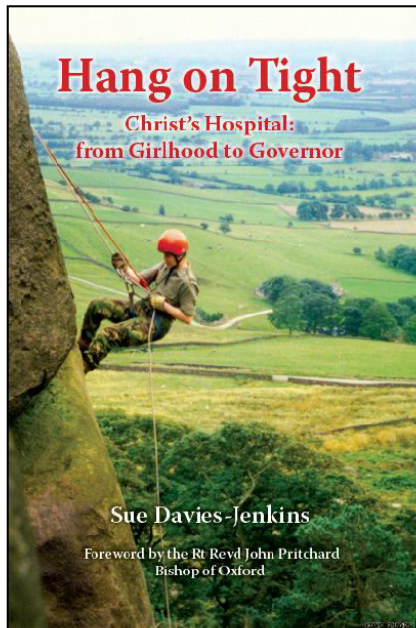


Hang on Tight

Christ's Hospital: from Girlhood to Governor

Sue Davies-Jenkins



Hang on Tight, a diverse mix of photographs, original poetry and prose, tells the story of Sue Davies-Jenkins and her journey from schoolgirl to Donation Governor at Christ's Hospital. It also provides a professional woman's perspective on the second half of the twentieth century to the present day.

Here Sue describes her Sussex childhood at the children's home that her mother ran, her time at Christ's Hospital, Hertford as a boarder from 1957-65, a VSO gap year in Malawi, student life at the University of York including auxiliary nursing and a placement at the London Hospital and territorial, then regular army service in the Women's Royal Army Corps.

In 1973 Sue married Major Michael Davies-Jenkins, Royal Welch Fusiliers and left the army. Civilian life brought its own challenges; looking after three children (and assorted pets) and trying to teach. In 1983 Sue joined Dyfed Army Cadet Force, helping to set up a pilot scheme for girls. She served with the Army Cadets for two decades, eventually covering PR for cadets and reservists throughout Wales.

With her husband Michael, Sue ran Llandaff Cathedral Choir Association. Living with widowhood since 1999, she remains deeply involved with her parish church in Cardiff and works as a chaplaincy lay visitor at the University Hospital of Wales.

Sue has always retained strong links with Christ's Hospital. With contributions from staff and a recent pupil, and many gems from the school's past, *Hang on Tight* has much to delight the thoughtful reader. Whilst not exclusively about Christ's Hospital, the book shows how its unique ethos has permeated the author's adult life.

Any profits from this book will be donated to Christ's Hospital, established in 1552, a charitable boarding and day school that offers a high standard of education to children from all backgrounds, particularly those in need.

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