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# OLD HERSCHELIAN ASSOCIATION

# Letter from the Headmistress

Dear Old Herschelians

2006 has been another very successful year at Herschel. In wanting to share the many highlights with you I invite you to visit our website as news and photos of school activities are uploaded weekly on the Herschel website especially the Herschel, Newsletter www.herschel.org.za. We are in the process of revamping the website and look forward to offering you more services.

Matriculation results

I was delighted with the 2005 Senior Certificate results: the girls surpassed our expectations, retaining our key position as a leading academic centre. 89 girls of the class of 71 achieved distinction for 'A' aggregates. This represents an impressive 32,7% of the class. This is the highest distinction aggregate of all schools writing the Senior Certificate Examination in the Western Cape. There were 189 subject distinctions, which is an average of 2,6 distinctions per candidate. The overall average aggregate was an impressive 50,7%.

A WCED official described the achievement of the school as follows:

*"There can be no doubt that Herschel Girls' School sets the benchmark for quality education in the Western Cape and serves as an example to all other schools, state and independent, in the province and, no doubt, nationally".*

Founder's Day

At the Founder's Day celebration this year Council members, Old Herschelians, staff and student office bearers celebrated with members of the special reunion years of 1955, 1974, 1975 and 1995.

Ilex tree

The Ilex tree was felled as there were fears that harm might come to girls or staff in the event of falling branches. It was a very sad moment to see the once-majestic tree dismembered and removed. For so long the Ilex tree stood guard over the school community like a giant sentinel – a gathering place for generations of girls, staff and families who were shielded or sheltered beneath those massive boughs.

Apart from the visual effect, the historical and symbolic ethos of this event has been profound. Traditionally, the Matric girls give a gift to the school and this year they donated a young Queensilks to replace the tree that had for so long graced the front figure of the Kenilworth school.

We have however, stored much of the wood and plan to make items of furniture and memorabilia in the future.

Challenges in education

The introduction of the National Senior Certificate (NSC) in 2006 has compelled us to think deeply about the new curriculum phases, methodologies and curricula. We have also thought more critically about our work, values, goals and interpersonal attitudes. We have been forced to make changes to our approach to learning. The appointments of a Curriculum Integration and Development Teacher and Academic, Bridging, Support and Extension Teacher have been a new breed of innovation.

Our teachers are using Smartboard technology with growing assurance and this will undoubtedly affect the delivery of learning in the future.

I believe that we can shape the new curriculum to meet the very high standards of past generations and to achieve the standards expected by future generations of Herschelians.

Speech Day and Prize-Giving

Our Guest Speaker, Mr Jos Aspiar, argued the urgency and moral values underpinning the tough role that girls have to remodel a good reputation in a world where people like to have instant gratification; the need to make meaningful contact with your mothers; celebrities, reality "scameality", where the pressure to look eternally perfect is immense; getting your own way in the right way and dealing skilfully with her. It was an inspiring presentation in which the girls were encouraged to establish relationships with their mothers, were given an insight

into the cult of having a celebrity, and were told about the images that create unreal expectations – the immense pressure to look perfect, the need to be skinny enough to combine career with a family. She emphasised the need for the girls to demand respect in their relationships and to realise the potential to be remarkable partners for strong and healthy relationships.

### Outreach Programme

This programme continues to flourish at Herschel. Girls can participate in activities ranging from academic support for visiting student groups, visits to shelters for the homeless, helping at homes for abused women and children. In this way our commitment to serving our community and forming partnerships with the community has become entrenched in the school life.

### The JUMP HI Programme

Herschel decided to utilise a numeracy component in its SMILE literacy programme that was already running successfully. Steve Sherman, Managing Director of Living Maths, who is experienced in and passionate about working with disadvantaged pupils, set up the JUMP HI (Junior Underachieving Maths Prodigies Herschel Initiative) programme.

With generous sponsorship from The Ackerman Family Foundation, Steve Sherman launched JUMP HI at Herschel in August 2006 when 30 Herschel Grade 10 and 11 boys welcomed and paired off with 41 Grades 5 and 6 pupils from St Louis Primary in Langa to tackle fractions. The Herschel 'study buddies' had been trained beforehand to provide step-by-step learning through individual tutoring and positive reinforcement.

The crucial aspect to the success of JUMP HI is boys learning to believe in themselves by continually being encouraged and praised, every girl in the first session having achieved 100% for their first worksheet. The goal of the pilot JUMP HI programme is to create a viable model – well-tried and sustainable – which could be replicated in other South African schools, thereby raising the standard of mathematics education, which presently is in crisis due to teacher shortages and teaching quality.

### Choral Tour to England

The Herschel Choralis undertook a tour of England, where they had the chance to connect with other choirs, to perform in beautiful and historic venues – schools, university colleges, public arts centres, churches and cathedrals (notably St Paul's Cathedral and the National Theatre in London) – and to celebrate the universal gift of music with new audiences.

Highlights of the tour included Evensong at Magdalen College Chapel (Oxford) and Worcester Cathedral, combined Concerts with St James and Edgbaston Girls' Choirs, a Concert in Shakespeare's Church in Stratford and St Mary's Church, Bath, with the final concert in St Paul's Cathedral.

Their repertoire included both sacred and secular songs, as well as traditional African songs, songs in the Cape Malay tradition, songs composed by South African composers, folk songs, songs from England and America, songs in the popular and jazz styles and a number of a capella arranged songs.

The school production this year, *Annie Get Your Gun*, was directed by Alan Committee and produced by Tessa Steyn.

The Interhouse singing competition always attracts many parents, friends, families, staff and Old Herschelians. It was predictably a keenly contested and enjoyable evening as each house took pride in the interpretation of the set song which this year was Your Song (Elton John). As their selected song, Ice House chose *What a Feeling* from *Flash Dance*, Jagger's selection was a Queen medley and Moorman's choice was *The Animal Song* by Savage Garden. Jagger was adjudged the winning house, followed by Merriman and Rolt who tied.

### The Swimming Pool

Herschel has a new state-of-the-art swimming pool, thanks to the generosity of the parents and Old Herschelians. The surroundings have been transformed with attractive landscaping; there is a new parking area with road entrance and exit points to access the pool; and there is ample seating and a solar-heating system. This top-class facility has transformed

[illegible] sport at the school and will be put to good use by pupils from the Senior and Preparatory schools with swimming, water polo, synchronised swimming and life-saving [illegible].

