

Polished CORNERS



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Vivienne Durham, centre, in action with the III & LIV on a ski trip to Killington, USA

Dear Quondam Members,

As this goes to press, the sad images of the London riots this summer are all too memorable. Whatever conclusions are reached by those who lead our country, the importance of meaningful education for young people has never been more obvious. The Reverend Canon Francis Holland's founding vision in 1878 is as relevant as ever: securing the values and character qualities to last a life-time remains central to the school's ethos.

The positive contribution made by young people was celebrated in September 2010, at the school prize-giving evening, held at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on the South Bank. This provided an opportunity to celebrate pupils' many academic and extra-curricular achievements in the presence of their parents, teachers and the school governors. The "Pink Ladies" jazz band performed in the entrance foyer as guests arrived and a string ensemble, led by Elinor Rolfe Johnson, began the evening on stage.

This has again been a wonderfully busy year for the school, with many trips, concerts and extra-curricular activities. Highlights this year have included a Choir tour to Krakow, a Geography trip to Morocco, a Spanish trip to Murcia and a ski trip to Killington, USA. Twenty first century education is both metaphorically – and literally – global! The main school play at the end of the autumn term was a vibrant and moving production of "Cabaret", produced and directed by Mrs Oakley. Live music, directed by Mrs Rolfe Johnson, was a memorable feature of the production. The school website contains information on all current school events (www.francisholland.org.uk).

In November 2010, a team of enterprising sixth formers organised a Fashion Show held at the London School of Fashion in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust. The Fashion Show was an enormous success and thanks are due to the many parents and members of staff who gave hours of help behind the scenes.

Mrs Catherine Longworth, Chair of Governors since 2005, retired in June. Both the Francis Holland Schools are indebted to Mrs Longworth for her exceptional dedication as a member of the FHS Governing Council for many years, and latterly, as its Chair. Her successor as Chair of the FHS Governing Council is Professor Keith Hoggart, Vice-Principal of King's College, London University. Congratulations to Mrs Alison Edelhain, Chairman of Quondam, who will be the Deputy Chair of Governors.

Ms Jeannine Addinall is known and loved by generations of FHS pupils and Polished Corners. Indeed, a regular feature of the annual Quondam lunch is a Polished Corner whispering to her neighbour, "Why, that's Miss Adinnall! She hasn't changed a bit!" Having been appointed to the Classics Department in 1981, Ms Addinall was quickly promoted to Deputy Head by the Headmistress, Miss Ann Holt. Few schools are fortunate enough to have such a long-serving and senior member of staff and very few Deputy Heads can claim to have served (and survived!) four Headmistresses. Although Ms Addinall stands down as Deputy Head this summer, she will remain a member of the teaching staff until she retires in August 2012. It was lovely to see one or two members of Quondam at the special party held in July, in recognition of Ms Addinall's outstanding service as Deputy Head. To the delight of everyone, Ms Addinall agreed to become an honorary member of the Quondam Committee.

I am enormously grateful for the continuing support of all Quondam members, not least the wonderful Quondam Committee. The Quondam Travel Scholarships and Essay Prizes continue to be most valuable additions to our school awards. I very much look forward to meeting many of you at the Quondam Lunch on Saturday November 5th.

Vivienne Durham
Headmistress

Quondam Committee 2011

Vivienne Durham – President / Headmistress

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Susanne Nedas née Quastel (1971) – Joint Secretary

Vivien Rose née Lind (1973) – Joint Secretary

Jeannine Addinall – Deputy Headmistress

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Jeanette Cumine née Clark (1954)

Katie Fearn née Astaire (1999)

Georgina Guy née Nedas (1995)

Carol Michaelson née Day (1960)

Jennifer Purchase née Shier (1973)

Julia Strauss (1987)

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Quondam \KWAHN-duhm; KWAHN-dam\, adjective:

Having been formerly; former; sometime.

We do love to hear from you so please let us know about any change of address, and email addresses in particular would be of great use in keeping the database relevant and up to date. The Quondam community thrives on the news of its members, so feel free to submit news and photographs at any time of the year.

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Welcome to our newest Committee members Katie, top, Georgina and family, below.





Letter from the Quondam Chairman

Alison Edelshain née Day

Dear Quondam,

One of the many benefits of being a member of the Quondam Committee is the opportunity to work alongside a group of intelligent, stimulating, creative and fun-loving colleagues/friends. Our meetings are always a pleasure and I often look around the table and recognise what a privilege it is to have such great fellow members, so generous with their time and suggestions and ... so typical of the "polished corners produced by Francis Holland. This year we are delighted to announce that some fresh (and significantly younger!) faces have joined the Committee and a warm welcome was extended to Katie Fearn (née Astaire) and Georgina Guy (née Nedas). We are also very pleased to share with you the wonderful news that Jeannine Addinall will remain on the Committee after her retirement. Jeannine's connections with both former staff and pupils are invaluable and we are very grateful that she has agreed to continue serving on the Committee.

So what have those of us on the Quondam Committee been doing this year? Well, firstly, we discussed and voted on the Travel Fund and the essay competitions. We were very pleased to award the Travel Prize to Katherine Arnot whose travel plans involve spending 10 weeks in some of the poorest villages in India carrying out a combination of community and environmental work and ending with a 19 day trek in the mountains of Kerala. We then went on to judge the Quondam essay competitions. This year the topic was "Change" and this stimulated a wide range of treatments. The well-deserved winner of the Junior Prize was a very moving account written by Natalia Ameen of the forced and sudden night-time move of a family from Delhi to Lahore. The senior prize was won by Hannah Davidson who wrote an excellent description of the mixed feelings stimulated by returning to a childhood home. Our congratulations are extended to all the winners.

The Committee also voted to offer a Quondam Prize for Excellence to be presented at the School's annual Prize-giving ceremony which is now transferred to the very impressive surroundings of Queen Elizabeth Hall. We shall look forward to hearing who will be the first winner of the prize.

Finally the Committee voted on the updated Quondam constitution. The previous constitution had not been reviewed for many years, as was instantly recognisable by the fact that it had been last produced on an old-fashioned typewriter, and was hugely out of date. A group of us therefore met over a light supper and a glass of wine (well – "polished corners" do it with style!) and, while ensuring the principles of the original constitution were carefully retained, brought the constitution's clauses into the 21st century. The revised Constitution will be presented to the Quondam membership at the next Annual General Meeting on 5th November. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible, not only at the AGM, but also at the delicious lunch held in the school hall, which is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with each other's news.

