

OHA NEWS

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December 2011

The Old Herschelian Association started 2011 with great enthusiasm and sent out a survey to as many Old Herschelians as we could reach via e-mail. The feedback was most helpful and as a result... we are "keeping up with the times", "changing" a little and trying new things... like our new format newsletter that is more eco-friendly and more cost-effective than the printed version.

- Catch up on all the news at www.herschel.org.za/alumni
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OHA OFFICE HOURS: Thursdays 8h30 to 12h30 during school term

Dates to diarise

Cocktail Party

The annual OHA Cocktail Party will be held on **Thursday 16 February 2012 at 18h00** in the Herschel Museum. Entrance is R30. Acceptances only to Prue Crawley on 082 820 1751 or prucrawley@gmail.com

Founder's Day and Herschel's 90th Birthday

This will be celebrated on **Friday 17 February 2012**. Old Herschelians are invited to attend the church service and/or lunch. Please notify the OHA by Tuesday 15 February if you are coming to either or both events. (021 670 7500 or oha@herschel.org.za)

11h00 Service at St Saviour's Church

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



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Letter from The Head

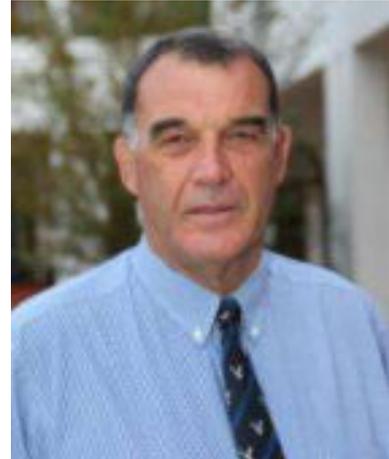
Dear Old Herschelians

This has been such a happy year at school and the girls have once again done us proud on so many levels.

On the sportsfield their achievements both on a personal and team level have shown that Herschel remains a dominant force in all sports.

The Cultural side of the school has not stood back and there were so many highlights in Music, Art and Drama.

Our Chorale had a superb year and was invited to the Hilton Choir Festival, as well as being invited to the highly prestigious Tygerberg Eisteddfod, where they won their section.



Academically, as you will remember, the Herschel girl is focused, diligent and takes her studies very seriously. This year was no different.

2011 will be a year that we will remember as the year that the Matrics concentrated on “Unity” within the school. The Prefects and Matrics were quite remarkable how they stuck to their theme right to the end of their school career. I was amazed at how they kept their enthusiasm going for the entire year. They will undoubtedly be remembered not for how they started their Matric year, but how they finished it.

Next year, as you may know is my last year at Herschel, but I am not thinking of that yet. More excitingly it is our 90th Birthday and the staff are planning very exciting celebrations.

Reunion weekend will still have the get together on Thursday, 16 February, the church service at St Saviour’s at 09:30 and lunch thereafter on Friday, 17 February. There will be other celebrations with the Prep School in the early morning.

On Saturday 21 April there are celebrations at school all day which will include many different activities. You will be kept informed of the specifics in the New Year.

I am looking forward to reunion years visiting the school and to repeating the very pleasant Old Herschelian function in Johannesburg on 24 February 2012 when the girls will be in Gauteng for the St Mary’s Tennis and the Old Petreans Water Polo Tournaments. The girls will also be in Gauteng on 28 March for the St Mary’s Hockey Festival.

It is really lovely to meet Old Herschelians who pop in to visit us, and to show them the school. You know you are very welcome at any stage to visit and see the school that undoubtedly played a significant role in your lives.

Fond regards,

BRUCE PROBYN

Report from The Chairman of the OHA



This year started with a bang for the Old Herschelians with the exciting news that we now have our own dedicated OH secretary at the school one morning per week. Her name is Tania Johnstone, an Old Herschelian herself, and her daughter is in Grade 4 at the Preparatory school. She has also been an enthusiastic member of the Old Herschelian Committee for many years.

She is there to answer your queries and show you around the school should you wish to make an appointment. She is also updating the database on a new programme called EduAdmin, so our communication to you all should get even better.

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Another new appointment is Justine Macdonald, who is replacing me as the OH representative on Council, as it is time for me to retire. We therefore have a wonderful new young team that will drop the average age by a bit!

Justine has just written us a new constitution in line with that of various other girls' schools. If you would like to read it, please let either me or Tania know and we can email it to you.

As usual we had our annual OH cocktail party on the night before Founder's Day in the Archives. It was a lovely evening and well supported by many. The next day we had a traditional service at St Saviours where Jane Toerien (Phillips) from the 1971 reunion read the lesson for the Old Herschelians and Rev Bob Commin invited all the OH ladies to weave roses into a wire cross. I think this always adds such a special dimension of participation to the OH members at the service. Then everyone sings the school song at the front of the building, words kindly provided by the school. A quick AGM and delicious lunch was followed by reminiscences from a member of each of the Reunion years. This year we had many from 1951 to 2001 - a wonderful turnout.

Next year our cocktail party will be on the 16th February. I hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend. You are all very welcome.

Prue Crawley

Founder's Day 2011



Founder's Day 2011 was celebrated in true Herschel style...



It was a gorgeous, sunny day. The beautiful service at St Saviours was followed by a superb lunch in the Mary Jagger Hall.



Council Members, staff and prefects joined Old Herschelians for the lunch.



Lots of fun and laughter was shared by old friends and new.



Reunion News

Class of 1951

Ten years ago, at our 50th school reunion, I never thought we would all be together again to celebrate **60** years of memories; yet most of us were there on February 18th for Founder's Day. The service in the church was, as always, very moving; the choir was magnificent and, as one gets older, the traditional ceremony was more meaningful than ever.

Lunch with the other 'oldies' was great fun, catching up on children and grandchildren and sharing memories ... such as the view from the art room (reached, in those days, via an outside spiral staircase) of the green swimming pool (no filtration back then!) ... and remembering the chapel services in 'the Crypt' which always smelt of wet bathing costumes ... and of the air raid practices held there during the 1940's.

Our eyes were opened wide to the improvements: the sports complex, swimming pool, games fields, and the chapel. Not only have there been 'brick and mortar' improvements, but today there is a feeling of freedom and self-confidence among the girls – fun and laughter combined with an ability to work hard with wonderful results.

My hope is that those of us who matriculated in 1951 had some of the friendliness and charm of the senior girls I met. Now to thoughts of the next reunion: even in wheel chairs, we'll be there!

Report by Sandra Brownlie



Class of 1961

Reading through an OHA newsletter recently, I realized that there have been many class reunions over the years, but for us, the Class of '61, the celebration of our 50th reunion was an exceptionally special occasion. For two of our class members Chris Hawson (Godfrey) and Yolande Ahrens (Trainor), it was their first return to a Herschel gathering in 50 years and we all shared in their wonder as we retraced our memories.

We were delighted to meet the Head of Herschel, Bruce Probyn, and were treated to a wonderful tea and tour of the School assisted by Sarah, the newly appointed Head Girl and Lara, one of the Prefects. The giggles were unending as we discovered our 1957 Upper 3 class photograph in the Archives and reminisced in the Chapel (our library), the much improved Boarding House and the Art Room. Our classrooms are now Admin Offices. Our thanks to Tania Johnstone who, as OHA secretary, arranged our visit to the school and together with the Headmaster and Prefects, made a noisy bunch of sixty-something year-olds feel so welcome.



That evening we met in the home of Hilary Dempers (Cattell) where we enjoyed so much merriment that we didn't hear the ringing of the front doorbell and one of our class, Anne Hacking (Stewart) was forced to return home as no-one answered the door! We indulged in a wonderful meal, an irresistible chocolate mousse cake and a lot of chatter. When the electricity tripped repeatedly Rohanne Morrison (Verrips) saved the evening through her expertise in fixing electrical switchboards! Despite the fact that Hilary had a broken ankle (slipping on wet grass) she was a superb hostess. Anne Fauville (Bruce) also had broken bones in her foot after a similar slip! These two stalwarts attended all our functions in moonboots and on crutches. Marion v.d. Bijl (Marsh) from Gauteng, not to be outdone by the fashionistas, declared that her beautiful outfit had been bought at the Chinese Shop! Claire Shortt, the sister of Margie Watson (Goldswain) joined us for the evening.

The following evening we enjoyed a more formal dinner at Kelvin and called on Shona Jackson (Sturgeon), our Head of Jagger, to propose a toast to our classmates, especially those who were absent. We were delighted that Denise White (Bonner) volunteered to be our official photographer and throughout the weekend we were treated to previews of her delightful records of our celebrations.

On Sunday, joined by three gallant husbands, we drove out to the farm of David and Susie Power (Robb) in Wellington where we lingered until early evening over yet another wonderful meal and walk round Susie's beautiful farm. Anne Hacking, recently returned from her home in Scotland, proposed a toast to Herschel and gave us an amusing and relaxed short speech. One of the highlights of the weekend was making phone contact with Buzz Leith (Fourie) waking her at 3am in New Zealand! We also spoke to Priscilla Barrett (Horn) in Cambridge and Maxine Diamond (Sifis) in Greece, and would love to have made contact with others who couldn't attend, but for the restraints of Telkom!

Hilary Beck (Guise) and Mandy Blackett (Pearson-Rogers) both flew out from England to attend our celebrations and extended their visit by another week.

"Locals" who completed our group were Nicky Cloete (Cloete-Hopkins), Lavinia Ellis (Crawford-Browne), Sandy Buchanan (Tolosana), Celia de Villiers (McCallum), Les Brauer (Houba), Carol Baker (Opie), and Di Ovenstone (Delmont) from Plettenberg Bay.

We are so grateful to Sally Orpen (McConnell) who persuaded, motivated and encouraged us to get together through countless e-mails and phone calls and also inspired the fascinating resumes that we wrote in the preceding weeks.

We are now savouring the memories of an unforgettable weekend and we value more than ever the bonds that were made so long ago at Herschel.

Report by Anne Steens (Snyders)



Class of 1971



Laughter and tears, rekindled friendships and endless chatter marked our amazing **40th** reunion held in Cape Town over the Founder's Day weekend and then in London on the 4th June.

Our class had not been keen to meet regularly over the years but something changed this year and the enthusiasm, quick responses and assistance to track down elusive classmates resulted in us finding everyone except for four girls who had left before Matric (anyone know where Lesley Porter, Arabella Lloyd or Morag Cook are?) and putting together a wonderfully happy few days.