## Sport

Hersche has enjoyed another most successful sporting year with girls chosen to represent Western Province and national teams. The hockey, indoor hockey, swimming, netball, waterpolo, tennis, basketball, athletics, volleyball, squash teams acquitted themselves very well and overall has lived up to its reputation as a top sporting school.

## Carol Service

The Carol Service held at St Saviour's Church on 28 November was a celebration for all the girls and staff, families and friends of Herschel. We warmly welcome any Old Herschelian to join us on this occasion.

## Brendalyn Tyers Stempel Old Herschelian Bursary

The 2007 Brendalyn Tyers Stempel Bursary has been awarded to Sarah Jane [illegible] (Woodridge Primary). She is the daughter of Mrs Sally Steenkamp (née Segrott) who matriculated in 1986. Through the generosity of Brendalyn Tyers Stempel and her husband, Franz Stempel, a Herschel education is brought within reach of many pupils who might otherwise not be able to attend the school.

## Hilary Hansant's passing

We have all been saddened by the death of Hilary Hansant and in the eulogies mention was made of her contribution towards and involvement in the life of the school over many years. She has indeed been a loyal and devoted Old Herschelian and we will miss her.

## Value based education in 2007

The school is still working lists in both Preparatory and Senior schools and we believe the model of learning at Herschel is something worth striving towards. Recent societal developments are placing increasing pressure on the teachers to set and maintain standards and the staff is resolved in their determination to uphold values [illegible].

If parents work together with the school we can uphold essential values and we will well prepare the girls for a happy, meaningful and manageable way.

## New Head of Preparatory

Ms Jennifer Coull leaves the Preparatory School after a most successful and happy period of [illegible]. Her replacement is Mrs Patricia (Pat) Henderson who has the credentials to truly make her mark at the school. We look forward to her contribution. We are in for exciting times at the school generally and the staff value such a happy and productive place to be.

In the challenges of life in South Africa today and with our concerns about the safety of the girls and their families, we need to live with hope as the centre of our lives. Vaclav Havel describes hope as a dimension of the soul and not merely dependent on some particular interpretation of the world. Hope is an orientation of the spirit, an orientation of the heart. Hope is not the same as joy that things are going well or willingness to invest in enterprises that are obviously meant for early success, but rather an ability to work for something good, not just because it stands a chance to succeed. Hope is definitely not the same thing as optimism. It is not the conviction that something will turn out well, but the certainty that something makes sense regardless of how it turns out. It is more a matter of spirit, which gives the strength to live and not merely survive things."

My best wishes to each of you for a healthy and happy 2007. I would like to invite you all to visit the Old Herschelian website and please remember to keep us informed of your news and achievements.

Ad Dei Gloriam!

Riona van Zyl
Headmistress

## HERSCHEL'S WEB SITE

You can visit the school at: www.herschel.org.za

The web site has information and dates of events that may be of interest to you. If you would like to contact Herschel or send news, change of address, etc. the email address is: [illegible] @herschel.org.za

Alternatively you can contact the OHA Secretary, Di Burns, [illegible]@worldonline.co.za

To facilitate communication we would like the e-mail addresses of all Old Herschelians who have not yet notified us.

## DATES TO DIARISE FOR 2007

**Cocktail Party**

This will be on Thursday 15 February 2007 at 18h00 in the Atrium at Herschel. Entrance is R30, or R20 if you are under the age of 27. Please notify Pru Crawley on 082 820 1751 or your Circle Secretary if you wish to attend.

**Founder's Day**

This will be celebrated on Friday 16 February 2007

Old Herschelians are invited to attend the church service and/or the lunch. Please notify the school by Wednesday 14 February if you are coming (at cost is limited 021 570 7500 or email to info@herschel.org.za)

11h00: Service at St. Simon's Church

12h30: Lunch in the Mary Jagger Hall, preceded by the AGM of the OHA

## REPORT FROM PRU CRAWLEY

The Old Herschelian cocktail party was again held on the evening before Founder's Day as it's such a good opportunity to involve all the Old Herschelians celebrating reunions as well as all the local members in the area. Di Burns, who has to be the most hard-working Old Herschelian of us all, sorted the invitation with the Newsletter so everyone knew about it without endless phone calls!

The Circle Secretaries of today do not realize how lucky they are as in earlier times, before emails and cell phones, they had to phone as many Old Herschelians as they could to promote the social function! This year, as usual, we had a wonderful evening. We have also had the Circle Secretaries' evening to inspire those wonderful people who agree to be their class representatives. However, out of 64 years of past pupils only had 14 representatives! We had an enjoyable evening at Corinne Symons' home and recruited Kris Vuler (2002) onto the Committee. If you want to know more about your year, please contact your Circle Secretary. If you want them to know more about you, either let them or Di Burns know by email or fax. Failing that you can [illegible] suzie@gmail.com

We hope to see and hear more of you all the next year.

Pru Crawley

OHA Chairman

# FAREWELL TO THE ILEX TREE

On a chilly June morning Shirley Hope Hannan (5L) and I attended the farewell ceremony to the familiar and well-loved Ilex tree that has been so much part of the Hewitt scene for as long as most of us can remember. We were the only Old Hewittonians present and I was told even the oldest person (Hewitt Staff), senior girls and a few parents were assembled to witness the charming service.

It was a brief and moving ceremony conducted by the school chaplain, Rev. Rob Cormack. Several poems, written by the girls, were read out and there was a lovely rendition of "O Ilex Tree!" sung to the tune of "O Christmas Tree". The ceremony concluded with a few words from Mrs Wai Pyl followed by the school song. Baskets of petals were passed around for us to scatter at the base of the tree. It seemed fitting that a tame bird settled on the chimney of the chapel and added a cheerful song to conclude the proceedings. The whole atmosphere was one of warmth, friendship and acceptance and I was left with the memory of all the good times that Hewitt girls, its old's, both past and present.

Report by Jennifer Wynne (Emilie)

# CLASS REUNIONS

## 1966 REUNION

The Class of 1966 had their 40th reunion in February timed to coincide with Founder's Day. On the Thursday evening Chippy Burnett (Schipper), Victoria Crowwright (Cawood), Joan Waring (Smith), Pam Pearce (Lowman) and Rosemary Fowkes (Fresch-Jurgens) attended the old Hesperian society party. At the Founders Day service the next day Rosemary read one of the lessons and then she, Chippy, Joan, Pam, Carol Bartley (Stuart) and Bev Moore (Pow) attended the luncheon in Wilson. Here Bev spoke on behalf of our year, relaying with wonderfully vivid memories of the time we spent at Hesperian. She paid special tribute to the teaching profession who was responsible for our education and her message was one of pride in having been a pupil of Hesperian.

