

# Polished CORNERS



QUONDAM FRANCIS HOLLAND CLARENCE GATE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

2012 MAGAZINE



## Dear Quondam Members,

This year's memorable Diamond Jubilee celebrations and the huge success of this summer's London Olympics and Paralympics have ensured that 2012 will long live in the memories of us all. Certainly these events have been enjoyed by everyone at FHS: a special commemorative mug was commissioned for the Diamond Jubilee and given to all pupils at both schools. We were privileged to be offered tickets to several Olympic and Paralympic events; the lucky recipients (both staff and pupils) were drawn in a raffle at the end of morning assembly in April and the excitement of the entire school was almost tangible! Mrs Helen Forbes, Head of Sixth Form, was one of the so-called "Games-makers": a volunteer driver for the duration of the Olympics. Several FHS pupils currently compete at county and national level in sports such as netball, hockey, horse riding, swimming, skiing and ice-skating, so it is quite possible that there will be a FHS pupil competing in the 2016 Olympics in Rio!

This summer has also been historic at FHS for other reasons. Miss Stephanie Pattenden, Headmistress at FHS Graham Terrace since 1996, retired in August 2012. It is impossible to express how indebted I feel on a personal and professional level to such a gifted colleague, whose educational expertise is second to none. We all wish Stephanie the very happiest of retirements – no-one could deserve it more!

Miss Jeannine Addinall stood down as Deputy Head last summer, after 28 years' dedicated service to the school – and four Headmistresses! Having been invaluable in effecting a smooth transition for the new Deputy Head (Miss Amanda Triccas), Miss Addinall retired at the end of the summer term this year. A party was held in Jeannine's honour in July at which two of the most senior school governors, Mrs Alison Edelshain and Miss Susan Ross delivered valedictory speeches. A plaque has been erected in the School Hall to mark Miss Addinall's exceptional service to the school. Jeannine is now an honorary member of the Quondam Committee and we all look forward to seeing her at the Quondam lunches every November.

Mrs Felicity Forde has the distinction of being the longest-serving member of staff in either of the Francis Holland Schools. Having been appointed to the PE department by Miss Holt in 1974, Felicity has been a member of the senior leadership team for many years, as Senior Mistress and subsequently as Pastoral Deputy Headmistress. Polished Corners who come to the annual Quondam lunch in November are often delighted and amazed in equal measure to discover that their former PE teacher

not only remembers every detail of a long-distant netball match, but is still a member of staff. Felicity stepped down as Pastoral Deputy Head at the end of the summer term and from September 2012 will continue to work on a part-time basis as Head of the Learning Enhancement department, which offers individual and bespoke lessons to pupils with specific learning needs.

As you may be aware from the school website ([www.francisholland.org.uk](http://www.francisholland.org.uk)), this has again been a very busy year for the school, with many trips, concerts and extra-curricular activities. Highlights during the year have included the annual joint choral concert at Easter with Harrow school, a History of Art trip to Paris, a residential French trip to Château de la Baudonnière, an Italian trip to Sorrento and Pompeii and a ski trip to Austria. The main school play at the end of the autumn term was a memorable production of Arthur Miller's play "The Crucible", produced and directed by Mrs Oakley. Live music, directed by Mrs Rolfe Johnson, was a memorable feature of the production.

As ever, I am enormously grateful for the support of Mrs Alison Edelshain and all members of the wonderful Quondam Committee. The Quondam Travel Scholarships and Essay Prizes continue to be most valuable additions to our school honours. I very much look forward to meeting many of you at the Quondam Lunch on Saturday November 3rd.

**Vivienne Durham**  
Headmistress

## Quondam Committee 2011

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**Vivienne Durham** – President / Headmistress

**Alison Edelshain née Day (1972)** – Chairman

**Susanne Nedas née Quastel (1971)** – Joint Secretary

**Vivien Rose née Lind (1973)** – Joint Secretary

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**Nadia Demetriou Ladas (1988)** – Magazine Editor

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**Jeanette Cumine née Clark (1954)**

**Katie Fearn née Astaire (1999)**

**Sara Glace née Gheiace (2003)**

**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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## Letter from the Quondam Chairman

**Alison Edelshain née Day**

**Dear Quondam,**

The current Quondam year started in the impressive surroundings of the Queen Elizabeth Hall in Westminster where the school was holding its Prize Giving. You may recall that Quondam presented a cup to the school last year, which was to be awarded "for excellence" and I had the privilege of presenting this cup to our first and well-deserved winner. What an appropriate start to a year, which was to build up to the impressive display of the Jubilee and the competitive excellence of the Olympics!

In May, we were delighted to welcome Amanda Triccas, the new Deputy Head to our Committee. Amanda's experience from St Paul's is going to be invaluable as a major part of the link between Quondam and the school and we are extremely fortunate that we are going to be able to both work with Amanda and still continue to benefit from the long experience of Jeannine Addinall who we are so pleased will remain on the Committee.

The early part of the year was taken up with advertising and then judging the Quondam Travel Fund and Writing competitions. This year we were very pleased to award the Travel Fund prize to Rebecca Lumley whose plans include volunteering at the St Amedeus School in Tanzania, which Francis Holland has helped to support for some years. We are happy to include in this magazine a description of the travel experiences of last year's winner, Katherine Arnot and the rewarding time she spent in India. The Committee has decided to allow entrants from the LVI as well as UVI for future Travel Fund entries, in recognition that fewer girls are now taking gap years and the time between the two years of VI form can be a valuable time for travelling.

As usual, the judging of the Essay Competitions was highly rewarding. This year, to celebrate the Olympics, the title given to the girls was "Gold" and they, as usual, were able to each use this title to create a wide range of stories and ideas. The winner of the Senior Prize was Abigail Moselle whose essay imagining herself as the daughter of King Midas, imprisoned in her golden body, was both original and moving. The Junior prize was won by Isabelle Shirley, whose story of a gold miner's wife and widow impressed us all. I was also fascinated to read in the obituary for Elizabeth Ferris that we actually had an Olympian medal winner amongst our Old Girls. What a multi-talented achiever and shining example of a Polished Corner she was!

This year's magazine theme entries on "School Rules and Etiquette" have been wonderful to read, but also remind us of how much has changed over the years. I expect that current girls would be horrified to be asked to shake a teacher's hand and curtsy at the end of each day as I recall we did 50 years ago or maintain the impression of self-control by having to ask for a "medium" sized plate of food as an acceptable "code" for "large". Yet, while the etiquette may have changed with the times, I am confident that the current ethos and values of the school would be instantly recognized by the girls attending the school when Queen Elizabeth acceded to the throne.