On the Thursday evening Jilly Golding (Drummond), Sue Borton, Sally Wells (Silberbauer) met at the OHA Cocktail Party at school and had fun reconnecting with friends and seeing old faces from our era.

At St Saviours Church the next day, Lucinda Suckling, Belinda Blaine (Arenhold), Sharon Lindberg (Dickenson), Susan Abernethy (Holmes), Jilly and Sally sat together in those pews and remembered the many services practiced for and attended. Jane Phillips (Toerien) read the lesson as well as she did in 1971.

Then up the hill we walked to Herschel for the Luncheon and the singing of the School Song by the girls. We were joined by Libby Burns (Andreopoulos) who had arrived straight from the airport, Machteld Van Lennep and Sue. Headmaster Bruce Probyn warmly welcomed us and we were so impressed with this transformed school where everyone from teachers, staff, prefects and pupils were so relaxed and happy. Sally spoke on behalf of the class and recalled Mavis Kittow with her red nails, some special teachers like Mrs Boyes, the Park Flasher and how great we had all turned out! During the tour of the school our boarders made us laugh at their tales of their boarding house days.

The highlight of the weekend was our lunch on Saturday in the beautiful garden of Shari's house in Newlands where she provided a scrumptious meal.

Mrs. Rauch and Mrs. Lindi Tomlin came for a drink and Miss Sweet, who wasn't sure that she really wanted to see us again, was persuaded by Blainie to come and then she was the last to leave! Vanessa Weinlig (Hindley), Di Nosworthy and Mary Foot (Humphries) flamboyantly arrived and regaled us with hilarious stories, Tessa Mallett (Fenton-Wells) had put together a booklet and CD about us all, Tessa Schouw (Suckling) and Binky Newman brought old photos, little Alex Reay (Jennings) had become tall, elegant and sporty, Jenny Simpson (Snyman) was still our farm girl and Lulu was just beautiful. Gill Taylor had a wonderful day listening and laughing as she could not talk or walk very well due to her strokes; so when she died 2 weeks later, we felt so lucky to have shared that time with her.



Many stories were told and memories shared and no one really wanted to leave. We all realized that at this age we no longer need to compete or compare but are genuinely interested in everyone's lives whether we have achieved great things or small or nothing much at all. And as a class we haven't changed much and still enjoy a good party.

Vanessa, Footie and Sally visited Mrs. Brownell in Frail Care at Constantia Place and at 90 she could still remember us by name, told us a story about Mrs. Scott Shaw which made us laugh and then she cried when we had to go. She was so sweet.



A London Reunion was organized by Susan Maggs at her daughter's home in Battersby Park. Fiona Baigrie (Lady Hooper), Anne Spruce, Libby Burns (Andreopoulos) and Sally Wells (Silberbauer) were at the lunch but sadly Jasmine Peel (Miller), Amanda Leslie and Michele Resnekov (Conitsiotis) could not come as they had planned to do. It was a beautiful sunny day and we sat in the garden eating and chatting. Being only a few of us meant that we could really get into some deep conversations, which was wonderful and those living in London are now going to meet more often.



We plan to meet again in 5 years but will give more warning to everyone especially Jeanine Floyd, Penny Barnett (Mertens) and Mary Whitaker (Raphaely) living in America and Michele Resnekov (Conitsiotis) in Greece.

Report by Sally Silberbauer

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Class of 1981

I had decided that the **30** year reunion was definitely worth coming back to Cape Town for so I hopped on the plane from Sydney and flew over for the big event. It seems hard to believe we've been out of school for 30 years! Surely we can't be that old!!!

Our 1981 reunion took place on Founders Day. Eight of us went to the service in St Saviours – what a fabulous service it was! As usual, the Herschel choir was at its best, and we were all in tears during God be in my Head! We all thought the most delightful part was the placing of a rose on the cross – made from the old Ilex tree which we all loved dearly – to remember those Herschel friends both past and present.



After the service, we went back to the school for 'The Arch' which is a new tradition, and to sing the school song – also a new addition to the school since our day. It was super to see the girls being so affectionate to one another, and so proud of their school. It was also wonderful meeting Bruce Probyn, who clearly has the best Principal's job in the country!!!

From school, we flew through to The Grand Café & Beach at Granger Bay – a stunning setting and on such a glorious day. There we met up with the rest of our 1981 class – 19 of us! It was such fun catching up with everyone, and particularly for me since I hadn't seen some people since our last day at school. In fact, we had a very close class, and I still consider my school friends to be my closest friends. We had plenty of chatting, and Luanna Shonfeld-Hellman let us all know what everyone else was up too. It seems half our class lives overseas. With the sounds of Bono from U2 doing his sound-check in the background, we finally said our farewells to those who couldn't continue on, and the rest of us went to The Chapman's Peak Hotel for a drink or two. We continued further into the night at Sue Keiser's (Lanfear) house where the chatting and laughing continued! Our jaws were aching the next day.

So, a big thanks to Lu for organising our reunion and to all that came – Kate Bailey (Saunders), Nici Price (Deal), Sue Keiser (Lanfear), Georgie Gebers (Hart), Shane Heerden (Fairhead), Terry Bridge (Roomes), Chloe Ovenstone, Tess Batlis (Hartford), Inge Peacock (Jones), Kathy Eve, Dot Stuart-White (Douglas), Maryanne Grant (Marais), Bev Atkinson, Monika Hayes (Oelz), Tracey Humby (Scott), Jill Hoskings (Breen), Lindsay Beck (Jones) and myself, Kathy Tripp!

Report by Kathy Tripp

Class of 1986



It was great to see everybody at our **25** year reunion, especially Chantal Simonis who happened to be out from London at the time and arrived with Robin Walker (nee Horn). We all had a good catch up at 1682 with lots of bubbles and laughs. Then the die-hards were off to Jakes for a late dinner and were pretty much the last to leave the restaurant!

The next day a group of us attended the Founder's Day service at St Saviour's and then we went up to the school where we watched a 'new' (certainly since our time) tradition where the entire school makes an arch from the entrance & around the area where the Ilex Tree once stood and they welcome all newcomers to the school. Afterwards, with arms around each other, they sing the 'new' (again since our time!) school song. While this may all sound a bit contrived, the camaraderie at the school these days is unbelievable and I know that we all found it quite spine tingling!

After all the 'emotional moments', we went to the Mary Jagger Hall for a really good lunch and a few amusing stories from girls from previous years - one thing that never seems to change is that the Arderne Gardens flasher is still around!!!

A very important announcement is that Tanyana Robb has kindly offered to take up the post of Circle Secretary - thanks Tanyana! Tanyana's e-mail address is tanyanarobb@webmail.co.za



Report by Nicky Ekstein

Class of 1991



The **20** year reunion of the 1991 Matric class was held in February 2011 and began with a gathering of a few of the Matrics at the Old Herschelian cocktail party. It was such a wonderful start to our 'Reunion Weekend' and lovely to see some of our teachers as well as Mrs Duff who welcomed us to what is now the Museum, but what in our day had been her house!

The following day saw many of us attending a beautiful Founder's Day ceremony at St Saviour's Church and then a wonderful lunch was provided by the school in the Mary Jagger Hall. It was fascinating and touching to hear from a number of old girls who gave short presentations on their memories of their time at the school. Contexts such as a world war and great distances from which some girls came to attend Herschel made for interesting listening.

Our head girl, Cathy Moodie, made it sound as if our year had had the most fun and interesting time of all at school, and perhaps the laughter from the 1991 reunion tables made it seem all the more so. A tour of the school was provided for our year and given by a Matric girl and we were most astonished to find that the room which had served as the Chapel for our time at school had been changed to the Matric common room. The beautiful chapel, which had been our library, was a treat to see.

On Saturday some of the girls and their families gathered for a picnic at Kirstenbosch and we were extremely fortunate to have beautiful weather and a lovely spot. It was such a happy afternoon and so special to see old friends now surrounded with their families and children.

The final event was dinner at the Wild Fig where, fortunately for all the other patrons, we had been placed at a table outside as there was non-stop loud chatter from the time we gathered until we were politely asked to leave at the end of the evening as the restaurant had to close! A special part

of the evening was when a number of girls gave brief updates on those who were not present and it was so nice to feel that, 20 years later, we were all accounted for in some small way at the table.

A special mention for those that came from far away, namely Caroline Schall (Chapman) from Australia, Shanna Pedersen from the UK and Hazel du Plooy (Sparks) from Johannesburg.

Report by Hazel du Plooy (Sparks)



SPEECH BY CATHY MOODIE, Head Girl, 1991

So much has changed since we walked out of these gates 20 years ago and yet, when I look around at this beautiful school and I chat to my classmates, it does not feel so long ago. In Standard 6, we sat on this floor every day for assemblies, later on in the day we jumped around on it doing phys-ed and we wrote our matric exams here. The Standard 9's then transformed it into the Queen Mary for the night of our matric dance.

An interesting fact is that we were the first class to ever write entrance exams, it is debateable whether these exams achieved what they were supposed to! Herschel had to spend a lot on presentation pens as fourteen girls in our class were at Herschel from Sub A to Matric and a lot of them are here today.

There were some exciting developments during our time at Herschel: The theatre was built and our dear Ilex tree was invaded by aphids and a sticky substance rained down on us. We are lucky enough to have a record of what these aphids looked like twenty years ago as they were immortalised in our matric sweatshirt.

The boarders will remember an equally memorable invasion of another kind by the Bare Bum Club of Bishops who arrived in the dead of night! Some of us slept through it, which at the time was heart-breaking!

What was the boarding house like 20 years ago? Well, Tina Capri had this to say in her report in the 1991 magazine "*The third term started off very busily with the replacement of most of the old windows. The boarders can now open their windows on warm nights without the fear of the handles breaking off or maybe even the windows falling out.*" She also refers to the fact that the Standard Sixes spent 2 weeks of the 4th term in the Standard seven dorms as they couldn't sleep with the rain pouring down on them.

In fact the boarding house was memorable for so many other reasons – who can forget the midnight feasts, Emily the ghost, illicit studying in the baths after lights out, the midnight fire drills and Dr Duff appearing as Father Christmas at our eagerly awaited Christmas parties. We must have been Call a Pizza's biggest client, an essential for those Dynasty nights. In my five years there, we did seem to go through rather a number of Lady Wardens – I hope that was not because we were impossible to live with! Perhaps the best indication of the kind of place it was, was when one of our classmates asked for a term at the boarding house for her birthday even though she lived less than five minutes away from the school!

Our years at Herschel were unforgettable in so many ways. I know you all remember our Standard 8 dance and that speech so I am not going to even bring it up. Although I am wondering why so many of us took blind dates – well, it made for an interesting evening!

