

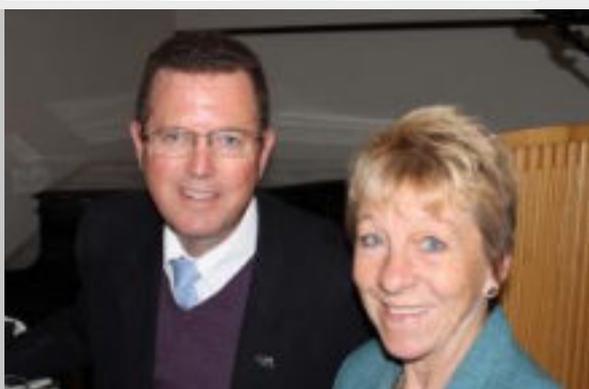
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<b>June 2016</b>		<b>OHA Winter Dinner</b>	For all Old Herschelians, Staff and Friends of the school  Cost R150 per person
<b>September 2016</b>		<b>OH Mother's Lunch</b>	

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# Letter from the Head

Dear Old Herschelians

As I write the Matrics are well into their final National Senior Certificate examinations and the rest of the school have begun their examination period. There is an unreal calm at school that belies the intensive preparation, focused diligence and daunting workloads by both staff and girls in the time ahead. 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.

At the start of this term the 2016 prefect team was announced and the 18 prefects, led by Head Girl Emma Leslie, and Management Portfolio Heads were inducted in a formal Assembly on Tuesday 13 October. On the following weekend the prefect team had a most productive training and planning camp run by the Senior Executive in Greyton.

The prestigious Prize Giving ceremony was held on Wednesday 14 October and the guest speaker this year was the Executive Director of ISASA (Independent Schools Association of South Africa), Lebogang Montjane, who gave us a keen insight into the role and quality assurance of independent schooling in South Africa. He quoted Richard Shaull in his forward to Paulo Freire's seminal book, Pedagogy of the Oppressed, who writes,

*"There is no such thing as a neutral educational process. Education either functions as an instrument which is used to facilitate integration of the younger generation into the logic of the present system and bring about conformity or it becomes the practice of freedom, the means by which men and women deal critically and creatively with reality and discover how to participate in the transformation of their world."*

He went on to assert that as Herschel extols its girls to "*learn to make a difference*" he has no doubt that Herschel girls are be-



ing prepared to "*participate in the transformation of your world.*" With the recent student protests on our neighbouring university campuses calling for greater access by the academically capable to tertiary education, it is essential that our girls leave

This resonated with me as at a recent Heads' Conference Rabbi Kacev, the General Director of the South African Board of Jewish Education, reminded us that the real goal of education is to enable the children in our care to become something more than they were before; better thinkers, more able, more resilient, more capable; making the world a better place. He implored schools, teachers and parents to not focus on insatiable demand for immediate results but rather on the long learning processes at work in a child's life and education. This reminder is timely as we know that while we will be feted for our many obvious academic, sporting and cultural successes this year, we as staff celebrate a learning environment which encourages every girl to be themselves, curious and risk-takers as she grows, demonstrates her talents and discoveries and is acknowledged for who she is and what she daily brings to her learning experience.



A moving Valedictory ceremony was held on Thursday 15 October. The Head Girl Jessica Wilson and her Deputies offered an insightful and amusing reflection on their Herschel journey, while for the School it was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and thank the Matrics for their leadership and legacy of achievement.

And we have had much to celebrate and for which to be grateful. We produced a magnificent musical, *Across the Universe*, witnessed on many occasions the extraordinary Art, Drama and Musical talent of our girls and their ensemble groups, enjoyed three vibrant and enriching overseas tours (Cultural Tour to Eastern Europe, Service Tour to Vietnam and an Academic Tour to the UK), congratulated dozens of girls who achieved national, provincial and regional honours in sport, Olympiads and Science exhibitions and we have had hundreds of girls engaged in making a difference

every week in meaningful and wholehearted community service projects.

One of our girls, Anna Midgely, presented her Science project entitled *Fynbos nuts: A new Superfood* at the International Science and Engineering Fair in Pittsburgh, USA. Our highly-acclaimed Chorale has the worshipful backbone of all of our services and our chapel continues to shine brightly at the heart of Herschel. The House Plays proved to be another dramatic highlight and the theme for this year's House productions was 'Roots' and it forced the script writers and directors to construct some deeply meaningful and insightful plays that explored some of the major political, racial and social issues of our time. And there is so much more.

As you can see 2015 has been a wonderfully enriching and productive year. As the year rushes to a close it is right and fitting to reflect on all the learning, 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 and it makes a profound difference.

I have the pleasant opportunity to meet many Old Herschelians, like the Class of 1995, who pop in to visit their school and revisit many memories. Pamela Duff and I enjoyed a most pleasant lunch listening to those memories and the journeys that Herschel launched twenty years ago. 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.





## *Report from the Chairman of the OHA*

Herschel not only prepared to make a mark on the academic world beyond school but also to find ways to participate in the transformation of their worlds.

As always our Old Herschel year starts with the cocktail party and Founders Day. This year we held it in the new Aaron Searll building which is such a wonderful venue. There was considerable noise and energy created by the members attending reunions. The food was delicious, the general opinion being that it was better than ever! Stuart West welcomed the guests and although there were fewer people than last year it was a very enjoyable evening. As usual, Tania organised everything very efficiently and we are sorry to see her resign in order to further her studies. Fortunately Lucy Bailey (Burns) has taken over from her. Lucy has a daughter Alice in Grade 1 at Herschel, is an ex Herschel teacher, on the OH committee and daughter of Di Burns, our former OH secretary for over 30 years. Her credentials could not be better and we are thrilled to have her even more involved. I look forward to working with her and thank Tania so much for her wonderful work, enthusiasm and loyalty to the Old Herschelians.



On that note we have three other resignations, Jennifer Wynne, Shushy Hugo Hamman and Liz Cowell. Shushy has been on the committee for a long while, she was one of the main fundraisers in the creation of the Old Herschelians Bursary Fund, which now donates about R10,000 every year to the school to be used as it sees fit as an auxiliary bursary fund, ie. for things not covered for a bursary student. We shall miss her energy and enthusiasm.

Jennifer Wynne has been on the committee longer than I have and has been a wonderfully loyal and hardworking member. We thank her for all her contributions.

Liz Cowell inspired us with the idea of the Golden Girls, a tea party for all those who had celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. We had the first one last year and it was such a happy occasion no one wanted to leave till lunch time! The function was most efficiently organised by Tania and the school provided excellent food and service.

Founders Day was different, for the first time in many years, it poured with rain shortly before the girls were due to walk down to St Saviours. As a result, the service was held in the newly renovated theatre which accommodated everyone. The decorating of the wire cross with roses in memory of past pupils was again one of the highlights of the memorable and moving service.

The service was followed by the procession of new members of the school passing through the arch and the singing of the school song.

At the AGM the treasurer pointed out that one of the class reunions made a contribution to the fund that assists bursary students. This is a highly commendable and generous gesture, and could be emulated by other reunions. She also suggested that a plan for enlarging and relocating the archives should be one of the objectives for the celebration of the school's centenary in seven years' time.

The Winter Dinner in June produced a very enjoyable evening although the attendance was lower than in previous years. The speaker was Ariella Cairia from Sterling EQ, one of our most successful SA groups. She gave a wonderfully inspiring speech, her career having started in the Music Department at Herschel.

In March a well-attended Circle Secretaries' meeting was held. Tania produced an informative handout pointing out the duties of the circle secretaries. We had a very good response to the introduction of younger members to the committee and we welcome Tamlyn Prevost, Zeanne Bornman, Barbara Vintcent and Amy Paterson to our committee. At a recent committee meeting, I was impressed with their enthusiasm and look forward to working with them.

Prue Crawley  
Chairman. OH Committee



## Founder's Day



The annual winter dinner was held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June in

## *Winter Dinner*

the Mary Jagger Hall. Our guest speaker was Ariella Caira who matriculated from Herschel in 2004. She is a member of the group "Sterling EQ" which is well known for changing the face of instrumental music in South Africa and beyond with their extraordinary fusion of virtuosity and fresh beats. The band boasts four successful releases, three major awards, over 700 live performances since 2007 and tens of thousands of followers worldwide. They have performed in 11 countries to live audiences of up to 40 000 and on live broadcasts to millions of global television viewers.

Ariella has been playing music since the age of 5. Having excelled in both music and drama at school, she went on to study at UCT where she received a BA Hons in Theatre and Performance (2008) with distinction in Drama and First Prize for English Acting. Although originally focused in



classical piano and percussion studies, cello has always been Ariella's true passion and her love for chamber music has seen her perform as a member of numerous ensembles including ACE quartet, Wired, Simply Strings and Pizzazz, as well as orchestras such as the National Youth Orchestra and the Cape Philharmonic Orchestra. Ariella has recorded sessions for well known producers and bands. As an actress Ariella has appeared in various commercials and music videos including South African Pop Idol runner-up Lloyd Cele's "Thank you". Over and above her acting skills, Ariella is also a freelance writer. She has previously completed a Magazine Journalism Course (SAWC) and Basics of Creative Writing course. (SAWC).

Ariella delivered a sincere and inspiring account of her experience as a musician and the impact their group has had on many people from different walks of life.

The attendance at this year's annual dinner was less than the previous year with approximately 50 old girls attending. It is always a fun event and a perfect opportunity to reconnect with friends from school in the beautifully decorated Mary Jagger Hall.



## REUNION NEWS

### *CLASS OF 1955 – 60 years*

Our return to school after 60 years brought back so many memories. We were the last year to have only one class throughout our schooling, and to be in the same original building before it was split into junior and senior schools.

Unfortunately only 8 members of our class were able to attend the reunion. We first met at the cocktail party the evening before Founders Day, and were introduced to the new headmaster Stuart West who was so friendly and welcoming, and left a very good impression.

The next day the original plans had to be altered due to heavy rain as the girls couldn't walk down to St Saviours for the Founders Day Service. This took place in the new theatre which is situated on the site of the old tennis courts. It was a moving service and we were all given a rose to place on the cross.

The school song was sung by pupils and staff who linked arms in front of the school.

After a short AGM of the OHA, we were given a delicious lunch in the hall where we had tables arranged for each class. Old Girls spoke about their memories and shared many stories.

