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HEAD OF SCHOOL: Anne Denham shows off her school photo from 1959.

Pupil's return

THIS week's Memory Lane remembrance comes from Anne Denham.

Anne is a former head girl of St Elphin's school, Darley Dale, and she returned to her roots recently to reminisce about her school days.

Audley Court, the new owners of St Elphins invited Anne Denham, head girl of the school in 1959, to visit the former school before work starts to develop the area into a luxury retirement village.

Anne was a student at the school from 1949-1959, after which she left Derbyshire for London where she trained as a nurse.

Anne said "It was wonderful to be in the school again after so many years - it brought so many memories flooding back! I remember playing the basement and the yard as we had a lot of freedom. However, it is extremely strange to visit the school and look at it through adults' eyes."

The visit comes as St Elphins' 'old girls' from over the years enjoyed a reunion weekend in York over Christmas.