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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Readers,

Welcome to a brand new issue of The Tadpole!

It's been a very hectic few months with several changes right across the board. As far as Welham is concerned, we trust in the fact that it is all for the better. Welhamites welcome change. We know well that it is the only constant!

We welcome our new WGAA Committee and know that with them also come in some great new ideas, exciting propositions and lots of good things around the corner just waiting happen.

But again, we exhort the youngsters to come forward.. New ideas need to be executed and many more hands on deck are needed. So show up, step up and gear up!

This issue is full of endings and beginnings. Some happy moments and some nostalgic ones. Some things to look forward to, some to sigh over and miss. But as always, there is good cheer, bonhomie and the perpetual Welham spirit. It's not possible to quell that!



AARTHA SHANTI PHALA VIDYA

As Jyotsana Brar took leave from School, this being her last founders as Principal, there was not a single dry eye in the audience. We bring you extracts from her emotional and inspiring address in this issue, along with vignettes from Founders, which should inspire everyone to revisit and 'walk the bajri once again'.

Anjali Sapra, our new President, herself is an inspiration. The past year has seen her fight personal battles and come out a winner, with her smile perpetually intact.

She shares her views and her hopes for the coming years on what the WGAA hopes to focus on and achieve. Our very best wishes to her and the team, some of them new, but some of the still very much old wine in new packaging! Hopefully the new packaging will inspire many new beginnings and lots of wonderful success stories....so dig into this issue and enjoy the ride.

And may you all WALK THE BAJRI all your loves.

Cheers till our next issue then!

Hema Badhwar Mehra

Editor

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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Dear Exies,

This has been a pretty much a landmark year in many ways. For starters, we are finally making headway into the long pending tasks we have been struggling with.

The onerous task of collating all registrations done since the inception of the WGAA in 2007 is underway. Thanks to this, we now have decade –wise names of Exies who are registered members of the WGAA and have moved forward into registering many more. From this year on, each graduating SC class will be registered at school itself.

After expending great effort and time, all the paperwork required for FCRA permission has been submitted and is being followed up at the Ministry. We hope this will come through soon and facilitate contributions from girls living abroad.

Our next endeavor is to start an internship programme for young Welhamites to help in their career trajectory. We would like to tie up with senior Ex-Welhamites who are established in their careers and who can offer such opportunities to one of their own.

Mrs. Jyotsna Brar will retire in 2016 and Founders 2015 was a fitting finale to her years at Welham. Superlative performances, speeches that left many teary eyed, oodles of Kadhi-chaval and lemon tarts and an emotional and enthusiastic record turnout of Exies. The Golden Girls of 1965, the Ruby Jubilee batch of 1975, the Silver batch of 1990 and the young 1995'ers were there in large numbers and not just Welham but indeed Dehradun rocked!

Clearly, the bond between School and its Alumni is strengthening. The reunion batches contributed handsomely towards the school development Fund and the WGAA. Truly, the values that school gave us have stood solid through the test of time and the Spirit of Welham remains as strong with the passing years.

Finally, the long awaited Swimming Pool is near completion! The pool has been built at the site of the old No.6 and will be ready for the first season in March.

Welham Girls has also retained its rank as India's no.1 girls boarding school for the third year in a row in the latest EWISR 2015 with top ratings in 12 of the 14 parameters of schools education excellence!

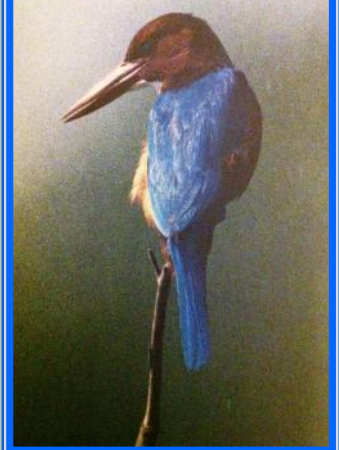
Yo yo Welham and Welhamites..
may you continue ever upwards and onwards!

Cheers until next time,

*Anjali Sapra,
President*



FLIGHT OF THE
KINGFISHER



AARTHA SHANTI PHALA
VIDYA

*In spite of the changes over
the years
and its many
faceted and ever busy life,
the School has not lost its
community spirit.
Welham remains a family,
where girls remain girls,
where each member
gives the best she is capable
of, whenever the occasion
demands it..."*

FOUNDERS 2015 – HIGHLIGHTS FROM MRS. BRAR'S ADDRESS

As we bid Mrs. Jyotsna Brar an emotive and heartfelt goodbye, we needed to share with you the highlights of the address that left most of us sniffing into our handkerchiefs and holding back our tears. It is not easy ever to wish one of our that final farewell...but she will continue to mentor and guide, meanwhile we share with you some of her heartfelt words.