Senior girls then took us on a tour around the school, and we were amazed at the enormous changes that have taken place and the wonderful new facilities. The most impressive change was the new chapel in the old library.

Many thanks Herschel for the warm welcome we received and the happy memories.

Those who attended were Jean Ratcliffe (Raubenheimer) Pam Minty (Cohen) Sylvia Wilson (Sauerman) Pamela Wollaston (Dicker) ,Gill Jeffery (Wright) Helen Steens (Livingstone) Bobby Burton (Hutchinson) and Rosemary Ward (Leftwich)

Report by Helen Steens (Livingstone)

## *CLASS OF 1965 – 50 years*

The Class of '65 had a very special reunion over the Founder's Day week end. Of the class, we managed to contact about 36 who had been with us for part, or all of the 12 years at Herschel. Twenty three of the class attended one or all of the functions and they came from all corners of the country, Germany, UK and USA.

Founder's day dawned wet and miserable so the service was held in the school theatre. It was hoped that Susie Weijburg's mother, Diana Davis (nee Struben,1937) would attend the lunch. Unfortunately she was not well on the day. In Susie's words: "It was a great pity that my mother could not make the lunch as she had been looking forward to it for ages. The school made a huge effort in celebrating her as the oldest Herschelion alive and I felt privileged to receive the roses on her behalf."

The weekend was so aptly described by Robyn Wright (Titcombe), who came from the UK. Robyn left Herschel during Standard 3 and in her words:

"Armed with a copy of my standard 3 class photo, I went forth with excitement and anticipation. How would I be received and would I recognise my classmates? I had only kept in touch with two of them - Louise Maratos (Fischman ) and Jayne Currie (Beaumont), as I have been living in the UK since the 70's. Nothing could have prepared me for the warmth and friendship I experienced at my first visit to Herschel as an old girl since 1958! There were only a few classmates I did not recognise - but I was warmly received by everyone. The occasion was arranged with much thought and attention to detail, with the cocktail party to commence the celebrations, then the church service and superb lunch expertly served to us by current pupils. I was moved to tears by the church service and particularly the poignancy of the tribute to old girls who had died since the last Founders Day, which involved all old girls present placing a rose on a cross. We finished with a tour of the school - to see many of the facilities available to pupils today was most interesting and I can see why Herschel is regarded as one of the best girls' schools in South Africa. Moreover, every current pupil I came in contact with was polite, enthusiastic and a real credit to the school and the work being done by the Headmaster and staff. I feel proud that I was a pupil at such a wonderful school.

We finished up with a lunch at Bistro 1682 in Steenberg the next day, when there was more time for catching up, photos and reminiscences. Altogether, it was a memorable and a very special and happy occasion I would not have missed for the world. Big thanks to all those who fetched and carried me, everyone who made me feel so welcome and to Louise who encouraged me to attend!"

For the rest of the class, the feedback was one of tremendous enjoyment. So why wait 10 years? In 2020 we will hopefully be back for a 55th reunion!

Those who attended one or all of the functions were:

Allison Edwards (Payne); Janet Stamper (Henshilwood); Pam Hewitt (Dyke Poynter) from Johannesburg; Angela Gilbert; Jean Bradshaw (Henderson); Helen Schipper; Alison Munro (Boyes) from East London; Susie Weijburg (Davis) from Germany; Jayne Beaumont (Currie) from Bot Rivier; Liza Westmore (Dowie Dunn); Louise Parr (van Winsen) ;Gail Durr (Mortimer) ;Lucinda May (Abbott) from Johannesburg; Di Lary (Persse) ; Margaret Garlick; Gail Andrew (Lomberg) ; Louise Fischman (Maratos) from USA; Anne Fischer (Grant) from Riebeeck West; Veronica Vere Nicol (Payne) ) from UK; Robyn Titcombe (Wright) from UK; Nicky Newsome (Jones) ; Di Roberston (Hodgson) from Johannesburg.





**Front** (from left to right): Margaret Garlick; Jayne Beaumont; Susie Weijburg; Robyn Titcombe, Gail Andrew; Allison Edwards; Louise Fischman; Veronica Vere Nicol; Angela Gilbert, Alison Munro.

**Back** (from left to right): Anne Fischer; Helen Schipper; Janet Stamper; Di Roberston; Louise Parr; Jean Bradshaw; Pam Hewitt; Lucinda May; Gail Durr, Lisa Westmore.

Report by Jean Bradshaw.



## *CLASS OF 1975 – 40 years*

We had a fabulous few days getting together with some of the girls we hadn't seen for ages. Rosie Short (Webber) came from the UK and Lovell Brooke (Anstee) was here from Australia. It was fun to see the alterations to the school at the cocktail party on Thursday 12 February.



### Herschel Cocktail Party

**Front:** Josie Frater, Nicky Thompson (Fouche) Vanessa Rossouw (Hefer) Terry Nicholas (Lloyd-Roberts, Martine Newman (Frank)

**Back:** Rosie Short (Webber), Suzanne Leighton (Allen), Lovell Brooke (Anstee), Karen Platte (Wessels)

We were then joined by 8 husbands and partners at "A Tavola" in Claremont for supper. Judy Watson (Knutsen), Shona McDonald (Milton), Fiona Gibson (Ross) Jane Rowse (Bettison) joined those who had been at the cocktail party.

On Friday, 13 Feb some of us went to the Founder's day Service, followed by lunch at the school.



Rosie, Karen, Suzanne, Josie, Nicky and Lovell at Herschel Founders' Day Lunch

Josie then hosted us for a "sleepover" at her house in Hermanus. Rosie, Nicky, Bidy Glenday (Gough), Josie, Suzanne, Karen, Lovell, Judy and

Fiona G talked a lot and stayed up late. On Saturday we walked along the cliff path to the Hermanus Market for breakfast.



We are a class that keeps in touch and meets every couple of months and also whenever an out-of-towner visits Cape Town. From overseas recently we've seen Margot Worsley-Worswick (McLachlan), Tessa Fraser-Grant (Douglas-Hamilton), Lynne Martin (Herbert), Morag Charlton (Curry), Tjitske Post, Elizabeth Morgan (Hartnell-Bevis), Barbie van Alphen Stahl and Suzette Pelt (Anderson).

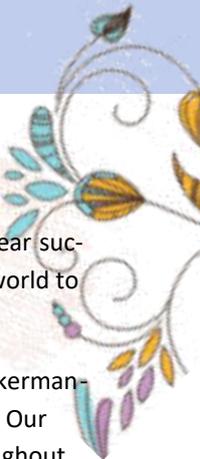
If anyone is visiting Cape Town please contact [suzanneleighton8@gmail.co](mailto:suzanneleighton8@gmail.co) and we can arrange a get-together.

Report by Suzanne Leighton.

## *CLASS OF 1980 – 35 YEARS*

For a class that took 25 years to get our act together, we have certainly caught up quite substantially and earlier this year successfully held our 3rd reunion in 10 years! 13 March 2015, Matric class of 1980 once again gathered from all over the world to celebrate friendship, shared memories and lifelong connections.

The gorgeous Cape summer and Atlantic seaboard was a spectacular backdrop to a long, lazy lunch held at Suzanne Ackerman-Berman's home in Sea Point. It was yet another wonderful gathering that is becoming a bit of a tradition every 5 years! Our generous host, as always, organized a spectacular spread of delicious light food, cocktails and bubbly that flowed throughout the afternoon. Photos, laughter and never one tiny lapse in conversation all added to a memorable afternoon. It is the most extraordinary thing to witness how so many women from 20 different walks of life, different experiences, habits, hobbies and interests can come together and find so much in common. The bonds we all create at school are far more powerful years later than we could ever have imagined.



This year was the largest turnout we have had, with the overseas contingent here in force! Mandy Scott (Ashmore) was here from Switzerland, as well as 2 of our many resident Brits who made the trip - Leigh Dillingham (Mukheiber) and Jane Emerson (Johnson).

There were 3 first- time attendees - Carolyn New (Newton) , who is back in Cape Town after many years in the UK, Jane Dicey who lives across 2 continents in Africa (Uganda) and USA, and Vicky Schwabe ( Huxter) who has also lived abroad for many years. Several of us hadn't touched base with them in 35 years! Many others came from far and wide. Thank you for all making such a wonderful effort to get together.

Our small, final matric class of only 36 was well represented, as Sue Lloyd Roberts managed to rally up quite a crowd, including all those who had once been in our grade at some time in our school career, making a total of 22 on the day. There was a bold representation from the "Sue Collection" . Our class had the rare distinction of having a total of 7 Susan's (Baker, Burns, Davies, Eve, Lloyd-Roberts, Stamper and Steenkamp) and 3 Suzanne's (Ackerman, Benson and Kilcullen) of whom 7 were present!



There were many memories made that day, but one that will remain with us for a very long time was that of the rescued cell phone! After slipping into the swimming pool and sinking to the bottom, it was frantically rescued by a fully clothed hostess who elegantly took the plunge to retrieve it. Miraculously it worked perfectly!

We dearly missed the few who were unable to be with us in person, and know that, with time, we will have a full house, as all present have agreed to continue the tradition every 5 years.

A huge thank you to Sue Burns who has the unenviable task of keeping and updating the database. Without this focus, we would not be able to connect with and contact every member of our class. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Sue Burns on her marriage to Brian Down - we wish them both every happiness and good health for a long, happy life together.

Class of 1980, thank you for your support, love, and generosity. The funds raised on the day have been sent to the Herschel Bursary Assist Fund to help those girls who are on bursaries but cannot afford the extras which go with being at school, such as a matric dance dress, or a cultural or hockey tour. We all know that wherever our paths may lead, and whilst we may not see each other from 5 years to next, there will always be a warm hand of friendship should ever it be needed.

The people who attended were Phillipa Jolly, Susan Baker(Eve), Susan Burns, Sue Lloyd-Roberts, Mandi Ashmore(Scott), Suzanne le Roux(Kilcullen), Suzanne Ackerman-Berman, Shane Heerden (Fairhead), Susan Erasmus (Baker), Jane Emerson (Johnson), Susan Revello (Ingram), Hilary Knight, Carolyn New (Newton), Leigh Dillingham (Mukheiber), Magda Viotti (Rosenwerth), Penny Hardcastle (Cooper), Leigh Schuhbauer (Cluver). Jane Dicey, Vicky Schwabe(Huxter), Susan Byrne (Stamper), Lilian Dudley and Lindy Durand (de Kock).





