

Don't forget!  
The Teddy Bears' Picnic  
Thursday 28th July  
12pm - 3pm

A day for alumnae and their  
children and grandchildren.  
Bring your own picnic!



## Alumnae Reunited

Summer 2011



Beekeeping at JAGS circa 1904

See page 13 for a taste of what it is like today!

# News of Alumnae

## 1920s

### Charlotte Fiske (née Wells) 1929

Charlotte will be 100 years old on August 1st 2011. She still lives in her own flat and she can remember her music teacher Gustav Holst.

## 1930s

### Ellen Powell (née Stringer) 1937

Ellen was Private Secretary for David Banwell, Bursar and Clerk to the Governors at JAGS, for 16 years as well as for the Minister for Economic Warfare. She was married to an Alleyns old boy in 1948 and had a son in 1958. Her granddaughter was born in 1988.

## 1940s

### Mary Barnes (née Gray) 1940

I now have three great grandchildren. My husband died in 2007. I still spend several weeks in the US during the year visiting my son and his family.

### Philippa Grove (née Sims) 1940

After leaving school I went to Queens Secretarial College, London. I married an airline pilot and lived abroad for many years in Rhodesia, Malaysia and Abu Dhabi. I worked on Raha News Reading and Programme Making in Abu Dhabi and I now work for Cancer Research.

### Anne Kind (née Rosenberg) 1940

From 1940 - 41 I worked as a Nursery Nurse and from 1941 - 43 I went into General Nursing. I was a Clinic Supervisor at a Family Planning Clinic and set up 14 clinics in the East Midlands. I was also Administrator and Fundraiser for LOROS Hospice where we raised £1.5 million. I was married to a doctor for 44 years, and have one son and one daughter. I was widowed in 1987 and was given an OBE in 1990 for services to the Community of Leicestershire. I am a published poet in magazines and anthologies such as the biography of a naturalist "Come & See This Folks". I also run a creative writing workshop for USA.

### Yvonne Garry (née Grant) 1945

After leaving school Yvonne worked as P.A. to the Advertising Manager of Odham's Press publications which included the Daily Herald, Sporting Life and Horse & Hound from 1948 - 1955. In 1956 she went on to become the P.A. to the General Manager of a heavy industry firm called John Bertram & Sons in Dundas, Canada for two years before staying at home to care for her son, Stephen from 1960 - 1966. On returning to work in 1966, Yvonne became secretary to the Manager of Foundation & Soil Mechanics at the William Trow Company of Engineers for ten years. She then moved on to become the Executive Assistant to the Music Director and Conductor of Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra, Boris Brott. She held this position for 11 years before becoming the Board of Education substitute secretary to the Hamilton School system from which she retired in 1993.

### Thérèse (Terry) Lloyd 1946

Terry had a career as a Fashion Buyer at Selfridges on Oxford Street after leaving JAGS

and she retired in 1991. She is still playing golf - walking 18 holes and has just got back from South Africa. She spent 17 days there from Cape Town to Johannesburg. She is the sister of Delcie Rolph and Hilary Hawkyard who were both Lloyd when at JAGS.

### Geraldine East (née Hooper) 1949

From 1958 - 1991, I worked as a Nurse, Midwife and missionary church planting in Thailand and Laos. Next month I hope to celebrate four-score years of a very happy, eventful and fulfilling life, made all the richer through my faith as a Christian. I and my husband are grateful for fifty years of loving marriage partnership and for continuing good health and ability. We enjoy a close-knit family life with our two sons and their wives, and seven grandchildren.

## 1950s

### Margaret Brakell (née Ellmers) 1950

I was married in 1955 to Ken Brakell and our daughter was born in 1958. We were hoping to send Lesley to JAGS Kindergarten, but the travelling would have been too difficult as we lived in Carshalton, Surrey. She attended local school and did very well. She married Alan Barclay in 1983 and we have two gorgeous grandchildren. Timothy is now 22 and has graduated from university - he has an excellent job and is doing well. Lianne is now 17 and is very musical, she has attended the Brit School and is now at college in Haywards Heath. Her specialist instrument is the violin (at age 11 she played a solo at Dorking Halls in front of 1000 people and was congratulated by the conductor - she was the only one with a happy smile while she played!) although she is also skilled on the keyboard.

I am so proud of my grandchildren and my daughter who is now a fully qualified herbalist, a subject taken up later in life, prior to that she designed beautiful greeting cards and still does for the family. I don't know where they got their talents, it certainly wasn't from me!

After my father died, my mother was lonely so we sold up both homes and found this lovely place in the village with plenty of room for all three of us. The neighbours are wonderful and the village is very friendly. We have now been here for 25 years.

Several years ago we gave a New Years' party for the neighbours. My mother was talking to a new next-door neighbour, Gwen Thomas, and the subject of where we used to live came up. That's when Gwen and I found out we were in the same form! We hadn't recognised one another at all!

We have lovely big gardens, my hobby (apart from cooking, reading, gardening etc.) is bird watching and I love listening to their songs. I have a wildlife pond close to the house, with fish, newts and frogs (which keep me awake in the spring with their "froggy chorus"!)

### Mary Clark (née Dumbleton) 1950

I'm sorry I lost touch with everyone from the School. Since I married I have led rather a nomadic life in the Oil Industry with my husband, Peter. Our two boys were born in Bahrain and it seems impossible that they are now both in their 50's! When Peter retired we decided to move to Perth, Western Australia, we had spent two years there in the early 70's and enjoyed the place, an added bonus was that our oldest son, a mining engineer, and his family were also there. Our youngest son followed in his Father's footsteps and went in to oil, he is now in Houston, Texas with his family.

We have had a good life and enjoy Perth very much, the weather is great! We have been here 11 years, about the longest we have ever spent in one place! Unfortunately Peter went blind three years ago but the facilities

for the blind here are very good and he remains cheerful, positive, and has never lost his sense of humour!