"Ladies and Gentlemen, all in all **it has been my sincere effort to try and make Welham Girls' into a place which believes in doing the right thing and tries to do it well.** Today is Founders' Day and it is a good time to remember our Founder Principal, Miss Linnell's, favourite prayer which includes the lines *"Help me to stand up for the harder right rather than the easier wrong"*. I hope every Welhamite who passes through these portals has the conviction and courage to take this ideal forward. I know that many girls do develop the qualities of head and heart that a good school hopes to foster in its students. Each year I have the privilege of working closely with seven such wonderful girls and I take this opportunity to very **warmly thank our School Captain, Gauri Gupta, our Games Captain Mrinalini Verma, and the five House Captains.** They have demonstrated calm and quiet efficiency and great personal effort and uprightness. Thank you girls, it was a pleasure working with you.

I believe that the effect of a good education is felt many years after leaving school. When our children grow up and make their place in a world which is completely changed, it is only core values, thinking skills, and working habits which take them forward. If they are good learners, they will always adapt well to a changing world, if they are good thinkers and caring citizens, they will make a proper contribution to the life of this planet. That is all we can aspire to instill in the children when they are in school.

My very strong **advice to parents**, as a teacher who has been closely in the business for decades and decades, is not to micro-manage the lives of their children. Teach your children to think and speak up for themselves, do their own work, make their mistakes and pick themselves up, be kind to others and enjoy simple, artistic pleasures. That will keep them really happy in life. I also exhort all parents to work WITH their daughters' teachers and not at counter-purposes. Raising our children is a collective effort and we must speak the same language of values. **I urge Welham parents to be different, to be teachers themselves.**

Ladies and gentlemen, usually my annual report is a drier account of the school's achievements over the past year. This year I have attempted to share the progress of the school over the past decade or so, as I shall complete my tenure at the end of this academic year and will not stand at this podium this time next year.

I am taking the liberty of taking a little more time and sharing in brief my story of the sense of continuity which I get when I walk the bajri. I first came to Welham Girls' School in 1959 when my mother, Mrs. Pandit, joined as a teacher. Miss Linnell was our Principal and was very close to our small lot of 6-year olds. My mother left after a little while but I stayed on in junior school which moved that year to the No. 17 campus, now the Doon Girls' School. Our family fortunes changed in a strange way; I left after a few years to join another school and to finally complete my Senior Cambridge from Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya. **But my mother** and sister came back to Welham, my father passed away, my sister completed her Senior Cambridge here and my mother stayed on to work for two decades and finally retire from school and continue living in Dehradun till January this year.

When I finished school in 1968, Miss Linnell told me to spend my six-month break before college working in the School Library and Art class instead of wasting my time. I had a great time reading the books and learning from the legendary Mrs. Hangar in the Art Room. Many years later in 1987 I came back here to teach and I put **my** daughter into junior school. My mother had retired and Miss Srivastava was the Principal. She told me that I had to work hard to live up to my mother's standards. I found that I had become the colleague of some of my revered teachers – in particular Mrs. Jamila Singh, who was then the Vice-Principal. Another teacher who joined at the same time as me was Ms. Dayita Datta and we took up many areas of school work together. Little did I know that we would be working together well into the second decade of the twenty first century. By the time my daughter was ready to finish her years as a Welhamite, Mrs. Varma was the Principal and I got a chance to work with her as well. Even then, I had no inkling that I would return to Welham to

*You can't use up creativity,
The more you use
The more you have..."*

Maya Angelou



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FOUNDERS 2015 – HIGHLIGHTS

take over from Mrs Varma and work here for another sixteen years. When I moved into No. 19, the Principal's residence, Kamal Singh the Principal's cook – better known as Chhotu bearerji – greeted me, calling me "Miss Sahib", a term used by the bearers who had been working since Miss Linnell's time. He helped me put my bags away and turned to me and said – "Aapko yaad hai, apke School pass hone ke result ki telegram mein hi laaya thaa?"