Mrs Thompson's Latin classes immediately come to mind and I am sure no one has forgotten Mrs Beames' innovative earrings and her 'thought for the day' or Mevrouw Louw's Oscar winning performance of Raka or her Friday class in which we could read the Huisgenoot - an education in itself! Mr Scott started a running group and initially there was a very big take-up until the girls discovered that running was exhausting and that you didn't get to spend much time with Mr Scott. I still remember the amazing school spirit at those interhouse galas where we sang our hearts out (singing was not my forte but I still have our old song sheet so maybe Hazel and Catriona can help us at the Wild Fig with songs like 'a boom a chika boom, a boom a chika roca chika roca chika boom') not to mention the interhouse plays and singing competitions. Can you believe that we used to have Miss Herschel pageants and once even hosted a very exciting Cupid Show where selected Bishops boys had the opportunity to choose a date from a group three Herschel girls hidden behind a curtain, based on the answers they gave to the questions?

But perhaps some of my best memories of Herschel are the times we spent just hanging out being girls in the matric common room.

When looking at the 1991 magazine, I am amazed at the outstanding sculptures and artworks and the high standard of essays and poems on diverse topics. School for us was certainly not just about Maths, Science and English. How could it be when people like Justice van den Heever, Clem Sunter and Adele Searll came to speak to us?

At one of our Speech days, Mrs Duff said that education is what survives when all that has been learnt at school has been forgotten. Well, we received an education of the best kind here.

My 6 year old son told me that I am too old to have ever been a Herschel girl! Well, today the 1991 Herschel girls are back from near and far and we look forward to a weekend of catching up and reminiscing. Thank you to Justine for tracking us all down (I know this was not an easy task) and to the school for welcoming us here so warmly.

Class of 2001



Most of us have extremely fond memories of our time at school, so it was with great enthusiasm that we began planning our ten year reunion (where did the time go?!). It became clear rather quickly that the class of 2001 were spread far and wide, so we decided to have a number of events to accommodate Capetonians as well as visiting ex-pats.

The first of these was a casual luncheon held at Jonkershuis Restaurant in Constantia on a sunny afternoon in December. It was wonderful to catch up with everyone, especially the girls with whom many of us had lost touch over the years. Libby had been living in France, Melissa was about to move to the States to further her studies, Zeanne is a successful architect in Cape Town, Candice is a professional musician and was planning her upcoming wedding... We went around the table sharing so many interesting stories and I must say that it was a real highlight for me.

The main event was a series of get-togethers over the weekend of the Founders Day weekend, including the annual Old Herschelian Cocktail Party and Founders Day Lunch. We rounded off the weekend with a "formal" reunion cocktail party which was a great success, and finally a very festive Sunday lunch at Cafe Roux in Noordhoek, complete with live band. It was the most well-attended event of all, and many of the girls brought their partners and children which made the whole afternoon very special. We spent hours catching up and sharing stories, learning about each other's lives ten years on from high school.

It took some effort to organise but it must be said that reconnecting with all our old friends was incredibly rewarding. It was a very special time for us and I, for one, look forward with great anticipation to the 20 year reunion where we get to celebrate another decade of life's journey.

Report by Kate Carkeek and Julia Durrant

Johannesburg & Pretoria Old Herschelians

meet the Head

In April ,the Head, Bruce Probyn, organised a drinks evening to meet Old Herschelians living in the Johannesburg /Pretoria area. This was the first gathering of its kind, and an excellent start to what we hope will become a regular and popular event. In spite of a small turnout, we had a most enjoyable evening, meeting the school's first Headmaster, and catching up on the goings-on at our old school and each other's news. We hope that this is the first of many such functions, and that in future the next Johannesburg/Pretoria OH get- together will attract many more people based in Gauteng, enabling us to get connected and reconnected with each other and Herschel.

Report by Sue Burns



Reunions to look forward to....

Class of 1952: Norma Morrell davnor@hermanus.co.za can be contacted for details of the "60 years on...." reunion.

Class of 1962: Mandy van Dugteren (néé Noakes) amandalouise@iafrica.com is organising a reunion over the Founder's Day weekend.

Class of 1972: Shân Biesman-Simons (néé Adams) biesman@iafrica.com can be contacted regarding the reunion planned for 16 to 18 March 2012.

Class of 1975: Suzette Pelt (néé Anderson) pelt@whitsunday.net.au . The class of 1975 is planning a reunion in BALI in May 2012. They promise to send lots of photographs and news.

Class of 1982: Belinda Pandiani bj.pandiani@gmail.com is organising the 30 year reunion for the Class of 1982.

Class of 1992: Tamlyn Prevost (néé McKeag) johnandtam@elginorganics.com . Diarise the Founder's Day weekend for your reunion.

Class of 2002: Kristina Miller kristina.miller@live.co.za. Make sure you are free over the Founder's Day weekend.

NB: FOUNDER'S DAY 2012 is on Friday 17 February

(see dates to diarise on page 2)



IT IS ALSO HERSCHEL'S 90TH BIRTHDAY!!!

THE ILEX TREE - Then and now...



Mrs Lynne Reid, an Old Herschelian, who also served on the Herschel Council for 22 years, unveiled a wood sculpture by **Neil Rhoda** fashioned from a branch of The Ilex Tree. The much-loved Ilex Tree, planted when the school opened in 1922, had to be removed for safety reasons in 2006. Many Old Herschelians will fondly remember The Ilex Tree as a popular meeting place and so it has become a symbol of interconnectedness and protection at Herschel.



Arderne House

Dr Jean Bradshaw, daughter of Sheilah Baxter (see Obituaries) was the guest of honour at the renaming ceremony for the boarding house.

The Herschel Boarding House was renamed Arderne House – a special tribute to the beautiful neighbouring gardens.



“The Arderne Gardens were established in 1845 by Ralph Henry Arderne, a successful timber merchant originally from Cheshire, England, who acquired the land in Claremont where he built his home, known as The Hill. He collected plants from all over the world and in time the garden became famous. Development of the garden was continued by his son, Henry Mathew Arderne and the garden has been admired and appreciated by the citizens of Cape Town as a place of exceptional beauty for well over a century”.

Extract from The History of The Arderne Gardens www.ardernegardens.org.za

Ernie Stempel Building



The new classrooms, technology room, and aftercare facilities at the prep school were officially opened by Brendalyn Tyers Stempel (1959) and her family in a ceremony paying tribute to her late husband, Ernie Stempel. He firmly believed in the value of education and set up a generous bursary fund giving many young girls the opportunity to attend Herschel. One of the bursaries is specifically for the daughters of Old Herschelians. (see page 45)

The Field



The Prep School field has been converted into a multi-purpose sports field, thanks to the generosity of parents, Old Herschelians and friends of the school. Tickets were sold at R1000 each and the marvellous prizes on offer included two Mini Coopers, weekends away, wine, Persian carpets, Blackberry phones and shopping vouchers. Many Old Herschelians purchased tickets and one generous OH donor won several of the wonderful prizes. The Mini Coopers were won by the Russell family (two daughters currently at the Prep school) and Mr Hendricks , the project manager for the new Prep buildings (The Ernie Stempel Building).

The Field was a dream one day and a reality six short months later. Now the girls are enjoying playing hockey, tennis, tag rugby, netball and soccer on the field. It is used by them every break and the girls are truly reaping the rewards of this fabulous new area.



The Old Herschelian Mother's Breakfast



Old Herschelian mums who currently have daughters at Herschel (from Pre-Prep to Matric) were invited to enjoy a “Spring” breakfast and get to know one another. Despite the rain, we had a wonderful turnout,



Enrichment Week

The Enrichment Programme has been part of the curriculum at Herschel Senior School for more than a decade now. In 2011, “mindfulness” formed the basis of the programme. During the week, the girls were guided through a process of learning through journals and other forms of writing, art, music, film, drama, lectures, workshops and creative activities.

This year, the speakers during Enrichment included some very interesting and innovative Old Herschelians. One of the main topics for the Grade Eights Enrichment Week was “living green”: being mindful of our environment and adapting our lifestyles to a more eco-friendly way of living.

Mary Haw (1998) spoke about the importance of green building designs. She highlighted the importance of natural light in planning buildings and what a difference it makes both emotionally and on the environment.

Kate Thompson (1999) chatted about her delightful shop, *Recreate*, how it came about and how she makes top quality furniture, with excellent finishes, out of ‘junk’ that you find on the rubbish dump. Obviously, a huge positive spin off has been on the environment. www.recreate.za.net

Clarissa Molteno (1991) is an advocate and is the managing director of *envolve*. She specializes in environmental law and the importance of having green laws. www.envolve.co.za

Kim Rivalland (2005): At the time of speaking to the girls at Herschel, Kim was a finalist in the Miss Earth contest (she went on to win – see *news*). She explained the importance of using glass and recycling. She organised a visit to the Consol glass factory for the girls.

If you are interested in being involved in Enrichment Week, please send your details to oha@herschel.org.za. Enrichment Week is about discovering, exploring, learning and expanding. The girls enjoy drumming sessions, massages, presentations (such as those detailed above), outings, crafts and so much more.

Another way you can help:



The *My School* programme raises money for the beneficiaries you nominate without costing you a cent!

Sign up for a My School card at www.myschool.co.za or call them on 0860 100 445. If you already have a *My School* card, simply add Herschel to your list of beneficiaries.

The money Herschel receives from My School is always put to good use.

Lady Herschel 10th anniversary



The 10th anniversary of Lady Herschel, organised by Daphne Beames, saw more than 30 Old Herschelians gather at The Mount Nelson for a festive evening of laughter, friendship and celebration.



Announcements

ENGAGEMENTS:

CARKEEK – ROMBURGH. Kate Carkeek (2001) to Daniel Romburgh.

COX – BLAIR. Candice Cox (2001) to Aaron Blair.

DE SILVA – SIKUVI. Roxi de Silva (2002) to Kaveto Sikuvi.

DURRANT – McPHERSON. Alexandra Durrant (1998) to Jason McPherson, 7 January 2011

FERNANDES - KINGMA. Louisa Fernandes (1999) to Craig Kingma.

HACKER-WESSELS. Susannah Hacker (2000) to Phil Wessels.

JENNER-CLARKE – GARROD. Louise Jenner-Clarke (2001) to Peter Garrod.

MORLEY – SEDDON. Lauren Morley (1999) to James Seddon.

NOWICKI - SHEPHERD. Zoshia Nowicki (1999) to David Shepherd.