This year, along with the request for your news, you will have been asked to provide us with information on the types of careers you have followed. This will allow us to invite specific former pupils to drinks and other themed events and so enable them to network with other old girls working in a similar field. We hope that this will enable a sharing of experience, which will be to the benefit of all. At the same time, the school will also be able to use this database to invite speakers for career events and to request mentoring opportunities for specific careers. We do hope you have completed this form and if not, would ask you to send this information to Nadia on: [quondam@fhs-nw1.org.uk](mailto:quondam@fhs-nw1.org.uk).

# REMINISCENCES

## School Rules and Etiquette

### Judith Neill née Mason (1951)

I remember being sent to Miss Joslin, the head teacher. As we walked into her office after knocking, she was standing at her desk with one hand behind her back and a plume of smoke rising around her! I am not sure but I think there were suppressed smiles all round. She was a head teacher we liked and respected and of whom we were not scared

### Sue Eckersley née Lloyd (1956)

I don't think T-shirts had arrived when I was at FHS, but using a dessert fork did matter. Miss Baxter's dictum 'Always a fork with sometimes a spoon, but NEVER a spoon alone' still sings in the memory. To this day there may be no argument about it!

### Eleanor Allen née Schacke Andersen (1964)

When I was a pupil there seemed to be remarkably few rules, and then they were only referred to sternly by Miss Eagles at the end of Morning Prayers if there had been a rare spate of lawlessness such as girls found running along the corridor or eating sweets in the street. The way to avoid being ticked off for the latter misdemeanour was to save a sixpenny piece for the vending machine on the platform at Baker Street Station and wait until one was safely aboard the Circle line before tucking into the Cadbury's Dairy Milk!

Another offence was that of taking stairs 2 at a time when progressing up from the playground at the end of morning break. At the top of each flight stood a prefect, eagle-eyed, in her crimson cardigan, and poised and ready to arrest any offender and send them back down to the bottom so that they could return "properly, one at a time". In the UIV this became a tedious ritual. Bored with trying to score points off each other by managing to miss at least one step unnoticed during the ascent, we decided that we would commit the offence openly enough times as to cause the hapless prefect to be late for her next lesson. This was a satisfying ploy until prefects were given the power to dole out conduct detentions! I doubt whether this rule persists today. Moreover, it is interesting

to note that these days taking 2 stairs at a time is recommended as an excellent way of keeping fit.

Respecting other people's belongings was taken for granted and theft was never mentioned. We were not angels and certainly did need rules; stealing did happen and rumours about the perpetrator abounded, but matters were dealt with behind closed doors as deemed appropriate for a school of such standing.

School rules nowadays are set out rather differently. I am looking at the behaviour policy of the school where I am a governor. It is two and a half pages long and is accompanied by a home-school agreement to be signed by the parents. I am quite sure no such thing existed in any school in my day. However I expect FHS like every school is full of policies to wave in front of a visiting inspector. Times have changed.

### Cynthia Prince née Haslam (1967)

I was at FHS in the 60s. Etiquette then, was very important and there were many expectations of the pupils. Most bizarre to students of today must be what was expected of us when we went home each day. We collected our coats and berets and lined up to say "Good afternoon" to the member of staff on duty. We also had to shake hands and curtsy. Not typical of the 60s culture I don't think but we all did it. We also had to stand whenever a member of staff entered a form room, sometimes bobbing up and down several times within one lesson!

### Harriet O'Dea née Hill (1982)

One cold winter in the late 1970's pupils started to wear black woolly tights. The classroom radiators were not very effective so the additional item of clothing was much appreciated. However, this new found warmth was short lived. We were told that 'only scarlet women wear black tights' and as a result they were banned. I believe that there were black tight wearing mums who were more upset by this decree than their daughters.

### Julia Hamilton (1980)

I do remember in 1978 that we wore t-shirts under our blouses, which was fine as long as it could not be seen. The trick was to get away with it as much as possible, it was our sign of individuality but one day one of the girls in my class had her t-shirt physically pulled out from under her blouse by a teacher in one fell swoop! We were completely flummoxed. It was like a magician pulling a tablecloth and leaving all the cups on the table!

One girl in my class dyed her hair pure white just like Debbie Harry, this was completely frowned on and she was sent home to dye her hair back to normal. She returned the next day with blue black hair. We thought she was so cool.

Another memory was having to play hockey on a freezing cold day and I was in goal while all the play was going on at the other end of the pitch. I was so cold and still that some kindly little dog mistook me for a goal post and thought he'd mark his territory on me.

Fond memories!

### Lisa Gershon née Jaffa (1983)

I recall lining up in the gymnasium in the mid 1970's and having our uniforms inspected by Miss Blythe before going across the road to St Cyprian's Church for a service. In those days we wore burgundy berets with our coats or blazers and mine was enormous and came down over my eyes more like a Marx Brothers hat! Scrunching it up on the top of my head didn't work and pretending to have lost it met with similar disapproval. Such a small memory and one that makes me laugh now as I adore wearing hats of all different shapes and sizes!

Another memory was sitting in the dining hall for lunch. The pupil at the head served up and the person to her right (or left) passed the plates down. Each pupil had to pass her plate back up the table at the end of the lunch, these were stacked and taken over to the serving hatch to Mrs Sullivan. In the days of fast food and eating on the run this now seems quite civilised!



## FROM THE STAFF ROOM



Stephanie Pattenden retired after 15 years' outstanding service as Headmistress of Francis Holland School, Graham Terrace, at the end of the summer term. She will be remembered by staff and pupils for her relentless determination in making the school a very happy community as well as masterminding new building developments, most significantly the performing arts centre, Carmel Hall.

Stephanie will be succeeded by Mrs Lucy Elphinstone, who is currently Head of Sixth Form and Senior Leader at Downe House, a girls' boarding school in Berkshire. The links between the two Francis Holland Schools have never been closer and we very much look forward to welcoming Lucy to Francis Holland and working with her to further strengthen both schools.

On behalf of everyone at Francis Holland, Regent's Park, we would like to wish Stephanie a very happy retirement.



For nearly twenty years Peter Thorne has been a stalwart of our music department. An inspirational teacher, Peter captured his students' imagination with a very personal and memorable classroom style (and tales of green ferrets). As a teacher of composition, in particular, he was able to help girls develop the balance of innovation and discipline which produced so many outstanding pieces. Of course music departments add a huge amount of extra-curricular value to a school and Peter has been a key

part of countless concerts, services, grade examinations and music tours as well as the bread-and-butter task of accompanying the hymn in assembly - an unsung duty but one upon which we rely week in, week out. That is, of course, unless Peter was delivering the assembly itself and what memorable tours de force they have been, his last one being on the mind-boggling topic Sex, Drugs, Einstein and Elves! The junior concert, held regularly towards the end of the Summer term, was initially launched by Peter and gives a platform for ensembles and soloists in the early stages of their school career to have their moment in the limelight. Peter's love of jazz has been seamlessly transferred to many students who now enjoy appreciating an eclectic range of musical genres. Similarly, his junior orchestra has been the "nursery slopes" for so many Polished Corners who have gone on to considerable musical success. Some of these former pupils were keen to come back to FHS in July 2012 when some of his current Sixth Form students organised a surprise tea/concert for him. The event included the performance of a number of pieces composed or arranged by Peter, songs which have meant so much to generations of students. His arrangement of A Nightingale Sang In Berkeley Square, sung by current pupils, colleagues and a number of Polished Corners joining in at the last moment, provided a fitting way to crown Peter's career at FHS. We all wish him, Miriam and the boys every happiness for the future.