Welham is a special sort of boarding school. We are like a **large extended family** living in a small campus, and that gives us all – teachers and students – a unique sort of synergy. I have been very fortunate to have had the privilege of teaching hundreds of very bright and responsive **students** who have needed only a glimmer of an idea or thought to propel them into making it a reality. Girls, I enjoyed the treks and trips, the dramatics and publications, the poetry readings and debates, the music and dance, the practices and march pasts, the punishments and the hugs. I thank every ayah didi and bearerji and maaliji and all members of the **support staff** who have been respectful, co-operative and friendly at all times, working to take our school forward.

I hate the Grammy Award thank you kind of speech but I have not publicly acknowledged ever the **support of my family** – my husband, Brig. Ranbir Brar, who told me 25 years ago like a good army man that as a Principal the welfare of my officers and troops came first and my own came last, my daughter and my son – a Welhamite and a Dosco, no less – who warned me that the School Rule Book would be called the School Joke Book and then encouraged me to go ahead staunchly with what I believed in because they felt I stood for the right things. I thank generations of **parents** for their faith and support, their belief and goodness. The greatest pleasure is to remain in touch long after the daughters have left school and it has always brought a smile to me when I have received a wedding card for a girl who left perhaps 8 years ago.

I thank the **Board of Governors** for putting faith in me so many years ago, for guiding and encouraging me and supporting me in every way. Finally, I would like to express my appreciation to my second family – the Welham Staff. I have had wonderful colleagues who have taught me and supported me, lent me books and teaching material, travelled with me and shared grumbles and jokes with me. They are the most committed, professional and proficient team any one could ever hope to work with and I have loved my journey with them all. In their hands I leave, **as a symbol** of my faith and complete confidence that they will teach her what is right and teach it well, the next link of our family – my grand-daughter.

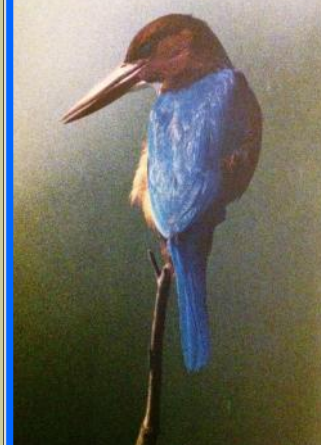
Need I say more?

Thank you so much.

Mrs. Jyotsna Brar

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NETWORKING

Networking is our most important and ultimately challenging job. Towards this end we have managed to achieve a pretty good degree of communication by the setting up of our new [Website—www.welhamgirlsalumni.com](http://www.welhamgirlsalumni.com) which was generously donated to the WGAA effort by the class of 89. A big thanks goes to them for this wonderful and creative approach towards remaining connected and we request one and all to log in, register and start interacting.

The WGAA FACE BOOK PAGE, which now boasts over 1200 members continues to see great activity. Active group discussions take place, many friends have been lost and found, and city wise chapters are in the process of being formed. It has been effective in actively letting me communicate with Welhamites across the ages and I find that today from just a shadowy name as part of the WGAA, girls (or should I say Welhamite Women??) are beginning to recognize and appreciate the efforts of the WGAA and its Executive Committee.

However our networking has a long way to go yet in order to become truly effective. The aim is to have **city-centric chapters** that will be a part of yet independent from the central WGAA. We need a chapter in every major metropolis in and out of the country. These groups need to be able to do the following:

- A. Hold annual get togethers in order to sustain networking and contact.
- B. Be available for the fresh alumni (or old) that may need assistance in these cities.
- C. Help the WGAA with fund raising efforts where required and keep abreast with WGAA activities.
- D. Keep in touch with the School.

There is a Facebook Page for the US and I often navigate through it and leave updates, which is great!

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FUND RAISING

We ALWAYS need Funds!

For Scholarships at Himjyoti and Mr. Martin's School

For WeCare. We need to give a little more each year to those teachers who simply do not have enough in order to beat inflation and take care of medical needs. It hurts them to ask us for more. We need to be able to do more without them having to ask. So please donate generously. Right now we are giving 3,500.00 per month. We'd like to take it up to at least 5,000.00.

For Scholarships at School—Lets try and collect enough to put atleast two underprivileged girls through Welham through the WGAA. That way we'd really be making a difference!

To help School with new Projects—This one's a biggie and we need big time sponsors for this. Those of you with Industry Contacts please do your bit.

Swimming Pool & Gym Project is now well on its way to realisation. Lets make it happen!