Our big get-together was held at Chippy's house on the Saturday evening where 15 of our original girls gathered for a memorable evening of fun and laughter over drinks and supper. From the moment Di Spencer (Smith) walked in wearing her old panama hat, the atmosphere remained on a constant high note! Apart from those already mentioned the following were also present: Gail Kinlay (Bemoff), Sandra Howell (Collier), Janet Grant (Cornish-Bowden), Frances Newson (Desmarest), Mim McGregor (Higgins), James Slingsby (Scott), Nicola Wells (Simonsz) and Alison Gawe (van Rensberg).

Unfortunately many were some people too far away to attend, including Joy Newton Thompson (Lowe) who was on a Rotary Foundation trip in USA, and Sheila Mackenzie (Ensie) who lives in New Zealand and was very much with us in spirit. Sheila was married in Cape Town in October 2005 and we had a virtual class reunion with her.

Report by Rosemary Fowkes (Hesperian January)

## 1976 REUNION

Teens and aging merged at the reunion of the Matric Class of 1976 who gathered over the Founders Day weekend for our reunion.

Celebrations started on the Thursday evening at the CHA Cocktail party held in the Atrium and there was great excitement as the ex-Hesperian girls arrived back from the airport. The CHA luncheon Friday was well attended and gave us a further opportunity to renew bonds with girls from some years. This was a very relaxed event and a wonderful opportunity for those who have not been back to Hesche. To see how the school and all the changes and how Hesperian really has launched itself into the 21st Century. Didn't think there was anyone who wasn't truly impressed with the developments.

For many, the dinner held at Jeanne Franck's beautiful home in Constantia, was the highlight of the reunion which was superbly organized by Caroline Parker, Judy Wilson, Carolyn Veldhuizen and Jeanne Franck. They had plenty of homework to do in tracking down some of our more elusive classmates, but in the end, they pinned them down and even managed to persuade some who had received the news to cancel arrangements and be at the dinner.

A few former classmates came from far afield, including Shelley Smiedt from USA, Fiona Douglas from Australia, and Juliet McGregor, Sheery Reil and Margo Marais from Johannesburg. They all brought their effervescent sunny ways and their presence certainly added to the success of the whole unit reunion.

Telegrams from those who could not attend were read out over dinner. For all who gathered around the large dinner table, it appeared the 30 year reunion was a big go on the 2006 social calendar. In need of waiting another decade, it was decided that the Matric Class of 1976

would gather again in few years time.

The bond between many of the classmates is still strong, even after 30 years, and it is hard to believe this class matriculated in the darkest days of apartheid when Soweto was ablaze and school children were rioting in the streets. The emergency evacuation drills practised in Hestical during those years have become a distant memory for some classmates. Today many of the daughters of the Class of '76 have attended or still attend Hestical, and times have changed significantly for the better.

Report by Sylvia Underhill.

## 1981 REUNION

On a beautiful sunny day in the Cape Winelands in late May 20 gorgeous girls got together to celebrate our 25th school reunion. We had a welcome drink in the dappled shade of the trees while we waited for everyone to arrive, not that everyone was recognisable at first! Susie Hammond was recognisable for words, kept close with her bridesmaid, and Gill Mackenzie looking more Irish than the Irish will ever care to admit. Kate, we remember her as a tomboy, blonde, just to name a few.

We were each given a very generous gift pack, thanks to Ingrid and her business, Cellarland. Boteq vouchers were also handed out which seemed very appropriate for the forty something-year-olds! A delicious lunch was served and we shared many stories and laughs, not to mention the drinks! As always, there were those who were reluctant to go home and the last people finally left at midnight. One thing our class of 198[illegible] has always done well is to have fun.

Report by Tracey Shonfeld (Heilman)

## 1986 REUNION

The Class of 1986 had our 20 year reunion at Dary. Louw's (Gower) home in Tokai on 6 February. Daryl's beautifully refurbished Victorian home was an elegant setting for an evening dinner for 15 of us. Although many of us have established ourselves in Cape Town and surrounding areas, we see surprisingly little of one another. Karen Dudley (1965) and her team prepared a wonderful buffet dinner. Partners were included, though I suspect that many of us may have had to use gently coercive tactics to get them there! All the essential ingredients for a successful evening were present, namely good company, good wine, good food and good memories. Many thanks to Nicky Eckstein (Dillon) and to Daryl Louw (Gower) for their work in organizing and hosting the evening respectively.

Those present included: Nicky Eckstein (Dillon), Daryl Louw (Gower), Sarah Crawford-Browne, Kerry Huffman (Oelz), Shelley Wonde (Woode-Smith), Ruby Wilson (Laubert), Kim Porter (ce Willers), Tanyana Robb (Quintana), Corrien Pell (Parker), Lindsay Challis (Nagel), Judy Sedgwick (Bleekers), Michelle Milner (Wood), Alison Day (nee Sulow), Heather Dicey (Gaul) and Nicky Westgarth-Taylor.

Report by Nicky Westgarth-Taylor.

## REUNION 2007

The Class of 1997 will be having their 10-year reunion in December 2007. Please contact Tanya Fowler on fowlertan@iafrica.com for more information.

# 2006 COMMITTEE

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Please note that all telephone numbers are on the Cape Town (021) exchange unless otherwise indicated.

## London Representative

Janet Broadhurst (Millsy) in London has offered to coordinate a list of Old Girls living in the UK. Her email is janet.broadhurst@aol.com. If you would like to be on the list or are going overseas please contact her with your particulars.

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The Editor is most grateful to those Circle Representatives and other Old Girls who submitted news and reports. Please remember the onus is on you to keep your Circle Secretary or the OHA secretary informed of your news, change of address, etc.