Managing developments in school ICT in the twenty-first century is like trying to pick up mercury with a fork. It's a fast-moving world yet one which Preb Phillips was able to master to provide a high level of technical support for colleagues while also maintaining a significant teaching timetable. Preb joined us in Spring 1999 and, by the time he left, fulfilled a range of critical roles within school. In a typical day Preb needed to teach students, liaise with parents, advise colleagues, manage technicians and deal with suppliers. In an area of educational and professional work with its own peculiar stresses, Preb never lost his approachability, his can-do attitude and his warm sense of humour.



Jennie McGinlay took over from Elaine Kelly as librarian in September 2007. She oversaw many developments in the library space in that time, citing the improvement in the windows as possibly that which gave her greatest satisfaction! Jennie remains convinced that there is no such thing as someone who doesn't like reading, just someone who hasn't yet found the right book. She prided herself on being able to match the book to the reader and encouraged hundreds of girls to widen their horizons and try something a little different. She was also a superb editor of the school magazine. Jennie's assemblies were always engaging and memorable, delivered in a self-effacing yet powerful manner. She is moving to the south-west coast as her husband's work has meant a move out of London. While we suspect Jennie to have been joking when she mentioned becoming an ice-cream seller, there is a marvellous continuity in that image of her providing a refreshing treat for people who might have been in need of a pick-me-up.

Anna Sainty leaves the geography department after five years and will be greatly missed. She was an exemplary colleague who was a source of great support to her head of department with whom she shared geography teaching throughout the school. She was also a much-loved form teacher for the Thirds in recent years and played such an important role in inducting the newest arrivals into FHS. Her unflappable and commonsense approach was particularly helpful in managing large numbers of students and she went on many residential field trips and overseas visits to Iceland and Morocco as well as local trips around London. Anna is moving to a job nearer to her home in Cambridgeshire and, as well as wishing her good luck for her new post, we also send our best wishes to her on her marriage to Tim in July 2012.

**Anne Diss née Walters (1965)**

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Anne would like to send continued best wishes to all friends, especially the LILIs

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## Letter From A Somewhat Old Old Girl!

**Dear Quondam**

It is always a joy to receive the school magazine, I avidly drink in all the news, but inevitably now there is rarely anything about my contemporaries – small wonder, I was at FHS from 1927 to 1938! Apart from myself, I know of Isobel Bromhead, 91 years old, and Cynthia Godson, almost my twin at 90 years old: sadly most of my other contemporaries are now up in those ‘polished corners’ we were always aspiring to reach.

So much has changed since my time, the new building, method of tuition, swimming pool etc. And especially the wonderful preparations now given to furnish the girls with all necessary qualifications to fulfill a successful career. My era was still the time of debutantes, finishing schools and so very few entries to university. In that one way the war was a blessing, it emancipated my generation and we were suddenly aware of our capabilities to be real achievers.

I was wonderfully fortunate – after a stint as VAD Nurse, and then 2 years doing advanced radar in the WAAF, I qualified as a Ferry-Pilot in Air Transport

Auxiliary, and had two tremendously satisfying years flying a variety of air craft, including Spitfires and Hurricanes – I was actually too small, at only 5 foot 2 inches in height, but bluffed my way through all the medicals!

But back to school days: when the phony war happened in 1938, Neville Chamberlain was Prime Minister, no one knew what the future held. Miss Winifred Crapper, our headmistress called an emergency parents’ meeting, to ask if any family could take a group of students in order to continue their School Certificate studies, as she knew some parents had second homes in the country, and FHS was to be temporarily closed.

In short, Mlle Orly and eight girls came down to our farm in the Chilterns and stayed until Mr Chamberlain came back from Berlin having achieved his famous ‘peace in our time’ agreement with Hitler. We had a wonderful time, it was high summer, swimming, riding and plenty of activities; little work was actually achieved! The school finally evacuated to Headington School, Oxford, and Clarence Gate was taken over by War Demands.

During my early days at FHS lunch was held in the original dining room, over the front entrance to the school, but as the numbers increased, the facilities were moved downstairs to the basement gymnasium, trestle tables being erected every day at lunch time and rapidly dismantled after the meal.

We were lucky to have Miss Palmer as Music mistress, she had strong connections with the D’Oyly Carte Opera Company, and her friends would regularly come to both sing and help develop the budding talents of our choir; it was pure magic.

Another special memory was a connection we had with the founder, Canon Francis Holland, through a contemporary of his Canon Sparrow-Simpson. A very frail and delightful old clergyman, still garbed in black buttoned gaiters, who would come weekly to give us Bible readings, and to reminisce about his early life and connections with our founder. It was a very tangible part of our history.

Another special person was Sir Clive Wigram, then school Chairman, who was private secretary to Queen Mary, and through that connection we used the Chapel in Marlborough House to

prepare for our confirmation, which took place in the Chapel Royal at St James Palace, and accorded us the privilege of being married there too.

Uniform came from Harrods, and was not at all practical – summer dresses were of silk tissue and the shirts had men’s turn up cuffs, bordered with Greek key style ribbon, and it was all so terribly expensive. Parents went on strike, the uniform was re-vamped and the venue moved to John Lewis. School concerts required the wearing of white long sleeved frocks and a red carnation buttonhole. It did look good!

The Headmistress had a flat on the top floor above the old dining room – she later was given a flat in Ivor Court, and thus more classrooms was available.

Brian and I are now reaching our 66th wedding anniversary! We have lived for 23 years in Andalucia, Spain, in a mountainous area farming fruit as a hobby with great success. We returned to the UK last year, to live in Northern Ireland with my son and his family in a wonderful eco-friendly house they built on his retirement from the Army. My daughters were at FHS, and to begin with it was somewhat disconcerting to find some of my former mistresses were still teaching, also Miss Joslin as Head! We have 9 grandchildren and 3 great grand children, all well and flourishing. I had a wonderful happy time at FHS It is good to write about it all, and maybe it will interest some of the younger pupils.

