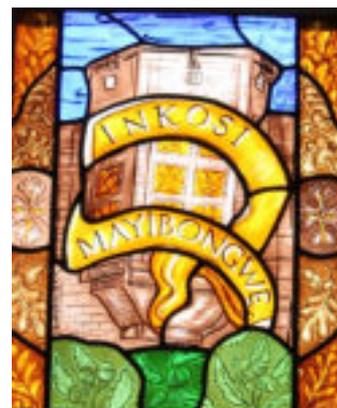


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Thursday 9th February 2017

18h00 OHA Cocktail Party (R30) (acceptances only to oha@herschel.org.za by 1st February 2017)

Friday 10th February 2017

11h00 Founders Day Service at St Saviour's (acceptances only to oha@herschel.org.za by 1st February 2017)

12h45 AGM in the Dining Room

13h00 Lunch in the Mary Jagger Hall (acceptances to oha@herschel.org.za before 1st February 2017)

May 2017 OHA Winter Dinner (R150) – for all Old Herschelians, Staff and Friends of the school

September 2017 Golden Girls Tea in the Archives – for all Old Herschelians who have celebrated their 50 year reunion or more

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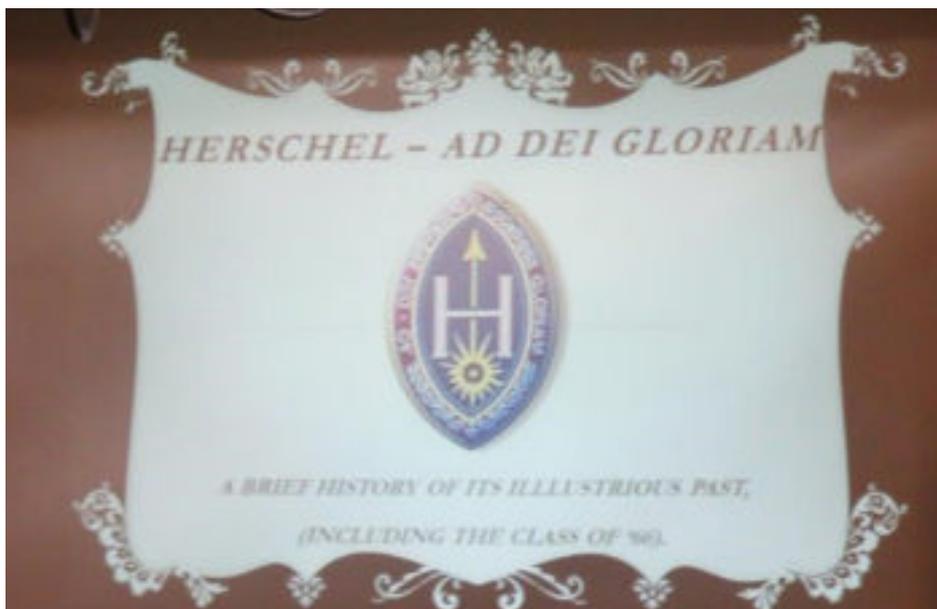
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LETTER FROM STUART WEST



At the beginning of 2016 I announced my theme for the year, **“The joy of learning.”** Looking back at this year, I guess it was not the year of learning I had envisaged in January. I had envisaged debates on classroom methodology, the dangers of over-assessment, the value and purpose of homework, the growing levels of anxiety in our girls and how we could help our girls engage more critically with current global and national issues. I wanted our staff and girls to be released from having to treat academic curiosity and joy of learning as enemies of competence and achievement. This year, however, has involved the learning of a very different kind.

This year we have been tested, challenged and shaped by a set of challenges that we could not have predicted in January 2016. These have forced us to stand as the Herschel family in the eye of each storm and find, with God’s grace and the resolute insight of wise councillors, a way - often rather scary and tenuous at times - through the storm to the other side.

And so the joy of learning gave way to the necessity of learning, the learning about life and about ourselves as a school community and Herschel family. We have learnt what it means to be a family in the midst of unspeakable allegations, in the midst of deep hurt, in the midst of personal tragedy, in the midst of relentless diseases that take hold of loved ones, and in the midst of complex and challenging storms.

We have begun critical conversations about racism, racial prejudice, what it means to be a multi-faith community within an Anglican Church School and the importance of identity and being valued and acknowledged here at Herschel. We have learnt, and are still learning, that to be a family we need to see each other more clearly, listen to each other more carefully, engage with each other with less fear and challenge each other with more courage, boldness and vulnerability. Above all, we want a school where our girls can say: *“At Herschel, it is okay to be me.”*

Haruki Mura-kami, a contemporary Japanese writer, comments: *“And once the storm is over, you won’t remember how you made it through, how you managed to survive. You won’t even be sure, whether the storm is really over. But one thing is certain. When you come out of the storm, you won’t be the same person who walked in. That’s what this storm’s all about.”*

Part of the reason that I chose the theme The Joy of Learning at the start of the year, was because Council had very generously agreed for me to attend the first ever Global Forum on Girls’ Education, hosted in New York, in February this year. I was so excited to be part of a conference of 950 delegates, which would focus on the strength, benefit and best practice of girls’ schools around the world. I returned to Herschel with bold ideas and affirmations of how we are, and yet could be more of a world class girls’ school.

Firstly, independent schools in America manifest their independence by designing and implementing a uniquely-tailored liberal arts type curriculum for their students designed to be highly relevant, enriching and to intentionally move away from a reliance on standardised testing. They want their girls to engage with contemporary issues, to be academically articulate, and to confidently present their learning and understanding, in a variety of creative and relevant ways. I have returned convinced that we must assert our independence by continually challenging ourselves to find ways to redefine the curriculum we teach, to find creative ways to present and assess learning, and to entrench the expectation of critical thinking skills and thoughtful, robust academic discourse to ensure that strong, caring, risk-taking, relevant and articulate young women leave Herschel to make their mark.

There is no doubt that we are a world class girls’ school. The recent nomination of Emily van Heerden (OH 2010) as the Bishops Rhodes Scholar to Oxford is recognition of this. Emily said: *“I am forever grateful for the world-class education I received at Herschel and at Stellenbosch University and I hope to be an ambassador for both Herschel*

and South Africa whilst at Oxford. My days at Herschel taught me to always strive for excellence and to learn in order to make a difference.”

Our research also shows that Herschel Alumni thrive in academic life beyond school. Old Girls studying at local universities tell us that their robust work ethic and confident research and academic writing skills are as a result of their Herschel heritage. Alumni, armed with a Herschel Matric, continue to get offered places at international Universities and we have Old Herschelians currently studying at Harvard, Cornell, Oxford, Edinburgh, Bristol and many other American and European universities.

A second consistent and urgent theme of the conference was the importance of prioritising the inner lives of girls. Arianna Huffington, of the Huffington Post, pleaded with schools to equip young women to fight against the continued, bewildering silent casualties of women in the workplace, and the dysfunctional equation between burnout and success for many career women. She said we have to teach our girls, while they are still young, how to purposefully manage their lives and find that critical balance between their driven work ethic, their desire for relentless achievement and their personal wellbeing.

This was supported by the most profound talk of the conference, The Myth of Effortless Perfection. The presentation emphasised that we have to help our girls face the monster of this myth, a myth that seduces girls into thinking that consistent success and uber-achievement are attainable for all, effortless for some. So they slave away behind the scenes, working unbearable hours across multiple commitments, competing for honours, comparing themselves against peers, ruthlessly driving themselves to achieve at all costs, all the time trying to maintain the mask and pretence of effortless perfection, all the while, fighting the growing anxiety within.

At Herschel, we must create more opportunities for our girls to find balance within the complexity of their inner lives. We must prioritise the opportunities, skills and times for reflection and self-care. We must teach them to regularly look behind the mask, assess their inner lives, demand of themselves, balance, and, if necessary, have the ability and permission to ask for help. We must continue to build an environment where it is okay to say: *“I don’t have to be perfect. I won’t expect that of myself any longer.”*

And so, 2016 has indeed been a year of considerable learning as well as 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 thank Prue Crawley for her dedicated and passionate leadership as Chair of the OHA and for her service to Herschel through the Council and OHA over the years. I welcome Kris Miller as the new Chair and current OH representative on Council and look forward to working with Kris as we lead up to our Centenary in 2022.

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

Ad dei Gloriam.



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REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE OHA



Our Old Herschel year started with the cocktail party and Founders Day. We were blessed with glorious weather and had a wonderful representation of old girls at both the cocktail party, held on the Thursday evening on the matric lawn, and Founders Day on the Friday. There was a lot of excitement and catching up, especially amongst the reunion groups. For me, one of the highlights of Founders Day, is being a special guest at the Preparatory School Founders Day service which is held in their hall. The service was led by the Grade 4s who did a presentation on the history of Herschel. Lin Heideman made it such an exciting event for everyone and the girls were so enthusiastic.

We held our 88th AGM in the dining room before meeting in the Mary Jagger Hall for lunch. The excellent matric results of 2015 were noted at the meeting. Our academic results prove Herschel to be a positive yardstick for education in South Africa, which is one of the main reasons why Herschel continues to write the Senior Certificate examination.

We welcome Kris Miller as our new Old Herschel representative on the school council. Kris is a member of the OHA committee and runs a very successful NGO. She has taken over from Justine Macdonald (nee Peters) who represented the Old Girls on the council for the past 5 years.

We had a delicious lunch prepared by the new catering company, Origin, and everyone enjoyed the recollections of the various reunion groups. The prefects took groups of guests on a tour around the school after lunch.

The Golden Girls tea was held in March in the Archives. It was moved this year to the second term as the first term is a busy one with the Founders Day celebrations. The attendance was fewer than in previous years but it was a happy occasion with much reconnecting with old friends, and it was wonderful to see the love the old girls have for Herschel.

Our winter dinner was held on the 18 May in the Mary Jagger Hall. The guest speaker was Katie Christie who works as a midwife in East Africa. Katie had a very successful midwifery practice in Cape Town which she gave up in order to work in Africa. She is part of Maternity Africa with her main interest in Fistular Obstetrics and the training of midwives. The attendance at the dinner this year was the most we have had with nearly 100 people there. Katie talked about her experiences and various case histories. She is passionate and inspiring and received a standing ovation. It was a magical evening.

We held a circle secretary meeting at the start of the fourth term where we discussed our plans as we prepare for Herschel's centenary.

Having retired as chairman of the OHA committee, I look forward to working with our new chairman, Kris Miller.



Old Hershelian Kathy Leslie (nee Dower) and her daughter, Emma, Headgirl 2016.



Founder's Day
2016



GOLDEN GIRLS TEA



The Golden Girls tea was held on the 14 March in the school archives. The attendance was not as good as previously but those that were there, enjoyed being back at Herschel and having the chance to catch up with their friends from school. The Golden Girls tea is held annually for those who have celebrated their 50th reunion or more.