### Marion Kerly (née Fuller) 1950

After being widowed for twenty years, I met up with an old friend of 45 years. His wife had died three years previously and we decided to have lunch



together one day to talk about old times. One thing led to another and we were married on the 29th January this year, so my name has changed from Marion Juggins to Marion Kerly.

### Sylvia Prichard (née Hampton) 1950

After being widowed in 2008, I moved into a bungalow in Grayshott, Surrey. My time is absorbed with family (5 grandchildren/ 4 step grandchildren, 9 to 15yrs) gardening, being actively involved with WI, the British Legion, the RNVR Yacht Club - went on a sailing rally to the Caribbean in Feb/March 2010. (Not quite so nimble now, but "a good crew member" !??) However, becoming more interested in cruising in bigger ships!

My brother Richard is still going strong and living in Staplehurst, Kent. A founder member of the National Youth Theatre, he took part in the opening of the Michael Croft Theatre at Alleyes. Always pleased to hear from anyone who remembers me!

### Jean Taylor (née Dowsett) 1950

JAGS taught me to take every opportunity that arose, and not to give up when things got tough, which has stood me in good stead over the years and made life interesting! I did not go to University but took a business

course at the City of London College. As a result of this I was able to join a firm of Chartered Patent Agents in the City where I was Personal Secretary to a Senior Partner. I spent the next 10 years working with him in a fascinating job. Whilst there I was involved in the organisation and running of an international Industrial Property Congress for 1,500 foreign and English delegates and their ladies.

My holidays were spent in various European countries and I have been grateful that I did my travelling when I did, considering what happened in my life. In 1963 I married Alan and moved to Kent. I "retired" two years later so we could spend more time sailing and enjoying the countryside with the three rescue dogs we had acquired. We joined a flying club at Biggin Hill and spent a couple of years having great fun with a bunch of like-minded people flying light aircraft around England and France.

1969 was a very bad time with both my parents ill. I moved to Buckinghamshire to nurse my mother through terminal cancer. When she died we moved Dad back to Kent to live with us, which he did for two further years until his death. At this time I developed Multiple Sclerosis which was a great shock since I had always been an active sporty person, and I found myself in a wheelchair with very little movement, the Doctors not expecting me to live past my fortieth birthday. Alan and I divorced and I moved into a Cheshire Home in Maidstone where, for some reason, the MS began to stabilise and I started to improve.

Then, although still in a wheelchair, I found myself fit enough to sign on as crew for two voyages with the Lord Nelson, a specially adapted square-rigger, which was hard work but an experience not to be forgotten, especially sailing in a Force 7 gale and going up to the crow's-nest in the bosun's chair. I then moved to The British Legion Village in Aylesford where I live in a Residential Home. I do a lot of gardening and Committee work, and have been fortunate enough to attend a

Buckingham Palace Garden Party. For the last five years I have done voluntary work at the Heart of Kent Hospice.

JAGS instilled in me a love of art and nature, and I go to Norfolk each year on a painting holiday where I have been lucky enough to have had one or two commissions. Since I am old fashioned enough to enjoy using a pen I keep in touch by letters with a wide range of friends acquired over the years, and still see two JAGS contemporaries - Heather Westrup (née Wells) and Patricia Basson (née O'Connor).

### Fay Hankins (née Bryant) 1951

Fay had a career as a Textile Designer and she is now retired.

### M. June Gerrish (née Warburton) 1952

For many years I was a Humanities Instructor at Moraine Valley College located in a suburb of Chicago. I taught courses in Western Civilisation, Music Appreciation and Piano. Now I am semi-retired, still teaching one course each term. I enjoy continuing to work with the young people who come from many backgrounds which makes teaching especially interesting.

Recently I toured India, a country I had long wished to visit. It was fascinating to experience such a different culture. We spent time visiting some village school children, some farmers and their families and also some middle class families in Dehli. Our tour included viewing the exquisite Taj Mahal, the Hindu Ceremonies at Varanasi at the Ganges River and then paying our respects at Gandhi's Memorial. The contrast was stark between the magnificent hotels we stayed in and the terrible conditions in which India's many poor people have to live. On returning to the US, I have given many talks about this incredible journey.

### Janet Robson (née Cartwright) 1952

Janet worked at H.M. Land Registry until 1961 before moving to work as Draughtswoman with an Architect until 1964. From here she became Assistant to her husband in his consulting engineering business from 1969 - 1986. She was married in 1961 and moved to Gateshead where her husband came from, they have two sons.

Janet at the Alumnae Reunion Lunch with photos of some of her embroidery



### Patricia Calder (née Springbett) 1957

Patricia became a student teacher for a year at Dulwich College Prep School after leaving JAGS and then went on to join the Bank of England in September 1958 where she stayed until July 1968. She was married to Desmond in October 1968 and they had three daughters, however, the middle one was still born. They now have 3 delightful grandchildren. One of her daughters is a maths teacher for 11-18 year olds and the other is a stay at home mother.

### Gillian Evans 1957

I still teach English in companies in Paris for a language school. I take part in drama groups in French and English and would like to teach English through drama. I take singing lessons and want to learn to dance the tango while I'm still quite nimble on my feet. I intend to come back to England in the next 5 years.

### Patricia O'Hanlon Smith 1957

I went to Exeter University to study French and German and then to the vaunted Mrs Hoster's Secretarial School. My first job in London was with a German guy trying to get in on the Channel Tunnel activity with his

huge drilling machines. I then fell into a job in Basle with J.R. Geigy, Pharma Division, as P.A. to the doctor overseeing the clinical trials in England, Canada and the USA. I came to Canada hoping for employment with Expo 67 in Montreal but this didn't happen so I was involved in various administration and translation activities there instead. I also went motor racing in my MGB, then Formula Ford and Formula Atlantic. I joined the Federal civil service on Prince Edward Island. Trudeau had moved the Veterans' Affairs Department there as part of his government decentralisation. Apparently they had been looking for someone bilingual for a while as no one from Ottawa wanted to go to the boonies; that's rather like trying to persuade London staff to move to Scotland with nothing to sweeten the pot (Fed Gov rate fixed across the country). Prince Edward Island itself had not yet produced qualified candidates and I thought it looked interesting. I decided the idea of a pension was not to be sneezed at as I had been self-employed for some time which paid for my car racing which, in turn had left the coffers somewhat worse for wear. So I spent 2-3 years diligently researching and redacting real estate documents in French and English, with a view to preparing the Deeds transferring to Veterans the property on which they had received Federal settlement loans on their return to Canada.

