

Those who have attended the Foundation Commemoration Service or the Remembrance Day Service in the Foundation Chapel may recall that Allyn's and Dulwich College have historic staves carried by the School Captains in front of the Heads. A modern "wand" was given to JAGS some years ago, but Olivia Horsfall-Turner, Head Girl 97-8, suggested a proper stave be made and organised a collection from her leaving year to start a fund. The school asked Sir Colin Cole, a descendant of James Allen, for help in his capacity as a member of the College of Arms. He researched James Allen's original coat of arms which proved markedly different from the crest JAGS has used for many years as the original coat of arms bore griffins rather than cinquefoils. The new stave, made by goldsmith Harvey Sillis, features a silver griffin's head. The splendid new stave was blessed at the Commemoration Service at the end of June and carried in procession by Pia Furtado, Head Girl 1999-2000.



Sunday 17 September
Foundation Concert in the Great Hall, Dulwich College 7.30pm

Saturday 23 September
Concert by James Allen's Sinfonia at St Barnabas, 7.30pm

Tuesday 12 December
Christmas Concert at St Barnabas, 7.30pm. Full details & tickets from the Music School on 020 7924 9578. You can still order our CD, *Music from JAGS*, price £10, from the Music School.

Wednesday 6 December to Saturday 9 December
Senior School Play, *Hard Times*, in the Prissian Theatre at 7.30pm each night. Tickets from the Drama Department.

Congratulations to

Marsha Shandur (95) won the 1999 BBC Radio1 Student Radio Award for best female presenter. She was elected to chair the Student Radio Association in April this year. **Amanda Jones** (95) passed her Bar exams with 'Very Competent' – the highest grade awarded this year.

Hilary Whitman (96) gained a First in Physics from Sidney Sussex, Cambridge.

Bea Filkin (95) gained First Class Honours in Physics and Philosophy at Brasenose, Oxford.

Stephanie Duncan (95) gained a First in History of Art from Newcastle.

Amy Kieran (96) won the Fitz Randolph Scholarship in Biochemistry at St Hilda's, Oxford.

Amy Volans (97) was recently awarded a Nuffield Exhibition in Experimental Psychology at St Hilda's.

James Allen Society Brooch

The James Allen Society is our legacy club through which JAGS can thank benefactors who have made a future gift of a bequest through their Wills. The Society meets formally each year at a lunch or dinner to honour members and admit new ones to the Society's Roll. All who have made the gift of a legacy are sent a silver brooch of the school crest, which is exclusive to the Society.

The Development Office would like to hear from anyone who has made a bequest but who has not returned a pledge form or otherwise informed JAGS, so that their name can be added to the Roll and a brooch sent.

For information on making a gift of a legacy, please contact Alison Graham, Development Director, on 020 8299 8410 or AlisonG@jags.demon.co.uk.

Stop Press
Congratulations to Shani Anderson (93) who has been selected for the British Olympic 4 x 100m Relay Team.

Friends of JAGS

Many parents of girls who have left for university often comment on how they miss the contact they formerly had with JAGS when their daughters were pupils here. Members of staff who have retired or moved to posts in others school equally find they lose touch with colleagues and pupils and would like to keep up to date with what is happening at JAGS today. Former pupils have the Old Girls' Association to keep them in touch with each other and with school, but up to now, there has been no formal or organised means of ensuring that other people have the opportunity to stay involved with a place which has often meant a great deal to them over many years. To fill this gap, the Friends of JAGS has been set up. For a modest annual subscription per household, members will receive the school magazine and the Head's report each autumn, and notification of forthcoming school events with the opportunity to buy tickets for plays and concerts, as well as invitations to other occasions. This is in addition to three issues of "To Read & So..." which everyone receives. Details were sent to all former members of staff in June, and are enclosed to former parents with this newsletter. Naturally, everyone is most welcome to join so call 020 8299 8410 if you want more details.

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From the Headmistress

Another school year has drawn to a close and once again I am astonished as I reflect on how much has been achieved here at JAGS by our pupils, staff and the whole school community. Several major initiatives started this year, not least our Development Programme and its first major fund-raising campaign. We are all eagerly looking forward to seeing the new pool in use next spring and are also very keen to have our new Refectory on the site of the old pool. We are beginning to plan just how this will look so that we can start the conversion next summer. As well as giving JAGS much better dining facilities, we will be able to let members of the local community use the new Refectory as part of our Good Neighbours policy. If you are planning a party or family celebration for 2002, then why not come back to JAGS?

Of course, I hope you will not wait until then to come back. It is one of the great pleasures of a Head to welcome back former pupils of all ages and from many different years, whether at the organised reunions or more informally when people are in the Dulwich area and have just popped in to see us. Do let us know what you are doing these days; we are always interested to learn of your news. We take great pride in your achievements and our current pupils are always interested to hear what their predecessors are doing.



Joanna Dodson QC receiving flowers from the Head Girl

I was delighted that Joanna Dodson QC, one of our Governors, was our guest of honour at the Leavers' Ceremony on Founder's Day. She spoke of her schooldays at JAGS and how she decided on a career at the Bar. The prospect of an entire wardrobe in chic black had proved a great attraction, much to the delight of the audience of sixth formers.

Founder's Day was on a smaller scale this year as the site was restricted by all the building works. Despite this, and a morning downpour, it was a lovely occasion when the whole school community – pupils, staff, parents, old girls and other friends – could all meet and enjoy JAGS en fête. A number of old girls, plus children and husbands, dropped into the rendezvous during the afternoon for a drink and much needed sit down, so do remember there is always a special welcome for former pupils during Founder's Day afternoon and the chance to encounter old and new friends.