WINTER DINNER



The annual winter dinner was held on the 18 May in the Mary Jagger Hall. Our Old Herschelian guest speaker was Katie Christie who matriculated in 1987. Katie started at Herschel in 1976 and decided then that she wanted to become a nurse and midwife. For those who know Katie, her compassion, caring and desire to help others, was apparent from a young age. Katie excelled at school and it was no coincidence that she was awarded the prestigious Sandra Wingfield Fellowship Prize in matric.

Katie works for Maternity Africa in Arusha, Tanzania, where she is involved in the training of midwives and saving lives. Katie is an exceptional person who delivered her message in a humble and meaningful way. *"I want my life to be something that counts. 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 are my passion. My longing for them all to feel encouraged, supported and safe is my motivation."*

After 12 years in private practice, Katie joined Africa Mercy in 2000, a floating hospital ship that meets the surgical needs of the poor in West Africa run by the Mercy Ships Organisation. This six month sabbatical turned into a life of adventure. She headed to Sierra Leone in West Africa to develop a maternity unit at the Fistula Hospital in Freetown. Katie says *"The worst cases go there. One woman in four dies there. In myself I did not want to be in that kind of place, but I just felt called. I had never encountered such desperation as in these rejected and damaged women"*.

Three years later, after time in the Fistula Hospital and the government Maternity Hospital, she crossed from West Africa to join the Maternity Africa team based in East Africa, led by Dr Andrew Browning. Katie Christie travels to the other Maternity Africa projects in Africa to train and mentor local midwives, and gives support to the ex-pat medical volunteers working in those units. She has a Masters in midwifery and has presented at International Midwifery conferences and spoken widely in South Africa on the role and skill of midwives.

The dinner was attended by 95 people, including past heads, Pamela Duff and Bruce Probyn, and former deputy head, Lindi Clarke. It was lovely to see that so many groups organised tables from their matric year, including Katie's year, that of 1987. Two matric music pupils, Uliana Aleksev and Jessica Scott, played the cello and violin beautifully at the start of the evening which contributed to the atmosphere in the hall.

Everyone was moved after Katie had finished her message and she received a standing ovation. Stuart West invited Katie to address the staff and senior school girls in assembly on the Friday where she shared her story. Katie says *"if I were just starting out in life, I would do it all again"*.

The winter dinner is one of the highlights on the OHA calendar and provides a good opportunity to visit Herschel and to maintain and re-establish friendships from school days.



REUNION NEWS

CLASS OF 1956 - 60 YEARS



Whilst the class of 1956 did not have an official reunion, Margaret de Villiers (nee Diemont) and Tessa Schreuder (nee Corder) attended Founders Day and represented their year. Margaret writes: "I did so enjoy being back at school on Friday – it was such a very special day. The church service was wonderful and took me back - it is all just the same! I am so impressed with my "old school" - it is FANTASTIC. Our 1956 class attended the celebration of the acquisition of The Hill, now the junior school, just before we started our Matric exams. I remember very clearly having the honour of opening the squash court at The Hill with Mac (Miss McLean the Headmistress). We marched onto the court and hit the ball around. I wonder if the court is still there? I have so many wonderful memories. "

Margaret is pictured above with her great niece, Kathryn Diemont and Tessa Schreuder.

CLASS OF 1966 – 50 YEARS

I took over as circle secretary from Rosemary Pierson-Juriaans (nee Fowlkes) who sadly passed away in May 2015. I was given the task to organise our 50th class reunion. What fun I had as emails arrived from as far as New Zealand and the UK ... not to mention those one never sees in Cape Town. Together with Bev Geherd, we managed to gather 14 members of our class to attend some of the functions which were held over the Founders Day weekend.

The gathering of all past Old Herschelians at the Cocktail Party, held in the courtyard, was noisy, fun, with lots of chatter, wine and not enough time to eat! This was followed by the next day's beautiful service at St Saviour's . Though the church building has not changed, the singing was angelic, and the lessons read so meaningful, the most significant change was the tribute paid to all recently deceased Herschelians by placing a rose in the shape of a cross.

The walk back from St Saviours was hilarious, as we joined the girls and a wave of us ran across the road, shepherded by two guarding male teachers. The next amazing experience was the gathering of the learners on the front lawn, the human arch they all pass through, and the tear - jerking rendition of the School Song.

A brief AGM was held, and we were welcomed as the youngest members of the Golden Girls Group. (those who have celebrated 50 years or more since leaving school). Lunch was held in what used to be our school hall, and again the volume of chatter was loud. Bev, our spokesperson at the luncheon, reflected on the familiar "H" and Uranus symbol on our uniforms. She spoke about the first formal opening of Herschel School for Girls, which was on Thursday 16 February, 1922. At this opening, Dean Rolt conducted a brief service, John X Merriman performed the official opening, and The Hon. John Jagger delivered the vote of thanks.



The following day, 13 of us met for lunch at my home. Those who had travelled from far were Bev **Geherd** (nee Moore, Johannesburg), Joan **Smith** (nee Waring, Kwazulu Natal) and Pamela **Johansen** (nee Percy), Sandy **Jenkin** (nee Strong) and Carol **Stuart** (nee Bartley) who came from Stanford, Hermanus and Bot River. We had plenty to talk about as we looked over old school photographs and school magazines from the 1960s. Di **Schmid** (nee Spenser) arrived wearing her school hat and I even had my matric dance dress on display! Bev compiled an interesting power point presentation of the history of Herschel and we thank her for the effort she made to do this - it left us all feeling very proud and grateful for having had such a privileged education. For some of us, this was the first gathering since leaving Herschel, and I am sure it will not be another 10 years before we meet again. I would like to encourage everyone to participate in the functions that the OHA have.

Good food, wine, sunshine and lots of chatter made our 50 year reunion a truly happy gathering.

Those who attended one or all of the functions were:

Gail Bergoff (Kinlay), Chippy Burnett (Schipper), Vicky Cawood (Cronwright), Sandy Collier (Howell), Janet Cornish Bowden (Grant), Francis Desmarais (Newton), Sandy Jenkin (Strong) Pammie Johansen (Pearcy) Kathy Little (Gregor) Bev Geherd (Moore) Di Schmid (Spencer), Shelly Simonsz (Wells) Joan Smith (Waring) Carol Stuart (Bartley)

Report by Chippy Burnett (Schipper)



CLASS OF 1976 – 40 YEARS

What a special weekend it was for all of us who were fortunate enough to get together for our 40 year class reunion.

The cocktail party on Thursday evening was the first time many from our year had been back to school and we were certainly pleasantly surprised. It was a lovely evening which ended with a spontaneous dinner afterwards at Barristers.

The service at St Saviours was a meaningful occasion for us and the singing transported us back to Miss Sweet's classroom! Juliet Smith (nee McGregor) made a wonderful speech at the lunch afterwards and took us on a warm trip down memory lane.

We were escorted by one the prefects on a tour of the school after lunch. There was a general feeling that we were so privileged to attend Herschel in the 70's and it goes without saying that those girls who are there now are most fortunate. The school is looking wonderful, the vibe energising and the facilities reminiscent of a university campus.

We met Micky Orrey (nee Schneider-Waterberg) early on Saturday morning at the East Fort Parking area on Chapman's Peak. Micky, who is a most knowledgeable "botanist", lead 13 of us on a beautiful circular walk. I think some of us wondered what we had let ourselves in for but with a bit of pulling and shoving, everyone coped admirably and I'm sure nobody regretted having done the walk.



There were 23 of us who met after the walk for a gourmet feast at Quentin's in Hout Bay. It was very special that so many people had made an effort to attend the reunion – some having travelled from the UK, USA, Australia, Gauteng and Plettenberg Bay. There was much chattering and sharing of happy memories late into the afternoon. The "in between" years disappeared and we were left with shared experiences and a feeling of camaraderie and shared bonds of friendship.



It truly was a memorable time with special friends and we would like to thank the school for the wonderful warm welcome and hospitality we received. We look forward to another happy get together in 10 years' time.

Those who attended one or more of our events were: Caroline Smith, Caroline Veldhuizen, Clare Stuart Findlay, Deanne Isted, Debra Douglas Hamilton, Diana Douglas Hamilton, Micky Schneider Waterberg, Glynnis Underhill, Jeanne Cowan, Jeanne Franck, Jenny Louw, Judy Wilson, Juliet MacGregor, Lesley Stubbs, Linda Meyer, Neva van der Spuy, Nicky Dunckley, Rachel Browne, Sheila Hacking, Shelley Bell, Tania Tulloch, Tessa Handley.

Report by Judy van Aswegen



CLASS OF 1986 – 30 YEARS

On 12th February 2016, the class of 1986 celebrated our 30th reunion. We attended the Founder's Day service at St Saviours Church followed by lunch in the Mary Jagger Hall. There were 11 of us at the lunch, including Lindy Newton-Thompson who travelled from Johannesburg. The headgirl from our year - Kelly Holland (nee Myburgh) gave a short speech reminiscing about our years at school. We enjoyed a delicious meal and the tables looked stunning! Thank you.

As we chatted, it felt as if it was just yesterday when we would all gather for assembly in the hall. It is incredible how quickly the years have flown by. We laughed as we reminisced about our matric dance (Peppermint Lane) which was also held in the hall.

15 members from our class met at Quentins in Hout Bay for supper the following evening.

It was lovely to reconnect with everyone and to discover the different things people had done after all this time. I look forward to organising our 35th reunion and to maintaining contact as the years pass.

Report by Tanyana Robb-Quinlan





CLASS OF 1991 – 25 YEARS

The shrieks of laughter that started our 25 year reunion grew louder with every minute as we gathered on the Matric lawn at the OHA Annual cocktail party to start the weekend of celebrations. It was fabulous to see many old friends and to catch up on the news. Some friends had not seen one another since we left school so not surprisingly, we were the last to leave. It was wonderful to have Silke Robson (Berens) join us for the week-end all the way from Namibia.



Back row: Gemma Downing (Ricketts), Nikki Swain (Bath), Belinda Lewis (Boyes), Sarah Sandri (Rice), Justine McDonald (Peters)

In front: Tania Johnstone (Peck), Silke Robson (Berens) and Cathy Momsen (Moodie)

On Friday we enjoyed the Founder's Day Service at St Saviour's followed by a wonderful lunch in the Mary Jagger Hall where Tania Johnstone (Peck) reminded us of so many happy times at Herschel.

"Thank you to the school, Stuart West, the OHA (Prue, Di and particularly Lucy) for hosting us so graciously today. Thank you to Justine Macdonald, our circle secretary extraordinaire, for organising this reunion and keeping track of each and every member of our class.

