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Dates for your Diary

Date	Time	Event	Where
28 th February	7pm – 11pm	Quiz and Curry Night	TGGS Dining Room
14 th March	TBC	Pub Lunch	Babbacombe Inn, Torquay
28 th April	TBC	Spring Outing	TBC – ideas welcome!
27 th June	2pm	AGM	Redcliffe Hotel
28 th June	TBC	TGGS/TBGS Reunion	TGGS
4 th December	TBC	Christmas Lunch	Babbacombe Inn, Torquay

We will need to know numbers for our first pub lunch in March by Monday March 10th. Please could you let Janet know, via email, (dandjpotts40@googlemail.com) if you would like to attend.

At the moment we are considering Seaton (with a tram ride) or Beer Quarry Caves for the Spring Outing

News from the Committee

Hello Everyone,

We are already speeding through the year, Christmas and New Year seem a long way away now, especially when we are focusing on the re-union of TGGS and TGBS in June. More details on this will follow when we have finalised everything but for the time being we can confirm that tickets will be £20 for TOGS and TOGA members and £25 for non-members. A lot of care and planning is going into this event so it would be lovely to see it well supported.



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News from our Members

Old Girl Andrea Franklin is raising money for Rowcroft Hospice – please support her if you can:

As I (and indeed my year group!) turn(ed) 60 this year, I have been undertaking a series of litter picks to raise money for Rowcroft Hospice. We have done two so far and the total raised to date is over £1200. If any old girls would like to join us the TGGs litter pick is on Saturday 15 March at 2pm, meeting at the bus turning circle. Please bring your own gloves and sack and be prepared to recycle or dispose of what you pick up.

If you are not able to make the date but would still like to support the amazing work of the hospice, then the link is: <https://www.justgiving.com/.../andrea-franklin-1732530123485>

Thanks so much!

We heard the sad news that Sally Birchall, a beloved member of the TGGs Class of '83 had passed away last year. Suzanne Walker sent us her lovely obituary, which we have included here:

If there was mischief to be made, Sally was in the thick of it. If someone needed a kind word or deed, Sally was right there. And if anyone needed a show of loyalty Sally stepped forward. At school she enjoyed a giggle, but knew when to be serious. She was conscientious, hardworking and as kind to teachers as she was to the other girls. In the sixth form play she thoroughly enjoyed being part of the music hall scene, dancing and strutting her stuff with the best. Sally was early to learn to drive and to own a car, and also borrowed her then boyfriend's extravagantly ramped up Ford Anglia which made more than one appearance at the Manor, much to the consternation of the staff. As friends over the years our memories of Sally include fun nights as sixth formers at Torquay's night clubs, Sally always being late with birthday cards but always sending them with love, Sally zipping about in her sports-car and more recently in her striking mini. And more recently still, Sally surrounded by friends creating hilarity by mishearing fairy for ferry and impishly turning up at subsequent gatherings wearing fairy wings. Sally's career for many years was as a civil servant, working for the Department for Work and Pensions, latterly focusing on tackling fraud. Her colleagues there also experienced her care and kindness, with a ready word of encouragement by the water cooler and always a funny tale of her beloved bull dogs. Sally loved to make collections including Beatrix Potter characters, and pictures of her bulldogs. Without doubt Sally's self-described most important roles were those of wife, mum and nanny. Her three sons, their partners and children were all tucked under Sally's caring wing. Day trips to National Trust properties with grand children, copious baby sitting, smiles and fun and always the highest degree of support, wisdom and kindness. She is greatly missed.

We send our love and very best wishes to Sally's family and friends.

News from the School

Well done to the U13 TGGGS Cricket Team who competed in the South Devon round of the competition and what an incredible result they had...

The team showed amazing resilience and skill to successfully win ALL of their games and qualify for the County round.



TGGGS PTA Quiz Night

The quiz night is being arranged by the PTA of TGGGS and costs £10.00 to include nibbles and a Caribbean Curry. Teams of 6 required – closing date for teams is 14th February – if you would like to attend please send an email to Janet (dandjpotts40@googlemail.com) with your team name and entrants and she will be in touch to arrange payment with you.





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From our News Editor:

TGGS School Choir

I saw this photo that Jenny Willingham put on the TGGS (alumnae) Facebook page about the school choir. I loved being a part of the choir for many years ('Memories' and 'Hava Nagila' are imprinted in my memory forever – which is amazing as I often can't remember the names of my children!!!) and I'm now a part of the Torquay Rock Choir which, ironically, practises at the Boy's school on a Monday night!! If you enjoy singing and want to join something fun and light-hearted let me know and I can give you some more details.



Social Media

If you haven't done so already, there are a few TGGS social media pages you can join. They are;

Facebook:

Torquay Girls' Grammar School (alumnae) – lots of old girls are members and post lots of interesting memories

Torquay Girls' Grammar School – this is the schools Facebook page and features all the things the girls are getting up to now

Instagram:

[torquaygirlsgrammar](https://www.instagram.com/torquaygirlsgrammar)

New Members

A huge welcome to our new members! We are really pleased to welcome you all on board and hope to meet you face-to-face soon! If you have any ideas you would like to put forward (outings, fund raisers etc) please just let us know. You can email me at jayneback@hotmail.com