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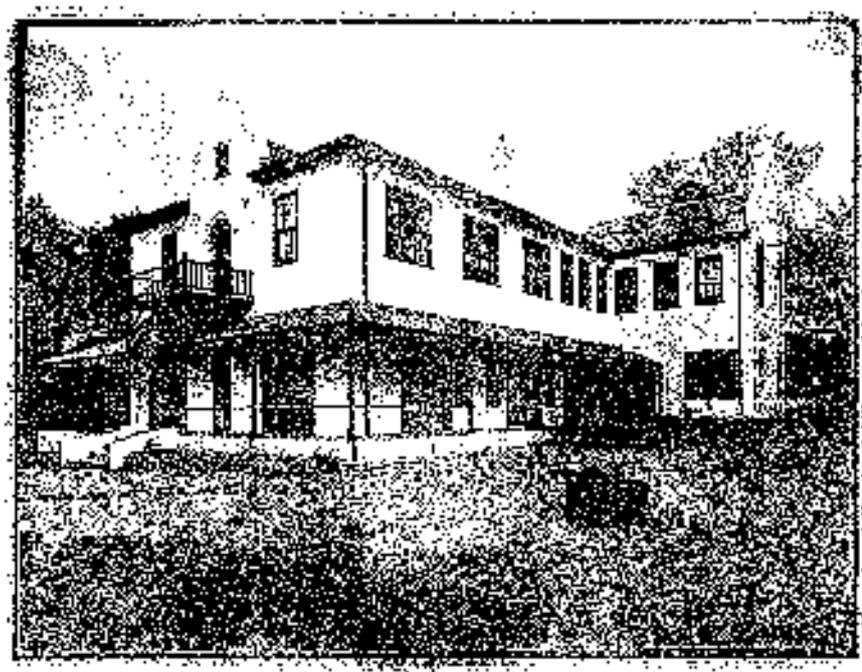
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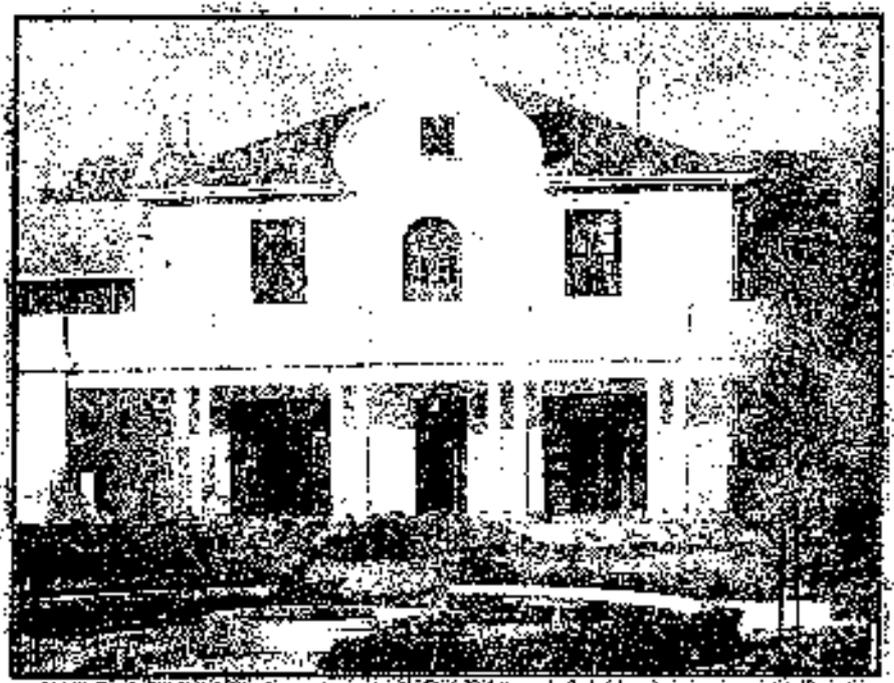
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December 2013



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## Dates to diarise

<b>Thursday 13 February 2014</b>	@18h00	<b>OHA Cocktail Party</b>	Tickets cost R30 Acceptances only to <a href="mailto:oha@herschel.org.za">oha@herschel.org.za</a>
<b>Friday 14 February 2014</b>	@11h00	<b>Founder's Day Service</b> at St Saviour's	Acceptances to <a href="mailto:oha@herschel.org.za">oha@herschel.org.za</a> before Friday 7 February
	@12h45	<b>AGM in the Dining Room:</b>	
	@13h00	<b>Lunch in the Mary Jagger Hall</b>	Acceptances to <a href="mailto:oha@herschel.org.za">oha@herschel.org.za</a> before Friday 7 February
<b>June 2014</b>	tba	<b>OHA Winter Dinner</b>	For all Old Herschelians, Staff and Friends of the school Cost R150 per person
<b>September 2014</b>	tba	<b>OH Mother's Breakfast</b>	For Old Herschelians who currently have daughters, granddaughters or nieces at Herschel
<b>NEW in 2014</b>	tba	<b>Golden Girls Tea</b>	For Old Herschelians who have celebrated their 50 year reunion

# Letter from the Head



Dear Old Herschellians

2013 has been a transition year for both Herschel and me. Transition and change, by their very nature, are complex and difficult and potentially stressful, particularly when the organisation is healthy, happy and significantly successful. I inherited an extremely happy, productive and indeed successful school from Bruce Probyn. His warm, relational leadership has created a disarmingly engaged and happy working environment for both girls and staff. Staff are empowered as professionals to get on with the job and to give academic excellence their clear priority.

I foolishly expected that it would take several months for the girls and staff to warm to a new head. I was wrong. From the moment I set foot on to this beautiful campus I was welcomed, acknowledged and given the space to be myself. It took all but one day for the matrices to get me to be a guest star in their very first matric video and it took an even shorter time for this remarkable school family to creep into my heart.

2013 has also been a year of remarkable success. The year began with Herschel being acknowledged as the top academic performer in the 2012 Western Cape's matric results. On the sporting front, 2013 has been a remarkable year. The hockey, netball and cross country first teams all won their respective Girl's Schools' competitions, the first hockey team won their league and we undertook a number of wonderful local tours that included the netball, hockey, tennis, waterpolo and basketball teams. Two girls were selected for the South African under 16 Hockey squad and two for the South African under 18 Waterpolo team to participate in a Tri-Nations Tournament in New Zealand at the end of the year.

Culturally we excelled in every arena. The Chorale and Choir gave outstanding performances of their work at St George's Cathedral, the Fusion a cappella group wowed audiences at their supper show, the drama department brilliantly produced the Shakespeare Review, a light-hearted celebration of the great bard's wit and dramatic flair, the forum team won the SACEE competition, and the creatively original house plays ended the third term on a high. We celebrated a tap dancer with two perfect scores in a recent dance competition, a young scientist with internationally acclaimed ground breaking BMI research and an environmental project that was featured by National Geographic; just to mention but a few prestigious achievements.

An amazing gift this year has been the new building project. The Aaron Searl Building is home to 6 new classrooms with state of the art facilities, a magnificent grade venue called the flex room and the cafeteria area that has already transformed the daily life of our girls and staff. We now have a brand new, magnificent theatre that seats the whole senior school with cutting edge audio-visual technology. The two new drama classrooms are well on their way to completion and we now have a magnificent, creative space that links the Atrium, Aaron Searl Building and the Theatre.

As the year hurtles to an end, it is right and fitting to pause and appreciate all the magic and wonder that is generated on the Herschel campus and applaud the staff for their profound investment and creative leadership. It is a remarkable school.

It has been a wonderful opportunity to meet many Old Herschellians who pop in to visit their school and revisit many memories. Please know that you are very welcome at any stage to visit and see the school that undoubtedly played a significant role in your lives and to marvel at some of the recent developments.

Joyanne and I wish you and your families a most blessed Christmas and New Year full of happiness and love.

Ad Dei Gloriam,

*Stuart West*

# Report from the Chairman of the OHA



This year brings some interesting new developments for Old Herschelians. First of all, we warmly welcome Stuart West as the new Head of Herschel. At his beautiful inauguration service in January he was also inducted as a lay minister and he, therefore, gave the address at the Founder's Day Service – a first in our Founder's Day history! The whole service was wonderful and Stuart was inspiring, amusing and, most importantly for the younger Herschelians, brief! The special ceremony of building the cross with roses by the Old Herschelians was moving – as always.

For the OHA the year began with our annual cocktail party. The evening was beautiful and warm – perfect for the outdoor venue. It was held on the Matric Lawn as the Archives was unavailable because of the building project. The cocktail party was well attended, despite it being Valentine's Day and it was lovely to have so many reunion groups join us too. It was a festive evening and fortunately we did not run out of wine this year!

At lunch the next day, we had reunions from 1963, 1973, 1993 and 2003 and we so enjoyed the entertaining and nostalgic reminiscences given by the appointed person from each reunion group. It was another delicious meal, joyful reunion of friends and celebration of our school to mark 91 years of "learning to make a difference"!

New to our OHA calendar is the Winter Dinner – an idea of Bruce Probyn's, which is now an annual event. The grand turnout meant that we needed a larger venue and what a lovely occasion it was. We enjoyed the warm and delicious winter fare, the company of friends and the moving address by the guest speaker, Tebogo Skwambane, Class of 1990. If you live close enough to attend or will be in Cape Town in June 2014, this is an evening not to be missed.

The Mother's breakfast in September brings together the ever-growing number of Old Herschelians with family attending the school from Little Lambs to Matric. It is another typically relaxed Herschel function that I always look forward to attending.

On an educational note: many people often ask me why Herschel does not write the National Senior Certificate (NSC) examinations set by the IEB (Independent Examinations Board) exams instead of those set by the Department of Education. This is a much-debated subject and one that the Heads of the private schools have spent hours on. The answer is simple: both examinations are based on the same curriculum and the candidates of both exams obtain the National Senior Certificate. Herschel's impressive academic record is one of the yardsticks for Education in SA and by writing the State-set examinations, we are supporting the national education system. Many of the Herschel teachers are examiners and markers and in this way are also contributing to the national system. In addition, the results obtained by the Herschel girls are enabling them to gain admission to the faculties of their choice and to continue to achieve in tertiary institutions. The school stretches the candidates beyond the expectations of the exit exam and also offers advanced-level subjects in subjects such as English and Maths that extend those who are able to attain greater levels of achievement.

As always, my advice to you if you would like your daughter, granddaughter or great granddaughter to attend this very special school, is to put her name down as soon as possible and never give up trying to get her in. Herschel just goes from strength to strength. My biggest dream right now is that my granddaughter will be at Herschel in Senior School.

P.S. No-one ever wants to be called "old" so... We are looking for a new name for the Old Herschelians Association. A small prize will be given to the winner. Please send in your suggestions to Prue Crawley [prucrawley@gmail.com](mailto:prucrawley@gmail.com) or Tania Johnstone [oha@herschel.org.za](mailto:oha@herschel.org.za)

♥ Farewell and thank you to Jennifer Wynn (Brimble) for her many years of dedicated service to the OHA. We are so grateful for all you have done for the committee and for our alumni.

*At the lunch*



Joan Dowling



Pamela Duff



Brendalyn Stempel



Rev Jo Tyers



Head Girl Lethu Ntshinga and prefect Joanne Hughes



Prefects Jennifer van Heerden and Celeste Renaud



Alicia Wilkinson



Stuart West  
Head



Shushi Hugo  
Harman and Patsy Allen



Lin Heidmann  
Head of Prep



10 year reunion



Prefects Mika Lapid and Julia Blöoli



Tara Thomson



Claire Lofthouse



Anita Gilmour



Kristina Miller

## OHA Winter Dinner



The OHA Winter Dinner is officially an annual event. Our second successful dinner was held in the Mary Jagger Hall in June 2013 and was attended by over 100 Old Herschelians and some "Old Boys" too. We were delighted to have a table of OD's join us for the evening and they certainly added to the festivities.

The guest speaker, Teboggo Skwambane, received a standing ovation after her address. She spoke from the heart about the lessons she has learnt on her journey from Herschel to where she is now.