I appeal to everyone again, to help us with WeCare. This is where your assistance really is needed and we need each one of you take responsibility

THE GOLDEN GIRLS OF 1965



For many years I've been in touch with most of my class, socially, with Doon School connections, during the School's Golden Jubilee and from friend to friend. Getting everyone together for our 50th year Reunion wasn't an easy task. Just trying to remember who was in our class proved to be a problem. In the early years we were all jumbled up, put in 'remove' classes and held back for being too young. I even had to peer at faded photos to check if we'd been together. Some of us were withdrawn before SC, but even they had strong Welham connections, if not as graduates, then through daughters and grand daughters. But Miss Linnell's handwritten record of SC classes, coincidentally found in School in my recycled Home Science book, helped me with many of the correct names.

The Golden Jubilee Class of 1965's final fifteen, Anjali Hathi (Bali) Sawhney, Aziza (Tyabji) Hydari, Bulbul Vera (Vaswani) Chawla, Chand Poochie (Dewan) Standly, Nini Nanda, Nasreen (Ariff) Singh, Neera Fatty (Khattar) Narain, Neelam (Mehra) Khanna, Preeti (Puri) Kapur, Sheila (Dev Dutt) Nanda, Rashmi (Khosla) Mehra, Rekha (Naithani) Khanduri, Shagun (Mehta) Guha Roy, Suman Dhar and myself, Renee (Sen) Chandola came to Founders and proceeded to thoroughly enjoy ourselves. On Saturday morning, after a brief tussle over who would carry our banner, needless to say Hathi won, we enthusiastically joined the March Past and wearing our grey fleece jackets smartly saluted the Sports Day Chief Guest. Though exhausted by this some of us then found time to visit dorms and old haunts. We joined the current students to tuck into the Kadhi chawal lunch .. delicious was the unanimous verdict. That evening a few of us watched the amazing sound and light show put on by the juniors. We then joined the Principal's evening to meet retired staff who had taught us and some Board Members, before tiredness set in. A simply delicious Indonesian dinner cooked by Shagun and Fatty Neera's warm hospitality brought the first day to a close.

Sunday morning was spent wandering around the exhibition stalls and making sure some memorabilia was bought. The evening saw a rested and relaxed group attend Founders Day, listening to Mrs Brar's last Founders Day address and the School Captain's farewell speech. We were enthralled by the fusion yoga, Kathak and bharat natyam dance performance before rushing off to our own reunion dinner. It was a wonderfully relaxed end to the Reunion, organised by Fatty Neera, with great food and a delicious cake as dessert, featuring the Kingfisher logo and cut by our oldest and perhaps best loved teacher, Miss Jayal, now Mrs Mathur. We were joined by another of our teachers, Miss Mathur now Mrs Jayal with husband Brijesh, Anjali Hathi's brave husband Raj, the only one who came with his wife, former Principal Mrs Shanti Verma with husband Bob and our guests and Dehra Dun hosts Gita (Johar) Nanda, Asha (Khanna) Chaudhri and Hema (Badhwar) Mehra.

Though 15 of us finally made it to Dehra Dun and Founders; the rest of our Class were regrettably unable to come for a variety of valid reasons, mostly ill health and they were missed. We hope our School Captain Anjali (Srivastava) Lall, Anuradha Chhot (Har Prasad) Kumar, Asha (Mehra) Framji, Manju Misra and Maya Swamy, both from the original 10 to join School, Mridula (Kumari) Singh and Naseem (Latif) Halim, recover soon. Ill health in the form of pneumonia put our classmate and to be Founder's Chief Guest, filmmaker Deepa Mehta, into hospital in Toronto. But Welham was in her thoughts as she called out for Sister Cox in her delirium. Children, grandchildren, weddings, work and unavoidable prior commitments kept Gurinder Mansalna, Jaishri (Vahali) Brar, Kirat (Bhinder) Young, Aruna Peachy (Dhillon) Dayal, Kamaljit Camel Kapur, Nita (Vaidya) Kochhar, Pradipika (Agarwal) Bedi, Rajni (Prakash) Sethi and Vatsala (Kaushal) Khurana away from our reunion. Our hearts and sympathies go out to Amber Singh and Anjali (Nayyar) Kapur whose recent family bereavements mean

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...THE GOLDEN GIRLS OF 1965

they couldn't join us. We remember with sadness those who are longer with us: Golnar Danech, Manjula Chowdhary, Mrinalini Dillu Mukherjee, Purnima Kittu Bhandari, Renu Walia, Suman Dumra Passi and Uma Sehgal.

