@ags.bucks.sch.uk AHS: Alison Pexton apexton@ahs.bucks.sch.uk	Aylesbury High School
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**We'd love to see you in July and are currently selling tickets for the event**

You may also buy a ticket for your partner too, however, it is on a first come, first serve basis. To secure your ticket, please contact Alison Pexton either by phone 01296 388222 or by email [apexton@ahs.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:apexton@ahs.bucks.sch.uk).

**Thank You For Your 'Women Who Inspire' Contributions**

As some of you may already know, we started a new 'Women Who Inspire' initiative in March, asking Alumnae to share their qualification and career choices as inspiration for our current students who are making important decisions for their future.



Your responses are still coming in and thank you to all those who are contributing. There are many different pathways

and careers that you have chosen! and would like more information, please Mrs Pexton by email at [apexton@ahs.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:apexton@ahs.bucks.sch.uk) If you would like to share your career choices with students

**Reconnecting Friends**

Alumna **Kay Coleman** (nee Fisher) writes:

*'I have for years been trying to find the girl who was my best friend at school.*

*Her name was Kathleen Robinson (I think that was her surname). Her father was in the RAF and her mother was French. She was in my year and I think form.*

*She went into the WRAF and in*

*1966 she married an American Airman and I went to her wedding. After that I moved to Canada for a year and we lost touch.*

*If she has been in contact I wonder if you could pass on my information to her as I would love to contact her? '*

**If you know Kathleen (who we believe is pictured here), could you**

**please ask her to email Alison Pexton at [apexton@ahs.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:apexton@ahs.bucks.sch.uk) ?**