Report by  
Suzanne  
Ackerman- Berman and Sue Lloyd-Roberts.



## *CLASS OF 1985 – 30 years*

We started our 30th Reunion Weekend with the Founders Day service which was held at school. It was hugely emotional - I had tears rolling down my cheeks seeing many old friends for the first time after all these years. It was a beautiful service accompanied by wonderful singing, after which we all gathered in the garden to join in the singing of the school song, something that didn't exist in our day.

Lunch was held in our old gymnasium, now the Mary Jagger Hall. The room was filled with old girls celebrating their 10th to 60th reunions. It was really heart-warming to see friendships still flourishing between Old Girls in their 70's. We made a huge amount of noise and our three tables seemed to be the epicentre of volcanic eruptions of laughter, with Ali Kebble and Cathy Stamper at the centre of it all - nothing changes with the passing of time!

We were entertained by an OH in her 70's, who regaled a very racy tale about her experience of sliding down the ropes in the gym, which was first met with a gasp of surprise by all of us, and then the loudest roar of laughter I've ever heard - an icebreaker if ever there was one!



Karen Dudley, our head girl, made a wonderful speech - she's well-versed at public speaking after her brilliant Ted Talk last year.

We had a tour around the school after lunch. We were all amazed by the incredible developments and facilities on offer, but were reassured to find little corners that hadn't changed a bit over the years. There was lots of reminiscing in the boarding house when girls found their old rooms.

On Friday night we met at Kyra Pratt's house for a delicious dinner cooked by our very own culinary superstar, Karen Dudley, famed for The Kitchen and The Dining Room in Woodstock, and her two best-selling books, 'A Week in the Kitchen' I and II. It was another raucous occasion sitting in the warmth of Kyra's beautiful garden until midnight.

On Saturday we met for lunch in the vineyards of Constantia Glen which went on all day, and on Sunday we met for brunch in Camps Bay.

Four of us came from the UK for the weekend: Jo Growse, Dee Murray, Tonia Cara van der Spuy and I. Sue Bottger came from Australia. Others came from Plettenberg Bay, Grahamstown, Franschhoek, Johannesburg, Stellenbosch and farms scattered all over the country. We gathered 33 of our original class of 44, which was a miraculous coup after 30 years.



We all enjoyed meeting so much, that we did it again in August with a dinner for 22 girls at Karen's 'The Dining Room' in Woodstock. I think we would all love to do this annually now that we have found each other again, thanks to emails and Facebook which have allowed us to make contact with each other again. It is amazing to think that none of this existed in our day. We hope that our next meeting will include girls who didn't manage to join us this year.

What did we take away from our time together?

That we were really grateful for the opportunities we have all had in our lives.

That it was heart-warming to pick up from where we left off and feel the camaraderie of having shared an important time in our lives together.

That our years at Herschel will always connect us and that 30

years later we were genuinely keen to see each other.

That we were completely at ease in each other's company and everyone's personalities are still the same!

That we don't take anything for granted anymore. We have all known pain, sadness and hardships and we were impressed at how we have coped with life, and how proud we are of our achievements.

Our thanks to Kyra Pratt who organised the weekend and had the arduous task of finding everyone all over the world.

I will echo her words of 'I am so pleased to know you and call you my friends'.

Report by Beth Pollock



## *CLASS OF 1995 – 20 Years*

Left to right: Emma Barker-Goldie, Angela Franks, Candice Van der Hoven, Robyn Garratt, Romy Stansfield, Shelley Robertson, Sandy Learmonth, Caroline Currie, Chloe Kensley, Bianca Berry, Aisling McMullen, Jenny Bradshaw, Keri Davies, Natalie Wood, Helen Fermor, Gillian Watson, Jenny Sale, Lucy Deakin, Irma Groepies, Lauren Mandy, Catharina Smith.

The Herschel 1995 old girls celebrated their 20 year reunion with a fabulous lunch on the patio outside the dining room on Friday 23rd October 2015. The day started with an intimate chapel service which brought back many memories. Andrew Scott very kindly took us on a tour of the school. The grounds have been transformed over the years with a new swimming pool, basketball court and hockey astro. We were all very impressed with the new, vibrant yet cozy "Hub" room, built to encourage reading, as well as the light and modern canteen/tuckshop. The school is looking immaculate and the gardens beautiful and lush.

Pamela Duff, Margaret Robinson, Sheilagh Ryan and Andrew Scott joined us for lunch. Pamela said a few words at the lunch which helped us relive many great memories and it really made the day to have hers and some of our teachers share it with us. A big thank you to the current headmaster, Stuart West, for hosting us all.

The Sky Bar in De Waterkant was the perfect backdrop for us to enjoy some relaxed drinks and allow us all to catch up with each other after so many years. Those who could not make the lunch and drinks attended a fun family picnic on the Saturday in Kirstenbosch with their families.

A 20 year reunion is really a milestone which brings clarity to where you have come from, where you are now and what lies ahead in life. I felt re-energised connecting with old friends and am looking forward to our 30th reunion!

Report by Gill Scott

## *CLASS OF 2000 – 15 years (London)*

There are currently 13 ladies from the Class of 2000 living in the UK, and so it was decided that after 15 years of being out of school, it was time to arrange a get together in London! In August, 8 of us met at a lovely gastropub in Pimlico for a very happy and lively lunch, which flew by as stories were swapped about what everyone had been doing and time was spent laughing at memories from school days and what we used to be like! It was wonderful to see so many ladies at different stages of their lives - some living the London dream, others raising families, others about to start families, some studying, and all with different aspirations for the future. It was unanimously decided that 15 years was far too long and another get together was definitely in order sooner rather than later!



Michelle Noth (Aspinall), Hoviyeh van der Elst (Afnan-Holms), Jacqui Koetscheid (Grouwstra), Samantha See, Leshane Perry (Luscombe), Charlotte Egerton-Hobbins, Sophie Poland

## *Reunions to look forward to in 2016*



60 year reunion Class of 1956 Margaret de Villiers [magsdev@telkomsa.net](mailto:magsdev@telkomsa.net)

50 year reunion Class of 1966 Chippy Burnett [burnett@mweb.co.za](mailto:burnett@mweb.co.za)

40 year reunion Class of 1976 Judy van Aswegen [jvanaswegen@pnp.co.za](mailto:jvanaswegen@pnp.co.za)

30 year reunion Class of 1986 Tanyana Robb-Quinlan [tanyana15@gmail.com](mailto:tanyana15@gmail.com)

25 year reunion Class of 1991 Justine Macdonald [jmacdonald@telkomsa.net](mailto:jmacdonald@telkomsa.net)

20 year reunion Class of 1996 Paula Caradoc-Davies [paulacaradocdavies@gmail.com](mailto:paulacaradocdavies@gmail.com)

15 year reunion Class of 2001 Kate Carkeek [katecarkeek@gmail.com](mailto:katecarkeek@gmail.com)

10 year reunion Class of 2006 Emma Ackerman [emma.ack@gmail.com](mailto:emma.ack@gmail.com)

# *Lady Herschel*

Lady Herschel is a cocktail club for Old Herschelians and their guests. It takes its name from Lady Margaret Herschel who, as the wife of Sir John Herschel, lived at the Cape of Good Hope from 1834 to 1838. Their Claremont home- stead was called Feldhausen (also known as The Grove) and was part of the estate we now call Herschel. Three of her twelve children were born in the Cape. She was interested in education, the pursuit of knowledge and the natural sciences, and she collaborated with her astronomer husband on sketches of rare botanical specimens found at the Cape. She epitomised elegance and industry. The Lady Herschel Alumni Club has now been meeting for 14 years and is always happy to welcome new members, their families and their guests. We meet about six times a year, usually in the last week of a month. Venues include: The Vineyard Hotel, Kelvin Grove, The Cellars-Hohenhort, and the Mount Nelson Hotel.

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## *Reflections on my visit to Southern Africa*

BY ANNE ABDY (1983)

I attend Sewanee: The University of The South's School of Theology as part of my formal seminary education on my journey towards being ordained to the Episcopal priesthood. Sewanee is one of a consortium of seminaries in the United States that is changing the world. One way that the school engages change is through cross-cultural experiences where seminarians are encouraged to immerse themselves in another culture. I spent four weeks in Namibia visiting parishes that my father, The Rev. J. I. Abdy, pastored during his twenty-eight year ministry in Namibia.

My first three weeks were spent shadowing the priest of St. Boniface Anglican Church which is located in the picturesque German town of Swakopmund. At first glance it is like any parish in Any Town, USA, or maybe even your own parish. It has about 50 families, most of whom are working middle-class and an ecumenical youth group of about 20 members. They come together to worship, fellowship, to study the Word, and praise the Lord in all that they do. American churches are blessed in that at a touch of key on a keyboard the ordering of resources and supplies can be made, whereas this parish church does what it can with what it has on hand. There are few hymnals and with no organ or piano, singing favourite songs is done with gusto...a cappella! So very different from the many St. Saviour's services that I attended at Herschel, with wonderful organ music to accompany the choir.

While there are differences in worship between the Anglican Church of the Province of Southern Africa and the Episcopal Church of the USA, it was comforting to note that there were many similarities in the Eucharist and the saying of the Daily Offices. Despite our differences, it was clear to me that we are all Christians joined together under one umbrella, the Anglican Communion.

Desiring a more rural rather than only an urban experience, I then spent another week visiting St. Mary's Anglican Mission, in Odibo, a half-kilometer from the Angolan border. Amongst great poverty, I saw a depth of the spirituality that I do not remember as a child growing up within the church. Most striking for me was the real "rawness" to their spiritual hunger and desire to learn about the Bible, while developing a deeper relationship to God. This parish has about 1000 members, if all can get transportation to attend services. Subsequently, many walk long distances to be fed with the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The mission of the church and the sharing of the Gospel take place in numerous programs. The Joy To The World Kindergarten operated by three Anglican sisters provides education and a daily hot meal to 72 children with love and care. The Hook and Eye and Odibo Sewing projects provide skills and vocational training for men and women to be tailors and seamstresses in their communities. The St. Mary's High School is a safe haven for youth attending school. Opportunities for personal growth and advancement are in the extra-curricular activities, such as sporting competitions and the Student Christian Movement. The hospital provides basic and emergency medical care to the community.

