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LETTER FROM THE HEADMISTRESS

Dear Old Herschellians

This has been the 85th year in the history of the school and has been memorable in all respects.

Since our primary function is to do with education it is worth looking at the results of 2006.

Matriculation results

We maintained our exemplary standard in the public exit examination, the Senior Certificate, in 2006 and retained Herschel's enviable position as a leading academic centre. Herschel achieved the highest percentage distinction aggregate (51.7%) of all schools that wrote the Senior Certificate examination in the Western Cape.

Other notable achievements were:

- 214 subject distinctions, which is an average of 2.4 distinctions per candidate
- In 15 of the 21 subjects written by our candidates, at least one third of the number entered obtained over 80% (distinction)
- In 17 subjects, the subject average was over 70%
- In English, the average over the past three years has been over 75%. In 2006 it was 76.69%.

Founder's Day

We were privileged to hear Mrs Charlotte Herschel Farquharson, the great-great-granddaughter of Sir John Herschel, speak to the school about the life of the Herschel family. Mrs Farqu-

harson spoke not only of the discovery of Uranus by Sir William Herschel, but of his other scientific accomplishments and of the role of his sister Caroline, in their astronomic discoveries. We also heard details of the life of John Herschel and his marriage to Margaret Stewart: it was during their sojourn of four years in Cape Town that they lived on Feldhausen, a portion of which later became the current site of the school. John Herschel brought a land telescope to Cape Town with the intention of surveying the southern skies, which his father had done of the northern skies. He is buried in Westminster Abbey, next to Isaac Newton, who had visited him in the Cape on one of his voyages on the *Beagle*.

The message of our guest preacher at the Founder's Day Service, Revd Michelle Walker, was relevant to all as she warned against the tendency of stereotyping others and judging people from our own expectations and perspectives. At the Founder's Day Lunch, the matric classes of 1967 and 1987 were our special guests.

De Beers English Olympiad

Five of our students were placed in the Top 100 in the National English Olympiad. Congratulations go to Lara Sadler who came 8th overall, Julia Henderson (22nd) Geraldine McMeekin (50th) and Maya Sapiela (38th) who were in the top 50 and Lara Milne (52nd) who was in the top 100. The top 50 candidates are offered free tuition scholarships

for their first year of study at Rhodes University. These girls competed in a three-hour examination with over 5000 entrants in Grades 10-12 from across the country and neighbouring states. The theme this year was "Other Writing", using an anthology of newspaper articles, magazine articles, editorials, interviews, letters to the press entitled "One Week in November".

Speech Day and Prize-Giving

This was a day of celebration on which we acknowledged the contribution and achievements of all the people of the school over the past year. The Guest Speaker, Ms Sue van der Merwe, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, referred to the protected days of her younger years in the 1960s and 1970s, when the reality of her world was so different from the tragic events in the country at that time.

She described her goal of a society in which every person is entitled to a safe life with the opportunity to realise individual aspirations and she urged the girls to be outraged when things are wrong – referring to poverty and poor education as the outrages of our time. She quoted the words of the African writer Ben Okri: "Nature and history are not just about the survival of the fittest, but also about the survival of the wisest, the most adaptive and the most aware."

She appealed to the matrics to be aware of the realities of the world and emphasised our

responsibilities as privileged citizens to strive to make the world a better place for all people.

Melissa Meyer, the Head Girl for 2007, gave us an insight into the dilemma of the girls of today trapped between the demands of their generation and those of their teachers and parents. She cleverly drew attention to the generation gap and the anomalies that exist between the expectations of parents and teachers compared to their expectations in the experimental world in which they live.

Reunion of Head Girls of the last decade

Ten of the eleven past Head Girls from 1997-2007 assembled in the Mary Jagger Hall where they met the Headmistress and members of staff. It was a memorable time as each of the Head Girls spoke of her experiences and achievements since leaving school. These are the years and the names of the Head Girls of the past decade:

1997	Kate Bloch
1998	Mary Haw
1999	Louise Schönborn
2000	Susannah Hacker
2001	Katie Carkeek
2002	Alison Bateman
2003	Joanna Cruse
2004	Lee-Ann de Villiers
2005	Julia Housdon
2006	Anne-Marie Sharples
2007	Melissa Meyer

Outreach Programme

This programme continues to flourish at Herschel. Girls can participate in a wide range of activities. The JUMP Hi (Junior

fundraising body for Herschel Preparatory and Senior schools, their declared function being the organisation of events that are enjoyable and of general interest rather than a plea for funds. Towards this end a Ladies Day Lunch was held recently at The Vineyard Hotel. The event was very well attended and greatly enjoyed by mothers, friends of the school and staff.

The event raised over R15 000 that will go towards the next major school project - the improvement of the Preparatory Hall - especially the kitchen facilities and extension of the stage.

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Western Province and national teams. The hockey, indoor hockey, swimming, netball, waterpolo, tennis, basketball, equestrian, volleyball, squash teams acquitted themselves very well and upheld Herschel's reputation as a top sporting school.

Carol Service

The Carol Service of Lessons and Carols in St Saviour's provided a glorious finale to the term, signifying the onset of this period of spiritual rejuvenation and rest. There were lovely renditions from the Chorale, Choir, the school and congregation.

I was thrilled that the girls were able to reach the very high notes of their school carol, *The Carillon Carol*.

Brendalyn Tyers Stempel Old Herschelian Bursary

The 2008 Brendalyn Tyers Stempel Bursary has been awarded to Heath Falconer (Herschel Preparatory School). She is the daughter of Mrs Kim Giancane (née Gray) who attended Herschel from 1973 to 1978. Through the generosity of Brendalyn Tyers Stempel and her husband, Ernest Stempel, a Herschel education is brought within reach of many pupils who might otherwise not be able to attend the school.

New Head of Preparatory

Lin Heidmann, the Head of the Preparatory, is the essence of the youthful academic leader and she has transformed the school in less than a year with the backing and admiration of her staff. I

could not have worked with a more accomplished and supportive educationalist. We are in for exciting times at the school generally and the staff makes it such a happy and productive place to be.

My third and final objective was to make school a happy experience for girls - a place in which they might grow in confidence and self-esteem.

I have done my best and I hope I have been successful in achieving these goals. I have never been in any doubt as to the important role the parents play in the success and happiness of the people of the school - the extent of their presence, participation and interest has been inestimable. This has ranged from lofty projects like the fundraising for the new swimming pool to the little acts of kindness in preparing flowers for special occasions. It would be hard to match the breadth of experience and skills the parents bring to our school and share so generously with us.

We are well into the first decade of the 21st Century and need to assess the meaningfulness of our education. There are strategic issues that I believe will need to be considered seriously in the future. It is time for me to leave and it is time for new leadership and direction - for fresh ideas and approaches. I leave secure in the knowledge that the school will continue to prosper and I wish my successor, Mr Bruce Probyn, every happiness and fulfilment as Head of Herschel from January 2008.

