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1970 Leavers reunion – Sections 36-38



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Samira Ahmed with Jean Horton, Annette Connell (Mrs Haynes) and Diane Barlow (Mrs Maclean).
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It is an exciting time for Queenswood, with a new principal, Jo Cameron, who joined at the beginning of the academic year, as well as the recently announced plans for a replacement of the Palaestra – the new Queenswood Hall. It is really positive that Queenswood is finally able to realise its ambition to build a modern Sports Hall, fit for Queenswood in the 21st century, albeit more fundraising will of course be required!

Jo has kindly written her first report as Queenswood Principal and I hope you will enjoy reading her reflections, alongside many other News items, including Audrey Butler's memories of her time at Q, Chairman Lindsay Smith's daunting 100k challenge and the latest news from the Q archives.

We could not produce the Chronicle without help from the Foundation Office team (our thanks to Jane van der Maat in particular and Róisín Purcell) and I would also like to thank all contributors, particularly the Section Secretaries who collect much of the 40-word news. As you can see, this year's Chronicle has followed more or less the usual format and we continue to make it available in hardcopy only to those who have requested it in that format, otherwise it is online.

However, it is probably time for a refresh and some new ideas! At the risk of repeating myself, this will be my last year as Editor and I am putting a call out to anyone who has ideas for how the Chronicle could evolve to meet the changing needs of the OQA. We already have a range of communication channels alongside the Chronicle, whether the News Bulletin, or social media channels, but the Chronicle has remained core to our OQA networking and communications. With such an impressive pool of OQ talent, I believe that there are plenty of you with the right skills and creative ideas, who could help to take the Chronicle forward, in the same way that the School is advancing. So, please do contact me, or Lindsay Smith, or the Foundation Office, if you would like to volunteer your services.

All best wishes

Tricia Wrinch, OQA Executive Committee

Chairman's Report



The OQA has continued to keep me busy, with lots of exciting events and reunions. I would like to say an enormous thank you to the committee, both old and new, who have been an invaluable resource in my role. Also a heartfelt thank you to Jane Van der Maat, Roisin Purcell and Guy Ranford in the Foundation Office, for the tireless work they do for the OQA and for answering my many queries and questions!

Thank you as well to Tricia Wrinch, who came out of "retirement" from her role as Editor, to make sure that we could once again create this edition. Also I would like to thank the section secretaries, without your help and support the Chronicle would not happen. If anyone is interested in taking over the coordination role of Chronicle Editor, please do get in touch.

The OQA committee is still going strong. There have been a couple of membership changes. Jo Cameron the new Queenswood Principal has taken over from Pauline Edgar as President of the Association (Pauline now becoming an Honorary Vice President), Audrey Butler (nee Minchin) becoming a Hon. Vice Principal without sitting on the committee, Kate Harvey handing over the Hon. Secretary role to Lucy Pickworth and Liz Needham joined the team. Thank you to all the retiring committee members who have shared their time and wisdom with the OQA, it has been invaluable, and you shall all be missed around the table.

The Ventures Fund was awarded to Isabella Hadjisavvas in 2015 for her travels to the Palestinian – Israeli territories. In 2016 the fund was awarded to Millie Norton and Anais Tang, who travelled to South America and Mosope Adeyinka who travelled to Lagos, Nigeria (and you can see Millie, Anais and Mosope's report in this edition of the Chronicle). All of the people who have been awarded the Ventures Fund have said how valuable the money was to helping them have the opportunity to travel, volunteer and see different countries and cultures. Please get in touch if you feel you could benefit from the annual Ventures Fund.

The OQA also maintains a small additional sponsorship fund. We have a £200 pot each year (up to £50 per application), to go towards any OQs in their charitable work. This is awarded on a first come first served basis, as we feel it is important to try to support OQs in their various charitable activities. Yorkshire Air Ambulance, Walk the Walk (Breast Cancer) and SCOPE have all benefited from OQA sponsorship in the last couple of years. If you are fundraising for a charity please get in touch as we love to support worthwhile causes. We had a special award to give last year called the Ruth Moon Award. Ruth Moon was our oldest OQ when she passed away at aged 104 and she kindly bequeathed some money to the OQA. We were able to make an award to Linda Du, so she could travel to North Korea to compare economic policies of China in the 60s with North Korea in the 20th Century. We also awarded a sum to Nicola Baird for her travels to Ronda in Spain, to assist with research for her PHD in History of Art.

I would also like to remind you all about the Queenswood website. As many of you will be aware, it includes many interesting articles about what is happening at Q as well our OQ section and is a fantastic source of information. Social media including Facebook and Instagram are helping the OQA keep up very quickly with lives of OQs and vice versa. The new look OQ News bulletin is keeping us all up to date on a regular basis, it provides current OQ and Queenswood news together with links to OQ announcements, dates for your diary, the ever expanding and useful business directory, social media and professional networking on LinkedIn. The Business Directory is going from strength to strength with more people adding details of their businesses. There are businesses from around the world, so there is something for everyone.

The Worldwide OQ travel support network is always available for OQs to take advantage of, please remember before you travel to get in touch with us, and we will probably be able to connect you with an OQ who will be able to help you out in a new country.

There have been some exciting events taking place in the last couple of years. Accenture have hosted our OQs in the City event, which has facilitated networking amongst OQs and Q U6th girls. The Accenture event would not have been possible without the generosity of Andrew Poppleton, Head of UK and Ireland Financial Services at Accenture, who has hosted and sponsored the event for the past 2 years. A Cambridge networking event has also been held at Newnham College, Cambridge for the last 3 years. Lucy Pickworth has enabled the event to take place at the college she attended, and we would like to extend her our thanks again for enabling us to use this wonderful venue. We were able to get OQs, present Q sixth form and OQs attending Cambridge to network whilst enjoying bubbles and canapes.

We have had some wonderful regional reunions and year reunions taking place around the country and world. I have managed to attend a few regional reunions including a special 50th anniversary reunion for the NW and NE regions, held in Leeds. What a wonderful lunch it was, talking with OQs from across the region. Our venue, the aptly named Queens Hotel, even had purple as its main uniform. Please remember that the OQA is very happy to support any reunion, whether it is at Q or elsewhere and we are particularly looking forward to being able to support some more Young OQ events this year, as well as reunions and events across the country.

I am still very much enjoying being Chairman of the OQA. I love meeting up with OQs, as we may not always have been at Q at the same time, but the purple blood that runs through us all, certainly binds us together.

I do hope you enjoy reading this highly anticipated chronicle. I know I will!

Lindsay Allen (Mrs Smith)

Principal's Report



I am writing my first Principal's Report for the OQ Chronicle as the festive season begins and our autumn term draws to a close, and I find myself reflecting on how privileged I feel to have been appointed Principal of this wonderful school.

I am not sure what I really expected when I arrived at Queenswood on a very warm and sunny day in August. If I am honest, there were a few nerves

but also much anticipation and excitement as to what the term would bring. It was immediately clear to me that this was an extraordinary place, full of history, heritage and beauty. My first thoughts were of getting to know the school community, the girls, the staff, the parents, Governors and Old Queenswoodians. I am still bowled over by the warmth that is shared amongst the school community and when I speak with prospective parents it is these qualities that are foremost in my mind.

I have often remarked throughout my teaching career that "happy girls are successful girls", but never has it been as evident as it is here at Q. I am passionate about educating young women in an inspiring, challenging environment, where it is acceptable to make mistakes, to learn from those mistakes and to push oneself to the limits of one's abilities. It is clear to me that there is a culture at Queenswood which is hugely supportive and celebrates achievement at all levels, which in turn creates a surprisingly relaxed and unstressed environment.

As I arrived in the summer, the class of 2016 were celebrating superb examination results. At A-level and Pre-U, 73% of grades were A*-B in the 23 subjects offered. 40% of students gained at least three A*/A grades, while over 20% of all grades achieved were A* – the highest ever tally for the school. Bucking the downward national trend, the proportion of A* and A grades rose to an impressive 52%. These splendid results secured places for the girls on a range of undergraduate courses at highly prestigious Universities, including History at Cambridge, Politics and International Relations at the London School of Economics, Philosophy at University College London and English at Kings College London. At GCSE, 84% of grades were A*-B, and there were strong results across the 24 subjects taught. In Mathematics, 50% of all candidates achieved an A* grade. In French and Spanish, two thirds of the grades awarded were A*, while in Latin – an increasingly popular subject since its recent reintroduction – 100% of candidates achieved an A*. Almost half of the year group achieved at least 8 A*/A grades, with one candidate amassing an astonishing 14 A* grades. There is no doubt that the girls achieve their full potential and more – the grades our girls achieve at GCSE are consistently at least one grade higher in every subject than would be expected at an average independent school. Or, as the Good Schools Guide puts it, once again Queenswood is 'at the pinnacle of Hertfordshire's value-added tables'. This is something we are immensely proud of as a school. Our current Upper Sixth are now receiving their university offers and invitations to interview are coming thick and fast. With a record number of Oxbridge interviews this year – over 20% of the Upper Sixth – I wish all our girls the best of luck over the coming months. Beyond the classroom, it has been an astonishingly productive and rewarding time at Queenswood. The highlights have of course centred around the many activities and achievements of the girls – the Music tour to Liguria, successes in major intellectual competitions such as ESU Debating and the UK Maths Trust Senior Team Competition,

Spanish and Hockey trips to Spain, the inaugural Community Service visit to Botswana, the Drama Scholars' production of DNA and the Upper School's A Christmas Carol, the Tennis team's successful defence of the Aberdare Cup, which will see them compete in Brazil this March in the World School Tennis Finals, and so many outstanding results in Hockey, Badminton, Netball, Football and Tennis. We regularly report on as many individual and team successes as possible on our website, on our main and departmental Twitter and Instagram feeds, in our weekly chapels, and in our newsletters to parents and OQs. But I must also add that a personal highlight for me has been the simple interactions round school as I drop in and out of classrooms, greet girls and staff on the way into Chapel and speak with parents and girls at drop off in the school car park. I feel a special bond with Year 7 and all the new girls and staff who joined the school at the same time as I did. It has been so rewarding to meet many of the new parents and to hear about the friendships their daughters are making and how happy they are.

I have especially enjoyed meeting many members of the OQA. Our networking event at Accenture HQ in October was a fantastic opportunity for our Sixth Form – and me – to speak to former pupils as they embark on exciting careers in a wide range of professions, including law, medicine, the civil service, banking, management consultancy, property, fashion and fundraising. Further afield, we have received news of a recent OQ working on David Attenborough's Planet Earth II, while others are making their mark as actresses, novelists, theatre producers and entrepreneurs. I am looking forward to getting to know many more of you in the coming months.

I would like to pay tribute to Pauline Edgar, who retired in the summer after 10 years as Principal of Queenswood. Under her leadership, the school flourished, with academic standards and pupil roll rising considerably. I think it is fitting to quote the Chair of Governors, Ed Sautter, who, in a very touching valedictory addressed to Pauline in the Queenswoodian magazine, wrote: 'You lead the School with unswerving dedication and commitment... You are passionate about great teaching, and the many examples at Q have been rewarded with the terrific results that our girls achieve... Above all, you want our girls to be the best they can be; hugely accomplished, well-informed citizens, compassionate, courageous, intellectually curious, wise, true leaders in today's world. And in that you have led by example all the way.' Pauline is now, of course, herself a member of the Old Queenswoodian Association, and it was lovely to see her, along with many other OQs, at the Candlelit Carol Service in December.

I am extremely excited about the prospects for the school. I am keen to find out all that is great about Queenswood and identify those areas where there may be opportunities for further development. Along with the senior management team, I will of course be keeping up to date with the latest educational and pastoral thinking to ensure that the school continues to progress and innovate. In the curriculum, progressive and highly relevant new subjects such as Computer Science and Psychology are being introduced. In the spring term, construction begins on a new state-of-the-art sports facility to replace the Palaestra. But we are also extremely mindful of the proud heritage of the school. A forthcoming BBC Radio documentary, featuring interviews with OQs and the current Head Girl's team, will explore the foundation of the school on Ruskinian principles. Meanwhile, we are looking to invest in a fitting exhibition space for our fascinating school archive. I am honoured to be leading such a vibrant and positive school community, and I hope to welcome as many of you as possible back to Queenswood in the near future.

With very best wishes
Jo Cameron, Principal

Foundation Office Report



Ever since my secondment to the Admissions and Marketing department was made permanent in September 2016, whilst I still 'keep an eye over the Foundation Office' Jane van der Maat has looked after the 2,500+ active OQs single-handedly for which I must say an enormous thank you to her.

I know a large number of OQ year group reunions have taken place where young and old(er) OQs have celebrated significant milestones, as well as those events organised in various parts of the country and further afield. The OQ/School flagship event organised by Jane - OQs in the City was yet another great night where business cards were exchanged, as well as the chance for OQs to do what OQs do best – share wine and great stories. My thanks must go to all those OQs who spent time talking to the current crop of Queenswood girls – they found the networking opportunity invaluable and I know we be served well in the future, after learning to network “offline” at such a young age. Our new Principal, Jo Cameron found her OQ ‘baptism’ at the event in September a heart-warming experience, and I know will look forward with much enthusiasm to meeting so many more OQs over the next 12 months.

Mr Dobson (who many of you will know is Q's Director of Music), Jane and I were sorry that the OQ Carol Service was cancelled, the lack of OQs able to commit to coming, meant that cancelling was the only option – we look forward to hopefully welcoming many more OQs the next time the event takes place.

Many of you will know that Q will be moving forward with replacing the Palaestra in 2017, a project that will take about 12 months, and has been funded by the generosity of OQs, parents and Friends of Queenswood alike – my thanks to all who supported our fundraising efforts.

You will be reassured to know that the School is in good health, pupil numbers are up - bucking the national trend of a fall in the number of families choosing single sex girls boarding school. For the 2016/17 year we have 424 girls here at Q, 50/50 day/boarding with girls from 23 different countries accounting for about 20% of the pupil population. You will learn more from the Principal's report, but we are obviously thrilled to be Aberdare Champions YET AGAIN, Q girls are county and district champions in hockey, fencing and badminton and we have a large percentage of our Sixth Form being considered for Oxbridge colleges. Our programme of guest speakers at Q, since the last Chronicle has included Brian Cox, Lord Robert Winston and Germaine Greer – so life at Q continues to be busy and we are proud of the achievements of Q girls once they leave the ‘purple bubble’.

Please keep in touch, as we love to share news of notable achievements of our OQ as well as keeping you abreast of what current Queenswoodians are up to.

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Report From The Old Queenswoodian Governor Representative



At the end of this academic year I will be finishing my term of office as your representative on the Queenswood Board. It has been an amazing experience and one I have greatly enjoyed and been delighted to have been part of. I have found it fulfilling, challenging, entertaining and extremely interesting. Being a school governor of any establishment must be all these things but when it is your old school things just seem to be more significant. The position of Governor is to listen and advise – in OFSTED terms – be a critical friend. Hopefully we challenge some ideas and try and bring a different perspective to whatever situation may be on the agenda. Sometimes difficult decisions must be made but in the context of a great deal of thought and with plenty of expert information too.