Pastoral visits to homesteads were made, and to celebrate fellowship and our oneness in Christ, we ate pap and chicken cooked in marula oil with our fingers, and drank oshikundu (a traditional cold-drink) together under a thatched rondavel built out of wooden sticks. I participated in a Eucharist under a tree (literally!) in much the same way since 1924 when the Mission was established and led Bible study in the wide open sacred spaces of God's creation. Choir practice was not confined to the walls of the church either. I fell asleep to the singing of the youth choir practising for their regional competition. It was mind-boggling to lie in bed and hear the beat of Africa in their voices, in the stomping of their feet, and the clapping of their hands! And, then to relate by knowing and claiming that I am also a child of Africa.

Having not been on the African continent in thirty years, my trip included opportunities to visit my aunt near George and friends in Cape Town. I have, however, kept up with the changes through newspaper headlines. The world knows the story about Nelson Man-

dela and Retired Archbishop Desmond Tutu. But understanding the real story of Apartheid and the post-Independence world of Southern Africa became clear through the conversations I had with friends, family, and clergy.

I was curious to know the role of the church in all of this and to find out where the church stands today. I did not realize that the ecumenical partnerships between churches led the call for the ending of Apartheid which subsequently brought about liberation and independence in 1994. Clearly there have been many positive changes over the years; but like many countries, there are struggles too. It is my understanding that the future of the church is this: to announce and bring forth from its ranks individuals with the prophetic call to care for one another—something that Herschelians are doing in your outreach activities to the communities around you.

I was shocked to see gated secure communities with electric fencing and 12 foot walls replacing hedge rows and the thousands of homes stretching out to Somerset West on both sides of the peninsula. But then it is not uncommon for the populous to migrate to cities looking for jobs. Then there are the cars! I was overwhelmed by the traffic and very grateful that I wasn't doing the driving! Oh, yeah, load-shedding was a new term and to experience this on the evening you are packing your bags and need clean laundry.

I attended the OHA's Winter Dinner in June and had a walking tour of the Herschel School campus. My, how you have grown!! So many resources and facilities, and I love that there is more collaboration between the junior and senior schools. Back in my day your only interaction on the senior campus was to use the pool and eat meals in the beloved dining room. I have so many memories there as a boarder! Then to take a picture next to the remnants of the ilex tree, which we all know is missed for sure, but what a wonderful sculpture. Of special interest to me was your new chapel. I recall it as the library and as head student librarian I spent many hours shelving books (and still do as that is my work study job at seminary). To have the library refurnished as a chapel with that wonderful wood panelling and brick work, with pipe organ, and then to have a brief meeting with your chaplain, The Rev. Sue Taylor. How lucky you all are to worship in such sacred space!

In essence, this trip has been full of memories and emotions, of reconnecting with childhood school pals, long-time family friends, and making new friends. Over and over it seemed that with the telling of stories the unfamiliar connected with the familiar. Of course, I ate my fill of South African traditional meals, plus lots of biltong and droëwors. I plan to drag out my RSA cook book when I get home and start cooking. It was an amazing trip! Certainly, a life-changing experience and one that was so long in coming. I know for sure that I will not be waiting another thirty years before returning.



## *Memories - Dew Barry*

I started at Herschel in 1939. We lived in Mountain Road, just around the corner from the Strubens, within cycling distance from Herschel and Kirstenbosch. In those days Bishop's Court was quite undeveloped apart from the Bishop's house and the tracks leading to Kirstenbosch were untarred.



I remember Joel, a tall dignified man who waited on us at mealtimes. He must have had one of the longest associations with the school of any staff member.

I was there for the opening of the "new" library. Even in those days the high vaulted ceiling and leaded windows gave it a cathedral-like atmosphere of peace and calm. I can easily imagine its transition into the school chapel.

Afternoon sport was compulsory, so even the least athletic of us left school able to play a reasonable game of tennis. In winter we played lacrosse which originated in America. It is a bit like hockey but played in the air with a basket-like attachment on the end of a stick. Not surprisingly, it was eventually abandoned as a sport as the only other school that played it was St. Cyprians and some Canadian nurses at Groote Schuur. In one of my years we won the inter school swimming gala. This was held at the indoor swimming pool in Long Street in town. The noise of hundreds of girls screaming encouragement for their team in that confined space, and the smell of chlorine was a never- to- be- forgotten experience.

It was quite a day, starting with the walk to Claremont station, train to town and then walk to the baths. The year we won the trophy, the return trip had us all buoyed up like returning gladiators. Miss Robinson, the Head, was waiting to welcome us as we came singing through the gate and up the pinetree-lined driveway. When did the pine trees go?



## NEWS

**ABERT, SHEENA** (staff) writes: " My husband and I arrived in New Zealand nearly twenty one years ago not knowing a soul. It has been a tough journey. We are now firmly settled and feel so fortunate to have our children and seven grandchildren all within a ten minute drive. We have made new friends and life is good. I love spending time with friends and family, especially my grandchildren and we make the most of the wonderful lifestyle New Zealand has to offer. "

**ANDERSON, BELINDA**, (2014) is working as a stooge at a school in New Zealand.

**KERRY ANDERSON, IMOGEN ARTON, STEPHANIE BOWER, LAUREN RICHARDS** and **DANIELLE WATLING** (all 2006) have qualified as chartered accountants.

**BAILEY, LUCY** (nee Burns, 1987) recently took over the position of OHA secretary and event co-ordinator from **Tania Johnstone**(1991), who is studying further.

**BARDAY, NASEEMA** (1988) Naseema's daughter, Mariam Karbanee, matriculated from Herschel in 2014. She is following in her mother's footsteps, studying medicine at Stellenbosch University.

**BEELE, SUE** (nee Bothner, 1963) writes:

"I have had a very fulfilling year starting with an invitation from my sister-in-law Marianne Fassler, to her Mercedes Benz Print-a-porter fashion show on 30<sup>th</sup> July. I also had a trip to Tanzania where I met up with my son Wade (from the UK) who successfully reached the summit of Kilimanjaro. We caught a bush plane and spent some time in the north eastern part of the Serengeti in the Kimondo Lamai Camp near the Mara river where we saw the migration. My grandson ,Guy Roberts, received due praise for his Underwater Hockey achievements at the Nationals in Auckland NZ in September 2015: "Guy Roberts was a stand out player playing well above his age group, and has been a Senior player since arriving in Year 9 to become the MVP for the team this year." (Most Valuable Player). My daughter , Michelle Roberts Gray, travelled to Reno, Nevada, USA to obtain her "Ozonotherapy Certification for her business in Tauranga, NZ. Diana (Seymour-Hodge) Hawke and I share the same address at the Evergreen Lifestyle Village in Muizenberg, and frequently meet up with other Herschelians in the Deep South as well as Di (Harris) Wingfield when she is in CT."

**BELL,TATIANA** (2014) is studying at the University of Reading in England doing a BA in History and Psychology.

**BENDZULLA, JEANINE** (1988) is in the process of opening an adolescent psychiatric clinic in Cape Town. She is mother to 2 year old Atlas.

**BENNET, MADALENA** (nee Da Camara, 2000) is working as a GP in Perth. She has sat and passed the 3 FRACGP examinations earlier this year, and will attain fellowship of the RACGP at the end of 2016.

**BENOIT, MEGAN** (nee Steen, 2000) launched her own business "Babes and Kids" in October 2014. Her business sells locally manufactured baby and kids bedding via an online store and retailers countrywide.

**BORNMAN, ZEANNE** (nee Duminy, 2001) is an architect and has worked on many projects in and around Cape Town over the past 9 years, aligning herself with high-end residential architecture with a passion for Interior Architecture. She began her own firm in the middle of this year, and practises out of a design driven office space in town.

**BOSOMWORTH,CHARLOTTE** (2014) is studying Biological Sciences in Exeter, UK.

**BOSINI, ANGELA** (nee Franks, 1995) is the Human Resources Director at Singita. She has 2 children - Nicholas Robin,9, and Gabriella Caroline, 5.

**BOWES, HELEN** (nee Robertson, 1968) lives in Ottawa and enjoys the outdoor life that Canada offers. She visited SA a few years ago and it was wonderful that many from her school class were able to re- establish contact.

**BRENNINKMEIJER, CATHARINA** (nee Smith, 1995) lives in Zurich and has two daughters, aged 8 and 10. She studied for 4 years in Edinburgh and then further in London.

**BUCHANAN, BETH** (1997) is qualifying with her MBChB from UCT and will be doing her internship in Port Elizabeth next year.

**BURNETT, CHIPPY** (nee Schipper, 1966) writes: "As the final preschool class I taught at Herschel matriculate this year, I am honoured to continue my association with the school now as the circle secretary. Sadly Rosemary Pierson Jurriaans, who held this position ever since we left Herschel in 1966, passed away earlier this year. For the past 12 years my father has lived with my husband and me. He passed away recently aged 104. I look forward to visiting my children and friends in Johannesburg as well as pursuing my hobbies of cycling, golf, birding, gardening, and hopefully many new interests."

**BURNETT, HELEN** (née Lightfoot, Staff) lives in Maine, USA and will be visiting SA in early December. Helen is married to Craig and they have two sons, Matthew and Craig.

**CATLIN, LINDSAY** (nee Gasson, 1968) works for a medical practice in Cape Town.

**CHARTON, DELIA** (nee Beck 1968) commutes between Hermanus and Constantia. She and her husband enjoy travelling and recently returned from a trip to Mauritius.

**CHRISTIE, KATIE** (1987) continues to work for Maternity Africa in Arusha, Tanzania where she is involved in the training of midwives. She writes "as always, I learn far more than I can ever teach anyone. The will to survive and the strength of African women is awesome. Midwives, mothers and babies of Africa are my passion. My longing for them all to feel encouraged, supported and safe is my motivation".

She re-



cently visited Ethiopia too where she was involved with much travelling and training of midwives.

**COWLING, SHELLEY** (nee Robertson 1995) lives in Cape Town and is a jewellery designer. Her daughter, Annabel, was born on 31 August 2015.

**CURRIE, CAROLINE** (nee Loughton, 1995) works in the family printing business, lives in Hout Bay and has 2 children.

**DALY, SAMANTHA** (nee Mackay-Davidson, 1987) is a regional sales manager for respiratory products for Medtronic. She has been married to Sean for 21 years and they have two daughters, Sarah 18 and Emma 15.