Despite best efforts Arti Mehta, Kusum (Chadha) Ahuja and Veena (Dhand) Mehta could not be contacted.

What would we do without the internet? It certainly helped me track down 2 classmates from the 1965 bunch. Kamaljit Kamla Camel Kapur was the first. A distant memory from Peachy (Harkanwal) Dhillon, who thought she had written a book, led me to her website and that she lived in a remote Himlayan valley between May and October Her artist husband's website fortunately had an email address and we touched base. Thank goodness as I'd even tramped the streets of her Dehra Dun registered school address and neighbourhood asking for her. Bulbul Vaswani or Vera Chawla as she's now known took a bit more of a search. From her professor father's publications in Roorkee and then the US I tracked down their journey in the US, spoke to another Bulbul who was most informative and the Sindhi US residents' directory gave me her number. Just goes to show that Welhamites never give up on finding friends.

Renee Sen Chandola '65



*"Everything was remembered,
Nothing was lost,
It was as if in those few days
time travelled back into what had
been and we were the best we had
ever been..."*

REUNIONS – THE RUBY BATCH

Down Memory Lane – 40 Years Later

How quickly the years fall away. As we gathered at the place where it had all begun, it seemed like it was just yesterday when we were schoolgirls in our tadpole sally kameez, walking across the games field, hand in hand, to the water fountain or over to the main building for prep.

While time has passed (40 years) and a lot has changed, the essence of who we are stays the same. 15 of us gathered at school to celebrate our Ruby anniversary – Anita, Biba, Dally, Kiran, Meera, Miggy, Rajni, Renu A., Renu T., Rita, Ritu, Savita, Suni, Vanda and me (Mandakini), having finished school in 1975. We oohed and aahed at the campus – the fabulously restored Nasreen, the spruced up main building, the modern dorms, the tiled bathrooms (clean and with running hot and cold water!), the amazing auditorium, and on and on. All this even as we giggled at a joke or memory from so long ago.

We gasped with admiration at the superb performances of the school orchestra and the dance group. The sophistication and quality of what we saw was awe inspiring. And then as we marched past on sports day with our ruby banner and Welham t-shirts, we could almost hear Mr. Manjit Singh's exhortations to stay in step and in line. Mrs. Mathur cheering us on in the stands took us back to our own sports day. Next year's sports will likely include a swimming competition with the pool due for completion at the end of this year. Yes, girls, you read right – we have a swimming pool, finally!

Welham is firmly in the 21st century with the girls dreaming their dreams of all they can achieve and believing they can do and be whatever they choose. But through it all the Welham spirit is alive and well. All dressed up and many decades older, we could still connect with these young women and belt out the Beatles songs together at the Bada Khana. We wolfed down the kadi chawal like our life depended on it and zealously guarded our gulab jamuns from Renu and Vanda (who were wont to steal them when the lights went out). We are living proof that Welhamites and their love of food lives on.

It was clearly a joyous time on many fronts – meeting friends after so many years, yet feeling like we had only been apart for the summer hols; seeing our wonderful, seemingly ageless teachers – Mrs. Bhushan, Mrs. Mathur, Mrs. Mehra, Mrs. Khanna, Mrs. Singh, Mrs. Juneja, Mrs. Goswami; basking in the warm Welham aura on a fabulous campus; and feeling secure that the legacy of Ms. Linnell lives on in Mrs. Jyotsna Brar's capable hands.



Mandakini Puri, 1975



REUNIONS—THE BATCH OF SILVER



TWENTY YEARS LATER – THE BATCH OF 1995

Batch of 1995...it's been 20 years since we left school. Time goes by sooner than you would expect it to & it seems as though 20 years have passed by in a flash!

We started planning our trip back to school for Founders Day celebrations, 20 of us. After organizing the logistics – staying arrangements, tickets, batch t-shirts etc. it finally sank in. We were going to walk the bajri. Would it be the same, how would it feel to go back, would the teachers remember us – after all they had seen 20 batches go by since we left, that's a lot of girls you know. How would it be to see our classmates?

It started with sports day. It may have taken, on the outer side 10 minutes for us to start cheering as the Welhamites sprinted on the tracks "Go Woodies Go" or "Go Flies Go" or to whichever house you 'belonged'. At that moment, you knew that you really 'belonged'.