25 years! Can it be? So much life happens in 25 years and yet the years seem to pass in the blink of an eye. 25 years ago we were a group of 54 impulsive, enthusiastic, excitable, day-dreaming, opinionated, plotting, planning and scheming teenagers with big ideas about where we were headed. Herschel gave us all the tools we needed to see us on our way: guts, determination, confidence, good hearts and a sense of worth.

The class of 1991 was without any doubt Mrs Duff's favourite. We never gave her a day's trouble or a single grey hair. We epitomized all that is "true, pure, lovely and of good report"! So even though she was heartbroken to see us go, she wished us well and sent us out into the world to fend for ourselves, armed with testimonials full of the promise that we held. So what have we achieved in the past 25 years?

Well, one thing is certain...if you need an attorney, get a class list! Our class produced more than its fair share of legal eagles, but also accountants, journalists, novelists, artists, photographers, architects, business women, teachers, medical professionals, an actuary and hard-working mums.

And we have several children between us, but "there must have been something in the water" because they are mostly boys. There are, however, a few proud mums of Herschel girls among us. In fact, 8 of us currently have daughters at Herschel from pre-nursery to Grade 9. I don't think there are many other

classes that can boast statistics like that. Watch this space, because there are more baby girls who will be little Herschelians on their way.

Our class is now spread our far and wide across the world from Hong Kong, to Germany, Namibia, New Zealand, Australia, the US, the UK and Gauteng.

On Founder's Day, we always take time to remember and honour those who have passed away and today we remember Sarah Ricketts who died of cancer 10 years ago. Sarah is sorely missed by her many Herschel friends, especially her boarding house family.

When I was secretary of the OHA, I had the privilege of organising many reunions and I learned of the very strong bonds that tie a class together - bonds that remain after decades of being apart. One of the first 60th reunions I coordinated was particularly memorable. The excitement and joy was palpable and you could hardly hear anyone speak over the shrieks of laughter. But what stood out the most for me was how often I overheard one of the ladies saying to another, "You have not changed a bit". In 60 years, honestly? Eventually I had to ask, as politely as possible, what they meant. The answers were simple: "she still sounds the same", "she still flicks her hair like she used to", "her smile still lights up her eyes", "she is still so caring and compassionate", and "she still has her wicked sense of humour".

Class of 1991, we still have a while to go before we reach our 60th reunion, but I am absolutely certain that we will be saying the same about one another when our turn comes."



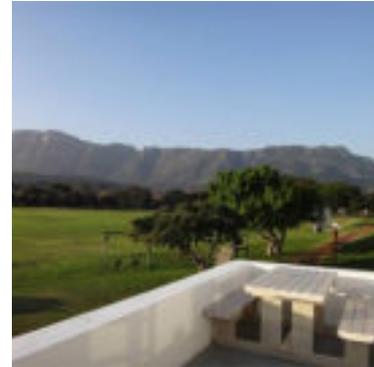
Back row: Justine Macdonald (Peters), Silke Robson (Berens), Catriona Ross, Claire-Marie Hodge (Schonborn), Helen Spangenberg (Barr), Hazel du Plooy (Sparks)

In front: Tiffany Lumley (Byers), Tania Johnstone (Peck)



Tania Johnstone (Peck), Robyn Millenaar (Sturgeon), Caroline Hughes (Sedgwick), Melanie Dalling (Rice), Gemma Downing (Ricketts) Silke Robson (Berens), Justine Macdonald (Peters)

On the Saturday evening a few of us met for supper at the Claremont Cricket Club at Constantia and enjoyed chatting and catching up.



Back row: Silke Robson (Berens), Tania Johnstone (Peck), Lindsay Campbell (Marx), Justine Macdonald (Peters), Claire-Marie Hodge (Schonborn)

In front: Helen Spangenberg (Barr), Hazel du Plooy (Sparks)

CLASS OF 1996 – 20 YEARS

It is quite astonishing to most of us that 20 years have passed since we left school, but once we had recovered from the shock, our 2016 reunion was a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and reconnect with people we had not seen (some since school). The activities and tours we experienced over the Founder's Day weekend highlighted for many of us how special it is to attend these events even if it isn't a 'significant' reunion.

The cocktail party on Thursday evening was great fun with current and past staff members (including Mrs Duff) and friends; the Founder's Day service at St Saviours' on Friday was incredible (I am sure we didn't sing that well!) and the lunch afterwards a really special occasion to reminisce over the happy times that many young women experienced whilst at school and to also celebrate their many achievements. The tour of the school highlighted how Herschel has continued to innovate and how lucky the girls are to have such fantastic facilities at their fingertips.



Kathy Crabbe, Taryn Weldon, Nicky Smither (Stephen), Vicki Reuvers (Sheppard)



Amanda Cloete (Alblas), Kath Kilpin (Gant), Kate Mullord, Justine Hoppe (Brice)



Paula Caradoc-Davies, Ingrid Talbot (Serritslev),
Paula Bosman (De Villiers), Jane Holderness (Woodard)



Kirsty Dyer (Learmonth), Kate Mundy (Ackerman), Gina
Turrell (Dace), Ali McAdam (Biden)



Pia Taylor, Caitlin Von Witt



Paula Caradoc-Davies, Inge Croy, Sarah Kirkman (Stabelford-
Smith), Sally Ebbs (Cattell), Amy Greenwood (Phillips)

Thirty members from our class went on to celebrate our 20-year reunion with a lunch at Societi Bistro on the Saturday. It was particularly special to have those who travelled to attend our reunion - Nicky Stephen and Kathryn Campbell (from Gauteng), and Jane Woodard (from Grahamstown). The afternoon was full of laughs and high spirits and the brave (no names mentioned) even managed to extend the festivities until midnight at Kloof Street House. In short, we had a great time and the aim is to not leave catching up again for another 10 years.

Report by Paula Caradoc-Davies



CLASS OF 2006 – 10 YEARS

Ten years have flown past so quickly, and it felt like it was yesterday that we were last walking into the Herschel gates, in our blue dresses and singing the school song.

We had a small group of girls attending the Founders Day service and lunch, where Kelly Scott spoke on our behalf, reminiscing on our wonderful time at Herschel, and the opportunities that were provided to us.



On Saturday, 25 of us met at the Grand where we had lunch. It was a memorable day where we enjoyed catching up with each other over wine, pizza and much laughter as we spoke fondly about school memories.

We are hoping for a bigger attendance for our 15 year reunion, as all those girls who are all over the world were missed.

Report by Emma Ackerman



CLASS OF 2011 – 5 years

Mira Briel writes "The 2011 Matric year spent the evening catching up at The Odyssey over dinner and drinks. About 60 Old Girls were there, some of whom flew to Cape Town for the event. A lot of us have not seen each other since the end of school but all reconnected like Matric was yesterday. We are definitely anticipating the exciting stories that will be told at our 10 year reunion!"

LADY HERSCHEL - Celebrating 15 Years

'Lady Herschel' turns 15 in December – and is therefore on course to turn 21 in Centenary Year!

Beginnings: There were two reasons for starting the club. After a poignant Valedictory Service one morning a lady was heard crying softly outside the theatre. Asked why she was so upset, she said, "It is all over for me now. I have been part of Herschel life for twelve years, and now my daughter has left and I am not part of it any more: no Garden Club, no Parents' Meetings, no Matric Dance Committees – nothing. I am not an Old Herschel, so there is no point of contact for me. It is all over and I am sad." I told her that we would start a Club for mothers, staff, ex-staff, friends of Herschel and their guests – where all would be welcome. On another occasion, a member of Staff was heard saying that she so envied the camaraderie of Boys' Schools - where staff and their guests meet regularly for social drinks, networking and some plain, good fun. This was filed away as a good idea.



History: The name of the club derives from Lady Margaret Herschel, who lived on the Estate now known as Herschel from 1834 to 1838. She espoused education for girls and collaborated with her astronomer husband, Sir John Herschel, in his scientific work. Intelligent and forward-thinking, she was passionately interested in the pursuit of knowledge. The Alumni Club is proud to remember her.

Venues: The Lady Herschel Club meets regularly throughout the year at various venues such as Cellars-Hohenhort, the Vineyard Hotel and the Mount Nelson – from 6 00 to 7 30pm. There is a Facebook page detailing upcoming



events and invitations are also available by email. The Club helps to keep up to date with Herschel contacts on far flung continents and is in regular contact with past pupils and members of staff in the UK, the USA and NZ. We hope to broaden these horizons in the next year, and to promote Club evenings for those living overseas – in their own venues.

2016 has been an exciting year for cementing existing friendships and for making new ones. We extend a warm welcome to new members and their guests.



A letter from an Old Herschelian

“My sister and I were both pupils at Herschel School during the war – 1942-45. They were very happy years which I loved. I thought you might be interested to hear of the memories of 71-74 years ago.

Our names were Patricia and Kathleen (Kit) Layard. My sister Pat was 15 and I was 13 when we joined Herschel. We had made a rapid exit from Ceylon shortly after Singapore fell. As many as possible were advised to leave Ceylon before an expected Japanese raid on the island. We narrowly missed the raid. We arrived in Durban and then went by train to Cape Town to stay with my mother’s old school friend who lived in Constantia. Her two daughters were at Herschel so we joined them then.

I remember my form room upstairs so well. I could almost be sitting at my desk now. Each desk had an inkwell and the standard pens had rather pointed nibs which had a nasty habit of digging into the paper. We found different nibs called “relief nibs”. They had broader tips and were very much easier to write with. I was not a brilliant student - never at the top but also never at the bottom – more or less middle of the road. My favourite subjects were English and Geography. At noon every day a bell would sound and we all stood for two minutes silence for the war.

There were 250 pupils at Herschel when I was there. The uniform looks the same today as it was then. The school has grown so much I can’t visualise it now. I remember the big hall where we gathered every morning for assembly. It had a raised stage at one end and a balcony upstairs at the other end from where the choir sang. I can still hear them singing descant – so lovely. There was also a big hall where we went for gym but I am not sure if that was the same hall. I remember climbing up ropes to the ceiling.

I can also remember the dining area where we had cooked lunches. There was a time when potatoes were in such short supply that we had to eat sweet potatoes – either that or go hungry. We soon got over our dislike of sweet potatoes.

I recall a room that must have been a science room. There was a large bowl of mercury on the window sill and we liked to put our hands in it to feel the coldness. Unfortunately one girl knocked the bowl over and all the mercury went into cracks in the wooden floor. We had to get down on our hands and knees to try and poke the mercury out with pins. It was a waste of time because if you succeeded in retrieving some mercury, it quickly disappeared into another crack. I wonder if it is still there? Our headmistress was Miss Harriet Robinson, a well- respected and fair lady.