This year's magazine theme entries on "Teachers Who Inspired Us" have been such a pleasure to read. Most of the teachers mentioned are ones I also remember with great nostalgia. Miss Melchior and her kindness combined with discipline; Mrs Newbrooke's striking modernity, Mrs St Johnston's style, Miss Sifleet's patient ability to explain maths to non-mathematicians and Miss Dickie's creativity. I would add one more – Mrs Brigstocke's inspiring Latin poetry lessons bringing to life Virgil and Catullus and making them seem so real and relevant and at the same time, helping us to believe that we could achieve our dreams. Thinking back to all such staff, I realise how privileged we were to be taught by such inspiring individuals.

REMINISCENCES

Teachers Who Inspired Us

1955

Sally Adams

Theo McComas, to me forever 'Miss Brown', had a unique ability to instill in us a love of grammar and literature, while maintaining order in the classroom in the nicest possible way. She never induced fear, we just looked forward to her classes and lapped up what she had to say.

She made grammar so memorable, some of her Brown-isms are imprinted on my mind forever: the importance of punctuation; the avoidance of cliché, which politicians seem incapable of doing; the beauty of alliteration; never splitting infinitives, which, alas is rarely respected these days.

In Literature we were lucky enough to learn poems by heart, a custom, sadly, not in fashion these days. Who can forget the phrase in 'On Westminster Bridge', "Earth has not anything to show more fair", or Shakespeare's sonnets?

I, personally, have been enlivened and enriched in many subtle ways. Three cheers for Miss Brown. I wish she was still with us.

1957

Yvonne Fisher née Crisp

During my time at FHS, 1947-1957, Miss Joslin was Head Mistress and I cannot express how much I was influenced by her. I was always a rebel but in spite of that she made me the Head Girl!!

She also taught me that 'a lady' treated everyone with equal respect, whether they were a dustman or royalty. I have always endeavoured to put this into practice with rewarding friendships.

I would also like to say how much Mrs Cochrane, my A level Maths teacher, influenced me. She was a real character having served in the WAAFS in the Second World War. We kept in touch until about 10 years ago, when she was in her 90's.

1960

Clare Samson née Horne

Miss Brown was absolutely sweet and very gentle, Mademoiselle Orry was great fun and made us laugh, Miss Joslin was a wonderful headmistress,

but Miss McLeod was in a class of her own, no pun intended.

Like Miss Joslin she had that rare gift, natural authority. She had only to pop her patrician head round the door and say 'I'm disappointed in you, my people,' for us all to fall silent at once and feel deeply ashamed.

She appeared to speak without notes – and with absolute fluency. She'd come in, place her books on the desk, sit down, say 'Bismarck!' and collect her thoughts for a moment, before launching into her lecture, as if she were A.J.P. Taylor and we were students not school girls.

Mind you, when the subject was Scottish history, she became wonderfully animated and strode up and down between our desks, to our secret amusement and delight. One could almost see her leading her clan into battle, waving her claymore!

She certainly left me with an abiding love of history, even though I'm ashamed to say that I can no longer remember the date of the Repeal of the Corn Laws! (I do hope that will make her smile if she reads this.) She always used to say that dates were really only pegs to hang events on, but that this one was so important that she'd expect us to be able to respond with it if she ran into us in the street 20 years on.

Well, I could have then – and for a good while longer, but 50 years is a call too far!

Please forgive me Miss McLeod – and thank you for being such an inspirational teacher.

1969

Emma Lloyd-Jones

I remember Miss Melchior as a particularly strong influence in our lives and education. Always firm, but with a great sense of humour she inspired us with a variety of tasks and ploys. With beautiful italic handwriting herself, she ordered Osmiroid pens for us with our names engraved on them and all notices about such things as quarantine had to be scripted dutifully with our italic nibs. She had us making dolls' houses for different periods of history – mine was a Roman villa, I can

remember it clearly to this day where Marcus Aurelius lounged in his toga in a mosaic filled room.

She managed a marvellous laugh when someone put a whoopee cushion under her seat – I remember admiring her then! She was kind as well, and if ever a child seemed miserable or out of sorts she would tenderly enquire as to what might be bothering them.

I have many memories of her including her Memorial Service when others gave testimony to her skill and brilliance with children. She taught us discipline, but she inspired imagination. What better tribute to a fine woman? Sad, indeed, as was pointed out in her Memorial Service that she did not have children herself. However her inspiration I feel will live on in many a Francis Holland pupil.

1972

Renée Jonkman-van Wijnen

I have wonderful memories of Mrs. Newbrooke who taught French and German in the late 60's. Her temper could be frightening but she was passionate about her subjects and introduced us to French chansons by bringing her guitar to school and teaching us Georges Brassens songs. She introduced us to French poetry, from Francois Villon to Baudelaire. She also taught us to double check the words we had looked up in the dictionary by checking their meaning in English. It meant extra work but, in so doing, you made sure that you had chosen the correct alternative. I'm sorry I never got the chance to tell her how inspirational she had been for me.

1974

Lucinda Lubbock née Simms

I was at FH from kindergarten all the way through and the teachers reflected a change from 'old school' to a more modern style. In the former category there was Miss Melchoir (upper 2nd) white haired German who taught history was rather scary but totally in command of us & her subject, also Miss Curtis and Miss Sifleet, who taught over several decades, however, their subjects (Maths & Science) were not my strong points. In the latter category

FOCUS: Jeannine Addinall

Deputy Head 1983-2011



I can scarcely believe that this moment has come. I have led my last assembly, written my last whole school timetable (a work in 28 volumes, riveting bedtime reading! Copies available on request!) and chaired my last Health and Safety meeting, which seemed, appropriately enough, to be principally about the ever-present perils of London pigeons and their eggs. It requires huge tact to deal with the FHS girls' respect for the eggs' rights, so typical of their sense of justice and kindness, while keeping certain areas infestation free in the spring and summer!

The pigeons, and the kindness, have always been at FHS, as have Quondam, debating, involvement with charities and the Sponsored Walk in Regent's Park, the Drama Competition, the School Birthday and the candlelit Hodie procession at Christmastime in St. Cyprian's. Thank heaven Francis Holland knows how to hang on to its great traditions.