With sincere good wishes

**June Cole née Farquhar (1938)**

# OLD GIRLS NEWS

## 1930 1939

**1931**

**Joan Ostry née Bourne**

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*I am such an Old Girl that I doubt that anyone reading this can relate to my time at the Francis Holland School, 1926-1931, when Miss Selon taught English, Miss Denton taught History, Miss Blumer taught Geography and Miss Lushington taught Latin. Unfortunately, Mademoiselle made sure that I never really wanted to speak French! My best wishes to Quondam and all the girls now enjoying life at the FHS.*

**1932**

**Norah Dale née Neumann**

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Surrey GU15 3LT

**1937**

**Peggy Douglas-Morris née Dinham.**

*Joan Hawksworth née Hastie has written to advise us of Peggy's death on 15th September 2011.*

**1949**

**Louise Coxall née Nicol**

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## 1950 1959

**1950**

**Sally Williams née Harris**

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*Sally would love to hear from anyone interested in dowsing. 'I have become an Ambassador for the Brandenburg Choral Festival under the auspices of St Martins-in-the-Fields. I would love to give talks on dowsing – it is a very helpful way to determine many things in life, no matter what one does. It makes the unknown known. My grand daughter Rebecca Williams has just*

*done her dissertation on it for her Sociology degree at Sussex, for which she got a First! Last year I published "Consequences – Memoir of a Dowser" under the surname Hubbard Harris*

**1951**

**Judith Neill née Mason**

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*I am retiring at last from being a Theatre Producer/Director/Actor.*

*Hugh and I are producing our final production "The Firework Maker's Daughter" a play from the book by Philip Pullman, due to open in June 2012. The final night will be on June 16th after which there will be a closing night party which will also be our goodbye for our own theatre company Theatre Alive Nelson after 40 productions in 12 years. The next morning we catch the 7.30 flight to Auckland continuing on to Bangkok, Bali, Vietnam, Laos and finally Kho Samui, Thailand. A month of much needed holiday will end when we meet with daughter Kate in Samui, where she will be holidaying and also celebrating her 50th birthday.*

**1952**

**Victoria Dean née Keeson**

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**1954**

**Jenny Streiff née Kerr**

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Florida 32607-2228, USA

*Jenny would like to hear from anyone, especially the 'Biggles Gang'!*

**1955**

**Joanna De Bertodano née Winser**

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**Penny Newell Price née Cove-Smith**

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*Penny is enjoying retirement spending time with her husband, watching cricket, attending classical music concerts, both choral and orchestral & family reunions with the three 'children' and eight grandchildren.*

**1956**

**Sue Eckersley née Lloyd**

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**Wendy Max née Segal**

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*Wendy would love to hear from anyone who remembers her!*

**Gladys Palmer née Perint**

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*Gladys continues her fascinating work in fashion illustration and had some very special guests this year including Jean Paul Gaultier, Sarah Burton and Philip Treacy. If any FHS girls are thinking of studying Fashion in the USA have a look at the following clips:*

[www.gladysperintpalmer.tumblr.com/post/20556312528/jpg-talks-about-gpps-drawing](http://www.gladysperintpalmer.tumblr.com/post/20556312528/jpg-talks-about-gpps-drawing)

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=VCQJkr9DdM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VCQJkr9DdM)

**1957**

**Elizabeth Cookson née Ritblat**

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*Elizabeth writes: Living in Houston is a different experience from the Eastern side that we are used to. Grandchildren keep us busy, book clubs, gardening and tennis.*



**Yvonne Fisher née Crisp**

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Louise Karet née Cline sadly passed away on 13th July 2011. Any messages of condolences can be sent to her sister Juliet at [jools@julietgrainger.com](mailto:jools@julietgrainger.com)

**1959****Rosemary Mackey née Wiggins**

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Some say that it is a sign of getting older that we relish meeting our friends who have meant so much to us from school days. As a group, we prefer to think of these gatherings as opportunities to exchange stories about our far-flung families and reminisce and laugh about our school escapades.

This year we had much to celebrate in the way of wedding anniversaries and (ugh!) 70th birthdays. The catalyst for the timing of our luncheon on Tuesday February 28th was the Golden wedding anniversary of Ann and Robin Charlton the previous weekend that brought Diana Carlton, who was one of Ann's bridesmaids, and her husband Jim from Australia. This spurred my husband, Irv Krakoff and me to book flights from New York for a long weekend to visit friends and family in the UK and to be present at this fabulous reunion lunch hosted by Jane Parsons at her stunning home near Longleat in Wiltshire.

Coincidentally, Joan and Alan Mushin had also just celebrated their Ruby wedding anniversary so there were many excuses for champagne toasts before lunch!

Although the conversations spanned wide-ranging topics, a highlight was recalling our ski trip to Hochsölden with Miss McLeod (later Mrs Garvin) and Miss Bates as our chaperones. We remembered trying their patience by getting into heaps of trouble with boys from Eastbourne College who were at the same resort and having "brief romantic encounters" (read that as holding hands with a boy!!) as we saw the film *The Glenn Miller Story*.

Sadly, we were missing a few of our class members that we have "found": - Elizabeth (Wheeler) Cownden, Celia (Vaughan-Lee) Read, Jessica Garvin & Vicky Bingham. We drank a toast to them and hope there will be another occasion in the not too distant future

to gather again. We would also love to add to our number – and are wondering if anyone knows how we might contact Rosemary Browne, Elizabeth Headley-Blythe, Caroline Shepley-Cuthbert to name just a few.



Back: Alison (Baxter) Brooke, Joan (Behrman) Mushin, Roz (Machray) Wheeler, Ann (Wigg) Charlton

Front: Janet (Henry) Politi, Rosemary (Wiggins) Mackey, Jane (Llewellyn) Parsons, Diana (Wilson) Carlton

**1960 1969****1961****Ursula Lloyd née Mountrose**

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Ursula is still working as a private Obstetrician & Gynaecologist at the Portland Hospital W1, and became a grandmother to twin girls on 11 February this year.

**Sally Anne Wallace née Sassienie**

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NJ 08873, USA

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Sally reports that she is still working as an admin assistant for a camp for children with special needs. She has 2 wonderful grandchildren and would love to hear from anyone who remembers her!

**1962****Anthea Grainger née Schacke Andersen**

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Have visited Malta and Denmark so far this year. In Malta they were building the 59th Church in Valletta, which gives food for thought. It is a poor country and hard to visualise the harbour in

Valletta as it must have been when it accommodated the warships of the last war, or those of the Great Siege.