I loved the way sports were treated with such enthusiasm and competitiveness. I liked the swimming pool and the smaller shallow pool where we practiced our racing dives. My swimming improved so much that I was chosen for the team in an inter school contest in Rondebosch. Herschel won and we were given silver coloured medals – I still have mine and it is attached to my key ring. There was a hut called the crypt where we changed into our swimsuits. Hockey was my other love of sport. I was given my hockey colours and did play in inter-school matches. Sadly over the years my badge has gone missing and I really regret this as I had been so proud to have it. The field where hockey, lacrosse and rounders were played was on a lower level. We played sport every day after school – hockey, lacrosse and netball in winter and swimming, tennis or rounders in summer.

We lived for 18 months in Kalk Bay so had a long train journey every day, changing trains at Wynberg. We spent many hours on the beach in Kalk Bay and also at Muizenberg. After this we moved to Newlands. My brother Michael went to Western Province, affectionately known as Wet Pups. My sister Pat became a prefect in her last year and was captain of Merriman. I still have an official photograph of all the staff and prefects. I have written all the names on the back. Also a photo of Lower and Upper 111, lower and upper IV FORMS 1944

I also still have 3 Herschelian magazines recording the events from the years 1941-1944.

We made many friends during our time at Herschel and kept in touch for some time.

The education I received at Herschel was very good and as I said before, I spent 3 very happy years there.

With very best wishes from

(Mrs) Kit Tustin

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ACKERMAN-BERMAN, Suzanne (1980) delivered the commencement address to an audience of 2 000 people at Rutgers University, Camden in the USA in May, when her father, Old Herschelian Raymond Ackerman, was awarded his seventh honorary doctorate. The Capetonian was “widely recognised as one of South Africa’s foremost philanthropists.” Suzanne is head of transformation at Pick n Pay.

ADAMS, Fiona (1977) lives in East London and has recently published a book called "Bound for Pretoria" – the travel writings of Henry Adams 1878 – 1879.

ALLENBROOK, Jenna (2011) is studying a B Com Management Studies at UCT. She has been accepted to study law at the University of Law in London.

AMM, Claire (nee Fauville, 1962) continues to breed her magnificent Appaloosa horses in the Free State and still takes part in Endurance Races with members of her family.



ARTON, Ashleigh (2011) has completed her Honours in Environmental and Geographical Science at UCT. She is currently taking a gap of 6 months, working as a Research Officer for Frontier Projects. She is sleeping in a hammock in a Costa Rican jungle and analyzing the effects of climate change on the turtles, primates and big cats, as well as other animals in the Osa Peninsula (closest area to Panama). She has been accepted at Oxford University where she will study an MSc in Biodiversity, Conservation and Management.

ARTON, Imogen Arton (2006) is a qualified chartered accountant and works for a company called Genesta in Stockholm, Sweden where she is a Fund Management Analyst. She completed her articles at Deloitte in Johannesburg in 2013. She then worked in Dusseldorf for Deloitte at the beginning of 2014 and took the rest of that year off to travel and study in London at Sotheby’s in an intensive Art and Business Management course focusing on contemporary art. She moved to Sweden in the middle of last year.

BARRY, Courtney (2009) works at a media agency in Cape Town called Hitch Digital Media. She started as a Campaign Manager and 9 months later was promoted to an Account Manager. She is currently the Digital Media Strategist for Distell’s luxury portfolio in South Africa, Africa and globally as well as Investec South Africa. She is moving to Ireland within the next year to help start up another Hitch Digital Media.

BASSETT, Inge (nee Hanekom, 1987) lives on a farm on the Bitou River, outside Plettenberg Bay. She has three children, aged 14, 12 and 9 years and is currently building a Montessori school which will open at The Old Nick Village in Plettenberg Bay in January 2017.

BENOITI, Megan studied Occupational Therapy at UCT followed by a post graduate course in Marketing. She worked in London for Deutsche Bank as part of their event management team and now runs her own small company selling luxury baby linen.

BISHOP, Rose (nee Meynell, 1977) has lived in Johannesburg for 26 years and is involved in the running of Ladies Golf Gauteng. She is studying to become a Life Coach.

BLUMBERG, Victoria (1996) lives in Brooklyn where she is in private practice as a psychotherapist, specializing in eating disorders and substance abuse. She works with adults individually, as well as with couples and families. Victoria has been in psychoanalytic training for over 5 years and is due to write her licensing exams within the next 6 months. She loves her life in New York but her roots will always be in Cape Town.

BONNER, Denise (nee White, 1961) has been elected President of the South African Medical Association.



BRADLEY, Alison (1999), who studied in the USA, worked in Vietnam and is now working for the United Nations in Geneva. She was in Cape Town for a few days and agreed to address the Grade 12 History class. Alison's own fascinating history includes her relationship with her grandfather, who is one of the men in the iconic photo of the flag-raising at Iwo Jima. She told the girls:

Herschel taught me:

- *Set your mind in the direction you want it to follow*
- *Manners go the extra mile*
- *Friends are the glue*
- *Push the boundaries but don't forget the boss*
- *Remember where you came from*

BREY, Nabeela (2013), Ashia **TOORABALLY** (2013) and Charne **SAMPSON** (2013) hold portfolios at "The Students' for a Better Future". This foundation was established in 2007 to fund educational initiatives in the Western Cape. The program enables academically gifted, financially needy learners to attend some of the best high schools in Cape Town. The aim of the program is to allow these scholars to develop their talents and make a valuable contribution to their country, communities and families. Nabeela **BREY** is responsible for the Social portfolio to promote fellowship and fun amongst the SBF members. Ashia **TOORABALLY** is responsible for the Professional Development Portfolio which coordinates activities related to professional skills and career development whilst Charne **SAMPSON** is responsible for the Technology and Communications Portfolio – this facilitates community building amongst its members, using technology to further the aims of other portfolios.

BROOKS, Emma (2014) is studying at UCT where she has been made ladies hockey club captain for 2017.

BRUCE, Anne Bruce (nee Fauville, 1961) and her cousin Marie travelled to New Zealand in February to visit Buzz **FOURIE** (nee Leith, 1961) and her daughter Tania (1989). Together they sampled some of the magnificent tourist attractions of the North and South Islands, including horse riding in Paradise Valley. Anne then returned to the UK to spend time with her daughter Catherine who lives in the New Forest.

BURNETT, Chippy (nee Schipper, 1966) writes: "Our 50 year reunion was a happy reconnection with those who came to the celebrations. Since then we have had more regular contact with each other and we hope this will continue. I have had a busy year and now have 6 grandchildren. We are in the process of selling our home and are moving to a security estate close by."

CARADOC-DAVIES, Paula (1996) lives in Cape Town and has been self-employed since 2011 after a decade of working for various property, media and advertising firms. She consults to a number of businesses on their digital marketing strategy, as well as being a residential property sales advisor (Engel and Volkers) in Rondebosch with her husband, Giles Pohl. Paula and Giles love to travel, scuba dive and walk on the mountain, and any spare time is usually spent doing just that.

CARPENTER-FRANK, Elsa (nee Vorster, 1982) is a managing partner of a media strategy and buying company in Cape Town.

CHITTENDEN, Tessa, Sarah **MELVILLE** and Julia **HAMPTON** (all 2014) have created a start-up company through "UCT Upstarts" called Re: Fresh which is a sustainable juice bar.

CLEGG, Alice (2011) is completing her fourth year as a BMus student at UCT. She won the Lionel Bowman competition and held a recital at the Baxter Theatre.

CRUSE, Jo (2003) is Co-Founder of MacroAdventure - an initiative she established in 2016 with her boyfriend Dom. MacroAdventure seeks to uncover and share the stories of entrepreneurs using business as a force for good and as a means to inspire others to use entrepreneurship. In June 2016, Jo and Dom embarked on a nine-month expedition from Alaska to Argentina to meet and interview entrepreneurs across the Americas. They are editing the interviews they filmed into a documentary, and are also blogging monthly for Virgin Unite - the non-profit arm of Richard Branson's Virgin. Jo and Dom are constantly on the lookout for inspiring entrepreneurs across the Americas, UK and South Africa. They warmly encourage any Old Herschelians who know of entrepreneurs who are using their businesses to make both a profit and a difference to contact them. For more information on MacroAdventure and contact details, visit www.macroadventure.com. Jo will be back in Cape Town for a wedding in February and looks forward to catching up with Old Herschelian friends then.

DARON, Alienor (2009) graduated from the University of Bordeaux and is specializing as a general practitioner. She is engaged to Samuel Lefebvre, an architect, and they plan to get married in August 2017 in Bordeaux.

DAY, Catherine (1998) works for SAB Miller in Johannesburg in a Strategy/Marketing role for the Africa operation. Her job has provided opportunities for her to travel extensively with the highlights being visits to Colombia, Kenya, Tanzania, South Sudan and Peru.

DE BEYER, Leigh (2009) graduated with a Master of Science degree in Geoinformatics, Cum Laude in December 2015.

DE BRUS, Bertha (nee Visser, 1988) writes: "Since entering the midlife crisis phase of life I have decided to change direction completely and so, aged 45 returned to university where I am studying "Companion Animals" (dogs, cats, pet reptiles, horses etc). This specific course deals predominantly with care and behavioural issues of these animals. It includes a small veterinary component. I completed the work experience aspect at a local vet and am now working at a Doggy Daycare and Grooming parlour. I love working with dogs instead of the general public. It took a bit to make the change but I think it was time I followed my heart instead of my head."



DE KLERK, Karen (nee Snyders, 1987) moved to the UK with her husband and two sons in August 2015. She is a nursing sister who, up until last year, was working in the Occupational Health nursing field. She and her husband have also lived in Holland and enjoy experiencing life in other cultures.

DE MEY, Kat (2014) is studying biomedical engineering in Glasgow.

DE VILLIERS, Cheryl (1977) lives in Calitzdorp and owns the Calitzdorp Railway Station (campsite/accommodation/bar/function venue). Calitzdorp is the centre of the port- producing region of SA and is on the scenic R62.



DE VILLIERS, Margaret (nee Diemont, 1956) won a gold medal for her watercolour paintings of ericas at the prestigious Royal Horticultural Society Botanical Art show in London this year. Margaret has always had a passion for ericas and it is her ambition to paint as many of the rare plants as possible. She says the fine details and layering of just one watercolour painting can take up to 6 weeks. They need to be recorded as many of these plants are lost when building development occurs. Margaret has painted 39 very rare species of ericas and gets support from friends, farmers and hikers in the mountains around Hermanus where she lives. She also gets support from a friend who assists her in dissecting the plants and from the staff at Kirstenbosch Gardens. Margaret was the only artist representing South Africa and was one of 13 gold medallists chosen from 35 artists from Japan, UK, Thailand, China, South Korea, Switzerland, Australia, Italy, the US and the Netherlands. Margaret matriculated from Herschel in 1956 and returned to Herschel this year to celebrate Founders Day and her 60 year class reunion.