STUBBS – BULLIVANT. Jessica Stubbs (2001) to Mark Bullivant.

MARRIAGES:

BIDEN – POPHAM-HOLLOWAY. Nicole Biden (1993) to Edward Popham-Holloway on 23 April 2011

BRADLEY - SIEBURG. Alison Bradley (1999) and Michael Sieburg, August 2010.

BRADSHAW – LANGE. Jenny Bradshaw (1995) to Richard Lange, on 24 September 2011 in St Andrews Church, Newlands.

BURNETT – LISTER. Mikaela Burnett (2000) to Neil Lister, in April 2011.

GORDON – LOW. Cailey Gordon (2000) to Mike Low.

HAYDEN – THORNBORROW. Tarryn Hayden (1997) and John Thornborrow, March 2011

HICKEY – DAMALIS . Joanna Hickey (2002) and Andreas Damalis, December 2010 in Stellenbosch.

ISMAIL – ESSA. Leila Ismail (2002) and Imran Essa on 21 March 2010.

KOHN – GOLDSCHMIDT. Lauren Kohn (2000) to Andrew Goldschmidt.

LUSCOMBE – PERRY. Leshane Luscombe (2000) to Bruce Perry.

MOODIE - TAYLOR. Juliette Moodie (1999) and Dale Taylor, December 2010.

STANLEY-SIMPSON. Caryn Stanley (2000) to Alistair Simpson

STEYNOR – GREENWOOD. Anna Steynor (1998) to Peter Greenwood, April 2011.

BIRTHS:

ALEXANDER. To Sarah-Jane (Morley,1998) and Will, a daughter, Jemima.

ALEXANDER. To Nicola (Wallace, 1993) and James, a son, Hugo Hartley, born 21 October 2010

ARZUL. To Katharine (Johnson, 1993) and Patrick, a daughter, Beatrix, in September 2010

BAILEY. To Lucy (Burns, 1987) and Jonathan, a son, Thomas, brother to Alice, on 8 March 2011.

BUCHANAN. To Jackie (Moore, 1993) and Malcolm, a daughter, Sarah Helena on 28 July 2010.

BURGESS. To Eva (Disler, 1989) a daughter, Jodie born on 29 April 2011, sister to Ella (9) in Sydney.

CAMPBELL. To Lindsay (Marx, 1991), a daughter, Dana on 23 March 2011

CURRIE. To Annabelle (Lawrence, 1993) and Dave, a daughter, Zoe Catherine, on 18 December 2010

DALLING. To Melanie (Rice, 1991) and David, a daughter, sister to Kate and Nicholas, October 2011.

DE VILLERS. To Catriona (Ross, 1991) and David, a daughter, Nina Ross de Villiers, on 24 August 2011.

GALLIET. TO Shanna (Pedersen, 1991) a son, Kai Daniel Pedersen Galliet on 21 September 2011.

HARDRES-WILLIAMS. To Antonia (Labia, 1998) and Gareth, a daughter, Amelie.

HOLDER. To Amy (Hudson, 2002) and Brennan, a son, Samuel, on 31 July 2011 at City Hospital in Dubai.

KATZ. To Sarah-Jane (Witter, 2000) and Lloyd, a daughter Hannah Jane.

KEERS. To Tessa (van der Burgh, 1993) and Greg, a daughter, Stella Penelope on 23 September 2010.

LUSCOMBE. To Jane (Boyes, 1989) a son, Thomas on 8 July 2011, brother to Jemma (grade 3 at Herschel) and Rourke .

McLEAN. To Robyn (Wynne, 1991), a daughter, Alice, on 5 March, sister to Beatrice.

MISPLON. To Katherine (Twycross, 1998) and Nick, a son, James.

OSMAN. To Lucie (Jeffery, 1997) and Jamie, a baby girl, Jemimah Ellen, on 28 February 2011, in London.

PEARCE. To Pippa (Kennedy, 1991) and Matthew, a baby boy Thomas James Pearce, 10 January 2011 at Constantiaberg. Brother to Nicholas and Sarah.

PLOWMAN. To Michaela (Wynne, 1998) and Hugo, a son, Oliver, 30 September 2011 in London.

ROBERTS. To Michelle (Bridgeman, 1998) and Graham, a daughter, Jodi.

SERRURIER. To Lindie (Dippenaar, 1997) and Marc, a daughter, Isabella Maria on 28 December 2009

SMIT. To Carin (Dippenaar, 1993) and Eugene, A boy, Christopher Joe on 21 December 2010.

SUDDING. To Nicole (Fasham, 2000) a daughter, Kaila Jade.

VAUGHAN. To Sarah (Ball, 2000) and Michael, a son, Phoenix Michael.

VONBUN. To Brigitte (Spence, 1998) and Roman, a daughter, Sienna.

WATT. To Nicola (Schonborn, 1993) and Dominic, a son, Oliver Hugo, on 13 January 2011, in London.

WILSON. To Hayley (Kohler, 1997) and Greig, a son, Callum James, on 19th August 2011

DEATHS:

ABDY. Susan (néé Ethelson, 1943), January 2011, in England, aged 84.

HART. Anne (néé Mair, 1953), March, 2011 in East London.

HENDERSON. Sheilah (néé Baxter, 1934) on 15 August 2011, aged 92.

SCAMVOUGERAS. Alvina (néé Thorne, 1952) on 28 April 2011.

TAYLOR. Gillian (1971) on 16 March 2011.

OBITUARIES:

ABDY Susan (nee Ethelston, 1943) died on 2 January 2011, in England. Susan graduated from UCT with a BSc in Geology and then went to work in London for the Iraq Petroleum Company, working on reports sent in by geologists in the field. She returned to Cape Town and worked in the Geology Department at UCT for a few years before returning to England where she married Tony Abdy. She leaves two sons and a daughter and five grandchildren. *Jane Ethelston, 1947 (sister to Susan)*.

HART Anne Molly (néé Mair, 1953) died on 19 February 2011, losing a 10 year fight against cancer. After leaving Herschel, she attended a secretarial college in London, before returning to work in a Johannesburg Mining House. She married Chris Hart in 1957 and they settled in Bedfordview, where they lived for 45 years, raising five children. Anne gave a lifetime of service to her community. She was very involved in school activities and spent nearly 20 years in the Girl Guide movement, where she ran a Brownie pack, rose to District Commissioner and also Provincial Training Officer for Transvaal East. Another great interest was the welfare of mentally and physically challenged children. In 2005, she and Chris moved to Cove Rock, a country estate west of East London.

HENDERSON Sheilah (née Baxter, 1934) died on 15 August 2011 in Rondebosch at the age of 92. She attended Herschel, matriculating in 1934. Her family, however, have had a strong association with the school both before and after this time.



Sheilah was born in 1918, the 5th of the six children of William Duncan Baxter and his wife, Ethel (née Jagger) in Wynberg, Cape Town. Her father was the Mayor of Cape Town (1907-08) and a Member of the Union Parliament for the Progressive Party. A businessman and philanthropist, he is probably best remembered for the Baxter Theatre, built thanks to a bequest he left to the University of Cape Town for a theatre, upon his death in 1960.

Sheilah's maternal grandfather was John William Jagger, also a prominent Capetonian. He was a successful merchant, Member of Parliament (1905-29) and Cabinet Minister. JW Jagger gave generously to educational causes his whole life. It was a result of a loan, later converted to a gift, to the English Church Schools Foundation that Herschel came into being and was founded in 1922.

Three of the four granddaughters, Mary, Jean and Sheilah, were educated at Herschel. Moira, the youngest, attended the school for a short while before she was taught at home by a governess. Mary, the eldest daughter, was amongst the 1922 entry, and head girl in 1930.

The Baxter family grew up at "Balgay" and "Highlands" in Wynberg. The happiest years of Sheilah's childhood were while they were living in "Highlands". She recalled the children sleeping on balconies similar to the boarder's balconies some of the Old Herschelians remember. Sheilah's early years at Herschel were as a day girl. In 1930, the family moved to "Lourensford" in the Somerset West valley and Sheilah, the youngest of the three still attending Herschel, had to board in Claremont in order to continue at Herschel. She didn't enjoy boarding and missed the country life on the farm.

In 1935, she spent a gap year in London at Queensgate College. When war broke out, she did volunteer work in Cape Town and then signed up for the coast guard in 1942, much against her father's wishes. Shortly after leaving school, Sheilah was both secretary and treasurer of the Old Herschelians' Association for a year at a time, maintaining her connection with the school.

Once the girls had left school, the family moved back to Cape Town and lived at Duntaw off Rhodes Drive. The family was particularly musical, and Sunday evenings at Duntaw took the form of a casual supper, followed by musical entertainment from the family. Sheilah was the least musical, and given the task of turning the pages for her father who played the piano. She did, however, sing in Herschel's first choir.

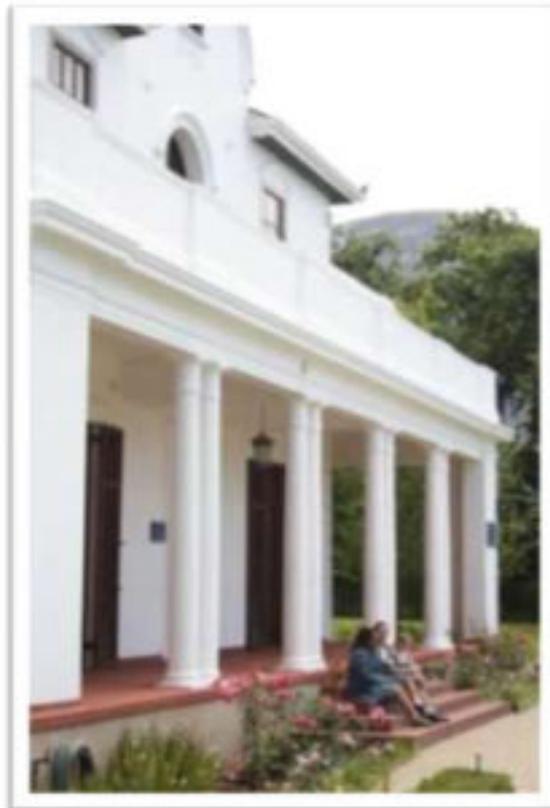
Sheilah and her husband Sandy Henderson met in 1946, shortly before the wedding of Sheilah's sister Moira to Sandy's brother, Jerry. A whirlwind courtship followed and 3 months later they became the second Mr and Mrs Henderson. Sandy had been a Prisoner of War in Germany for nearly 5 years, and following their marriage, he left the Royal Navy and the couple began fruit farming in the Elgin area on the farm "Arieskraal". They had 4 children, a son Duncan and three daughters Jean, Helen and Hilary. All three girls attended Herschel as boarders from the late 1950's till the early 70's, at the same time as their cousins Mosa Henderson and Janet Gant. Sheilah used to travel in from Elgin at the drop of a hat to watch the girls participate in any school event. Her favourite was the Carol Service, which she and Sandy used to record for Miss Sweet on their reel to reel tape recorder.