**DENOON - STEVENS, CAROL** (nee Newton Thompson, 1968) and her husband live in Johannesburg and have had some exciting travels this year, including a cycling trip to France.

**DESMARAIS, KATE** (2006) is working as a senior copywriter at J. Walter Thompson in Hong Kong.

**DUFF, PAMELA** (past headmistress) writes: "After celebrating my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in August 2014, my husband John and I moved to Bridgewater Manor a pretty retirement village in Somerset West.

After living in Greyton for eighteen years (hard to believe how fast retirement years fly by!) it was a big adjustment, but we have settled happily and I keep busy having been elected onto the management committee of the village (surprise, surprise!). I was very touched to be invited to the 20 year reunion of the Class of 1995 – the 'girls' all looked so glamorous and have all achieved amazing things. The school was looking beautiful, there are so many new developments especially the new reading room with its tasteful interior decoration. I continue to follow school activities with love and pride."

**DU PREEZ, NATHALIE** (2000) moved to San Francisco this year to launch her technology start up, Bunchcut. BunchCut is a B2B collaboration platform for marketing and creative teams to work with rich media more seamlessly and get instant feedback from clients and social media fans. Feel free to sign up free to organize your images at home or at work. [www.bunchcut.com](http://www.bunchcut.com).

**EASTMAN, JENNY** (nee Louw, 1976) bought her first Cardies franchise in Claremont in July 1992, and in 1996 she acquired Cardies at The Constantia

Village. She enjoys taking on the challenges of the business world which can be tough but she is happy to go the extra mile, stay focused and show appreciation



**EMERSON, JANE** (nee Johnson1980) has been living in the UK for nearly 30 years and attended her 35<sup>th</sup> class reunion in February this year. She has two children, a daughter, Kelly(19) who is a first year medical student at the University of Sheffield, and a son Alfie (7).Jane is the Sales Director of a UK Channel Services company in the IT industry, and leads a busy life with work, school events (active on the PTA) and her passion for travelling.

**ECKSTEIN, NICKY** (1986) writes about her Unogwaja Challenge:

“In September 2014 my partner, David Bellairs and I were chosen as 2 of 10 participants from around the world to undertake a journey of 1750kms, which entailed cycling from Cape Town to Pietermaritzburg over ten days and then running the Comrades Marathon on the 11<sup>th</sup> day – the Unogwaja Challenge.

At 4am on 19 May 2015 we set out from the Southern Sun Waterfront heading for Robertson, what an emotional feeling. All the training had been done and as I’ve learnt over the past four years of ultra endurance events, to get to the start line injury free and strong is an achievement in itself. We arrived in Robertson via the Franschoek Pass (could they not have gone the most direct route?), after 205kms feeling tired but elated. Over the next four days we travelled to Calitzdorp, Willowmore, Graaff Reinet & Cradock, where we stayed at Vukasebenza Homeless Shelter – this was an amazing and humbling experience.

We then continued through rural Eastern Cape, meeting so many wonderful people along the way. We stayed in boarding houses in Queenstown and sports hall floors in Maclear and Kokstad, finally arriving in Richmond on the Friday before Comrades. The next day we cycled a short 35kms (rest day?) to Pietermaritzburg where we were met by the mayor at the City Hall. I could not believe it, we were there and only had Comrades to go! What made it all the more special was my daughter, Lea Chisholm (2014) was there to meet me at the City Hall – needless to say, tears were shed!

5.30 Sunday morning, the Comrades rooster crowed, starting our Comrades journey and 11 hours 23minutes later we crossed the finish line. We were now officially Unogwajas - we had done it and what an unbelievable feeling!

You may ask, ‘why?’ The Unogwaja Challenge follows the journey of Phil Masterton Smith who, in 1931, was the youngest person (19) to ever win the Comrades Marathon. Two years later he wanted to defend his ‘down run’ title but could not afford the train fare and so borrowed his sister’s bike and cycled to Pietermaritzburg in 10 days. On the 11<sup>th</sup> day he ran his race coming 10<sup>th</sup>, a feat we were unable to repeat! The Zulus called him the Unogwaja, meaning “hare” and sadly he was killed in the Battle of Tobruk in WW2.

We retraced his route and in doing so, raised funds for the Unogwaja Light Fund where we collectively raised 1.2 million rand for education in rural areas. Thank you to all of you who supported me – you were there with me every kilometer of the way.

If you would like to find out more about the Unogwaja Light Fund, go to [www.unogwaja.com](http://www.unogwaja.com)

**FOURIE, SIMONE** (2006) is an official attorney of the High Court.

**FULLER, JUDY** (nee Scott Shaw, 1968)) and her husband have retired to Greyton.

**GARISCH, DAWN’S** (1975) 10th book has been accepted for publication. This one is a novel, working title “Accident, A Performance”. Dawn lives in Cape Town, and continues to work as a doctor part-time, as well as running writing and creative method workshops. For more information on books and courses, please email [dawn.garisch@gmail.com](mailto:dawn.garisch@gmail.com)

**GEORGE, HELEN** (nee Watson, 1968) has retired from a fulfilling and successful career teaching at COSAT in Khayelitsha and is now based in Betty’s Bay.

**GIOVANNINI, GAIA** (2000) is getting married to Ludovic Dewailly on 30 January 2016 in Cape Town. He is a French software engineer. They are currently travelling for 8 months - they started with a 3 month USA road trip, followed by 1 month in Bangkok, 2 months in Bali, 2 weeks in Malaysia and finally Vietnam. They plan to settle in the UK after their marriage.

**GODFREY, CHRIS** (nee Hawson, 1961) and her husband Graham recently relocated to a farm near Bloemfontein to be near her family. She has been involved as a trained Reach for Recovery hospital visitor for many years and while living in George she began helping patients grow their own vegetables, using easy permaculture methods, knowing how critical it is to rebuild one’s immune system after surgery, chemo etc. This initiative subsequently grew to a wider group than patients, and there are now about 700 gardeners, all volunteers, spread throughout the Garden Route and Klein Karoo. They are known as "Kos en Fynbos".



**GOLDSCHMIDT, LAUREN** (nee Kohn, 2000) Since returning from maternity leave to UCT where Lauren lectures full-time, she has had an article accepted for publication in the South African Law Journal entitled, "*The Bashir judgment raises the red flag for the rule of law and the judiciary*". Lauren has also recently been invited to present at a conference in Johannesburg organised by the Constitutional Court Review. She will be presenting on the recent Constitutional Court judgment in the case of *Trencon Construction (Pty) Ltd v Industrial Development Corporation* and its implications for courts granting orders of substitution in the context of the separation of powers. Lauren is also working as a consultant on a panel of legal experts, Caveat Legal, and offers legal advice in a variety of public law and regulatory fields – most recently she has done opinion work for start-up tech companies. She is loving motherhood and doing her best to strike the ever delicate motherhood-work-life-balance!

**GOLDSWAIN, MARGIE** (Watson, 1961) has a great-niece Rachel Shortt at Herschel. Margie's three children all live in Perth. She has four grandchildren and gets to see them often. She retired as a registered nurse in a wonderful endoscopy unit in Perth about four years ago. She misses the girls there as they were a great team to work with. Her husband, Peter, has semi-retired and they have had some interesting travels to India, the Silk Road and several to France and Spain. They go to their cottage at the sea quite often too. Last September they visited Sarlat (Perigord) together with their family and enjoyed the experience of cooking local cuisine and choosing lovely French wine. Her grandsons particularly enjoyed Lascaux and the chateau where falconry was demonstrated. Margie graduated from the University of Western Australia in September with a PhD in French - a long time project which has been both enlightening and a marvellous excuse to go to France, more so now as she may use it to write a book.



**GONSORCIKOVA, FIONA** (nee Mackay, 2001) graduated this year with an MBA from the Business School at Columbia University. She lives in New York.

**GREEN, EMMA** (2014) is studying a Bachelor of Social Sciences, majoring in Politics, Philosophy and Economics, at UCT. She has been awarded the Klaus-Jurgen Bathe Leadership Scholarship for the rest of her undergraduate degree. The scholarship is accompanied by a leadership programme that includes extra courses, an overseas internship and general mentorship in African empowerment.

**GREENHALGH, XENIA ELENA** (2014) is studying International Relations at IE University in Segovia, Spain.

**GROEPIES, IRMA** (1995) (left) has worked in radio for 19 years. She has been in a relationship with Zanier for 10 years and they have one son. She recently attended her 20-year class reunion—a chapel service, followed by a lunch with the Head.

**HALL, PAULINE** (nee Gilbert, 1968) runs a busy physiotherapy practice in Newlands. She and her sister, Angela, recently visited and spent time with Pauline's son in the USA where he had taken time off to climb in the Yosemite National Park.

**HAW, ANNA** (2002) is one South Africa's leading wildlife research veterinarians. She is involved in the capture, immobilisation and surgery of a variety of free-ranging wild animals, including rhinos. Anna has a veterinary degree from the University of Edinburgh (with distinction) and an MSc degree in veterinary tropical diseases from the University of Pretoria (also with distinction). She is currently in the final year of her PhD in physiology at Wits in the wildlife conservation physiology section of the Brain Function Research Group of Physiology. She is also employed full-time as a research officer at Wits University. Anna is a seasoned trail runner and is passionately committed to wildlife conservation and ecology in Southern Africa. Anna is photographed here with her sister, Mary in Australia.



**HODGSON, SARAH-JANE** (2014) and **EMMA OELZ** (2014) are going to do an internship at the Bermuda aquarium and zoo in December 2015.

**HOPKINS, NICKY** (Cloete, 1961) writes:

"Towards the end of last year, Dudley and I spent a week in Istanbul and another in St Petersburg. We then joined a river cruise and found, to our delight, going with us were other Herschelians, Libby Ardington (Robb), Di Carter (McGaffin) and Sally Carter (Baxter). A long time ago Dudley took Libby to his matric dance! We sailed along the Russian waterways to Moscow; the weather was sublime. This year we are exploring the north of England and Scotland as there is a Bairnsfather (part of my middle name) family reunion in Hexham. Of course we will visit our daughter Delia (who was at Herschel in junior school). She lives outside Winchester with her family and is an anaesthetist at Southampton General".

**INGLIS, ANGELA** (2002) is a yoga teacher, physiotherapist and actress. She is the co-director and co-owner of Alphen House, a multidisciplinary health studio run from home, in Constantia. She performed in the production of West Side Story at the Artscape this year.