DIEDERICKS-HUGO, Carina (1995) released another of her best- selling youth novels earlier this year. After Matric, Carina read International Studies (BA), Afrikaans and Dutch (BA Hons) and Journalism (MPhil) at Stellenbosch University. In 2001, she wrote the first Thomas@ youth novel and the book was so popular that it developed into a series. The latest, Thomas@skaduwee.net (and the tenth in the series) was published this year. Carina has been the recipient of several awards for youth literature and Thomas@sms is a national network for Grade 9 Home language

students. She is currently working on the next novel in the series. Carina's mother, Alta, teaches German at Herschel.

DIETRICH, Catherine (nee Bothwell, 1998) has two daughters, age three and eight months. She did an English Honours degree at Stellenbosch and has since worked in book publishing, editing, copywriting and features-writing for a women's magazine. She spends the few free moments she has writing a blog. (www.littlesloveandsunshine.com)

D'ORTHEZ, Marina (2009) lives in San Francisco where she has recently been promoted to lead producer for the creative agency for Google.

DOYLE, Caroline (nee Maconachie, 1988) lives in Brighton, UK with her husband Chris and two sons, Ben 12 and Oliver 7.

DU TOIT, Nawal (nee Mohammed, 1988) is general manager of an online learning programme. It was launched in April this year and has more than 15 000 registered users doing short courses in everything from bar services to personal budgeting.



ECKSTEIN, Jill (nee Philip, 1963) celebrated her 70th birthday on a dhow in Nosy Be, Madagascar with her daughters, Nicky Eckstein (1986) and Dee Blackie, and granddaughter Lea Chisholm (2014).

EDMUNDS, Marion (1986) is freelancing for CNN's *African Voices*. She has directed a documentary on the SS Mendi, called *Troopship Tragedy*. It is the story of South Africa's worst maritime disaster when more than 600 men of the 5th Battalion of the South African Native Labour Corps drowned when their troopship sank in the English Channel in 1917. The documentary was commissioned by Sabido Productions. Marion has produced several award-winning documentaries, ranging widely from films on F.W.de Klerk, Nelson Mandela and Jacob Zuma, to *The Trouble with Truth*, about black journalism in the 1960s and *Diagnosing Damage* about the trauma unit at Red Cross Children's Hospital. *Troopship Tragedy*, made between 2012 and last year, is her most recent. (The Argus)

FARR, Susannah (nee George, 1993) won the 2016 Social Entrepreneur Category in the Regional Business Achiever Awards.

FINE, Susan (1977) works in the Clinical Faculty of the Department of Speech Language Pathology and Audiology at Northeastern University in Boston, USA.

FLOOD, Michaela (2015) has been chosen to represent South Africa at the Irish Dancing world championships in Dublin in March. She is one of a six member team chosen for the championships and her five teammates are all members of the Port Elizabeth-based McWilliams Academy. It is the 4th time that Michaela has qualified for the world championships. She is studying a BCom in chartered accounting at UCT.

FOSTER, Jessica (2009) graduated from UCT after completing her law degree (LLB) in December 2014. She was accepted to do her pupillage at the Cape Bar in 2015 and was formally admitted as a Pupil Member of the Cape Bar in January 2015. She was admitted as an Advocate of the High Court of South Africa on 6 March 2015 and accepted as a full Member of the Cape Bar and obtained chambers on 14 December 2015. She is also on the Junior Cape Bar Council as well as on the Advocacy Training Committee and was recently invited to attend a National Young Leaders Symposium hosted by the General Council of the Bar of South Africa.

GARISCH, Dawn (1975) will have a new novel out in 2017 called *Accident*. She will also have two plays performed next year - *To Get To The Moon* which will be on at the Rosebank Theatre in Cape Town, and the stage adaptation of her novel *Trespass* which will premiere at the new AFDA theatre in Lower Main Rd, Observatory.

She continues to practice medicine part-time, and runs life- writing courses. Email her on dawn.garisch@gmail.com for more information.

GODFREY, Chris (nee Hawson, 1961) and her husband Graham are living in Bloemfontein in order to be closer to their family. They are small scale farmers, driving the 'Kos en Fynbos' project and being Gran's taxi for their great granddaughter.

GORDON, Ashley (1998), lives on Blue Hippo Farm in Greyton where she has been for the last ten years. She has walked the Camino de Santiago in Spain, studied Permaculture, organized Space of Love festivals, travelled Peru, and has worked for an NGO in Cape Town taking children out into the wilderness.

GORDON, Sarah (2008) is finishing her Masters in Research Psychology while working for Stellenbosch University as a project manager. She hopes to go to Oxford next year to do her PhD.

GREEN, Nicky (nee Kohler, 1977) lives in Winterton, KZN and, with her family, is very involved in the organization of the Mountain Bike Challenge – Old Mutual's Joberg2C.

GUISE, Hilary (nee Beck, 1961) lives in the UK and travels extensively giving lectures and doing research in Classical Greek. She has been invited to lecture on "1648 The Eleusinian Mysteries, Oracles and Pilgrimage" at UCT Summer School in January 2017.

HAMMOND, Janet (1977) is based in the USA where she is the senior vice president and Global Head Infectious Diseases DTA Hoffman la Roche. She also spends a lot of time in Switzerland.

HANNAFORD, Bridgit (nee Sandell, 1977) re-married this year and is happily settled on a small holding near Adelaide, Australia.

HARRIS, Susan (1977) lives in Perth, Australia and has recently been involved in a Foreshore walk showcasing Wadjup and Gabbilju, two estuarine parts of Dyarlgarro (Canning River). It is about 7km from the cafe at Riverton Bridge to Bull Creek. Sue is an integral part of the committee that has erected informative and beautifully designed signboards including the history, flora and fauna of the area. Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/WadjupGabbilju/>

HEEGER, Ash (2007) is a chef and opened her own restaurant "Ash" in Cape Town in April this year. Ash graduated from cookery school in 2010 after spending the year at La Colombe with Luke Dale-Roberts who then asked her to be involved in The Test Kitchen. In 2013 she moved to London and started working at The Ledbury, after which she moved to Dinner (by Heston) and worked there for nearly two years. Her restaurant involves cooking on an indoor barbecue called a Josper which is made in Spain of galvanized steel and allows for very high temperatures while maintaining fairly regular heat throughout. It imparts an intense charcoal flavour in a very short period of time. Ash serves the food herself with some help from one or two members from the kitchen, a system known as expedited service, which she believes will make her more in tune with the food she produces and provide better engagement with diners.

HELMAN, Luanna (nee Shonfeld, 1981) works for Tyson Properties where she sells Real Estate on the Atlantic Sea Board. She is a partner and owner of Gate69, South Africa's Premier Cabaret Theatre on Bree Street. She lives in Cape Town and has an 8 year old daughter who attends St Cyprians School.

HOOK, Bridgid (nee Twentyman-Jones, 1975) writes: "this has been an exciting year with some special catch-ups! I enjoyed seeing some past class mates who visited Brisbane in June - Amanda from England, Suzette from Airlie Beach, and Tessa and Lovell from Perth. I had a brief trip to Cape Town in September and had a wonderful evening at The Vineyard Hotel. Some of us hadn't seen each other since we left school in 1975 - and we all looked just the same!"



HOPKINS, Nicky (nee Cloete,1961) and her husband are planning a visit to Antarctica and South America in January 2017. They are very much looking forward to this trip after their busy time renovating the Alphen Hotel.

HOPPE, Justine (nee Brice,1996) lives in Cape Town with her husband, Myles and 3 year old son, Cameron. After completing her law articles with Webber Wentzel, Justine practised in commercial litigation before moving to ENS Africa where she practised for nearly 9 years, specializing in insolvency and business rescue law. In February this year, she joined Mazars Recovery and Restructuring where she is the Senior Legal Counsel advising the business rescue and turnaround team.

HUBNER, Jade (2010) is a presenter for TV's Top Billing. She is also a model, voice-over artist, dancer and brand ambassador. She visited Herschel during the Enrichment Week and addressed the Grade 11 girls. She has a long list of achievements in her chosen field and explained to the girls how you need not let anything stand between you and your goals.

HUGO-HAMMAN, Shushy (nee Fuller,1974) writes: " My husband Chris and I walked the Portuguese Camino, 600 kilometres, in June. It was definitely a once- in- a- lifetime experience, a few blisters, many tough hours but thoroughly worthwhile and I learnt just how far I am able to push myself. Walking through a country over many kilometres on asphalt roads, uncomfortable cobbles, woodlands and forests gives one a very good impression of a country and its people. I spend my time living between Namibia and Cape Town as my husband is based in Windhoek".

HUISAMEN, Heather (nee Walker, 1962) and her husband, Leon, have recently returned from a two and a half month visit to their daughter who lives on a farm in Esbjerg, Denmark. They had a wonderful time catching up with their family and visiting Legoland, Tivoli Gardens in Copenhagen and appreciating their grandchildren who are learning 4 languages.

HURLIN, Chanel (2009) recently received her green card for extraordinary ability as a dancer and television presenter and has moved to LA to continue her television presenting career. After 2 months of living in the city she booked a job as a presenter for the TV show called The New Music Buzz. She has interviewed a few American celebrities and will soon be on the red carpet interviewing the judges and contestants after every live show, starting at the end of July, for the FOX TV series "So You Think You Can Dance".

JOJO, Penny (nee Foot, 1962) lives in California where she volunteers at the local museum and attends OLLI - an institution attached to the university where "mature students" attend lectures. Her brother Mike recently visited her from Tasmania so she spent a few happy weeks showing him the sights of California.

LEIGHTON, Suzanne (nee Allen , 1975) continues to work with mental health using massage combined with counselling. She can often be found painting at The Spencer Street Art Studio in Salt River.

LINEGAR, Caterina (nee Aldera,2009) lives in Oxford. She married Christopher Linegar on the 21st of December 2015 at Cape Point Vineyards, Noordhoek.

LOW, Cailey (nee Gordon,2000) works at real estate giant Tishman Speyer as their IT Director and has just completed a global ERP implementation as Interface and Security lead. She and her husband, Michael, had their first child in February this year – he arrived three weeks early after Cailey had just finished her lunch time spinning class!

LOUIS, Chiara (2009) completed a BA LLB at Stellenbosch University. Thereafter, she interned at numerous public interest law firms in South Africa before completing her LLM in International Human Rights Law at Leiden University in the Netherlands, graduating cum laude. She will soon begin her pupillage to become an advocate in South Africa.

LUYENDIJK, Emma (2009) was the winner of the Laura Searle Prize for Concerto Playing. Emma completed her Honours in Music Performance with distinction and is the recipient of the University of Cape Town's Grant Pulvermacher Prize for her research into the role of music in peace- building and the incitement of violence. She recently

returned from Japan where she gave a recital with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra's principal violist, Richard Elegino.