One of the purposes in having an OQA representative on the Queenswood Board is to be conduit between the school and the OQA, keeping each organisation informed. However the Governors also recognise that OQ's have vast and varied expertise in their chosen careers and the Chairman, Ed Sautter is actively looking to find suitably qualified OQ's who may fit skills gaps in the makeup of the board as they arise. As a leading girls' school this will show that we recognise women as equal partners in today's modern workplace.

This last year the Governors have appointed Jo Cameron to replace Pauline Edgar as Principal. Pauline retired after 10 years and as you can imagine there were celebrations a plenty to wish her well in the future. I was involved in part of the process of appointing Jo, which concluded with 3 shortlisted candidates being invited to the school for a presentation to the Governors followed by dinner and then final interviews with the interviewing panel the following day. I am sure Jo will continue to bring as much to Queenswood life as her predecessors.

Also last year, in my role, I attended a hugely interesting talk at school from Brian Cox – a bit over my head – but fascinating! I was part of a group of governors that met with HMC in the school's bid to join this elite group of schools and I attended child protection (safeguarding) training with the school staff on a training day.

I wore both OQ and Governor hat in September when I joined a host of (mainly young!) OQ's at the networking evening at Accenture in London, kindly hosted by one of my fellow Governors. I always find chatting with the younger members exhilarating, they are so full of life and so confident. Whether they are still at Uni and looking forward to their first job, or have been working for a few years and have so much to tell those coming up they are so enthusiastic. Helped by a glass or two of wine and canapes, OQ's happily chatted amongst themselves and to a group of Sixth form who had travelled up to London for the occasion. Hopefully they could take a few hints and tips or notes from girls who may now be working in the areas they aspire to.

Whilst there is an entertaining side of Governorship at

Queenswood there is of course the main purpose of the role, helping the school in its prime aim of educating young women and running a not inconsiderable business. We have 3 board meetings annually, plus committee meetings and training etc days as required. We now are asked to attend a Governor Oversight day annually, which can be tailor made to each governor's area of interest. For example in October my day was composed of meetings with the Bursar, the IT Manager, Head of Sixth Form, the Head of Marketing and Admissions and Head of Junior Boarding. I had lunch with some staff, I watched a cheerleading club and an A Level Biology lesson. Somehow I also managed to squeeze in 20 minutes with Jane van der Maat in the Foundation Office! Next term a Strategy Day is being planned, for Governors with the senior management team to try and second guess what the future might hold and plan the vision of the school for the next 5 -10 years.

As I said at the beginning I will be stepping down from the role later this year and I feel privileged to have served on the Queenswood Board. The school does its job magnificently and has changed hugely since most of us were girls there. The buildings on the face of it may look the same but inside it is worlds apart from my day, the girls are leaving well equipped for the future, and are entering the world full of confidence and anticipation.

Vicky Graham (Mrs Neale)

OQ Golf Society Report



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Silver Tassie competition: We had a wonderful day at The Berkshire representing Queenswood and felt we looked very smart in our attempt to wear school colours. Playing for the team were Jo Rumsey, Rosemary Lockwood, Sue Proctor and Jackie Scott Kerr. We finished a respectable 6th place out of 27 schools competing. The winners were Wycombe Abbey with 93pts, 2nd Cheltenham with 91 and Millfield 3rd. St Felix won the scratch trophy

The Old Q Autumn meeting was held at Brookman's Park Golf Course on Wednesday 5th October, just a stone's throw away from school. The day was hosted by Liz Needham who was also enjoying being the Lady Captain 2016.

I would very much like to take the opportunity to thank Gay Clough for organising the Old Q golf society for a number of years and her

hard work has been very much appreciated. I have now taken on the role and we are always looking for new members of any age to join our old girls golfing society. If you would like to join our friendly group, please email me for information
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Dates for your diary 2017: Monday 12th June - the Silver Tassie at The Berkshire. Thursday 28th Sept - OQ Autumn Meeting at The Rochford Hundred Golf Club, kindly hosted by Jo Rumsey. Entry forms and more details available soon.

Highlights From The Queenswood Archives, 2016

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The Queenswood Archives is much more than a repository for documents, photographs and objects. It attracts the interest of a wide range of people from all over the world. I am often involved in their investigations in preparation for books, articles, conferences and family trees.

I sometimes receive visitors interested in other aspects of our heritage. As well as showing them the most

interesting things we have in the Archives I show them round the school.

Here are some of the things of interest that have happened this year:

In May I received an email from a researcher in Australia called Rachel Solomon. She was investigating the career of Olga Roncoroni, a certified Dalcroze Eurythmics teacher who taught Eurythmics at Queenswood from 1926. Olga went to live in Australia as secretary and later companion of the Australian writer Henry Handel Richardson, who was associated with a number of progressive educationalists such as A.S. Neill, founder of Summerhill School in Lyme Regis (Olga's home town). For the Eurythmics display on Speech Day 1931 Olga composed 'An Unequal Beat Equisse' to accompany the movements. It is interesting to see that, for Commemoration Day on 1st June 1928, she wrote an explanation of what was going on in the display for the parents in the brochure. It would have been something completely new for most of them and was certainly progressive for the times. Eurythmics was the grand finale for that day. In The Queenswood Chronicle there are quite a few sentences referring to this 'charming interlude' against a background of 'flower gardens and wooded hills' using words like 'grace' and 'simplicity' and evoking Ancient Greece. Olga must have inspired Miss Trew. In the 1931 Chronicle there is also a reference to Eurythmics on the lawn, as one of the 'happy events of a very happy afternoon'.

I have a particular interest in Eurythmics so I was delighted to help Rachel out and at the same time discover things about Miss Roncoroni, whose name I first heard from OQ Stella

Ross-Collins, one of her pupils, who also studied at the Dalcroze School in Store Street. Ernest Read was Director of Music there. The late Ruth Moon had told me Anne Driver played the piano there and she was the lady who introduced Music and Movement into English schools through the BBC in the fifties. It was my favourite subject at school in the 60s!

To more recent events, at Speech Day 2015 the journalist and presenter Samira Ahmed came to give a speech and before the ceremony she visited the Queenswood Archives. I showed her a number of things that sparked her interest and explained to her the connection between John Ruskin and Queenswood, about which I had delivered an Archives Conference presentation some years ago. I had intended to publish this as an article, and I sent it to Samira. She then obtained funding for a BBC Radio 3 programme about Ruskin and girls' education. Nick Kelley, Head of PR & Publicity, liaised with everyone involved so that in June 2016 Samira could come with her sound technician, Simon Guerrier, to Queenswood, to interview Queenswood students Aoife Morgan Jones, Natasha Rajan and Isobel Beynon as well as Old Queenswoodians Jean Horton; Annette Haynes; Sandra Jeffery and Diane Maclean. They also interviewed me in the Archives. We have been given a 'provisional' broadcast date: Sunday 26 February 2017, at 6.45 pm.

Most recently, I was visited by the Archivist at Sedbergh School Archive and Heritage Centre in Cumbria, Katy de la Rivi re, as she was also interested in the school's connections with Ruskin and she has asked me to attend a conference there next year to read a paper on Ruskin and Girls' education.

Currently, Queenswood is involved in making a television programme for 'Salvage Hunters' on the Quest TV channel. The programme will include references to the school's historical heritage and unwanted items of no historical worth will be bought by the dealer. The money will be used to improve the Monstros and repair the school clock!

We have also hosted a visit from Dr James Bettley FSA, one of the architectural historians involved in updating the famous Pevsner Architectural Guide to Hertfordshire, which was first published in 1953 with a second edition in 1977. He came to see the buildings here at Queenswood and was particularly interested in the Chapel. I showed him around and he took a large number of notes and photographs. He pointed out quite a few features that I had not given much importance to in the past so it was very interesting for me as an art historian. This is the first time Queenswood architecture has been included in the guide.

I hope that my update demonstrates that the archives are more than just a repository of objects and that much more goes into being Queenswood's Archivist than one might think!

PR & Communications at Queenswood

We asked Nick Kelley, Head of PR & Publicity at Q, to tell us about his role

I have worked at Queenswood for many years in the Drama Department, and while I still teach part-time, since September 2014 I have also held the post of Head of PR and Publicity. It's been extremely varied and rewarding work and no two days are the same. I first became interested in the marketing of the school when I took



on the responsibility of editing the Queenswoodian. Along with my colleague Katie Pruden-Lawson, I'm currently working on my 15th edition of the magazine, and it continues to be a fascinating and highly rewarding job. I'm always astounded by the achievements and creativity of our girls and it's a source of great satisfaction that so many former members of the Queenswoodian editorial committee have gone on to work

in the fields of journalism, PR and marketing.

I have also been the chief editor of the school website in its various incarnations since 2007. It's been fascinating to be part of the revolution in digital communication over the years. I'm not a great user of social media on a personal level, but on behalf of the school I have embraced Twitter and, more recently, Instagram, and it's great that so many academic colleagues are also using these tools to communicate with the school community. I was really struck by the power of social media last October, when I was fortunate enough to be part of the Music tour to the Italian Riviera. It was so exciting to be broadcasting concert footage and streams of photographs in real time, and I know that families and friends really appreciated being able to share the girls' experiences.

Many of our girls are very interested in media and communication. For several years I ran a radio club, where students learned about the medium of radio and put together a weekly show, which was broadcast on the Internet and was available to download as a podcast. In September I was very lucky to be able to accompany a group of keen Lower Sixth journalists and photographers to the Youth Games at Loughborough University. These girls learned some extremely valuable skills as interviewers and video editors, and we now have a confident and vibrant in-house media team who help to document school events for the website.

I've developed a keen interest in graphic design over the years, and in my new role I've been responsible for a lot of branding work, designing as well as writing promotional material for the school. I've also helped to develop a series of occasional lectures by academics and cultural figures, and it has been a real honour to meet some of the nation's most inspiring thinkers. It was thrilling to witness Queenswood girls challenging Germaine Greer in the midst of the furore about her comments on transgender, and we were unbelievably fortunate to host Professor Brian Cox on the very day that gravitational waves were discovered. The broadcaster Samira Ahmed was so enthused by her visit in July 2015 that she has made a BBC radio documentary about the history of the school, to be broadcast in February 2017.

From time to time I am asked to help promote the achievements of students outside school. Since I took on this role, we have had a number of girls publishing books, making records and films, or enjoying extraordinary success in the sporting arena, and it is always a special privilege to be able to publicise these accomplishments.

I have worked very closely with a number of colleagues, and I'm especially grateful to Dr Wendy Bird in the Archive, Jane van der Maat in the Foundation Office, and Guy, Caroline and Suzie in Admissions and Marketing for their unending support. These are exciting times to be involved in the publicity of the school,

with a new Principal, work commencing on the Queenswood Hall, and our Tennis team travelling to Brazil to compete in the World Schools Championships. I hope you will continue to follow our progress and achievements, whether on social media, via the website or in the Queenswoodian magazine. If you have any suggestions for news stories, I'd love to hear from you at nick.kelley@queenswood.org.

Nick Kelley, Head of PR & Publicity

News And Stories

Audrey Minchin (Mrs Butler) - Memories of Queenswood



The editor asked me to write a piece about my life and in particular about my Queenswood life – a daunting task as I spent 25 years memorable and challenging years there. I was a pupil from 1945 to 1954. I returned to teach from 1958 to 1959. Then 22 years later from 1981 to 1996 I found myself back as Headmistress with my two daughters, Clare, who was already at Birmingham

University and Siobhan with a place at City University London.

However, back to my beginnings, my childhood was a carefree one, with my two sisters Rosemary and Ann and brother Michael, born in 1944. It was not carefree for my parents at Shaftesbury Grammar School, with some teaching and ancillary staff having joined the forces, younger boys arriving to board and Mother having to oversee the total residential side of the school. Father's secretary lived with us. Our living quarters and Father's study were an integral part of the school, only a baize door separating us from the classrooms downstairs and another door upstairs from the dormitories and bachelor master's bedrooms and their common room. Only the Matron had a flat to herself. Our daily meals were taken in the school dining hall with the boys. Bells summoned us and grace was said before sitting down. Only the evening meal for my parents and resident staff was held in our private dining room – we children had an earlier supper. Privacy was not something we knew about, and Mother, much younger than my Father, had huge responsibility for the smooth running of the domestic side of school during the war. How she must have craved a home of her own! During the war, a siren alerted us to threatened air raids and we sheltered in bunkers built in the grounds or, at night, with the younger boys, had a mattress on the cellar floor. In the holidays we had the run of the school, the huge garden which produced fruit and vegetables, and extensive grounds and playing fields.

Mymwood, May 1945 - July 1948

My association with Queenswood began in May 1945 at Mymwood, then Queenswood's Prep School, just down the road in Shepherds Way. Why Queenswood? I believe my parents met some parents on a summer holiday with whom they discussed boarding schools for girls and Queenswood was mentioned. We lived miles away in Dorset where my father was Headmaster of Shaftesbury Grammar School, an independent day boarding school for boys.

It was of course the end of the war. There were few cars, petrol was strictly rationed and only for a few in "reserved jobs". Many Q girls arrived by train via London, where the school sent a coach to collect us from stations – Waterloo, Paddington, Kings Cross and Euston (in those days there was a large contingent from Yorkshire). Our large trunks were sent ahead by PLA (Passengers Luggage in Advance).

I remember my first term at Mymwood in a small four bedded room by the fire escape at the back. Lying awake and hearing, through the open window, quite a noise and saying "I wonder if the war has ended?" No response from the others and I went to sleep too. The next day we heard the news that the war had indeed ended and up at Q everyone had rushed outside the evening before (May 7th) shouting and cheering. May 8th is officially VE Day. No lessons that day! At the end of that month I had my 10th birthday.

I enjoyed my time at Mymwood – used to a communal life, it lacked the strangeness others must have felt. There was plenty to do and learn. I have lots of memories of those times and came to share the comings and goings to and from home with Rosemary, who arrived in September 1947. I made friends with whom I would grow up and know for a lifetime. A year or two ago, I could remember nearly all the names on an old Mymwood photo I came across !!

My younger sister Ann joined us at Queenswood in 1950. We all spent our first year in Lower Trew as eleven year olds and then progressed to Clapham South.

Queenswood, 1948-1954

In Clapham South, every bed was separated from others by curtains – "your cubicle". We unpacked downstairs and carried our clothes up to our rooms, laid them on our bed and they were checked against the school inventory, name tapes, correct number of vests, blouses, kit etc, to be rechecked at the end of term. Our uniform came from Liberty's. Each room of Juniors had a more senior girl in charge, we cleaned our own rooms, checked every morning by a Matron. Laundry was collected once a week and sent away. We were not allowed to wash our own hair, but had to make appointments fortnightly with a full time hairdresser (in a room in Stamp), with two large static hairdryers. Shoulder length hair was tied back or plaited. We were well regimented! All communication home was by letter, and all weekly letters home were checked. At the end of each term we had to send a letter to Miss Essame to say we had arrived home safely. I have always been a letter writer since and am still a prolific postcard-writer.