As an experienced civil servant I was able to win a competition for a post in Ottawa and the next thing I knew I was a Real Property Policy Officer, then a couple of other things until I became Registrar of The Civil Aviation Tribunal.

Sailing was my next activity in Ottawa and 1998 saw me and Alan, my then-partner, jointly purchase a 35' ocean sail boat. The first year we decided to get to know the boat so travelled South from Annapolis down the East coast as far as the Carolinas, and North again to Annapolis. Then we set out across the Atlantic, with stops in Bermuda and the Azores. From here, Alan returned to Ottawa

while I found a couple of youngsters to sail with me to Madeira. This was an adventurous leg, when we hit a major storm sailing south through the islands and finished up sailing the way they did before we had electronic gizmos, using only a paper chart and the ship's compass.

We then headed to the Canary Islands where I spent a couple of years in various ports of call. At some point I sailed off alone, intending to reach the Caribbean and back to Canada. However, I finished by landing the boat on some rocks in Mindelo, Cape Verde Islands. The southern currents down the west coast of this part of the world are so strong that nothing tries to head north. Repairs were carried out in Las Palmas and I hired a crew to head to England with me. I must have picked up a flu bug and got quite sick, so they dropped me off in Madeira and I flew to England. The boat and crew arrived, I then put the boat up for sale and spent some time there before returning to Ottawa.

In 2009 I decided to crew on other people's boats (OP's) and volunteered with the "able-sail" program at the local sailing club. This was an amazing experience. There are special two-seater boats where the companion sits behind the able-sailor. The boats are equipped with dual controls and the companion does as much as is necessary to help the sailor in practice and racing. Altogether, great fun and so rewarding. In the Fall of 2009 I co-drove an overloaded pick-up as we towed two tiny single-seater yachts to Florida for US Nationals and World Regattas for able and disabled sailors. It will be official for the London 2012 Paralympics. From Ottawa we took 5 boats and 4 support crew with 5 able-sailors. Participating in these regattas was fantastic.

**Marilyn Perry (née Wright) 1957**

After 13 ½ years as a clergy widow I got married again on 23 April 2011 to a friend of 49 years who is also widowed and this time a Bishop! We bring together 9 married children, 7 of whom were at school together, and 25 grandchildren!

**Sheila Saunders (née Johnson) 1957**

My husband and I recently celebrated our Golden Wedding Anniversary with our three sons and their families at 'The Compleat Angler' in



Sheila (left), Mary (centre),  
Chris (right)

Marlow where we spent the first night of our honeymoon. The following day we were joined by more family members and also my bridesmaid Mary Bowen (née Mason), who was in the same year as me at school, and her husband Chris. We have met up several times over the years and always stayed in touch with one another.

**Marilyn Whiting (née Jones) 1958**

Marilyn is now retired, she was sorry not to be able to come to the Alumnae Reunion Lunch in May but she was in Beijing for the whole month visiting her daughter who lives there.

**1960s****Judith Lenz (née Flower) 1960**

I did a City & Guilds pattern cutting and designing course and then went on to become a couture dressmaker, specialising in wedding and evening dresses. I was married when only 19 years old, was divorced at 34 and remarried at 38. I have a son aged 49 and two daughters aged 48 and 46. I also have 5 grandchildren, from 20 down to 13 years old.

**Barbara Southcott (née McFarlane) 1960**

Working hard to counteract retirement, I have acquired more land for tree planting and (hopefully) a wild flower meadow. The letter carving and bas relief work gathers pace - I can cut out a letter in less than an hour and a half now. Dorset continues to enchant, visitors welcome!

**1970s****Charlotte Barney (née Raeburn) 1971**

I am currently Development Director at Wimbledon High School after having a career in the city, NHS and voluntary sector. I am divorced (amicably) with a daughter, Katharine, who is 18 and about to leave St Paul's Girls' School. If she gets her A Level grades she will go to Bristol University to read French and Russian in October.

**Hilary Gaster (née Cottle) 1971**

Hilary is a guide at Dulwich Picture Gallery and she also works at The Courtauld Gallery both in the Gift Shop and as a tour guide. One of her daughters is teaching at Whitgift

School in Croydon, and the younger is at Edinburgh University studying Divinity.

### Sharon Harris (née Littlestone) 1971

I worked for a number of years in West End property companies in the commercial sector and then went on to do an interior design qualification before working at Dragons in Walton Street. After that I had a complete change to what I love doing, and have been doing for the last 18 years, teaching Year 6, both boys and girls classes, in a fantastic primary school in NW London. I have been married for 36 years (can't believe how time goes!!) to Martin, a GP in Temple Fortune, NW11. I have two children, Dov and Suzanna, both of whom are married and we have eight yummy grandchildren, the eldest two of whom are about to go into Year 6 classes but not in my school! I have kept in contact with Debbie Miles (Selvum-Holley) since leaving JAGS, and have heard from her about some of her own contacts. I would love to hear from any of my Class of '71 - and am only sorry that I couldn't come to the Alumnae Reunion Lunch on the 14th May to see everyone face-to-face.

### Sally Rhodes (née Burden) 1972

I have been the registered Manager of a residential Care Home for clients suffering from Dementia for the last 8 years. I also have my own training company which delivers care specific training. In my spare time I assess NVQ/QCF qualifications. My eldest daughter Amanda and

her husband Kiren have just had their second child Joshua, a brother for Chloe. My youngest, Laura and her husband are expecting their first child in June. They have both made me wait a long time to be a granny and I have told them my grandchildren



Chloe & Josh

are like the good old number '3' bus. You wait ages and then 3 come along together! My parents remain in good health and are still enjoying their very active retirement. Dad is 93 now but still does The Times crossword in 15 minutes every morning. I am very lucky



that all my family live within about 15 miles of each other in glorious Devon. I am also in contact with Cathy Ives (Page) from the year above me, who lives in the same town as me.