Denmark was the land of my grandfather and our visit took place the week of Ascension day, in Danish "Kristehimmel fart". That name would have set us off, giggling furiously in the LIVth! In Denmark most churches hold a confirmation service on Ascension day and it is a public holiday. I will remember it specially in 2012 as a day of family reunion when my sisters and I took lunch with our Danish cousins overlooking the sea shore of North Zealand and thought of the Grandfather, an economic migrant to England, and his brother who went to New Zealand and the 9 sisters who stayed in Denmark. We ended the day in Copenhagen with a visit to the little mermaid on her rock at the edge of the sea.

**Carol Michaelson née Day**

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'After 22 years in St John's Wood we have moved from a house to a flat, a traumatic experience but one we hope to enjoy the benefit of very soon. It would be great to get my year together for a fifty year reunion.'

**1964****Eleanor Allen née Schacke Andersen**

My grandson, Sydney Otto was born on July 18th 2011. I am enjoying outings to museums and the theatre with his sister Lily Belle and I am looking forward to trips to the slides in the park with her brother.

**1965****Karen Ann McKinna née Arbuckle**

kamckinna.96@sympatico.ca

I was a student at FHS 1963–65 while my father was posted to London, serving at Canada House. I have fond memories of my time at FHS, inspiring teachers, a real 'values' education as they say now.

**1965****Sandra Jane Heidenstam**

23 Russell Road, London W14 8HU



## 1970 1979

### 1970

#### Anne Astaire née Lind

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*I am getting older, my children are getting older, and my grandchildren have certainly aged me. Where have all the years gone! Not complaining though!!! I have put the Old Girls Reunion date in my diary, and hope to attend this year. I would love to hear from anyone in my year.*

#### Angela Kulukundis

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Devon EX12 2PF

raiatea3@aol.com

*Angela has just returned to the UK after sailing around the world for 8 years, and would like to hear from anyone in her class.*

### 1971

#### Naomi Halsted

1/16 Mavo Hakinnamon

93745 Jerusalem, ISRAEL

*Naomi is currently employed as a translator/ editor for an academic (social policy) institute.*

#### Nancy Hawley

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NY 10024-3258 USA

nanhawley@yahoo.com

*Nan would love to hear from anyone in her year.*

#### Anne Paterson née Bowyer

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Road, Lymington, Hampshire SO41 9DR

anne@silkcottage.com

### 1972



#### Alison Edelshain writes:

*In July this year, eight of us met together to share the shock of the 40th anniversary of our leaving the school. Mattie Cockbain (née Ellis) was kind enough to host the delicious dinner and was joined by Catherine Hutchinson, Lucy Ivimy, Renée Jonkman (née van Wijnen) who came over from the Netherlands especially for the occasion, Catherine Pitt (née Arthur), Jane Whitlock Blundell (née Armstrong), Sue Winter and myself. We enjoyed a wonderful evening catching up on each other's news and reminiscing over events of a long time ago. We had also made contact with Robina Gibb, Anna Hodgson (née Gilbertson), Viola Jordan (née Cescotti), Alison Maitland and Caroline Rolls who were unable to join us. Sadly we were unable to catch up with anyone else. So if there are any others from our year reading this, please send your contact details to me at edelshains@aol.com so that we can ensure you are included in future get-togethers starting with the Quondam lunch on 3<sup>rd</sup> November.*

#### Alison Edelshain née Day

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edelshains@aol.com

*This has been a very exciting year so far. First of all at the end of 2011, I left the company I had worked with for the past 9 years (leaving as Director of Recruitment and International HR) and am setting up my own HR consultancy business providing HR advice to small*

*and medium sized organisations which I am finding both challenging and exciting. So if you know of any company or organisation who would like some help with recruitment, employment contracts/ handbooks, dismissals/ redundancies, reorganisation etc, please point them to my company HR Quality Solutions Ltd.*

*In addition to the business, I am still very involved with the school, as Chairman of Quondam and Deputy Chairman of the two Francis Holland Schools' Governing Board.*

*Working for myself will also allow me greater time for the other big event, which is the wedding of our son next March. Both he and his fiancée work for PwC and are also equally mad Arsenal supporters – so they should be very well suited! Everything has gone very smoothly in planning so far, so we are hoping for no last minute panics! Both our daughters are also doing well - Laura is now working as an Events Manager and Nina is currently doing her dissertation for her Masters in Management and HR at the LSE.*

#### Anna Hodgson née Gilbertson

*Anna has been running an online retail business selling traditional style aluminium window boxes for the past five years*

#### Susan Winter

72 Wilna Road, London SW18 3BA

susan@winter18.fsnet.co.uk

*'I divide my time between running a charity in Wandsworth and working as a mentor in a primary school. Life is very busy, especially with two kids who are now not kids, but 20 & 22. How time flies!'*

### 1973

#### Irene Fafalios

ifafa@otenet.gr

*Irene would like to hear from Danny Citroen and reports 'I have set up a Montessori training centre in Athens, for the training of nursery school teachers in the Montessori method. We are affiliated to the Association of Montessori Internationale (AMI), and although it is small we are having an impact on the local community.*

**1974****Marion Harvey née Dreyfuss**

22 Rowan Walk, London N2 0QJ

mharvey@lwcddial.net

*'Our eldest daughter Katie got married last July to a lovely Israeli, Yuval. Daughter no 2, Olivia, is an assistant buyer at John Lewis. No. 3, Nikki, has just finished her second year studying psychology at Nottingham and is aiming to train to be a forensic psychologist.*

*I continue to run Keats Pharmacy in Hampstead NW3. I was kept very busy last winter providing a new walk-in flu vaccination service and have now trained up to give travel vaccinations as well. Could be a busy year!*

**Sue Hunter née Lomas**

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sue@bakerylane.co.uk

**Lucinda Lubbock née Simms**

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lucy.lubbock@btinternet.com

*'I am still fairly busy with my four children, however, 2 are grown up, one is doing A levels and the youngest is 11 so some way to go! Meanwhile, I have been sitting as a Magistrate for 2 years. I sometimes sit at Westminster Court, just around the corner from Seymour baths, which dates me as we had our swimming lessons there and had to walk back to school with wet hair, no warm changing rooms and hair dryers in those days!'*

**Vivien Rose née Lind**

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*'We moved house at Christmas. We are still in Highgate, but now live much nearer to the heath which is great for walking the dog. We only have our youngest, Joanna, at home with us now as she has just finished at Bristol University. Her elder brother and sister are now well established in their chosen careers and have flats in Camden and Belsize Park which means we still all get together a great deal. I would love to hear from anyone from my year and would love to organise a 40 year reunion in 2014!'*

**1980 1989****1980****Julia Hamilton**

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*'Would love to hear from anyone who was around when I was.'*

**1981****Katerina Bowman née Louloudis**

15 Cotsford Avenue, New Malden KT3 5EU

tattyloulou@hotmail.com

**Elly Hadjipateras née Lemos**

reports the sad news of Maria Los-Pithis death. 'She will be sorely missed by her friends, family and community.'