Ordinary and Advanced Levels had replaced School and Higher School Certificates shortly before our year reached the fifth form (Year 11 now). I passed six O'Levels (failed Chemistry), and went on to take Geography, English and Latin for A level. The latter was a requirement for St. Andrews University entry and I knew I was not Oxbridge material, but fancied a Collegiate University and Mother had Scottish forebears. An early application had produced an unconditional place at St Andrews if I passed my A Levels satisfactorily. I suspect my school reference helped. Sport and Music had been my greatest joys throughout school, and I was Tennis Captain and Hockey Captain and then became the first School Captain, a role elected by my year to represent that part of the schools sporting life, alongside the customary Head Girl and Deputy. Rather hopefully, I had appealed to Dorset for a County Scholarship – not forthcoming as I only managed

three E grades at A Level although passing the Geography Scholarship paper.

Leaving school is always a happy/sad occasion: the last Chapel, the last Assembly, saying goodbye to one's teachers and particularly one's friends. However friendships made at Q last a lifetime.

Sadly, during Rosemary's and my last years at Queenswood, family life was unravelling at home. Father had a breakdown in 1953 and had to retire. He had reached retirement age, but had hoped to continue a little longer as he had four of us still in education. Rosemary was leaving Q after O Levels to nurse at the Middlesex Hospital, I hoped to be going to St. Andrews, Ann had another two years to O Level and Michael was still at his Prep school. We had no house of our own and would need to find somewhere to live. We all attended Father's last Speech Day at Shaftesbury in the summer of 1954: an emotional day. I remember the tension and our praying he would get through it. I have the SGS school photograph of the event, which took place in the sunshine in front of the school.

None of us were home to share any of the trauma of our parent's last year and they kept the gravity of the situation to themselves. There was no trip to Cornwall that summer holiday, my A Level results meant no County financial help. So I wrote to Miss Essame, saying I would be writing to St Andrews and declining my place, this prompted a quick response to "delay doing anything". Two weeks later, a letter arrived saying I was being offered The Ethel M Trew University Scholarship of £100 a year for three years, this was granted every three years and had just become available.

St.Andrews University 1954-58

I remember vividly the University costs in the first year of 1954 - annual tuition fee £25, a term's full board in a residence £68, athletic union annual subscription fee 1 guinea (21/-). The coach journey from London to Scotland cost £5.

Queenswood had trained me well for holiday jobs: cleaning and waiting at tables! My first summer vacation I was a chambermaid in a good hotel in Studland at £4 per week, but all found. There were several students working there, the waitress posts were more lucrative, better tips !! Another summer I was a receptionist at a well known hotel on the Cotswolds where we now lived. Mother was in charge of preparing the guest rooms upstairs.

I loved St. Andrews, but life in a University residence was like boarding school all over again. For my second year two friends of mine invited me to share a flat with them. We were in the vanguard of young women living on their own, without supervision, which was liberating and fun. Alongside my academic work, I played tennis and hockey for the university, took free golf lessons and enjoyed life around the fringe of the University cricket XI, whose Captain, a medical student, got to know my Canadian flatmate well. I was introduced to Tony, a Rhodesian dental student and good cricketer whom I would eventually marry!

My Geography lecturers encouraged me to do a fourth year Honours Degree course, with Political Economy. My parents felt I should leave and start earning a living as the Ethel M Trew scholarship ended. However by now County Grants had materialised and for my final year I was eligible for one from Gloucestershire County Council - £250. So I enjoyed a final

year of hard work, sharing a flat above a garage with my life-long friend similarly doing Political Economy with Philosophy.. To my surprise, I came away with a First class honours in Geography and Political Economy and had gained "Blues" in hockey and tennis. Tony and I had become officially engaged at the end of my last year. The whole family, bar Rosemary (nursing), came to the graduation and we toured Scotland together in the car.

I now needed a job. Tony had another year to go before he got his BDS. I applied for a job in Hitchin, Herts and wrote to Miss Essame for a reference, but she sent me an offer of a geography post instead. I have to say that I was very reluctant to take it, but my parents thought I had a moral obligation to take it and I gave in.

Queenswood 1958- 1959

So I saw life as a 22 year old, from the other side of the staffroom door as a resident in supervised Staff House, much like a University residence again. I broke new ground by (with permission) having two males to stay. Once my brother on an Exeat from school, and once Tony, who had hitch-hiked down from Dundee on a potato lorry. He arrived at 3.00 am, throwing gravel into my open-lit bedroom window to wake me and I let him in to a colleague's vacant room, where he collapsed gratefully. This was a year when I realised a rebellious streak, but I enjoyed teaching Geography under a Head of Department who had not been at Q when I was a Sixth former. I had an August wedding to look forward to by which

time I had found a part-time Geography post at Raine's Foundation School for Girls off Commercial Road in Stepney and Tony a locum job in Mill Hill before practising in St.John's Wood. For a year we had a two-bed roomed flat, with shared bathroom facilities, above the Archway Road. Life was good. A second year followed in more comfortable accommodation in Ealing before Tony started his own practice in Midhurst near my parents.

Queenswood 1981-1996

Sadly separating from Tony in 1978, with two teenage daughters at St. Leonards, Mayfield (my husband was a Catholic), I had to find a residential job after teaching at S.Michaels, Burton Park, not far from Midhurst where my husband practiced and where the girls had attended the local primary and intermediate schools. S.Michaels was a Woodard School, and I was offered a post as the first House Mistress of a brand new girl's house at the fellow Woodard School, Lancing College. A nice house was attached for the resident Housemistress. I was to teach Geography and General studies in the sixth form. I had already met the Head of Department on joint S.Michaels/Lancing visits to Camberwell. These visits were an education for me as well as the young. They stayed with local parish families in the tower blocks, I with the Vicar's family. We explored the local urban environment and visited the old "Workhouses" for the homeless and other places for recovering addicts. We met with pupils from Walworth Comprehensive School and with them visited the Rochester Borstal for young offenders. In alternate years Walworth boys visited Lancing. My experience at Lancing was stimulating pioneering the integration of girls into a traditional boys school.

Why move away to Queenswood after only three years at Lancing and divorce not settled until 1981? I knew the Headship was advertised, but had no desire to apply. Q clearly had a problem with the initial trawl for a new Head on Miss

Ritchie's resignation. The Governors then took on a firm of "head-hunters" for a second trawl. I was one of four interviewed for the post. The Chair of Governors with the company "boss" interviewed me in London, three hours of intensive questioning and talking. I found it a liberating experience to respond openly about education matters, and my perspectives with no inhibitions on my part. Nobody had ever wanted to take such an interest. I had no motive to want to change jobs, so when quizzed eventually by the whole governing body on why I hadn't applied for the job when first advertised, I responded that I was quite happy where I was at Lancing! And then to my surprise I was offered the job. I talked to Clare and Siobhan about it and got the reply: "We are off to University, so it won't affect us – entirely up to you, Mum". The ball had been lobbed straight back into my court, and the rest is history. The other three applicants for the job, all had Headships within the year at other schools.

I know it was an advantage to have been familiar with the site and the buildings and I encountered long held ways of doing things that were no longer appropriate for staff or students in the 1980's. I could always ask myself if this was a school I'd like my daughters to be at? So once more, albeit with some reluctance, I returned to my old Alma Mater, for better or worse, and survived.

Both my daughters were married in the Chapel, which was always an inspiration to me as a girl and as an adult. Queenswood re-educated me too and I am ever in the school's debt. Since writing this, I am more aware than ever of the influence of childhood and family heritage on our lives.

Thank you "Q".

A Legacy from Sandy Jolliffe (Mrs Blakeway Smith), Queenswood 1948-1955

An Unforgettable Experience – written by Anne Chadwick-Smith (Mrs Dearle), December 2016

'The Mandalay School for the Deaf' is a charity set up eighteen months ago to assist Burmese children who have hearing problems, improve their general health and aid their education.

Initially, the charity focused on The Mandalay School for the Deaf, as it was there that Sandy Jolliffe (Mrs Blakeway Smith) began teaching two young deaf children, way back in 1962 in a 'shack' which consisted of a corrugated roof and was open on three sides. Her husband, David, had been employed by the Methodist Missionary Society to lecture at a nearby college. Sandy had promoted her work by cycling around Mandalay circulating leaflets offering her services to children experiencing hearing difficulties. Word quickly spread and within two years she had 27 pupils who attended her 'school' daily.

Unfortunately, though, by 1964 she and her husband were forced by the authorities to leave Burma. Their passports were stamped, 'Never to Return' and they were informed that any continuing connection with local friends would have dire consequences for those concerned.

Therefore, it wasn't until Sandy's death 49 years later in May 2013, that her son-in-law Googled 'Mandalay School for the

Deaf' and found, to his astonishment, that it had flourished over the decades and currently housed 200 day and boarding pupils in purpose built accommodation. The school now has a staff of twenty nine teachers, seven of whom are profoundly deaf themselves.

A visit by David Blakeway Smith a few months later alerted him to the fact that although the children were, indeed, being trained to lip read and use sign language, only one pupil was fortunate enough to have been given a cochlear implant. Her father had saved for two years to enable her to receive the \$30,000 operation. No other child's hearing had been professionally assessed, so David decided that definitely something had to be done!

Since December 2013, therefore, there have been three visits from a team of professionals, trained in the assessment and care of such children. It was my good fortune to be invited to join the latest, most impressive group, which consisted of Professor Robert Mills, an ENT surgeon with years of experience in his field of expertise, James Markham, a senior employee from Specsavers, skilled at fitting hearing aids and finally Vivienne Ogg, Head of Audiology at Mary Hare School, in Berkshire. Additional members of the group were David, his son Jonathan (who filmed the fortnight's activities) and Jonathan's 23 year old daughter, Eleni, who was an invaluable asset when dealing with children of a wide age range.

By the time I joined the team in Mandalay, on Sunday, 30th October, 2016, a full week's work had already been completed at The Yangon Training School for Children with Hearing Difficulties.

During the five working days, tests were duly carried out on the 50 pupils who had joined the school since the previous team's visit in January, 2016. Sadly, the majority of those tested were found to have profound hearing loss and were therefore unable to be fitted with hearing aids. However, 6 pupils were successfully fitted with them and were thrilled to experiment with the new experience of hearing. In addition, a further 8 pupils had potentially aidable hearing, but were too young to be fitted with hearing aids.

All of those children were able to demonstrate that they could benefit from hearing, via the headphones connected to the speech trainer, a most impressive machine donated by MHS. To everyone's delight they enjoyed playing with their voices, listening to and repeating sounds. A particular highlight for me was hearing them copying singing and rhythmic patterns. Undoubtedly their future is promising, providing that they receive regular assistance.

During the week, the 28 children who had been given hearing aids in January were also checked. It soon became apparent that daily care for the hearing aids should be provided by parents and teaching staff, together with regular practice and encouragement, to enable the children to make full use of the aids. A few teachers actively participated in the week's schedule, so it is planned that in addition to working regularly with the children, in future they will attend training sessions for the teaching of English, which have been offered by a nearby school.

It is difficult to express in a few words, what a fascinating experience it was for me to witness what can be achieved to

help such children. One somewhat serious and clearly very intelligent 14 year old girl patiently learnt to say numbers 1-10 clearly in English on Day One. Five days later she proudly - and even more patiently - repeated numbers 1-100! When I consider the problems associated with their disabilities, once I had grown accustomed to a school of over 200 initially totally silent children, I was constantly humbled by their joyous response to every gesture of help or friendship. Never once did I see a child in tears, or one showing lack of patience with another - their tolerance with each other was heart-warming.

With the day-to-day running costs and some additional expenses incurred by the school being in the hands of the authorities, it was imperative to receive the blessing from Myanmar's Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief & Resettlement. With that in mind, on Monday 31st October, David and Eleni took a taxi for a four and a half hour drive to spend an hour with representatives from the Ministry. Thankfully, it was a very productive meeting, with agreement from the Government to all of David's proposals.

Whilst I'm fully aware that in the foreseeable future it will be an on-going challenge to fund hearing aids and other essential equipment for the children - plus the professional care needed to nurture their development - I shall always feel privileged to have been given the opportunity to spend a week with the children in Mandalay and to see the excellent work of the school.

Although, sadly, Sandy died not knowing that the humble little 'school' which she founded for two small pupils way back in 1962 had grown to house such an impressive number of pupils, it is both heartening and inspiring to know that her legacy lives on.....



Sadly, David Blakeway Smith died unexpectedly on the 23rd December, 2016. His OQ daughter Shireen, other family members and many of David's friends, including Pauline Edgar, Audrey Butler and Anne Dearle, joined together to attend his most moving Memorial Service, which was held in Worcester Cathedral on the 1st February, 2017.

For further information and background history of Sandy's two and a half years in Burma, please refer to 'A Road to Mandalay', the article written by Sandy for the publication of, 'Glimpses of Old Queenswoodians' which was produced to celebrate the OQA's centenary in 2008.

Lindsay Smith's London to Cambridge 100km Challenge, July 2016 – The Racing Mamas Story!

OQA Chairman, Lindsay Smith, completed a memorable 100km challenge for Yorkshire Air Ambulance in 2016 and wrote up the story of her crazy adventure!



The night before the 100k challenge my friend Amy-Jo Simpson and I travelled up to Stratford, London to be in place for the early start on the Saturday morning. A yummy pizza and last minute supplies (rucksack cover in case of rain!) were on the agenda, together with packing then repacking our rucksacks for the next day, trying to lose as much weight as possible. I only managed a couple of hours of sleep and

before we knew it there was the rush to get our taxi to the start.

There was great excitement when we got to the start at East March, Hackney Marshes Centre. There were lots of people milling about, some familiar faces from the Facebook forum and Amy-Jo's friends. We registered and got our race number, route map, lanyard chip and buff. Time went really quickly at this point as we still had to check in our bags, go to the loo, French plait Amy-Jo's hair (a supporter thought I was a hairdresser!), warm up, stretch, take pictures etc! Once inside the starting pen we did a Zumba warm up, where we were full of beans in our matching shorts, t-shirts, buff and rucksacks.

Finally, at 7.30am the Racing Mamas crossed the start line and started our 100k adventure!

Our strategy at the beginning was to run 8 minutes (pacing at 10 minutes mile), then walk 2 minutes for the first 25km. We managed to achieve this, running along a flat and peaceful tow path for most of the first 25km. We chatted to people who we passed and at some stages ran for short periods with other participants. The supportiveness of everyone that took part was fantastic, everyone was super friendly and it felt like one big team. There was a chap called Robin, who we were running with a lot of the first 25k. He was continually running, but at a slower pace than us, but we were following our run/walk strategy so therefore kept on catching up then dropping behind.