What is new since 1983? A swimming pool, a whole new wing which delights everyone with its cavernous, not to say tavernous space – though I have to say I have sighted a few disappointed former patrons gawping at our 'pub' sign – renovated gym with fitness area, renovated Hall with new can-you-tell-the-difference balcony, new and additional labs, an extra form in each year known as S for Saturn, annual Sports Day in the park, the Extended Project – a brilliant qualification which involves individual and intensive research – exciting educational trips plus Music and Sports tours to everywhere from Boston to Barbados, more bursaries and scholarships than ever to assist and reward achievement, a wealth of extra-curricular activities, masses more ICT, with designated computer rooms, a Sixth Form area

that boasts its own roof terrace, Mrs. Durham's pink box for standing on while delivering assembly, May morning madrigals at the top of the school – and that's leaving out a huge amount. Thank heaven again that Francis Holland, and a succession of talented Headmistresses and staff, knows how to innovate while losing nothing valuable from the past. One of the things I feel to be the most important is that everyone's individual talents and achievements are now encouraged and recognised.

When I first arrived I remember being stunned by the London speed at which everything happened and the busy, buzzy atmosphere in what seemed a tiny building, after four years of country bumpkinning it in a spacious greenfield school where all was hush rather than rush. It took me a while to see that the cramped quarters were among the elements that fed the intellectual exchange, the resourcefulness and the constant cross-current of ideas – but in any case I had already fallen in love with the place, the moment I crossed the threshold. It felt special, unlike other schools thanks to the unique building and site, to its atmosphere and the sense of a community, a family and a home. It is a place, let it be remembered, where the greatest development and positive challenge can and should take place. The strength of a school that feels like this to its pupils, where they want to get to school early and stay late, should never be underestimated. I was delighted that a new Illrd for next year, whom I went to her school this summer to meet and welcome, as we do with all new girls now, felt exactly the same as I did all those years ago when she in her turn first crossed the threshold. Years ago another pupil said, 'I love the building. It's like a castle (central Great Hall, balconies like minstrels' galleries, smaller rooms surrounding Hall is what she meant, but it obviously goes a lot deeper than that). I tell myself stories about it.'

Well, isn't it great that none of this has changed except for a positive – oodles more space – and I really think Regent's Park on your doorstep is the biggest and best greenfield space anyone could ask for.

there was the wonderfully trendy Mrs St Johnston, our 'O'level history teacher who sat on the desk and wore fashionable clothes. There was also the redoubtable Miss Brewis who lived and breathed English Literature and Mrs Moore who taught Art History. Above all, Miss Dickie who was in charge of Art was most inspiring – she looked wonderful in rather flowing arty clothes, her soft white/blond hair scooped up in a bun and a dab of blue eye shadow – we learnt so much from her particularly about Renaissance art and about how to draw the human body in her inimitable life drawing classes (male models included!). She seemed oblivious to anything unpleasant or annoying and never seemed to worry about discipline everyone behaved and looked forward to her classes.

1974

Vivien Rose née Lind

During my 13 years at Francis Holland (having joined the kindergarten at the age of 4) without doubt the teacher who will always remain in my memory is Miss Sifleet. Although I was no scholar, maths was my favourite subject, due in no small part to Miss Sifleet. She had a skill for teaching and explaining clearly – always in a calm and patient manner. But more important than the academic subject she taught was the way she commanded respect amongst all the pupils. Not by being overly strict or raising her voice but because her utter fairness meant that whatever she said just "went". I may now have forgotten a lot of the maths she taught me but I hope that the qualities she inspired have remained with me.

1992

Clover Mulhearn née Lewis

My happiest memories of FHS are playing sport with Sue Drummond and Felicity Forde, especially hockey and rounders at Regent's Park. I can remember always being in trouble for living in my sports uniform! Now in Australia I play Oz tag (touch rugby) and cycle.

Susan Mitra inspired me with the way she taught philosophy. A wealth of information and a really fabulous teacher and person.

When I first arrived lunch was taken by the staff in the staff room, in the great days of the much loved Mrs. Sullivan, necessitating the clearing of a work table for lunch to be laid. The number of staff has tripled since then so this tradition is long gone—we'd need to double-decker the staff room. Girls ate in the dining room (still the same room) where Sixth Formers acted as Mother at the head of each table, doling out the stew and mash. There was no choice, which led to some problems, and the food, which was high quality and quite addictive traditional British cooking, followed an unvarying pattern for the days of the week, e.g. roast on Wednesdays, fish and chips (of course) on Fridays. A horrid thing called the one o'clock lesson sat across the Illrds' and LIVs' lunch hour as it was felt that the younger girls would faint if they had to wait any later than 12.15 for their meal. Many will remember that this lesson was hated by pupils and staff alike for the destructive effect it had on any motivation, and for me as timetabler it was a nightmare as it allowed no continuity of lessons and was restrictive when combined with the different Senior School timetable. I managed to get rid of it about 25 years ago and am pleased to report that no Illrd or LIV has keeled over in all that time from lack of food.

How different now are the flexible arrangements of timing and the variety and choice of food, which is of the highest quality thanks to Steve, Mos and the kitchen team. My work with them has been among the most rewarding I have been privileged to carry out. The fact that an army really does march on its stomach is proved by the eagerness with which the girls hurry down to lunch in these times of eating difficulties, and their appreciation of the food. As for its good effect on staff energy and cheerfulness – a colleague's husband delighted in telling people that his wife, who had formerly worked in the City, 'worked at a very good restaurant with a school attached'!

What else do I recall? Some girls still got up in grey cloaks, white gloves and red berets. Pretty though this was, it was just a little impractical, and not popular. I well remember the School Council meeting some years later in which form reps voted in uniform trousers at the same time as a request for Psychology A Level (both now long established.) Since then we have had the black, grey and white dress code

experiment for LV and UV, and the girls are widely consulted about how they would like their uniform to be. Recently there was even a competition to design new PE kit. Here indeed is a real area of change.

In those far off dinosaur days we used to spend two lessons per week and money on coaches getting the juniors over to Seymour Place baths for swimming lessons. The Swimming Gala, another time-honoured tradition I forgot to mention earlier, involved a huge schlep on foot with the whole school across several perilous roads. Never was any swimming pool more welcomed than ours – and the Gala goes on to this day under the smiling auspices of our lovely PE staff – but chez nous and much easier to organise.

