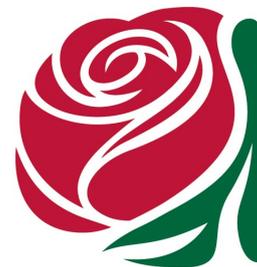


# GREAT BRITAIN STATE CONFERENCE 2018

## 40th ANNIVERSARY SPECIALIST PROVISION IN EDUCATION



We celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a delicious fruit cake made by Kathy Hodgson (of course there were copious amounts of brandy making it moist!) We also remembered Loetitia Stone with the sugar craft roses on the top. She was a great member and could always be counted on to make a wonderful cake for all important anniversaries. Has Kathy taken over the mantle?

*Gloria Redston*



*Diane Billam, Bjørg Nakling and Evelyn Goodsell*

Thank you for a fantastic stay at your state convention! It is so nice to meet old and new members and have time to talk to them. I am impressed by the way you all stand up for each other and what you have done in your chapters last year. It is the work in the chapters that counts, That's where the real things happen.

I hope that we can strengthen the bonds between the European countries and be able to visit each other and meet at the conferences we arrange. We need to exchange our ideas and support each other!

Once again; thank you for a wonderful Conference and very good company.

*Bjørg Nakling European Regional*

*Kathy Hodgson, State President, opened the meeting.*



My enthusiasm was re-charged listening to such superb speakers. They brought out the caring aspect of education so strongly in their presentations. So needed in this era where everything is measured by SATS results

Phyllis was a breath of fresh air and inspired a determination for a new era for DKG in Britain.

*Sheila Roberts*

*Sheila Roberts thanking Phyllis Hickey, (DKG Society Operation Services Administrator) for her lively presentation.*



*Three generations! Joan Carroll, daughter in law, Janet and granddaughter, Eirinn.*



Who says it is a teenage problem?

*Unity Harvey and Lavinia Soul transfixed.*

The lovely singing of Eirinn set the perfect tone for a successful, inspiring weekend."

*Evelyn Goodsell*

Eirinn Carroll gave us a very interesting account of her time at the Brit School of Performing Arts. The bar staff next door even turned the TV sound down because everyone wanted to hear Eirinn sing.'

*Diana Bell*

Joan provided so much for the conference. She found the venue, provided Eirinn and was a Golden Gift sister to Phyllis.



Thank you everybody for making me feel so welcome and 'at home'. I was so sorry to miss the Friday evening program, but the trip from Bristol airport took longer than expected. The speakers on Saturday were excellent as usual, especially the first one was the best I've heard in a long time. The venue was quiet and cosy, full of old-fashioned charm but modern efficiency, and I especially liked the garden. The buffet meals were good / a fair choice to please everybody. I was so pleased to see so many friends again, the only sadness being that Kate did not feel well enough to participate - I do hope she's better by now and send her my very best wishes.

I'm looking forward to next year's conference already  
*Brigitte Wichmann*



*Mary Wardrop and Brigitte Wichmann catching up.*



*Gloria Redston, Tony and Kate York at dinner.*



*Rosalind Price shares a joke with Phyllis Hickey*

I appreciate the interest that [Phyllis](#) took in the membership issue in our State. It inspired a fresh feeling of energy at the conference and support at International level could make a big difference. We certainly don't want to fade away and waste the time and energy that has been so generously given by Sheila Roberts, Marian Bowles and others in the past.

The Conference was so enjoyable as it seems to flow so well from one speaker to another and also provide time for plenty of interaction between ourselves. The venue was also ideal and we felt very welcome there.

*Liz Malik*

*Phyllis had us colouring in!  
 Carole Stirling, Robbie Scahill, Penny Kinnear.  
 Claire Purcell*



*Bjørg Nakling with Sandra Blacker*



*Ed Griffin.  
 An inspirational speaker*



*Puzzled by the Quiz!  
 Liz Malik, Diane Billam,  
 Evie Goodsell.*





*It turned out to be a lovely sunny day and we were able to enjoy ourselves in the hotel garden.*

*Marion Bowles, Joan Carroll, Mary Wardrop, Kathy Hodgson, Bjørg Nakling*

**THE QUIZ**

*Penny Kinnear kept us puzzled and quiet as we tried to find the answers. Top picture: Unity Harvey, Lavinia Soul, Diana Bell.*

*Bottom picture: Marian Bowles, Ronnie Wagstaff, Dolores Bennett, Sheila Roberts, Elisha Hoggart.*



*Diana Bell and Penny Kinnear having a jovial time at the restaurant.*



*Melanie Elsey brought us up-to date with the work of Primary Pupil Referral Units. The need is growing and the work invaluable.*



**Canterbury Award 2018**

*I enjoyed being with Mary Wardrop and being able to thank you all for the Canterbury Award but my best moment was undoubtedly when Elisha volunteered to talk to us all about Shanghai Maths.*

*Unity Harvey*



*Elisha Hoggart*



Day 1 Smiles as friends are reunited. Super supper then singing (not me) but the talented Eirinn a Brit School final year student.  
 Day 2 First rate speakers inspire a jaded interest. Then convivial drinks and dinner overlooking the Thames.  
 Day 3 Hampton Court -Henry, history, architecture, gardens and the magnificent clock in the courtyard.  
 Now that is the way to spend a long weekend

*Lavinia Soul*



*Special thanks to Dorcas Rogers for supplying most of the photos, She was to be seen, unobtrusively, taking pictures of every event.*