At the first mid-point stop at Lee Park Way (10k), we were greeted with snacks galore; it was like walking into a shop the amount of variety there was available. Each stop had huge flags flying so you knew they were coming up - as the challenge went on, the flags became such a welcomed sight! We didn't waste much time, just pitted very quickly, went for a wee (I had to go a lot during this challenge!), grabbed an energy bar and continued.

Just before reaching the 24km rest stop at Old Lee Valley Leisure Pool, Broxbourne, a very excitable man came running towards us, and we realised it was Andy (Amy-Jo's husband) who had just come off night shift. He reported that we were currently placed at 9th and 10th in our age group for the ladies, which really spurred us on. Having support throughout the challenge was invaluable; it kept us going at some points.

At the rest stop we picked up snacks, drank electrolytes (to replace the salt we were losing) and once more went for a wee! We also needed to make the most of the Medical facilities. As a precautionary measure, I picked up an ice pack to ice an injury I had, whilst Amy-Jo saw a medic about her friction burn on her shoulder blades; she was vaselined up and sent on her way. Heading off from this point, our new friend Robin was with us and from then on we gained another team member of the racing mamas! At this stage, we took the decision to change our pattern to running for 7 minutes and walking for 3 minutes and also decided any hill would be walked.

We continued to run along the canal tow path until 32km, passing through where Amy-Jo's Dad used to moor his boat, which is where the terrain started to change and we started to run across fields. At the time, we did not realise quite how many! We were going through farms (one farmyard rather strangely full of Land Rovers and Morris Marinas), fields and places where Amy-Jo knew people! We had a further pit stop at Wareside C of E Primary School for the usual pattern of snacks, electrolytes, stretching and the obligatory loo visit.

We knew the next stretch was going to be interesting, as it was the last stretch before we all saw our main supporters and it was going to take us through forest, fields, along the A120 and we would pass the magical 26.2 Marathon distance (Robin's furthest ever distance). Across one particularly large field torrential rain caught us out, and we got drenched. There was absolutely nowhere to hide, so out came the waterproof covers for our rucksacks and onwards we battled! Just before hitting the A120 we came across some supporters with horns, which really lifted our spirits, before negotiating the A120 and a really long large hill!

When we eventually saw the flags for the major rest stop at 49km, Braughing Community Centre, we could not wait to get there. We needed a bit of a rest as our legs were starting to tighten, so to chat with family was uplifting. We met up with Sean, Mum, Abigail, Andy, Mel, Will, Suzi and Robin's wife Selena and son Rowan and got some food as well as having a quick change of clothes. We were half way to the end and we had already completed 50km, which in itself is brilliant. What I didn't want to let myself think about was that we had another 50km to go, on already tiring legs!

Feeling fueled and ready to take on the second half of the challenge we left Braughing. The next few km were over fields and more fields! I wasn't feeling great at this point, perhaps because of the food I had eaten but this passed thankfully, and we soon got to the midway point at Hormead C of E School. Our supporters were waiting for us, including the Quelch family. Amy-Jo went and got her shoulder blades properly bandaged up and off we went again.

This section of the challenge was probably the worst section of all; it was 15km long and seemed to go on forever. My legs were getting very tired. Even though my brain was saying keep going, my legs were screaming "no more". Our run / walk strategy started to go out of the window as there were lots of hills and the terrain was difficult and uneven. The tractor tracks were deep and the paths were not very trodden down, so we had various crops and grass whipping our legs. It rained again at one point, but this time we had seen it coming so were able to stop, waterproof our rucksacks and hide under a tree until the worst passed. In this section I could not keep up with Amy-Jo and Robin, as my mind said yes but my legs would not follow suit! I was fine with running the sections on my own as I caught them

up on the walking sections. I felt bad that I was holding them up. We met up with the family at 40 miles (64km). This was probably my lowest point of the whole challenge; the next 8km just went on and on and on. I think it was during this section that we even had to pass through a graveyard!

When I saw the flags for the stop at Elmdon Church I could have cried, we had got to the 71km point. Amy Jo and I flung off our rucksacks and socks and lay there, with our legs up, whilst Diane (friend from our Gym) got us hot drinks. We were shot. I managed to get a sports massage, which helped my screaming tight leg muscles, I ate the most delicious pulled pork wrap, and downed some more electrolytes and we prepared to soldier on. There was never point that I thought I could not complete the challenge, but my legs and hips were seriously stiff and not doing as I wanted them to do, which was becoming an issue.

We went through some pretty villages and over the M11. Our legs were really stiff, but we got on with the task in hand and made it through to the Sawston stop, 84km. As it was getting dark the course was now dotted with glow sticks, which a load of teenagers decided to nick on our way into Sawston! Thankfully the marshals did go out and replace them. I cannot really remember too much about this section as I was just battling through. My knee was starting to give me hassle too which was annoying. At the rest stop Andy rock taped my knee and we stopped for too long really, as trying to get going again took some doing. Sean had brought big beach towels to wrap round our legs to keep us warm. As it was dark a chap called Andy joined us, as no one was allowed to walk alone at night. We also had to don our head torches.

I felt really bad for the rest of the Racing Mamas, as my knee was just too painful to run on, so the last section was pretty much walked. We were tired, our legs were not co-operating and emotions were running a little high. A lot of this section was done in silence as we fought through. We went along the art trail between Great Shelford and Addenbrookes Hospital, the River Cam and passed some rather large houses going into Cambridge, but could not appreciate it as it was pitch black!

In the last 5km of the challenge things perked up, we knew we were not too far away, there was more street lighting so we could see where we were going, I enjoyed eating poppets in this section and Cambridge City Centre is of course always beautiful, day or night.

Finally we got to the last km marker. Do not ask me where we got it from, but Amy-Jo and I managed to run the last kilometer and according to my watch it was the fastest kilometer of the whole challenge! I think seeing two other women challengers in Cambridge made us pick up the pace, as we did not want to lose any further positions! As we entered into Wilberforce Sports Centre we sprint finished along a really pretty runway of lights. Sean and Andy were there yelling their support and encouragement.

It was done, it was complete, it was over! It was 1.57am and we had just completed 100km in 18 hours 27 minutes. We came in 90/1 out of 408 finishers and 13/14th place in our category, many others had to pull out for various reasons. We were given our medals and finishers T-shirts, which I wore for the next 2 days! I took the glass of fizz but after one swig and multiple photos, all we wanted was to get into warm clothes and get home.

I ran for Yorkshire Air Ambulance and Amy-Jo for the Bone Cancer Trust and we were both so grateful to all of the generous people who contributed. Amy-Jo and I achieved the 100km in memory of our beloved Dads, they were with us every step of the way and got us through some tricky moments.

Two weeks on from the challenge, as I write this, I am still suffering and have been ordered by the physio to rest, which is frustrating but necessary.

Would I do another challenge? Absolutely, I just need to get better before committing to anything.

What lessons did I learn?



- Our families are amazing – the love and support they showed us in all the hours of training we did and on the day itself was incredible.
- I need to wee a lot and dignity goes out of the window in a challenge like this.
- Changing your socks regularly really helps!
- People are kind, there was such camaraderie with everyone taking part, which made it so much more enjoyable.
- The organisers, Action Challenge, really know how to lay on an event. There was so much food at each stop and in addition the route was well mapped and all volunteers / staff brilliant.
- You can train as much as you like, but things out of your control can happen on the day and you have to deal with it and move on.
- If you set your mind to do something it can be achieved. I only started running about 18 months ago and only seriously under a year ago. I never thought I would be able to complete this distance as a walker let alone a runner (well with a lot of walking too!).

The Racing Mamas are a fab team, look how we got each other through the 100km.

I will continue to slip into conversation “when I did my 100km” for quite some time!!

Reports from recipients of the OQA Ventures Fund

Voluntary Experience – Mosope Adeyinka

On Friday, September 3rd, I embarked on a journey to Lagos, Nigeria for the voluntary work I planned to carry out for two weeks. This would take place in recently established school called Treasure House School, which is located within the sub hub of Lagos, South West Nigeria.

During my time volunteering at Treasure House, I immediately became aware of the warm and friendly environment that appeared to be a strong attribute of the school. Nigerian culture is particularly known for emphasising the importance of

greeting your elders, which in fact was apparent amongst the young children I helped out, to which they addressed me as ‘Miss Mosope’ in the mornings. The children, whom I assisted daily had just started reception, and were just adapting to the new environment.

I noticed that most of them found it difficult to concentrate during the first two days, as they were used to frequently taking naps, watching tv and eating snacks throughout the day, which is the routine in the pre-school. However, their form teacher; Mrs Bakare, disciplined the children extremely well, and they soon became attentive and interactive in class. As a teaching assistant, I aided the children with counting to from 1-100, in the correct order! Writing the date and their name at the top of their work also was a habit I helped the children get into. At times, I observed the class from the back, whilst they were being taught either Biology or Math. To my surprise, 98% of the class were extremely independent in terms of thinking, especially when they had mini-tests in class, as some children are fond of peering over their classmate’s shoulder for the answer. In addition to tests, the children were taught to recite the classroom rules as they entered each morning. This also became a routine and most of the children were able to memorise all 15.

My teaching assistant job was split between the main school and pre-school, so after a couple of days, I moved to the pre-school, which was a couple of doors down from the main school. The pre-school environment obviously was very different and slightly more relaxed. The majority of the time, the little children played with toys on the mat, whilst nursery rhymes streamed in the background. In the mornings, the children were taught various names of animals and professions, which they then repeated to the teacher. I also assisted the children at nap time, so that they went to their designated mats and did the usual escort duty, to and from the bathroom.



I found the experience working at the school to be a new and interesting one for me, having been schooled in England since the age of four. I learnt that the educational system is similar to that of the UK, however, they are stricter on disciplining children, which I believe shapes a child to behave in a correct manner from an early age. I enjoyed myself a lot, and it appeared that the staff and children were upset to see me depart so soon.

My last experience, before I left Nigeria, was a trip to an orphanage in Victoria Island, Lagos. I managed to donate a suitcase full of clothes and other supplies for the children.

Unfortunately, I was not possible to take pictures at the orphanage due to restrictions by the Lagos State Government, who wished to protect the identities of the children. Although my visit was brief, I did however manage to do a tour around the orphanage to meet most of the children.

I would like to thank the OQA Committee, for allowing me to embark on this trip. I learned a lot from my experience in Nigeria. I most definitely will be visiting the school and the orphanage again, as I have made strong links with both places.

Millie Norton - review of my trip to South America

If someone had told me a few years ago that I would have visited two countries in South America, on my own, by the time I was 20 I wouldn't have believed them. Travel has become more and more popular in the last 20 years especially with young adults and students, hence with this trend I decided that a trip to South America to volunteer would be both beneficial to the community that I would be living with but also to our love for languages and experiencing something different. So being lucky enough to be the recipient of the OQ Ventures Award enabled me to fund this travelling and raise money for my volunteering.

We landed in Lima, Peru on the 17th July 2016, a totally new continent for the both of us. With plans to explore Lima before heading to Cusco and then onto Umasbamba, we made the most of the historical sites of the city. While Lima was a new city in a new country, it wasn't much different to being in Spain perhaps in Barcelona, minus the Inca Ruins.

However Cusco was like nothing I had ever seen before. People dressed in traditional clothing, no high-rise buildings, markets everywhere and that was all squashed into a city in the valleys of 6000 metre Mountains. Altitude is the main problem on arrival in Cusco as it is at 3,399 metres, it makes you feel seriously out of breath and unfit even though you may not be. We were volunteering through a company called International Volunteering Head Quarters (IVHQ) and their Cusco based company was named Maximo Nivel a company, whose aim was to teach English to South Americans and help in the local communities. The village we volunteered in was called Umasbamba, a small, simplistic village, made up of around 30 families situated in the Andes about an hour from Cusco. Their main language being Quechua, a Spanish dialectic that I had never come across before. We stayed with a Raphaella, Xenobio and their 2 daughters, Rubi and Mirian, who I am still in touch with to this day. The tasks that we did while there ranged, we planted potatoes, herded the sheep, fed the animals, hand-washed laundry and even learnt to make our own bracelets. Umasbamba was completely different to what is known as a secluded village in England. Just walking down the road you would come across sheep or cows strolling down the street, of perhaps a pack of llamas. My experience living in this village for 2 weeks was unique and enjoyable. I was treated like one of their own in the family, even though I was only there for 2 weeks.

After volunteering for 2 weeks in Umasbamba, the main reason for my trip, I took on the challenge of the 4 day Inca Trek to Machu Picchu. With no extensive experience, apart from Duke of Edinburgh, I found the trek to be easier than others had expressed it to be, however the disappointment when I reached the Inti Punta (Sun Gate) and Machu Picchu was covered in clouds and the rain began to fall, was something I'll never forget.



From taking part in the volunteering and living with a true Peruvian family to taking part in the Inca Trek, I was able to see both the history of native South America as well as experience American Indian life. Without the funding from OQA Ventures Award it would have been a struggle to take part in this trip and being able to travel to so far from home to a culture so different to ours, I have been able to acknowledge how fortunate I am. I hope to be able to return to South America and hopefully even visit my host family again. Being exposed to this different way of life in Umasbamba, through their culture and language meant that I came away from the trip with a completely different view on South America and how fortunate I am being able to travel, and I am thankful to Queenswood and the OQA Funds for giving me the opportunity to experience a new way of life.

Anais Tang - The South American Journey

I was a very fortunate recipient of the OQ Ventures Award which inevitably enabled me to fund my travels and consequently help raise money towards a volunteering project in Peru.

Fast forwarding to the day we landed in Lima, Peru from London Heathrow before flying over to our volunteer placement in Umasbamba, I cannot emphasise the sheer excitement and anxiety I felt for the forthcoming weeks. There is more to ancient Peru than the Incas. Linguistic and cultural barriers albeit at times difficult to overcome, were the highlights of our learning experience.

As a student studying languages both leisurely and on an academic level, it was incredibly surreal to witness first hand the ancient world of the Moche population and be surrounded by indigenous Quechua Indians of the central Andes, far from anything I would have been able to explore in mainland Europe.

After adjusting to the jet lag in Lima for a few days, we flew to Cusco, famously known as the capital which was once home to the Inca Empire, near the Urubamba Valley of the Andes and of course, the world heritage site of Machu Picchu... which to this day remains an enigmatic and cryptic archaeological site; its exact former use is still subject to theories and bewilderment which was fascinating to learn!

Given the Cusco's high elevation above sea level, reaching almost 3,400m, we had to acclimatise to the high altitudes before we were able to take on strenuous physical activity. It was interesting to learn the ways in which locals have adapted



to the lack of oxygen by drinking Coco tea 'Mate de Coca' or even chewing on such leaves due to its mild narcotic effects.