## ENGAGEMENTS

BERRY – RUPPEL
Tanya Berry to Oliver Ruppel
BUCHANAN – ROSS-INNES
Caryn Buchanan to Mark Ross-Innes.
BURTON – VAN KICKERK
Sarah Burton to Edwin van Kickerk
CARTER – RIVETT-CARNAC
Sarah Carter to Richard Rivett-Carnac.
DRYDEN-DYMOND – CLAGUE
Victoria Dryden-Dymond to Michael Clague
FORRESTER – VAN DER WATT
Peppy Forrester to Gregvan der Watt.
FOWLER – WATSON
Vicki Fowler to Bryan Watson
HALDANE – LASHBROOKE
Helen Haldane to Andrew Lashbrooke

HOVSTAD – SCAWN
Sue Hovstad to Richard Scawn.
LINDSAY – EDWARDS
Tamsin Lindsay to James Edwards
LOUW – TURNER
Nikki Louw to [illegible]
MAYHEW – HOPMEIER
Carrie Mayhew to Jon Hopmeier
PRAIN – CAPE
Sandy Prain to James Cape.
SCHUNBORN – BARWELL
Louise Schunborn to Jamie Barwell
SPENGLER – WILLIS
Marie-Louise Spengler to Daire Willis.
TAYLOR – TYSON
Meg Taylor to Grant Tyson

## MARRIAGES

BERRY – THERION. Clarissa Berry and Andre Therion, October 2006
BUCHANAN – CARTER, Megan Buchanan and Jonathan Carter, December 2006
CAPRI – DE WAAL. Tina Capri and Pieter de Waal, December 2006.
CROWHURST – MARCHANT. Tia Crowhurst and Scott Marchant, March 2006.
DRERUP – HUGHES. Anita Drerup and Gary Hughes, December 2006 – Sydney
GEORGE – FARR. Susannah George and Anthony Farr, December 2006.
GIBSON – DE KOCK, Tarryn Gibson and Antonie de Kock, December 2006
HARTLEY – BRADSHAW. Jocelyn Hartley and David Bradshaw, April 2006.
MARX – CAMPBELL. Lindsay Marx and Iain Campbell, May 2006.
PEACOCK – TRAVIS. Tanya Peacock and Thomas Travis, May 2006
RAIMONDO – FHITIDIS. Danielle Raimondo and Simon Fhitidis, December 2006.
RATCLIFFE – WRIGHT. Jenny Ratcliffe and Garry Wright, December 2006
ROUND – BOTHA. Kim Round and Laurens Botha, December 2006.
STEPHEN – COTTRELL. Shirley Stephen and Nick Cottrell, February 2006.
VAN HOOGSTRATEN – HIDDLE, Sandy van Hoogstraten and Ian Hiddle, March 2006
WITTER – KATZ. Sarah Jane Witter and Lloyd Katz, October 2006.

# BIRTHS

BECKERS. To Anna (Summers) and Stephen, a son, Owen.
BESTER. To Xavier (Fraser) and Jon, a daughter, Imogen, 2005.
BOTTGER. To Tanya (Rutherford) and Richard, a daughter, 18 December 2006.
DE KLERK. To Karen (Snyders) and Arnold, a son, Sebastian Thomas, 27 September 2006, in Rotterdam.
DE VILLIERS. To Carolina (Pruter) and Meyer, a daughter, Ariane, January 2006.
DE VILLIERS. To Kim (Porter) and Michael, a daughter, Alexa Jane, sister to Michaela, 16 May 2006.
DOBSON. To Lies (Bastiaens) and Michael, a daughter, Erika Rachel, 11 April 2006, in London.
DU PLOOY. To Tine (Soarks) and Mathieu, a son, Dawie Louis, 25 January 2006.
GARUTI. To Nicole (Barnard), a daughter, Isabella, 28 March 2006.
GOOD. To Heather (Curry) and David, a daughter, Rosemary Tirzah, sister to Daniel, 7 October 2006.
HAMILTON. To Charlotte (Hartwell) and Howard, a daughter, Lana Elizabeth, 25 January 2006.
HETHERINGTON. To Kay (Pinchman) and Clayton, a daughter, Caitlin, sister to Megan, 15 July 2006.
HUGHES. To Caroline (Sedgwick) and Craig, a son, Jonathan, 20 December 2005.
JOHNSTONE. To Denise (Muir) and Simon, a son, Luke, January 2006.
JONES. To Philippa (Carr) and Jonathan, a daughter, Tilda Rhiannon, sister to Matthew, 19 October 2006.
KIRSCH. To Lara (Franco) and Derek, a daughter, Imogen Simone, 8 August 2006.
LANGHAM. To Alison (Ward) and Conway, a son, 1 February 2006, in London.
McCULLOCH. To Melissa (Fielding) and Duncan, a daughter, Imogen Bailey, sister to Alexandra, 9 June 2006, in Melbourne.
NEWELL. To Philippa (Gwynne-Evans) and Craig, a son, Gregory, brother to Nicholas, 15 March 2006.
NIEWENYA. To Una (Nkuhlu) and Lawrence, a son, Olanna Zenzeka Lee, 28 January 2006.
OELZ. To Kerry (Hoffman) and Marc, a son, Jacob John, brother to Francesca Hannah, 24 April 2006.
PETERS. To Camille (Kover) and Craig, a daughter, Nicola Joy, 30 October 2006, in London.
PRICE. To Malin (Hendrykus) and Paul, a son, Cameron William, brother to Nicolas, 5 July 2006, in Austin, USA.
SANDRI. To Simon (Rice) and Bayron, a son, Milan Charles, 3 October 2006.
SCHAFER. To Jacqueline (Brakewell) and Andrew, a son, Matthew, 21 October 2006, in London.
SCOTT. To Kate (Kirkwood) and Ian, a son, Cameron, 31 January 2006.
SELDON. To Monica (Summerhayes) and Jason, a daughter, Isabella Grace, 27 January 2006.
STENNETT. To Marie-Louise (Spangler) and Darren Will, a daughter, Ella Louise, 26 October 2006.
TAYLOR. To Michelle (Ft. Preez) and Steve, a daughter, Isabella Claire, sister to Melissa, 23 June 2006.
WILLIAMS. To Cheryl (Hemingway) and Trevor, a daughter, Heather, sister to Jonny, 21 August 2006, in London.
WILSON. To Christine (Williamson) and Tim, a son, Tristan, February 2006.

# DEATHS

CLARKE, Bert (Fitch), 1933 - 1989, 25 September 2006, aged 85.
GUERRINI, Laura (nee Jeffrey), 1957, 1 October 2006.
HAIGH, Dr Margaret Haigh MBE (nee Mitchell), 1945, 11 November 2006, in Johannesburg.
HARSANT, Hilary (Hup) Mark, 1935 - 1973, 10 November 2006, aged 80.
HODGSON, Judith Ann Makin, 1948, 26 April 2006, in England.