I go forward into a new position in a new country, Jeddah in Saudi Arabia, as Associate Head of a school that will be vastly different from Herschel. Many of the elements I have experienced and in which I have trained here will be useful to me - since I will be involved in the training and to emphasise the value-based

I had three objectives when I joined the school in April 1997 - nearly 11 years ago. The first of these was to deepen the academic leadership and make relevant changes. This has more recently meant the implementation of the new curriculum throughout the school which has involved change at every level. This has, I believe, been done effectively and confidently by the staff who strives to train the girls in learning, thinking and life skills. The girls continue to achieve at the highest level. If Herschel can continue to make this sort of difference every year with their pupils then the school is definitely living up to its promise.

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mentoring of the teachers and implementation of the International Baccalaureate (IB) in the school.

I invite you to visit our new website as news and photos of school activities are updated weekly on the Herschel website especially

Ad Dei Gloriam!

Diana van Zyl

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Headmistress

December 2007

HERSCHEL'S WEB SITE

www.herschel.org.za time to time to ensure that you are informed of upcoming events.

2) **Facebook Groups Listing.** There are a number of classes that have created a group for their year on Facebook, the social networking tool that has taken the world by storm. A summary of the Facebook groups that relate to Old Herschelians is available under this link. Check it out to see if your year has a group!

3) **Locate OH Friends.** An exciting new offering is the ability to locate old friends. You will need to supply your details, as well as the details that you have/know of the person you wish to contact. Using our new 'Alumni Management System' we will attempt to locate the person. If we are able to locate the person, and if the person wishes their details to be passed to you, we will

1) **Events/Highlights.** Notices of upcoming events, as well as highlights of past events (news), will be available on the main section of the 'Alumni' area. Be sure to check back at this page from

facilitate this. Please note that no personal details will be made available without express permission. Herschel Girls' School takes your privacy very seriously and will not divulge your personal details to any third parties.

4) **Update Details.** It is important that we have your latest personal particulars in our 'Alumni Management System' so that we can contact you about upcoming events. Should your personal particulars change, and you wish to notify us, you can make use of the update form. Again, rest assured that no details will be used without your express consent, and will not be divulged to any third parties.

We hope you find the new online offering useful. Be sure to check the site from time to time.

REPORT FROM PRU CRAWLEY

Last year saw the transferring of all the data from the database operated by Di Burns to the Management System operated by Herschel. This system has the capability to effectively manage alumni details. In this regard I would like to thank Mary-Anne Posthumus and Debbie

Griffiths for all their efforts in transferring the data. Unfortunately, there are still many past pupils who need to be entered into the system -

pupils who attended Herschel in the days when it was an option to join the Old Herschel Association. It is never too late to send your cheque for R300, made payable to the OHA. We really want to stay in touch.

Herschel launched its website last year - www.herschel.org.za and the intention is that there will be a place for OHA members to find current news and read up on forthcoming events. You can still contact me personally on my email address pruzie@gmail.com

We again had a very successful cocktail party on 15 February. The turnout was good and was attended by a number of the 1967 Matric class celebrating their 40th reunion, which was

organized by Helen Henderson. They had an almost 100% attendance, which was a wonderful affirmation of the unity of their class. It has become customary for each reunion class to nominate a speaker on their behalf at the lunch on Founder's Day. This is always highly entertaining as they reminisce on their school days at Herschel. I hope this tradition will continue.

At the end of the year we said farewell to Headmistress Mrs Di van Zyl. She has been a wonderfully passionate advocate of Herschel and one of her dearest wishes is to maintain contact with the alumni. Please let us fulfill her wish.

With the new computer programme, keeping in touch information into the new programme.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the cocktail party in the atrium on Thursday 14 February.

Pru Crawley

Chairman

DATES TO DIARISE FOR 2008

Cocktail Party

This will be held on **Thursday 14 February 2008** at 18:00 in the Atrium at Herschel. Entrance is R30, or R20 if you are under the age of 25. 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 15 February 2008**. Old Herschelians are invited to attend the church service and for the lunch. Please notify the school by Wednesday 13 February if you are coming, as

space is limited (021 670 7500) or info@herschel.org.za

11h00 Service at St.Saviour's Church

12h45 Lunch in the Mary Jagger Hall, preceded by the AGM of the OHA.

MONTHLY DRINKS PARTIES

Daphne Beames continues to organise monthly drinks parties for Old Herschelians on the last Tuesday of the month. Please contact her and get onto her mailing list if you would like to participate in these fun-filled evenings. Every year in November there is a year-end gathering at the

Mount Nelson, which is always a huge success. November 2007 was no exception. Daphne reported as follows: We had a marvellous evening at the Mount Nelson; there were matrics there from 20 years apart and they laughed and chatted and bought champagne and even gave me

a beautiful bouquet afterwards. I don't know what for as I am sure I get more out of it than they do! I have also had reams of thank you letters so hopefully it is really taking off and we can expect some more good evenings this year. Daphne's email address: gilesp@iafrica.com

CLASS REUNIONS

1957 REUNION

Well, the class of '57 got together for four days in March to celebrate our 50th Anniversary of leaving school and we had such a good time. Sue MacGregor flew in from London for the week as did Barbara Wiltshire (Beck) who came all the way from Calgary. She hadn't been back for more than 20 years so it was particularly special for her. Christa Behnzen (van Doorn) also flew down from Windhoek. Those unable to attend included Debbie Kipps (Hennessy), Felicity Shub and Heather Madeood (Coulter) all from the UK.

There were eleven of us - Judy Corder (Smuts), Robud Robb (de Waal), Fran Small (Bertsh), Tania Kramer (Fischer), Audrey Williams (Hoyle), Christa Behnzen (van Doorn), Carol Valpy (Thompson), Caroline Syfret (Kingdon), Sue MacGregor, Barbara Wiltshire (Beck) and Anne Kipps (Templeton).

The first meeting was at Robud's lovely waterfront house at the Marina da Gama on a perfect day. It was really lovely and we had a very delicious lunch prepared by Caro, Robud's daughter-in-law, and we sat around chatting, relaxing and drinking wine all afternoon. We had received an e-mail from Carol Dean Hyde, whose sister Betsy had been in our class and who had very sadly been killed, with her husband, many years ago leaving 3 small children whom

Carol Dean and her husband adopted. She wrote a wonderful letter filled with optimism and news, but it was very sad to learn that she is almost completely paralysed with MS but works a voice-activated computer and manages to keep in touch and remain positive.

Carol Thompson lives in the States part of the year and part of the year in Simonstown where she and her husband have been very involved in upliftment work amongst the people at Masingumulele.