Teboggo was the Deputy Head Girl at Herschel in 1990. She went on to study a BA in Political Science at Dartmouth College in the US and later became the first black South African woman to obtain a MBA from Harvard. She is an entrepreneur, strategist and consultant. She started her own business called North Road Consulting, which merged with the global firm, The Monitor Group, where she serves as the Managing Partner. She is a World Economic Forum Young Global Leader and attended Davos in 2012. She is also a Trustee of the development charity, Lonely Road Foundation:



Teboggo's message was inspiring. She challenged us to make bold and courageous choices, to value our education and invest in our children's, to open ourselves to those around us and learn from each other, to engage in cultural exchange, to recognize those who support and challenge us, to be grateful for all that we have and to acknowledge the responsibility we have to give back. She is passionate about South Africa, our *"beautiful and resilient country"*, and she is determined to make a difference, to help build a South Africa we can all be proud of.

Teboggo was invited back to Herschel in October as the Guest Speaker at the Senior School Prize Giving to share her message with the girls and particularly the school leavers of 2013.

## Lady Herschel

The popular Lady Herschel drinks evenings organised by Daphne Beames continue to draw a lively group of Old Herschelians on a regular basis. To join this group, e-mail [gilesnie@iatrixa.com](mailto:gilesnie@iatrixa.com)



# The Inauguration of Stuart West

< The new Head of Herschel, Mr Stuart West, was inaugurated by the Archbishop of Cape Town: Most Reverend Thabo Makgoba at St Saviour's on 21 January 2013. The girls enjoyed Herschel cupcakes as part of the celebration. >



*"Essentially it is in our hands to ensure that what we teach is worth learning for the future and will enable our students to live a good life in a complex, changing world."*

*~ Stuart West*

## Construction of The Aaron Searll Building and Renovation of The Theatre



New classrooms

The Atrium and Theatre are at the heart of the school and there is always a buzz of activity in this central area. This year, it has been a construction site and teachers and girls have had to compete with the buzz of the builders as they work to extend the Atrium and classrooms around it and to enlarge the Theatre to accommodate 500 seats.



The Theatre under construction



The school comfortably seated in the new theatre

## *The annual OHA Cocktail Party*



The verandah outside the Senior Dining Room overflowed onto the Matric Lawn with reunion groups, Herschel staff and many Old Herschelians enjoying a glorious summer evening together. There was plenty of food and wine and the cocktail party lasted until almost 10 pm.

*Old Herschelians*

# Herschel Bursary Fund

*"The future belongs to those who prepare for it today"*  
*~ African proverb*

The Herschel school fees are used to fund the running costs of the School.

Therefore, fund-raising is essential in order to ensure that the School has the facilities to continue to offer a world-class education, and to enable the School to offer a Herschel education to girls who meet the criteria for acceptance but whose parents cannot afford the fees.

While fund-raising for specific capital development projects takes place from time to time, there is a significant need to turn greater (and on-going) attention to boosting our Bursary Fund.

Our wonderful Old Herschelian charm is one way of raising funds for the Herschel Bursary Fund, which has been helping deserving recipients for a number of years.



Bursaries are based on merit and need. They may be awarded to girls from Grade 8 to 12 who have academic potential and whose character, interests and talents suggest they would benefit from the education offered by this School but who require financial assistance to enrol at the school or to continue their education at Herschel. All applications are submitted to the Bursary Committee.

Whilst our Herschel charm is just one fund-raising event, the Bursary Fund has on going needs.

If you would like to make a donation or bequest, however big or small, whether a once-off amount or a regular monthly payment, please contact Mrs Macy-Anne Posthumus at [mposthumus@herschel.org.za](mailto:mposthumus@herschel.org.za) or call her on 021 6707525. All donations are channelled to the fund through the Herschel Association which is a registered public benefit organisation; donors are entitled to a section 18A tax certificate. The Banking details are Herschel Association; First National Bank Claremont; Branch code 200109; Account No 50151103336; Ref Bursary Support.

*Thank you for being willing to make a difference, and helping Herschel create the future.*

## OLD HERSCHELIAN CHARM ORDER FORM

Please complete in full and email to [breyerley@therothmans.co.za](mailto:breyerley@therothmans.co.za) with your proof of payment.

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell No: \_\_\_\_\_

Delivery Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want it delivered or will you collect it from the school:

Deliver/Collect

Select type of charm required:

Description	Quantity	Rand
Sterling silver @ R450		
Gold 9ct @ R2 250		
Gold 9ct with 1x.02ct diamond @ R2 350		
Gold 14ct @ R2 500		
Gold 14ct with 1x.02ct diamond @ R2 800		
Year on back @ R50		
TOTAL		R

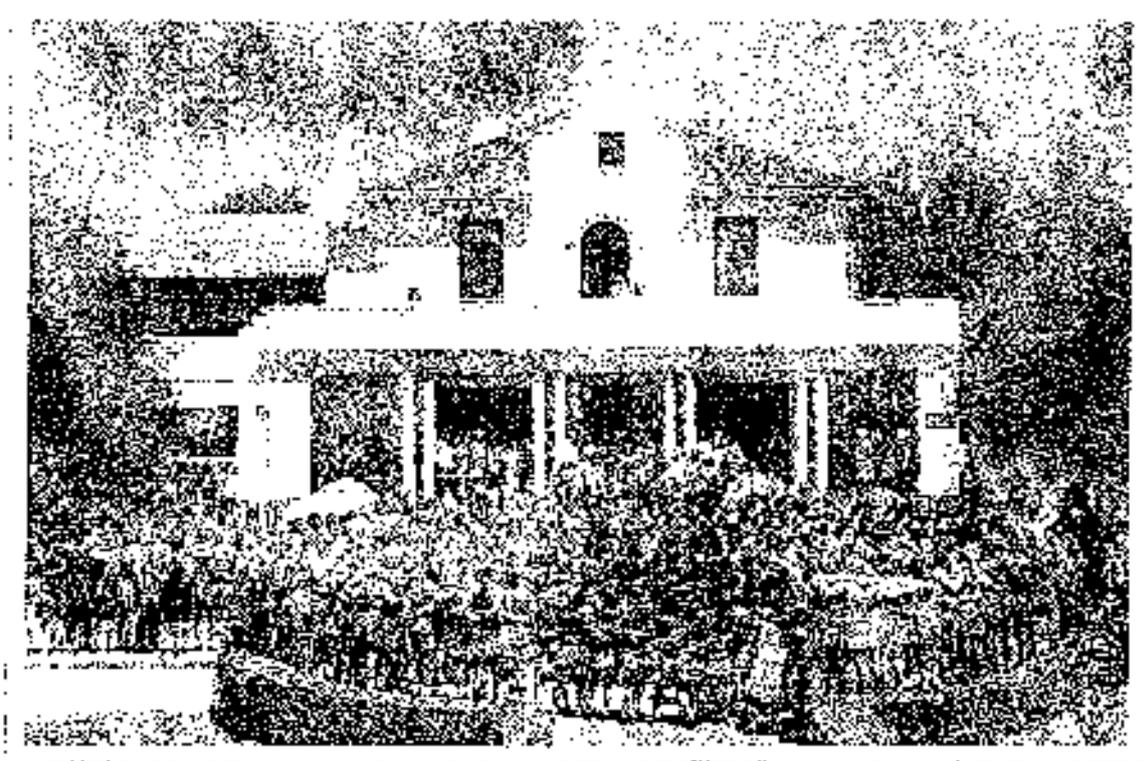
Banking Details:

The Banking details are Old Herschelian Association; Standard Bank Claremont; Branch code 025109; Account No 71879021; Ref Charm and your name

In keeping with tradition, all new Herschelians must run through the arch and be welcomed into the Herschel family, before the singing of *the school song.*

We are assembled here in love,  
we are united,  
we care for one another.  
The greatest lesson of all is the one  
that teaches us to live together,  
together.

*Everyone's a spark and in the night  
a fire burning bright.  
Ad Dei gloriam  
Inkosi meyibongwe  
to the glory of our God  
this is what we believe.*



In times of trouble we support  
our fellows; we are taught  
to be there for our friends.  
And all around us, there will be  
that special unity,  
that binds us all together.

*Everyone's a spark ...*

If we come back after many years,  
we think fondly  
of the things that we remember,  
and the friends that we made then,  
these will be friends forever,  
forever.

*Everyone's a spark...*

When you leave at the end of *The OMA Lunch in the Mary Jagger Hall*, you know you have spent a few hours in the company of friends, you have laughed, you have remembered, you have reconnected with old friends, you have made a few new ones and you have shared in your love of your school which is what connects you to each individual who has passed through the doors over the years.



< Jill Ekstein remembers her time at Herschel 50 years ago.



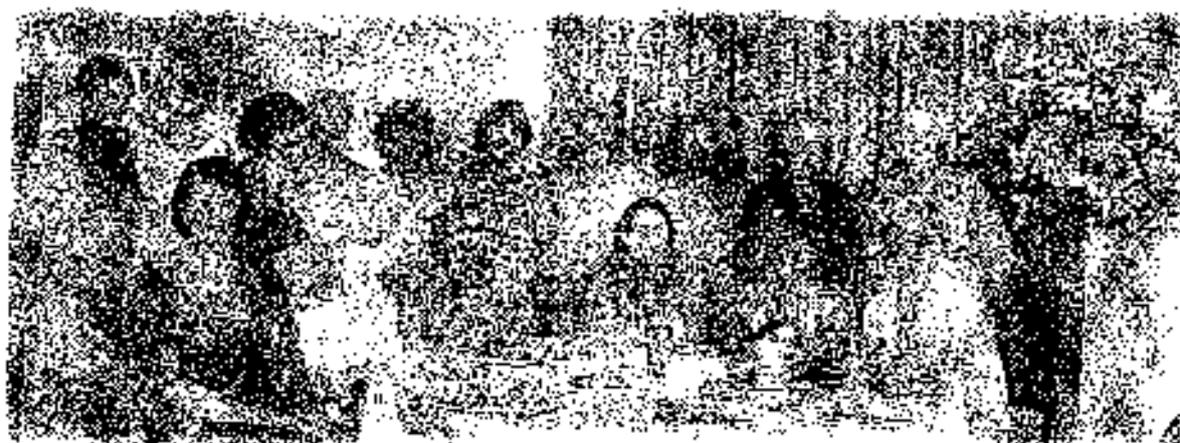
Prof Alex Watson, now Chair of the Herschel Council, tells how things have changed (and some have stayed the same) since her days at Herschel 40 years ago. >



< Celebrating their 20 year reunion, Sarah Boardman and Susannah George give us their different views of life at and after Herschel.



Mia Versfeld kept us all entertained with her memories of great times at school only 10 years ago. >



The Class of 1963 together again 50 years later

# Founder's Day

Founder's Day is celebrated by all Herscheians. The Cuddly Kittens and Little Lambs in the Pre-Prep particularly enjoyed their special cupcakes in the playground.



The Prep School held a special *Birthday Party* led by the Head of the Prep, Mrs Lin Heidmann and the Grade 4s. Prue Crawley and Tania Jofinstone were invited to the Prep assembly to light the birthday candles on the cake. Three gorgeous Grade 1 girls volunteered to blow out the candles after the whole school sang Happy Birthday with great enthusiasm.



The Senior Girls also enjoyed the celebrations with a *special assembly* led by Mr Stuart West, Head of Herschel and special guest, Rev Jo Tyers, who has long been associated with Herschel.



*The service* at St Saviour's was led by Rev Bob Cornish and the Head of Herschel, Mr Stuart West, who gave the address. Mr West is a lay preacher and he spoke about the significance of history and stories in keeping tradition alive.