McRAE, Barbara (nee Lietfeldt, 1953) 22 October 2006.
MELCK, Wenda (nee Petree, 1941) 23 December 2006
MOIR, Barbara (nee Brazill, 1948) 3 June 2006, in England.
OLIVIER, Judy (nee Morton, 1953) 14 May 2006, in Cape Town.
RYLANDS, Joan (nee Payne, 1928) 13 November 2006, in England, aged 94.
VERSFELD, Barbara (nee Barry, 1939) 21 December 2006.
WILTSHIRE, Suzanne (nee Drennan, 1942) 10 November 2006.

# OBITUARIES

## CLARKE, Bert (Staff) 29 September 2006

Bert was born in East London in 1921 and matriculated at Selborne College in 1937. He served as a corporal in World War II. He was captured at the Battle of Tobruk in 1942 and spent 3 years as a prisoner of war. On his return he obtained his Chartered Secretaries and Pitman's Diploma in 1951. He took over Cornhill Secretarial College, founded by his mother-in-law, Emma [illegible] in 1912. Students from all over South Africa and the neighbouring states attended the college during the 32 years that he was the principal. On his retirement in 1982 he continued teaching typing and Business Economics at Rhodes University where he spent 7 years. Bert was instrumental in launching the first Old Rhodian Newsletter, using his typing classes to type out the newsletter which was then photocopied and mailed in A4 format to members of the Association. He was a keen lawn bowler and a member of the Claremont Tennis Club for nearly 50 years. He was elected president of the club, a position he held for over 30 years and was made an honorary life member. He leaves two daughters, Lynda and Diana, and four grandsons.

(Sader 12/10/2006)

## MELCK, Wenda (nee Petree, 1941) 23 December 2006

Wenda has left a precious legacy of insight into South African prehistory and palaeohistory. She had the gift of co-ordinating the work of recognised authorities in various fields of research, and making it accessible to the layman.

Living on the 18th century Velck farm "Kersefontein" near Velddrif, she organized a permanent exhibition for the Hopefield district of the Elandsfontein fossil.

In 2000 she was awarded the Simon van der Stel Foundation's gold medal for her work in West Coast conservation. Among her conservation projects she had formed a West Coast Foundation Committee and saved the shore forests and burial mounds worthy of conservation. She also raised funds to reconstruct a Khoikhoi Kraal, made of reed, wattle and daub, as used by the old Khoikhoi in the area, as well as raising funds to restore the Darling Sandskraal farm. Another award Wenda received in 2000 was the Award of Merit of the Cape Tercentenary Foundation for her outstanding work on the Elandsfontein fossil site.

In 2007 and 2008 Wenda was an active member of the Friends of the Michaelis Collection, lecturing on the history of Kersefontein. She also at that time concentrated on her own work as an artist, studying sculpture with Hanscharlien [illegible] in Wingat and exhibiting wood carvings at Kirstenbosch with the SA Society of Artists.

She will be remembered especially for her medication of South African pre- and palaeohistory and for its appreciation by the non-scholastic members of the public.

Tribute by Diana Mulck (nee Brooke)

**OLIVIER**, Judy (nee Norton), 1959) 14 May 2006

"Judy's recognised to be one of the pioneering female journalists and editors in South Africa. Born in Cape Town and matriculating at Wynberg, she enrolled as one of the first female cadets at the Argus school. Her Argus colleague Gerard Bannister, recalling her "clear and crisp writing totally sensible and intelligent professional, and her sense of humour". She married photographer Sigurd Olivier and had two children, Andre and Ioni (1981), and worked as a freelance writer for a while. She then joined Nationale Pers magazine Fair Lady, which transferred her to their London office. Naspers chairman Tom Wooton said of her London run: "She was so competent, we stretched the rules to accommodate her. She was supposed to work in London for only three years, but ended up staying for 30." Jane Raphaely, chief executive of Associated Magazines said: "Judy was one of the finest journalists and editors we worked for Fair Lady. She was the best deputy editor ever had." In 2007, before moving to France, Judy obtained a degree in politics, philosophy and history from Birkbeck University. She also became known as a French cuisine cook, fresh air fanatic, opera lover and world traveller. Looking ahead to her self-imposed future in rural France, she planned to spend her life presenting cooking courses and guided walking tours. She leaves her two children, granddaughter Kate, 4, who was "the love of her life" and sister Tessa Clark, a "London journalist".

(Staff Writer, Cape Times, 10.05.2006).

**PRESTON**, Karen (nee Langerman) 15 January 2006

Karen began her school career at Herschel towards the end of World War II. Those of us who were fortunate to have been there with her were soon caught up in her sheer joy of living and her infectious sense of humour. However, school was never Karen's greatest love. Her future had already been won by ballet and eventually her parents allowed her to leave Herschel and she attended the UCT Ballet school, where she blossomed into a talented dancer. On completing her training she went to Germany where she danced with the Ballet Company before returning to Cape Town. On her return she felt called to take Holy Orders and become a nun. However she soon met John Preston, and after much soul searching, she decided she could serve her Lord better by getting married. How right she was proved to be because she had a very serious motor accident in 1988 and she was able to be a mainstay in helping him keep his legal practice going. Although admitting that she was hopeless at typing, spelling and even arithmetic, she valiantly undertook his administrative work until he retired. By then John had been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and they moved from their beautiful home high above Simons Town to Fish Hoek, where Karen continued to lovingly nurse him until he died in 2004.

Although they had no children Karen was always interested in young people and had been very involved in the Girl Guide movement when she was younger. While living in Simons Town she developed a passionate interest in the Cape Peninsula Nature Reserve and often took visitors on interpretive walks in the area. Her favourite relaxation was to explore the local mountains, hiking with her dog and friends. She was planning to visit a young friend in Australia this year.

Ever since 1952 Herschel classes were privileged to be at Karen's Funeral in the Roman Catholic Church at Fish Hoek where we joined many others representing her varied interests in mourning the tragic and premature loss of an unforgettable and truly wonderful friend.

*Tribute by Norma Morrell (nee Betterton)*

**VERSFELD,** Barbara (nee Barry, 1939) 21 December 2006.

Barbara, both at school and in later years, had a quiet but palpable strength of character. She never pursued her academic achievements (BA, UCT) but found fulfilment in her domestic role as "mater-familias". In a sense she existed superficially, as a foil to her charismatic husband, philosopher and gourmet writer Professor Martin Versfeld. She was a women organizer and worker for the Citizens' Advice Bureau in Cape Town. In 1957 she, together with Joan Grover (1057, 1947), was received by President Nelson Mandela at the Castle, Cape Town, to be honoured for their fearless public support for the Black Sash. All in all, Fernscholians are proud of her.

