

# Northampton Notre Dame Association



## Winter Newsletter 2025

Best wishes to  
all our  
members for a  
healthy and  
happy New Year



**2025** is a poignant year in the history of Northampton Notre Dame High School for Girls – in July it will be 50 years since the school closed and teachers, desks and books moved to Thomas Becket School in Kettering Road. The Committee feels that this needs to be commemorated.

Therefore we are organising a special day in July to remember the school and the teachers. There will be more details in the Spring Newsletter but meanwhile please keep **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July** free to come to Northampton and join in this very special Anniversary.

“The last day of school was Friday July 4<sup>th</sup> – a day full of sadness and challenge as we faced moving to a new school, in a different part of Northampton. We also faced the unknown quantity, as naive 14 year olds, of sharing our education with that terrible four letter word BOYS!”

*MariAn Kneafsey*

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & REUNION LUNCHEON**  
**ON**  
**SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025**

This year's AGM & Reunion Luncheon is on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April at the Freemason's Hall, Lodge Farm, Duston. Coffee or tea will be served from 11.00 am, the A G M will begin at 12.00 noon and lunch will be served at 1.00 pm.

These are the menu choices:

**Starter:** Salmon terrine with red pepper sauce

**Vegetarian Option:** Tomato & basil soup

**Main Course:** Coque au Vin with mashed potatoes

**Vegetarian Option:** Vegetarian lasagne with garlic bread & mixed leaves

**Dessert:** Fruit salad with cream OR Salted caramel pot

Individual dietary requirements will be catered for, as far as possible, but the cost of the meal is obviously based on the vast majority of people having the same menu.

The cost of £30.00 covers coffee on arrival, a donation for the use of the premises for the day, three course menu, gratuities to the catering staff and any other expenses accrued by the event. There is ample parking space on site and all amenities, including a bar, are on one level.

The full address of the venue is: **Sheaf Close, Lodge Farm** (situated off of Harlestone Road) **Duston, Northampton, NN5 7UL**. We hope that many of you will be able to join us on the day and spend time catching up with friends. As in previous years, partners, husbands, carers, etc are all very welcome.

The form for this and your annual membership renewal for 2025-2026 is included. **This form must be returned by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025, at the latest, so that we can organise the table plans.**

# CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Early in December we had a get-together at the Freemasons Hall. There was music, a light Christmas lunch, quiz and raffle and, of course, the singing of Christmas carols. All those ladies voices was heavenly



Wendy said "a very pleasant lunchtime gathering, as usual, catered beautifully by the committee. They were all very efficient and welcoming, the quiz was challenging and our team missed the prize by two thirds of a point!! Lovely music, thanks to David, and we finished off with carols. Most enjoyable start to Christmas xx"

Here are a few more of our happy revellers!



# *Farewell & Rest In Peace*



Jackie Stanton  
Née Coneys  
Jackie joined the school  
In 1944



Molly Glasspool  
Née Dickens  
Molly joined the school  
In 1943

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**Lost & Found:** does anyone have a copy of St Julie News for 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012. We are trying to find an article that may have been printed in one of those years. We would only need to copy the item and then we would return the booklet to you. Many thanks for looking.

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**An Appeal:** We know how much you value being part of Northampton Notre Dame Association, being the largest Association proves it. However, we do need physical help and support, and so we ask you to consider becoming part of the Committee. The AGM & Luncheon needs bodies to organise it each year plus fresh ideas to keep going forward. Please have a think about it and then have a word with a Committee member at the AGM.

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With best regards to you all from the Committee

Cathy, Celine, Hilary, Kathleen, MariAn, Marie and Pam