MACPHERSON, Nicky (nee van der Bijl, 1948) lives in Scotland with her husband Ewen. Their home is Attadale on Loch Carron where they have created a wonderful garden which is open to the public. The garden was visited by Prince Charles earlier this year. Her husband, Ewen, writes: "you might be amused to see some of the photographs if you look on attadalegardens.com under the heading Royal Visit. Even Nicky was won over by the charm of HRH. As a result of all the publicity, our garden visitors are up by 40% so far this year so it was worth the effort involved." Nicky and Ewen went to London at the end of October to attend their son Nicholas' introduction to the House of Lords as he has been made a Life Peer to sit on the cross benches.

MARTIN, Jenny (nee du Preez, 1988) lives on the Isle of Wight where she and her husband work as silversmiths.

MATTHEWS, Lynn (nee Stamper 1982) writes: "I live in Perth, West Australia, am married to Rowan Matthews and have 3 children. I am a registered Physiotherapist and more recently have qualified as an advanced life coach, specialising in pain and fatigue strategies. I have treated many Old Herschelians who live in Perth. I am on the board of Christ Church Grammar School (an appointment of the Anglican Diocese) and love the opportunity to serve at this level. My son Mark was a scholar at the school for 13 years. Both my daughters went to Methodist Ladies' College. Libby is now an Auditor at BDO and Bianca is about to complete her Masters in Education. If any Old Herschelians are passing through Perth and need a hand, please be in touch!" lynnmatthews.net.au

MCDONALD, Shona (nee Milton, 1975). Shonaquip has just won first place in the Inaugural SAB Foundation Disability Empowerment Award for their latest innovation - the dLala side positioning device. See <http://shonaquip.co.za/>

NICHOLAS, Terry (nee Lloyd-Roberts, 1975) teaches at The International School of Cape Town and at AFDA, as well as running a private tutorial practice specialising in Matric English. She has started performing again and appears at The Alma Café and at various Soirees in Cape Town and surrounds. Her son is at UCT studying for a BA LIB.

NTSHINGA, Linda (2002) works at KPMG in Marketing and Communications.

PALMER, Mary-Ann (nee Wheeler, 1987) began her career as a food scientist with Unilever. She married Brad in 1997 and they moved to London. She has two children, Rourke and Kaiya. She writes "Rourke is 13 and a very able sportsman – he loves his rugby, waterpolo and rowing and has just started at secondary school, St Paul's School in Barnes, London. Our daughter, Kaiya is 10 and is at an all-girls school, called the Lady Eleanor Holles School, in Hampton. The school reminds me so much of Herschel and she fell in love with it from her first visit at the age of 6. I work part time at Hampton School where I assist with the setting up of chemistry practicals. My husband is a partner at Bain Capital, a private equity firm, with its HO in Boston and so he travels a lot. My next project is to demolish our current house and build a contemporary one that is far more environmentally sustainable. The planning process has proved arduous and has taken almost two years. We come home to Cape Town every Christmas to visit our family."

PATERSON, Lisa (2011) and Kate **VAN DEN AARDWEG** (2011) have committed themselves to a fundraising event called MAD2RUN. The Foundation holistically invests in promising young students' academic, wellness, life-skills, mentorship and leadership journeys, ensuring that through the 9+ years that they are with the foundation, they are given every opportunity to reach their full potential as South Africa's future leaders. They will be running as part of a team from Johannesburg to Cape Town in April next year. As a team, they will be running 24 hours a day for 7 days to complete the onerous journey of 1520km along some of South Africa's busiest highways and undiscovered dirt tracks.

PIENAAR, Kirsten (2015) is studying engineering at Cornell University, USA. She was included in their first field hockey side and scored the only goal in the match against Yale. She was named Ivy League Rookie of the Week.

RAAFF, Gabby (1988) is a full time artist who is represented by galleries both locally and abroad. She is a painter who works in water colour, ink and water-based oil on various substrates. Her most recent solo show was called Nightwatch and was held at Salon 91 in Cape Town in March 2015. She has been part of several group shows in the past few years namely at Everard Read, Barnard, Commune 1 and Aperture Gallery in Paris as well as being represented by Salon 91 at the Cape Town Art Fair and The Turbine Art Fair in Johannesburg. She is currently represented by an online gallery in New York and is working towards her next solo show at Smith Gallery in Cape Town in February 2017. Visit her website www.gabriellraaff.com to see work and details of upcoming shows.

REUVERS, Victoria (nee Sheppard, 1996) is married to Ross and they live in Cape Town. She is the Occupations Director of Morningstar, SA which is a leading provider of independent investment research in North America, Europe, Australia, and Asia. She completed her 5th Comrades Marathon this year (Top 100 woman across the line), is still show jumping and riding horses and loves to mountain bike with her husband and Kathy **CRABBE** (1996).

REYNOLDS, Keira (nee Powers, 1993) played touch rugby for 15 years for Western Province. She represented South Africa in the Mixed Open and Women's teams for 12 years in three successive Touch World Cup tournaments, winning 2 bronze medals. Keira married Harry Reynolds on 12 March 2016.



ROSS, Catriona (1991) is enjoying her freelance writing life, doing locums as features editor at magazines - Marie Claire, Good Housekeeping and the FNB magazine, Siyasiza - and regular writing for The South African Bone Marrow Registry and The Dylan Lewis Sculpture Garden in Stellenbosch. She recently finished writing two books: The Last Book on Earth, a sci-fi romance/mystery set in 2065, which will probably be available on Amazon by the end of 2016; and An Uncommon Gift: The Story of The South African Bone Marrow Registry and the Lives Saved by Stem Cell Donation. This year she took up surfing and Zen meditation. Her daughter Nina is in her second year (Nursery) at

Herschel.

RUNDLE, Sarah (nee Utton, 2009) works as a grade 10-12 English and History teacher at a small school in Cape Town. She married Adam Rundle during the Easter holidays this year.

SAMPSON, Charne (2013) will be remembered for being the driving force behind icing over 1000 cupcakes for the school's 90th birthday in her Matric year. Charné, who has been studying at Silwood, recently won the Inter Cookery School competition, much to the delight of Alicia **WILKINSON**, head of Silwood, and an Old Herschelian.

SAMUELSON, Abigail (2014) is doing a BA at Stellenbosch University as well as studying kinesiology part time.

SCHAEFER, Katherine (nee Pickard, 2003) works in Hong Kong at the Simon Lee Gallery, one of the first international galleries to open in the city in 2012. Katherine previously completed a Masters at the Sotheby's Institute of Art in London. She not only represents the gallery's roster of artists in Hong Kong, but has also devised a programme that chimes with local artistic developments: Simon Lee Gallery was the first Western gallery in town to present a group show of Hong Kong artists.



SCHONBORN, Ann (nee Cowley, 1962) and her husband Carl moved from Umhlanga Rocks, where they had lived for 11 years, to Hermanus and have embraced their new life swimming, cycling, snorkelling and enjoying glorious walks in the area. They are keen bridge players and are members of the University of the 3rd Age.



SCOTT, Dominique (2010), daughter of former geography teacher at Herschel, Rene Scott, represented South Africa at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games. She was among 13 women who made the journey to South America as part of the South African Olympic delegation. Dominique's first track coach was 1980s running star Johan Fourie, who recognised her tenacity and who predicted in 2010 that she would participate in the Rio Olympics. Dominique won the US collegiate indoor 3000m crown last year and after receiving her medal, was proposed to by her boyfriend Cameron Efur, whom she married in December last year.

Dominique is the only five-time National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) champion in program history and has excelled at distances from the 1500m through to the 10 000m. In five years at Arkansas she led the women's track and field program to many conference titles and two historic NCAA indoor and outdoor victories. Dominique was recognised as the National Indoor Track Athlete of the year in 2015 and holds seven program records inclusive of the 10 000m – her Olympic qualifying event.

Dominique is sponsored by Adidas and is the first SA woman to qualify for the Olympics in the 10 000m since Elana Meyer in 2000. Her parents, Rene and Mike, and sister Tash, were in Rio to support her during August.

SHORT, Rosie Short (nee Webber, 1975) is a speech and language therapist, working with children with dyslexia. She sees a lot of Nicky **THOMPSON'S** (nee Fouche) daughter Katherine, who lives close to her daughter, Rebecca, in Clapham, London. She also met up with Ricky **RAMMAGE** (nee Prain) in London just before summer.

SMITH, Shelley (nee Hanslo, 2003) works as a primary school French educator at Hout Bay International School, teaching French to children aged 6 - 12 years.

SNYDERS, Anne (nee Steens, 1961) writes: "Eight of our class, and a sibling, met for tea in October to catch up on the news of our classmates spread all over the world and to informally celebrate our 55th year as Old Herschelians. Lavinia **CRAWFORD-BROWN** (nee Ellis), Celia **McCALLUM** (nee de Villiers) and her sister Rosemary, Carol **OPIE** (nee Baker) and Hilary **CATTELL** (nee Dempers) all joined in the merriment and we enjoyed chatting to Maxine **SIFIS** (nee Diamond) who phoned from Kos Greece to be part of the festivities. Prilla **HORN** (nee Barrett), Buzz **FOURIE** (nee Leith), Gilly **GIBBS** (nee Davis) and Rohanne **VERRIPS** (nee Morrison) added their good wishes for the occasion.

SPERRYN, Sarah (2014) was shortlisted for the undergraduate semi -finalists of the National Budget Speech Competition. She continues to excel with her tap dancing and received diplomas in a recent competition in both tap solo and tap trio.



STEYN, Jessica (2014), has been awarded a Mensa Education and Research Foundation Scholarship for the continuation of her studies. It is a remarkable achievement, as she competed against 11 000 applicants globally for one of five scholarships available. Jessica, from Somerset West, is a full-time second-year Stellenbosch University student, studying a BA Language and Culture, focusing on Psychology and English. She matriculated from Herschel with seven distinctions.

STIRZAKER, Clare (nee Gawith, 1977) lives in Sydney, Australia and obtained her PhD at Macquarie University, Sydney and works at the Garvan Institute of Medical Research. She has played an important role in epigenetic research and the study of cancer cells.

STURGEON, Shona (nee Jackson, 1961) continues to contribute to Cape Mental Health whilst at the same time manages a busy family life. She recently went 4x4ing and camping along the Orange River.