What they, and the school in many other ways, do to help the local community, both young and old, is another huge expansion.

I can still remember girls who were at the prep school – still see some of them – and the evidence of the school's glorious past and present displayed on Clarence Gate's walls includes the copy of part of the Bayeux Tapestry completed by them under the able direction of Miss Blyth.

Four headmistresses on, all great and forward-looking in their different ways, I can still visualise Ann Holt, who appointed me, swinging in in her hallmark swirling cape, calling out 'I'm late! I'm late!' It's a sign of the changed times that she would light up a cigarette as soon as she jumped into her car at the end of the day! Another strong memory is of the 125th birthday celebrations at St. Paul's, and how the bells rang out across London just for us, as Mrs. Judy Piercy said to me at the time. Now that moment really did bring tears to my eyes.

So, what about the girls? Has much changed in the character of the average corner in the process of being polished?

Once again, I repeat, some things have not changed at all. The independence of mind, the buccaneering spirit, the crusading sense of justice, the intellectual curiosity, the power to question and challenge in a constructive way – all were there. The girls of 1981 – when I arrived – did not have as many opportunities at school as is now the case, and that makes a difference. However, there were in some cases, not all by any means, a tendency to arrogance regarding

personal abilities or parental possession of money, an exclusive attitude from some towards others, intolerance in various forms and the odd person who saw school as unnecessary 'because my dad will always support me, so I won't need a job' and was therefore completely unfocused.

I am delighted to say that today's girls are almost without exception kind, courteous, gracious and mutually supportive. A microcosm in the true sense, the rich and varied cultural community feeds a tolerance and understanding that many world leaders would do well to observe in action. It is one of the things that has made me proud to be part of this school. The girls are aiming at successful and useful careers ahead and at doing their utmost to do well, which makes them a delight to teach – the intellectual qualities I mentioned above are very much still there, but these are the least arrogant girls you will ever meet.

Of course, total perfection is never possible in this imperfect world – but the systems for helping any errant member are now so strong that problems rarely persist for long. As I said to them in my final assembly, 'I feel immense pride in all of you. I watched you all supporting each other at Sports Day yesterday, whether it was yelling someone to the finish, helping her to the First Aid table, getting her a doughnut from the picnic tables or being worried about her hay fever. To be honest I think you are, by and large, what people should be like. You are not easily fazed and and you always have a go, whether it's sky diving for Tanzania or the intellectual rigours of Critical Thinking. The phrase Polished Corners, as we always say, carries the idea of shining and also of being a strong support. These ideas are embodied in the happiness of this school, which everyone always notices. You help make it.'

I also reminded the girls how much their teachers have given them to make their school lives so happy, successful and full of opportunity. There are now more than ever of them, all prepared to run several extra miles, all of very high calibre. I feel privileged to have worked with them, past and present – they are also exceptionally good colleagues.

My warmest thanks also to the ever-growing ranks of Quondam members and above all to the Quondam Committee. I have so enjoyed working with you all over the past 28 years, and liaising in recent years with Julia

Campion, of fond memory, and with Nadia Demetriou Ladas, who was, I think, sent to us by heaven. I feel so honoured to have been asked to stay on as an honorary member of the Committee, and look forward to seeing as many Quondam members as possible at the next birthday lunch on Saturday November 5th.

The time has come for me to stop rambling on in Mr. Chips fashion. But soft you, a word:

I am conscious that I keep talking of the school as if it were a person in its own right. This is, I think, deeply significant. We come and go and serve or learn in it, each leaving something of ourselves, like so many Dr. Whos in this very special Tardis (its space-defying qualities in this comparison being proverbial). Its strong personality, which is what I sensed when I first arrived, goes on, seeming to know what it needs and what is right independently of any passing Government fads in education. I have spent many an hour in the building when it was empty, and see it almost as a friend. Generations will continue to be safe, happy and confident within its walls.

Last story. A former member of staff about to have an operation – and a serious one – found out by chance that the surgeon was a Polished Corner. The surgeon's last words to her before the op were 'Come on, Francis Holland!' This was a great help to her, and says it all about the family that is Francis Holland, of which I am privileged and proud to have formed a part.

FROM THE STAFF ROOM ...

by Jeannine Addinall, Deputy Head

Staff who are leaving



Mr Steve Jenkin

We have been really privileged to have such an intellectually active, talented and innovative man as Mr Jenkin at the helm of the Classics Department for the past five years. When he came to Francis Holland he had already completed a stint as Head of Department, appointed internally at an unusually young age. Amiable and sociable, but not a man to seek to dominate or bully, he is the epitome of civilisation and is loved by pupils and colleagues alike, not least his department. His massive achievements while at FHS include the organisation of nation-wide Classics conferences attracting students and teachers from as far away as Belfast, and featuring eminent speakers on A level texts, in the school Hall. These have been supplemented by a series of talks by equally 'big names' in the Classical world. He has also established a national website for the exchange of teaching resources for Classics staff which has been a godsend to all and an excellent arena for dialogue – it is a byword. His Latin course, 'Marvin' entirely written by him for junior classes at FHS, is both fun and intellectually challenging, and has been trialled here with great success. Negotiations are currently taking place for it to be published for wider use – shades of Barbara Bell (who also taught Classics here) and 'Minimus'! Last but not least, Mr Jenkin has led wonderful trips to Greece and Italy and, memorably, to archaeological digs at Vindolanda, which have been a real inspiration to students. Unassuming as he is, it was well said of him that his deeds speak louder than his words. He leaves to pursue a doctorate, where his admirable intellect will be well employed. He will be very much missed, and we thank him for the

enormous credit he has brought to the school. He will be succeeded as Head of Classics by Miss Hana Baig, who is already a member of the Classics Department, and we congratulate her warmly on her appointment.



Miss Veronica Bacon

It was a great day for FHS when Miss Bacon joined the staff as a newly qualified teacher of History and Politics in 2007. Her ability to inspire in these subjects was immediately apparent, as was the pupils' admiration for her intellect, knowledge, judgment and warmth. She is an exceptional person who allies the highest standards to great humanity and a sense of humour, and her colleagues as much as her pupils have respected and loved this in her. It is rare indeed to achieve promotion to a post of seniority not long after qualifying as a teacher, but such are Miss Bacon's qualities that she achieved this by becoming Head of the Upper Fourth, where she was very successful and, again, much admired by her pupils. Miss Bacon, as if this were not enough, took on Senior Debating and presided over many a competition, both in house and beyond, not least the Debating final at the end of each spring term. Miss Bacon is leaving us to go and teach in Africa, where her inspirational qualities will be just what her pupils need and deserve. We wish her all the luck in the world, and feel lucky in our turn to have had her with us.