Tribute by Diana Mulik (nee Brooke).

**WILTSHIRE,** Suzanne (nee Drennan, 1941) 10 November 2006.

After a flourishing school career, Suzanne majored in English and Geography for her BA degree at UCT.

She then studied Home Economics at Stellenbosch University, bringing to her quiet, thorough way an expert command of the cook.

She worked at the UCT Land Survey department before her marriage to Ronald Wiltshire, a business manager in the Anglo group, and for his work they travelled extensively in South Africa.

In retirement, with the two sons and daughter well launched in vacuous careers, Suzanne and Ron settled in Cape Town.

Here she was for many years on the committee of the Cape Clothing Guild, relaxing with tennis and bridge. She will be greatly missed by her wide circle of friends.

Tribute by Joan van Blommestein (nee Muller, 1941)

# NEWS

**CONGRATULATIONS** to eight Old Herschelians who graduated as medical doctors from UCT in December 2006. They are: Hoviyeh ALNANHOLMES, Bridget COCHRANE, Madeline DA CAMARA, Katrin GROBLER, Karen VAN WYK (all from the Class of 2000) and Caroline ROBERTSON, Sophia SATTAR and Kim SOVATAG from the Class of 1999.

**ABBOTT** (1985, Ryan) Stacy teaches in a special school in Perth, West Australia. She visited Cape Town during 2006 along with class mates Joanne FULLIS (Wade) from UK and Chloë KNIGHT (Drysdale) from Australia and they enjoyed meeting up with old friends.

**ACKERMANN** (1996) Kate is working as an architect in London and was in Cape Town recently for her 10 year class reunion, which was attended by about 20 members of the class.

**BAXTER** (1997) Leela is a Grade R teacher at Rustenburg Junior School.

**BECK** (1968, Chorton) Delaine in Durban is leisure industry and still hosts the organised regular gatherings with her old school friends. She has already embarked on organizing the 40-year class reunion, assisted by Pru Borton (Crawley). Please send email addresses to Delia at cherbull@mweb.co.za

**BEVIS-CHALLINOR** (2000) Paula is in her 4th year in veterinary science in Grootfontein.

**BLOCH** (1994) Kate is doing her medical community service in Australia. Class mates Sonia CONSTANTATOS, Kerry SHERWOOD-Jones, BULLET and Cath CLIVER are also doing their medical community service.

**BOERS** (1997) Ruth is studying Veterinary Science in Australia.

**BOOTH** (1987) Michele recently completed a Master's degree in Art Therapy in Edinburgh.

**BORTON** (1969, Crown) Jane and her daughter Rosa, are running their wine farm in

Finnove. Their wine, Heron Ridge, received 4 stars in the Irish Platter Guide. Sally Jane was widowed in May 2011. She has continued her father's work in the wine and vineyards. They plan to hold wine tastings with Katinka from Vredenburg (082-412 8715).

BORTON (1968, Crawford Prep) is very much involved with Greyfield, as chairman of the OHA and as an ex-officio at the school council. She lives in Stellenbosch, where she farms lemons and red Worcester apples organically. She has started a wine club where one can purchase Nelson oil grapes and she will help you make your own barrel of wine. She also makes a good deal of time in the kitchen making lemon products. Last year when Bev was not travel, she visited India, Argentina, France and Spain. She is looking forward to becoming a grandmother and spending more time at home.

BRAWINGTON (1994) Helen is teaching at Hermanuspietersen Boys Prep School.

CARDWELL (1985) Lorraine has been living in London for 10 years. She works for the UBS Investment Bank as an Equities Business Manager. She has been there for over 4 years and has worked in investment banking since moved in the UK. She bought a house in Wimbledon 3 years ago. Her passion is travel and she loves living in such a cosmopolitan city as London.

CLEGG (1968) Nicola writes from USA: "Following 6 years in San Francisco and a year in Los Angeles, I moved into my Venice Beach apartment in August 1990, 1 month during the transition working at Harvard on a collaboration, and now I am living in the Big Apple. My entire research unit has been relocated from UCLA to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Centre in New York city, where my boss is initiating a new program in translational research."

COLLEE (1988 Collie Banks) lives now in the UK with her husband, teenage daughter and step-daughter. She is a freelance and radio writer, novelist, lecturer in creative writing and facilitator.

CRAWLEY (1987) Vicki graduated cum laude in Landscape Architecture from UCT in 2005. She then spent a month in India, walked the Annapurna Loop in Nepal, including a further 100 km when rebels forced the king to suspend all public transport. From there she went to France and walked the El Camino di Santiago, a distance of 1700 km from France over the Pyrenees to Santiago in Spain. She is now back in Stellenbosch where she is working on a project near Winterstone Village.

CROSS (1984 Howe) Sarah is one of eight women researchers among 19 newly elected members of the Academy of Science of South Africa, the country's prestigious national "brains trust" of top ranked researchers. Three of the Professor Sarah Rowe, director of the Centre for Evaluation and Assessment at the University of Pretoria, has been instrumental in providing hard data showing that neither teachers nor students in South Africa understand maths and science.

DAY (2001) Louise was rewarded at the Commence Awards Ceremony at UCT in May, where she was joint recipient of the Fochini Top Rated Student Medal Award 85%.

DREALUP (1988) Anouk returned to Sydney in June 2006 after living and working in San Francisco. She works for a large wealth management company as a project manager. (see MARRIAGES)

EGELAND (1940, Spring) Maureen wrote from Copenhagen in February 2006. She wrote, "I am a former pupil wishing to have news of the school that meant a great deal to me. I became a journalist in Egypt, our permanent residence at the time, then moved to Italy, then to Denmark where I married a Danish architect, now deceased. My two sons, a lawyer and a human resources officer in London, were born in Copenhagen. Although I am 83, I am active with many plans for traveling and writing. I have had a most beautiful life and wish to give an account, at least to my family. I often wonder what has become of my school friends. We lived one year in Clarendon and one year in Rondebosch. My father, a civil engineer, was there for the building of the cement factory on the Cape Flats."

ELLIS (1961, Crawford

Brown (Juvenis), who has been PA to Archbishop Desmond Tutu for twenty years, is compiler and editor, in co-collaboration with Pirit Mening, of *"Tutu as I know him"*, published 2006. It is a collection of reminiscences of those who have known him. Proceeds from the sales of the book go to Tygerberg Children's Hospital, of which Archbishop Tutu and his wife are patrons.