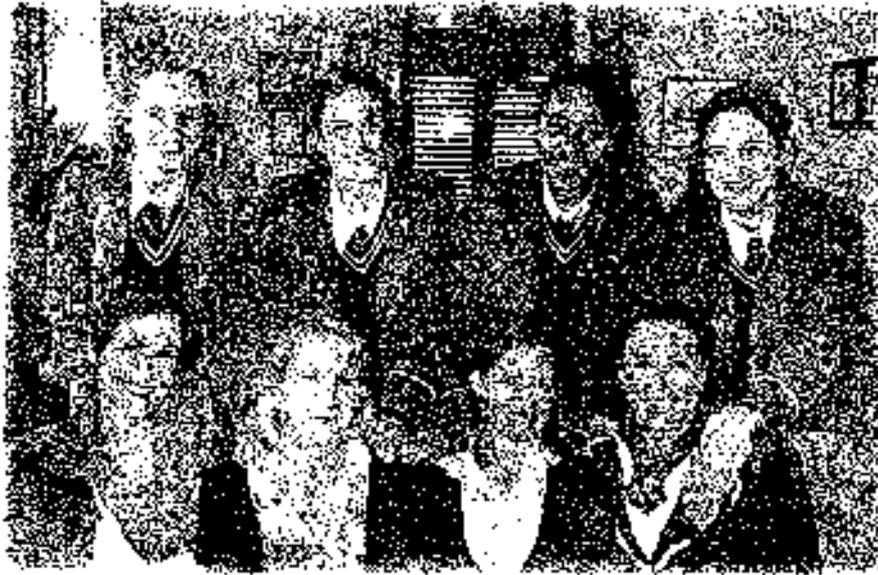
Many Old Herschelians, Members of Council and Special Guests enjoyed the meaningful service.



As a special gesture of remembrance and tribute, Old Herschelians and staff placed a rose on the cross in remembrance of Old Herschelians who are no longer with us.



## *Old Herschelian Mother's with their Grade 12 Daughters*



Front: Patsy Allen, Judy Watson, Linda Graaff, and Nicola Price  
Back: Kimberley-Jane Allen, Gemma Watson, Georgina Makhubele, and Olivia Price



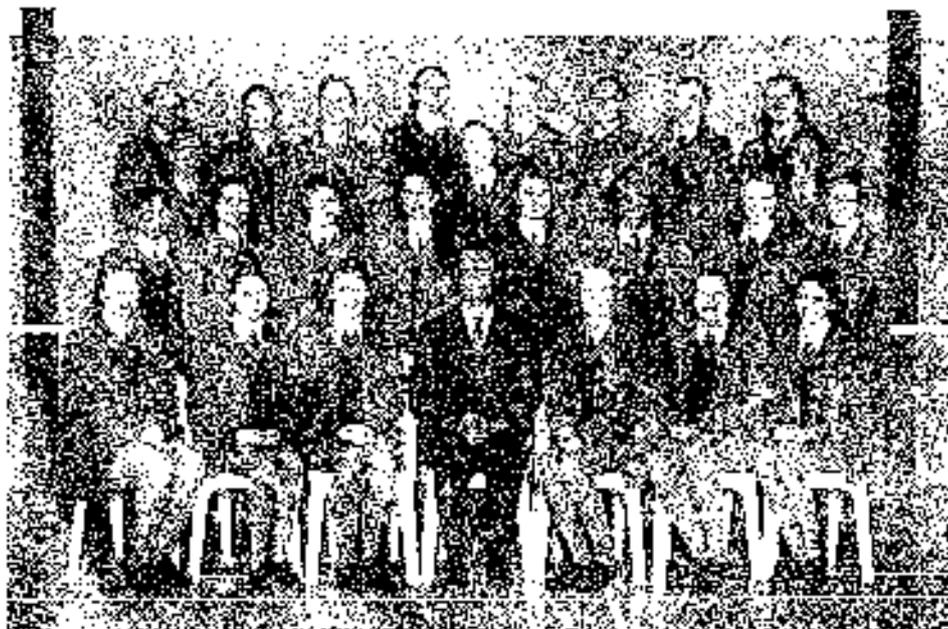
Jo and Olivia Otten

## *Carter House*

The introduction of a fourth house, Carter House, was announced in September. The existing houses, Jagger, Murriman and Rolt, have been overpopulated for a while now due to the increased number of girls in the school. The large numbers of girls in each house makes pastoral care, leadership, organization and participation logistically difficult. Four houses will increase opportunities for participation and leadership and will allow more efficient organization.

The School Management has agreed to name the new house **Carter House**, after the **Right Reverend William Marlborough Carter**, Archbishop of Cape Town in 1922 and Chair of the founding Herschel Council (1921-22), and his wife, **Hester Carter**, who was also a member of the founding Council. Therefore, Carter fits well into the founding fathers' framework that characterises the names of the existing Houses. He said the opening prayer on the first day of school in 1922 but was unable to attend the formal opening ceremony, at which Dean Rolt presided. Thus, together with Rolt House, Carter House will also remind us of the Anglican foundations of the School. The Carter House colour will be **royal blue**.

## *Grade 1 to Matric 2013*



Back row: S Rule, O Price, A Stelzner, D Munro, K Beaven, L Hodgson, J Gleeson, J Bidoli  
In-between: N Scull, M Stevenson, J van Heerden  
Second row: T Matllys, A Jacobs, A Bailey, A Welch, S Robinson, N Lamani, K Allen, I van der Merwe  
Front row: O Wimberley, A Makin, N Gabler, Mr S West, J Litkie, C Craven, J Lowe

## *Going forward... Prefects and Leaders 2014*



Back Row: Kim Parker, Danille Hugo, Julia Hampton, Lauren Biebuyck, Arielle Thomson  
Middle Row: Julia Unite, Laeeqah van der Schyff, Phifa Marubelela, Alexandra Psillos, Kayla Boare, Stephanie Dourans  
Front Row: Lara Paterson, Navjotni Raju, Savannah Corns (Deputy Head Girl), Emma Green (Head Girl),  
Nontokozi Mponda (Deputy Head Girl), Hannah Alderman, Emma Brooks

## *OHA Mother's Breakfast*



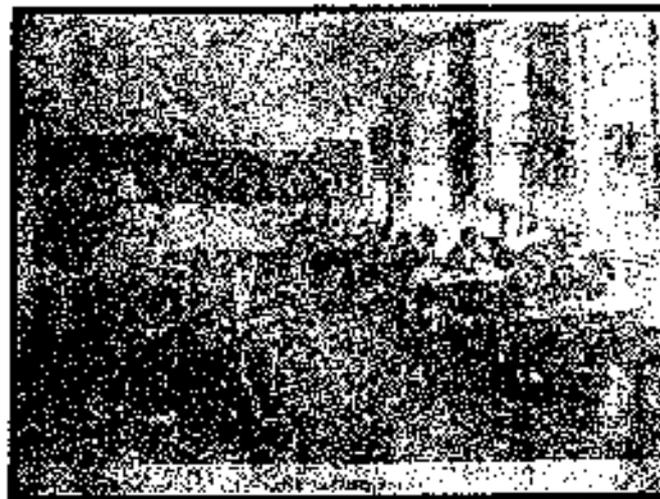
Kathy Leslie, Monique Duker, Judy Wilson



Carlane Wilson, Terri Johnstone, Alicia Wilkinson

The annual breakfast for Old Herschelians mothers, grandmothers, or aunts who currently have daughters, granddaughters or nieces at Herschel was held in the Senior School Dining Room this year and as usual, the Herschel kitchen presented a delicious spread of breakfast treats as well as much needed coffee. The great excitement of the week was the announcement of the new Carter House and we all reminisced about our Jagger, Merriman and Rolt stories, whilst agreeing that the new house would make way for many more new stories and memories. We were also delighted to be able to go "on site" to see the new school buildings and the renovation of the theatre.

## *Herschel Heritage Blog*



<http://herschelheritage.blogspot.com>

Take a trip down memory lane ... The Grade 10's of 2012 set up this blog as part of a History/Heritage Task and they invite you to read it, interact with it and give your input and feedback.

This blog was researched from largely unclassified documentation in the School Archives, oral history sources and past magazines. The History department plans to expand on the information in the blog over time. They welcome any snippets or anecdotes you may want to add.

*As a History department we would love to see a special museum and archives at Herschel that could be a meeting place for OHS's to reminisce – such a positive thought! -Sue Grayé (Head of History)*



## *An evening with Brendalyn*

Recipients of the Brendalyn Tyers Stempel Bursaries and the CV Starr Foundation Scholarships past and present were invited to spend an evening with Brendalyn Stempel at Herschel. A large number of girls and parents came to the function where Brendalyn spoke of the joy and reward that she has personally felt through watching "her girls" blossom at Herschel and after.



Applications are now open for the

### **BRENDALYN TYERS STEMPER OLD HERSCHELIAN BURSARY GRADE 8: 2014**

- The successful applicant must be the daughter of an Old Herschelian.
- The family will not be in a financial position to afford the full Herschel fees.
- She should be supportive of Herschel's ideals and proud of its heritage.
- She must have academic merit and make sound progress each year.
- She must contribute to the ethos of the school and observe the school's code of conduct.
- The donors will receive regular progress reports from the school and have contact with the recipient herself.
- The bursary will cover a percentage of the normal fees from Grades 8 to 12.

For further details and an application form, please contact the Admissions Secretary on 021 6707500 or [yhowes@herschel.org.za](mailto:yhowes@herschel.org.za)

# Reunion News

## Class of 1953

Report by Alice Mathews



Back Row: Helen du Toit (nee D'Ewes), Margaret Howlett (nee Lord), Elspeth Ivvey (nee Grant),  
Pat Reid (nee McCarthy), Christine Boucher (nee Faura) Lynn Marklew (nee Holmes)  
Front Row: Moira Cronkes (nee Winiford), Didi Crutcher (nee Edmunds), Alice Mathews (nee Hofmeyr),  
Chloe Dobree (nee Baumann), Nan Mills (nee Elliot)

Friday 1 March 2013 was a very special day. 60 years on since we wrote Matric and, thanks to Chloe and Ceffie, who inspired us, 14 of us got together for a nostalgic reunion lunch (plus Pat Dukes for a short while).

With great, but suppressed excitement, we assembled at the wonderful, smart new restaurant at Vergelegen. We were all conscious of being 10 years older since the last time we'd met and were anxious lest we should fail to recognise each other through the wrinkles and other ravages of that dreaded word "age". Amazingly, we felt that we all looked young and lively (no wrinkles in sight) and, although there was much muttering of forgetfulness and troublesome joints, we agreed we were all in pretty good shape!

Half our contingent were from far away: Helen D'Ewes, Moira Woolford, Rosemary Roberts, Claire Russel, Chloe Baumann, Margaret Lord, Valma Guicheril and Pat Dukes. And the locals were: Didi Edmunds, Elspeth Grant, Lynn Holmes, Cuffie Faura, Nan Elliott, Pat McCarthy and Alice Janelle Hofmeyr. We enjoyed a delicious if nutsy lunch and there was lots of fun and laughter – although we did miss friends who were unable to make it this year. We received lovely messages from Jenny Forsyth, Sue Droughton and Caroline Craford.

A few days later, joined by Virginia Thompson, we met up again at a much changed but still lovely Herschel for another happy, special day. We were met by Tania Johnstone (OHA Secretary) who was charming and friendly and immediately made us feel at home. Tania shepherded us round the school, with the highlight of the tour being a carefully planned and meaningful service led by the Reverend Bob Cummin in the Intimate Chapel, which we remembered as the old library; evoking memories of long, lazy hours of reading and dreaming amongst the shelves. At the service we each had a chance to share a special memory or a tribute to a special person that we remembered from our time at school.

From there we went to the dining room for a delicious roast chicken lunch - a far cry from the over-cooked, coldish cabbage and steamed pudding with burnt custard of yore! Over lunch we were charmed to meet the new Headmaster, Stuart West who presented us with Herschel sun hats, which we immediately donned. We were impressed with Stuart's youth and enthusiasm, and rather regretted that the idea of a headmaster at a girl's school was an invention that came after our time!

Thank you to Herschel for welcoming us so warmly and for the class photograph to commemorate this fun occasion. We enjoyed ourselves so much that we are thinking of meeting again in five years' time!