Mrs Montserrat Salvatierra-Romero

Mrs Salvatierra joined us as Head of Spanish in 2009, and has done a wonderful job in increasing yet further the popularity and success of the subject with her inspiring teaching, personal warmth and kindness and the opportunities offered to the girls in terms of clubs (including flamenco) and educational trips. She is leaving for a part-time job for family reasons. We will miss her very much, but are delighted that Mrs Ros Pithouse, who is already a member of the Spanish Department, will be taking over as Head of Spanish in September.



Mrs Joanne Merry

Mrs Merry has taught Mathematics part-time at FHS since 2005. We were very lucky to acquire in her a member of staff who came with the expertise of another world, having worked in the City. Those who have a 'former life' always contribute something very special, and this was certainly the case with Mrs Merry. Her 'second career' was hugely successful, as a popular and highly effective Maths teacher who was a leader in ICT and an innovator in terms of educational techniques. Her unstinting help, and her Maths clinics and clubs, were both appreciated by and inspiring to many. The Harrow Choir also has many reasons to be grateful for Mrs Merry's expert contribution as a highly skilled singer over the past six years. Our thanks for everything she has done.

Miss Elinor Rolfe Johnson

Once again, how privileged we have been to have someone as dedicated and talented as Miss Rolfe Johnson – universally known as Eli – at the school. She is, of course, one of the amazing Rolfe Johnson dynasty, being the daughter of Liz and Tony, and arrived in 2004 to teach violin and direct and train the String Orchestra, while simultaneously pursuing postgraduate studies at the Royal Academy of Music after leaving Cambridge. Eli's exceptional talent, plus the ability to teach so that her pupils are both inspired and can also understand and execute what they have learned, make a very rare combination, and she is much respected and loved for this. String Orchestra flew to new heights of confidence and achievement, and Eli always gave generous support, with violin or voice, to individual performers at concerts whenever needed. Her dedication can be seen in the way in which, despite being really unwell, she learned the entire programme for the FHS Music Tour to Boston in a few days and took on the responsibility of being leader of the trip. Her generosity with her time, and huge capacity and willingness for work, are very special; 'it's OK, I can do it', being her unvarying reaction no matter how busy or personally affected elsewhere she may be.

Eli is leaving us to pursue another aspect of her musical talent. (She also has the most amazing soprano voice.) I will always remember my last morning as Deputy Head – a problem had arisen and we were up in the Sixth Form area while it was sorted out. Suddenly the most celestial voice from one of the Music rooms began to pour out like a blessing over the whole school. Guess who it later turned out to be 'just trying out a few things.' One of my great loves is music, and I have always followed the achievements of the Music Department with great appreciation. I am just so glad that this moment happened. Anyway, Eli has gained one of only three scholarships for sopranos at the Royal Scottish Academy, for which there were 200 applications. She adds this achievement to her membership of the European Chamber Orchestra, to the distinction gained in postgraduate violin and many more.

Eli's love of all aspects of life should not be forgotten either. It was she who had the idea of doing a version of the aeroplane commercial featuring an aria

from 'Lakmé' for the staff Christmas pantomime, complete with colleague Rod Morris and herself as singing air stewardesses and Mrs RJ as the plane! It was also she who bought the fairy wings for the orchestra playing in 'Midsummer Night's Dream'!

I have been here so long that I can remember Eli being born. Hasn't she turned out well! We wish her all the luck in the world, and warmly thank her.

Miss Chloe Briand

Miss Briand, who left the school in December to teach in Australia, joined us in 2008 to teach French and Spanish. Her lively teaching, mastery of the latest techniques and dedicated hard work made her a byword for success in the classroom, and she was just as popular as a form tutor, where her care and judgment were highly valued by pupils, parents and colleagues. We will not forget the wonderful trips she ran to Normandy and elsewhere, nor her sensational performances at staff entertainments. Un très grand merci!



Ms Elena Mazzon

Ms Mazzon joined us in the Italian Department in 2009. Her teaching in the senior school has been invaluable, and she has made many contributions to the school in various ways, not least by the school's very first performance in public of a play in Italian last year, complete with surtitles and master-minded by Ms Mazzon. In her other life she is an actor with an Italian theatre company who perform and run workshops in Italian and French. Following on the success of this play, Ms Mazzon and her company gave a performance this year to FHS and external students of a group of short plays in Italian relating directly to examination topics. We were delighted to host them, and hope to work further with the company. Thankfully, Ms Mazzon remains within the fold, as she is going to teach at Graham Terrace! We wish her well.



Mrs Zoe Curtis

Mrs Curtis came to teach Religious Studies part time in 2006. She has brought the subject to life for Illrds and LIVs ever since then, and has been popular with all for her intelligent and entertaining sense of humour, and for her humanity and kindness. Managing all this while being the mother of three young children, including twins, has been positively heroic on her part. We will miss her.

A PLAQUE FOR VIC

On a gloriously sunny spring evening in April, Vic Sheriffs' family and friends joined together in the Gloucester Room to honour his memory as an outstanding school caretaker and the originator of the Gloucester Wing. There Vic's wife, Eileen, unveiled a plaque in his honour which will record for ever his immeasurable contribution to FHS. Thank you, Vic .



OTHER STAFF NEWS

Our thanks also go to Mr Peter Davey, Ms Lisa Wilkinson and Ms Charlotte Barras, who have helped us tremendously in the Biology, English and PE Departments this year.

Congratulations to Mrs Martha Bachle-Morris and her husband on the birth of Bess, as also to Mr Joshua Peters and his wife on the arrival of Kaia, a sister for Skye.

Congratulations also to Dr Welch (still Dr Welch!) on her marriage last summer.



Letter from an anything but Old Girl!

Dear Vivienne,

I'm very excited to report my next book 'From Eve to Yves' will be published soon. I also run the School of Fashion at the Academy of Art University in SF – where we have 2,500 fashion students. That's not a typo.