The next morning, Wednesday, we all met at Kirstenbosch for breakfast on yet another perfect day in paradise! After that Robud had arranged a trip up the Cableway. I sneaked Sue away with me back to Goedgedacht farm as she wanted to see the plaques on the wall in the olive grove which she had dedicated to her parents some years ago. Those who went up the mountain had a really great time, Louis de Waal having ensured that they got special attention.

Thursday dawned another lovely day and we all met at Judy Smuts's house for a really delicious lunch in her lovely home, prepared for us by Sandy, her daughter who is a chef and always produces the most wonderful lunches. Bronwen Lloyd, the daughter of Colleen Penn Hughes, who has sadly died, but who was in our class, came to join us and take photographs. She



is such a talented young person and a very good photographer and believe it or not she loves to keep in touch with all us oldies! After a long lunch with lots of chatting and catching up we went to Herschel where we met Di van Zyl for sherry. Lindy Grobler gave us a quick tour around some of the new buildings. There was much laughter as we recalled many boarding house exploits. We all felt that the current girls are "totally spoilt" - we slept on open balconies with leaking, crashing canvas blinds in winter! It must have made us proud to have been part of Herschel history.

We were thrilled to be given copies of the School magazine - a really beautiful publication which made us all feel very proud to have been part of Herschel history.

Some of us had to leave at that stage but a few stalwarts went on a long walk on Sunrise beach the next morning to wind up what had been such a happy week. It amazes me how we all just slot in so comfortably when we get together. There was a long spell in our middle years when we had very little contact with one another as a group - children and families taking preference - but over the last few years we have really tried

to stay in touch and we are so pleased we have - the relationships are full of affection and humour and we were delighted that we managed to get together again. We look forward to our 60th!

Report by Ann Kipps (Templeton).

1967 REUNION

We planned our 40th reunion to coincide with the Founder's Day celebrations at Herschel, so we kicked off with the cocktail party at school, which was great fun although only a few of us attended.

Fifteen of us gathered in St. Saviours for the Founders Day service and it was wonderful to see how the same tradition is still carried on after all these years. So many memories came flooding back as we sat in the pews picturing ourselves in exactly the same place singing the familiar hymns. We found it a very moving experience.

Back at school we heard the school song for the first time sung by the girls standing in a circle with arms around each other before a quick glass of refreshment before we went into the old dining room for a sweet and short OHA meeting. What a good idea to keep it short and informal!

The lunch was delicious and beautifully presented. We were made to feel very special sitting together up on

occasion where we had plenty of time to catch up with those to whom we had not yet chatted.

We all agreed that we have something very special and we are not going to let it go! (We have since met up for drinks and a chat when Helen was out here on business!) Five girls came from overseas for our reunion which included Australia, UK, France, one from Botswana and one from Johannesburg.

It was a great success and we would encourage other years to make the effort to have a reunion - it's definitely worth it!

Report by Patsy Brailey (Louw)

1977 REUNION

The Class of 1977 celebrated our milestone of leaving Herschel 30 years ago over the weekend of Friday 5 and Saturday 6 October 2007. It was wonderful to be together again and we felt so comfortable with our dear old school friends.

A tour of the school was kindly offered on Friday morning and six girls "oohed and aahed" their way around school commenting on how magnificent the facilities are these days. On Saturday we gathered at the fine wine and food venue of Simons Restaurant, Groot Constantia for a drink before we headed upstairs for a lovely long lunch with non-stop chatter and banter. Some of us only left well into the evening as we couldn't bear to break up a jolly good party!

Our head girl Clare Gawith (Stirzaker) came from Sydney, Sue Louw (Bon) and Erica Alderman (Levitan) from Pretoria, Nicky

the 'stage', and although some of us were a bit nervous and apprehensive about meeting after so long, the years just fell away and soon we were chatting away and laughing at the old stories we remembered from our school days! We all remembered Anne Lomax popping a brown paper bag out of sheer boredom in an Afrikaans class!

Helen Henderson had asked all of us to e-mail a short history of our lives after leaving school, our hobbies, our most unexpected moment and what our school days had meant to us, plus a recent photo. All this information was put into a beautiful booklet as a wonderful memento of this special reunion, and distributed to each one of us.

The Grade 12 girls gave up their precious time to take us on a tour of the school. It was great to see some labs still in the same place and very exciting to see the computer room and especially the indoor sports centre and water polo pool!

On Saturday night 21 of us got together at the Alphen Hotel for a wonderful 3-course dinner and we moved tables after each course. Everyone was quite relaxed by this stage and had such fun reminiscing about the 'old' days! A great evening was had by all.

On Sunday 26 of us met for a casual brunch at Cafe Roux, which is run by Paul and Lindy le Roux, at Noordhoek. This was another very happy

Kohler (Green) from her farm in Winterton, KZN and **Rose Meynell** (Bishop) from Johannesburg, Jean **Bergh** (Kuiper) travelled from Elgin and the rest were proudly Capetonians! They were **Barbara Jearey** (Stephenson), **Peta Ann Simpson** (Murne), **Linda Swanepoel** (Cheeseman), **Louise Gottgens** (Watling), **Chloe Fouché** (Huxter), **Mary Bettison** (Silberbauer), **Cheryl de Villiers**, **Doone Hannay Robertson** (Berold), **Mandy Rose** (Goldstone), **Helen Manning** (Roberts), **Vicky Farquhar**, **Veronique Batchelor** (Winterton), **Susan Ward Able** (Burdén), **Fiona Adams**, **Jane Kelly** and **Dianne Lorla**.

We reminisced about sitting on the floor for assemblies in the Mary Jagger Hall and not in the comfortable chairs of the Theatre; the boarding house cubicles of 3 x 2; the tiny chapel under the staff room; the gravel tennis court where the Resource Centre now stands and the "Cabbage Patch" which now has the very versatile indoor sports Centre. Our school days were recalled with fond memories of the happy times we shared together and there were also groans about Miss Kable's gym days; laughs about discussions on human reproduction with Mrs Marr who was always so embarrassed; and being sent to Dr Silberbauer's office when in big trouble....!

It meant so much to connect with our school friends with whom we may have lost

touch over the past years. Even if one wasn't that friendly at school, there was a sense of camaraderie and belonging that made one feel part of one big family. We shared our stories of joy and happiness, as well as sadness and tragedy knowing that we wouldn't judge or condemn but rather be there for one another as a family sticks together.

There were those who unfortunately could not make the reunion this time but we look forward to getting together again in the years ahead.