**1982****Shirley Brecher née Musry**

42 Avenue Close, London NW8 6DA

shirleybrecher@hotmail.com

**Harriet O'Dea née Hill**

4 Hobbs Hill, Rothwell, Northamptonshire, NN14 6YG

harrietodea@aol.com

*It is 30 years since my year group left school. It would be wonderful if as many of us as possible could use the Old Girls' Reunion on November 3rd as an opportunity to meet up again!*

**1983****Jenny Isaacson née Jaffa**

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Jennyisaacson@gmail.com

**Lisa Gershon née Jaffa**

32 Somali Road, London, NW2 3RL

lisagershon32@gmail.com

**Ruth Logue née Clifton - Samuel**

21 Hammers Lane, London NW7 4BY

ruthlogue@gmail.com

**1984****Heather Bailey née Greenstreet**

heathergreenstreet@yahoo.co.uk

*Heather married John in August 2011. He reports that she is valiantly fighting multiple sclerosis, and can access email so would welcome any contact!*

**Nilofer Ghaffer**

Highbury, 67 Godstow Road, Wolvercote, OX2 8PE

nilofer@talktalk.net

*Nilofer married Matt Heydon in 1995, and has three children Sabah, 1996, Zulfi, 2001, and Razi, 2002 and works in environmental conservation.*

**Nicola Phillimore née Craven**

Hazel Mill, The Vatch, Slad, Gloucestershire GL6 7JU

nick@nicolagrellier.co.uk

*Moving back to Gloucestershire after 5 years in London. Still painting and now run madeinengland.com, selling edgy tapestry kits, and my art site is nicolagrellier.co.uk*

**1986****Sarah Wilkinson née Pope**

92 Corbyn Street, London N4 3BZ

sbvpope@btinternet.com

**1988****Nadia Demetriou Ladas**

nadia@vesselgallery.com

*Was lucky enough to be invited to Downing Street, where some of my gallery's pieces were on loan, coincidentally the pieces in question were designed by the Olympic torch designers Barber Osgerby. The staircase with portraits of every Prime Minister was truly awesome, the combination of modern art by Tracey Emin writing 'More Passion' in pink neon light on centuries' old wood panelled walls an inspiring vision for any leader, but the most amusing event was the instinctive hushed reverence that fell on every visitor of whatever political persuasion on stepping into Margaret Thatcher's office – her presence is still very much felt there!*



## 1990 1999

1992

**Anne Owens née Yeadon**

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*Births: on 18 June 2012, a daughter - Harriet Elizabeth Owens. Anne is currently a Graphic Designer in the creative services team at SJ Berwin in the City.*

1993

**Christina Scott**

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1994

**Natalie Goldin**

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1995

**Clare Hackett**

clarehackett@hotmail.com

1997

**Emily Mitchell née King**

17 Norwich Street, Cambridge CB2 1ND

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1998

**Francesca Dymond**

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*'I married in July 2009 to Steven McNicoll, an actor from Edinburgh.'*

2003

**Megan Piper**

enquiries@thepipergallery.com



*I launched The Piper Gallery, in Fitzrovia, this summer – nine years after leaving Francis Holland and four years after graduating from the University of Edinburgh. I left my previous employment with the fine art handler, Momart, eighteen months ago and pursued my dream to have a contemporary gallery. The gallery represents artists whose careers have spanned forty years or more – aiming to demonstrate the strength of their commitment to their practice and the continuing dynamism of their recent work. The gallery is about re-discovering and re-evaluating artists and I've selected only those whose work I feel is fresh and urgent.*

2006

**Hannah Young**

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2007

**Charlotte Paton**

30 Stormont Road, London N6 4NP

## 2000 2012

2003

**Laura Jacobs née Ellert**

*Laura writes: I married Dan in December 2011. It was lovely to share the day with Lucinda Sandford née Nedas and Katherine Sumner who flew over from LA to be there.*

2003

**Payal Patel**

We are saddened to report the death of Payal Patel. Our warmest sympathies are with her parents, her family and her friends from FHS.

## Quondam Prizes

Travel Fund Prize Winner 2012 Rebecca Lumley

Junior Writing Prize Winner 2012 Isabelle Shirley

Senior Writing Prize Winner 2012 Abigail Moselle

Heather Brigstocke Latin Reading Prize

Junior

Tamsin Taylor and Amalia White

Senior

Zoe Cannell

Julia Champion Prize

Amalia White

Sophie Hastings Bowl

Lulu Renney



## Quondam Travel Scholarship 2011



### Katherine Arnot (2011) writes:

I often get asked, having returned from my 4 month trip to India what my favourite part of the country was. Was it the bright and bustling markets, the smiley people, the breath taking views? Unfortunately I can never give a straight answer as looking back, there were so many things I loved about the country and so many good memories that I feel I can't possibly choose. My experience in India was the best of my life for many reasons. I learnt about and was embraced by new cultures, I visited places I could never have dreamed I would be able to go and even though at times I felt a bit like a fish out of water, it meant that I was surrounded by new experiences and adventure every day. This trip became much more of a reality last year when I won the generous amount offered by Quondam. It was then I realised that I would be able to pursue my desire to travel to India with Raleigh International, a youth development programme which is involved with sustainable development throughout rural villages in southern India mainly in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. It works with local NGOs and the government and aims to improve the main problems which face India such as sanitation and schooling. I flew to Bangalore, India on the 10th February and this is where my adventure started.

In retrospect the first four or five days were a blur, full of training, practise trekking, overcoming jet lag and adjusting to the scorching heat having left snowy England. The following 10 weeks were to split up into 3 phases of 3 weeks, an environmental phase, a community phase and a trek. I was firstly allocated into the trekking group which initially I was more than worried about as, remembering the state of my fitness at that time, I wasn't sure I would be able to handle an 18 day trek and pictured myself weeping of fatigue at the back of the group, incapable of completing the 200km. The next three weeks however turned out to be of course, both physically and mentally draining but also the most exciting. I have never seen scenery and views so beautiful as we trekked through the Western Ghats of Kerala, reaching the top of India's second highest peak, outside of the Himalayas and through elephant forests. At times, it did get very tough in the heat of the day and once or twice I had to remind myself that I had chosen to do this. However, the feeling of reaching the top of a peak or arriving at a campsite after a long trek overrode all negatives and the sense of achievement and fun made it unforgettable. When you walked, it felt as if no other trekker had walked the paths before you and this was emphasised by the interest and strange looks given by the locals of the quaint, rural towns we walked through.