A few days into Cusco, we took a bus transfer to the rural area of Umasbamba where we were to begin our Andean immersion and volunteer placement. Our host family were nothing but accommodating living in ancient area with surroundings set against the backdrop of mountains and hills dotted with llamas and alpacas, which of course we learnt how to differentiate between the two! (The former have long banana-shaped ears while the latter have a smaller body mass and have shorter spear-shaped ears). I stayed with the Hanco family, including the mother and father and two sisters, both of whom have been able to receive education and scholarships as a result of our fundraising and the fundraisers from previous volunteers.

With limited electricity, no internet and occasional hot running water, living standards were nothing short of basic and rudimentary. Nonetheless, we quickly adapted and were assigned daily tasks such as herding very stubborn and large sheep, feeding guinea pigs, looking after the donkeys before they carried heavy load around the farm, handwashing laundry and planting potatoes. These tasks were only a handful of activities we carried out amongst other chores. One could consider it as physical labour but looking beyond helping with everyday tasks taught me more than what I could bring as an individual. Life was simple, my host family would treat me as equal as any other Quechua Indian in the village because despite our different backgrounds, I was never perceived as an outsider.

The two short weeks of volunteering at the farm went too quickly but to this day I am remain in contact with the Hanco family although I will admit communication is incredibly difficult. Having always been exposed to Iberian Spanish at Queenswood, adapting to Latin American nuances was incredibly rewarding despite the vast regional differences throughout the whole of the continent most notably the differences in the pronunciation of the Spanish phonemes written <s> and <z> or <c>, commonly known as the soft <c> which in English would be pronounced with a 'th' sound and the latter, 's'. Aside the linguistic differences, the cultural experience has additionally led me to pursue ethnographic research at the University of Edinburgh as a sub-module and look into anthropological perspectives on perhaps Peruvian society.

Without a doubt, the OQ Ventures Award has been of paramount importance to me. I was able to effectively use the grant and in return, I arrived home safely, in acknowledgement of how fortunate I was to be able travel far from home and experience a culture vastly different to anything I had experienced in the past. I witnessed celebrations of Peru's independence day, I learnt a couple of Quechua phrases and I experienced the life of an indigenous American Indian. I strongly believe that I will return to explore the rest of the South American countries; my summer of 2016 has only left me yearning to undertake a long stay volunteering placement in the near future and I am grateful that Queenswood has given me the opportunity to realise my aspirations.

Dates For Your Diary

Saturday 4th March

OQA Executive Meeting and Lunch, Queenswood

Thursday 9th May

Herts, Beds, Middx & North London Reunion Thundridge, nr Ware

Saturday 13th May

1987 Leavers 30th Reunion, Queenswood

Thursday 18th May

Southern Reunion, Brook, nr Cadnam, Hampshire

Saturday 20th May

OQA Executive Meeting and AGM, Lunch, Queenswood

Saturday 10th June

1967 Leavers 50th Reunion, Queenswood

Friday 12

OQ Golf Society - The Silver Tassie, The Berkshire Golf Club

Thursday 28th September

OQ Golf Society Autumn Meeting, The Rochford Hundred Golf Club

For further information on the above events, please contact Jane van der Maat in the Foundation Office at Queenswood, jane.vandermaat@queenswood.org

Please see the additional Branch News reports below.

If your Branch does not appear above, that does not necessarily mean there will not be a reunion this year, but the date may not have been set.

Branch News 2016-2017

Our current Branches and Branch Secretaries are listed below. If you are interested in hosting an event or taking on a Branch Secretary role in any of the vacant regions, please contact the Queenswood Foundation Office.

NORTH EAST

Susan Baker, Grange Cottage, 7 Layton Avenue, Rawdon, Leeds LS19 6QQ Tel: 0113 2509196

Since the last Chronicle, we had a lovely Reunion hosted by Alison Smith (Leach) in April 2015 which was a great occasion. Our 2016 gathering was the joint Reunion with the North West Branch at the Queen's Hotel in Leeds, our combined 50 year celebratory lunch. It was a lovely to be able to see friends from the other side of the country.

In 2017 the Reunion is to be held on 27th April. We are currently seeking a new venue, as our host Aline Inman has sadly passed away.

HOME COUNTIES WEST

Mandy Pepper, Rose Cottage, Ferry Road, Bray, Berks, SL6 2AT. Tel: 01628 620519,

Email: amanda.pepper@btinternet.com

In 2015, Mary Holden (Mrs Thurston) was kind enough to have 10 of us over for coffee before we went off to a very nice local pub. Usual lovely crowd. Last year, we had a larger gathering, hosted by Lollie Goldsmith (Mrs Read) who had 20 of us over to her house for tea and coffee, followed by a meal at the Cote Brasserie in Amersham. Our number included several new, younger OQ's, so maybe we, the country branches, are not a dying breed! Jan Law (Mrs West) also came over from South Africa, where she is branch secretary.

In 2017, Jane Wates has invited us (with trepidation) to morning coffee at her house at Shiplake, which will be followed by a pub lunch. The Section will be contacted, when we have confirmed a date.

SOUTHERN

Rose Green (Mrs Spence), 11A Stourwood Road, Southbourne, Dorset BH6 3QP Tel: 01202 469613

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The 2016 lunch this year was held in the Bell Hotel at Brook, in the New Forest and we had over 20 people attending plus a visit from Jane van de Maat from Q.

In 2017, our lunch will be on Thursday 18th May 2017 at 12 noon in the same restaurant and I do hope many of you will be able to join us.

BEDS, HERTS, MIDDLESEX, LONDON N 10-22, NE11

Vicky Graham (Mrs Neale), Heathview, 5 Downlands, Royston, Herts, SG8 5BY

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In May 2015 several of us enjoyed a very good lunch at a pub near Hemel Hempstead. OQA Chairman, Lindsay, was able to join us and Jane from the Foundation Office gave us news from Queenswood.

On Tuesday 9th May, 2017 Jenny King and Ann Todd have very kindly agreed to host a lunchtime reunion at Jenny's home near Ware. More details will be available in the newsletter and by email and I will contact those with no email address by letter. Please contact me in the meantime for more information.

NORTH WEST

Amanda Martin (Mrs Dunbar), 27 Cherry Walk, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle, Cheshire, SK8 7DY. Tel: 01614 860477, Email: adunbar3@btinternet.com

2016 – A wonderful joint 50th anniversary reunion, for the combined North West and North East branches, took place in Leeds, at a suitably purple-themed Queen's Hotel, as reported in the OQ Newsletter. It was a lovely opportunity for OQs from across the branches to mingle and catch up on news.

We will be planning a 2017 reunion, but no date has yet been finalised. Branch members will be contacted in due course.

EAST ANGLIA

Jane Hilton (Mrs Lambert), Over Hall, Colne Engaine, Colchester, Essex, C06 2HW. Tel: 01787 224220

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We enjoyed a lovely, happy lunch at my home last year. For 2017, we plan to do the same and Branch members will be contacted with a date in due course.

SCOTLAND

Laura Kinmonth (Mrs Behan)

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We had a great Scottish branch reunion organised by Mary Warrack and Pattie Bell in November at Pattie's beautiful house. We were around 20 people with a good age range represented from Jean Horton who made the trip up from Cambridge to join us, to my 6 week old daughter who was not yet able to be left at home.

For 2017, now that Mary has passed the baton of organising the reunions down to me, I will be looking to have the next one in around 18 months time. In the meantime any Scottish based OQ's who have not been invited in the past please get in touch!

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In 2016 we held a wonderful joint reunion with the NE Branch, celebrating the combined 50th anniversary. Some lovely photographs are testament to the event!

We have no date planned for 2017 as yet, but Branch members will be contacted in due course.

CORNWALL & DEVON

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Following last year's successful inaugural Cornwall and Devon OQA reunion, the second Reunion will be on Saturday 6th May at 12 noon for 12.30 lunch at Carol Dimmock's home

EASTACOTT FARM, CREDITON, DEVON, EX173PY
Contact Mo Read (aka Measles at Q) to reserve your place by phone or by email. Lunch will be £12.50 per person. Details will also be circulated to members nearer the time.

NIGERIA

Irene Syrimis is planning an inaugural reunion in Lagos around Easter and will be contacting OQs.

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Jeanette McLachlin, Jacqui Brown, Margaret Wallis, Madeleine Nicholls, Hilary Macmillan, Jane Robson, Jane Griffiths all enjoyed a very good dinner at the Badminton and Racquets Club in downtown Toronto.

The next dinner will be Wednesday May 3rd 2017, any Queenswoodian is welcome to join us, just contact the Foundation Office or Margaret Wallis.

USA

Our US contacts are Anne Straker (Mrs Straker), 3040 Idaho Avenue, NW Apt 201, Washington DC, 20016-5436. Tel: 001 202 362 0539 and in Massachusetts, Amanda Gluckstein (Mrs Graves) Email: scrabblenut19@yahoo.com

Old Queenswoodians' Association Annual General Meeting Minutes

Held on Saturday, 14th May 2016 in the Terrace Room, Trew House, Queenswood

Apologies and Welcome

The Chairman, Lindsay Allen (Mrs Smith) welcomed all those present and thanked them for attending.

The Chairman read the list of those unable to attend the meeting. Apologies were received from: Ann Biron (Mrs Howlett), Moreen Compton (Mrs Biron), Pauline Edgar, Olivia Garnham, Diane Goodman (Mrs Arthur), Laura Kinmonth (Mrs Behan), Rosemary Mackenzie, Audrey Minchin (Mrs Butler), Margaret Moody (Mrs Lawrence), Liz Needham, Hilary Robins (Mrs Skaar), and Brenda Spratt (Mrs Brown).

Reports of Deaths of Members of the OQA

The Acting Chairman read the names of those Members of the OQA who had passed away since the last AGM: Brenda Bellman (Mrs Rose), Thane Bettany, Ruth Brudenell (Mrs Derisley), Paula Crouch (Mrs Martin), Sally Gibbard (Mrs Searle), Jennifer Gibby (Mrs Irvine), Dawn Goldsmith (Mrs Booth), Celia Hammond, Barbara Hilton-Bailey (Mrs Reynolds), Caroline Lamont, Mary Legge, Jean Macdowell, Judith Marsden (Mrs Ford), Julia Monks (Mrs Baynham), Barbara Paul (Mrs Fielden), Ann Poulson (Mrs Corser), Jean Pendleton (Mrs Edleston), Lesley Roberts, Brenda Seel, Diane Stokes, Barbara Tommis (Mrs Boyd), Cate Wates (Mrs Heynes) and Camilla Wilson.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 16th May 2015

The Acting Chairman asked if all Members present had read the tabled Minutes from the last AGM. That being the case, she asked if she could sign them as an accurate reflection of the meeting. All those present agreed, and accordingly the Acting Chairman signed a copy of the Minutes.

Matters Arising

The Acting Chairman informed the Members that she would take any Matters Arising under the following item, "Chairman's Announcements" and would open the floor to any questions at the end of the item.

Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman thanked the Executive Committee, Guy Ranford, Jane van der Maat and Ro Purcell for their help and support during the previous year.

The Chairman updated the Members on both the work of the Committee and her role, since the previous AGM: -

The guest speaker at Speech Day in 2015 was Samira Ahmed, an award winning journalist and broadcaster, and a visiting professor of journalism at Kingston University with a special focus on culture and its overlap with politics. The day took on a different format, with attendees being entertained by girls giving speeches in different languages (with translations provided in the programme). Julie Fong, who received the OQA Prize for Mathematics, wrote a thank you letter for the award.

The OQ Team came second in the AROPS hockey competition in September 2015. The team stayed overnight the night before

in Coventry, and played on the Sunday. **Sharon Hardie** was the Team Umpire, and **Liz Needham**, the Team Manager. The Team competed against Old Coventrians (who hosted the event) and Old Princethorpians. The OQ Team had 10 players, as did OPs, including a man in goal! There was a very high standard of hockey, with the Team beating OCs 7-2 but losing to OPs 6-0.

The OQ Networking event on 24th September 2015 was hosted at Accenture, with the outside area overlooking the Shard. The event was a success, with over 60 OQs and Sixth Formers in attendance, including several new OQ faces. Thanks were extended to **Andrew Poppleton** for hosting the event.

The OQ Carol Service took place on 12th December 2015, with over 100 people in attendance, and £230 being raised for Herts Air Ambulance. The different format of returning to the Dining Hall after the service worked well. The drinks reception after the 2016 Carol Service will be 'hosted' by **Daphne Walton**.

The North East and North West branches celebrated their fifty year anniversary of the founding of their branches on 14th April 2016 at the Queens Hotel in Leeds. **The Chairman** and **Jane van der Maat** attended and had a wonderful lunch with the OQs, some of whom had never attended an OQA event before.

There have been reunions taking place across the globe, including Toronto and California.

The Newnham College Cambridge event took place on 27th April 2016. OQs (some of whom hadn't been to any OQA functions before), OQ Cambridge students, OQ staff members, and Sixth Formers had a successful evening networking. Thanks were extended to **Lucy Pickworth** for arranging the venue.

Last year's Ventures Award recipient, **Isabella Hadjisaavas**, was unable to undertake the volunteer work in Spain she had hoped to do, due to her age and health and safety. However, in the alternative, she visited Palestine and undertook some research work, and worked along several groups. The Committee were happy to transfer her Award to support this work, given its voluntary nature.

This year, three Ventures Awards have been awarded. **Millie Norton** and **Anais Tang** are going to Peru to volunteer within the rural community by the Andean Mountain Range, and then complete the Inca Trail. The other recipient, **Mosope Adeyinka**, is going to work with children in an orphanage in Nigeria.

The son of **Ruth Kendrick-Smith (Mrs Moon)** – who passed away in January 2014, has given £1,500 in memory of his mother, to use for an award, and would like this to be connected to her interests of travel and research. It was agreed that The Ruth Moon Award would be created, for an OQ to undertake research in the UK or abroad. Information about this will be circulated to the OQA shortly.

The OQA have £250 to distribute per annum, on a first come first served basis, to support OQs in their fundraising efforts for their given charities. In the last financial year, the OQA awarded **Sally Smith (Mrs Roakes)** £50 as she took part in the London Moonwalk, and **Jaime Norris (Mrs Kenyan)** £50 for taking part in a night hike of Snowdon, which is taking place on 20th May.

Georgina Graham has expressed an interest in hosting an event at Queenswood or in London, hopefully a date will be confirmed shortly. She has developed a signature make up style that has gained her a reputation as an exciting talent in the fashion and beauty industry, and has given talks and demonstrations at the London College of Fashion, the Design

and Textile Museum, Central St Martins, The Surrey Institute, and at the IMATS.

Liz Needham attended the Regional AROPS meeting at The Leys, earlier in the year, and will now be the OQA AROPS Representative. She reported that there was an interesting group of people present, holding various positions in the Associations – ex-pupils, retired staff, Development Directors or Assistance, Fundraising Officers and Foundation Officers. There was an exchange of ideas of what schools are doing to keep in contact with all 'friends' – parents, pupils and staff, and lots of discussion on data protection.