Our heartfelt thanks to **Barbara Jearey** (Stephenson) for taking on the task of coordinating our successful 30th Reunion and we do hope that we are able to keep in touch through emails or the site of Old Herschelians on the school website www.herschel.org.za

Report by **Rose Meynell** (Bishop)

1982 REUNION

Nineteen of us met at Simon's at Groot Constantia on Saturday 6th December. It was a beautiful Cape summer's day, 30C with not a breath of wind. Everyone recognized everybody else which is always a relief for all concerned! Some girls made a huge effort and flew in from overseas especially for the reunion. **Kathy Dacey** (Moir), from Nairobi, had brought forward her holiday to Cape Town to include the reunion, but ended up stuck at OR Tambo International airport in Johannesburg. When she was finally allocated a flight it was

1987 REUNION

For some members of the class of 1987, our 20-year reunion was the first Founders Day we had attended since leaving school. The celebrations kicked off at the OHA cocktail party held on the Thursday evening prior to the Founders Day Service on Friday, 16 February. It was wonderful to catch up with old friends, many of whom we hadn't seen since that final assembly. In fact, by the time the cocktail party came to an end we were far from ready to say goodnight so the party moved to a nearby Italian restaurant. The conversation ... and yes, the wine ... flowed.

The next morning a small group of us re-convened at St Saviours for the Founders Day Service. It was incredibly moving to witness a Herschel Founders Day Service again and I have to admit that most of us got a lump in our throat. For all those Old Herschelians who live in Cape Town and haven't attended a Founders Day Service since leaving, do yourselves a favour and make a note to go to one. It's special and timeless.

Back at Herschel, before the lunch, I was intrigued by the 'new' school song sung by all the girls. It's a lovely tradition. It was sad not to see the flex tree, such a focal point of the

school during our school years, but apart from that, the school has improved its facilities considerably since we were pupils. The OHA lunch was a relaxed occasion, followed by a tour of the school. As a former boarder I was particularly interested in the boarding facilities and to hear that the school no longer offers termly boarding.

The highlight of our reunion was undoubtedly the lunch that **Lucy Burns**, our hard working and very diligent class representative, had organised for Saturday at River Café, Constantia Uitsig. We had a brilliant turnout - approximately two-thirds of the class managed to attend. It was possibly the longest lunch in the history of Herschel reunions - we had to do some quick talking to persuade the restaurant not to kick us out at closing time and instead to let us have several extra bottles of wine to keep us going as we caught up on the last 20 years of each other's lives.

Although a significant number of the class of '87 still lives in Cape Town or surrounding areas, some had travelled from as far afield as Switzerland, Ireland and the United Kingdom to attend. Locally we had former classmates from Durban, Johannesburg and Plettenberg Bay.

Our reunion was such a special occasion and I for one, will definitely be making an effort to attend our next milestone reunion. Many thanks to **Lucy** for all her efforts in tracking people down, and to everybody who attended which made our 20-year get together such a special occasion.

Report by **Lynette Dacey**

1997 REUNION

Our 1997 Class Reunion took place on 21 December at Simon's restaurant, Groot Constantia. Out of our class of 63 there were 43 people present. It was a great turnout as many of the rest were either overseas or away. We had cocktails on the patio overlooking the beautiful Constantiaberg mountains and were then treated to a delicious three-course meal. It was so special to catch up with each and every person. Apart from many new professions, exciting marriages and engagements and several expectant mothers, nobody had really changed that much. It was just like being back at school again. What a superb evening!

Report by **Tamaryn Fowler**.



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London Representative

Janet Broadhurst (Millar) in London says that a small group of Old Herschelians will be meeting in February this year with a view to planning a larger event during the summer. If anyone would like to join the group please contact Janet at janetbroadhurst@aol.com. If you are going overseas please contact her with your particulars.

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The Editor is most grateful to those Circle Secretaries and other Old Herschelians 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

BATEMAN – MELLON.

Alicson Bateman to Gareth Mellon.

BENDZULLA – WITTENBERG.

Samantha Bendzulla to Nicholas Wittenberg.

CLLIVER – LAWSON.

Cathy Cliver to Andrew Lawson.

GANT – KILPIN.

Katherine Gant to Richard Kilpin.

GRAHAM – KEGGIE.

Nancy Graham to Andrew Keggie.



KOHLER – WILSON.

Hayley Kohler to Greig Wilson.

LOYD – WIENAND.

Cindy Lloyd to Mark Wienand.

RICE – DALLING.

Melanie Rice to David Dalling.

WILSON – VAN BEUGE.

Helen Wilson to Bradley van Beuge.

WRIGHT – HEALY.

Anna Wright to David Healy.



MARRIAGES

BAIGRIE – HOOPER. Fiona Baigrie and Anthony Hooper, August 2007, in Maine, USA.

BERRY – RIPPEL. Tarryn Berry and Oliver Rippele, February 2007 in Phuket, Thailand.

BOTES – BEATTY. Dominique Botes and Daniel Beatty, March 2006.

BURNS – BAILEY. Lucy Burns and Jonathan Bailey, December 2007.

DRYDEN-DYMOND – CLAGUE. Nicola Dryden Dymond and Michael Clague, March 2007.

DU TOIT – BURKE. Kathryn du Toit and Julian Burke, June 2007.

FELTZ – KIWI. Kirsten Feltz and Allan Kiwi, February 2006.

FORRESTER – VAN DER WATT. Poppy Forrester and Greg van der Watt, May 2007.

JOHNSON – VAN SCHALKWYK. Kay Johnson and Denzil van Schalkwyk, November 2007.

LEINBERGER – TIKWART. Lucinda Leinberger and Alan Tikwart, December 2007.

LINDSAY – EDWARDS. Tamsin Lindsay and James Edwards, December 2007.

LOUW – TURNER. Nikki Louw and Jon Turner, November 2007.

MAYHEW – HOPMEIER. Carrie Mayhew and Kim Hopmeier, September 2007, in Sydney.

MITCHELL – JAMIESON. Helen Mitchell and Geoff Jamieson, 2006.

OPIE – HACKING. Jessica Opie and Hugh Hacking, January 2008.

PRAIN – CAPE. Sarah Prain and James Cape, December 2007.

BIRTHS

BURCH. To Annabel (Ross) and Brad, a daughter, Charlotte Frances, 4 November 2007.

COORDT. To Chene (Roberts) and Kevin, a daughter, Kaila Maybery, 1 September 2007, in San Diego, USA.

CRAWLEY. To Vikki Crawley and Luc Herman, a son, Gabriel Peter, 19 February 2007.

DICKIE. To Sarah (Penny) and John, a daughter, sister to Elliott, September 2007.

FRANZ. To Sally (Gwynne-Evans) and Cedric, a son, Thomas, July 2007.

GIBBON. To Lane (Benjamin) and Murray, a son, Zachary, 16 July 2007.

HALL. To Samantha (Byers) and Andrew, twins, Stuart and Jessica, 7 May 2007.

HODGE. To Claire (Schonborn) and Miles, a daughter, Katherine, 21 January 2007.

JANISCH. To Katharine, a son, Oliver Colin, 29 October 2007.

KERR. To Cara (Fermor) and Roger, a daughter, Anna, 21 November 2007.