BYZINE (2001) Candice has been living in Auckland, New Zealand since she left school. She has just graduated from Auckland University with a degree in English with a minor in Politics. She has also completed a Certificate in Conflict Resolution at AUT University. She plans to travel this year, including a visit to South Africa.

FASHAM (2000) Nicole represented South Africa as part of the team taken to dance in the Edinburgh Military Tattoo. There were 45 South African dancers and 45 Scottish dancers and together they formed a team of 90 performers dancing with a mass pipe band to a crowd of 9000 each evening. The show was on for a month and they lived in the Military Barracks with the other 900 performers from all over the world. Nicole says it was the most wonderful experience and a true highlight in her dancing career. She works for a British tour operator who specialises in luxury made honeymoons. She is currently one of the East African Destination Specialists working on the logistics and systems side of the business.

FOWLER (1997) Tammy teaches at Rivenhome School.

GARISCH (1975) Dawn works part time as a medical doctor and has just completed a novel, "Once Two Islands" which is to be published shortly. She lives in Cape Town and has two teenage sons.

GIBAUD (1987, O'Connor) Cathy is in training as a commercial barrister in London. She and her husband, Andrew, have two children, Edward (4) and Emily (2).

GIOVANNINI (2000) Gillian is Child Protection Social Worker for the Local Authority in London.

GOLDING (1991, McCulloch) Melissa treasures photos from her home in Melbourne (see BIRTHS).

HANEKOM (1980) Heur has gone to Brunei for two years to teach. While there she hopes to visit Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam and Cambodia. She has been teaching art in Dubai for the past few years.

HARVEY-KELLY (1970, Nicholl) Sue writes that she and Sarah LESLIE (1969, Roberts) met Liz SIMPSON (1966, Smith) and Chloë KNIGHT (1969, Drysdale) in London in October. Chloë, who lives in Perth, Australia, works in immigration and was on a business trip. Liz was in London a little time from her home in Sydney. Sue, who lives near Carlisle in Cumbria, stayed with Sarah who runs a successful catering company in London. They also managed to see Teresa CLINKI (1969, Waller-Bridge) and Wes McGOOR (1970) Sarah's cousin. In November Sue was back in London to meet Elaine CHARNOCK (1969, Russell) who was visiting her son, Alex at Oxford University, from her home in Tehran. During that time Sue met Janet MILLAR (1979, Broadhurst) who works at the Foundling Museum, where Sarah was catering for a dinner. Janet is the Industry representative of the DHA.

HARVIE (1997) Tammy and Tarryn HAYDEN (1997) are both in Australia. Tammy is working in the cruises and Tarryn is studying and travelling.

HOVSTAD (1996) She was in Cape Town in October for the 10-year class reunion. She has been living in London for two and a half years, working as a Speech and Language Therapist. Her Family Room Scawen is a duplex and they recently became home owners. They have enjoyed many travels together including a two-month trip to Namibia, New Zealand and Australia. They have also enjoyed shorter trips to the continent. Tilly recently spent 3 months in a job in Tokyo which she had a wonderful opportunity to explore that exciting city and its surrounding areas. She visits her parents in Cape Town regularly, most recently for Christmas 2006. (See ENGAGEMENTS)

HUBER (1997) Kelly and Lucie JEFFREY (1997) are working in London.

ISMAY (1964, Whyte) Penny spent a 6-week holiday in Australia, Vienna and America. She met up again after 42 years with Cleo (the WAC SUR PYL (1964, Clarke) and was with Marion JESSE (1964, van Sickle) in Vienna.

JACOBS (1999) Johanna did a B Comm degree majoring in accounting, tax and auditing and is working for a women in asset management. She moved to Dublin, Ireland at the beginning of 2005, where she works for a corporate finance company, mostly raising money and doing M & A in the telecoms field. She moved to Kingston, Jamaica in April 2006 where she works for a Jamaican owned company, Digicel, the largest GSM cell phone provider in the Caribbean. She works in the finance department as an analyst. The company operates in 22 countries in the Caribbean and is moving into the Pacific and South American countries as well. Johanna expects to be based in Jamaica for two years.

KINGMA (1991) Sharene was on a year's sabbatical and living for 4 years in Oaxaca, Mexico, with her daughter, Alice Hoeling. They went to visit Mozambique, Tanzania, DRC, India and Thailand.

KORN (2000) Laurence graduated from UCT with a BBusSc degree in 2004, with a distinction in law, having been awarded the Class Medal in Foundations of South African Law and the Ben Smart Memorial Prize for best student in Foundations of South African Law and Comparative Legal History. In 2004 she was awarded the Class Medal in the Division of [illegible] Course: Public Sector Economics. She is currently completing her LLB. In 2005 she was Trip Intermediate Year Law Student, with 8 subject distinctions and Class Medals in Civil Procedure and Delict. She also won the Tax Council Moot Competition. Laurence has been awarded a full scholarship to complete her Masters Degree at Duke Law School in North Carolina, USA, from August 2007. She flew to New York in November for a second interview for a potential position as associate in Davis Polk and Wardwell, one of the top five law firms in USA, with offices throughout the world.

KURTZ (Gail) Gail was in Cape Town in July doing research for a doctorate. She lives in Lancashire, UK, where her husband, Ben, is professor of Astronomy.

LEINBERGER (1994) Lucienne is working at Louis Vuitton Moët Hennessy in San Francisco, where she is managing the marketing for Louis Vuitton watches.

LE ROUX (1994) Lindwe has created a marvellous venue at Noordhoek with her brother and sister-in-law. Café Roux is recommended for everyday lunch and the Sunday breakfast.

LIGHTBODY (1997) Jenny is the Editor of Cosmo Magazine, a lifestyle-covering journal.

LOBEL (2005) Natasha has been accepted as a student at the School of Visual Arts in New York. She embarked on her 4-year course in September, after which she will graduate with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree.

MALLETT (2005) Fiona, who is at UCT, was a member of the South African women's water polo team that went to the Commonwealth Games in Australia. Although the main games were in Melbourne, the swimming events took place in Perth. At the UCT Sports Award Dinner Fiona was named the best first year student and was also nominated for the Sports Person of the Year Award.

McGHIE (1980) Carolyn has moved to The Hague in July to join her partner who plays cricket for the Dutch national team. She is International Marketing Manager at Fortel Meetings and Incentives.