### Clare Day (née Meyrick) 1976

I went to Bristol University to do a B.Sc in Physiology and immediately followed this by a medical degree. I have now been a General Practitioner in the sunny South Hams, South Devon for 23 years! I married a vet from Bristol, Michael Day, in 1986 and we now have four sons aged 2, 19, 17 and 15!

### Clare Andersson (née Murphy) 1978

I qualified as a doctor in 1984 and I am now a partner at a GP surgery in Bristol. I am married to Jonas who is Swedish and we have two sons, Jonas junior (JJ) and Alex. We also have a Labrador called Biggles.

### Isabel Novi 1978

Since I finished university in Sheffield in 1982 I have lived in Madrid, Spain where I have worked as an English Language teacher to adults in different language schools such as Linguarama and International House. I wish to work from home and in my area in the future. I met my husband, Vicente, 30 years ago. He is an aeronautical engineer and has been working in the Wind Energy Sector for the last 7 years. We have three daughters called Sara,

Sonia and Ana. Two are at university and the youngest has just finished school.

I wish to “re-cycle” professionally as an English teacher to be able to prepare Spanish speaking students for the Cambridge exams: FCE (First Certificate of English) and/or the Spanish school Bachillerato 7°/2° exams which are the equivalent of the ‘A’ Level in the English system. I would also like to help mature students with general conversation classes in their free time.

### **Sandra Clement (née Clark) 1979**

I live in Beckenham and have been married for 25 years now to Miles Clement (ex Dulwich College). I’m still in touch with and see quite a few people from JAGS, including, from my year, Jackie Crouch, who now lives in Marbella; Julie Mayers (now Alejo), who works in Monaco and lives there in the week and in France (Peille) at the weekends - thank goodness for Skype! - and also Helen Macdonald (now Williams).

I have a new project, Birds with Bottle, which is a chatty, weekly wine recommendation programme that’s designed to inject some fun into helping people choose what to drink. I am one of the ‘Birds’, the other is master of wine Mel Jones. We publicise ourselves as both being wine writers, foodies and very talkative women who like to have a laugh, particularly if we’ve got a glass in our hands! I came to wine via journalism only in the past decade and took a Diploma in it through the WSET (Wine and Spirit Education Trust).

our youngest at boarding school) David and I have acquired a very friendly, very enthusiastic, flat coat retriever this year and are rediscovering the beauty of the Kent countryside.

### **Julia Record 1984**

I was appointed Global Director of Communications for Dorchester Collection in July 2010. Their hotels include The Dorchester in London, two new hotels in the UK, as well as hotels in Paris, Milan, New York and California. I have lived in Hong Kong and the US where I worked for Kerzner International/One & Only resorts in Florida until I returned to London in 2008.

### **Julia Peduzzi (née Starr) 1986**

Julia recently qualified as an English Language teacher and is working part-time at Bromley College. She has a daughter, Emma, aged 12 who is now in Year 7 at JAGS. Her son James is now 10 and is at prep school in Beckenham with various other offspring of old JAGS girls! She is still happily married to Marco.

### **Vicky Whitehorn (née Edwards) 1986**

From 1986 until 2000 I worked at various Investment Banks in the City and then from 2002 to date I have been the Director of a holiday company and a property management company in the French Alps. Between 2000 and 2002 I had 2 girls now aged 8 and 11. I got married in 2001 and moved permanently to France in 2002.

## **1980s**

### **Sarah Young (née Gbedemah) 1980**

Despite the Government’s efforts to derail the NHS with yet more reforms, I am happily “keeping calm and carrying on” in General Practice, in Bromley. With the “children” around less and less (two at university and

### **Michelle Cheetham (née Symes) 1987**

Currently, I am Lead Clinician for Emergency Medicine at a district general hospital in West London; however we hope to relocate to Hertfordshire over the summer when I will take up a new post locally. The children are now five, six and eight years old and although

they are less physically demanding (I get a good night's sleep!) they are demanding in other ways! Ross continues to work as a Consultant Surgeon and we're all very excited about quitting London for the country life!

### Helen Lamb 1989

I've now been working in market research and marketing for some 15 years, including a stretch at Sainsbury's as the Brand Manager for Taste the Difference and a project with Jamie Oliver. I'm now back working at Ipsos MORI in market research. Juggling small children and a part time job is an on-going challenge! I'm in close contact with a good number of fellow 'G's from Class of '89 including Karine, Sanshia, Sarah Kerr, Sarah A, Denise and Andrea, as well as some of the 'A's - Melanie, Katy, Jo Cox and Emma Beushaw. There is also a growing community of us (and Dulwich boys) on Facebook so if you're not on Facebook, I'd urge you to, if only to get invites to our get-togethers in The Dog which have been fantastic. Top marks to Katy Rimer for organising these.

## 1990s

### Helen Eger 1991

Helen is Senior Graphic Designer for Exhibition and Museum design. She has two sons and lives in Brixton with her partner, Ed Carpenter, a furniture designer.

### Harriet Kopinska (née Marshall) 1991

I live in Oxfordshire with my husband and two young children. I work as a tutor in environmental sciences for the Open University, and as a composting expert for an organic gardening charity.

### Suzy Masson (née Haywood) 1991

I work for IBM (previously PWC) as a Management Consulting specialist in the Public Sector. Before starting work I read Biological Sciences at University of Edinburgh and went on to complete a PhD at the University of Cambridge. I met and married (in 2001) my Belgian husband (Philippe) whilst at Cambridge and we have settled in South East London. We have two girls, Sophie aged 5 and Chloe aged 3.

### Charlotte Smith 1992

Charlotte Smith (Year of 1992) showed zero sporting ability at school, so was surprised to get round Rotterdam marathon in 3h 45mins. Otherwise, she lives in London, is single and desperate but not always serious. Her sister Rachel (Year of 1993) has a two-year-old, Hazel, and is expecting another.