My next phase was environmental and we were sent to a small town called Cheriye where we were to build 2 bio-gas systems for two different families. These bio-gas systems create fuel, produced by cow dung to be used in the home so the families don't have to burn wood inside, giving off smoke which harms their lungs. This again was another new and exciting experience as never before had I attempted any kind of manual work and we had to work from 8-6 every day which proved to be tiring for all. We were taught by the local men, who were shocked to see women working, how to use their tools which ended up with a large group of the villagers watching and laughing as we attempted to get to grips with them. It was fantastic to be a part of the village as we were welcomed so warmly and the women would often bring out chai tea and Indian snacks to us as we worked. I loved chatting to the locals, especially the girls my age as we shared stories and marvelled over how different our lives and cultures were. They showed great interest in our 'boyfriends' back at home as one girl told me she was low on money as she had been fined several times for simply talking to a boy at her workplace. The village was so vibrant with children running around, chickens, cows, groups of laughing locals – it felt such a privilege to be among it.

Finally, I was sent on my community phase where I would be helping to build toilets for a small village called Koranchal. We lived in tents in the middle of the village and spent our days digging cess pits, bricking and building the actual toilet. By the end we managed to complete 12 which was a great success. Each family showed their appreciation for our work in a different way, with food, flowers and jewellery and by the end it felt as if we were a part of the community; as you walked down the paths, you would be greeted and waved to by everyone. The generosity I experienced, given what these families have compared with us was nothing I could have imagined and leaving the village, everyone was in tears – both villagers and venturers.

Having now been back for a while, my travels to India seem like a world away and it is hard to get my head round the fact that the people I met and the places I visited are all still there. I will always remember my time in the country as where I have learnt and experienced the most. India is such an inspirational country and I would love to go back one day; winning the Quondam Travel Scholarship is the beginning of the experience of a lifetime!



## Destination of Leavers 2012

*Information correct at time of going to press*

Stephanie Chin	Medicine, Barts Hospital, Queen Mary's, London
Marusya Chulkova	Gap Year
Lucy Collins	Biological Sciences, Manchester
Nicole Dewinter	European Politics, Nottingham
Laila El Khazen	Gap Year
Rafaela Elliston	English, Bristol
Kate Emlyn-Jones	History of Art, Edinburgh
Frederica Feely	Physics, Birmingham
Megan Fletcher	International Politics & History, Manchester
Anna Gillespie	Gap Year
Charlotte Golembo	History of Art, Leeds
Katie Greenberg	Drama, Regent's College
Lauren Haine	English, Sussex
Olivia Hains	English, Bristol
Xanthe Hirst	Viking Studies, Nottingham
Chanelle Ho	Music Management, Christchurch, Canterbury
Pamela Johnston	Liberal Arts, University of Pennsylvania, USA
Sophie Khan	History of Art, Sussex
Arisa Kimaram	French & Spanish, Leeds
Anastasia Kinsky	Arabic & Islamic Studies, Pembroke College, Oxford
Emma Kutner	Philosophy, Warwick
Holly Lenihan-Franks	American History, Sussex
Emma Lingwood	Manchester, Sociology
Rachel Lowe	American Literature, History & Culture, Nottingham
Rebecca Lumley	Medicine, Leeds
Sarah McDonald	Theology, Durham
Ami Matsubara	Liberal Arts, Georgetown University, USA
Leona Mehra	History, Durham
Katie Menzies	Politics & French, Bristol
Nicola Michaelides	French & Italian, Royal Holloway, London
Helena Moore	Gap Year
Charlotte Morgan-Townley	Gap Year
Nicole Morrell	Gap Year
Yasmin Ng	Gap Year
Natasha O'Sullivan	Medicine, Brighton & Sussex
Blair Paskin	French & Spanish, Leeds
Charlotte Prinsley	Geography, Manchester
Amy Redhead	Biology, Leeds
Natalia Riley	Psychology, Bath
Emma Roberts	Gap Year
Tanya Robertson	Film Studies, Sussex
Jordana Roofeh	History of Art, Sussex
Amber Rutterford	French & Management, Leeds
Roma Rutterford	History of Art, Sussex
Misa Saka	Music, Guildhall, London
Joanna Sandler	History of Art, Bristol
Cecilia Schneider	History of Art, Bristol
Aishwarya Shah	French, Bristol
Daisy Startup	Classics, Nottingham
Isabella Stone-Wilson	Art Foundation, London College of Communication
Kristina Sukhareva	Economics & Business, East European Studies, UCL
Kitty Turley	French & Italian, Edinburgh
Lola Wallis	History of Art, Bristol
Thea Waxman	Earth Sciences, St Peters College, Oxford
Eleftheria Xilas	Biological Sciences, Leicester

# Obituaries



## Peggy Douglas-Morris

née Dinham

10 November 1919 – 15 September 2011

Juliet Cassidy writes:

I was blessed to have Peggy as a mother-in-law; she was a kind, gracious lady with a wonderful sense of humour and a surprisingly broad mind. We discovered very early on that we were both Polished Corners and she spoke about FHS with great affection. I did enjoy the stories she recounted about her pre-war school days.

Peggy left Francis Holland in 1936, and attended Eastbourne Domestic College. In 1939 she joined the Red Cross in Torquay where she met her husband Kenneth, a Naval Officer. In 1941 she joined the VAD as a nurse at the Royal Naval Hospital in Sherborne looking after injured sailors. She later became a volunteer at St Mary Abbots hospital in Kensington.

Peggy married Kenneth Douglas-Morris in September 1943. They enjoyed fifty years of happy marriage together and had four children – Carole, Susan, Gay and Christopher. They lived in New Zealand, Scotland, Northwood and London at different times; Peggy was the model of a Naval Officer's wife until Kenneth died in 1993.

I first met Peggy in December 1985. She welcomed me into her family and although my marriage to Christopher did not last long, we remained friends until her death last year. She was a wonderful woman – her family was the most important part of her life and she doted on her 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

She will be sadly missed by all those who were lucky enough to know her.



## Elizabeth Ferris

November 19th 1940 – April 12th 2012

Yvonne Fisher (1957) née Crisp writes:

Liz and I became friends when her family moved to Wembley Park, where I already lived. We travelled to school together, learnt to swim together, joined Mermaid Swimming club together and then the newly formed Metropolitan School of Diving.

Liz progressed and at 16 was chosen to represent Great Britain against Germany, to be held on the same weekend as her 'O' level Physics and Chemistry exams. Miss Joslin arranged for her to take them at Liverpool University; she passed the exams and came 2nd in the competition.

In 1957, she won the first of her 5 National diving titles. After leaving school, she studied Medicine at Middlesex Hospital. In 1960 she was chosen to represent Great Britain at the Rome Olympics and won a bronze medal. In 1962 she competed at the Perth Commonwealth Games, where she gained a silver and then took a year out travelling Australia with a theatre company.