You may have a new Polished Corner – as yet just a tiny polished chip, Elizabeth Margaret Palmer born on January 4th. She is exactly what FHS needs (already wearing a Chanel blanket!). My elder son Tim is a wonderful D.P. about to start on a film about David Bailey, (he also made a film about Coronation Street that won a Bafta); my gorgeous daughter-in-law Grace is an accomplished painter. If Elizabeth is anything like me, she will be a handful but in the long run worth the handle. My younger son, Barnaby, is assistant conductor to Ivan Fischer, Budapest Festival Orchestra and will play at the Proms this September.

And I will be doing banners again as per last year in September for Mercedes Benz New York Fashion Week...with my drawings being blown up 40 feet all over NY City!

Please keep in touch and let me know how the school is doing..... how I wish we had had a headmistress who looks like you.... we might have behaved better and worked harder.....



Best wishes

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OLD GIRLS

1950 1959

1950

Sally Williams née Harris

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Author, public speaker, gardener.

Sally has some very exciting news to share, 'I have just had published "Consequences – Memoir of a Dowser" and FHS is mentioned – I wouldn't have missed those years for anything, they played a huge part in my life!'

Sally learned to dowse in 1986 when she needed to test her foods when on the Bristol Diet for Cancer. She then proceeded to seek out eminent dowser/healers to benefit from their techniques and insights. In the 1990's she was one of the founding members of the BSD Earth Energy Dowsing group. Using dowsing to guide her, Sally has made pilgrimages to numerous places worldwide to gain spiritual nourishment, to clear any blockages or dark energies that she encountered there, and to re-establish connections between the planets and the earth. 'Dowsing makes the unseen seen', says Sally, who has published the book under her maiden and maternal surnames, Hubbard Harris. Do contact Sally directly for a signed copy, £12.50 + £2.50 p&p.

1951

Susan Levitt née Falk

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Susan writes: The day before receiving the Quondam diary dates seven of my contemporaries met for lunch in London, four coming from the South Coast, one from Herefordshire and

another from Suffolk, with two from London itself. We all enjoyed ourselves so much, and as Margaret Harbury nee Graham wrote to me afterwards 'Above all it was the enduring friendship of sixty years that meant so much to us all'.

1952

Victoria Dean née Keeson

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Victoria reports: I went with Charlotte Halliday, Sally Adams and Felicity Spencer to Theo McComas' thanksgiving service at Bladon last September. A very nice service – she inspired me.

1953

Diana Patten née Naismith

Diana has offered to create the Naismith cup for Netball, in honour of her ancestor who invented Basketball. It will be an annual prize given out at the end of Spring term, and Quondam would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her generosity.

A little information on Mr Naismith: James Naismith was the Canadian physical education instructor who invented basketball in 1891. Under orders from Dr. Luther Gulick, head of Physical Education at the School for Christian Workers, Naismith had 14 days to create an indoor game that would provide an "athletic distraction" for a rowdy class through the brutal New England winter. It all started with two peach baskets affixed to a 10-foot-high railing and with a soccer ball in a YMCA (Young Men's Christian Association) in Massachusetts. In 1959, James Naismith was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame (called the Naismith Memorial Hall of Fame.)

1955

Katharine Holland née Welsh

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Katherine is a retired architect and garden designer, and would love to hear from any of her or her sister's contemporaries.

'For anyone who remembers my sister Patience – she left two daughters, Harriet who is a TV producer and has 2 daughters, living in Highgate, and Elizabeth who lives in Devon and Spain. I have a son living in Greenwich and his twin sister who lives in Basel,

Switzerland. She has a son and daughter at the International School. My younger daughter Gabriel is an interior designer and lives in Dorset. I visit Switzerland regularly to see the family.

1957

Elizabeth Cookson née Ritblat

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I was sad to read of the death of Theo McComas who was such a kind and encouraging teacher. Her class was always such a relief after enduring science and maths.

1958

Roz Wheeler

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Class of '58

On hearing last autumn that Di (née Wilson) and Jim Carlton were coming over from Australia to the UK this year, Rosemary (Wiggins) and Irv Krakoff arranged to take a holiday in Europe at the same time. So it was on March 1st 2010 that they, Elizabeth Cownden (Wheeler), Janet Politi (Henry), Celia Read (Vaughan Lee), Joan (Behrman) and Alan Mushin, Roz (Machray) and John Wheeler all gathered in the lovely home in the woods near Berkhamsted of Ann (Wigg) and Robin Charlton. Having found Jane Parsons (Llewellyn) fairly recently, we had hoped that she was coming, but sadly for us family commitments prevented her from doing so.

All of us had wonderful memories of our last reunion, organised by Rosemary, in New York and Vermont in October 2008. Unfortunately, due to illness Alison (Baxter) and Oliver Brook and Elizabeth's husband Mike, who had been with us on that trip, were unable to be with us.

After convivial drinks in the beautiful garden awaiting everyone's arrival (our navigational skills were tested), we enjoyed a long, very chatty, delicious lunch. We then went into the woods to see a mass of bluebells, absolutely at their peak, back for an obligatory cup of tea and a final chance to catch up on all the news and to discuss where we might meet up again in 2012. Then it was time to say our goodbyes. We had had such a special day. As Celia said, it is so interesting and helpful to be in touch as we travel along our different roads separately, but then also together and it is always such fun.

We do hope when we meet up again, that there may be some more members of our group, that will have got in touch with us. If you would like to make contact do use the email above.

1960 1969

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Jane Lamb

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Jane would like to hear from anyone who remembers her, especially Karin Woodford née Oldmeadow, Ursula Lloyd née Mountrose and Charlotte Gray.

1961

Sally Ann Wallace née Sassienie

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Sally married Ronny in 1968, and had two children Nicola and Jamie. She has been living in the USA since 1983 and works as an administrative assistant for a camp for children with special needs. 'I have two wonderful grandchildren, Liam who is 5 and Emmalyn who is 4 months old! I would love to hear from anyone who remembers me.'

1962

Evelyn Singer nee Kissin

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Anthea Grainger née Schake Andersen

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Anthea writes: Looking forward to the next foreign jaunt, a few days in Budapest in the Autumn. Hungary has always fascinated me since reading the 'Singing Tree' in the junior school of FHS library, and then a few years later, a talk at the school about the plight of the Hungarians who tried to get out after the revolution.

Family news – all my three 'babies' are out in the world of work. Former polished corner Arabella is now with Deutsche Bank in their HR department, after a series of short contracts she now has a permanent job, so she has done well in such a difficult job market.