STURGIS, Rosie (1946) visited Herschel whilst on holiday in South Africa and gave the school a copy of her first book "The Mammals That Moved Mankind". She says "it was such fun meeting you and amazing to be back at Herschel and not standing outside the Head's study waiting for a summons". Rosie was born at The Hill (now the Preparatory School) 84 years ago and still vividly remembers the wild cranes (named Peter and Sarah) that freely roamed the gardens and even the names of their two Jersey cows, Margot and Piggy. Rosie matriculated from Herschel in 1946, studied at St Andrew's University and learned the art of bronze casting in Italy. (She

was commissioned to sculpt our Dux Trophy, of a bird in flight, by Mr Desmond Loch Davies, Chairman of the Her-

schel Trust.) Rosie and her husband, John, live in the United Kingdom. Rosie is an artist, photographer and intrepid traveller.

TAGG, Vicki (nee Goodwin, 1991) works for Rand Merchant Bank in Johannesburg. She married Gavin Tagg in 2015 and welcomed twins, Gabriella and Nicholas, in March 2016. She loves motherhood and is doing her best to juggle being a mother, wife and banker.

TAYLOR, Penny (nee Raath, 1963) visited her son and family in Australia in September. The trip included a week of fishing and whale watching on the Great Barrier Reef.

TOLOSANA, Sandy (nee Buchanan, 1961) runs a successful bed and breakfast from her home in Riebeeck Kasteel. She visited her son Graham and his family in Australia earlier this year.

TRUTER, Caroline (1993) won two prestigious awards, provincial and national, at the Top Entrepreneur Awards, 2016.

TUFT, (1999) Sarah works for Glamour magazine as the special projects and events manager.

VAN ASSEN, Melissa (1987) lives in Dominica where she and her husband have built and run an eco lodge called Banana Lama. It is located in the rainforest on a pristine river and is completely self-sustained. Melissa is kept busy running the lodge in addition to working as an architect and designing houses.



VAN DER MERWE, Lieza (2008) is a wine maker whose Sauvignon Blanc has been named as one of the Top 10 Sauvignon Blancs of 2016. She completed her first vintage under the watchful eye of one of South Africa's greatest winemakers, Boela Gerber, from Groot Constantia in 2012. After that, she moved to Merwida Winery in the Bredekloof valley which is her family's farm. She says she always wanted to return home and join the family business. She has completed 4 vintages at Merwida and is currently a junior winemaker there, working alongside Magnus Kriel.

She has had the privilege of broadening her winemaking knowledge abroad in both California and Germany. In 2013, she completed the Northern Hemisphere harvest at Stonestreet Winery in Sonoma, California. She worked under a fellow South African winemaker, Graham Weerts. In 2014 she decided to tackle a German harvest at Markus Schneider Winery in Pfalz, Germany. Her two overseas harvests have exposed her to different wine styles and winemaking techniques and allowed her to find her style.

VAN LENNEP, Karenina (1975) moved to Washington DC in 1988 to do her Masters in Art Therapy. She obtained her green card and lives in a suburb of Maryland adjacent to Washington DC. She earned a second Master's degree in Social Work, and works as a social worker in a public special school for delinquent teens. She finds balance in gardening, yoga and hiking.

VAN NIEKERK, Ilse-Lee (2011) studied drama at the University of Stellenbosch. She has featured in several productions and has also staged her own production at the annual Woordfees. She is currently featuring in the series "Getroud met Rugby" on DSTV.

VRIND, Tineke (nee Pelt, 1987) lives in Australia where she works for Queensland Yacht Charters.

VON BULOW, Alison (nee Day, 1986) attended the annual mother and matric daughter's lunch at school this year. Here she is pictured with her daughter, Jenna, when she started in the pre prep as a Bouncing Bunny. Alison (1986) and Jenna's (2016) 10 -year reunions will occur in the same year so they will always attend the Founder's Day lunch at school together as they celebrate their respective reunions!



VOS, Brenda (1996) is in her second year of studying Psychology and should, if all goes well, graduate with her Honours Degree in 2019. She lives in Johannesburg and has recently become engaged to Adrian Fichet.

WATSON, Ann-Gail (nee Greenwood, 1962) writes: "We have celebrated two 70th birthdays so far this year - June **PROTHEROE** (nee Ellis) and Sue **BEELE** (nee Bothner). It is always good to catch up and see one another. The gatherings included Di **HAWKE** (nee Seymour), Jasmine **TURNBULL** (nee Stephens), Biffy **WIENER** (nee Bryant), Moira **SCHMITZ** (nee McAuley), Sue **DE HUTTON** (nee Kennedy) and Juliet **DORER** (nee Butters). We are ever grateful to Jasmine Turnbull (Stephens) who keeps us all meeting fairly regularly during the year."

WEIXELBAUMER, Katrina (1996) has completed a Pilates Matwork Course and a number of retreats this year. She earns a living teaching, house sitting and managing rental properties and enjoyed catching up with her Matric year at their 20 year reunion in February 2016.

WILSON, Maja (2002, nee Snoek) is a Bridge Engineer. She studied Civil Engineering at UCT and specialized in structural and bridge design consultancy. She spent 4 years living and working in London and returned to Cape Town three and a half years ago.

WHITAKER (2002) Kim was named as an Innovator and one of 100 inspiring and aspiring leaders among The Young Independents of 2016 in South Africa. In 2015 she was named Emerging Entrepreneur of the Year at the Sanlam/Business Partners Entrepreneur of the Year Competition. She founded "Once in Cape Town" which is a blend of a backpackers and a hotel. A priority for Kim is skills development and training so they have "training in-house and internships, because in hospitality, with the right skills, you can work your way all the way up to being a general manager."

WOOLLEY, Philippa (Jolly, 1980) married John Hywell Woolley in January. Philippa is the daughter of the late Ann Robertson Jolly (nee Phillips) who attended Herschel in 1949. They were married in the Brooke Chapel at Diocesan College. Terry Lloyd Roberts and Susan Baker (Eve) sang and played the piano to complete this special occasion.

DENISE BAWS RETIRES



Denise Baws, beloved English teacher at Herschel, retires after 20 years. On hearing about her retirement, many of her past students sent messages to be included in a memory book. There are too many letters to publish, but here are some snippets from a few, taken randomly as they arrived which show true testimony to the person Denise is and the impact she has had on so many people.

You taught us early on that "Students have a remarkable capacity to suffer" as you piled on the homework... Mary Haw

It's the end of an era! Thank you for the era! Sarah Crowther.

I found you kind and inspiring as a mentor and I always stood back in admiration of your focus and uncompromised sense of self in what made you happy. You were a force of a woman. Sarah Potter.

I appreciate and respect what a wonderfully inspiring teacher and academic you are. Sarah Gordon

I feel like it will surprise you – though it shouldn't – just how many of our lives you've touched, influenced, impacted over the years. Entering your class was a chance to express ourselves – to be heard and to be valued.

Geraldine Elliott

Miss Baws is one of those supreme teachers - one that touched and influenced your life, at a time when you are so impressionable, in a hugely positive way. Surely this is the essence of being a teacher. Michaela Burnett

Yes, we mastered English in that classroom, but we also walked away with lessons that would prepare us for life beyond school. You taught us to challenge perceptions and prejudices, to see ourselves as independent and empowered, and most of all, to see the importance of oft-ignored values such as integrity, honesty, and humility. Kate McMullen

They really broke the mould when they made Miss Baws - I think she was simultaneously the most reverent and the most irreverent teacher I ever had. I remember her telling us that when she was a child she couldn't decide whether she wanted to become a butcher or a nun! I'm glad she decided to become a teacher instead. Julia Smuts Louw



HERSCHEL RHODES SCHOLAR

Emily van Heerden (2010) has been nominated as the Bishops Rhodes Scholar for 2016.

Emily matriculated from Herschel, where she was Head Girl, in 2010. She had an outstanding matric year, winning the Schönborn Trophy, the Proxime Accessit Award as well as Leadership and Sportsmanship awards. She obtained nine distinctions and was placed 10th overall in the Western Cape.

Emily went on to study Law at Stellenbosch University and is currently a Candidate Attorney at a Johannesburg firm.

The Rhodes scholarship will enable her to go Oxford where she will read for a BCL (the equivalent of a South African Master's degree in Law), followed by an MPhil in Comparative Public Law.

A very excited Emily said: "I am honoured to have been awarded this prestigious scholarship and I am very excited about the opportunity to study at Oxford University. I am forever grateful for the world-class education I received

at Herschel and at Stellenbosch University and I hope to be an ambassador for both Herschel and South Africa whilst at Oxford. My days at Herschel taught me to always strive for excellence and to learn in order to make a difference. I believe that Oxford University will teach me the skills, analytical thinking and important knowledge I need in order to make a valuable and lasting difference in South Africa upon my return."

Her Grandmother, Alice Matthews (née Hofmeyr), who matriculated from Herschel in 1953, professes that she was almost as excited as Emily when she was phoned by Emily with her wonderful news. "I am so thrilled for Emily that she has the honour to be Herschel's first Bishops Rhodes Scholar," said Mrs Matthews. "I'm sure she would be the first to acknowledge her personal debt to the school which we both love."

Emily's mother, Sue, says it is all very exciting. "We are very happy for her as it has always been a dream of hers to study in the UK."

We congratulate Emily on her extraordinary achievement and extend the congratulations to her parents, Murray and Sue, as well as the other two significant Herschelians in her life: "Granny Alice" and Jennifer, Emily's younger sister.

ENGAGEMENTS

ARTON, Imogen (2006) to Simon Bjork, July 2016.

DARON, Alienor (2009) to Samuel Lefebre.

DAY, Louise (2001) to Dean Lederle, 13 July 2016.

MASLIN, Helen (2012) to Josh Rowe.

PRUIM, Isabella (2012) to Philip Gullan, October 2015.

VOS, Brenda (1996) to Adrian Fichet, October 2016.



MARRIAGES

Caterina **ALDERA** (2009) to Richard Linegar, 21 December 2015.

Nicola **DARE** (2009) to David Kruter.

Vicki **GOODWIN** (1991) to Gavin Tagg, December 2015.

Tamaryn **FOWLER** (1997) to Craig Scarterfield, February 2016.

Shelley **HANSLO** (2003) to Philip Smith, 1 May 2015.

Phillipa **JOLLY** (1980) to John Hywell Woolley, 6 January 2016.

Kris **MILLER** (2002) to Warrick Erlank, 12 December 2015.

Keira **POWERS** (1993) to Harry Gavin Reynolds, 12 March 2016.

Kim **RUTHERFORD** (1999) to Nikolakimu Patriks, February 2016.

Dominique **SCOTT** (2010) to Cameron Efurd, December 2015.

Jacqui **STEPHENSON** (2003) to Richard Good, April 2016.

Sarah **UTTON** (2009) to Adam Rundle, April 2016.

BIRTHS

To Camilla (nee Howard, 2000) and Matt Christian **BOTHA**, a daughter, May 2015.

To Emma (nee Berrisford, 2000) and Andrew **BURGESS**, a daughter, 14 September 2016, sister to Max.

To Alex (nee Durr, 1987) and James **DAVISON**, a daughter, Suzanne Grace, on 25 May 2016.