So that we can keep in closer contact with all the members of the JAGS' family, we have set up a Friends of JAGS group. This will provide better links with those who are not themselves Old Girls but who have a great affection for the school, often developed over many years' involvement as parents, grand-parents or staff. Details are given in this newsletter, and I look forward to welcoming many of you back to events at school as Friends of JAGS.

Marion Gills

Data Protection

In order to comply with new Data Protection legislation, we need to keep the information we hold on our Roll about you up to date, so please take a few minutes to check the enclosed sheet, making sure it is accurate sign and return it to us. If you would be willing for us to give your name and address to others on the Roll, please let us know. We will not release details without your permission. We share information with the Old Girls' Association so that changes of address are passed between us. We are also trying to find more former pupils or members of staff so if you know anyone who was at JAGS who does not receive "To Read & So...", please give us their details.

Careers' Help

A vital piece of information we need to improve our records is the occupations of former pupils. We would welcome help with our new careers' programme so please indicate if you would like to assist, by speaking to girls here at JAGS, or offering work shadowing or simply being willing to give advice to a sixth former or another old girl wanting to talk about job options.

Currently we need help with broadcasting (especially TV), all aspects of design, the not-for-profit sector, IT and Web site opportunities, marketing, publishing and photography, so please contact us if you could share your knowledge and experience of any of these.

Reunion Round-up

OGA Reunion 13 May 2000

The Old Girls' Association held its Spring reunion and annual general meeting in May, with members present from many generations – over 50 years of leavers were represented from the 1930s to recent years.



Hilary Devonshire organised a class reunion for her year group, the 1958 leavers. 14 of her school-fellows met up again on the day and others who could not get back to Dulwich sent messages and hoped to join them another year. Several OGA members were inspired by the day to start contacting their year groups to all meet again at next year's reunion.



Reunion of Former & Current Staff - June 2000

We want to keep in touch with those who worked at JAGS in the past and so decided to hold a gathering where staff could meet each other again, and have the opportunity to find out what their successors are doing today. It was splendid to see so many former colleagues meeting their present day counterparts at our first Staff Reunion in June. The day was voted a complete success by all who attended. About a hundred former employees - teachers and non-teachers alike - came back to meet their successors and old friends and to see what is happening at JAGS today. One guest even came from France especially for the event and many former staff who were unable to attend sent good wishes for an enjoyable occasion.

The noise of conversation over drinks soon reached a deafening volume as people exchanged news and caught up on many years' events. Mrs Gibbs welcomed everyone back and invited guests to look round the school and see some of the many recent changes and the new works which have just started.

Following one of Mrs Church's excellent lunches, guests were able to enjoy the grounds in the summer sunshine as they visited old haunts and new buildings at JAGS in the company of present staff and old colleagues.

All agreed this was a wonderful occasion which must be repeated, so the Development Office will organise another staff reunion in a few years' time, when we shall have our new Refectory in which to welcome lunch guests, as well as other new facilities to enjoy.

Why not arrange to meet old friends at JAGS again next spring, especially if you have not been back to school for many years? It just is not true that there will not be anyone from your year or that you won't know anyone! Those who braved coming on their own found it was a lovely day, and there were plenty of friends, old and new, to talk to.

Where are they now?

We do not have current addresses for many former pupils. Can anyone help us get back in touch with the following girls from the Class of '90? Names may have changed as well as addresses by now!

Nicola Adlam *left in summer 88*
Nichola Jane Ashby *left in summer 88*
Bryony Banks
Amanda Bishop
Grace Viva Boylan
Suzy Clare Brice
Belinda Anne Bushby
Lisa Penelope Campbell
Elizabeth Diane Cox
Nomazulu Dlamini
Diana Claire Fleming
Jenny Hart
Zoe Tamar Hassid
Anna Katrina Peat
Helen Sarah Perry
Armgard Dorte Rauschnig *left in summer 89*
Tania Sakina Sebastian *left in summer 88*
Kelly Ann Stevens



Autumn Reunion for the Class of 44

Beatrice Baldwin [née Judge] has sent a list of the surnames of her form – Lower IV2 in September 1936:

Bamber, Beevers, Bone, Clark, Cousins, Sox, Dickson, Duke, Eaglen, Emms, Gilman, Goddard, How, Jewel, Judge, Lee, Madison, Marsh, Moulder, Pask, Reed, Ross, Stannard, Tanner, Thomas, Tucker, White, Willis, Worley.

Do you remember each girl in turn had to say her own surname instead of listening for the form-mistress, Miss Clark, calling the register in the normal manner? If your name is listed above, or you were with Beatrice in LowerV2 two years later, would you like to come to a get-together at her home near Horsham in West Sussex in October? Phone Beatrice on 01403 790 291 as soon as possible so she can gauge the interest. The Development Office will gladly forward any enquiries to her.



Old Girls' Reunion May 12, 2001

2001 sees the 90th anniversary of the OGA and the school's 260th, so we want a grand reunion. 800 former pupils came back to JAGS' 250th ten years ago: can we beat that? All non-members of the OGA are being sent an invitation from them to join and come to next year's reunion on Saturday, 12th May. The following are looking for their contemporaries who left the Sixth Form in these years (or after O-levels two years earlier):

Sylvia Prichard	Class of 50
Bridget Vink	Class of 68
Kathy Ives	Class of 71
Catherine Ross	Class of 81

Are there any recent leavers from the 1990s who would like to get their years together and meet in May?

We hope to arrange a Swimming 'Gala' for Old Girls during the morning so that you have the opportunity to try out the new pool which will have just been opened. More details will be in the next issue of "To Read & So..." published in late Autumn.