I also have two delightful little granddaughters, Camilla and Antonia, children of my eldest, Robin. They come to tea after ballet on Mondays!

1965

Sue Enfield née Luck

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Sue would love to hear from Jacqui Yule. 'I'm supposed to be retired but have just represented Wales in dressage in England and won, I travel a lot with horse and a willing husband! I also play bridge and do outside catering. Try to see my daughter Pip and grandchildren in Oxfordshire as much as possible.

I remember being allowed to garden in the greenhouse on the roof of FHS with Jacqui. Can't actually remember producing anything, but it was a great place to chat in break time!'

1967

Judith Hart née Clarke

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My son Gareth married in 2009 and had a baby last year. We have a cottage in Adleburgh, our black greyhound

loves the sand but not the pebbles! I would like to hear from anyone in my year.

1970 1979

1970

Anne Astaire née Lind

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Anne, a charity fundraiser, is now a grandmother of 3! She writes: My daughter, Katie Fearn, gave birth to twins – Emilie and Joshua – in November 2010 (in fact, on the day of the Francis Holland reunion!!!). She already had a 2 year old, so life as a "granny" is hectic. I also have 2 sons of 33 and 35. It was wonderful to see so many of my class at last year's reunion – we had such fun catching up on the last 40 years.

Tina Marinos

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Tina is a Citizens Advice training supervisor. I have three daughters. One is deputy head and the other two are students. I would like to hear from anyone in my year, students or staff.

Vicky Scarborough née Vaughan -Lee

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Vicky is a teacher and owner of the Acorn Nursery School.

1971

Mary Colley née Richards

Husband Peter writes: My wife was a pupil in the 1960s. Sadly she passed away on 22 Sept 2010 from a terminal cancer. She had in recent years been a guiding light in the charity DANDA (www.danda.org.uk) providing help and support to those with dyspraxia, ADHD, Asperger's Syndrome and similar conditions. She will be missed by our two children Louise and Richard, and by her brothers Francis and Hugh.

1972**Alison Edelshain née Day**

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Alison is a director in HR

Renée Jonkman née van Wijnen

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After my three children (one girl and two boys) had left home, I started teaching four and five year olds English, as well as tutoring adolescents and giving conversation classes for adults. I had already returned to Leiden University in 2000 in order to read Italian and, as of last September, I teach beginners' Italian as well as English. Any free time that is left I spend at the local rowing club, a sport I discovered six years ago. My love for rowing is such that I try to row three times a week whether it be in a single scull or sweep-oar rowing. I am also a rowing instructor, teaching both adults and children. My husband is also an avid rower and our eldest son spent more time at university training for the Dutch national rowing team than studying. He did finally get his degree but is still very much part of the rowing community. At the moment he is in Henley providing commentary for Regatta Radio. Our youngest son studied journalism and now works for Dutch national radio. Our most important news is that our daughter got married last month. Being the mother of the bride really made me realise how old I am! Next year it will be 40 years ago that we left Francis Holland. How time flies!



Left to right our youngest son Ben, me, Kees-Jan (groom), Ellen (bride), my husband Robert, our eldest son Michiel and his girl-friend Roos) and one of our three children (left to right Ben, Ellen and Michiel)

Cathy Norgren

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After seven years in my current position (Full Professor & Associate Chair of the Department of Theatre & Dance at the University of Buffalo, NY) I have been appointed to a three-year term as Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs in the College of Arts & Sciences. Also after well over 20 years of renting my husband – Aaron Cabell – & I have bought our first house!

1973**Dr Kumiko Miyazaki**

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After I left FHS, I read physics at Oxford, and obtained a Diploma from Cambridge.

I worked in industry for about 10 years in the UK, Canada and Japan and then studied in France to get an MBA at INSEAD and a PhD in Science Technology Policy from Sussex University. I am Professor in the field of Management of Technology at Tokyo Institute of Technology. In addition, I am a Member of several Japanese Government's Advisory Councils.

It was a pleasure to have had the chance to visit FHS several years ago with Siri Bogh, my Norwegian friend from FHS days. My sister Mariko Miyazaki(née) Howard who left FHS in 1970 is doing well in Los Angeles, married to an American lawyer. My niece Diana has just graduated this year. I would like to hear from Sulia Rose, Jennifer Shier (née), Marion Dreyfuss (née), Mary Manley-Walker.

Paula Nisbet née Boyagis

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Paula is a music teacher and singer, and would love to hear from Helen Munro née English.

1974**Vivien Rose née Lind**

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1976**Mo (Violando) Percival, nee Goulandris**

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Married to Richard, with three children, Leonard (23), Sophie (21) and John (17). Currently living in Oxford where I practice as a Psychotherapist. Would love to hear from anyone who knew me.

1978**Victoria Farrow**

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I'd like to hear from anyone in my year. I am the owner of a lingerie brand which makes fabulous retro style nightwear, www.pouledeluxe.com

Claire Lazarus

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1979**Alyce Stanton Reid née Rae**

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Living in the beautiful New England town of Ridgefield, Connecticut. Single again but lucky to have 4 fabulous children.

1980 1989**1982****Vicky Kynigos née Kydoniefs**

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Vicky is Head of Institutional Business at Charlemagne Capital, an emerging market asset manager.

Julia Landau

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Julia is a writer and Kundalini yoga teacher. She visited London in August and was in France to make a documentary.

1983**Sarah Clarke née Davies**

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Sophie Hicks

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I am the Managing Director of Ed Victor Ltd – a Literary Agency. I was known as Sophia at school – but am now Sophie! I would be interested to know what some of my old class mates are up to?! I live in Islington and Norfolk, and last year walked the 150 mile journey!

1985**Roxanne Peskin née Barretto**

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She is married to Dominic since 1997, and has a son Zac born 2000. Would love to hear from Claire Randall/ Goldbart

1986**Vicki-Ann Hughes**

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I live in Ladbroke Grove, work as a freelance IT Consultant implementing SAP in global companies. Being part South African, I also try to spend as much time as I can in Cape Town. I love it there and am hoping to emigrate in a couple of years. Please get in touch if you were in my year and want to attend our next re-union. We had one about a year ago and I've promised to arrange the next one!

1990 1999**1990****Ana Kershaw**

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I'm living very happily with my family in Buckinghamshire and I'd love to hear from any old girls or teachers whom I was at school with.