### Priya Chandra-Rogers (née Chandra) 1994

Priya works for HSBC in London and was married at Dulwich College in the summer of 2010.



### Poppy Freakley (née Ionides) 1994

Bonnie Alice Freakley, a sister for Tilly, born 15 April 2011.

### Melissa Halford (née Larkman) 1994

My son, Felix Christian, was born in March 2011. A little brother for Lucas who will be 4 in July.

**Zee (Sharon) Gaines** 1995

I was in one of two teams of Westminster students to take part in the regional finals of the National Negotiating Competition in Birmingham in February. My team mate and I beat 14 other teams to win the event and we went on to compete in the final in London in April. I am currently studying for my GDL and aiming to work in Entertainment and Media Law and ADR which this negotiation experience has helped with (subject to securing that elusive pupillage of course!).

**Sarah Alderson (née Arnold)** 1996

I signed a three book deal with Simon & Schuster last year and have two young adult series coming out in the UK and worldwide. Think Twilight crossed with X-men. I live in Bali now with my husband and four year old daughter where I write every day at my desk overlooking the rice paddies. It's a great life. My first book, Hunting Lila, actually starts in South London though it's set mainly in California. I based the school Lila goes to at the start on JAGS!

**Tara Firebrace** 1999

I am teaching English as a foreign language and have been living in Rome with my Italian boyfriend, Marco, for the last six years. I am training to be a spiritual healer with the NFSH Healing Trust.

Barnett. I married Paul Fryer in August 2008 and we have a daughter Matilda, born in 2009. Baby number two is due at the end of July and we are enjoying village life in Hertfordshire.

**Sarah Hacking-Brian** 2004

Having left working for a theatre production company in the summer of 2010, where Sarah was involved in the producing and accounts side of almost 20 West End productions and UK toured shows, she now works as a freelance events co-ordinator, theatre producer and music manager. In the last 11 months just a few of her projects have included being head co-ordinator for the Official Wikipedia Fundraiser which saw Wikipedia Founder Jimmy Wales and almost 500 others in attendance at Shunt in London Bridge, one of five co-ordinators for the celebrity/VIP Wikipedia Fundraiser at the Louise Blouin Institute and an assistant



VIP Wikipedia Fundraiser where VIPs included Cherie Blair, Richard Dawkins and Elle Macpherson.

for United Nation's Blue Heart Campaign launch event for Victims of Human Trafficking. She has also been working with Original Content London as a co-ordinator on a multimedia

project that spans the realm of live events, film, comic strip and music. For the film side she even sourced the Hogwart's Express (as seen in the Harry Potter movies) for use in one of the shoots. She is soon to be head of the Theatre side of a £400,000 interactive theatre come nightclub event which will transform the Old Vic Tunnels for a six week

**2000s**

**Anne Fryer (née Brunker)** 2000

I am now a full time mum but doing tutoring and exam marking on the side. I enjoyed being Head of History and Politics at Harris Academy Crystal Palace from 2007-2008 and then I went part time for a year at Henrietta

run later in 2011. She has also recently taken 3 bands on a UK tour alongside Basick Records, Realising Records and Demise Management with a possibility of a full European tour commencing at a later date. In the meantime, Sarah can be seen all over London tube stations and buses as the girl in the poster for the second run of "The Railway Children - Live at Waterloo".

**Vanessa Salamony** 2004

Vanessa gained a Masters in Law and is now a Solicitor.

**Amy Browne** 2005

I have been an Investment Manager at Sarasin & Partners LLP since March 2010, my modelling career (of 8 years) has finally taken a back seat! In September 2009 I got engaged to Alex Richards who I went to university with in York. The marriage will be in August 2011 in Kent.

**Simona Heinonen** 2006

I graduated from Cambridge University with a 2.1 degree in Law in July 2010. I spent my academic year 2008-2009 in Utrecht University in the Netherlands studying Law on the Erasmus scheme. Currently I am on the Legal Practice Course at the College of Law (Moorgate) and will start my training contract at Ashurst LLP in March 2012.

**Abigail Mountain** 2008

Abigail has been awarded funding for a research project this summer at UCL in Engineering and Physical Science.

**Poppy Rump** 2008

Poppy has been awarded 1st Class Honours in History and International Relations at Exeter and is going to take an MPhil in Modern South Asian Studies at Girton College, Cambridge.

**Angharad Kolator Baldwin** 2010

Following on from page 21 of *To Read & So...* Angharad Kolator Baldwin writes:

I thought you'd be interested to know how I am getting on in Kenya, as so much of what I've learnt at JAGS and especially from the art department has come in handy.

I took an art class for just over an hour and had 13 students in the lesson. I sort of borrowed a lesson from Mr Carter that I remember having in Year 8! I arranged a heap of chairs in the centre of the table then got them to do a 5 minute quick sketch, a 10 minute left handed sketch, (out of 160 pupils I only know of one left hander!) a 10 minute sketch standing on one leg, (there were a few giggles at this one) and a 10 minute single line drawing. I then got them to do a 30 minute careful study. I'm not sure what the students thought as they rarely speak. Lessons here are so quiet and pupils only speak when asked a direct question. Even if you ask the whole class or ask for a show of hands you don't get a reply.



I've also taken a few knitting classes. 22 people signed up and I only had 11 needles so I'm planning on two groups. The first have already mastered knitting and purling and are making squares to sew into a blanket. Apparently on a Saturday night when the

students have entertainment most of the girls brought out their knitting! One of the students has asked me to teach him to dance.



This week I taught them quilting, giving them each four small squares, a piece of wadding and a piece of backing fabric. We had



an hour class on Monday where they sewed the small squares together. We had another hour on Wednesday where they started to embellish the piece with embroidery thread and buttons, using stitches like chain stitch and running stitch but in a pattern of some sort. Then on Friday we will finish the piece off by sewing in the edges. They all took to it very quickly and enjoyed the creative aspect of it as they could pick their own colour, threads, fabrics and buttons. However, one girl asked how I had time to do craft in England as there aren't enough hours in a day here. So I told her about washing machines, dishwashers and vacuum cleaners that make our lives so much easier and allow more time for hobbies. Then she said, "And I suppose there is a machine for sewing as well." I told her there was, in fact, to the great amusement of the rest of the class!