## *Class of 1963*

Report by Jill Eckstein



Back row left to right: Jill Eckstein (Philip) Kathy Montgomery (Emslie) Shen Liknaitzky (Attwell)  
Annette Slingsby (Versveld) Billy Weiner (Bryant) Judy Day (Hill) Jenny Wolf (Pare)  
Jean de Langa (Harris) Loma Van Allen (Pickering) Jo Slater (Dean)  
Front left to right: June Protheroe (Ellis) Diana Wingfield (Harris) Karen Anderson (Attwell)  
Ann Toettcher (Alexander) Penny Taylor (Raath) Jenny Townsend (Thal)

Out of a class of 44 girls, 23 ladies came to various events over 3 days to celebrate our 50 year reunion. We had lots of old photos and everyone exchanged all their latest news. On Thursday, 14 February we had a cocktail party at the school. Friday was an amazing experience with a lovely church service followed by lunch at Herschel and then some of the girls toured the school.

Saturday was spent relaxing at Sue de Hutton's (Kennedy) house on the lakes in Noordhoek. We were delighted that so many joined us from afar:-Ann Toettcher (Alexander), Shen Liknaitzky (Attwell), Kathy Montgomery (Emslie), Di Wingfield (Harris) and Loma van Allen (Pickering) from the United Kingdom, and Jenny Townsend (Thal) from Western Australia.

The rest of us came from around South Africa or Cape Town and were:-Karin Anderson (Attwell), Sue Beele (Bothner), Biffy Wiener (Bryant), Juliet Dorer (Butters), Jo Slater (Dean), June Protheroe (Ellis), Jean de Langa (Harris), Mosa le Roux (Henderson), Judy Day (Hill), Sue de Hutton (Kennedy), Moira Schmilz (McAuley), Jenny Wolf (Pare), Jill Eckstein (Philip), Penny Taylor (Raath), Di Hodge (Seymour), Jas Turnbull (Stephens), Annette Versveld (Slingsby).

Most of the class sent a short resumé of what they had been doing for the last 50 years, which was distributed to everyone. Thanks to Sue and Jas for their help in organising the event.



Back row left to right: Jane Pruchette (Eli); Abnetta Slingsby (Versveld); Kathy Montgomery (Emslie); Moira Schmitz (MacAulay);  
 Juliet Dorer (Rutgers); Diana Wingfield (Harris H. Hy. Winer (Bryant); Anne Ferry (Cooper); Sue de Hurton (Kennedy); Jasmine Turnbull (Stephens);  
 Judy Day (Hill); Jill Eckstein (Phillip)  
 Front row left to right: Anne Trotter (Alexander); Gill Hodges (Seymour); Sur Beale (Bethnes); Jenny Townsend (I'hal)  
 Front: Fanny Taylor (Raach)

## *Class of 1983*

Report by Joanna Bell



The class of 1983 held their reunion on Friday, 1 November 2013. They met at Herschel and instantly the connection was evident. There was much catching up and laughter during the visit. The morning started with a delicious tea in the Headmaster's office, followed by a tour of the school lead by Vanessa Bowes from the senior school Marketing and Admissions department. The group thoroughly enjoyed seeing all the wonderful new developments at Herschel, especially the Aaron Searl building. Mostly though, they enjoyed the trip down memory lane and even ventured into the staff room (an area they clearly remember was most definitely out of bounds to them when they were schoolgirls). The reunion festivities continued at The Grand restaurant at the Waterfront later that evening where everyone had a chance to chat about their lives, their families, their careers and all they had been doing since they left school. Julianne Kuttel (née Walker) flew in to Cape Town from Seattle, USA for the reunion, but was only able to make it on the Saturday, so another dinner was held at The Alphen with her on the Saturday evening. All in all, it was a most successful reunion.

# Class of 1988

Report by Gabby Raaff

20 girls from the Class of 1988 met on Saturday, 2 November at The Brass Bell for a wonderful lunch reunion. Bertha De Bres (Visser) was out from Australia for a family visit so we organised the reunion to coincide with her trip. Lisa Ward (Code) and Claire Russon (Sparks) flew down from Johannesburg. Many others are living abroad, but should contact Gabby if they are planning a visit to Cape Town so that we can get together.

It was a great, sunny afternoon in Kalk Bay and the sharing of bubbly and news continued well into the early evening, as many of us had not seen one another since varsity days. Everyone is looking positively gorgeous at 40 something and it was decided that we would meet every year or so.



Sally Franz (Gwynne Evans), Anrhoa Fletcher,  
Jenni Martin (du Preez)



Roshon Omar, Janet Howse,  
Rawal Du Toit (Mohammed)



Gabby Raaff



Bertha De Bres (Visser)



Lisa Ward (Code), Sascha Meyer-Paine, Tracy Foukes



Carey Bridgeman, Jacqui Aung



Claire-Lou Russon (Sparks), Rawal du Toit (Mohammed),  
Sally Franz (Gwynne-Evans), Samantha Roodzulla,  
Jenni Martin (du Preez), Lisa Ward (Code)  
Olga McCrindle van der Merwe



Sara Bendzulla, Kirsten Jensen, Tessa Phillips (Mills)

# Class of 1993

Report by Ncumisa Ngcaweni and Catherine Barry

We held our 20 year reunion in February 2013, on Founder's Day weekend. The reunion weekend started with a few of us attending a cocktail party held at the senior school for all Old Herschelians on the Thursday evening. It was a lovely opportunity to meet the new Headmaster, Stuart West, and catch up with fellow Old Herschelians. Patricia Duff, who was the Headmistress during our time at Herschel, was also in attendance and was as poised and elegant as she was twenty years ago, remembering all of our names, as we reminisced and caught up.

The following day, Friday 15 February, we attended the Founder's Day service at St Saviour's. It was like stepping back in time. The choir sang all the familiar hymns that we sang during our choir days, wearing the familiar choir robes. It was a truly moving service, the highlight being a thought-provoking message by the Headmaster. It was so lovely to be sitting in the pews with our classmates from twenty years ago, once again sharing a tradition that was an integral part of our years at Herschel. As we walked past all the girls in their uniforms, we remembered sitting there as Herschel girls, also watching the Old Herschelians leave St Saviour's to make their way to lunch at the school.



Virginia Wood, Nolizwe Mgudla, Nicola Munroe, Kim Hunter, Cami McIntosh, Nasrin Findley, Svetlana Milovic

At the senior school, we all joined in the singing of our school song that was composed during our time there. It was really meaningful and brought many to tears as we stood together with our fellow Old Herschelians, current Herschel girls and staff in the beautiful grounds of the school, united by our experience and privilege of attending Herschel. We then made our way to the Mary Jagger Hall where we enjoyed a delicious luncheon. During the lunch we heard news from representatives from the different matric classes over the years (classes of 63, 73, 93 and 2003). Susanna Farr (née George) and Sarah Huisman (née Boardman) spoke on behalf of our year. It was exciting to see girls from our year and some had travelled a great distance to be in attendance. Caroline Field (née Pratt) travelled from Grahamstown, Yolande Young from the UK, Nasrin Findley (née Isaacs) flew in from the UAE and Svetlana Milovic (née Vasiljevic) joined us all the way from Bosnia. It was interesting to hear how much had changed and pleasing to note that much of what makes Herschel such an outstanding school, has remained the same.

The lunch was followed by a tour of the school guided by a school prefect. It was wonderful to see all the additions to the school in the past twenty years ago including the new location of the swimming school, upgrades to the boarding house as well as the new sports centre. We were reminded again what a privilege it was to attend Herschel and we reminisced about the wonderful times we had there in the early nineties.

Although the school organised activities were over, we still had a dinner on Saturday, 26 February, to look forward to as well a picnic with our families at Kirstenbosch on Sunday. Our dinner was held at Klima Restaurant in Hout Bay where we savoured scrumptious Asian meals and really enjoyed the company of our former classmates. Many girls have maintained their friendships from school days and it was also wonderful to catch up with those girls with whom we had lost touch. There was much laughter all evening and a great feeling of camaraderie. The picnic at Kirstenbosch was another highpoint. The weather was glorious and the children enjoyed playing and running around the beautiful gardens, while we got to meet our classmates' partners and husbands. The reunion weekend was fabulous and enjoyed by all.

A huge thank you to Mary Maurel (née Henderson) for organising our 20 year reunion! It was no small feat to co-ordinate and we really appreciate all her efforts.

## *Class of 2003*

Report by Jacqui Stephenson

The Class of 2003's reunion was planned to coincide with Founder's Day 2013. A group of the girls attended the Founder's Day service and lunch on Friday 15 February and the class reunion was held at Jakes in Steenberg Village, Tokai, on Saturday 16 February. We had a great turnout and enjoyed an afternoon of catching up and reminiscing. When I emailed Jakes to thank them for their attentive service I received the following response from the manager –

*"I bought some desserts for a regular group of customers after their lunch on Saturday and they called me over and said THANK YOU VERY MUCH! I said "It's a pleasure. Did you enjoy the desserts?" The one hubby said "We're not talking about the free desserts; we're thanking you for the group of the most stylish looking ladies we have ever seen in one area." The wives said it made our garden look great!"*

Everyone seemed very well and happy with exciting ventures and opportunities in the pipeline for many of the girls. Going forward, reunions in Cape Town will be arranged every five years.



Robyn Foster, Sarah Desmarais, Kelly Hook, Christie Pynn, Jess Glass, Hannah Bryant (nee King), Leni Koegelenberg, Taryn Herbert, Jenny Steyn, Jacqui Stephenson, Janice Wigglesworth, Daniela Smith (nee Loubaer), Angie Jacobs, Kerrie-Lise Perrins, Helen Raine, Cara Duminy, Clementine Hugo-Harman, Erica Moffat, Mary-Kate Versfeld and Cara McGee.

# *Class of 2003 - London Reunion*

Report by Jo Cruse



Being unable to make the official class of 2003 Ten Year Reunion in Cape Town, a group of 2003 class members based in London held a reunion in the city on the night of 18 April 2013 at Megan's Restaurant and Deli on Kings Road. Tannya Woods, Tadjinka Vasišjević, Lee-Ann Dell, Lucy Ewer, Jo Cruse, Selena Afnar-Holmes, Tiffany Vos and Kayleigh Weldon spent the evening reminiscing about their time at Herschel and catching up on everyone's news since leaving school. It felt like no time had passed at all since we were sitting in the Matric Common Room, and it was wonderful to see everyone so well and happy!



## *Class of 2008*

Report by Katherine Thompson



On the 15th of February 2013, the matriculating class of 2008 gathered for their 5 year reunion drinks. About 60 girls attended. It was a wonderful evening spent catching up with old friends, talking about the good old days and sharing plans for the future.

This is an extraordinary bunch of girls, with whom I am privileged to have shared my school days.

## *OHA in OZ*

Report by Suzette Peff



Suzette Peff (née Anderson, 1975), Barbara Brown (née Sandell, 1953), Anne Rimmer (née Mcynell, 1981),  
Care Slinzaker (née Gawith 1977), Mary Quinn (née Haw, 1998), Carrie Hupmeier (née Mayhew, 1983),  
Iessa Gilmore (née Handley, 1976), Fiona Robinson (née Douglas, 1976), Lovell Brook (née Anstee, 1975),  
Kathy Deenham (née Irpp, 1981), Hillary Bingham (née Marlea, 1982), Vanessa Price (née Gark, 1984)

## *News from around the world. . .*

HELEN ANDREWS (2002) writes: "After 4 years roaming the awesomeness of the UK and Thailand, I couldn't be happier to be back in the clutches of Table Mountain. I now work as an associate with SynNovation, training and facilitating groups through a powerful process that enables them to come up with breakthrough ideas. I've also managed to turn my long time love of jewellery making into a small business - White Rabbit Days creates and sells hand-crafted leather and lace jewellery - see [facebook.com/whiterabbitdays](https://www.facebook.com/whiterabbitdays) for some pics and inspiration."