After retiring, Sheilah and Sandy moved to Cape Town and lived in Newlands. By this time they had become grandparents to John and Mary Henderson (Duncan's children) and Jenny and David Bradshaw (Jean's children). Both Mary and Jenny continued the family tradition and attended Herschel, and Sheilah was a very active grandmother. She proudly attended numerous concerts and sports functions that both Mary and Jenny participated in, and took great delight at once again attending the Carol Services as both Mary and Jenny were active members of the choir, still under Miss Sweet. In 1992, the Baxter Library, so named after her father who was a generous benefactor, was converted into the current Chapel, and Sheilah was asked to open the new Baxter Resource Centre. At that time, offspring of William Duncan Baxter were in all the standards in the Senior School.

She boasted that she was the only one of the four Baxter daughters who had an unbroken tradition of three generations matriculating from Herschel, and was waiting for a great granddaughter to keep this up. Let's hope that this dream is fulfilled.

She is survived by Duncan, Jean, Helen and Hilary, four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

TAYLOR Gill (1971) At our 40th we were so proud that the whole class was still 'alive' but unfortunately Gill Taylor died on the 15th March in her sleep. She had her first stroke at about 29 years old and a few more thereafter, so her life was a struggle. Her parents took care of her while they were alive, and her 2 sisters Rosemary (1967) and Jocelyn (1972) have been amazing to her. We are so thrilled to have shared time with her at our reunion and she loved all the familiar faces, the old photos and chatter around her. Life can be so short so let's enjoy every day that we have. *Sally Silberbauer*



News:

Chloe ABBOTT (1999) has just moved back to Cape Town after living in London for the last seven years. Whilst there, she lived with Caroline BOYES (1999) and Jade ECCLES (1999). She has recently completed her Post Graduate Certificate in Education (Foundation Phase) carrying out her practical at Bishops Preparatory School. She can't wait to start teaching!



Alex ADAMS (now Watson, 1973) is our new **Chairman of Council**. She was a boarder at Herschel for her Senior School years and during her matric year she was Head of the Boarding House, House Captain of Jagger, and captain of the swimming and squash teams. After studying at UCT and completing her accounting articles, she qualified as a Chartered Accountant. She has been involved in the education of accountants at the University of Cape Town since 1982. She is now Professor of Accounting at UCT.

She plays an active role in both technical financial reporting issues as well as education issues at the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants. Alex is also an independent non-executive director of two companies listed on the JSE. She is married to John, who is an attorney, and has a daughter, Jane, who matriculated from Herschel in 2002 and has also qualified as a Chartered Accountant, and a son, Rob, who is a final year post-graduate law student.

Shân ADAMS (now Biesman-Simons, 1972) is a registered dietician, and has been the director of nutrition and education at The Heart and Stroke Foundation for over 20 years. She also has a private practice in Claremont, Cape Town. Her fields of expertise are eating disorders and disorders of lifestyle. She is the consulting dietician at Montrose Place and Montrose Manor, extended care retreats for addiction treatment. (*Longevity Magazine, Oct/Nov 2011*).

Jacqui ALING (1988) is married to Nick Chadwick and has two beautiful daughters, Ella (4) and Olivia (1). She works at St George's Grammar school in Mowbray as a remedial therapist.

Jenny ANDERSON (now Zatta, 1979) sends greetings from the Gold Coast, Australia. Jenny and her husband, Mario, left SA in 2007 on a sponsored skilled visa. In July this year they were granted Australian Citizenship and are now officially Wallabies supporters! Jenny runs a pet caring business and cares for all animals from fish to horses (and even reptiles) when their owners are away. She was inspired to start her business after experiencing first-hand the trauma her dog went through whilst in quarantine for 7 months. Her son turns 21 this year and is studying business at Griffith University. They absolutely love the carefree lifestyle that Australia offers.



In the photo: Jenny and Mario celebrating 24 years of marriage.

Elizabeth BAKER (now Meinert, 1983) lives in Constantia and has a daughter, Katharine in Grade 8 at Herschel. She enjoyed the OH mum's breakfast and the 10 year anniversary of Lady Herschel at the Mount Nelson in November.

Jackie BATCHELOR (now Wilensky, 1982) is married to Gavin and they have three kids - a son, Jesse (16) at Bishops and two daughters, Jemma (12) and Samantha (8), who are both at Herschel.

Sonya BESTER (now Mondry, 1983) attended the OH mum's breakfast in September and is a regular at the Lady Herschel evenings. She has three children: Michael (11) and Jonathan (10) at SACS and Anastasia (8) at Herschel.

Norma BETTISON (now Morrell, 1952) and her husband, David, live in Hermanus. Over the years Norma has enjoyed her involvement in the The Fernkloof Nature Reserve where she has particularly enjoyed assisting with the annual Flower Show. She is also kept busy with the flower arranging in their lovely local church of St.Peters.

Zoë BEYERS (2000) has had huge successes overseas and earlier this year was back in SA for a concert tour giving seven concerts in 13 days to promote her debut CD. Zoë received a scholarship for London's Royal College of Music where she took her MMus degree. Her career soared with numerous recitals and performances as a chamber musician with several top ensembles in the UK.



She is an associate leader of the prestigious City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and also has several solo engagements each year in Europe. She was quoted in *The Cape Times* (Monday 21 February 2011): *"I absolutely love being in the orchestra and I love leading it. Moving really far away from being a soloist has brought me such fulfilment. I feel passionate about this path I'm on, wherever it may take me."*

Jill BORRELLI (now West, 1952) is still in her home in Naples. An old friend is on hand to assist her with her e-mail and she just loves hearing from any of her classmates.

Justine BOTHA (2004) completed her Business Science Finance Degree and Post Graduate Diploma in Accountancy (GDA) at UCT. She passed her Board Exam in 2010 and is now in her second year of articles with KPMG in Cape Town.

Alison BRADLEY (1999) is currently living and working in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam where she serves as the Vice President of Brown Lloyd James, a global public affairs firm that is based in New York with branches in London, Washington D.C., Doha, and Ho Chi Minh City. After graduating from New York University in 2004 with a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism and Mass Communication, Alison moved to Ho Chi Minh City for two years where she taught English and wrote for international travel magazines. She then returned to New York where she built a career in international public relations, specifically handling public diplomacy endeavors between China and the United States. She regularly travels between the U.S., Asia, and South Africa. She was married in 2010 to Michael Sieburg, an American native who is now working at an international consulting firm in Ho Chi Minh City.

Virginia BROCK (now Meerberg, 1952) is happily settled in a lovely retirement home in Kenilworth.

Leila BRUCE (2009) is in her second year of Architecture at UCT.

Sheenagh BRUCE (2004) attained her Masters Degree in City and Regional Planning at UCT in 2010. She is now an assistant town planner for the Municipality of Oudsthoorn. She would welcome contact from any Old Herschelians in the area. sheenaghbruce@gmail.com

Caryn BUCHANAN (now Ross-Innes, 2000) graduated with a PhD from Cambridge University this year. The title of her thesis is "Genomic approaches to understanding oestrogen receptor alpha biology in breast cancer".



Lucy BURNS (now Bailey, 1987) is a busy mom to Alice and Jonathan. Alice will be starting her time at Herschel next year in the Cuddly Kittens class. Alice is the granddaughter of Di Burns, past OHA secretary, and the daughter of Lucy, past pupil, OHA committee member and ex teacher!

< Jonathan and Alice

Tiffany BYERS (now Lumley, 1991) lives in Cape Town with her husband, Greg, and almost 3 year old, Jordan. She is Campaign Manager at a digital agency and has her own children's photography business www.shots-of-tots.co.za.

Ariella CAIRA (2004) and the award-winning all-girl band Sterling EQ performed at a concert which had the Herschel Theatre bursting with the sound of their electronic instruments. They spoke to the Herschel pupils about the importance of following their dreams and working hard to achieve those dreams. Ariella, the band's cellist, is seen here with pupils after the show.



Shona COMMINS (now Andreas, 1982) is married to Ralph and they have two children. Their daughter, Nicola, is at Herschel in Grade 11 and their son, Ryan, is at Bishops in Grade 9. Shona is a relief teacher at both Herschel and Bishops prep schools in Grades 4 to 7. She says "I would never have imagined that so many years later I'd be back in my old classroom as a teacher and teaching some of my friends' children. It has been a lovely way to rekindle old friendships and have contact again with good friends from our past, happy school days."

Joanna CRUSE (2003). In 2006, Jo completed a B.Com in Politics, Philosophy and Economics at UCT. In March 2010, after brief stints in journalism and marketing/communication, Jo joined the Democratic Alliance (DA) as Chief of Staff to the party's Parliamentary Leader, Athol Trollip MP. This role involves developing and managing the political programme and communication for the DA's leader in Parliament. From March to May 2011, Jo moved to Johannesburg to run the DA's mayoral campaign in the City of Johannesburg for the recent local government elections. When she's not politicking, Jo enjoys horse riding and has also started to compete in sprint triathlons with the Atlantic Triathlon Club.

Jennifer DE VILLIERS (now Crombie, 2002) is married to a fellow medical classmate, and Westerfordian, Kenneth Crombie and they spent the past two years in Pietermaritzburg, KZN, doing their medical internship. They are returning to Cape Town in 2012 to do their Community Service year and will probably settle down in Cape Town for the foreseeable future.



Lindie DIPPENAAR (now Serrurier, 1997) is an attorney at Adams & Adams in Pretoria. She has a gorgeous daughter, Isabella. Her sister, Carin DIPPENAAR (now Smit, 1993) is living in San Francisco with her husband Eugene and their son Christopher.

< Isabella

Susan DOWDLE (1974), who lives in Melbourne, and her husband, Stephen, visited Herschel in November. They met Bruce Probyn and enjoyed a tour of the school. Sue has many fond memories of her time at Herschel – she was The Head of Rolt in 1974. *“I did so enjoy our tour of my ‘old’ school which is now a very impressive and state of the art school. I look forward to visiting again in 2012 for our 40th reunion.”*



Karen DUDLEY (1985), who was Head Girl in 1985, was surprised and honoured to be visited by Michelle Obama in her restaurant, The Kitchen, in Woodstock. The First Lady and her entourage were served lunch in Karen’s deli during their visit to Cape Town in June 2011.