1992**Clover Mulhearn née Lewis**

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Clover married Brendan in 2001, and has daughters Holly and Rosie born in 2004 and 2007 respectively. Clover is a registered midwife, working 2 days a week in a private hospital in Newcastle, Australia. She completed a post grad in childcare and family health. 'We have a dog called Teddy and six hens. We've just bought a caravan to go away in at the weekends and explore the NSW coast. I've just completed a 10 day trip without my children to Abu Dhabi, Geneva to see Barnaby, South of France to visit my mother, London for a wedding and back to Australia!

1993**Karin Abbott née Bejarano**

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I married J.J. (an American) and moved to New Jersey just over 9 years ago. We have 3 wonderful kids. My boys, Oren and Shai are 7 1/2 and 5 1/2 and my little girl Sivan is almost 3. So I have my hands a little full these days :) However, I have recently started to think about going back to work after having been home with the kids all these years. Its both challenging and exciting to see what this next chapter of my life will bring. Would love to hear from old school friends.

1996**Jessica Martin née Serjeant**

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Jessica married Pip in 2008, and gave birth to Edith (2008) and Molly (2010).

1998**Sarah Tahvanainen née Brace**

Sarah married Ilkka in August 2010, whom she met in her first year at Cambridge and has been together with ever since! She is now living in Finland

1999**Katie Fearn née Astaire**

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I am kept very busy with my three children Abigail, nearly 3, and am really loving spending lots of time with my twins Emilie and Joshua, nearly one year old. I have also recently joined the Quondam committee which is great fun and am looking forward to reconnecting with any of my old school friends. I am still best friends with Alex Jenkins from Francis Holland and even now she lives in Atlanta USA we still speak nearly every day, as well as remaining very close friends with Holly Gilliam!

2000 2009**2007****Emma Marshall**

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Quondam Prizes**Travel Fund Prize Winner 2011**

Katherine Arnot

Junior Writing Prize Winner 2011

Natalia Ameen III

Senior Writing Prize Winner 2011

Hannah Davidson UVI

Heather Brigstocke Latin Reading Prize**Junior**

Christina Mantaounis
& Amelia Mehra LIV
Meera Santiapillai UV

Senior**Julia Campion Prize**

Lucy Streeten UIV

Sophie Hastings Bowl

Olivia Hugh Jones UIV

Obituary

LOUISE CATTELL 1989-2011

The tragedy of Louise's untimely passing continues to be, and will always be, deeply resonant to all who knew her. Her death came to her by the saddest of accidents, and took away her future and her chances, but the old 'snatcher of all things' as the Greek poem on Heraclitus says, could not take away the fact that she had lived as wonderfully as she had and was loved by so many, in all of whose minds she will continue to live.

Louise was highly talented, having been a production assistant at the most prestigious fashion shows, and was working extremely hard on London Fashion Week at the time when she died. Her sense of fashion was brilliantly original from Year 8 at Francis Holland, when she had to be sent home with green hair (the aubergine replacement was OK) and the said hair was continually being reinvented in both colour and style. Her art work possessed the same originality and talent, and she was a consummate actor whose work survives in many DVDs of whole school productions and Theatre Studies examined plays. Among these performances is Louise's outstanding Malvolio. Thank goodness we have these records, along with her entry for the Quondam essay prize about a journey with her family.

From 14 years of age Louise also began developing her talents as a photographer, capturing in Camden bands like Cribs and Mystery Jets before they became names. She was a fantastic DJ and lent these skills to the school for discos with her usual generosity. Her skills as a dancer and hula-hooper were second to none!

I taught Louise, saw her talents and admired her great interest in all things and powers of innovation – what I also remember in her attitude towards both her peers and the staff is the very rare power she possessed for constructive and intent listening. This stemmed from the intellectual curiosity I have already mentioned, but also from a profound kindness, and it is this that made her such a valuable friend to so many. She stood by her friends throughout her life, often in really distressing circumstances where others might mumble an excuse and back off. All will remember the warm smile that really did light up her eyes. I attended Louise's funeral and the gatherings in memory of her, and was struck anew each time by the sheer numbers of people her age, older and younger, (including a present FHS girl who had had Louise as her baby-sitter) who loved her and wanted to pay tribute to her, many of them from Francis Holland. Each time it was standing room only.

Louise is survived by her parents and her brother Tommy.

One of her A level teachers was the Reverend Jude Bullock, who conducted her funeral service and read the following:

Louise will not grow old as we who are left grow old. Age shall not weary her, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we shall remember her.

There is consolation in this, as there was a few minutes later in the sing-along of 'Cabaret' that celebrated Louise's great love of life. She is enormously missed.



Destination of Leavers 2011

Information correct at time of going to press

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Economics, Birmingham
History of Art, Sussex
History & Russian, Birmingham
Management, Birmingham
Biochemistry, Birmingham
History of Art, Edinburgh
English, Warwick
Chemistry, Bristol
Modern Languages, Birmingham
Gap Year
History, QMC, London
Italian, Leeds
History of Art, Sotheby's
History of Art, Sussex
Environmental Science, Keele
History of Art, Sussex
History of Art, Bristol
Psychology, Nottingham
Spanish & Music, Royal Holloway
Global Liberal Arts, NYU, USA
Economics, LSE
Philosophy, Sussex
Gap Year
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English, York
History of Art, Manchester
History of Art & Italian, UCL

Quondam Reunion and Lunch

Saturday 5th November 2011

12 Noon AGM

12.30pm for 1.00pm for Lunch

Please join us for the annual Reception, Lunch, & School Tour.
There will be a short Quondam AGM in the 'Bar' of the Gloucester Arms
before lunch, to which all members are welcome.

Invitation and reply card are enclosed
– RSVP by October 31st with acceptances only.

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Calling All Accountants

Don't miss the opportunity of a lifetime to extend your experience in the world of high finance!

Quondam is seeking a volunteer to audit our annual accounts. With accumulated funds of around £10k and an annual turnover averaging £5k, this is not, in fact, an onerous task. The number of transactions being well under fifty in any year, it is estimated that this should take you only around 3 hours to complete (but a little more time in the first year, of course.)

If you would be interested in helping Quondam in this way, please contact Benita Mathews on 020 8947 5379 (home) or 020 8642 0965, extn 218 (work) or email: benita.mathews@homefield.sutton.sch.uk