KATY BARTMANN (née Deering, 2004) writes: *I completed my BComm Degree at Stellenbosch University after taking a Gap Year, living in Majorca & UK, working in a few different positions. I majored in Marketing Management, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management, and French. I was one of the top ten in my class for Marketing Management. During my time at University, I was worked as a sampler for Red Bull, Lindt & Capri Sun. The company offered me a marketing internship as soon as my degree was completed. In January 2008 I was offered a full time position as the Lindt Brand Manager for Western Cape Region. I was also awarded "Best Regional Marketer" of the Year in 2008/2009. I was promoted to National Promotions Manager. I absolutely loved working for Lindt chocolate (but who wouldn't?!). During this busy career time, I fell in love with my now husband, who proposed on Table Mountain and then proceeded to whisk me away to a strange place in the desert known as Dubai. We moved to Dubai November 2010 and I had to give up my precious job, but was also eager to grow and be more challenged.*

*In Dubai I was fortunate to land a job the day after landing at Adidas Emerging Markets as a Product Manager. I took care of various categories, including Running, Tennis, Basketball and Rugby. I was part of the Middle East and North Africa team and learnt a lot during this time. We then travelled the world and experienced a holiday every two months, jet setting across the world from NYC to Maldives La Santorini to name but a few! In January 2011, we were married on Llandudno Beach in beautiful Cape Town and were blessed with the most perfect weather and day! My surname then changed from a truly British surname to a truly Afrikaans one which my family and friends find quite funny, especially those from school!@*

*In April 2011, my previous boss from Lindt asked me to come back to the Lindt family, so I joined the very small Dubai office (which was luckily expanding to make space for me) as the Training Manager for Middle East, North Africa, India and Sub-continent. I have spent the past year creating an entirely new pillar of our global company and developed a thorough 360° Training Academy that is being rolled out across the world. Whilst doing this, I had the opportunity to attain my International Certificate in Patisserie! In other news, we are expecting our first baby in March 2014, which is extremely exciting and just an absolute miracle!*

JEANINE BENDZULLA (1992) writes: "We're heading back to SA for summer, friends, family, and the first birthday and Christmas of our baby boy, Atlas. We are both enjoying the thrills and trauma of fulltime parenting, being nomadic and living in the Now. Best wishes to all, hope to see some of you at Daphne Beames' catch-ups over cocktails."

JUSTINE BOTHA (2004) passed her final Board exam and finished her articles at KPMG, Cape Town in February 2013 and is now a qualified Chartered Accountant. She was offered and accepted a managerial position at KPMG which also incorporates Human Resources.

ROSALIND BUTLER (1983). After graduating from UCT Drama School, Rosalind worked as an actress, improviser, director and writer. She has focused on her passion, writing, since 1998. Rosalind's television work includes the children's TV series *SOUL BUDDYZ* and the SABC 1 series *HOME AFFAIRS*, nominated for Best TV Drama Series at The Emmy Awards in New York. Since 2002 Rosalind has written, story-lined and even had a stint as Head Writer for the SABC 3 daily drama *ISIDINGO*. Rosalind co-wrote the story for feature film *MATERIAL* that won Best Feature at The 2013 SAFTA awards. Her play *An Unromantic Comedy* has just had a hugely successful run in Johannesburg. Rosalind is married to director/writer, Craig Freimond, and has three children. She lives in Johannesburg.

ARIELLA CAIRA (2004) writes: "I've been playing in Sterling EQ for almost 6 years (I joined the band directly after completing my BA in Theatre and Performance) and I also teach music privately as well at St Cyprians. I completed a diploma in Patisserie in 2011 through IHESA and have been learning Italian. Sterling EQ won a SAMA award in 2011 for Best Instrumental/Jazz DVD and we released our third album 'Pulse' in 2012, for which we won a Ghaemo and a Huisgenoot award. We have travelled to over 10 different countries and made our European debut at the World Travel Awards in Turkey in September. Our music videos are played frequently on MNet and DSTV channels."



GEORGINA CARTWRIGHT (née Connock, 2002) writes: *My husband is a First Officer for South African Airways and I was Marketing Manager for Cape Union Mart until we moved to Johannesburg in March. We love to travel and are always planning our next adventure. Our next trip is our honeymoon which will be in October.*

KATIE CHRISTIE (1987) lives and works in Arusha, Tanzania. She is a midwife at the Selian Hospital. She is enjoying the challenges and even the frustrations of life in Africa – including learning Swahili and Swahili etiquette. "There are times when the full joy of being a midwife in this environment just makes me feel so blessed. The lovely mummies I get to know and help along the journey into motherhood, and the thrill of new experiences - like being surprised by an unexpected triplet birth. On the other hand there are many tragic sadnesses that one needs to deal with, like the loss of a baby I felt could have been saved. I pray daily that God will give me the wisdom and grace I need for this job."



BRIDGET COCHRAN (2002) married Justin Lawrence on 28 September 2013. They met years ago at an Interact Camp, but went their separate ways. They met up again three years ago. Bridget is a GP and has joined Colinton Surgery, a practice in Claremont. She works with Dr Harper, who is her own GP and has known her since she was 10. They are also the Herschel School doctors. "It is wonderful to see young Herschel girls and be their GP – like a full circle has come around".

PRUE CRAWLEY (née Borton, 1968) is a very busy farmer, grandmother and, of course, the chairman of the OHA. She is passionate about her farming – organic lemons, asparagus, shiraz wine grapes, pomegranates and granadillas. If you want help or advice with organic farming or gardening, give her a call on 0828201751.

JO CRUSE (Head Girl 2003). On 20 July 2013, Jo married Greg Eden (SACS, 1998) at Nitida in Durbanville Hills. The day was even more special for the couple given that they now live in London, and hadn't seen many friends and family since they left Cape Town last August.

The wedding was attended by a number of Jo's friends from Herschel. One of Jo's oldest friends from school, Alice Brown, was one of her two bridesmaids. Another Old Herschelian, Louise Day, sang during the wedding ceremony and reception.



Jo and Greg spent their honeymoon in Sardinia and Corsica. They are now back in London, where Jo will start her second year teaching Politics and Economics at Merchant Taylor's School, a private all-boys day school in North London. Greg is currently working as a digital consultant.

Fifteen Old Herschellians from around Australia met for a long lunch at a relaxed beachside restaurant in Palm Beach, near Sydney, in April this year.

Palm Beach is near the end of a long, winding coastal drive well over an hour's drive from the city, taking in stunning views of the ocean on one side and steep hillsides on the other, sometimes with subtropical rainforest, other times with classic Aussie holiday "shacks" wedged between substantial homes clinging to cliffs. For many of us, just the drive there was an enjoyable experience, some getting lost as our GPS's gave us strange directions through tracks in the sand dunes!

Each new arrival, much to the amusement of other diners, was greeted with sounds of joy and delight at seeing long-time friends and OHA acquaintances from previous reunions.

Kathy Tripp arranged the venue and a fabulous menu. Champagne and conversation flowed as though we'd never been apart.

*"It was a glorious day, the venue was perfect and we had such a laugh! We really ought to do it more often!!! Thanks to those who came and next time, we'll give plenty of notice so more can make it!" ~ Kathy Tripp*

We're already looking forward to the next one!

## *Reunions to look forward to*

*Class of 1964* : Penny Whyte, Sue Lieberman and Mosa Le Roux are organising the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion over the Founder's Day weekend. Everyone who comes may do as little or as much as they like of the organised events. You are invited to the cocktail Party on Thursday evening, the Church Service, tour and lunch on Friday, 14 February. Also planned is a trip into the Winelands somewhere on Saturday for wine tasting and lunch. On Sunday there will be a Family Picnic at Cape Point Vineyards in Noordhoek. Penny Whyte 021 7978601. 082 872 8111 / [pewwhyte@gmail.com](mailto:pewwhyte@gmail.com)

*Class of 1974* : Contact Patsy Allen for details regarding the 40<sup>th</sup> reunion. [patsy123@nwweb.co.za](mailto:patsy123@nwweb.co.za). It is going to be a great reunion!

*Class of 1984*: Tâcré is now an active circle secretary for the Class of 1984. If anyone would like to take on this role or simply book a table for Founder's Day lunch, please contact [pha@herschel.org.za](mailto:pha@herschel.org.za)

*Class of 1994*: Sally Veary is planning the 30<sup>th</sup> reunion over the Founder's Day weekend. Contact her for details on 0828277707 or [salty@carecross.co.za](mailto:salty@carecross.co.za). The reunion will include: the Cocktail evening (Thursday, 13 February), Founder's Day Lunch (Friday, 14 February), drinks or dinner on Friday night and a family picnic on the Saturday.

*Class of 2004*: Contact Micaële van Heerden for reunion details and to book your spot at the cocktail party and Founder's Day lunch. [micaele@vanheerden@gmail.com](mailto:micaele@vanheerden@gmail.com)

Any other group wishing to book a table together for Founder's Day, please contact [pha@herschel.org.za](mailto:pha@herschel.org.za)

## Engagements

HEEGER – VAN DER BERG. Mandy Heeger (2002) to Christo van der Berg on 20 June in Paris.>



HOBSON – ORPEN. Nicola Hobson (2002) to Tom Orpen, son of Jane Orpen (née Barton, 1959).>



JANSEN – LAMBRIDIS. Kate Jansen (2006) to Johnny Lambriadis on 2 July 2013. They will be married in February 2014.  
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JOHNSTON – STEVENSON. Kate Johnston (2002) to Ben Stevenson on 9 January 2013.  
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KLEEVY – CAPSTICK-DALE. Sarah Keevy (2002) to Simon Capstick-Dale on 8 July 2013 while on holiday in Mozambique. They plan to marry in 2014. >



PEARCE – DA SILVA. Kalie Pearce (2002) to Rip Da Silva on 31 December 2012.  
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MUNJEN – ALBERTS. Kreshanti Munjen (2002) to Chris Alberts on 29 July 2012. Their wedding is planned for winter 2014.

SAMBO – MOERAT. Kaulhar Sambo (2009) to Abu-Bakr Moerat on 24 February 2013. Abu-Bakr studied with her at Stellenbosch University and comes from Paarl.

SAUNDERS – GILDER. Sally Saunders (2003) to Andrew Gilder in July 2013.

WEGGELAAR – FAKIER. Janice Weggelaar (2003) to Ismaeel Fakier in March 2013.

## Marriages

ABBOTT – VAN DER SPECK. Chloe Abbott (1999) to Gus Van Der Speck in Stanford on 23 March 2013.

BROWN – TURNER. Carla Brown (1999) to John Turner on 24 November 2012 in Somerset West.



BELLAMY – NAUDE. Kim Bellamy (2000) to Duwid Naudé on 30 November 2012.

CARTWRIGHT – CONNOCK. Georgina Cartwright (2002) to Richard Cartwright on 2 March 2013 in the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley.

CRUSE-EDEN. Jo Cruse (2003) married Greg Eden at Nitida, Durbanville Hills on 20 July 2013.  
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FERNANDES – KINGMA. Louisa Fernandes (1999) to Craig Kingma in Elgin in January 2013.

HARDY – COETZER. Juliet Hardy (1986) to Morne Coetzer on 29 December 2012.

GRIFFITHS – DILLON. Philippa Griffiths (2004) to Mike Dillon on 5 January 2013. They live in the USA.

HASSIM – DOLLE. Ruweza Hassim (2008) to Tauriq Dollé on 31 March 2013.

MELISSA MCCULLOCH (née Galding, 1991) spent several weeks visiting family and friends in Cape Town. This group of 1991 mairics got together for tea and to catch up.



Lindsay Campbell (née Marx), Tania Johnstone (née Peck),  
Nazel du Plooy (née Sparks), Catrinna Ross, Justine Macdonald (née Peters) and Melissa

GERALDINE McMEEKIN (2008) graduated with a BA In Art History, English and Linguistics from UCT in 2012 and will be completing her BA Honours in Art History at the end of 2013.

Dr JANICE McMILLAN (1982) was one of three UCT staff members who delivered presentations at a conference about the higher education sector's role in driving social change. The conference, which was titled *GUNI 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Higher Education: Let's Build Transformative Knowledge to Drive Social Change*, was held in Barcelona in May.