Alex DURRANT (1998) and Jason McPherson got engaged on Friday, 7 January 2011, whilst on holiday in Cape Town. They are getting married exactly a year later, in Cape Town on Saturday, 7 January 2012. Many Old Herschelians from the class of 1998 will be attending the wedding. Alex has been living in Johannesburg for 6 years now. She is the co-founder of The Ridout Group, a specialist middle, senior and executive search and recruitment company. Alex visits Cape Town at least every 6-8 weeks for work and, of course, to see family and friends.

Hayley DUTTON (1998) is living in London and is working as an occupational therapist at Guy’s Hospital. She is looking forward to her wedding in Cape Town in March 2012.



Nicky ECKSTEIN (now Dillon, 1986) is training for the 250 km Ultra Marathon in Nepal in November 2011. It is part of the Racing the Planet Series. As part of her training, she has already run and completed the Two Oceans, Three X and Comrades Marathons this year. She completed the Comrades in 9 hours and 20 mins, coming 217th out of the women runners and 73rd in her age group. She is running in aid of the Operation Smile charity, which facilitates surgery for children with cleft palates. Follow her on www.nickysmilesforsmiles.com

Alison EDMUNDS (1988) is married and has two girls. She lives in London.

Lauren ELLIOT (2000) and her fiancée have moved from London to Singapore and are getting married in January 2012 in Franschoek. On the sporting side, Lauren ran her first two full marathons - London and then Berlin.

Vicky FARQUHAR (1977) writes “After school I worked and travelled for a few years, and then did a BA in languages at UCT. I am happily single and still living in Wynberg. My son, Matthew has just turned 21. I have worked at home since he was born running a small decoupage business. I took a break from decoupage to do a diploma in therapeutic reflexology and massage, intending a change career, but have decided to go back to decoupage and am in the process of starting the business up again.”



Tammy FARRELL (2002) won the ‘New Beauty of Triumph’ South Africa 2011. She is the spokesperson for Triumph. She also passed her GDA this year.

Tracy FOULKES (now Raphaely, 1988) is happily married and living in Cape Town with husband Paul, and sons Joseph (4 yrs old, born 6 Sep 2007) and Adam (18 months, born 4 March 2010). Together, Paul and Tracy run their company, NoMU Brands which is going from strength to strength producing beautiful food products for the South African and Export markets, as well as a large range of private label products for South Africa’s favourite food retailer. In 2010, Tracy received the Business Woman of the Year Award in the Entrepreneur Category. www.nomu.co.za



Dawn GARISCH (1975) is a medical doctor and also a widely published novelist and poet. She has had a short play and a short film produced. Her 2010 novel, *Trespass*, was nominated for the Commonwealth Prize in Africa. She published a non-fiction work and poetry collection called *Difficult Gifts* in 2011.

Susannah GEORGE (now Farr, 1993) heads up an NGO called ‘Gold Peer Education Development Agency’, which makes a positive impact on the lives of teenagers in Sub-Saharan Africa. She lives in Cape Town with her husband and 2 year old daughter, Karabo.

Felicity GILL (now Corbin-Wheeler, 1957) lives in Europe and has a home in Portugal as well as the Channel Islands. She has fond memories of her class reunion a few years ago. She was in Buzz McCarthy and Debbie Kipps’ class, but left at 15 to finish her education in England. She is currently teaching *Get Well - Stay Well* courses around the world. She wrote a book called *God’s Healing Word* about healing cancer, which she did in 2003. Chemical pollution from pesticides and fertilizers had got into the well water supply at her French farmhouse and she lost her 20 year old daughter to cancer. So when she was diagnosed, she chose to heal on laetrile which worked brilliantly and the tumour calcified and died within 8 months. She is in Florida this year training with 30 others from around the world to become Hippocrates Health Educators.



www.felicitycorbinwheeler.org

Barbara GORDON BAGNALL (now Freer, 1974) and her husband, Dave have left South Africa, and are living on a small island off the north coast of Tasmania, Australia. *"Flinders Island is in the roaring 40's so the wind blows, but we are trying to live a self-sufficient lifestyle, growing all our own veggies, catching our own fish, squid, perlemoen, crayfish etc. We still buy coffee, chocolate and cleaning stuff of course! We have already made a couple of good friends in this calm and peaceful backwater, and Dave continues to write Science Fiction/Fantasy books that are published in the USA. Our older son, Paddy, brought his fiancée and all her family to the island and had their wedding here, and they have returned to Rhodes where he is finishing his BSc Hons in Physics and Computer Science. Our younger son, James, is completing his BSc in Maths and Physics at Rhodes this year.*

Kathryn GROBLER (2000) qualified as a doctor at the University of Cape Town and is now a Medical Officer at a day hospital in Athlone.

Nicole GROBLER (2002) graduated from the University of Cape Town with an LLB and is currently doing her articles at MacGregor Stanford Kruger in Cape Town.

Jenny GROVE (now Weeks, 1952). Since being widowed, Jenny has continued to run the family farm in Wiltshire. She keeps in close touch with Erica Brelsford (now Telfer), Rowena Pearce (now Seddon), and Wendy Francis (now Hewett). They each still have a huge common interest in Art and enjoy going to exhibitions together. Jenny's main enjoyment, however, is photography - to quote her *"Not like other people- just reflections!"*. Bird watching is her other passion and when she goes away it is to watch birds in migration.

Kate GROWSE (now Scott, 1993) lives in Cape Town with her husband, Ben, and children, Cameron (5) & Emma (3). She is the school psychologist at Western Province Prep School.

Victoria GULL (now Jacobs, 2002) is a Food Scientist and works at Orley Foods as their NPD Manager.

Liesl HALDANE (1986) is married and lives in Surrey. She has two children, Erika (5) and Samuel (3). They are at school (year 1) and pre-school and are both doing well. Liesl works as a commercial lawyer for Royal Mail and is doing commercial law including competition and regulatory work, data protection and contract work.

Susan HARDY (now Wellburn, 1988) has been living in Knysna for 7 years with her husband, Jeff and two children Savannah, 7 and Leighton, 4. Sadly, they are moving to Perth, Australia at the end of the year as Jeff has been offered a great work opportunity there. They plan to go indefinitely and return to RSA to grow old on a farm in the Karoo one day. Susan has been doing landscaping work for the past couple of years and thoroughly enjoys mountain biking in the Knysna forest and a refreshing, outdoor lifestyle. They have made the most wonderful friends in Knysna and plan to visit South Africa every year after their move.

Mandy HEEGER (2002) lives in Mahe, Seychelles and is the owner, photographer and film editor of Memento Media Seychelles. She has an Advanced Diploma in Film and Television Production.

Joanna HICKEY (now Hickey-Damalis, 2002) got married in December last year in Stellenbosch to Andreas Damalis. She is still living in Zambia and is running her own advertising agency.

Kerry HOFFMAN (now Oelz, 1986) runs a parent and toddler stimulation programme in Hout Bay for children from 12 months to 4 years old. She is really enjoying teaching again and it certainly keeps her busy along with her four children.



Bronwyn HORN (2009) was awarded the Vice Chancellor's award as one of the ten top W Cape students from the year of 2009 to attend UCT. She was also given the Dean of Humanity's award. She decided after a year in the BA programme that she longed for the creative side of her life and so changed to architecture in 2011.

Claire HOWSE (1989) is the Marketing Director of &Beyond. They run 46 luxury game lodges/reserves in Africa and India. Claire heads up the Marketing and Sustainability division of the company. She lives in Johannesburg, but spends more time commuting to Cape Town these days. She says she has no kids, but is the "serial godmother" of 6 fabulous little people.



Amy HUDSON (now Hudson Holder, 2002) and her husband, Brennan, are living in Dubai and welcomed their son on the 31st July at City Hospital in Dubai. His name is Samuel Holder.

Chanel HURLIN (2009) was a semi-finalist in the Miss Earth South Africa in 2011. She is involved in many eco-projects and is also a dancer, television presenter and actress.

Leila ISMAIL (now Essa, 2002) is a medical doctor, currently working at Groote Schuur Hospital in the Psychiatry Dept until the end of the year. She plans to specialize in Radiology. She married Imran Essa in March 2010. He is a lawyer at a law firm in Cape Town.



Johanna JACOBS (1999) completed an MBA with majors in strategy & general management at UCD in Ireland. After this she relocated to the Caribbean to work for her previous company, Digicel. This time the position was in Port Au Prince Haiti as Operations Manager. Digicel is the largest telecoms provider in the Caribbean & Central American region. Living and working in Port Au Prince, as you can imagine, is an experience like none other, especially after the devastating earthquake of 2010 that claimed over 300,000 lives.



Jessamie JARDIM (2007), a pianist, is currently completing her B.Mus degree at UCT. She was selected from over 50 aspiring musicians who auditioned to perform at this year's 40th annual Youth Music Festival presented by Artscape and the Cape Philharmonic Orchestra. Between practicing for five to seven hours a day, she enjoys hiking, baking, reading and socializing. She plans to spend a 5th year at UCT completing her Honours degree and then perhaps to Germany to do her Masters.

Alica-Azania JARVIS (2002) graduated in 2008, after three years at Edinburgh University and a year at the University of Pennsylvania. Since then, she has worked in New York and London. She currently lives in London, where she is a writer at *The Independent* newspaper.



Louise JENNER-CLARKE (2001) is a nutritional therapist and is the director of Nourish to Flourish. www.nourishtoflourishclinic.com . She is engaged to Peter Garrod.

Alice JOHNSON (2002) lives in Somerset West and works for WWF South Africa. She is the Programme Officer in the Fisheries and Aquaculture Programme.

Ann KIM SUNG EUN (2010) is living in Switzerland and has settled into university there. She is studying at "Les Roches International School of Hotel Management" in Bluche, near Sierre, in the French speaking part of Switzerland! She has chosen to study French as part of her course and is hoping to be fluent after two years on the course. All her lecturers speak French and she speaks to all the locals in French too (since many of them do not speak a word of English).