To Jenny (nee Miller, 2001) and David **GALLACHER**, a daughter Hannah Louise, 14 March 2016.

To Belinda (nee Boyes, 1991) and James **LEWIS**, twin girls – Charlotte Elizabeth and Georgia Ann,

6 June 2016.

To Mikaela (nee Burnett,2000) and Neil **LISTER**, a son, Jack Samuel, 27 June 2016, brother to Cameron.

To Cailey (nee Gordon, 2000) and Michael **LOW**, a son Kayden, 10 February 2016.

To Kyle-Rei (nee Wolmarans, 2003) and Leigh **MULLIGAN**, a daughter, Sophie June Mulligan on 6 June 2016.

To Claire (nee Sparks, 1988) and Charles **RUSSON**, a son Murray, brother to Ella and William, 15 October 2015.

To Vicki (nee Goodwin, 1991) and Gavin **TAGG**, twins, Gabriella and Nicholas, march 2015.

To Kate (nee Mann,2000) and Mike **TUNSTALL**, a son, 4 December 2015.

To Romy (nee Vietri, 2001) and Leroy **VILJOEN**, a son Tyler on 25 April 2016

To Ncumisa (nee Ngcaweni, 1993) and John **WALKER**, a son, Thapelo John Shepherd, 3 February 2016, brother to Emihle and Sloane.

To Carola **WILKIN** (1987) and Tim Brink, a son, Leo, July 2016.

DEATHS

BROOKS, Marygold (nee Pagewood,1947) 26th March 2016.

DE GRUCHY, Caroline (nee Lanfear), January 2016.

HANNAY-ROBERTSON, Clemmie (nee Watson) 24 October 2016.

RUTHERFORD Fleur (nee Smith, 1965), June 2016.

BROWNE, Anne (nee Denniston, 1938), 8 June 2016.

CLEAVE, Barbara (nee Nel, 1957) 29 February 2016.

CROOKES, Moira (nee Woolford, 1953) 8 August 2016.

DURAND, Lindy (nee de Kock, 1980) May 2016.

KIRK, Jinty (1948) 23rd February 2016

GASSON ,Val (nee Kinghorn, 1944) 18th January 2016

GLOVER, Cathy (nee Callow, 1979) 30 March 2016

WALDEN-SMITH, Audrey (staff 1945) 2 October 2016.

OBITUARIES

BROWNE, Ann (nee Denniston, 1938)

Ann was an active member of the Black Sash who remember her with respect and affection. She and other members of the organisation's Elgin branch worked tirelessly to improve the living and working conditions of people in the area, particularly those who worked on the fruit farms, and those seasonal workers who were forbidden to live permanently there because of the pass laws. Anne was also a faithful member of the church, a mother of five children, a marvellous cook and excellent organiser. She took part in protest demonstrations, was a major contributor

to catering for conferences, and was a warm and generous hostess. She will be remembered with warmth and gratitude and a gathering to celebrate her life was held in the Town Hall in Simonstown on 23 June 2016.

“Black Sash” obituary

CLEAVE, Barbara (nee Nel, 1959)

Barbie started at Herschel in Miss Harsant’s Class in 1948. Five of us, Lorna Harris, Prudie Carter, Gay Berisford, Inky van Winsen and Ann Stewart, were with Barbie from that first day until the end of Matric, 1959. During this period, Barbie’s mother moved to Persia, now Iran, and Barbie would return with fascinating stories, such as the two of them dressing up as Arab men to illegally enter a Mosque. Post school and Secretarial College Barbie worked in Paris and then joined her mother and stepfather, in Uganda. She worked there for the government and was very much part of Independence Day when power passed to Idi Amin. While in Uganda Barbie met and married John Cleave and moved with him to the USA where their son Roger was born. Five years later, Barbie returned to Cape Town and Roger had his turn at Herschel, in the Pre-Prep. On her return, Barbie became highly aware of the inequalities in our society. She and other like-minded citizens formed an organization, the “Womens Movement for Peace” to draw attention to this unacceptable situation. When Roger was ready for high school, Barbie moved to London. There she read law and became a practising barrister in the Inns of Court. Over a decade ago Barbie chose to return to Cape Town and made her home in the Marina da Gama where she enjoyed a wide circle of friends. We, her Herschel and longstanding friends, held her in such high regard. She has left a space that is impossible to fill.

Obituary by Ann Sass (nee Stewart)

CROOKES, Moira Eugenie (née Woolford, 1953).

Moira came to Herschel as a little girl into Kindergarten with Miss Harsant when Miss Robinson was Head Mistress in 1942. Moira remained the smallest member of our class from kindergarten until matric and was regarded as rather special. She spent 11 happy years at Herschel.

In 1960 Moira boarded the Windsor Castle and sailed to England on a 9 month working holiday. During this time she lived in London, travelled around the U.K. and spent part of the summer in Europe.

In April 1966 Moira married Basil Frederic Crookes, a farmer in the Natal Midlands. In the early years of their marriage, Basil gave Moira 2 Guernsey heifers. From this small start Moira built an award-winning herd of Guernsey cattle. In 2001, as President of the World Guernsey Cattle Federation and President of the S.A. Guernsey Cattle Breeders, Moira hosted the 10th World Guernsey Conference.

Latterly Moira contracted cancer. She bravely joined us all at 2 reunions at Herschel while battling with her affliction. She was so courageous, always bright and cheerful and never complained. Sadly Moira passed away at home on the farm "Mt. Ashley" on 8th August 2016. She is survived by her two sons, Andrew and Russell, her daughters in law, 4 grandchildren and her sister Thea.

Moira was loved and admired by us all and we will miss her.

Obituary by Alice Mathews (née Hofmeyr)

DURAND, Lindy (nee de Kock, 1980)

Lindy was a talented pupil who grew up at Diocesan College where her father was Housemaster of Founder’s House. She excelled in sport, drama and academics and sang in the school choir. Lindy took drama as a subject and

developed into an outstanding actress; she played the major role of Judy in the Herschel production “Love from Judy “. She continued her interest in acting after she left school and appeared in several productions with her father, Brian. Lindy enjoyed sport at school, where she played tennis and hockey, and also represented Western Province in swimming. She had a wonderful sense of humour and was highly spirited. She sang in the choir which performed Benjamin Britten’s War Requiem at the City Hall which was a daunting experience as the entire piece was sung in Latin. Lindy was very popular at school and enjoyed the company of many friends.

She studied for a BA at UCT and whilst there, did some modelling which proved to be a lucrative student job. She married Arn in 1985 and they had three children. While living in Plettenberg Bay, she was very involved in the production of plays at her children’s school. A beautiful memorial service was held at the Brooke Chapel, Diocesan College on 13 April 2016 and was attended by many of her school friends. Her parents, Brian and Gill (nee Downing, 1954) were devoted to their daughter and supportive of her and her young family throughout her long illness.

Obituary by Philippa Woolley

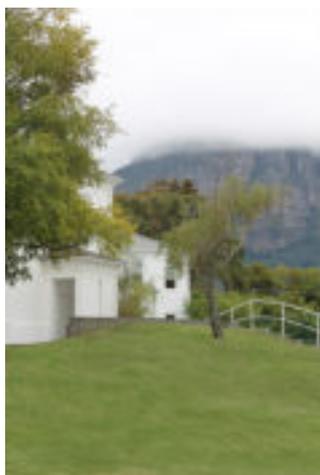
GLOVER, Cathy (nee Callow 1979)

Cathy died suddenly after a short illness in Chippenham Wiltshire, UK, on 30 March 2016. She came to Herschel as a boarder in Standard 7 (1976) and it was immediately apparent that she loved to get up to mischief. This sense of fun stayed with her during her life and she enjoyed a long and happy marriage to Greg, with whom she had three children, Rikki 30, Rhys 27 and Candice 24. They had recently celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary and were looking forward to the birth of their first grandchild. She will be sadly missed by her family and many friends.

Obituary by Jenny Zatta

A bench in memory of Juliet Postlethwaite

The class of 1984 remembered their beloved class mate, Juliet Postlethwaite, by donating a bench to be placed in the school grounds, with a small plaque acknowledging her life and her school friends who loved her. The bench will create a lasting memory and comfortable seating for current and future school girls. Jules was instrumental in driving the 25 year class reunion, the first the class of '84 had since leaving school all those years ago, which spear headed the class mates to remain in touch and have a follow up (30 year) reunion five years later. That second event was bitter sweet, as by then our dear Jules had passed on. The girls are now warming up in preparation for organizing their 35 year reunion - events which would not have taken place if it was not for Juliet's initial enthusiasm and drive to get us all together again. Any class members of 1984 who are not in the email group, can contact Julia Stallard at juliastallard@hotmail.com to be included in future correspondence and event planning.





CABARET

Calling Old Herschelians – especially former members of the Chorale, Choir, Pink Jam, Fusion, and Singing students!

Can you recall the fun at the start of the years in which the Herschel Cabarets were held? Singing and dancing, in groups or as a soloist, to the music of favourite songs performed in the Atrium directed by Mr Simon Chapman and Mrs Tessa Steyn, a small instrumental accompaniment, family and friends filling the aisles as they enjoyed the music and the special meals provided

The Herschel Cabaret for 2017 will take place at the end of the first term- 8, 9, 10,11 March in the evenings, in the Mary Jagger Hall.

This time, the producers are hoping to add a new, exciting item to the programme: an item performed by a group of Old Herschelians!

The production is going to be based on a theme around the School Song, with its strong references to “the Herschel family”. We are inviting past members of the Chorale, the Choir, Pink Jam, Fusion and singing students to join in a new item on the programme, especially put together for past girls. The rehearsal schedule for this item will be constructed in consultation with those who take part; rehearsals will be in the evenings and over weekends. The Old Herschelian item will be tailored around the abilities and strengths of those who decide to give it a go!

Please give this new item some serious thought – we’d love to make this dream a reality!

Rush to respond to either Margie Barry (mbarlow@herschel.org.za), Jos Taylor (jtaylor@herschel.org.za) or Tessa Steyn (tsteyn@herschel.org.za)

BRENDALYN STEMPEL

OLD HERSCHELIAN BURSARY

Applications are now open for

Grade 8 2018

The successful applicant must be the daughter of an Old Herschelian.

The family will not be in a financial position to afford the full Herschel fees.

She should be supportive of Herschel’s ideals and proud of its heritage.

She must have academic merit and make sound progress each year.

She must contribute to the ethos of the school and observe the school’s code of conduct.

The donors will receive regular progress reports and have contact with the recipient herself.

The bursary will cover a percentage of the normal fees from Grade 8 to 12.

For further details and an application form, please contact the Admissions Secretary on 021 670 7500

***Thank you to all the circle secretaries
who contributed information to this newsletter.***