Janice was awarded her PhD from UCT in 2009. She completed a B Soc Sci and Honours Degree prior to working for a rural NGO in development and education. She then joined the Adult Education Department at UCT and completed her MPhil in Education/Academic Development.



CLARE McMULLEN (2002) writes: *After studying a BSc in Zoology and Environmental and Geographical Science, followed by a Post Grad in Marketing at UCT, I immigrated to the UK in 2007. I managed to secure myself a position at the Head Office of Marks and Spencer's in London, where I eventually landed up as a Product Developer in Foods. During my time in London, I managed to travel to many places in Europe and even took 3 months off to live in Montreux, Switzerland, where I went to French Language School and lived with a local family. After 6 years at Marks and Spencer's, I decided that I missed the Cape Town lifestyle and returned to Cape Town via South America, traveling through Bolivia, Argentina, Paraguay and Brazil, including the spectacular Inca Trail. I am now happily settled back home in Cape Town working at the Head Office of Woolworths as a Product Developer in Foods (Fruit).*

JOANNE MICHIE (née Faulds, 1968) leads an extraordinary life between Scotland and Beijing. She keeps contact with many from her year and is most well known for her incredible general knowledge and her popular quizzes.

KRISTINA MILLER (2002) graduated from UCT with her MPhil in Labour Law at the beginning of 2012, following which she moved to a new firm as Head of Asian and African projects. Following the death of her boyfriend, David, in 2012, she became involved in fundraising activities with the Organ Donor Foundation and now assists with ODF corporate event co-ordination. Work-wise, she is currently leading a project with EU Development Corporations to develop and implement Health, Safety, Environmental and Quality Systems for the Bangladeshi Government and core trades. This project is the result of recent Garment and Leather Industry incidents in Bangladesh, which resulted in thousands of deaths, injuries and building collapses and fires. She hopes to be able to find an avenue to assist in the same manner in South African local government and policy development in the future.



TARYN MÖLLER NICOLL (née Möller, 2004) Along with her parents and two younger siblings, Taryn Möller Nicoll immigrated to the United States of America immediately after her high school matriculation in December of 2004. Becoming immersed in a new and vastly different country at the age of seventeen was simultaneously spectacular, terrifying and, ultimately, a true blessing - her parents had given up everything they had ever known in South Africa and taken jobs in California so as to offer Taryn, her sister and her brother the opportunity to pursue their dream careers of becoming a fine artist, a veterinarian and a classical musician respectively.

Art has always been Taryn's greatest passion in life and so, after completing five Associate of Art degrees in Art, Illustration, Graphic Design, Multimedia and Liberal Arts in Northern California, she accepted a scholarship to one of the U.S.A's most prestigious private art colleges, Otis College of Art and Design in Los Angeles.

While enrolled in this rigorous painting program, Taryn exhibited her artwork at Otis College's Bolsky Gallery, taught art at Los Angeles' Da Vinci High School and freelanced as a graphic designer for local businesses. During her sophomore academic year in 2008, Taryn was set up on a blind date with United States Coast Guardsman, Stephen Nicoll. Stephen is a military Rescue Swimmer who is hoisted or free-falls from a helicopter into treacherous seas, vast caves or onto steep cliffs in order to perform often perilous rescues of people injured or lost at sea. Bound by their shared love of Christ, family, adventure and the ocean, Taryn and Stephen were soon inseparable. Stephen proposed to Taryn during the Möller family's vacation to Glacier National Park in June of 2010, and they were married in an intimate beach wedding exactly two months later. Wanting to celebrate with their family and friends from around the world, Taryn and Stephen hosted a larger wedding ceremony and reception on their first anniversary; the support and joy of their loved ones was truly unforgettable, as was dancing with the love of one's life while a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter hovers right above!

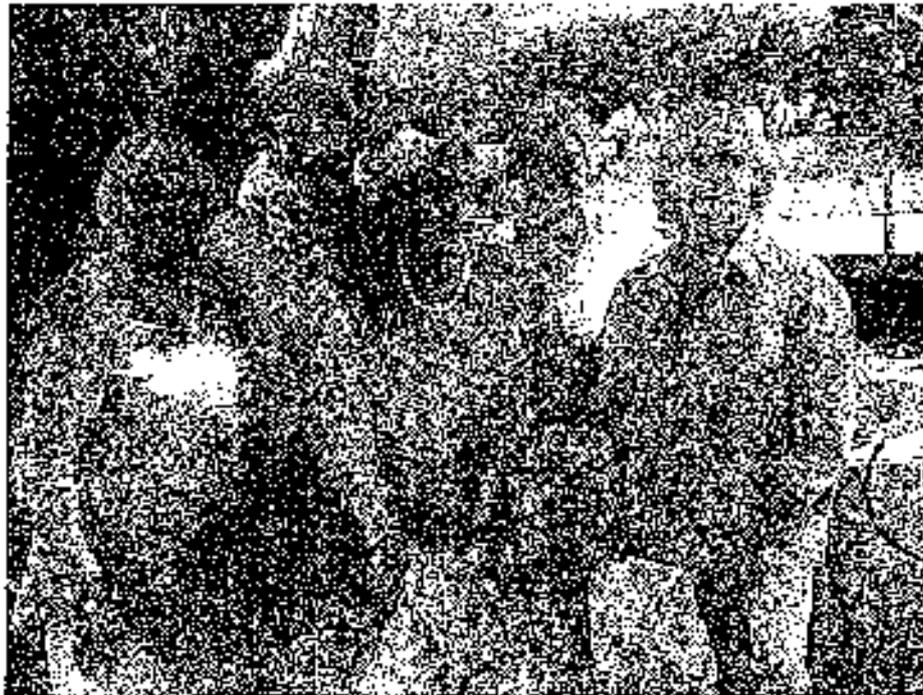
In 2011, Taryn began to explore the visual and conceptual intersection of fine art, medical science and the human body, looking to the human body as the ultimate symbol for regeneration, healing and positive progression. After achieving her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with Honours, she was awarded the Saul and Sally Eifer Bernstein-Friends of Joe Mugnaini Award for excellence in drawing. Taryn received a studio visit from a selection committee for the renowned Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA); this committee was in charge of visiting every one of Southern California's top fine art programs and selecting one graduating student to showcase in the Fall exhibition at LACMA's emerging artist gallery. Taryn was selected to be the featured artist for the Fall 2012 two-person exhibition, 'Color and Wash', at LACMA alongside resident artist Ching Ching Cheng.

Taryn and Stephen were transferred to the eclectic and beautiful city of New Orleans, Louisiana, in late 2012, and there they purchased their first house in August, 2013. Taryn's artwork has been shown at local contemporary galleries such as Martine Chaisson Gallery, and her article on New Orleans encaustic artist June Lampe was published in the summer edition of the national Encaustic Arts Magazine in June, 2013. She maintains a full-time studio practice, and is privately commissioned by numerous high-profile patrons to create custom paintings that document and celebrate these individuals' actual physiological journeys through illness, trauma, hope and healing. In addition, she consults with the Louisiana State University Neuroscience Center of Excellence to more closely examine and express the miracles and tragedies of the human brain through painting and aesthetics. Stephen is busier than ever as a Rescue Swimmer at USCG Airstation New Orleans, and is pursuing a commission to become a military Officer.

Taryn's parents, pharmacists John-Patrick and Charmaine, currently live and work in gorgeous Auburn, CA. Her sister, HAILEY MÖLLER, manages the animal rehabilitation department of The Living Desert Zoo in Palm Desert, CA, and she is currently applying to veterinary programs around the U.S. Her brother, Bradley, is a classical tubist, studying and working under the mentorship of one of Hollywood's most elite studio musicians for all current major movie soundtracks. *We remain proudly South African, while gratefully embracing the United States of America for the tremendous personal and professional opportunities it has granted us!* [www.tarynmoller.com](http://www.tarynmoller.com)

CAMILLA HOWARD (2000) and Michael Barretta started the CAN DO Trekking for Trash Initiative in the fight against litter. You can read more about their cause and adventures at [www.trekkingfortrash.co.za](http://www.trekkingfortrash.co.za). During their seven month journey on foot along the Southern African coast, they aim to collect and recycle litter and educate local communities. To date they have collected over 7 tons of litter.

AUDREY HOYLE (née Williams, 1957) sent in this happy picture taken at Alphen earlier this year. This group of ladies matriculated in 1957 and remain great friends who meet regularly for lunch.



From right: Anne Templeton (Kipps), Robud de Waal (Robit), Audrey Hoyle (Williams), Libby Fleming (Hearsey) and Fran British (Small) with Judy Smuts (Corder), head girl, in front.

ANGELA INGLIS (2002). Since leaving Herschel, Angela has embarked on two adventures, seemingly distant, but in fact very complimentary. She graduated from UCT with BSc Physiotherapy in 2007, and completed her Community Service year at Bethesda Hospital, Mkuze, KZN. She returned to Cape Town to continue her physio work part-time while she studied performing arts at The Waterfront Theatre College, Cape Town. She graduated after three years with Distinctions in the highest levels of Dance, Drama and Musical Theatre. In 2012, she performed at the Grahamstown Festival in an Afrikaans stage production of Francois Bloembergen's award-winning radio drama, *Sê-My-Allas*, and returned to perform *90sMania* at Grand West Casino's, Roxy Revue Bar. She produced and performed in her own three-hander, starring the Pinups, called *I Am What I Am*, that played to sold out houses at The Alexander Bar, and continued on to a run at Kalk Bay Theatre at the beginning of 2013. 2013 has also proven to be an exciting year as she is currently performing in Richard O'Brien's, *Rocky Horror Show*, at the Fugard Theatre, directed by Matthew Wild. In the Physiotherapy world, she and her business partner, Emma Johnston, have opened up their own practice in Constantia, at Alphen House, where she offers Physiotherapy, Yoga and Pilates.

PERDITA IVERSEN (2004) is currently reading for a Masters Degree in Literacy Learning and Literacy Difficulties at the Institute of Education, University of London.

TAMYAN JOSEPH (2004) went to UCT to study medicine. She completed her MBChB degree at UCT at the end of 2010 and then moved to JHB to do two years of internships at Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital (the largest hospital in the Southern Hemisphere, "a great hospital to learn at!") She is currently finishing her community service year in Beaufort West - part of her community service contract was to work 9 months in Beaufort West and 3 months in Prince Albert. The 3 months happened to fall at the end of year end so she is currently living and working in Prince Albert. "Moving to the Karoo has been huge challenge, but one which I think I have made a success of." She has applied for posts in Cape Town next year but is still waiting for news.

NANCY KEGGIE (née Graham, 2000) and her husband, had a baby boy, Levi, on 5 May 2013, in London. They are returning to Cape Town in September after 4 years in the UK.



LAUREN KOHN (2000). In June this year, Lauren and her husband, Andrew Goldschmidt (a Partner at Asherons Attorneys in Cape Town), graduated together for a second time. In 2006, they graduated together with their LLBs from UCT and this time with their LLMs and as husband and wife. Andrew graduated with his LLM in Tax Law and Lauren graduated with her LLM in the special field of Constitutional and Administrative Law with Distinction (and as top graduate overall with an 80% Aggregate and having obtained the top result in each of her courses). She was awarded several prestigious scholarships to complete her LLM, including the David and Elaine Porter Fellowship (for academic excellence and dedication to uplifting civil society) and the DAAD Scholarship from the Federal Republic of Germany (in conjunction with NRF) for academic ability and for having the potential to have a 'multiplier effect' in society. Lauren was the only law student to have been recognized out of all the DAAD scholarship holders from across the country. Three of Lauren's papers have recently been accepted for publication in top peer-reviewed law journals, including an article based upon her Dissertation entitled, *'The burgeoning constitutional requirement of rationality and the separation of powers: Has rationality review gone too far?'* (forthcoming in the *South African Law Journal*). Lauren has also recently been selected to present her research in the field of Contract Law and Constitutional Law at the Annual Emerging Researcher's Conference at the University of Fort Hare.