Lauren KOHN (now Kohn Goldschmidt, 2000). The past 2 years have been particularly exciting for Lauren. In January 2010, her partner of 7 years, Andrew Goldschmidt (also an attorney) proposed. They travelled to Italy together for 3 weeks to celebrate in July 2010 and tied the knot in March of this year at a very special, intimate celebration at Buitenverwachting. The Herschel chorale sang beautifully during the ceremony adding a particularly special touch! On the professional front, Lauren has been practising as an attorney at Webber Wentzel in the Public Law field. Her practice spans a wide variety of areas including administrative law, constitutional law, procurement law and regulatory law in several fields (including health care, clinical trial advice and pharmaceuticals; tobacco products control; construction; water; electricity & land-based transport). Lauren has been particularly involved in advising the City of Cape Town on various issues in relation to the implementation of the Bus Rapid Transit System (the MyCiTi buses) and she represented the City as an interested party in a bus licensing dispute before the Transport Appeal Tribunal. Lauren also served on a team of experts to advise Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality on the legal implications of a project to supply potable water through the desalination of sea water. In 2010 Lauren acted for the City in the largest valuation dispute in Cape Town's history, which concerned the valuation of the V&A Waterfront for rates purposes as at 2 July 2006. Lauren has been involved in the drafting of various Policies at local government level and assisted in the drafting of both the Namibian and Angolan tobacco products control legislation. Lauren recently presented a seminar to over 100 delegates on fronting in the procurement law context and the landmark Constitutional Court judgment of *Viking Pony*. During her 4 years at Webber Wentzel, Lauren has had 6 legal articles published in *Without Prejudice*, the Law Journal. She has also been quoted in the Sunday Argus (April 2010) advising on the constitutionality of the City's Problem Building By-law. In 2012 Lauren will be pursuing her Masters in Law after which she is aiming to begin her career at the Cape Bar as an Advocate.

Jacqueline KOLBE (1985) was featured in the Cape Times *Career Times* in September this year. She is a successful hat designer and owner of the Jacqueline Kolbe Millinery in Salt River. She designs and makes hat and headwear for private clients for weddings and special occasions. She also designs and makes hats for the film and advertising industry. www.jacquelinekolbe.co.za



Liz LACEY (1973) has been invited by the dti. to go to Milan and exhibit at the A.F. Artigiano in Fierra Milan, which should be extremely interesting. Liz and her husband are also in the middle of designing, making and installing a huge project in Ghana for a 5 star spa. Seidelberg, the wine farm where their glass blowing studio is located, is undergoing a huge transformation by the new owner with a new restaurant, a hand-made chocolate factory and lots more in the pipe line.

Annabelle LAWRENCE (1993) has recently resigned from Investec, where she worked in the London, Johannesburg and Cape Town offices over the course of 12 years. She is married with a 1 year old baby (Zoe), and has recently re-located from Johannesburg to Stellenbosch.

Louise LOMBERG (now Sims, 1998) is an accountant and is living in London.

Cam MACINTOSH (now Shackleton, 1993) lives in Kirstenhof, where she runs 'Moo-moo Kids', a children's clothing range. She has 2 children.

Fiona MACSYMON (now Henderson, 1964) writes from Australia: *"Geography lessons with special teacher Mrs Brownell prompted me to be drawn to Australia which has been my adopted homeland since 1978. I have lived on the land for over 30 years and have been lucky to bring up 6 healthy, gorgeous kids who have nearly all flown the nest! During that time of child-focused work, I also studied and gained two bachelor degrees in social work and welfare. By the time my littlest one attained school age, I was ready to enter into the paid workforce working mainly with families and children who are at risk of harm or are in foster care...challenging but rewarding work. There have been periods of music teaching and singing but hard to maintain when you are so far from the city and have lots of children to care for. Australia has been very good to me - I love it here - but miss my home, family and friends in South Africa. Anybody in the vicinity of Canberra and needing a bed is welcome to call 0428 145 396."*

Lindsay MARX (now Campbell, 1991) is in the process of setting up her own business – Onie: Graphic and Web Design.

Emma McADAM (1999) is currently working as an Account Director at CLE Communications, a boutique PR agency in Cape Town. She has just moved to Noordhoek and she loves the lifestyle.

Alexandra MEYER (2006). While studying Fine Art at Stellenbosch University, Alexandra attended the Alliance Francaise. Having graduated with the Fine Arts Degree last year, she decided to spend a year in France to soak up the French culture and learn more of the language. In January this year she set off for Paris, where she au-paired and attended a language school. She is enjoying France so much that she applied to the Jean Moulin 3 University in Lyon and was accepted for the Masters Degree in Global Cultural Studies. She has just moved to Lyon.

Olivia MITCHELL (1998) runs The Ladle cooking school in Greyton. She has worked in top kitchens like La Petite Ferme, where she was recognised as one of SA's top chefs. She has spent the last few years exploring, including working at Delhi's prestigious Taj Mahal Hotel, making wine for her father's Greyton label (Andy Mitchell Wines), being a beer-making apprentice in Napier and distilling limoncello. The Ladle, is a hands-on cooking school where you will learn and enjoy yourself tremendously.

Anda NGANI (1993) lives in Johannesburg where she runs her own communications business, AN Communications, and is raising her 2 year old daughter, Mihle.

Zoshai NOWICKI (1999) is a professional actress living in London. She is engaged to David Shepherd. They are looking forward to their wedding in Cape Town in March 2012.



Nicky NEWTON-KING (1984), who was Deputy Chief Executive of JSE Limited for 8 years, is now the Chief Executive, becoming the first woman to run this 123 year old institution. She joins the ranks of other female executives, including Maria Ramos at ABSA, Cynthia Carroll at Anglo American and Nonkululeko Nyembezi-Heita at ArcelorMittal South Africa. Nicky graduated from Stellenbosch with a BA LLB and in 1994 completed her LLM degree with first class honours at Cambridge.

While at Cambridge, while specializing in corporate finance, securities regulation and administrative law, she was awarded the Foundation Scholarship for academic achievement from Queen's College.

She joined the law firm Webber Wentzel Bowens to specialize in the financial services industry and while there, began advising the JSE, helping to reinforce the exchange's rules and listing requirements. In 2003 she was one of three South Africans selected to be on the World Economic Forum's list of 100 Global Leaders for Tomorrow (*Sunday Times* 27 March 2011).

Sarah OLIVER (2010) was one of four young South Africans selected to attend the President's Award's International Gold Event in Kenya in September. This is the premier youth leadership summit of the Award, which operates in 130 countries around the world.

Before flying off to Kenya, where the delegates also participated in service projects at township and rural schools, Sarah Oliver took time to address girls at her alma mater, Herschel Girls School. She spoke with passion and insight about her volunteer work at Maher, a home for women and children in India. Sarah, who is spending her gap year doing volunteer work, is involved in several organizations dedicated to creating peaceful and compassionate societies through education and self-development.



Kate O'NEILL (now Ovendale, 1989) is moving to Cape Town from Johannesburg and is hoping that some space opens up for her daughters at Herschel for next year.

Margie ORFORD (1982), described as "the queen of South African thrillers", writes a weekly column in the Cape Times. *The Female of the Species* is Margie's weekly take on crime and crime writing and the quirkiness of life in general. She is the author of the Clare Hart series *Like Clockwork*, *Desert Rose* and *Daddy's Girl*. The series, published by Jonathan Ball, has been translated into 9 languages and *Blood Rose* is being developed into a film. Her latest crime thriller, *Gallows Hill*, will be published later this year. She is an award-winning journalist, the author of several non-fiction books, including *Climate Change* and *Rural Voice*, and a children's author.



Margie was a Fulbright Scholar. While in New York in 1999 on the Fulbright Scholarship, she worked on the ground-breaking archival retrieval project *Women Writing Africa*. She also compiled *15 Men: Words and Images from behind bars*, a collection of writing by men she led in a nine-month creative writing workshop in Groot Drakenstein Prison in 2007-2008. Margie is the patron of Rape Crisis in the Western Cape and of the Little Hands Trust. She is also executive vice-president of South African PEN. (*Cape Times*, 28 February 2011)

Louise PARK-ROSS (2002) is the Head Designer at GOOD Clothing.

Alex PATTISON (2000) is working for a company called Scan Display Solutions who won the tender, in a joint venture with Interactive Africa, for the COP 17 Conference in December 2011 and they are all working on greening solutions to ensure this project does not have a big carbon footprint and brings to light more about being “greener” to the public and the delegates who are attending from around the world. She has been working at Scan for a year now as their Relationships Manager. This conference is one of the biggest she has ever worked on having a value of over R35 Million.

Sarah PENNY (1987) published her third book *The Lies We Shared* in 2011. Her first book and travelogue, *The Whiteness of Bones*, was published in 1997. Her first novel, *The Beneficiaries*, was short-listed for the 2003 Sunday Times Fiction Prize. She was educated at UCT and Rhodes University, before completing a MLitt in Creative Writing at St Andrews University in Scotland. She lives in London with her husband and two children and is the creative writing tutor at Brunel University. She has been writing a children’s wildlife series and doing a research project in Langa. (*Cape Times*, 25 March, 2011)



Camilla with Amelia at 6 months ^

Camilla PETERSEN (1993) completed her BComm degree at the University of Western Australia in Perth, and then qualified as a Chartered Accountant with Price Waterhouse. She worked for them in Perth and Melbourne before moving to London, where she now works as a Management Consultant. Her daughter, Amelia, was born in October last year, and she now juggles full time work and motherhood, which keeps her on her toes! She still has very strong ties to South Africa – her family are wine farmers and horse breeders so she loves visiting their beautiful farms near Robertson. They try to get back to Cape Town once a year and visited most recently in June for Amelia to be christened at the same church in Newlands where Camilla was baptised. “*I loved my time in the boarding house at Herschel (20 years ago now!) and I hope that Amelia also has the opportunity to enjoy the wonderful array of experiences that Herschel has to offer as she grows older.*” Camilla has put Amelia’s name down at Herschel for Grade 8 in 2024!

Kylie PETTIT (2008) and her gorgeous local thoroughbred, Aliwal Road (that she has had since her school days), won the 1m45 Riders Grand Prix – a truly amazing accomplishment, as she was up against 38 of the country’s top riders and horses.



Jill PHILIP (now Eckstein, 1962) her daughters Nicky Eckstein (1986) and Dee Blackie went to see the Mountain Gorillas in the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, in Uganda, in September this year. One can only see them by walking which is up and down at 2400m but Jill says the effort was well worth it, as they are amazing animals and there are only 700 gorillas left in the world.