The OQGS had their annual meeting at Walton Health Golf Club on 7th October 2015. It was enjoyed by everyone, despite some rain. The next Autumn Meeting will take place at Brookmans Park Golf Club on 5th October 2016.

That being the end of her announcements, **the Chairman** invited any questions or Matters Arising from the Members, but there were no comments.

School News from the Principal, Pauline Edgar

In the absence of **Pauline Edgar**, **Jane van der Maat** provided a brief update on the School's news: -

There are currently 420 pupils on the roll, with slightly more boarders than day boarders – a ratio which the School is trying to keep. The pupil numbers will increase to 430 for September.

20% of the pupils are from overseas, with 23 countries represented at Queenswood.

10% of the pupils receive financial support from bursaries.

Queenswood is very successful in a range of sports, with some pupils competing a national level.

The Mustique raffle will be launched again this year, to raise support for the Bursary Fund.

The Chairman informed the attendees that **Pauline Edgar** was retiring at the end of the academic year, after 10 years at Queenswood. She stated that the new Principal, **Jo Cameron**, had visited the School on several occasions. The attendees were advised that the OQA had presented **Pauline Edgar** with a gift from the OQA at the morning's Executive Committee meeting.

Honorary Secretary's Report

The Chairman invited the **Honorary Secretary** to present her report to the Members.

The Honorary Secretary reflected on her ten years and four roles on the Committee, and the changes that she had seen over her service, focussing on the instigation of the Young OQA, changes to the Chronicle, changes to the Committee membership and the new constitution, the newsletter and e-newsletter, connections via social media, and an increase and broadening in the events offered. She stated that there were still challenges the OQA faced, and constant thought was given to the Chronicle, the relevance of events and communications, and the Branch structure. She also suggested that future consideration be given to the digitalisation of the Committee, namely the creation of an online 'hub' to store all historic papers from Association meetings and other key documents.

The Chairman thanked the **Honorary Secretary** for her service on the Executive Committee and her time and commitment to her role, and informed the attendees that the **Honorary Secretary** had been presented with flowers and gifts on behalf of the OQA in the morning's Executive Committee meeting.

Honorary Treasurer's Report and OQBST Report

The Chairman invited the Honorary Treasurer to present her report to the Members.

The Honorary Treasurer stated that the accounts were in the process of being finalised by the auditors, although it was not expected they would change from the drafts she had before her.

OQA Accounts

The Honorary Treasurer informed the Members that the OQA had had disappointing investments in the previous financial year. £60,000 had been invested but there has been a £3,000 loss on the portfolio. She reported that it has been a turbulent year in investments, with static interest rates and the weakening of the Chinese Market. Some shares were sold, and others purchased, which are still generating income but have moved back slightly. The 5.3% loss, she stated, is slightly more than the general market.

The OQA's income is comprised of £18,000 funding from the School, reunions and the AGM, merchandise and events. Money has been spent on the Chronicle, Committee expensive, communications and events, Committee expenses, administration, donations, general accountancy, and the Honorary Treasurer badge in memory of Katherine Ferris (Mrs Farr). The Honorary Treasurer advised that the surplus of £3,542 demonstrated a good year, particularly given the Chronicle publication.

OQBST Accounts

The Honorary Treasurer reported that the investment income from the OQBST accounts had marginally increased by £50 to £9,695, and that the operating costs of £9,600 were comprised of the bursary and account costs. The accounts have seen a 3% loss against a bench mark of 0.3%, Brexit could bring a turbulent year ahead.

The Honorary Treasurer stated that the Trustees had agreed to continue their contribution to the bursary of a current pupil of £9,000 as it was felt the accounts were healthy enough. This is a part-bursary which provides assistance to the daughter of an OQ. Ian Williams, in the annual update on the recipient to the Trustees, informed them on how she was flourishing at Queenswood.

Report from the OQA Representative on the Board of Governors

The Chairman invited Vicky Graham (Mrs Neale) to present her report to the Members; a copy of this report can be found at Appendix 1.

Report from the Young OQA Representative

In the absence of Olivia Garnham, the Chairman informed the attendees that the Young OQA had been planning to host a dinner dance at Queenswood in September, but that this had had to be cancelled due to an engagement party that night affecting the number of available attendees. She also stated that due to diary clashes with the School, it had not been possible to arrange the polo event in June; however, it was hoped that this would return in 2017.

Report from the Staff OQA Representative

The Acting Chairman invited Sharon Hardie to present her report to the Members. Sharon Hardie stated that at the OQ Carol Service, a drinks reception is hosted to honour a recent staff leaver, and that in 2015 all staff members of the OQA had been invited to the event, which had resulted in a good staff representation. She informed the attendees that she was encouraged by the staff interest in the OQA, which had been helped by the presence of two longstanding staff members on the Executive Committee.

Election of Committee Members

The Chairman reported that two Committee members were standing down, the Honorary Secretary and Laura Kinmonth (Mrs Behan); new members were elected as follows: - Lucy Pickworth (Honorary Secretary) – proposed by Tricia Wrinch, seconded by Nikki Sitwell (Mrs Slowey), and Liz Needham (Elected Member) – proposed by Nikki Sitwell (Mrs Slowey), seconded by Sharon Hardie. The Chairman drew the attendees' attention to the fact that Jo Cameron, the incoming Principal, would be replacing Pauline Edgar on the Committee.

Any Other Business

The Chairman informed the attendees that Audrey Minchin (Mrs Butler) would be 80 at the end of May. To celebrate her birthday, the School will be hosting a lunch for her, and the OQA will send her a gift.

On behalf of the OQA, Letitia Fry (Mrs Berry) thanked the Chairman for all of her work.

Date and Time of 2017 Annual General Meeting

The next AGM will be held on 20th May 2017 at 2.15pm, to be preceded by Lunch and followed by Tea and tours of the School.

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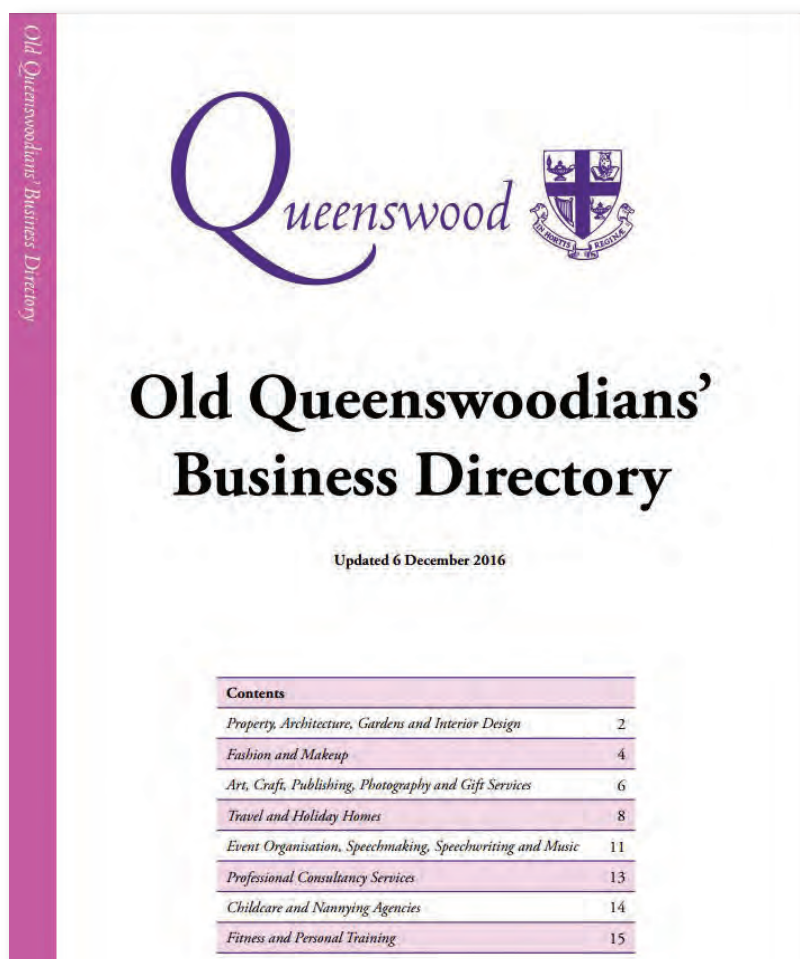
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Births

Section	First name	Maiden name	Surname	Child	Date of Birth
58	Fiona	Garnett	Garnett	Isabelle Marie	28 July 2016
59	Ginny	Usher-Smith	Usher-Smith	Hugo Edward Baynton Amphlett	8 June 2016
59	Rachel	Whatley	Whatley	Thomas David Bobby	9 December 2014
60	Anna	Thompson	Hunter	Wilfred Charles Hal	9 November 2015
60	Nikki	Sitwell	Slowey	Henry James	9 February 2015
61	Sheila	Kaijuka	Kaijuka	Anna Apio and Abigail Achen	7 January 2016
63A	Emma	Tuckley	Tuckley	Teddy William	21 September 2015
64	Annie	Luckin	Bryce	Samuel Oliver James	7 April 2015
64	Georgina	Graham	Graham	Saoirse Kathleen and Mia Valerie	18 October 2016
64	Natalie	Pinkham	Walbyoff	Willow	20 June 2016
64A	Georgie	Thompson	Ainslie	Bellatrix	16 July 2016
64A	Jules	Summers	Orford	William Hugh Peter	9 November 2015
64A	Lucy	Woodward	Carrington Palmer	Monty	14 April 2016
64A	Susanna	Underwood	Heath	Mia Rose	27 May 2015
65	Ayodele	Akinrinade	Uloroh	Theodore and Sasha	31 May 2016
66	Harriet	Adie	Ewing	Beatrice Ophelia Florence	20 February 2015
66	Lara	Desmond	Ryan	Emilie Diana Rose	6 July 2015
66	Laura	Davies	van Pelt	Edward James Young	10 March 2016
66	Polina	Volkova	Volkova	Ivan	25 January 2016
66	Sofie	Bennett-Baggs	Walder	Rafe Peregrine William	12 March 2014
66A	Anna	Mawson	Mawson	Amber Eliana Curtis	23 October 2015
67	Amanda	Jones	Jones	Max	21 December 2015
67	Hannah	White	Gilmour	Olive Bay	6 February 2016
67	Lisa	Neve	Bryant	Joshua Jon	17 November 2016
67A	Susie	Davies	Robinson	Arthur James Eveleigh	8 February 2016
68	Emma	Phillips	Astaire	Phoebe	30 January 2016
68	Hannah	Rowton	Fairbairn	Rory Andrew	7 April 2014
68	Lucinda	Hostombe	Hostombe-Shooter	Hugo Roger Lenton	25 March 2016
68	Tania	Bennett-Baggs	Bennett-Baggs	Leo George Shaw	25 April 2016
69	Charlotte	Smith	Rolt	Sebastian George Jackson	29 May 2014
69	Cheryl	Chan	Chan	Heather Hong-Ching Chau	4 November 2014
69	Claire	Collings	Collings	Henry Thomas James	23 August 2015
70	Carol	Armstrong	Moreton	Alfred 'Freddie' James	20 September 2015
72	Hellen	Brewster	Lenihan	Isabelle Maria	5 November 2014
73	Hannah	Horlock	Stephens	Finley Charles	25 May 2016
74	Nicola	Thomas	Shirley	Theia Eowyn	31 May 2016
75	Charlie	Highfield	Highfield	Oliver Leigh	12 November 2015
75	Emma	Bambridge	Bambridge	Olivia Grace	31 July 2015
82	Gladys	Lo	Lo-Reynolds	Noah Jackson	22 July 2016

Marriages

Section	First name	Maiden name	Spouse name	Date
55	Sophy	Higgins	Lasse Sandvik	9 September 2016
55	Mary-Ann	Nickerson	Reiner Singh	9 July 2016
60	Pyle	Hannah	James Bernard Foster	10 August 2016
61	Nicola	Nchindo	Gary Gutfreund	18 Novemeber 2015
61	Katy-Jo	Howliston	Cesar Alanis	14 July 2016
66A	Holly	Sinfield	Nick Ruddlesdin	6 August 2016
67A	Emma	Durlacher	Tom Maclay	23 July 2016
68	Zi	Udezue	Ike Orunta	11 October 2015
68	Abbey	Bintcliffe	Helen Smith	30 July 2016
69	Emily	Trewella	James Sutton	30 April 2016
69	Alice	Reed	Peter Mackey	15 August 2015
70	Natalie	French	Matthew Hodges	21 November 2015
70	Sally	Poon	Jimmy Ng	3 January 2016
70	Rebecca	Lane	Brett Morrison	15 July 2016
71A	Eunice	Woo	Kenny Ma	16 January 2016
71A	Fleur	McCarthy	Andrew Riley	30 January 2016
72	Stephanie	Gross	Ben Crosland	11 July 2015
72A	Lisa	Malhotra	Tobias Piers Webb	25 June 2016
72A	Amelia	Macgregor	Flt.Lt. Robin Crosse	28 August 2015
72A	Hannah	Smith	Benjamin Alderson	22 August 2015
72A	Emily	Smith	Daniel Falvey	30 July 2016
73	Jessica	Flynn	Ben McGawley	5 December 2015
73	Lindsay	McCall	John Woodger	25 June 2016
73	Jessica	Ronan	Daniel McMahon	10 September 2016
73	Sonia	Malhotra	Tim Denny	3 September 2016
73	Charlotte	Aldridge	Thomas Maverley	8 July 2016
73A	Natasha	Hall	Adam Biamonti	29 August 2015
74	Katie	Fulcher	Timothy Guest	28 November 2015
74	Tiggi	Marsh	Sebastien Pratt	18 July 2015
74	Kavina	Shah	Saavan Shah	10 August 2015
74	Sasha	Rankin	Sam England	16 July 2016
74	Charlotte	Russell	Nick Lewis	9 July 2016
74	Katie	Linsell	Louis Cozon	3 September 2016
75	Annelise	Moeke	Tony Mullin	7 May 2016
75	Amy	O'Brien	Tom Griffin	9 April 2016
75	Olivia	Davis	Jacob Gold	2 August 2015
75	Flo	Pantelli	Christopher Adamou	23 July 2016
76	Voula	Hajipapas	Paul Yiannakas	21 November 2015
76	Adrienne	Georgiou	Kameron Halil	11 June 2016
76	Daria	Goldobina	David Rumpf	20 February 2016
76	Rose	Featherby	Iain Anstess	30 July 2016
78	Daisy	Wright	James Olley	20 August 2016
82	Gladys	Lo	Laurence Christian Reynold	13 March 2016