NGCAWENI (1995) Noumisa, who was a training co-ordinator for a youth development NGO in Cape Town, was a member of Sunway South Africa. Her strategy was "bigheaded determination not to give up, no matter what", combined with loyal and strong alliances.

NKUHLU (1994, Ngwanya) Urathi lives in Johannesburg where she is a financial analyst for an investment holding company.

NOSWORTHY (1989, Edwards) Suzanne has returned to live in Cape Town after many years in Namibia. She plans to re-register as a nurse to enable her to work in the profession again.

OPIE (1997) Jessica is a Sales Intl in the department

of haemaniaay at Groote Schuur Hospital.

OGFORD (1982) Margie's first novel *Three Clockworks*, was published to enthusiastic reviews in 2006. On the strength of its success she was offered a R1 million advance by a German publisher for four more books in the Cape Flats series. In 1996 Margie was awarded a Fulbright scholarship to New York. She spent two years immersed in comparative literature and working on the ground-breaking archival retrieval project *Women Writing South Africa: The Southern Region*. On her return she decided that she wanted to earn her living from writing. Margie has three daughters and lives in Cape Town.

PARKER (1980) Rowena Lynn had a function in October for Hilary DEMPERS (1970, Cottrell), Jennifer DEMPERS (1960, Wynne) and sisters Isobel and Alex DEVITRADI (1967, Barbosa). Isobel lives in Athens and has no seven-year, Hilary and Jennifer (ex 44 years) Alex is married to the Portuguese Ambassador to South Africa and divides her time between Cape Town and Pretoria.

PEDERSEN (1991) Shanna and her husband, Andrew, have taken a year off after eight years of living and working in corporate London to go travelling. She wrote in October that their travels have taken them by train from Moscow to St.Petersburg and then across to Beijing on the Trans Mongolian. After six weeks in China they took a jeep across from Tibet into Nepal, spending the night at Everest Base Camp and then trekked for 3 weeks in Nepal. This was followed by a two-week yoga Ashram in Kerala, India after which they will meet Shanna's parents and hope to meet the Dalai Lama in Himachal Pradesh. They then have plans to visit several other countries in South East Asia including Myanmar (Burma), Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Cambodia before they head to Australia and New Zealand for the final leg of their year-long adventure. Shanna would welcome any contact from old classmates from 1991 at shanna@ewsadventure@hotmail.com

Their blog address is www.blogspot.com/ewsadventure

PEIRCE (1988, Koeverth) Deirdre is Project Manager at Multichoice Africa Business Systems in Johannesburg.

POST (1975) Ilaske is still living in Nairobi and writes, "I live with my four dogs, three cats, two chameleons, three squirrels, wonderful but very mischievous vervet monkeys, which love to raid the vegetable garden. I have recently joined the UK based Mirada Travel Group as GM Africa representing various safari tourism agencies and working from home, which is just brilliant. With wireless broadband and Skype this is now all possible and one can be based anywhere. I thoroughly enjoyed a wonderful Christmas in London for the World Travel Market in November. It was great to catch up with so many good friends, meet new ones and to be back in civilisation for a while. Ilaske can be reached on ilaske@compuserve.com or Skype: ilaskepost and would love to hear from old Hersche friends."

RAMSAY (1997, Venn) Marie is studying medical forensic University

ROSE (1977, Holthausen) Pam was in Whitecliff and [illegible] attended Hyde Hall. I hope I will never forget my school days. My last prize giving was an emotional one, as the focus of our work forming and Grade Sixes was on school pride in the old school hall."

ROSS (1991) Catriona is a freelance journalist. In 2003 she completed her Masters in Creative Writing at UCT, passing with distinction. She hopes to have her dissertation, a novel entitled Little Eye, published shortly overseas.

SCHWEITZER (1994) Vicki lives and works in Victoria, Vancouver Island, Canada

SEARLE (1966, Abraham) Cathy, who has four children, teaches at home.

SKIDMORE (1965, Swain) Jenni visited Cape Town for her 70th birthday celebrations at Woolworths

SNYDERS (1987, de Klerk) Karen and her husband, Andre, are living in Rotterdam until the end of 2007. She and her husband and baby son spent 2 weeks in Cape Town over Christmas (see PSTHS)

STENT (1968, Schnenberg) Sue and her husband, David, live in London for 20 years but

have been back in South Africa for the past five years running the family farm, Diamers-fontein. Since their return they have created a wedding and conference business, a winery, a restaurant and a private school, Wellington Preparatory School. It has been an exciting though stressful period. She is keen to reconnect with old school friends. Her email address is
dean@diamersfontein.co.za

SYLVESTER (1999) Caroline joined Saatchi & Saatchi in New York in December 2005 and is working for their Healthcare Consumer Group.

TRENGOVE JONES (2000) Alex is working in Boston for a Facility Management Software Company. She is a marketing assistant for the Health Care Industry.

TURNER (1987, Meyer) Jessica works as an audiologist in a hospital in Winchester, UK. She and her husband, Russell, have a daughter, Tamara.

WALLER (1997) Penny is studying Landscape Design at Cape Technikon.

WEBBER (1975, Shaw) Susie lives in Derbyshire, UK. She is a Special Needs teacher at Lady Manor School in Bakewell. She is married to John and has two children, Rebecca and James. She visited Cape Town recently and met up with Suzanne ALLEN (Longton) and Nicky FOUCHE (Thompson). She also visited Herschel, where she misses her daughter Jane attending for a short period this year.

WHEELER (1987, Palmer) Mary-Ann lives in the UK with her husband and two children Rourke (3) and Kaya (10 months).

WHITAKER (1984) Emma has been working in the commercial and industrial property division of Whitaker Estates for the past 3 years.

WILL (1994, Shaw) Olivia is doing surgical training and has commenced a PhD on colorectal cancer genetics at the Molecular and Population Genetics Laboratory at the Cancer Research Institute in UK.

WILLIS (1994) Karen is Renovations Manager at Cape Manor Hotel, a four-star hotel on the Seaboard beachfront.

WOODS (1994) Sarah works for Highway Selkes Media as a part-time journalist.

WYNNE (1998) Michaela has been living in London for the past four and a half years. At a recent birthday gathering she had several school friends present, including Louise COMBRINK, Michelle BRIDGMAN, Hayley DUTTON, Julia EWIN and Marion KOCH (all from the 1995 class) and Zoë BROWN (1997).

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