Luca POOLE (2008) moved to California directly after matriculating in 2008 and enrolled in a community college where American students, who either did not get into a university or cannot afford to go to one, have the opportunity to take university transferable classes for the first two years of a four year degree. She completed her first two years of study at a community college with a 4.0 GPA (An American aggregate for all As). In November 2010, she applied to several Californian universities for third year and with these grades she was accepted to all the universities she applied to, including UCLA and Berkeley. She started at Stanford in September 2011 as a third year psychology major. Stanford has the number one ranked psychology program in the U.S.



"I can decidedly state that Herschel has played a key role in the achievement of these university selections. Within its warm and happy environment, Herschel prepared me for an international education. I often think back fondly on all the happy memories at Herschel, the laughter ringing down the red-tiled halls, walking with arms linked down to Eucharist at St. Saviors, and the close bonds that I shared with both teachers and friends alike. So, thank you Herschel for these memories and the pivotal role you have played in my life in getting me where I am today."

Jenny RATCLIFFE (now Ratcliffe-Wright, 1992) is the editor of *winestyle* magazine – SA's new quarterly glossy coffee table styled guide to great wine, delicious food, interesting travel and lifestyle. www.winestyle.co.za

Elena RISTA (now Smith, 1989) is living in Vancouver, Canada. She is married to Jason and they have two daughters, Sienna (age 8) and Zara (age 7). She has been working with her brothers and father in a family business called Walker Bay Boats for the past 13 years. Her husband, Jason, is in the technology industry. She writes *"2011 marks our 40th birthdays and 10th wedding anniversary and we have decided it's time to shake life up a little bit. So, we've both resigned and are taking the girls out of school for a year to go traveling around the world. We will be home schooling en route. We are leaving in September 2011 and for the most part we want to visit places that we haven't been to before. We will be starting our trip in Croatia and Turkey then Tanzania, Namibia and South Africa. It will be the first time for my daughters in South Africa. In the New Year we will head across to South America where my uncle is involved in building a school near Lima, Peru. Then up through Central America and maybe a stop in Hawaii on the way home to visit my brother. We plan to be back in Vancouver by summer 2012."*



Kim RIVALLAND (2005) is an Occupational Therapist living in Claremont. Over the past several months she has been working very hard as a finalist for *Miss Earth South Africa 2011*, focusing on glass and the health benefits of glass, community greening programmes, sustainable development and the importance of paper and forestry to climate change. President of LeadSA, Yusuf Abramjee, crowned this year's winners and Kim Rivalland took top awards.

As *Miss Earth South Africa*, Kim will focus on greening of townships, food gardens, sustainable development and educational programmes around the country. She says *"I aim to focus on sustainable development and being an ambassador for our country as we welcome the UN Climate Change conference to our shores this December. And I want to have a meaningful year that changes lives and leaves behind a green footprint that will allow more young people to grow, learn and develop a greener way of living."* After her year of reign, she will represent SA in the international *Miss Earth* Competition in South East Asia.

Michelle ROHLAND (now Cowie, 1988) is living in Surrey, England with her husband Dave and 3 children. She works for JPMorgan as a Technology Program Manager.

Victoria ROMBERGH(2002) has started a business called Photoganic. www.photoganic.co.za

Ingrid SCHUMER (now Macaskill, Head Girl 1952) *“The Matric Class of 1952 was very special and closely knit. We keep in touch through the proverbial grapevine, and when necessary send out messages of love and hope. The friendships we made have endured over the last sixty plus years and this to me is what Herschel is all about. We received a solid foundation through excellent teaching and guidance and have wonderful memories of happy school days”*. Ingrid is married to Don and they have five married children and eight grandchildren. Four of their children live overseas.

The class of 1952 take this opportunity of wishing Herschel a very happy 90th birthday. May the school continue to grow from strength to strength. *Ad Dei Gloriam.*

Cathy SEARLL (now Abraham, 1986) has 4 children aged 16, 14, 12 and 10. She lives in Noordhoek and is a busy wife, mother, artist etc. For more on the work she has been doing, have a look at her website www.cathyabraham.co.za . She is currently working on a show for Plettenberg Bay in December alongside another artist called Arabella Caccia.



Manya SGOUTAS (now Stamatopoulos, 1952) has been busy assisting her sons in the family business since she was widowed. In Athens, she is able to see a lot of her grandchildren and they all enjoy visits to their much-loved island of Sifnos.

Kerry SHERWOOD (now Swarts, 1997) is a Neurofeedback Practitioner at Brain Harmonics. www.brainharmonics.co.za . They treat imbalances in the frontal lobe of the brain, which affect focus, concentration, learning disabilities, OCD behaviours, addiction, cravings, impulse behaviours, ADD and ADHD.



Alex SMITH (1991) was a prizewinner in the Tafelberg-Sanlam Youth Literature competition for 2010 for her youth novel 'Agency Blue'. It has beautiful illustrations, and though she didn't do them herself, she is highly visual and worked a lot with the illustrator. She's passionate about encouraging reading in children and wrote a column on BookSA on the topic.



Alex won the coveted Booksellers Choice Award for 2010/2011 for her latest novel, *Four Drunk Beauties*, set in Iran. Alex has a MA from UCT and teaches Creative Writing online at The SA Writers College.

Heleen SOETERS (2001) has been living in Amsterdam for 3 years, and she loves it. She is busy doing a double research masters in Neuroscience and International Public Health at the University of Amsterdam and the VU University respectively. *“At the moment I'm mainly focusing on the International Public Health. I'm enjoying the more social side of science, as it's more applicable to the real world as the average person experiences it.”* She has no plans as yet about returning to Cape Town. *“Amsterdam is my home. I even have a cat! And if that's not being settled, then I don't know what is.”*



Anna SUMMS (now Bellairs, 1993) is living in Hout Bay, with her husband and 3 sons, Owen, August and Jasper.

Marion SWOBODA (1991) has been living in Hamburg now for 8 years and loves it. She is a food editor for a magazine called "*Brigitte*" which is like Fair Lady in S.A. She spends half the time in conferences brainstorming themes, writing recipes or travelling for stories and the other half in their testing kitchen, trying out the recipes and producing/food-styling for the magazine stretches. She keeps up to date with SA trends by reading the "*Food & Home*" magazines that her mum sends her.



Heather TAYLOR (now Taylor-Wauldron, 1990) has been running The Divas (www.thedivas.co.za) with her business partner for the past 2 and half years. They specialize in corporate, training and induction videos and their clients include Anglo American, Eskom, CSIR as well as some United Nations departments and Daniel J Edelman, UK.

Her son is now 12 years old and keeps her pretty busy between taking him to drama, horseriding and scouts. They live about 70kms outside of Johannesburg in a little village called Henley on Klip.

Heather is still in touch with some Herschelians from her year, including Diane Pentz, Cindy McPetrie, Laura Fitzpatrick, Bridget Kendal, Isabel Essery, Meredith Keegan and Samantha Sulston.

Nicolette TEMPLER (now Ross, 1973) went on the Wild Coast Meander in February from Kob Inn to Morgan Bay. *Beautiful scenery, cattle on the beach, a wonderful hike!* In March she visited her brother, Justin in Sydney, Australia. She visited Cairns, where she went diving on the Barrier Reef. She also visited Melbourne. She has two sons, Alistair who is almost qualified as a Chartered Accountant and Craig who is a qualified Copy Writer and works for a large advertising agency in Cape Town.

Alex TRENGOVE JONES (2000) has recently moved to Amsterdam, and is working for Blast Radius as a Project Manager.

Caroline TRUTER, (now De Villiers, 1993) has a successful tree nursery, 'Themba Trees' in Elgin, where she lives with her husband and 2 daughters, Ariane (5) and Anya (3). She won 'Farmer of the Year' in the Western Cape in the Forestry category this year.

Svetlana VASILJEVIC (now Milovic, 1993) is married with 6 children. They are no longer living on their cherry farm on the border of Chile and Argentina, having settled in Bosnia, although they visit their farm annually.

Ma'ayan VAN DER WESTHUIZEN (now Hamilton, 2002) lives in Constantia. She is married to Ian and is a full time mum to Seth (born in July 2010). She qualified as an Occupational Therapist at UCT in 2008.



Bertha VISSER (now Debres, 1988) works for Harcourt Real Estate in Bunbury as the office manager. She has been married to Gavin for 11 years and throws birthday parties for her dog!

Nicola WALLACE (now Alexander, 1993) lives in Oranjemund, Namibia, where her husband is employed by Namdeb as a geologist. Nicola graduated from UCT in December 2010 with an MPhil in Conservation of the Built Environment. She is presently self-employed as an architect specialising in heritage matters.

Helen WATSON (now George, 1969) is the manager of the media centre at The Centre of Science and Technology (Cosat), the science, maths and IT school in Khayelitsha.

Megan WALWYN (2002) is lecturing Financial management, Lodge Management and Events management at a Dutch-based university called Stenden South Africa in Port Alfred. She has been with them for 2 years and is currently completing an MBA in tourism. Stenden also has campus sites in Holland, Bali, Thailand and Qatar. Stenden mainly specializes in hospitality management.

Sarah WHITEHEAD (2003) graduated from UCT Medical School in 2010 and is currently doing her two year internship at Groote Schuur Hospital. She is still in contact with Cara DUMINY, Alice BROWN, Natassja KOEN and Tamyán JOSEPH.

Moira WOOLFORD (now Crookes, 1953) lived and worked in London in 1960, travelling the Continent and Scandinavia for about a year before coming back here. She married a dairy farmer from the Natal Midlands in 1966 and has there ever since. She loves Natal but is still a "Kaapenaar" at heart! She has two sons and 4 grandchildren. She writes "I remember The Hill, where the Herschel Prep School is now, when it belonged to Major Wilkes. I remember his one daughter, Rosemary, who was in the senior school when I started at Herschel. I was at Herschel for 12 years in all and lived just up the road from the school. I was taught by Hilary Harsant and Helen Botha-Reid in what was then called Lower and Upper Transition. Helen's sister, Betty Kincaid-Smith, is a great friend of mine and she lives in Howick near our farm. She tells me Helen is still going strong and lives in England." Moira attended the Last Night of the Proms at the Hilton Arts Festival and so enjoyed hearing the Herschel Choir perform. The last time she heard them sing was at her wedding in St Saviour's in 1966.

Michaela WYNNE (now Plowman, 1998) is living in London with her husband, Hugo and they are expecting their first baby (due in October 2011). Her mom, Jennifer BRIMBLE (now Wynne, 1960), recently visited her in London.

Hannah YOUNG (1993) lives in Cape Town, and works at ERM, as an environmental lawyer. She works with **Libby HIRSHON (1993)**.



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