LASHBROOKE. To Inken (Haldame) and Andrew, a daughter, Amy Elizabeth, 18 December 2007, in Surrey, UK.

LIDDLE. To Sandy (van Hoogstraten) and Ian, a daughter, Kate, July 2007.

MUSSON. To Gail (Fitzpatrick) and Mark, a daughter, Ella Mary, sister to Emily, 12 September 2007.

NEWELL. To Philippa (Gwynne-Evans) and Craig, a daughter, Kirsten, sister to Nicholas and Gregory, 31 October 2007.

ROGATSCHNIG. To Shaune (Spredley) and Mark, a daughter, Bailey Joy, 1 September 2007.

SCOTT. To Kate (Growse) and Ben, a daughter, Emma Margaret, sister to Cameron, 20 September 2007.

SKINSTAD. To Debbie (Wolf) and Bob, a son, brother to Anna, 15 October 2007.

STACE. To Karin (Collocott) and Baden, a son, Humfrey Alexander, brother to Caleb, 27 July 2007, in Sydney.

STOLLER. To Jodi (Kantor) and Jonathan, a son, 17 April 2007.

THOMPSON. To Lesley (Millar) and Andrew, a son, James David, brother to Amy and Mark, 27 April 2007, in Zimbabwe.

THORNTON. To Christie (Peters) and Bruce, a daughter, Sarah Jane, sister to James and David, 31 May 2007.

TRESFON. To Kim (Durr) and Jacques, a daughter, Aimée Grace, sister to Adam, 19 December 2007.

VEARY. To Sally (Gooden) and David, a daughter, Tatum Camryn, 24 April 2007.

WEBSTER. To Joe (Volkmann) and Lincoln, twin daughters, 29 January 2007.

DEATHS

CROUDACE. Lynette (1940, Jooste) 5 November 2007.

GUDEHUS. Monica (1979) 10 December 2006, in Namibia.

HAIGH. Dr Margaret MBE (nee Mitchell, 1945) 11 November 2006.

MARSHALL. Diane (1953) 11 December 2006 in Hove, UK.

MCADAM. Val (1947, Kilpin) July 2007, in Canada

RAATH. Phyllis (1929, Falconer) 24 September 2007.

SALMON. Nicola (2000) 18 May 2007.

SCOTT-SHAW. Vera (Staff, 1962-1970) April 2004.

OBITUARIES

GUDEHUS, Monica (1979)

After leaving Herschel Monica

spent a year studying Art at

Rhodes University. She

returned to Cape Town to

enter the hotel business, and

became absorbed in Computer

technology, which profession

she followed for a few years,

whilst coming home, the car in

which she was travelling had a

blowout and overturned,

flinging Monica out. She is

survived by her son and her

parents.

HAIGH, Dr Margaret Haigh

MBE (nee Mitchell, 1945)

In 1969 Margaret joined the

British Heart Foundation as

Administrative Medical

Director. She was editor of

"Heart" a quarterly broad-

sheet published by the BHF to

inform on cardiac research and

encourage fundraisers. In

1973 she became Medical

Officer to the London

Ambulance Service. During a

survey she conducted in 1969

she had found a huge shortage

of coronary care beds in

London. As the only doctor at

the LAS she was to be part of a

new team that would change

ambulance staff from being

'people carriers' to para-

medics, by extending their

training. One of the current

paramedic training officers

wrote: "As a new entrant to the service I found Dr Haigh was a legend, and to be quite frank she scared the living daylight out of us with her sharp questioning. She was awesome. She will always be a hero of mine and her impact should never be forgotten. We in the London Ambulance Service owe her our deepest respect and gratitude. She was our history and I am very proud that I actually knew her."

Whilst at work on 28 February 1975 news came of an underground train crash at Moorgate Station. Margaret joined her ambulance men to assist in the rescue of trapped

and injured passengers. She was awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday honours in June 1975 along with other representatives of the rescue services. She was justifiably proud but felt the award was for all the ambulance staff that were at Moorgate. By 1978 the extended training of ambulance personnel was well established - so Margaret applied to become a medical officer in the Medical Department of the British Council. Her role was to liaise with eminent doctors throughout the UK to arrange lecture tours abroad and training place-

ments for deserving foreign doctors. She became Director of the Medical Department which gave her the opportunity to travel extensively. Lesotho, India, Nepal, Brazil, Oman, Zambia and Iraq all had their medical education needs scrutinised and reported on. She also used her journalistic and editorial skills on the Editorial Board of the British Medical Bulletin. The last BMB Margaret commissioned in 1988 on the AIDS pandemic is still cited in medical articles.

Tribute to Dr Fiona Clarke (daughter of Dr Margaret Haigh)

worked on the Fashion Weeks in Durban, Johannesburg and Cape Town for the past few years, providing and managing the front of house staff, as well as the dressers for backstage.

ANDERSON (1979, Zatta) Jenny and her husband, Mario, have settled on the Gold Coast in Queensland, Australia, where most of Mario's family live. Jenny is running the coffee shop and reception for David Fleays Wildlife Park, a renowned research and education center, while Mario is IT manager for a yacht charter company. Their son, Sevy, is in grade 11 at St. Andrew's Lutheran College. They see a good deal of Jenny's sister Suzette Anderson (1975, Pelt) and Jenny is in regular contact with old friend Heather Saville (Turner) along with Corien Pelt (1986, Bacon) and Tineke Pelt (1987, Vrind). She can be contacted on Skype, search for Jenny Zatta Gold Coast.

to the community," she says. (People's Post).

ADAMS (1973, Watson) Alex has been working in the Accounting faculty at UCT since 1982. She co-ordinates the PGDA programme which students do after a Business Science or BComm degree and before they commence their articles and writing of the CA exams. There are three Old Herschelians in her class, Nancy Mitchell, Sarah Strachan and Alex's daughter, Jane. Alex spends a great deal of time in Johannesburg as chairman of the technical accounting committee of the South African Institute of Chartered Accounts (SAICA).

AMIEN (1992, Amien-Skazitik) Yaz and her husband have a company providing staff for special events. They work for conferences, launches and fashion shows. They are especially proud to have

ANDERSON (1975, Pelt) Suzette and Adrian still live on the tropical Whitsunday Island coast, with the great Barrier Reef on the horizon. Their daughter, Morgan, is entering her final year at school in Brisbane and has been elected Head Boarder for 2008. Suzette regularly sees classmates Bridg Twentymann-Jones (Hook), Lovell Anstee (Brook) and Susan Batho (Clennet). As polorosse players they caught up with Margot McLachlan (Worsley Worswick) in March, at the Polorosse World Cup. Margot is the Zimbabwean ladies captain. Suzette chairs a community group which campaigns against development on foreshore land, recently winning a big three-year campaign. They have a guest cottage on their property and welcome visitors.