**ISTED, CAROLINE** (1985) is an independent consultant IT project manager and has been working mainly in African Shell businesses for the past 20 years. She is currently working on a project in Togo which is about creating a separate IT infrastructure for the company there, Shell-et-Togo. Telecommunications in Togo are fragile and expensive so they have implemented a more efficient localized service. Most of her projects are in the M&A space (Mergers and Acquisitions) which involves the separation of IT from a Global infrastructure and the creation of new IT localized environment, and often the combining of 2 similar but different systems.

**KOEKEMOER, TESSA** (2014) went to Bali in January where she did a writing internship, to create an e-book about Bali for “travellers on a shoe string”.

**KOEN, NASTASSJA** (2004) is a neurogenetics researcher and works with the Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health at UCT. She is pursuing a PhD within the Drakenstein Child Health Study, a multi-year birth cohort study following 1000 mother-child pairs.

**KRAMER, KIM** (nee Donnelly, 1987) writes: “ I am happily settled in Somerset in the UK. My children are at Millfield School and my eldest, Dylan, turns 18 next year! It was so lovely to catch up with Alex Davison ( Durr) and her husband, James, who came to visit during the summer.”

**KURTZ, JUNE** (staff) writes: “2015 has been another year of travel. We started with Christmas and New Year in Japan - very interesting cultural experience - rice cakes, anyone?! Then we attempted another whitewater rafting trip (following on from last year's down the Zambezi) in Morocco, but the snows melted and the river came down in flood and we only got 50 minutes in the rafts (covering 25 kms in that time!!). We spent the next couple of days kayaking on Lake Bin El Ouidane, before travelling back to Marrakesh and then Essaouira on the coast. In August we spent a month back in South Africa, mainly in Kruger, but with a week in the Eastern Cape with my family. We did two hiking trails in Kruger - highly recommended. Ten days after we got back, we flew to Hamburg to join Queen Mary 2 for the Trans-Atlantic voyage to New York. Don was lecturing and had enthusiastic audiences. I was sea-sick for a couple of days (such a bore!) but enjoyed the rest. In January I shall be travelling to India for a two-week yoga holiday with a senior British teacher. I'm still teaching three yoga classes a week. “



**KUTTEL, JENNIFER** (nee Sale, 1995) works in the film industry as a producer. She has two children – Teague (aged 3) and Flynn (aged 1).

**LAMONT, LUCY** (nee Deakin,1995) works for a Swiss bank in Cape Town, working with clients who want a bank account in Zurich. She is married to Paul Lamont and they have two sons – James (aged 2½) and Sam (aged 1).

**LEIGHTON, SUZANNE** (Allen, 1975) is still practising as a therapeutic aroma-therapist and reflexologist with a special interest in mental health. She has also become serious about oil painting and spends a lot of time at Spencer Street Studio in Observatory.

**LOW, CAILY** (2000) lives in New York where she works for the Real Estate giant Tishman Speyer as IT Director of Financial Applications. They are extremely excited to be expecting a little boy in early March and plan to move back to Cape Town at the end of 2016.

**LISENBEE, PENELOPE** (nee Van Den Heever, 1987) went on an exchange to Switzerland after matriculating in 1987. She then moved to Germany after getting married and studied teaching. After teaching for 15 years, both as a Business English trainer and as a school teacher for English and German as a foreign language, she took a position with the German government in Kabul, Afghanistan in 2012 as a teacher, where she is still working. Most people would remember her as Hildagarde but she now uses her second name, Penny. She has two daughters, who are now 22 and 20.

**LUMLEY, TIFFANY** (nee Byers,1991) is a photographer and has her own business, Newborn Photography. She gets many requests to do tutorials with other photographers and plans to expand her business to workshops within the next two years. She has a daughter, Jordan, who is in grade 1 at Greenfield.

**MACDONALD, NICKY** (2006) graduated from Oxford University with a Master’s degree in Financial Economics

**MCDONALD, SHONA** (1975) is the Founding Director of Shonaquip - mobility and seating solutions for individuals living with moderate to severe disabilities. She received a letter from Ambassador Ruth Davis to tell her she will be heading off to Istanbul next month having been chosen as a 2015 IWEC Awardee. (International Women’s Entrepreneurial Challenge). This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with other potential partners as they are now expanding their reach of services and products into Namibia, Botswana, Uganda, UAE and Georgia. Her company won the Exporter of the Year trophy in November. She



hopes the award will give Shonaquip a platform to raise awareness of the need to address inequality, enhance human capability and empower communities.

**McCULLOGH, MELISSA** (nee Golding, 1991) (right) visited SA from Australia in December / January and had the opportunity to meet up with several of her class.



**MCKELLAR, BRONWEN** (1987) is editing The Voice Angola.

**MEYER, CANDICE** (nee Grove, 1992) is an attorney, notary public and partner at Webber Wentzel Attorneys and practises corporate and commercial law. She has 3 children, one of whom is in Grade 1 at Herschel.

**MICHIE, JO** (nee Faulds, 1968) lives in Beijing and divides her time between China, Scotland (where her mother is still living and in good health!) and India (where her daughter and family live).

**MITCHELL, LINDI** (2005) is currently working in London, for Morgan Stanley, within the Institutional Equities Division (Investment Banking).

**MOFFAT, TESSA** (2006) works as a viticulturist at Rustenberg Wines, Stellenbosch.

**MONDAY, LARA** (2014) works for Opera Software (browser company) in the design department in St Martins, London.

**MUSEWE, NIKIWE** (2004) left PWC where she completed her articles and started at SAB (South African Breweries) in Cape Town in April last year as a Financial Planner on the Operations side of the business. She was promoted this year and has since moved to Johannesburg where she is now a Senior Finance Business Analyst at SAB, still within Operations.

**NEL, VIVIENNE** (2014) is one of three gap students at The Kings Hospital School in Dublin.

**NORGARB, GILL** (nee Verster, 1968) lives in Plettenberg Bay and is the manager of the Southern Cape Ladies golf team which involves a lot of travel.

**OTTEN, MORGAN** (2006) works in Rotterdam for Unilever, where she is a supply chain business analyst.

**PATERSON, AMY** (2009) is a freelance writer, currently working at House and Leisure magazine.

**PEDERSON, SHANNA** (1991) is doing a postgraduate course at Cambridge University this year in Sustainable Business. This has her hugely inspired and she is hoping to change careers at some point. She has two children India (6) and Kai (3), (left)



**POOLE, CANDICE** (nee van der Hoven, 1995) is the Head of a Higher Education Institution, ACT Cape Town – a film acting academy. She is married to David, and they have one daughter and twin boys.

**POLLARD, CHARLEY** (nee van Dugteren, 1991) (right), completed the 7.4km swim from Robben Island to Big Bay in 12/13 degree water wearing a speedo, cap and goggles. She says it is probably the hardest thing she has ever done.



**POTGIETER, LARA** (2006) is “living her dream” of running a foundation that promotes holistic health and environmental awareness amongst underprivileged youth.

**POWTER, SARA** (nee Brown, 2006) is an official attorney of the High Court.

**PREVOST, TAMLYN** (nee McKeag, 1992) is a general practitioner and surgical assistant. Tamlyn loves the outdoors, particularly trail running, and enjoys camping and exploring new places in and around the Western Cape with her husband and 2 daughters.

**SAMPSON, CHARNE** (2013) has won the SA’s young culinary stars cooking completion.

**REILLY, CLAIRE** (1987) is an advocate, practising at The Cape Bar.

**ROBINS, ALEXANDRA** (2006) is an official attorney of the High Court and studying LLM at Stellenbosch

**ROLAND - GOSSELIN, JILL** (nee Truscott, 1968) visited Cape Town in February this year for the first time in 50 years! Jill was at Herschel for the first 2 years of her high schooling, as her father was in the Royal Navy in Simonstown.

**SCHULTZ, HELEN** (nee Fermor 1995) is involved in diabetes education within the pharmaceutical industry. She has two sons – Matthew (6) and Oliver (3).

**SCOTT, DOMINIQUE**, Dominique graduated with a degree in Marketing from the University of Arkansas in May this year. She is continuing her studies, doing a few other majors to fulfil and complete her athletic eligibility. She has had a remarkably successful athletic career at university. Among her many achievements she is the First Three-time NCAA champion in school history and she holds six program records. She is also the 2015 NCAA Indoor Runner of the year, the 2014-2015 South Eastern Conference Triple Crown Runner of the Year, and the Three-time SEC Indoor and Outdoor Champion. Dominique is engaged to Cameron Efurd, whom she met on her recruiting trip in 2011. He was also on the University of Arkansas men's track and field team and graduated in 2013. They are getting married in December in Cape Town.

**SCOTT, GILLIAN**, (nee Watson, 1995) lives in Johannesburg and is an Asset Management Consultant in a software company. Gill organised the 20 year reunion in Cape Town in October and has taken over as Circle Secretary for the 1995 year. She has two children.

**SEE, SAMANTHA** (2000) is studying an Executive Masters in Business Administration (EMBA) at the University's Saïd Business School in Oxford. The EMBA programme focuses on Entrepreneurship and Emerging Markets. She joined Oxford in January 2015 and is due to complete her studies by September 2016.

**SKIDMORE, JENNIE** (nee Susman, 1968) enjoys travel. She and her husband live in Sussex but visit family in South Africa frequently. They have also travelled extensively through Europe and last year visited **Jo Michie** (Faulds) on a trip to China.

**SLATER, JOSEPHINE** (nee Dean, 1963) lives on the private nature reserve at Grotto Bay where she serves on the Board of Directors of the estate. She sings in the St George's Cathedral Chamber Choir which performs a sung mass on the last Sunday of every month.

**SPOKES, LAUREN** (2014) is studying Business Management at Exeter University, UK.

**STURGEON, SHONA** (nee Jackson, 1961) writes on her activities from September 2014 to September 2015:

"As usual my activities have centred around working on mental health issues, enjoying 4x4 trips and being a pretty active grandmother. We also hosted Ken's nephew for his matric year in 2014 as his parents were in Johannesburg which was an interesting experience. The year does not feel like retirement!

In September, 2014 I was asked to go to Washington DC for meetings of the International Working Group on Social Inclusion and Schizophrenia, representing the World Federation for Mental Health of which I am a Past President. I also attended the meetings of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). On my way home via London I was able to spend a couple of weeks with our daughter Alison, who had just given birth on 1 September to a boy, Lorcan, a brother to Ailish, aged 5 years.