The school is called Kisima and is a mixed boarding secondary school of 160 pupils. There are four year groups from 14-18 and 40 students in each class. They get up at 5am for lessons starting at 8am! Luckily I don't start work this early. Whilst here I've mainly been doing admin work filing etc but when we have power I've been updating the school website. [www.kisima.org](http://www.kisima.org). I've added two recent newsletters and co-authored the staff, Kisima graduates and academic achievement pages. I've also helped out with physics and organic chemistry homework!

It's quite different here to home but I've really enjoyed the experience so far.

## Bee Happy... Beekeeping is back!

Having been a staple part of life at JAGS throughout the war years Beekeeping is finally making a comeback!

Ann Eatwell arrived with her hives in April this year after winning a competition sponsored by the Co-Operative, who recognised that bees are now doing better in urban areas than in the countryside. Ann, who is also a local resident, supports the bees and nurtures their health, especially during the winter when she cossets them with a sugar solution. She has two hives at JAGS and despite being outnumbered 60,000 to 1, she works with the bees, so neither she nor they feel threatened.



If all goes according to plan, this summer we could be sampling our first pots of JAGS honey since the war years!



Find us on  
**Facebook**

JAGS now has its own alumnae Facebook Fanpage where you can post comments and share your news with other alumnae as well as seeing event details and photos.

To become a Fan of JAGS you will need to be a member of Facebook, but it is free and very easy to join. Just go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and follow the steps on screen. Once you are a member and logged in you can find us by searching for James Allen's Girls' School.

# Obituaries

We learnt with great regret of the deaths of the following members of the JAGS community and offer our sympathies to their families and friends.

## 1930s

**Marjorie McKie (née Peters) 1935**

We have been informed that Marjorie has sadly died.

**Marjorie (Peggy) Judge 1938**  
(née Reed)

Fiona Treddinick told us of Marjorie's death in April of this year. She wrote, "Peggy lived in Dulwich and like many girls in the area, attended James Allen's School for Girls. She had two brothers, and a sister Kathleen who also attended JAGS. Her cousins were the four Daniels girls who all went to JAGS: Eileen, Betty, Marion and Pauline.



Peggy loved school and always recounted stories of Sport, Music and looking after the Order beds (Scrophulariaceae to be precise) in Botany. Her sport during Games lessons was two-fold as she was keen on the exercise and competition but had also got to know Bill (then Percy) Judge who, as a pupil at St Olave's School for Boys, came for games lessons to his school playing fields on the other side of Greendale. Almost as soon as Peggy left school, the Second World War broke out. Peggy described her father asking her what she would do if the air-raid siren sounded while she was visiting a friend locally. She told him she would run home straight away. He explained that she may be at risk from the bomb or flying debris but she cheerfully assured him that she would be

fine as she would put on her scarf to protect herself. Throughout the War she worked for the Central Midwives Board and later for George and Becker the scientific instrument makers and suppliers. She stayed in the family home in Friern Road, Dulwich, often having to go down into the cellar or the Anderson shelter in the garden during air raids.

In 1945 one week after VE Day, Peggy married Bill and her cousin, Betty (Daniels) married Bill's brother, Rupert. Their new sister in law was Beatrice Judge - also a JAGS girl. With links through both sides of the marriage, the family remained close and enjoyed many celebrations together throughout Peggy's long life. After their marriage, Peggy and Bill bought a piece of land and had a house built in New Beckenham next to a church. As was the custom for most women of her generation who married, Peggy worked hard supporting her husband and caring for her young family. At that time shopping involved standing in a queue for each food shop where the family's various coupons were registered, hoping that supplies did not run out before you reached the counter.

Peggy was always busy serving her local community. The church next door became a large part of Peggy's life where she organised so many activities for the benefit of others. These ranged from being the Guide Captain and setting up the Brownie Pack, delicious teas, Town's Women's Guild meetings (of which she became Chairman) flower arranging, running a Musical appreciation society for over 20 years led by her brother the musician and composer William Reed... as well as many other official Church events. She was very well known in Beckenham where she and Bill had worked tirelessly for the Abbeyfield Society for over 30 years. Peggy's love and consideration for others was with her until her death. In her last few days she was cared for in St Christopher's Hospice where she made sure to thank the staff for all they did. A conversation about JAGS would always bring a sparkle to Peggy's eyes and she

continued to be interested in more recent developments as well as reliving her own happy school days. She attended alumnae events and kept the accompanying picture of herself as a JAGS girl on her mantelpiece all her life."

**Audrey Belsham** 1939

We were recently informed that Audrey has passed away.

**Dorothy Ward (née Thompson)** 1939

John Ward, son of Dorothy, informed us that she had died and wrote, "Our mother always spoke very highly of her school days at JAGS, and forged many life time friendships. It was only in recent years that she stopped attending the annual dinner reunions



because of ill health. Despite this she always looked forward to receiving her newsletters *To Read & So...* and the School Magazine and would often comment on the many changes and delight at all the hard work of the pupils and the many interesting activities they were involved in.

Our mother was diagnosed with vascular dementia about ten years ago, and through that time I nursed her myself, rather than her going into care, and indeed full time in the last two years taking a career break from my job in the Civil Service to ensure she received the best personal care possible.

Sadly, our mother passed away, peacefully, on the 22nd March 2011 in Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup from "end stage dementia". The funeral was on 20th April at St Peter's Church, Bexleyheath and was followed by Burial into the family grave at West Norwood Cemetery."

## 1940s

**Mary North** 1946

We were recently informed that alumna and former governor of JAGS, Mary North, has sadly died.

**Mary Cunningham (née Spinner)** 1947

Mary's daughter Helen notified us that she had unfortunately passed away on 20th February 2010.