BAIGRIE (1971, Lady Hooper) Fiona graduated last year (2007) from Union Theological Seminary in New York City with an MA in Psychiatry and Religion. In August she married the Rt. Hon. Sir Anthony Hooper, a judge in the Court of Appeal in England and Wales. They were married in Maine where they have a cottage and where Fiona has spent summers with her sons, Sean and William Donnelly. For the past sixteen years they intend dividing their time between their homes in the UK and the US. Fiona plans to continue with her academic studies and clinical training in London. Old Herschelians who attended her wedding included Tessa Mallett (Fenton-Wells) and Belinda Blaine (Arenhold) from Cape Town and Jeanine Floyd from Canada.

ANDERSON (1992, Gibbon) Lane runs an organization called CASE which works in underprivileged communities. (See Births)

BENNETT (2005) After doing a year of Mandarin at Stellenbosch, Francesca decided to major in the language. She entered the Chinese Bridge Competition, sponsored by the Chinese Government to help bridge different cultures and was one of ten students in the competition which took place at UNISA. Each contestant had to make a speech in Mandarin on the theme of the Olympics. There was a panel of seven judges and the Chinese Press was present too. Each contestant had to demonstrate a 'talent' which reflected an aspect of Chinese culture. Francesca chose dancing. She made up her own dance to the music from the soundtrack of the Chinese film 'Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon'. Francesca came second in the competition. The two finalists have won an all-expenses-paid trip to China in August for two weeks. They will stay in Beijing for a couple of days and then fly to a northern province to compete in the next round of the competition, which is televised live on China Television. There will be a hundred students from all over the world taking part. It will be quite a daunting experience, but such an exciting opportunity! She is having extra time with her Mandarin lecturer in order to improve her speech and prepare her for spot questions that the contestants will be asked by the judges. Her former dancing teacher is very kindly helping her to expand and polish her dance.

BEVIS-CHALLINOR (2000) Paula qualified in Veterinary Science at Onderstepoort in 2007.

BEYERS (2000) Zoë received her B.Mus at the Royal College of Music with first class honours in 2005 and was the Yehudi Menuhin Scholar for the duration of her M.Mus degree, which was completed in 2007. Since her debut, at the age of 11, with the Swedish Chamber Orchestra, she has performed throughout South Africa, Europe and the UK under distinguished conductors and has recently been appointed sub-principal first violin of the Scottish Chamber Orchestra. She performed Vivaldi's Four Seasons with Camerata Tinta Barocca in St. George's Cathedral in December.

BLOCH (1997) Kate is working in paediatrics at Somerset Hospital.

BLUMBERG (1996) Victoria has been living in New York for 5 years. She graduated from New York University in December 2006 with a Master of Arts degree in Drama Therapy, using art, drama, music and play as a medium for therapy. She works with child witnesses of domestic violence, victims of assault and rape, and also at a hospital in Manhattan, with patients suffering traumatic brain injury.

BOSTOCK (1990, Markwick) Tanya lives in Surrey with her husband, Richard, and three daughters, Rebecca (7), Kirsten (5) and Zoë (2). Her fourth baby is due in January 2008. She works as a physiotherapist and child-minder.

BOTHWELL (2001) Vicky is pursuing an acting career in London.

BOYES (1991, Lewis) Belinda is living in Cape Town and practising as an attorney and conveyancer at STBB: Smith Tabata Buchanan Boyes. She joined the firm as an articulated clerk in 1997, having just completed her degree at UCT. She was appointed a Director in 2003 and practises from the Claremont branch. Belinda is married to David and they enjoy golf, horse-riding and weekends away with friends and family.

BROMFIELD (1998) Fiona is involved in establishing an Equine Therapy programme in Cape Town.

BROOME (1979, Todd) Camilla, together with her husband, Don, and Charles and Clare Broome, received an Excellence award from the South African Bureau of Standards Design Institute for their invention of the Butte Torch Tongs, which illuminate food while braaing in the dark. The judges described the tongs as "a very clever braai tool that involves cunning design."

BUCHANAN-LEE (1960, Taylor) Biddy, senior physician and lecturer at UCT, has been elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in recognition of the "innovative" teaching programme she started in the Faculty of Health Sciences. She received the special acknowledgement from the president of the Royal College for the programme she developed in Khayelitsha for fourth-year medical students. The programme exposes

students to the real world of patient-overcrowding and poor facilities. Students are taught how to manage complicated diseases to reduce morbidity and mortality, and improve the quality of life of patients at a primary health care level. Patients, on the other hand, are empowered with health knowledge in their own language to improve compliance and reduce the cost of health care. Biddy says students are encouraged to do "a lot more thinking." The Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF), an international medical and humanitarian aid organization, intends to recruit her students to work elsewhere in African countries, where similar problems are common. (Monday Paper, vol. 26#13)

CONSTANTATOS (1997) Sonia is working in ultrasonography at Grootte Schuur Hospital.

CRAIG (1992) Megan and her partner, Justin, have established a company called Joom, which specializes in design and branding. They have won awards for their products, one of which was featured at the Design Indaba 2007.

DE BEYER (2002) Jennifer has been given the Merck Award for best microbiology student in final year BSc at Stellenbosch University, the innovative award from the National Scientific Research Institute and the SA Women in Science and Engineering Scholarship.

DIXON (1973, Rip) Clare lives in the USA. She has two teenage children who both play in bands, thus encouraging her to watch endless

FERGUSON (1960) Pam has enjoyed boisterous reunions with beloved Old Herscheliens recently, lunching with Cella and Aletta de Villiers and Nicky Cloete (1961) at Alphen during a visit to Cape Town from her current home in Austin, Texas in late 2006. Pam and Cella have kept in touch because their mothers were best friends for decades. Pam and Nicky hadn't seen one another since Herschel days. "Nicky looks exactly the same," writes Pam, "same swinging walk and quirky sense of humour!"

Similarly Pam enjoyed a wonderful reunion with former classmate and soul mate Fiona ("Foodies") Noble, in Munich, Germany, during late 2007. Pam teaches advanced courses

in Shiatsu in Europe each Spring and Autumn, and Fiona happened to be in Europe at the same time to complete the 3 week walk- and bicycle-pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in Spain. Pam and Fiona hadn't seen one another since UCT days in 1963 but the years melted away as they exchanged stories through the small hours. Pam writes, "It was so refreshing to discover Fiona hadn't changed at all, as endearingly English as ever, same gestures, subtle humour and infectious laugh, all of which reminded me of the nights we used to sit together and philosophise about life and classical music during our matric year in 1960. The only things that were missing were the trademark metal clips Fiona used to wear on her shoes during Herschel days."

GARISCH (1975) Dawn's novel "Once, Two Islands",

was launched in April 2007. Cape Times reviewer, Karin Schimke, described the writing as "bold, earthy and refined; simple, yet beautiful. This is a wonderful story about the universal experience of growing up and growing away from your parents, but its elements add up to so much more than that."