We walked the bajri with a sense of pride – the new buildings, the new dorms, the loos, the auditorium, the dining hall, the hospital, Nasreen – it was remarkable to observe that Welham had indeed moved forward, keeping pace with the changing world outside and yet retaining its heart, soul, spirit & uniqueness.

And the Welhamite – each of the girls is a host during these days and plays her part completely – escorting guests, parents, exies as if they were in her own home. The bearerjis, guardjis & didis, an essential part of our lives for so many years – as they complete 25 years in school are recognized for their services on the Founders day evening. The auditorium comes alive as the Welhamites, past & present, put their hands together to cheer for the helpers. The bearerjis of course may even get a standing ovation (need I say why?!)

Spending the days & after parties with 'batch mates', I also realized that Welham had given us a grounding, a framework or a base on which we had so beautifully constructed our lives. Ironically, its a strong grounding that gives you wings to fly. Each of us were contributing to our worlds in our own ways – a hoopoe, an oriole, a bulbul - now a special educator, a TV anchor, a financial consultant, an entrepreneur, lawyers, doctors, humanitarian response coordinator, as a batch I think we had it all.

Above all, it has of course also given each of us friends that are like family & more. As we walked out of the gates, some of us with our daughters – batch of 2030, 2035 we thought, need I say more?

Priya Kashyap 1995



*Meeting the teachers meant warm hugs and smiles –
recalling incidents as if it were just yesterday -
each meeting so warm & special*

*The things that matter do not change.
it's like coming back home.*



WGAA ACTIVITIES

Many Alumni members seem to still be a bit hazy about what exactly the Welham Girls Alumni Association does in its several Avatars.

No, we do not simply organise TADPOLE NIGHTS, REUNIONS AT SCHOOL AND MOST RECENTLY, THE SENIOR GIRLS LUNCHEON. There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes which require commitment, hard work, large hearts, the zeal to get involved and the privilege of belonging to a club that cares, dares and shares. That may sound a bit cheesy, but there you have it. So for those who are you that are still a little hazy about WHAT exactly are the activities that the WGAA is involved in, here goes:

BRIEF NOTE ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIETY

The society was registered on December 5th, 2005 solely for charitable purposes, which are as follows:

1. To rehabilitate some retired teachers and Class IV employees who are in dire need of medical and financial aid. Many of you will recall the areas where we have been able to be of very special help.
2. To extend this facility to their families, particularly children of Class IV employees who require aid for pursuing any level of education.
3. To help, encourage and assist the spread of education and to render assistance by awarding scholarships / bursaries to deserving students to study at Welham.
4. To help in the setting up of a modern medical facility on the school campus by funding some equipment and facilities for the same
5. To organize and develop activities in areas of cultural, social and educational fields, to keep alive the spirit of devotion to the pursuit of excellence in all the above areas and more particularly towards education and human resource development.
6. To sponsor, promote and organize schemes for the protection of ecology and environment as well as total life support systems for nature and its conservation.
7. To promote, sponsor, encourage schemes and projects and focus public attention on issues related to the preservation of our national heritage in all fields as well as to high light the responsibility of the present generation in this regard and their accountability to the future generations.
8. To build up an effective network of Professional Welhamites who can offer Counseling, Guidance, Internship Programs and nurture those who step out of School, so that we can create a safe and secure future for those that we can help through what we have gained.

Going forward there is much we can do. Once again, our current Association still consists of just the same handful of people, recycled into different avatars. We urge you all to come forward, own your responsibility towards providing a future generation not just a secure life, but one in which they learn to give the way they have received.

"We are here to help God. He asks us to use our minds and hands and hearts for his work. We must do our best for the poor, the helpless and the unhappy..."

Note from Miss Linnell's Notebook



The issue wouldn't be complete, without a word of thanks to our talented President Anjali Sapra, for generously and specially sketching these immemorial sketches as a token of what School continues to mean to her. These sketches donated by her to the WGAA are on sale for adding to our WeCare corpus. Thankyou Anjali, for this generosity of spirit!

CARE FOR THE CAREGIVERS

Contribute to the **We-Care initiative** or **directly to the WGAA** for **all charitable activities** can be made by sending a cheque in the name of **Welham Girls Alumni Association**, and mailed to either address below.

Do put your Pan no. and contact details (address & cell no) at the back of the cheque.

All donations made to the WGAA are exempt from tax u/s 80G(5) (vi) of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

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