On her return to the UK, she continued her studies and won the Chemistry Medal that year and qualified as a doctor in 1965.

When London Television was formed, she joined Jimmy Hill as Researcher and became involved with sports injuries; she also became interested in alternative medicine. As a researcher, she was involved in several television series, including Dr Jacob Bronowski's, The Ascent of Man.

Liz was a founder member of the World Olympic Association and also the British Olympians Club, which brought together former competitors

in the Olympics. With her medical background, she became involved in the gender testing of athletes and was a member of the International Association of Athletic Federations working group, responsible for developing the rules on gender testing. For this work and the founding of the World Olympians, of which she was Vice President, she was awarded the inaugural British Olympic Association Achievement Award from its President, The Princess Royal, in November 2011.

In addition to these achievements, Liz enjoyed producing sculptures which were exhibited and many commissioned in bronze. In 2009 she was awarded the Baron's Prize for three dimensional work at the 65th Annual Exhibition of the Medical Art Society.

She was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2008 which she fought positively and went into remission; unfortunately it returned and she died on April 12th.

She was a multi-talented person and a very good friend.



### **Maria Los-Pithis**

**15th July 1964 – 7th June 2012**

Matthew Los, brother, writes:

With great sorrow we would like to announce the passing away of Maria. She passed away peacefully in June at UCH hospital in London, after a very courageous battle with leukaemia which she fought bravely and relentlessly always with a smile on her face and never complaining about the unjustness brought upon her. Until her last hours she continued to inspire, energize and incentivise all those around her, and managed to prepare all her loved ones with her kind and inspirational words for what she knew lay ahead.

We will always remember her loving smile and her energy as a devoted and loving mother of 4 wonderful children, and to all her loved ones.

Maria is survived by her husband Nikos, and her loving children Konstantinos, Mihalīs, Alexis and Philippos.

Condolences may be sent to:

Mr N. Pithis  
Rodon 30,  
14578 Ekalī  
Greece  
or

Mr and Mrs C.M.Los  
87, Avenue Road,  
London NW8 6JD

Maria requested that donations could be made to the following charities:  
Theotokos Idrima Prostatias  
Aprosarmoston Paidion – www.theotokos.gr Tel: +30 210 2382416  
Alpha Bank – IBAN GR 600 140 1690 16 900 200 200 3334

UCLH Leukaemia and Lymphoma Unit  
Fund – www.uclh.nhs.uk/LLU  
Tel: +44 203 447 9526 By Cheque to  
'UCLH Charity 0099' UCLH Charity,  
1st Floor Rosenheim Building, Grafton  
Way, London WC1E 6DB



### **Mme Marietta Caspari**

**28th January 1930 – 24th April 2012**

Jo Newman, her daughter writes:

Marietta was a born communicator in every language. She was passionate about teaching and loved to communicate her enthusiasm for languages with generations of students. Her pupils loved a very individual style and thrived in her care. Many have become firm friends and after her retirement she was always meeting past pupils and staff for lunch or catching up on their news at school reunions. She always took an interest in people and listened patiently to those who wanted help or advice or just a good chat. Marietta loved to travel and she was a regular theatre goer and supporter of all the arts.

Sadly Marietta suffered from Alzheimer's and cancer towards the end of her life but she never lost her sense of humour or love of life and humanity. She fought bravely but died peacefully on 24th April 2012. She leaves her devoted husband Paul to whom she was married for 62 years and her daughter Jo and son Andrew and their families.

Jeannine Addinall, former Deputy Head, writes:

I remember Marietta Caspari with great warmth from my first arrival at the school in 1981 as Head of Classics. Her wisdom, kindness and inimitable wit guided me in my first weeks, helping me to maintain those two most necessary senses, of humour and of proportion, throughout. Her love of learning and her gusto for life were inspirational. The girls, of course, adored and respected her.

Jo Green, Academic Deputy Head, and I were privileged to attend Marietta's Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving at the beautiful St John's Church, Stanmore. She was

vividly remembered by the readings and reminiscences of friends and family members of different generations, and by the loveliest of choral and organ music.

The order of service included a list of Marietta's recommendations, for which she was famous, and which really give the flavour of her personal warmth and interest in all aspects of life. I cannot include everything from this list, as space forbids its full impressive length, but it spans literature, music, artists, places, food, TV and radio, actors and Miscellaneous for everything else. It includes Moliere, Kahlil Gibran, AA Milne, Schiller, Beatrix Potter, Bach, Britten, West Side Story, Lowry, Ravenna, the Old Vic, spinach, tiramisu, grapefruit on Sundays only, Radio Four, tennis, Ian McKellen, reusing wrapping paper, The Archers, and, most appropriately for this summer, ALWAYS MAKE THE MOST OF THE SUNSHINE.

Personally, I have thought of Marietta's words of wisdom every single day since reading them – and taken her advice! Just one of the many reasons why Marietta Caspari lives on.

Charlotte Harrison (1986), former student writes:

So sad to hear of her passing – I have, and still do, use her as inspiration in my teaching! Teaching A Level PE there is a section in the skill acquisition part on memory and how to ensure that items get stored in the long term memory. One of the ways is by teaching in a unique way – I will NEVER forget the french for "in" – dans – Mme Caspari, with her fab smile, jumped onto a desk where she had put a bin and put her foot in the bin wildly gesticulating that she had her foot "in, dans, in, dans" the bin – that was 1979/1980 – I haven't forgotten!

## Quondam Reunion and Lunch

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2012**

**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 before lunch,  
to which all members are welcome.

Invitation and reply card are enclosed  
– RSVP by October 28<sup>th</sup> with acceptances only.

Nadia Demetriou Ladas

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## CALLING ALL SPORTY OLD GIRLS!

**We are planning an old girls' netball game to tie in with the Quondam Reunion & Lunch on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2012.**

**We are looking for 14 or more old girls willing to take part, and Mrs Forde is going to umpire for us!**

It has probably been years since most of us have played netball, and we probably won't even remember the rules (do we need rules?!), but it will be a lot of fun regardless! Refreshments will be provided at half time!

We will leave the gates of FHS at 10.00 and walk over to the netball courts together for a 10.20 start. You can either change at FHS (in which case arrive earlier) ready to walk out with us at 10.00, or just meet us at the netball courts (where there are also changing rooms) for a 10.20 start.

The game will last an hour (if we do!) so there will be time to change on your return to school or at the netball courts ready for drinks and lunch.

Spectators will be most welcome!



We need to gauge numbers so if you would like to play please contact **Manuela Robson** at [manuelaruk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:manuelaruk@yahoo.co.uk) by **20 October 2012** with your year of leaving so that Mrs Forde can match us up for teams, and also to let us know if you will be meeting us at school or at the netball courts.