GRAHAM (2000) Nancy completed an MSc in Urban Geography in 2006. She is working as a Property Researcher/Spatial Analyst at Rodé & Associates.

HAW (1998) Mary graduated from Stanford University in 2004 with a BS in Environmental Engineering. After a year at Ninham Shand Consulting Engineers in Cape Town, she went to the Royal Technical Institute in Stockholm where she studied for a Masters in Sustainable Energy Engineering. Her thesis was completed at the Energy Research Centre at UCT. She now works for PJC arew Consulting in low energy and passive design in buildings. When not saving the world one building at a time, Mary rides her bike a lot. She is currently top in the Pedal Power Spring League and is training hard to keep up with her mother in the most gruelling mountain bike race in the world: the 2008 Cape Epic.

Mary sent news of other members of her class: Living in London are Cathy Bothwell, Claire McClarty, Jackie Gordon, Nadia Donnelly, Joni Watson, Tiffany Rademeyer, Michaela Wynne and Carrie van der Hoven, Lauren

Hermes is in Vancouver and Niki Hermes is in Maui, Hawaii. Helen Mitchell (Jamieson) is in Dubai, Anna Steynor is in Oxford and Geraldine Eliot (Mimuk-Eliot) and her husband, Ethan, are in Canada.

HAW (2002) Anna is in her fourth year of Veterinary Science at the University of Edinburgh. She spent the summer working on a research project studying dogs as vectors for human disease in the slum of Kibera outside of Nairobi, Kenya. Anna has also excelled in her running and last year was placed second in Scottish Universities Cross Country Championships.

HEARN (1973, Davies) Jenny works fulltime as a Health Sciences Librarian at the University of Queensland in Australia.

ISSA (1992, Fleming) Suzanne is an attorney in Houston, Texas. She got married in November 2006.

JENKINS (1973) Carol works at a Camphill Community for adults with learning disabilities. The community is based north of London and comprises 90 people including 50 residents and 40 volunteer co-workers. She is the office administrator responsible for recruiting volunteers, secretarial tasks, accounts and travel bookings for residents and co-workers. She finds it a very interesting and demanding profession but extremely rewarding. Her son, Shaun, is studying law at Sussex University in Brighton, and her daughter works for Volks-wagen Finance. She will be at

the 35-year reunion in February.

KOHN (2003) Ahleigh has completed a four-year Business Science, Marketing Honours Degree at UCT and graduated in December. This year she plans to do some travelling and part-time work overseas, until July, when she starts a full-time job in the Account Management Department at Ogilvy Cape Town. She was offered the position at Ogilvy last July after being chosen out of 60 candidates to participate in their internship program.

KOHN (2000) Lauren graduated magna cum laude with her post-graduate LLB at the end of 2006. She was awarded the prestigious John Kotze Medal for attaining the highest marks in Roman Law and Private Law. She was featured in the "Without Prejudice" magazine as one of South Africa's top law students of 2006 and as one of the only two students in the country to graduate magna cum laude. Lauren had intended to write the New York Bar exam in July 2007 and to commence work as an Associate at the renowned international law firm of Davis Polk and Wardwell, in New York. Sadly her mother was diagnosed with cancer in February 2007 and so she chose instead to remain in Cape Town and took up a teaching position in UCT's Faculty of Law. Lauren tutored the first year students Foundations of South African Law and was also asked to lecture in the subject. She lectured on the challenges facing the legal profession.

Lauren also taught the final year students Administrative Law and was asked to act as a Judge in the Moot Competition. She has just completed an Article, co-authored with Professor Dale Hutchison, that she hopes to get published in the South African Law Journal. This year Lauren intends to commence Articles at the recently merged Mallincks/ Webber Wentzel Bowsens.

MARR (1979, Langham) Alison and her husband, Conway, and two year old son, Cameron, live in Teddington, London. Alison balances a busy life working part-time as a psychiatrist at Northwick Park Hospital, and looking after Cameron. They visit South Africa annually. Alison would love to meet up with others in the UK from her class.

McKAY (1998) Kate-Louise is studying alternative medicine and healing in London.

McLACHLAN (1973, Antrobus) Fiona studied law at UCT and Wits, followed by a further year at Cornell University in New York State. She returned in 1985 and started her own practice in Johannesburg. At that time a good deal of her time was spent on political cases and she travelled extensively in the platteland defending people charged with political offences, as well as defending many school children who were arrested and detained without trial. Times were often torrid with young people being shot and injured by police or the military. Needless to say she found the work very interesting and rewarding. Her focus is now on Family Law and through this

she has become involved in inter-country adoptions. She is also involved with several children's homes in Johannesburg. Fiona, who was head girl in 1973, will be attending the 35-year class reunion in February.

MILLAR (1979, Broadhurst) Janet has been living in London for 23 years and is married to Geoff. She has two daughters, Jessica (20) at Bristol University studying Bio-Chemistry and Stephanie (19) who is working with Deloitte before going on to Bristol to study Economics. Janet works as Events Co-ordinator at The Foundling Museum in London.

www.foundingmuseum.org.uk and is involved in several charities. She organized and participated in a London to Paris charity bicycle ride last summer. She is also the OHA representative in the UK.

MOLTENO (1991) Clarissa is a director of an environmental consultancy called "The Nature Conservation Corporation" that is involved in a wide variety of work from environmental management and legal advising, to filming. She was involved in the Leonardo Di Caprio movie "Blood Diamond" that was filmed partly in the Eastern Cape, and helped Warner Bros. and Moonlighting Films by advising them on the environmental and heritage approvals they needed to film there.

MORRISSEY (1981, Gardiner Hill) Louise lives in London and visited Cape Town in October. She was hoping to make contact with Linda Bettison (1982, Williams). They had met up again in the early nineties

when they were both living in Paris.

MURRAY (1973) Christina is professor in the law faculty at UCT. She does research and advises on constitutional-making and government. She travels frequently to advise other nations on constitutional-making, drawing on the South African experience. She recently attended a conference in Delhi which focused on federalism around the world.

NEWMAN (1971) Binky, the owner of Design Afrika, has been trading in baskets for 30 years. She first fell in love with basketware when she traveled overseas to northern Botswana as a student and discovered Hambukushu baskets, noted for the complexity and accuracy of their design motifs. Her personal collection has grown over the years and she now imports baskets from many African countries and exports them to European countries and USA.

Binky also deals in items like Kente cloth, beads and wooden stools, with the help of her Zimbabwean sales manager and jewellery designer, Guidemore Chigama. Binky and Francis Potter, of Aid to Artisans, an NGO that links craftspeople in developing countries with markets, are setting up the New Basket Workshop. They have already identified 10 basket-making groups in Southern Africa and will source funding for a three-year programme to develop their traditional work and also introduce more contemporary ranges. They also plan to collaborate with designers in other craft sectors. (Cape Times).

hope to highlight this as a misconception. They will travel through Southern Africa and up through East Africa to North Africa and on to Europe and Norway, ending the trip in London.