She is currently working as a Lecturer in the Department of Public Law at the UCT Law Faculty and teaches modules in Constitutional Law and Administrative Law. She loves inspiring, educating and empowering others and looks forward to making further contributions in the legal field and in society at large.

VALENTINA LABIA (2004) writes: *After graduating from Red and Yellow in 2011, I went on to work for Woolworths in their marketing department. I am currently working for a high-end jewellery and luxury international travel business as a copywriter and social media marketer. I love living in Cape Town and seem to not be able to escape my Herschel roots, as I live in the Herschel block of flats, just about opposite the school. Who would have thought?*

NATALIE LATEGAN JACOBS (née Lategan, 2004) got married on 14 July 2012 to Marshall Brandon Jacobs. Their son, Liam Benjamin Jacobs was born on 11 December 2012. She is an Estimator at Hirt and Carter.

MOLLE LIESNER (2008) has been accepted to read Developmental Studies (political economics of late developing countries) at Oxford University. This is post graduate study as she has already graduated from York. Her comment: *"Obviously I owe this amazing opportunity to my fabulous Herschel education, so thank you!"*

TIFFANY LUMLEY (née Byers, 1991) specializes in newborn photography ([www.shot-of-tots.co.za](http://www.shot-of-tots.co.za)) and has done shoots for many Herschel mums lately. *"I am totally in love with babies!"* She lives Jarfield Village with her husband Greg and their daughter, Jordan, who has just turned 5 and her stepdaughter, Jamie, who is 11.



IMOGEN MACDONALD (2012) During her gap year, Imogen spent a month in Senegal as part of a volunteer-based Teaching Project at Sidy Ndiaye Primary School where she taught basic vocabulary, phrases and some English verbs to children aged six to 10-years-old from Monday to Friday. [www.projects-abroad.org.za](http://www.projects-abroad.org.za). Herschel received a note for Sidy Ndiaye saying what a meaningful contribution Imogen made while with them.

HOUDSON – LINDOP. Beth Houdson (2002) to Walter Lindop on 23 March 2013 in Constantia. >



McCLARTY – EDWARDS. Claire McClarty (1996) to James Edwards in January 2013.

MILNE – BAIRD. Louise Milne (2000) to Rob Baird in December 2012 in Franschoek.

NEAVE – HOLME. Lauriane Neave (2003) married Tristan Holme on 22 December 2012.

READER – ALEXANDER. Georgie Reader (1999) to Ewan Alexander on 2 March 2013 in Cape Town.



ROSE – HAYWARD. Kristy Rose (2002) to Geoffrey Piggott Hayward on 23 February 2013 at St. Norberts, Kommetjie

SATTAR – PANDOR. Zubeida Sattar (2009) married Haroon Pandor in June 2013.

STEEN –BENOIT. Megan Steen (2000) to Phil Benoit in December 2012.

## Births

CHAPLIN. To Paula (neé Chaplin, 1993) and her husband, a daughter, Sidney Sofia Charlotte born on 13th June 2013.

EDWARDS. To Claire (neé McClarty, 1998) and James, a son, Harry on 6 September 2013.

DA SILVA. To Katie (neé Pearce, 2002) and Rip, a son, Luke, born 25 April 2013. >



JACOBS. To Vicky (neé Gull, 2002) and husband JP, a daughter, Elfa Beth on 18 January 2013. >



JEFFERY. To Lucie Jeffery (neé Osman, 1997) and her husband, a baby boy, Noah in July 2013.

KEGGIE. To Nancy (neé Graham, 2000) and Andrew, a son, Levi Michael born on 5 May 2013 in London.

LATEGAN – JACOBS. To Natalie (neé Lategan, 2004) and Marshall, a son, Liam Benjamin, born on 11 December 2012.



< MAUGHAN. To Lee-Ann (neé De Villiers, 2001) and her husband, a baby boy, Patrick Frank born on 18 January 2013. Lee-Ann taught Maths and History at Sans Souci for 3 years, but is now a full time mum.

SWEET. To Kelly (neé Boers, 2002) and her husband, a daughter, Georgia, born on 23 May 2013. >



ROBSON. To Silke (neé Berens, 1991) and her husband, Andrew, a baby girl, Gina, born on 27 February 2013.

SIMPSON. To Caryn (née Stanley, 2000) and Alistair, a son, Luke, born on 21 August 2013 in Edinburgh.

WALKER. To Ncumisa (née Ngcaweni, 1993) and Nicholas, a daughter, Sloane Sisana Grace on 31 August 2013.

VILJOEN. To Jessica Viljoen (née Pretorius, 2002) and her husband, a baby boy, Nathan on 29 January 2013. >



WHITAKER-ROSTANCE. To Kim (Whitaker, 2002), and John, a baby girl, Julia Cicily on 17 March 2013. >



## Deaths

ABBOTT, Maira Ewa (née Black, 1938) died on 27 December 2011, at the age of 94½. She was a proud Herschelien and loyal Merriman fan. She is survived by her three daughters, also Old Herschelians: Lucinda May (1965), Sally Ryan (1968) and Edwina Burger (1970).

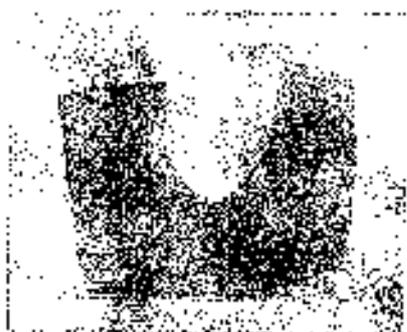
BRANDOLINI D'ADDA, Yasmin (née Peterson, 1946) died in August 2012 after a long illness. Yasmin was the widow of N.D. The Count Brandolino Brandolini D'Adda, late of Castello Valmareno near Treviso, Northern Italy, the mother of Arribale and Sebastiano Brandolini, and grandmother of Martino and his three younger cousins. (see below)

DUNCAN, Prue. (1946) died on 3 January 2013.

MARTIN, Patricia (née Denniston, Head Girl 1940) died on 9 December 2012, in Waterloo, Canada, aged 88.

RAMBAUT, Jacquié (née Regnier, 1958) passed away in May 2012.

*Yasmin Brandolini D'ADDA* (née Petersen, 1946) was born in Cape Town in 1929 to an English family. She studied painting in South Africa with Maurice von Essche, who was a student of Ensor and Matisse. After matriculating from Herschel in 1946, she went abroad and continued her art studies in London (1948) and then in Florence in 1949. She married the count Brandolino Brandolini d'Adda in 1951 and moved to Milan in 1960. For health and family reasons, she took a break from her artistic activities for several years. In 1971, she resumed regular exhibits and gained the attention of the Italian artistic community. An exhibition of her work dedicated to her memory and in recognition of her contribution to contemporary Italian art is being held in November 2013 at the Pieve de Soligo Gallery in the northern province of Treviso, Italy.



NIKWE MUSEWE (2004) completed her articles in December 2012 at PwC in Cape Town and is now a qualified Chartered Accountant – CA (SA). She is currently working at PwC as an assistant audit manager.

MELISSA NEFDT (2004) is in Brighton, UK studying for her MA in Poverty and Development at the Institute of Development Studies at Sussex University. Her dissertation is on youth unemployment in South Africa.

CAROLYN NEW (née Newton, 1980). Carolyn and her children, Tom (18) and Georgia (11), have just moved back to Cape Town after 22 years in England, to join her husband, Mark, who took up a job as Pro Vice-Chancellor two years ago at UCT. Tom has just finished his A Levels and is deciding between studying at University College, London or at UCT. Georgia has gone into Grade 5 at Rustenburg. Carolyn gave up her job as Head of Lower Sixth at d'Overbroeck's College in Oxford after 9 happy years of teaching and is now deciding whether to continue in education or go back to writing/publishing. Watch this space...

ARIANA OMAR (2004) completed her Bachelor of Business Science in 2008, followed by a Bachelor of Laws in 2010 at UCT. She then served her articles at Edward Nathan Sonnenbergs (ENS) and was admitted as an attorney in February this year. She worked as an associate at ENS in the Banking and Finance department, where she was involved in mainly transactional and financial regulatory work. In September this year, she began her Master of Laws at Cornell University. She will be focussing on corporate law.

JANE ORPEN (née Barton, 1969) qualified for the Nederberg auction again this year. Only 123 wine farms are selected - your wine needs to be in short supply, not sold for 13 months and score over 15.5 in blind tasting! Her sister, PRIJE CRAWLEY (née Barton, 1968) will be manning the stall for her as her son's engagement party is on the same day. Her son, Tom, is engaged to NICOLA HOBBS (2002).

LOUISE PARK-ROSS (2002) has partnered with her sister, Marian Park-Ross to run *Good Clothing*. *Good* was founded in 2007 by Marian and she joined 3 years ago. They stock many stores on consignment and also have started selling wholesale [www.facebook.com/goodclothing](http://www.facebook.com/goodclothing). She has also started a campaign with her sister called *Love ZA Buy ZA*. It's about promoting local businesses and being aware of the impact buying local makes to our economy. [www.lovezakayza.co.za](http://www.lovezakayza.co.za). She lives in Oranjezicht with her dog, Lucky, and enjoys doing yoga and running up the mountain.

CHARLEY POLLARD (née Van Dugteren, 1991) writes *"I am still running my shop in Kuik Bay, whilst living in St James. When we moved here almost 3 years ago, I started surfing. This year, in April, I surfed in the South African Longboard Championship and made it to the semi-finals."*

GEORGIE READER (1999) married Evan Alexander on 2 March 2013 in Cape Town and the Herschel Chorale sang at their service. *"They sang like an angels and all looked so pretty on the day"*. Georgie is a Private Banker with Investec Bank and has been with the company for the last nine years. She deals predominantly with Medical Specialist clients and is keen to increase her network within this market.



FMMA SIEBERT (2004) is living in London, working as an DT at a private/ charity organisation in central London and doing some travelling around Europe.

ALEX SMITH (1991) and her husband have a gorgeous little boy, Elias, who is almost two. Alex has been busy writing and has two novels out next year: one in English with Random House and a different one in three African languages with Macmillan.

MEGAN STELLN (2000) is getting married in December to Phil Benoit from Christchurch, New Zealand and after 7 years in London, they are moving back to Cape Town.



MERLE STRONCK (1986) writes *"We are all well here and are enjoying the Liechtenstein Alps. Our Spiritual Healing Centre, Lichtblick, is going strong. We have so many visitors from Austria, Switzerland and The Rhine Valley, Germany."* Merle is married to Siegmund and has a son, Enzo (10) and a daughter, Alessia (3).

CAMILLA TAIT (2004) has recently made a career change. She now works at Nautic Africa, an up-and-coming Maritime security and patrol vessel building company as their marketing assistant/designer. She has also created a freelance graphic design company, *Tait-Modern* [www.tait-modern.co.za](http://www.tait-modern.co.za). She manages online platforms on social media, designs corporate identities and websites and creates online strategies for brands.

FRANNIE TENNANT (1975) lives and works in Lake Arrowhead in California. She has three children: Zoe (26), who is engaged to be married, Jesse (18), who graduated in June 2013 and Josh (13), in Grade 8. Her husband of 21 years, Bill, an American, passed away in October 2012. Frannie is the Assistant Principal and Athletic Director's Secretary at the local High School, Rim of the World High School. The school is 58 years old and is situated on the rim of a tall mountain, 6 000 ft above sea level.

ZIKHONA TSONA (2005) visited Herschfel in August to talk to the Grade 11 girls as part of their Enrichment Programme. Tshona calls herself *"a story teller, an agent of change and a human being passionate about people. My heart lies in telling the stories of the South Africans who sit in silence, in hope and in wailing."* She has been working as a journalist for the last three years.



SAMANTHA VAN DER MERWE (2004) is married and has 2 beautiful stepsons. She is a Senior Production Planner for Du Pont and is busy with her APICS certification in Production and Inventory Management.

MICARLE VAN HEERDEN (2004) graduated from Stellenbosch University in 2009 with a BA (LLB) degree and is currently a Senior Associate at Gillan & Veidhuizen Attorneys, working in the commercial litigation department.