Deaths

Section	First Name	Maiden Name	Surname	Date
	Dawn	Goldsmith	Booth	December 2015
000	Brenda		Seal	1 April 2016
000	Camilla		Wilson	16 March 2016
000	Caroline		Lamont	4 August 2015
000	Celia		Hammond	21 August 2015
000	Chris		Culshaw	7 October 2016
000	Lesley Jean		Roberts	10 April 2016
000	Thane		Bettany	September 2015
10	Barbara	Paul	Fielden	2015
10	Elsie	Hitchcock	Hunter	14 October 2014
12	Audrey	Smith	Robins	22 October 2016
12	Brenda	Bellman	Rose	11 August 2015
12	Pauline	Callard	Callard	29 March 2016
13	Anne Sheila	Chapman	Garside	21 December 2016
13	Barbara	Tommis	Mrs Boyd	31 December 2015
13A	Diana	Williams	Summons	28 June 2016
14	Jean	Macdowell	Philip	18 July 2015
14	Valerie	Adams	Thorn	25 June 2016
15	Hazel	Hornby	Sheen	15 June 2016
15	Paula	Crouch	Martin	November 2015
15A	Brenda	Merry	Merry	16 March 2016
15A	Cynthia	Wheatland	Edwards	7 August 2016
16	Jean Margaret	West	Mrs Pink	11 December 2014
16	Mavis	Allen	Osborne	11 September 2016
16	Sheila	Bewley	Trounce	7 October 2016
16A	Jean	Pendleton	Edelsten	1 January 2015
17	Anne	Atkinson	Innes	June 2016
17	Diane	Stokes	Stokes	November 2014
17	Hazel	Locker	Douglas	30 June 2016
19	Sally	Gibbard	Searle	5 December 2014
19	Valerie	Kendall	Barlow	11 June 2016
20	Margaret	Haines	Debere	19 June 2016
20	Ruth	Brudenell	Derisley	18 July 2015
22	Jean	Forsyth	Cunliffe-Owen	27 April 2015
22	Margaret Rosemary	Smith	Dewey	21 Sept 2016
23	Aline	Southam	Inman	13 October 2016
24	Julia	Monks	Baynham	2 February 2015
24	Mary	Gibby	Brunker	15 October 2016
24	Susan	Vinson	Vinson	23 January 2015
26	Patricia	Duncanson	Gravatt	3 February 2016
27	Barbara	Hilton-Bailey	Reynolds	2014
29	Jennifer	Gibby	Irvine	12 November 2015
29	Mary	Legge	Legge	29 March 2015
31A	Cate	Wates	Heynes	28 March 2016
32	Judith	Marsden	Ford	7 January 2016
39	Alice	Poulson	Corser	7 June 2015
47	Katherine	Ferris	Farr	3 November 2014
48	Nicola	Marshall	Marshall	8 April 2016

Obituaries

Audrey Lillian Robins (nee Smith), Section 12, 1st April 1922 – 22nd October 2016

Born in Woodford Green, Audrey was one of the last true generation of Empire. Her father went to work for Aspinwall & Co. in Alleppey, SW India when she was only two and as a result she only really got to know him once she was eighteen. At the age of six her mother also went out to India to join her father. Audrey left a touching note on her mother's dressing table to illustrate her dismay at being left by both parents. 'Mother is going to India, what am I to do. I have no mother and no father because daddy has gone there too'.

For the next four years Audrey was raised by her maternal grandmother while her elder brother was sent away to school; however, due to her grandmother's failing eyesight, this arrangement came to an end when Audrey was ten. It was decided that she should be sent to boarding school and that she and her elder brother would spend the holidays with their paternal grandmother.

So it was that early in 1932 Audrey's long association with Queenswood began. She wrote in her memoirs that in the absence of both her parents the staff and pupils at the school became a surrogate family for her. She excelled academically, particularly in English and developed a comprehensive knowledge of British poetry, finally leaving 'Q' in the summer of 1939 and successfully completing a secretarial course.

On the outbreak of war Audrey immediately enlisted in the Volunteer Fire Service but her involvement was short-lived because they discovered that she had lied about her age in order to be accepted. By this time her mother had returned from India to be followed by her father in early 1940 and with the war escalating her father decided that that whole family should return to India with him. They sailed from Liverpool on the SS Mulbera in August 1940 bound from Colombo via Cape Town.

Once ensconced in the sleepy town of Alleppey Audrey either had to find something to fill her time that would be acceptable to her father rather protective father, or resign herself to accompanying her mother on the round of coffee mornings, ladies bridge parties, tea parties and working on worthy committees. In Alleppey the only real entertainment was known as A Meet. These events happened every few months or so when the planters would come in from the outlying districts to attend a dinner dance at The Club and it was not long before mother received a proposal of marriage from some lonely, middle-aged planter, which she graciously declined.

Her father eventually agreed to her training as a nurse and she attended a course in Bangalore attaining her nursing certificate in late August 1941. There was no European hospital in Alleppey and her father would not entertain the idea of her working away from home, so she volunteered at what was then simply known as the Native Hospital. This was a very understaffed, mission based, establishment run by a handful of nuns one overworked European doctor. The conditions were appalling, patients were laid out wherever there was space, beds or not, including on the veranda and the sanitation left a great deal to be desired.

After the fall of Singapore there were fears of a Japanese seaborne invasion southern India became heavily militarised and civilian secretaries were much in demand. Audrey found no difficulty in securing a job at the Line of Communication Headquarters in Cochin a port and naval base some forty miles north of Alleppey. It was here that she met her future husband, a young artillery officer serving with the 33rd Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment on the 19th Indian Division and they were married in Bangalore on Boxing

Day 1943.

They returned to England after the war and in 1951 her husband, Robbie, joined the Colonial Service and was sent firstly to present day Zambia and then to Malawi, which they did not leave until after Malawi Independence in 1964, returning to the UK in September of that year.

They eventually settled in Suffolk and Audrey, due to some degree that her own daughter Hilary was now at Queenswood, became very involved in the OQA. She founded the East Anglian Branch of the association and over the decades she served as branch secretary, editor of the The Queenswood Chronicle and as a committee member.

Audrey had many interests amongst which was amateur dramatics which she had got a taste for from an early age and performed in several productions at 'Q', including playing the part of Lady Macbeth. She was heavily involved in The Zomba Players in Malawi and was also a prominent member the Bury St Edmunds Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society, and in retirement she was very active, always finding new interests, such as restoring antique fabrics.

Although her latter years were blighted by increasing immobility, she remained very active in mind and managed to continue living in her own home until only a few months before her death and those who knew her, even those who met her only shortly before her death, will remember her as a very positive, upbeat lady with a beautiful smile and a wonderful sense of humour.

Sheila Bewley (Mrs Trounce), Section 16, 1929-2016

Sheila was at Queenswood from 1943 to 1947. She was Head Girl in 1947 when Miss Trew was still a presence living nearby and Miss Essame was Headmistress. Her father was also a Governor.

On leaving Queenswood, Sheila went to Winkfield Place Domestic Science School, newly opened by Constance Spry, famous for her Flower School in Mayfair. A love of flower arranging and cooking remained with Sheila all her life.

Sheila married a Naval Officer and they brought up their two sons close to the Sussex coast near Chichester.

Sheila was active locally and very involved in voluntary service throughout her life, as recognized by her WRVS Long Service Award.

Julia Whalley Monks (Mrs Baynham) – 1938-2016

Julia Baynham (nee Monks) died peacefully in her sleep on 2nd February 2016. She is very much missed by all her family and so many of her friends.

Julia spent the happiest of times at Queenswood from 1951-1956, in Clapham South, under the watch of the wonderful Emma (Enid Essame) as Headmistress. Her fellow peers Eileen Marshall (Mrs Chester), Anne Chadwick Smith (Mrs Dearle), Deanna Willmott (Mme Dalmais), Sue Wood (Mrs Margrave-Jones) and Gill Smith (Mrs Allen) all became such cherished lifelong friends.

Julia will always be remembered by her school friends, for her enthusiasm for everything in life, her kindness, her love of adventure and any challenge going, her great sense of humour but above all for her absolute love of music. At Q, Julia treasured her time singing in the school choir, taking part in the concerts directed by Ernest Read, performing solos and playing the piano. Keen on sports too, with a very competitive streak, she also excelled at tennis and lacrosse and

was a much valued team player. Julia was a bright pupil and worked hard in all her studies, achieving great O'Level and A'Level results. However, her friends remember that she still found time to have a lot of fun too and in spite of the many mischievous antics they got up to, Julia would be made a House Captain and then a School Prefect.

In her earlier days at Queenswood, Julia would become captivated by the story of Helen Keller, a deaf and blind girl from America who despite her disabilities, learned to read, write and talk and provided such global hope to those with sensory disabilities. This was the inspiration that lead Julia into her chosen career to teach deaf children. Emma (Enid Essame) offered all girls at Q who wanted a career in teaching the opportunity to be based at Mymwood whilst still attending their daily lessons in school. Julia, along with Ann Chadwick Smith, jumped at the chance and both spent a wonderful year gaining invaluable experience of looking after the little ones before entering Sixth Form.

After leaving Queenswood, Julia graduated from Manchester University before undertaking her specialist teacher training and working in London. Julia loved her life with all her friends during these years. Julia and Patrick married in 1960 before moving to Lincolnshire where they set about restoring a crumbling old farmhouse and garden into a wonderful family home. They lead a very happy, sociable and extremely busy life where they embraced all the chaos that goes with raising five children. During this time, Julia always found time to sing in the choir at Lincoln Cathedral, along with being a tour guide there and her charitable work for The National Deaf Children's Society, The English Speaking Union and The Red Cross.

Once all her children were at school, Julia returned to teaching and became head teacher and inspiration of the Ermine Deaf Unit in Lincoln. For over 20 years she taught children aged 3 years to 7 years in a small building that she transformed into a most magical and fun learning space, which was annexed to a mainstream infant school.

Julia had a fierce conviction that sign language was totally inadequate for preparing her deaf pupils with the necessary skills they would need for life in the real world and, consequently, they were all taught to speak and lip read. She was also adamant that they should mix and form special friendships with the normal hearing children as well as their peers in the Deaf Unit. She achieved this by integrating her pupils into the adjoining mainstream infant school for activities such as Art, Music, PE and Drama. In return, the normal hearing children would join in with fun activities at the Deaf Unit. Julia taught hundreds of children during her teaching years and equipped them all with the invaluable skills they would need to engage with confidence into mainstream education and beyond. Her colleagues described their years working with Julia as the very best of times. "Julia had style, and her inspiration made learning interesting and an adventure and, most of all, fun."

After their retirement, Julia and Patrick spent happy years together with life revolving around their friends and family and a seemingly never ending production line of grandchildren, along with all their shared interests of gardening, walking the dogs, playing golf, skiing, bridge and tennis but never missing a single grandchild's concert or play. Summers were always spent with the family in Anglesey. Sadly Julia was widowed in 1999 after Patrick had a tragic fall a few weeks after celebrating his 70th Birthday. She and her children were so grateful to all her dear friends for helping her to stay strong through such a terrible time of grief. Julia bravely kept busy during

this time and every day she would set herself a little fun challenge to do something new: whether pumping up a flat bicycle tyre, filling the car up with the right petrol, or attempting to use a cashpoint card for the first time; before reporting back to her worried children with her most hilarious outcomes- these things Patrick had always done for her!

In time, Julia moved into a lovely garden flat in Lincoln with her pet dog Poppy, a stone's throw away from the Cathedral which she absolutely loved. She embraced the latest technology learning new computer and mobile phone skills and even installed an Xbox which, back then, rendered her the coolest grandmother on earth by her young grandchildren. She also loved her travels and visited Sri Lanka, South Africa and Australia with friends and family. When at home, her diary was always chockablock with trips to London, visiting her children and grandchildren, concerts, and endless activities and fun. Julia was diagnosed with Alzheimer's 8 years ago which she fought with all her might and with such dignity thanks to the love and support of her friends and family. Her OQ friends particularly took great care of Julia on trips around the country, to OQ reunions and concerts, trips to London and Paris to visit OQ Deanna Willmott, which she absolutely loved.

Julia was the most adored wife and mother, a devoted daughter, a loving grandmother of 16, a treasured friend and much respected by all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her lovely warm smile, her sense of humour and her love of music remained with her to the end. A Thanksgiving Service, filled with music, was held at Lincoln Cathedral in February 2016 to celebrate Julia's life. The family were so heartened to see so many wonderful friends, family, colleagues, pupils from Julia's teaching days, and especially Julia's dear OQ friends.

Brenda Bellman (Mrs Rose), Section 12, 1919-2015

Brenda Rose sadly passed away on 7th August 2015. Brenda was a long-term Governor as well as being Chairman of the Chapel Trustees and the Bellman family's long-standing relationship, contribution and involvement with the School continues today through her family, including her daughter Jenny King, former OQA Chairman.

On Friday 24 June 2016 Brenda Rose's family were joined by friends and various members of the Queenswood community to remember Brenda with the fondness and esteem in which she was held. In a befitting and lasting tribute to Brenda, a tree was planted outside the Chapel which will keep her memory close to a place she loved and held much meaning to her throughout her life.