**Mary Arnold (née Wetton)** 1948

Claudine Tyson also Year of '48 and a friend of Mary's since Primary School, advised us that she had died.

## 1950s

**Susan Quinton (née Collingridge)** 1956

Frances Eggo (née May) Year of '56 told us that Susan had died suddenly on 11th January 2011. Angela Angel (née Winter) also Year of '56 wrote,

"It was such a shock to hear about Susan Quinton's death as she was at our reunion in Frant last October. She had had a full life with her husband and children and was also a Magistrate and Guide Commissioner. We were all very sad to know of her death."

## 1960s

**Valerie Simpson** 1960

Valerie's brother John Simpson wrote to inform us of the sad death of his sister on 15th December 2010 at The Cromwell Hospital. He wrote,

"Valerie was 68 years old, she initially developed her career in advertising and then retrained as a teacher of primary children.

Until she retired she taught at The Fox School in Kensington and lived in Barons Court in London."

## 1970s

**Nicola Carter** 1971

Caroline Griffiths, Year of '71 told us that Nicola died suddenly at the end of November 2010.

**Wendy Gregory (née Fulton)** 1971

Caroline Griffiths also informed us that Wendy had died earlier on this year.

**Susan Maidment** 1971

Susan Maidment also very sadly died in 2009, we have been told by Caroline Griffiths.

**Vivien Piercy** 1971

We have been advised recently by Barbara Lewis (née Meredith) Year of '71 that Vivien died some years ago.

## 1980s

**Mandy Dowds (née Taylor)** 1981

Jane Ross-MacDonald (née Graham-Maw) Year of '81 told us that Mandy had died some years ago.

**Sarah Garrett-Anderson** 1981

Jane Ross-MacDonald also recently informed us of Sarah's death some years ago.

**Alison Stephens** 1988

With profound sorrow we report that Alison Stephens (class of 88), a formidably accomplished musician, teacher and composer, lost her battle with cancer in October last year. She was born on March 1 1970 at Bickley, Kent, educated at JAGS and Haileybury, where she went on to a music

scholarship for her sixth form studies. Ali began playing the mandolin at the age of eleven, inspired by her father, who had played the instrument during the Second World War.

Ali was undoubtedly the leading exponent of the classical mandolin in the UK; she was respected

and admired for her musical abilities internationally. At the tender age of 17, she made her debut playing a Vivaldi concerto at the Barbican Concert Hall, and thereafter, her prodigious solo career took her around the world, from the Sydney Opera House to Saudi Arabia, and numerous venues across the UK. She was the first graduate of the mandolin from Trinity College of Music, London, where she was appointed as a professor immediately upon graduation in 1992. She went on to play with leading orchestras and ensembles, opera and ballet companies including the Orchestras of the Royal Opera House, Opera North and Welsh National Opera, the BBC Orchestras and the LSO. Her film credits included *The Queen*, *Captain Corelli's Mandolin* and *The Fantastic Mr Fox*; indeed her mandolin playing can also be heard on an advert for a certain brand of pasta sauce!

She worked regularly and recorded with three established duos; most notably guitarist Craig Ogden with whom she recorded *Music from the Novels of Louis de Bernières*, as well as with the harpist Lauren Scott (their CD *Tapestry*, was nominated for Editor's Choice by Gramophone magazine), and the fortepianist Stephen Devine.

Sadly in 2008, she was diagnosed with cervical cancer and determinedly raised over £25,000 for cancer charities while undergoing treatment for the disease, even running a 10k fun-run in May last year. She overcame the cancer twice, battling heroically and positively, but unfortunately it beat her the



third time. Ali was an inspirational person and touched everyone she met with both her generosity of spirit and her positivity. To that end, she didn't want her funeral to be a gloomy event and asked attendees to wear something orange rather than the traditional black, but banned pink!; orange was in full effect from flowers, shirts, ties, socks and shoes in Cambridge on that day. Earlier this year a memorial concert was held at the Old Royal Naval College Chapel in Greenwich where Ali was posthumously awarded the Trinity Laban Honorary Fellowship. A memorial fund has been set up to create a prize in Ali's name at Trinity College of Music, if you would like to donate to this, please visit her website, <http://www.alisonstephens.com/>

She was a dedicated teacher as well as a talented and passionate performer. She worked tirelessly to elevate the mandolin, to new levels and brought it to the attention of many people. When she first embarked upon her career, many thought her desire to be a professional mandolinist was impossible. With dogged determination and ultimately an over-riding passion for the mandolin, she carved out an extraordinary career that many a musician, on any instrument, would have been proud of. She was a life-enhancing personality and both Ali and her music-making will be sorely missed.

Daisy Narula (Year of '88)

## Former Staff

**Pamela Larkin**

"It is with great sadness that we heard of Pamela Larkin's sudden death on 29th October 2010.

Pam (as we knew her later) was Head of Music at JAGS from 1948 - 1957.



**Former Staff**

With early outstanding music ability she started as a Junior Exhibitioner at the Royal College of Music proceeding to the graduate course studying piano and singing. She gained the A.R.C.M and the Herbert Sharpe Piano Prize in 1942 and two further prestigious piano awards - the Leonard Borwick Prize and the Hopkinson Gold Medal in 1943. A contemporary Junior Exhibitioner was Joyce Townsend, later also on JAGS music staff, and as juniors they made musical broadcasts on Children's Hour!

Pam contributed greatly to JAGS music. As pupils we looked forward to our class with her expert guidance in singing and musical appreciation, and enjoyed opportunities in the excellent school choirs she directed. Her inspirational teaching and unlimited enthusiasm encouraged all our musical interests. The department flourished and horizons broadened, including those of the staff I am told, as Hazel Skinner (née Heathcote) remembers when she also started in the JAGS music department in 1948 the staff room was frequently cheered by Pam's wonderful song bursts of operatic arias! Pam loved travel and a teaching post in Singapore followed her time at JAGS. She then returned to a lectureship in Music at Brunel University (formerly Borough Road Training College) passing on her teaching skills. On retirement she gave classes in musical appreciation at the University of the Third Age for over 20 years, her students gratitude being reflected by the many present at her funeral service.