I was only home for a few days before going to the World Federation for Mental Health Congress in Athens, where I presented two papers and attended several Board Meetings. November was busy getting organized for a very different Christmas and New Year. Leaving early in December and returning mid-January, we completed a wonderful 4x4 trip to Angola, bush camping all the way with a group of great friends.

In 2015 I have continued to be active on the Board of the South African Federation for Mental Health, which involves meetings in Johannesburg, am Chairperson of St Luke's Hospice, on the Executive of Cape Mental Health and The Parent Centre and on the Hospital Facilities Board of Valkenberg Hospital. We try to get away 4X4'ing whenever possible sometimes taking our daughter Robyn's two little boys, Jamie and Luca.

In April I attended a World Federation for Mental Health Congress in Lille, France, presented a paper and attended Board meetings. I used this opportunity to stay with Alison in London, which was great. I try to combine my NGO voluntary work with keeping contact with our London family. The next World Federation for Mental Health Congress is in Cairo in October and I will be attending as I have been re-elected to the Board. Close family ties, getting into the middle of nowhere on 4x4 trips and trying to make the world a better place by volunteering on NGO's are all good for one's mental health, and I consider myself very lucky to enjoy it all."

**THOM, HEATHER** (nee Marx, 1987) lives in Cape Town and whilst being involved in managing three family owned businesses, is an artist too. She has her own website which will soon show the children's story book which she has written and illustrated. She is married to Quintus and they have 3 children.

**THORNTON, CHRISTIE** (nee Peters, 1987) lives in Johannesburg where she teaches at Parkmore Nursery School. She is married to Bruce and they have two sons and a daughter, all at St Stithians.

**TIFFIN, DIANE** (nee Pentz) qualified as a real estate agent broker and works for Seeff Properties in Bloubergstrand.



**TOMLINSON, FIONA** ( nee Milne, 1991) writes: My husband and I came to Zambia in 1996 to start work on a farming project which has become a live development model with the vision: "Development of Africa by Africans for God." We wanted to create a development model which could be easily rolled out across Zambia and Africa in general. The model, called the Nsobe Model (after our farm) had to be developed "live" and on site as opposed to a University theory. The Nsobe model is a land development project with 16 departments covering agriculture, aquaculture and tourism and for which trials have been run and systems and procedures developed. The Nsobe model incorporates private sector development with staff equity participation and a social development aspect linking us to the surrounding communities. (ie we have trialled 10 small scale out-grower models through which we interact with the surrounding villagers. Nsobe is the Hub with surplus infrastructural capacity and we assist, train and trade with our neighbours for profit not charity)

Together with the government we wish to start a similar project in every willing chief's area across Zambia (the chief would be given a stake so that he has a perpetual income). The financing was to be raised on the LuSE with shares sold only to Zambian nationals through cell and electronic banking so that even rural people would have access to this. To uplift our community and to staff these projects we started Nsobe Trust School 7 years ago. We currently have 174 children from preschool to Grade 7, and are adding a grade a year until grade 12 and then together with the government we are taking this into a Natural Resources college in the disciplines which we are economically engaged in. These children would not only receive an education up to tertiary level but a guarantee of a job in which they would earn shares.



My job and passion is the development of our school.

**VAN DER SPEK, CHLOE** (nee Abbott, 1999) pictured right, has taught at Herschel in the pre-preparatory for the last few years, and has recently left as she will be starting up her own business, Chelsea Playschool in Wynberg in 2016.

**VARNEY** (nee Kaminski, 1987) Helen has been part of the Constantia Village family since she helped out at her mother's store as a teenager. Her health-conscious lifestyle inspired her to open Organic Living (her third store) in 2008. Helen enjoys the community feel of the centre. She makes a point of keeping herself and her staff up to date with the latest trends. It is also important to her to balance work and family life. Helen has two daughters at Herschel Prep.

**VENN, NIKKI (nee Lloyd-Roberts, 1987)** recently married Dorrien Venn. She lives in Darling and commutes to Cape Town where she works for Greeff properties.

**VERHOEF, CHLOE** (2014) is studying a Bachelor of Arts at McGill university in Montreal, Canada.

**VINTCENT, BARBARA** (1992) works for BlackRock, a global asset management company and is looking after their business across Southern Africa. She loves being back in Cape Town after living in London for 13 years. She still plays a lot of squash and is about to enter her 2nd Two Oceans Ultra marathon.

**WATERMEYER, SAMANTHA** (nee Woods, 2004) had a son, Harry, born on 29 December 2014, 5 weeks early! She has moved to PE where her husband works for the African branch of the Irish Dairy Board and where she does consultancy work for RCS.

**WATERMEYER, SHELLEY** (nee Stevens, 1968) lives in Cape Town although she spent a few months working in England this year.

**WATSON, ANN GAIL** (nee Greenwood, 1963) celebrated her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday this year and opted to go on a cruise instead of having a party. She was accompanied by **DIANA WINGFIELD** (Harris). They left Cape Town on 30 January 2015 and had a month at sea on the British ship "Voyager", calling at eleven ports before disembarking in Southampton on 1<sup>st</sup> March. Ann Gail then spent some time with Diana and Mervyn in their home in Cambridge before flying home to Cape Town in the middle of March.

**WESTGATE, MARGARET** (Staff) writes from Bristol: "I was at Herschel from July 1978 to March 1990. I loved the school and the girls. Those years were some of the happiest of my professional life, as well as my own family life. Cape Town has a special place in our hearts."

**WHITAKER** (2002) Kim was one of three Capetonians to win a category offered at the Sanlam /Business Partners Entrepreneur of the Year award. She won R50 000 as the co-founder and co-owner of **Once in Cape Town**, a so-called "poshtel" that is part backpackers' lodge and part traditional hotel in Kloof Street. She won the emerging entrepreneur category, which is given to a business less than five years old with a turnover of less than R5 million. Guests can either choose to stay in a private room with private bathroom, TV and safe, or over-night in a four-person dormitory that gives guests an individual reading light, a locker and a universal charger. Each shared room has its own bathroom. Judges praised the fact that **Once in Cape Town** was able to maintain a profit of above 20 percent, as well as achieve bed occupancy rates of over 80 percent. (Weekend Argus, 5.09.2015).



**WHITEHEAD, SARAH** (2003) (right) is a neuro-rehabilitation specialist, helping patients who have suffered strokes, paralysis due to spinal cord injuries and similar conditions. She discovered in her 5<sup>th</sup> year of medical school that she has a venal anomaly which started affecting her walking and later her speech. She has written a book, "Between Head and Heart" which is the story of her courage and bravery. She recently shared her journey with the Grade 10 girls during Enrichment week.

**WILKIN, CAROLA** (1987) works in Cape Town as an inbound tour consultant. She has two daughters, Meg 10 and Sara 18 months.

**WILSON, MARJ** (nee Aitcheson, 1968) lives in Norwich but travels frequently to San Sebastián to visit one of her sons and his small family. She also has a son (and many old school friends!) in Cape Town so visits here regularly during the summer months! She has a landscape gardening business in Norwich and is very involved in the running of the famous Plantation Garden there.

**WILLIAMS** (2007) Robyn is a South African and African cross triathlon champion. She was introduced to triathlon at a very young age by her mother who was a very good triathlete. Robyn won the African triathlete title at the age of 14. She is a student at Stellenbosch University where she is tackling her Master's degree in financial risk management. She has reaped the rewards of hard work in recent years, winning everything from age-group titles in South African Xterra to African Cross triathlon championships and went on to win the TriRock Robben Island challenge in 2014. She says she has carried all she learnt in her school days at Herschel with her, including the dedication and commitment to hard work which she claims have served her well in both academic and triathlon pursuits. (Tatler, December 2014)

**WITHINGTON, JOANNE** (nee Kirby, 2001) and her husband Tom, have been living in London since September 2011. She initially worked as a paediatric trust grade doctor at St Mary's hospital, Imperial college, before switching over to General Practice training. Joanne is based in the London Deanery, at St George's hospital. She is thoroughly enjoying this specialist training and has been placed at a practice in Tooting Bec, South West London where she sees a huge mix of patients from all cultural and ethnic backgrounds. In January this year, she and Tom were blessed with the birth of a beautiful healthy, daughter, Grace Catherine Withington (born on the 2nd January 2015). She has recently gone back to work after taking 8 months of maternity leave.

**WOODHEAD, ROBYN** (nee Garratt, 1995) lives in London where she runs an Antarctic company, taking people on tours there. She was in Cape Town in October to celebrate her 20<sup>th</sup> class reunion.

## *ENGAGEMENTS*

Tiffany **Bryant** (2006) to Hansi Myburgh

Juliette **Collins** (2006) to Justin Garner

Leontine **de Sutter** (2001) to Jonathan Style, February 2015.