NATASHA VAN ZYL (1987) is a surgeon at Melbourne's Austin Health. She was recently part of a team who performed ground-breaking surgery on a young paraplegic who suffered a spinal cord injury as a result of a shallow beach dive. The surgery involved re-routing nerves that no longer worked to functioning nerves in order to restore some hand and arm movement. The surgery received much media coverage in Australia and grabbed the attention of the medical community. In an interview with *The Courier Mail* (3 July 2013) Natasha said *"Nerve transfers have been used to treat nerve injury for a long time, but the technique is being used on quadriplegics for the first time to restore arm and hand function and help patients run a more normal life from a wheelchair."*



Natasha with Griffin



Pippa with Rupert and Griffin

Natasha did her medical school training at UCT and her Intern year at Conradie Hospital in Pinelands. She left SA in 1995 after finishing her Intern year to live in Melbourne with her Australian partner, Pippa Marsland. They met in 1993 while Pippa was travelling and working in South Africa. Natasha completed her training in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery with The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in Melbourne in 2005 and now works at the Royal Melbourne Hospital and at The Austin and Repatriation Hospital in Melbourne. Her work interests include upper limb reanimation surgery and breast reconstruction after breast cancer surgery. Upper limb reanimation involves nerve or muscle/tendon surgery to try to improve arm/hand function after any kind of neurological injury - spinal cord injury, nerve injury, cerebral palsy, head injury or stroke. The work that she has been doing with nerve transfers in spinal cord injury is done at the Victorian Spinal Cord Service which is based at The Austin Hospital.

Pippa and Natasha have 2 sons, Rupert (5) and Griffin (who is 2 but thinks he is 5!). Rupert's other name is *Darthvaderbatmannincrediblehulk* and Griffins other name is *Fireman Sam!*

JENNIFER CROMBIE (née De Villiers, 2002) and her husband, Kenneth, both finished their community service as medical doctors last year. They are living in Paarlans and she started as a private GP this year.

JEN DE BEYER (2002) is putting the finishing touches on her PhD.



MARGARET DE VILLIERS (née Diemont, 1956) is one of South Africa's leading botanical painters. She recently won Gold at the Kirstenbosch Biennale Botanical Art Exhibition and earlier this year she won the Gold Medal at the prestigious annual Royal Horticulture Society Botanical Art Show in London for her series of paintings of Cape Erica's flowers.

*"I want everyone to go out to explore, to look after these flowers, to be more aware of our precious heritage."*

KATE DESMARAIS (2006) of Olvy and Malher Cape Town, was one of two copywriters honoured at this year's Leeries. *The Young Creative Award* is sponsored by leading SA law firm, Adams and Adams, and recognises outstanding achievement by talented individuals at the beginning of their careers in the area of brand communication. Kate will be heading off to the 2014 Cannes Lions International Festival of Creativity as part of her prize.

PAMELA DUFF (past Head 1986 to 1997) was delighted to bump into some O-1's in Gruyton having lunch at a local café and share a glass of wine - and many reminiscences - with them. They were from the class of 1992 - Head Girl Barbara Vincent (now back in Cape Town after 10 years in London), Gina Stewart (née Mulhertz) whose daughter Gabi has started in Grade 8 this year, and Leanne Gordon (Myers) who was visiting from Johannesburg. It was wonderful to see them - and so special to share memories.

Mrs Duff writes: *"I have had a busy and exciting year. In May I was invited to a 30 year reunion at St John's OSG in Pietermaritzburg. I was Headmistress of this school before moving to Herschel in 1986. It was great to catch up with past pupils and to hear of their successes and their families. Shortly after, I flew to Australia to stay with my granddaughter, Hayley, and her husband in Coffs Harbour. Real reason for the visit? To welcome my first great grandson, Finnley. I loved my stay in Australia - no high walls, no burglar bars, no litter, and scenery and climate to rival South Africa. Then in September came a 'happy day' at the wedding of my grand-daughter Bridget (Mutric 2000) and Justin Lawrence. Bridget looked truly beautiful and it was very special to see two of her former school friends as her bridesmaids - Coryn Buchanan and Cristi Little. Rev Bob Cammin conducted the marriage ceremony and several of Bridget's former teachers were there - so it felt like a real Herschel celebration! I look forward to Founder's Day 2014 and hope to see many of the class of 1994 on that day."*



With her new great grandson, Finnley

LUCINDA EDWARDS (née Richards, 1983) and her husband, Richard, won the Hobie 16 Nationals, held in Port Elizabeth in March.

TEGAN EFFLING (2008) graduated from UCT with a Business Science Degree in Finance and Accounting in 2012. She has returned to UCT to study Medicine and will complete her first year of her MBChB in November.

SUSANNAH FARR (née George, 1992) *"I am currently leading an NGO called GOLD Peer Education Development Agency. GOLD is a dynamic non profit organisation playing a key role in the transformation of under-served communities in South Africa as well as Zambia through the roll out of a long term youth peer education and leadership model. The GOLD model uses the methodology of peer education which harnesses the influence that school going age opinion leaders have with their peers to encourage youth to make informed choices and develop health enhancing and purpose driven social norms. I am passionate about young people and seeing them supported to reach their full potential."*



**RHONI GERICKE (2012)**, currently a freshman at Yale, was selected to represent their hockey squad, The Bulldogs. She is the first South African to be selected for this squad. Rhoni, who received 10 distinctions in Matric last year, has been awarded a scholarship to study Engineering at Yale. Herschel is extremely proud of her. Al Herschel, Rhoni did not only excel at her academic work: she played Western Province field hockey, played indoor hockey for the Herschel first team and was a school Prefect.

**SALLY HANNATH (née Brimble, 1973)** and her husband, Stan, undertook a five month journey starting in June 2013 from Nordkapp in Norway to Cape Agulhas in aid of The Nelson Mandela Children's Hospital Trust.

For more on their incredible journey, please have a look at their website [www.cape2cape4kids.co.za](http://www.cape2cape4kids.co.za)



**SHAKIRA HANSROD (2008)** is married to Ebrahim Essop and they have a beautiful baby, Alaycia.

**TASNEEM HARNEKAR (2004)** completed her Bachelor of Business Science in Actuarial Science degree at UCT in 2008. In 2009, she wrote the Financial Risk Management Exam through the Global Association of Risk Professionals and was awarded the designation of Financial Risk Manager (FRM) in 2011, after completing the necessary work skills requirements. In 2011, she wrote the examination to acquire the Chartered Enterprise Risk Actuary (CERA) designation and at the end of 2012, she completed her actuarial board exams through the UK Institute of Actuaries to be admitted as a Fellow (FIA). In July of this year, Tasneem completed all the necessary requirements to become a Fellow of the Actuarial Society of South Africa (FASSA). Altogether she has achieved the following designations since leaving school: B.Bus.Sci (Hons. in Act. Sci), FRM, CFRA, FIA, FASSA.

**ANNA HAW (2002)** is living in Pretoria. She is working on her PhD in Wildlife Immobilisation. She finished one of her major projects on Rhino in the Kruger National Park which was aired on 50/50. She graduated with her MSc dissertation in Veterinary Tropical Diseases in September. Other projects Anna is involved in include darting and working on armadillo, gemsbok, wildebeest and lion. So, although based in Pretoria, she spends a lot of time in the field.

**LINDSAY HAYES (née Grant, 2002)** *"I am working in Hong Kong as a chartered architect in one of the biggest local firms. I'm the only western lady in the company of 280 people, working on massive developments and learning a lot! I am over here with my Afrikaner husband, Kevin, who is also an architect. Really enjoying living in this city of contrasts."*

**BRIDGET HILL (2004)** is engaged to her boyfriend of 4 years, Shaun Lamont, a SACS Old Boy and the brother of Old Herschelian, **KAREN LAMONT (2005)**. Shaun proposed in the vineyards in France while they were on a family holiday barging down the Midi Canal. Bridget is a registered dietitian and has opened a private practice in Constantia. She also consults for a sports supplement company, works for UCT as a research coordinator and she is also associated with Discovery, so does lots of corporate work regarding Vitality.



**NICOLA HOSSLER (2002)** is engaged to Tom Orpen (son of Jane ORPEN, nee Sartor, 1969). Tom proposed at infantia, Breede River in June and they are planning their wedding in infantia in March 2014. Nicola started her own company almost 2 years ago called Bone Interior Design Firm, specialising in commercial, retail, residential and hospitality builds and fitouts.

JESSICA VILJOEN (née Pretorius, 2002) is currently completing her LLB through UNISA whilst raising her daughter, 3 year old, Madison Rose and her 7 month old son, Nathan Grey. Whilst Jessica was completing her 3<sup>rd</sup> Year of LLB at Stellenbosch in 2007, she was attacked and robbed by 4 men at gunpoint in her home during a break-in. This experience, as traumatic as it was, also resulted in Jessica wanting to become a foster parent. She fostered a baby from Khayalitsha for 5 months before the child was adopted by a Norwegian family.



She then met her husband, Abe, and they travelled and lived overseas for a few years, finally settling back in South Africa, where she now juggles nappies, kiddies' birthday parties and law journals. She hopes to commence her articles in 2014.

MEGAN WALWYN (2002) will be graduating this year with an MBA in Tourism and was recently promoted to senior lecturer at Stenden in Port Alfred. She has been in Port Alfred for four years now. Since starting at Stenden, she has travelled to their campus sites in Qatar and Bali. She worked in Bali for three months last year "so work has been pretty fabulous".

SAMANTHA WATERMEYER (née Woods, 2004) married Adie Watermeyer (son of SHELFY WATERMEYER, née Stephens, 1968) in September 2012. She is currently a Legal Compliance Officer at the Financial Services Company, RCS and was admitted as an attorney on 6 September 2013. They are currently living in Newlands.

NATASHA WATSON (2004) writes: *Since school I attended Stellenbosch University for 4 years, where I completed a degree in Socio-Informatics with additional majors in Psychology and English. In 2009 I completed the Post Graduate Diploma in Enterprise Management at UCT, after which I moved to Whistler, Canada, where I lived and worked for the next year and a half, and then spent the rest of 2011 travelling. In 2012 I was accepted to do Psychology Honours at Stellenbosch University, which was a dream of mine. I completed my honours at the end of 2012 and went on to get my Psychological Counselling qualifications. I am now a member for the Council for Counsellors in South Africa and use my qualifications to do volunteer work with teenagers. My most recent passion has been the plight of the rhino. I spent 2 months in the bush doing rhino conservation for StopRhinoPoaching.com. I was part of a group of 5 young adults from all over the world helping to raise funds and increase global awareness about the severity of rhino poaching in Southern Africa. This is an ongoing project that I am still very involved in and extremely passionate about. (Our blog: <http://rhinopypsinterns>). In October 2013, I moved to the USA to study Jewellery Design.*

SARAH WHITEHEAD (2000) is a Medical Doctor and is completing her community service at the Western Cape Rehabilitation Centre. Read her inspiring story of courage and determination at

<http://livingmylifeblogdotcom3.wordpress.com/2013/04/24/full-circle/>.

ALICIA WILKINSON (née Faulf, 1962) In November 2012, the winners of The 2012 Fat Out DSTV Food Network Restaurant Awards were announced at a lavish award ceremony in the Grand Ballroom at the Westin Cape Town. Among those honoured was Alicia Wilkinson of Silwood School of Cookery. Alicia was awarded *The Lorraine Spynman Lifetime Achievement Award*.

SAM WOULDICE (1987) began her career as a food writer for the Woolworths Taste Magazine and her column *Confessions...* grew to become a popular blog ([www.confessionsofahungrywoman.com](http://www.confessionsofahungrywoman.com)) She has published a collection of her columns in a book titled *Confessions of a Hungry Woman* about her food journey around the world with her husband, a doctor, who works on luxury cruise liners. Also in the cookbook are menus compiled by 14 of her foodie friends - famous names like Reuben Riffel and KAREN DUDLEY (Head Girl in 1985).



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