Pam always held JAGS in particular affection. Attending her last reunion in 2010 she was delighted to know of the JAGS Community Music Centre plans. So many of us owe to her a lifelong love of music. She will be greatly missed."

Patricia Walton (Year of '62)

## Year Group C

Year of '50	Sylvia Prichard (Hampton)	E: seagrass@hotmail.co.uk
Year of '51	Daphne Clayton (Butler)	E: dclayton@dclayton.demon.co.uk
Year of '54	Marie Nicholson (Tunnickliff)	E: marienicholson@yahoo.co.uk
Year of '58	Hilary Devonshire & Susan Smith (Reynolds)	E: susan.msmith@btopenworld.com
Year of '59	Kathy Audibert (Gowing)	E: dominic@audibert.freeseerve.co.uk
Year of '60	Ruth Cousins (Vigurs)	E: randr.cousins@btclick.com
Year of '64	Ann Edmunds	E: ann.edmunds@virgin.net
Year of '67	Diana Hart (Spiller)	E: true.spirit@me.com
Year of '69	Lindsay Richardson	E: lindsayella@primusonline.com.au
Year of '78	Alison Miles (Bremner)	E: alison.miles@btconnect.com
Year of '80	Ruth Burtonshaw (Gibberd) & Sarah Young (Gbedemah)	E: ruthburtonshaw@hotmail.com E: sarah.lyoung@btopenworld.com
Year of '81	Jane Ross-MacDonald (Graham-Maw) & Sara Holmes (Skinner)	E: rossmac@ntlworld.com E: sarascello@yahoo.co.uk
Year of '84	Sara Luder & Dee Charnley (Kennedy)	E: sara.luder@talk21.com E: deecharnley@hotmail.com
Year of '85	Judy Ratzin	E: jratzin@uk.ey.com
Year of '86	Diana Havenhand	E: diana_havenhand@hotmail.com
Year of '87	Joanna Steele & Claire Morgan (Thompson)	E: joannasteele@msn.com E: djmorgan.family@btinternet.com

If your year is not represented  
would you like to be the Year Group  
Co-ordinator?

(There are only two years from the  
80's not represented and one from  
the 00's!)

Get in touch with Cindy Rutherford!

T: 020 8299 8405

E: cindy.rutherford@jags.org.uk

# Co-ordinators

Year of '88	Daisy Narula	E: daisy_narula@gb.smbcgroup.com
Year of '89	Karen Gilbert (Elias)	E: karen@akgilbert.co.uk
Year of '91	Suzy Masson (Haywood)	E: suzy.masson@yahoo.co.uk
Year of '94	Natasha Ashdown (Nicholson)	E: natasha.ashdown@blueyonder.co.uk
Year of '95	Bryony Bery	E: bryony@branderbery.co.uk
Year of '99	Yvadney Davis (Thompson)	E: misspetaluma@hotmail.co.uk
Year of '00	Salima Hyde (Virji)	E: salimavirji@yahoo.co.uk
Year of '01	Georgina Warren & Nimmi Elliott (de Mendonca)	E: georgina.warren@hotmail.com E: nimdem@hotmail.com
Year of '02	Laura Hooper	E: lkahooper@hotmail.com
Year of '03	Alison Crittenden	E: alison_critt@hotmail.com
Year of '04	Chloe Hayward	E: chloehayward@live.com
Year of '05	Tani Burns	E: tani.burns@hotmail.com
Year of '06	Tope Ayeni	E: hy7ta@hyms.ac.uk
Year of '07	Elizabeth Tubby	E: etubby89@googlemail.com
Year of '08	Charlotte Winter	E: charlotte_winter@msn.com
Year of '10	Bea Graham	E: beagraham@hotmail.co.uk
Year of '11	Elizabeth Diamond Nikki Ocansey Nat Power Syd Wilson	E: ediamond@fastmail.fm E: nikki_ocansey@hotmail.com E: nats.power@fsmail.net E: sidoniewilson@hotmail.co.uk

Do keep in touch with your Year Group Co-ordinator & make up a group to come to any of the events listed on the Alumnae dates for your diary on the back of

*To Read & So...*

The Arnold sisters are profiled in this issue of *To Read & So...*

Catch up with their news on pages 7-13. To tempt you, here's their wish list:

**Katharine Arnold - Aerialist**

"If I really had free rein, and I could do anything I wanted, I think what I'd actually love to do is a play, where I just got to do some straight acting again without climbing anything!"

**Phoebe - Fashion Editor and Stylist**

"I'd love to work with Steven Klein, Steven Meisel and David Sims. And we'll pursue Dolly Parton forever for an interview!"

**Lily - Theatre Designer**

"The theatre space itself interests me; out of the large scale theatres we have in London I would love to design for the Donmar Warehouse and Cottesloe Theatre. For me, the inspiration and fulfilment comes from the people I am collaborating with and our combined ambition. I suppose I'm not particularly interested in recreating real life on the stage, but rather in trying to present a version of it that enables an audience to question its very reality. I am excited by theatre which balances the senses so that one is not disturbed by the other."



## CALLING ALL JAGS ALUMNAE!

We need your help to create a musical buzz around the major campaign that we are working on to raise funds to build a State of the Art Community Music Centre to be used by pupils and the wider community.

We are asking you to send us a video clip to [georgie.brown@jags.org.uk](mailto:georgie.brown@jags.org.uk) of you performing your favourite piece of music, solo or with your friends/band/group/orchestra. You can say how much you love music or simply send us your best wishes for the campaign. The competition was launched as part of the JAGS Music Festival on Saturday 2 July and a compilation of entries we had received so far was screened on Founder's Day.

Your video clips will feature on the JAGS JACMC Campaign website, You Tube and Facebook and as an added incentive, the clip that gets the most 'likes' will be awarded e-music vouchers to the value of £40.

The competition closes on Thursday 1 September 2011 however it doesn't stop there, we always want to hear from you about your musical achievements and activities. So let's continue to create a buzz for the JACMC and get your cameras rolling!