Kate **Desmarais** (2006) to Tryston Von Berg

Simone **Fourie** (2006) to Philip Izzard

Lara **Hendricks** (2006) to Richard Wesson

Laura **Hill** (2006) to Nicholas Presse

Camilla **Howard** (2000) to Matt Christian Botha, November 2015

Jessica **Jeffery** (2006) to Rex Miller  
Philippa **Jolly**(1980) to John Woolley  
Megan **Lyons** (2006) to Nick Smit.  
Tamsyn **Millerd** (2006) to Stephen Heath  
Caitlin **Robertson** (2006) to Caleb Kenyon  
Kim **Rutherford** (1999) to Nikolakimu Patriks, October 2015  
Dominique **Scott** to Cameron Efur, 14 March 2015



## *MARRIAGES*

Susan **Burns**(1980) to Brian Down, 21 November 2015  
Sara **Brown** (2006) to Kyle Powter on 19 December 2014  
Grace **McMohan** (2006) to Kyle van Eck on 14 March 2015  
Kate **Jansen** (2006) to Johnny Lambridis, February 2015  
Lebohang **Modise** (2006) to Siyabonga Mgolodela, December 2014  
Nikki **Lloyd-Roberts** (1987) to Dorrien Venn, September 2015

## *BIRTHS*

To Kim **Bahra** (nee Jackson, 1994) and Raj, a 4<sup>th</sup> child, Josiah Judah Jackson Bahra on 26 March 2015.  
To Madalena **Bennet** ( nee Da Camara, 2000) and Waylon, a son Louis Jude Bennett, 13 October 2015, brother to Noah.  
To Megan **Benoit** (nee Steen, 2000) and Phil, a son Oliver, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2015.  
To Lauren **Carlyle** (nee Cowan, 1994) and Murray, a son Jude 29 May 2015  
To Jen **Crombie** (nee de Villiers, 2002) and Kenneth, a daughter, Zoe Ellen, 23 July 2015 in Cape Town.  
To Miranda **Dugmore** (nee Cotterel,1994) and David, a son, Max, sister to India, 27 May 2015.  
To Lauren **Goldschmidt** (nee Kohn, 2000) and Andrew, a daughter Olivia Rose, 20 January 2015.  
To Lindi **Green** (nee Le Roux, 1994) and Daniel, a daughter Liv, 1 July 2015, sister to Charlie and Daisy.  
To Kate **Henshilwood** (nee Watts, 1994) and John, a son Michael John, 25 May 2015.  
To Tess **Keers** (nee Van der Burgh,1993) and Greg, a son Jasper, 24 December 2015.  
To Nancy **Keggie** (nee Graham, 2000) and Andrew, a daughter, Ariella Rachel, 13 September 2015, sister to Levi.  
To Kate **Lambridis** (nee Jansen, 2006) and Johnny, a daughter Paityn, 4 November 2015.  
To Caroline **Maddock** (nee Sylvester, 1999) and Charlie, a daughter Victoria, 13 November 2015.  
To Gia **Marchant** (nee Crowhurst, 1994) and Gareth, a son Douggie, brother to Finn, 12 March 2015  
To Donna **McFadden** (nee Gray,1994) and Alan, a son Jamie, 19 February 2015, brother to Jack.  
To Candice **Meyer** (nee Grove, 1992) and Warren, a daughter, Isabella-Rainn, 6 March 2015.  
To Julia **Morgan** (nee Winfield, 2000) and Gareth, a daughter Isabelle, 14 July 2015 in London.  
To Michelle **Noth** (nee Aspinall, 2000) and Oliver, a daughter Isabelle Danielle 28th September 2015.



To Mary **Quinn** (nee Haw, 1998) and Robert, twin girls, April 2015.

To Caryn **Ross-Innes** (nee Buchanan, 2000) and Mark, a daughter Cassandra Grace, 2 November 2014.

To Caryn **Simpson** (nee Stanley, 2000) and Alistair, a son Spencer Stanley Simpson ,22 October 2015 in Edinburgh, brother to Luke.

To Juliette **Taylor** (nee Moodie, 1999) and Dale, twins, Anna and Matthew, 20 December 2014.

To Samantha **Watermeyer** (nee Woods, 2004), a son, Harry, 29 December 2014.

To Jacqui **Van Altena** (nee Pickup, 2003) and JJ, a daughter Stella, 23 October 2015 in Johannesburg.

## *DEATHS*

**BUCKLAND**, Jane (nee Seymour, 1968) | June 2015.

**DAVIES**, Trish (nee Dicey 1947) 12 June 2015 in Johannesburg

**MCMMASTER**, Gillian (nee Paver, 1948) 16 April 2015.

**MIROTTO**, Claudia (nee Moni, 1982) May 2015.

**MORRELL**, Norma (nee Bettison, 1952) 11 August 2015.



**OLIVER, Lindsay** (nee Lomas-Walker,1960) 3 August 2015 in England.

**PARKER**, Caroline (1976) 11 January 2015.

**PIERSON JURRIAANS**, Rosemary (nee Fowkes, 1966) May 2015.

**POWER**, Susie (nee Robb, 1961) 17 January 2015.

**VAN DOORN, CHRISTA** (nee Behnsen) 29 September 2015.

## *OBITUARIES*

**LOWE, JENNA** (1994-2015)

The Herschel community was deeply saddened this year by the death of Jenna Lowe. Jenna spent her entire school career at Herschel, endearing herself to all at every level. She was both a phenomenal individual as well as scholar. One of her extraordinary achievements in primary school was the publication of a novel, *The Magic Bissie Tree*. But perhaps an even more extraordinary achievement was her full set of distinctions in her matric year despite a hugely debilitating illness. What we will remember Jenna for, however, was the exceptional individual she was. In her final year at high school she was elected Deputy Head Girl, something which attests to the respect and love her peers had for her. She also stands out, for us, for never being a victim to her disease and for never allowing others to feel pity for her, but rather how she used her own situation to draw attention to the pitiful state of organ donation in South Africa. From her sick bed she initiated an incredibly successful campaign, raising the number of organ donors in the country exponentially. We will never forget the indomitable spirit of one of Herschel's finest students. *Written by Alison Bodenstein.*



**OJUKA, DEBORAH**(2013)

A year ago, we lost a kind, gentle and bright member of our Matric 2013 class. Her big, inclusive smile and humble, thoughtful presence are still mourned by all who loved her. What was so remarkable about Debbie was that despite being in constant pain as a result of her illness, she was never downcast. Not only that but she preserved and valued the close ties in all of her relationships and, extraordinarily, she maintained an incredibly high standard in her academic work, enjoying and taking pride in her learning. The buoyancy, fortitude and character displayed in the face of adversity meant that she was a mature, empathetic and perceptive young woman. Her memory continues to sparkle down on us from the starry night sky – we were blessed to have known her.

*Written by Janice Cameron*

**OLIVER, Lindsay** (nee Lomas-Walker,1960).

Lindsay matriculated in 1960 and was at Herschel from those days Lower 1( being known today as Grade 3) and she went right through until passing matric. When Lindsay matriculated she went into nursing and started at Victoria Hospital in Wynberg. She met Robin Oliver who was from Rhodesia and they got married in Bergvliet on 3rd July 1965. They had two sons Graeme and Michael and in 1980 they emigrated to England with both sets of parents.

They celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on the 3rd July this year and she passed away on the 3rd August exactly one month later after being diagnosed with bowel cancer.

**PIERSON JURRIAANS, Rosemary Anne** (nee Fowkes,1966)

Rosemary grew up on a farm "Uitsig" on the Polka Draai outside Stellenbosch and attended Herschel in Rolt House from her last year in Primary school to matric. She was an excellent student and pianist, achieving exceptional results in matric and studied Physiotherapy at UCT. She met her husband, Allard Pierson Jurriaans soon after qualifying and they were married in 1973, celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in great style in 2013.

Rosemary was a well-rounded and accomplished woman with many interests and talents, living a complete life in the true sense of the word. Apart from fulfilling the role of a multitasking wine farmer's wife and homemaker, often seen during the harvest driving a heavy duty truck loaded with grapes along the R44 to the local winery, she managed to resume part-time work as a physiotherapist, pursue her passion for reading, embroidery and music and initiate a study group which she ran until her death.

Perhaps her greatest attribute was a warm outgoing personality coupled with a sassy sense of humour and great affection and caring for her friends and their families. She nurtured these relationships, always interested in other people and regularly kept in touch. Not surprisingly, she was a devout Christian, walking closely with her creator.

Tragically she developed a serious illness in October 2014 which was to claim her life in May 2015 and is survived by her husband, Allard, her two daughters Marija and Kina and her son Allard, daughter-in-law, Mandie and grand-daughter, Sippora.

Written by Heather Scott (née McNaught Davis)- friends since infancy.

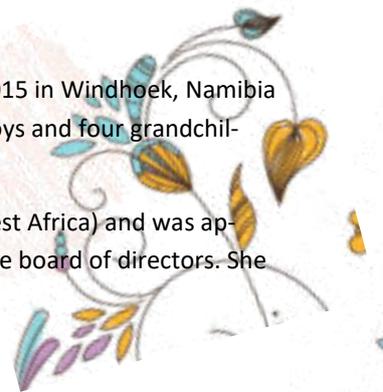
**POWER, Susie** (nee Robb, 1961)

"Over the years our Class of '61 has enjoyed many wonderful reunions but in January of this year our get together took on a whole new meaning as we gathered under the oaks of Boplaas in Wellington this time to say a heart-sore farewell to our classmate Susie Power (Robb) who passed away after an illness so courageously endured. As we joined David and their family that day we thought back gratefully to special times of warm hospitality in their home, many hours of laughter together and Susie's life long example of making a positive difference in the community around her. Susie will be missed always by the Class of '61"

Written by Anne Snyders.

**VAN DOORN, Christa** (nee Behnsen) passed away peacefully in her sleep on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September 2015 in Windhoek, Namibia at the age of 76 years. She is survived by her two sons Dirk and Stefan van Doorn, both Bishops old Boys and four grandchildren one of whom is currently at Bishops College.

Christa worked for UTA French Airlines (now called Air France) as the GM for Namibia (then South West Africa) and was appointed as a non-Executive director to Metje & Ziegler Group Ltd, where she served many years on the board of directors. She



was also the Chairlady for the Alliance Francaise in Namibia and became Chairlady of the Scouts of Namibia where she served many years.

Christa was proud to be an Old Herschel girl and loved her sport at school as well as singing in the choir. She will be missed by her family and friends.

(written by her son, Dirk van Doorn)

## *Bishops Rhodes Scholarship*

Herschel would like to promote the opportunity for Old Herschelians to apply for one of the prestigious Rhodes Scholarships which were bequeathed by Cecil John Rhodes. The Scholarship pays for full tuition, a living allowance as well as the cost of transport to and from Oxford.

**Four** of the scholarships are known as the South Africa-at-large Scholarships; one for a scholar from KwaZulu-Natal and one each from four Cape schools: St Andrews, Paul Roos, SACS and Bishops – to which the Rhodes Trust has added partner schools. Herschel has been included in the partner schools for Bishops. Therefore, any past pupils from Herschel are eligible to apply for the Bishops Rhodes Scholarship, provided they meet the criteria and qualities required for selection. Some of the key criteria include academic excellence, leadership, healthy lifestyle and a track record of genuine commitment to serve their societies. Proven intellectual ability and academic motivation are preconditions for selection. You are invited to refer to the following website for more detailed information regarding the application and selection process.

*The Rhodes Scholarship information evening date for students who are eligible and who would like to apply is Monday 14 March 2016 in the Museum at Bishops, from 7pm-8.30pm.*

Herschel would love to assist any Old Herschelians who would be interested in applying for the Scholarship and invite them to contact Monique Nyback at

[mnyback@herschel.org.za](mailto:mnyback@herschel.org.za) in this regard. <http://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/>



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