PRATT (1985, Schliebusch) Kyra celebrated her 40th birthday in September and was delighted to have eleven of her class mates at her party. She has taken up acting classes, which is the realization of a dream for her. She has also enjoyed a memorable trip to China recently. Her son Julien (9) is at Bishops and her daughter, Lucy (6), is at Mickiefield.

RAMSAY (1997, Venn) Marie is in final year medicine at Pretoria University. She and her husband, Peter, live in Pretoria. Peter works in Johannesburg for SAS (an IT company). They hope to return to Cape Town when Marie completes her internship.

RATCLIFFE (1992, Ratcliffe-Wright) Jenny, who is a Cape wine master and an accredited international wine judge, has written "Spit or Swallow - A Guide for the Wine Virgin", which she describes as an "entry level beginner's guide to drinking wine, presented in a fun, imaginative, sexy and non-threatening way." Jenny is a director of Warwick Wine Estate and also lectures and consults in the wine industry.

RICHARDS (1983, Edwards) Lucinda and William sailed with their 2 children Doug (12) & Pips (9) on their Roberts 45 from Knysna to the Seychelles via Madagascar and back down the African coast following the spice route, for a

whole year. The family spent three months cruising the northwest coast of Madagascar and the islands of Nosy Be, leisurely enjoying the calm seas before the cyclone season set in. Having no schedule to stick to, their lives were dictated by the wind and the tides and days were spent swimming, fishing and diving. Meanwhile Lucinda acted as school teacher to Douglas and Phillipa. From Madagascar they moved north to the island of Mayotte in the Comores before heading home via the Seychelles. In Kenya they explored the oldest surviving town in Africa, Lamu, and spent time in the Tsavo East Game Park, where they found the night sounds of the bush very noisy compared with the silence of the ocean! Tanzania, Zanzibar and the islands off Mozambique were the next stops before the family reluctantly concluded their year of adventure and exploration in Durban. Lucinda says: "It was an absolute privilege to take our children away for a year, but we worked hard to make it happen and it was a dream come true." Enriched and inspired by their experience, they plan another family adventure in the future.

Teaching the children on board, catching fish, meeting the locals and generally exploring the east African islands, with the odd storm, beach braais, baby turtles, awesome diving, a touch of malaria and many parties, made for a fantastic year. William and Lucinda plan to continue their businesses, Farmers Choice Estate Agents and Ingwe Forest Adventures at The Craggs, with renewed vigour. (CX Press, 25.07.07)

SCOTT SHAW (1968, Fuller) Judy took early retirement in 2006 from her job in the administrative department at UCT. She was there for twenty years and came across many old Herschelianians in the course of her work. She renewed friendships with several classmates early last year when Sally Abbott (Ryan) came from Australia to celebrate the 90th birthday of her mother, Moira Black (1935, Abbott). Among old friends Judy met up with were Pauline Gilbert (Hall), Shelly Stephens (Watermeyer), Jenny Newman (du Plessis), Gill Gain (Gart) and Helen Watson (George). Judy gave up hockey three years ago but is still active in that she runs and cycles. She and Anne Lomax (1967) were part of a group that cycled from Mossel Bay to Stellenbosch recently.

Judy and her husband, Bruce, have two granddaughters aged 8 and 6 who have just returned to Cape Town from the UK, with their mother, who is a teacher. Judy's younger daughter is an anaesthetics registrar at UCT.

SHERWOOD (1997) Kerry is a registrar in obstetrics and gynaecology at Grootte Schuur Hospital.

SIMONIS (1986) Chantal lives in Winchester with her husband, Lawson, who owns an art gallery. They have a son, Archie (2). Chantal is a gynaecology consultant at an IVF clinic in Southampton.

SKWAMBANE (1990) Tebogo has been appointed non-executive director at the Jupiter Drawing Room.

SMITH (1991) Alex is a full-time author of novels, plays

and short stories. After returning from living in China, Alex was short-listed for the HSBC/SA PEN literary award and her entry was judged by Nobel laureate JM Coetzee as a story that would "merit inclusion in any anthology". Her first novel, "Algeria's Way," was published by Random House-Umuzi in August last year. The novel is set in Spain along the Camino de Santiago, a thousand-year-old pilgrimage, which so inspired Alex when she walked it that a world of characters, miracles and wonders pestered her imagination into writing a novel. The Mail & Guardian said of "Algeria's Way" that it "leaves the reader feeling elated, amused and thoughtful." Alex has a second novel with an agent and publisher in the US and is anxiously waiting for good news! In the meantime she is working on a third book.

SPARKS (1991, du Plooy) Hazel is the Legal Compliance Officer at Financial Services, part of the Foschini Group.

STOCKWELL (1979, Day) Yvette has been at St George's School in Windsor since April 2001, as Director of Music. Combined with this position she trains and directs the choir and music in Lower College at Eton. The Eton position only involves the choir and music in Lower Chapel. St George's School has a very heavy emphasis on music and many pupils go on to gain scholarships in senior schools.

VAN DER BIJL (1946, James) Mary now lives in Oxfordshire and joined a mini class reunion in June. Helen-Pat Stubbs (Brazil) had a lunch party

which was attended by Rosie Wilks (Sturgis) and Susan Stutchbury (Greig). They all left in 1946. Anne Halley (Hefferman) stayed with Mary a couple of weeks ago. She and her sister Pam and cousins Pat and Judy were sent out from Dundee to her great-aunt Mrs. Duncan Baxter in 1940. Mary took her son Charles, daughter Julia and four teenage grandsons to Cape Town for Christmas in 2007.

WARREN (1943, Barry) Dew's daughter, Susan, heads the physiotherapy department at Chelsea-Westminster Hospital. Her other daughter, Jill Canman, got her doctorate a

few years ago and has recently published a book, "Uplifting the Colonial Philistine", a history of the Johannesburg Art Gallery.

WATSON (1961, Goldswain) Margie lives in Western Australia. She and her husband moved into a new house at the end of 2007, built on the instruction of their two architect children!

WELLS (1971, Silberbauer) Sally was with Pam Golding in Claremont for 12 years until she moved to St Francis Bay in 2006. She is no stranger to the area as her grandfather owned the Grand Hotel in Port

Elizabeth and in 1950 her father built a house on the river just below where the bridge is now. "I have been coming to the Kromme for 53 years, since birth. It was a wild, beautiful place with no electricity or hot water. We would hire horses from a farmer and ride for hours over the dunes to the lighthouse." Her husband, Frank, is the Estate Manager at St. Francis Links. Sally and Frank have three daughters. Sally has achieved Pam Golding Gold Card status for 10 consecutive years and has also had great success since moving to St Francis Bay.

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