Leavers Destinations

Surname	Forenames	Inst Code	Course Placed	Year of Entry
Adeyinka	Mosope	Essex University	Criminology and American Studies	2016
Agboola	Toluwa	London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)	Politics and International Relations	2016
Ajose-Adeogun	KK	Keele University	Law	2016
Babaoye	Tayo	Bristol University	Economics and Finance	2016
Baker	Lucy	Bristol University	Geography	2016
Barraclough	Alex	Nottingham University	History	2016
Black	Jessie	Leeds Metropolitan University	Criminology	2016
Comer	Megan	Bristol University	History	2016
Dallas	Georgia	Birmingham University	Psychology	2016
Dergileva	Daria	Queen Mary, University of London	Business Management	2016
Dowden	Jasmine	Bath Spa University	Creative Writing and English Literature	2016
Ellison	Izzy	Bristol University	Liberal Arts	2016
Fernandes	Isabella	is applying for university places this year		
Healy	Scarlette	Sussex University	English	2016
Ho	Rachel	London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)	Management	2016
Holden	Ellie	Bath University	Mathematics	2016
Hope	Laura	Bristol, University of the West of England	Marketing	2017
Hunt	Izzy	Northampton University	Acting (Creative Theatre)	2016
Hurley	Bec	St Mary's University, Twickenham	Physical and Sport Education	2016
Kent	Grace	Hull University	Drama and Film Studies	2016
Kisubi	KP	Portsmouth University	Biomedical Science	2016
Kweller	Grace	British and Irish Modern Music Institute	Professional Musicianship	2016
Kwong	Tiffany	Edinburgh University	Architecture	2016
Langley	Bethan	Birmingham University	Sport and Exercise Sciences	2016
Lo	Bonnie	Nottingham Trent University	Building Surveying	2016
Mead	Mariah	King's College London	English with Film Studies	2017
Mee	Eva	Southampton University	Geography	2016
Mehmet	Talia	Academy of Contemporary Music	Electronic Music Production	2016
Nall-Cain	Susan	Edinburgh University	Physiology	2016
Oguntayo	Teni	King's College London	International Development	2016
Oliver	Grace	Edinburgh University	Japanese	2016
Pittalis	Zenia	Bristol University	International Business Management	2016
Pontefract	Jenny	Manchester University	History of Art	2016
Poppleton	Emma	Warwick University	Engineering	2016
Preko	Jocelyn	Portsmouth University	Law with International Relations	2016
Preston	Amber	Portsmouth University	Business and Management	2016
Rocca	Daniella	University of West London	Musical Theatre with Foundation	2016
Sekibo	Jane	Nottingham University	Psychology and Cognitive Neuroscience	2016
Shah	Miti	King's College London	English	2016
Shi	Coco	School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London	Social Anthropology and World Philosophies	2016
Smith	Zoe	Durham University	Anthropology	2016
So	Natalie	Warwick University	Psychology	2016
Spires	Chloe	Portsmouth University	Pharmacy	2016
Thomas	Tilly	Birmingham University	Ancient History	2016
Thornton	Eliza		Employment - acting	
Tsang	Natalie	is applying for university places this year		
Wang	Rachel	is applying for university places this year		
Welch	Veronica	Cambridge University	History	2016
Williams	Hannah		Employment - professional athletics	
Wingfield	Katrina	Cardiff University	Sociology	2016
Wong	Venus	Durham University	Business and Management with Business Placement	2016
Yu	Priscilla	University College London	Philosophy	2016

Old Queenswoodians' Association
Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet
for the year ended 31 March 2016

Income and Expenditure Account

Income	2016 £	2015 £	Expenditure	2016 £	2015 £
Queenswood income	18,000	10,500	Cost of Chronicle publication	654	5,933
Legacy income	1,500	-	Ruth Moon award	1,500	-
Subscriptions	1	1	Communications and events	7,475	8,374
Unrealised and realised (loss)/profit on investments	(3,193)	4,413	Committee expenses	2,535	1,692
Dividends and interest received	2,201	1,553	OQ Ventures	1,500	1,000
AGM and reunion lunches	83	-	Investment management expenses	-	1,370
Sales of memorabilia	100	13	Donations	150	210
			Tax paid	-	(30)
			Cost of sales of memorabilia	76	20
			Accountancy	420	300
			Miscellaneous expenses	840	210
	<u>18,692</u>	<u>16,480</u>		<u>15,150</u>	<u>19,079</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<u>3,542</u>	<u>(2,599)</u>			

Balance Sheet

Funds	2016 £	2015 £	Net Assets	2016 £	2015 £
<u>General Accumulated Funds</u>			<u>Investments at valuation</u>		
Opening balance	65,038	67,637	Blackrock European Dynamic		
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	3,542	(2,599)	Bluefield Solar	3,283	3,469
Closing balance	<u>68,580</u>	<u>65,038</u>	Brunner Inv	7,028	7,763
			Findlay Park	5,725	5,451
<u>Fund for OQ Ventures</u>			GCP Infrastructure	7,860	7,860
Opening balance	1,000	1,000	Henderson FE	3,229	3,833
Transferred in	1,500	(1,000)	Invesco Fund Managers	-	5,520
Awards made	(1,500)	1000	JO Hambro	8,365	9,380
Closing balance	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	JPMorgan Euro	3,175	3,413
			Medicx Fund Ltd	3,281	3,188
Ruth Moon Award	1,500	-	Montanaro UK	4,610	4,630
			Polar Capital	5,454	5,450
Total Funds	<u>71,080</u>	<u>66,038</u>	Temple bar	4,788	-
				<u>56,798</u>	<u>59,957</u>
			Stocks - memorabilia	510	586
			Cash and bank	15,178	13,706
			Debtors	1,600	-
			Creditors	(3,006)	(8,211)
			Net Assets	<u>71,080</u>	<u>66,038</u>

Report to the Members of the Old Queenswoodians' Association

We have examined the Balance Sheet of the Association as at 31 March 2016 and the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended as at that date and confirm that these have been properly prepared and are in accordance with the books and records of the Association.

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1927 – 1930: Section 11
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SLATER, Aylwin (Mrs Mayhew). She is now 99 and does not recommend old age, She manages on her own in a four story house in a good location with excellent help from neighbours and family support.

STEWART, Stella (Mrs Ross-Collins) her son wrote "I am well into my 104th year and live with my son Michael in Much Hadham. My general health is remarkably good and I still take a great interest and pride in any news of Queenswood's achievements.

1930 – 1933: Section 12 and 12a
Secretary: Jean Horton (Dr Horton)

ALLNUTT, Margaret (Mrs Collop). Mrs Collas her daughter sent an email. Margaret went to Queenswood in the 1930s. She is now 96 and is in a Nursing Home in Guernsey near her daughter. She is frail but enjoys photos of Queenswood from before the war.

Smith, Audrey (Mrs Robins) Audrey sadly died on October 22nd 2016. See Obituary.

1933 – 1936: Section 13
Secretary: Jean Horton (Dr Horton)

GOODEARL, Yvonne (Mrs King). Marjorie Rundle emailed with her mother's news. Deborah and Marjorie report their mother is still in a home in Okehampton and well cared for, very confused and happy in her own world and thrilled when family visit.

FAIRLEY, Elspeth (Mrs Donaldson). Enjoyed the Scottish Reunion lunch at Pattie Bell's house and meeting the new secretary of the Scottish branch, Laura Kinmonth (Mrs Behan). Daughters Jane from Canada and Aileen from Essex came to her 95th. Able to use the bus to local shops, dentist, doctors and U3A for Bridge.

HORTON, Jean. In 2015 went round Iceland with National Trust for Scotland Cruise. This year 2016 went to Edinburgh to the Edinburgh International Festival and then to Hong Kong to the World Congress of Anaesthetists and like Elspeth enjoyed the Scottish Reunion.

INKSTER, Marjorie. Is 95 but not senile. No news.

REAVELL, Joan (Mrs Wrinch). Still living at home, still enjoying family events, recently the birth of her third great grandchild, Evie. A trip to Alnwick with daughters Kaye, Mary & Tricia for a Reavell family reunion was another highlight. Joan continues to be involved in the local community, including the church choir.

TEARLE, Dorothy. I am still well for my age (96) and able to get out. I am glad to live in a block of retirement flats where coffee mornings and other get together's are held. My sons and daughter visit me.

1936 - 1939: Section 14
Secretary: Jean Horton (Dr Horton)

BROWN, Josephine. Visited Nice to stay with her sister-in-law Denise which include a surprise visit from her niece Carole who she had not seen for 3 years.

COMPTON, Moreen (Mrs Biron). A great-grandmother 3 times. In May, Andrew. Anne's youngest is marrying Shona, a GP in Cornwall. John and family still in Canada, saw him last year, when he came to Michael and Michelle's wedding, parents of newest great-grandchild

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HANKIN, Pamela (Mrs Tweddle) writes, I was sorry to miss our local reunion, but I was in Madeira, so I should not complain! I still keep busy and send best wishes to anyone who remembers me.

HEWLETT, Patricia (Mrs Towle) writes, I am still here at St Georges. I had my 91st birthday recently and am visited by my children and grandchildren, including a recent trip to Wisley, which was lovely.

HOLLAND, Elaine (Mrs Patey). My 2 children keep an eye on me, John drops in most evenings and Sarah at the weekends. I keep in touch with my grandchildren and now 2 great grandchildren. Best wishes to any of my contemporaries who might remember be.

LEWIS, Irene (Paddy) (Mrs Hafsten). I am now 91 and managing quite well. I get help once a week and enjoy when my family can visit, including my 6 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

McCALLUM, Jean (Mrs Martyr). I spoke to Jean's husband who told me

that Jean sadly has alzheimer's disease and cannot communicate any more.

RIGBY, Margaret (Mrs Rigby Smith) writes, I continue to enjoy family life, living close to my extended family. Children, grandchildren and great grandchildren are a tremendous delight. My garden provides exercise and relaxation. What more could I want.

SHIRLEY, Beryl (Mrs Venmore-Rowland). I am now 90 and plod along! I am still living at home with some help, but my memory is very poor. I have 2 sons and 5 great grandchildren now. I still enjoy the garden, hobbling on a couple of sticks.

STOPS, Sylvia (Mrs Ward) writes, Just getting older but am still able to socialise, do a little bit of gardening and some charity committee work, etc. Sadly my sister Peggy has now died – the worst of getting older, one loses ones contemporaries.

WHITMORE, Margaret (Mrs Ward). I am now 94, with bad eye sight and deaf – I am a bit of a wreck! I may be moving near my daughter, but that's not decided yet. Apart from all that, I am fine. Best wishes to all.

No news from: Heather Weir (Mrs Ashcroft), Marguerite Robinson (Mrs Jewkes), Angela Spencer (Mrs Coleman).

1939 – 1942 Section 15
Secretary: Jean Horton (Dr Horton)

BAILEY, Marjorie (Mrs Macqueen). Just returned from New South Wales in Australia, visiting her daughter. Has two granddaughters and a 15 month old great-grand daughter. Her sister, Joan, was 90 in October, and she went to Ireland for the celebrations. Sister Judy is in poor health. Her 4 children have all done well, Alastair is a development engineer with Jaguar

BOOTH, Audrey (Mrs Williams). In spite of several joint replacements, ankles and knees, can actively enjoy her 8 great-grandchildren although they live in Scotland near Glasgow or in the borders.

BARTON, Jean. My great nephew graduated from Warwick University with a 2:1 in Economics and my niece Jeanie Barton had a song premiered in a film at Cannes, where singing in the Martinez Hotel led to another film music collaboration.

BROWN, Joan (Mrs Bury). Still running her farm with her daughter. Spends her time between home and flat in Salcombe.

Has 2 race horses that go over the jumps. Going to the races gets her out and about. Enjoyed the Bucks reunion.

BROWN, Pat (Mrs Stacey). Her daughter Nicola cycled for three weeks in Burma for charity

BOOTH, Audrey (Mrs Williams)

BUNTING, Priscilla (Mrs Manley). Charlotte Manley wrote "Priscilla remains living at home with full-time care. Whilst dementia has robbed her of mobility and almost all speech she enjoys being outside in her wheelchair with her daughter or carer and watching the wind in the trees".

ERSKINE, Margaret (Mrs Rushton). Lives in a 1 bedroom bungalow in a retirement complex, but her health is not brilliant. Her son is Chairman of 5 companies, mostly to do with music. Youngest granddaughter studying music and German in Manchester. There are 3 great-grandchildren.

MARRIOTT, Anne (Mrs Fenner). I have recently moved from Ashcott to Bridgewater in Somerset in a warden controlled flat as my husband, Frank, is in a care home in Bridgewater with severe dementia. I am 90 and still able to walk to the shops and Church. My sister Daphne is 96 and is in a care home in Wotton under Edge, Gloucestershire. She is able to walk daily and is very alert mentally and verbally. Her daughter Jane and visits her.

WRIGHT, Audrey (Mrs Edwick). Audrey telephoned. They belong to a sailing club but otherwise lead a quiet life. They have been married for 64 years and have 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

1939 – 1942: Section 15A
Secretary: Dorothy Lewis (Mrs Atkinson)

LEWIS, Dorothy (Mrs Atkinson) very much enjoyed the Q reunion nearby and was applauded for having been a section secretary for so long! A rather disappointing response this year, with only 5 responding of 17. Dorothy is looking forward to the birth of her 2nd great grandchild in November.

McNAUGHTON, Heather (Mrs Ferguson) has no news but will happily receive a hardcopy of the Chronicle again, to keep up with other news.

PHILPOT, Elizabeth now has a battery pack on her wheelchair and helpers take her out for coffee and to Church. Her many nephews visit most weeks.

SKINNER, Shirley (Mrs Steven)'s daughter wrote to tell me that Shirley died peacefully on October 11th, in her home for over 60 years.

PENNARTZ, Armande (Mrs Adie) wrote that she and her husband are well. Recently he and one of her daughters organised a party for her 90th birthday and nearly 40 came, including from Scotland, Madrid and San Francisco.

STERN, Nina (Mrs Hofman) wrote "In December we are going to be great-grandparents, which idea needs getting used to. Our granddaughter, a cousin of the future Mum – continues to enjoy Q, studying hard and participating in a variety of activities".

TAYLOR, Vera (Dr Steele) has now moved and lives in a Care Home in Bolton, Lancashire.

1942 - 1945: Section 16
Secretary: Jean Horton (Dr Horton)

BEARE, Mary (Mrs Romanes). Ian died nearly 4 years ago, lucky to live in centre of Henley, lots of friends nearby, lived in area for 60 years. Just back from Melbourne, 2nd granddaughters wedding. Great grandson 2016 born in New York, making 3 great-grandchildren. Youngest granddaughter started doctor's training at King's College. Luckily I keep well.

BRAWN, Janet (Mrs Deane) is able to garden and sing in a choir. As sight failing fast, unable to ride or bellring. Lovely to meet OQ's at Northern reunion in Leeds. In touch with Shirley Gutbrod (Gutty) and Jean Wycherley.

CHIESMAN, Brenda (Mrs Balls). While sitting in bed writing news, having had an operation on her foot. Nothing new to impart. Grandchildren getting older. My Michael still with me, hope to get a warden controlled flat for him soon. Other sons OK. I am well and able to do everything

COMBEN, Christine (Mrs Halstead) The main activity in the family has been my husband Leonard's 90th birthday. We celebrated with our three married daughters in a hotel in Ware in August. In November the eldest daughter took them for a holiday in Rotherwick

DEANE, Brenda. Still loving life in my 22nd floor flat in Media City. Going to Lowry Theatre frequently as residents get £10 tickets for shows. Very busy networking and planning a new company in 2017, onwards and upwards.
GOODFELLOW, Elizabeth

(Mrs Herron) Little news of interest apart from visits to the local hospital for one or two examinations. Very tedious! Kind regards to those of us who remain.

HATTON, Maureen (Mrs Richardson) Sadly Peter, her husband, died in October. She is 86 and it shows, with all the usual things that many have. Best wishes to all.

HOLMES, Margaret (Mrs Pulsford) Sends greetings and good wishes to everyone.

JAQUES, Lucy (Mrs Munby). My sister Nina Jaques (Mrs Jennings) died in 2016. I am still teaching for the University of the Third age (U3A) on various historical subjects. My grandson recently returned from a year spent teaching in Azbekistan.

SHORT, Pamella (Ella). I have had a busy year as usual, enjoying outings with my family, water colour painting, learning French (AS level) and enjoying my granddaughter Rebecca, now 12 years old. I am in contact with Christine Bowman, Eileen Chester and Beryl Maile.

1945-1949: Section 16a

LEYLAND, Jennifer (Mrs Eliot). Jennifer said that she had no real news, but wanted to send her best wishes to anyone who remembered her.

LODGE, Patricia (Eve) (Mrs Ibbotson). Eve lives a fairly restricted life now, but she has a dog, can still do some walking and also drives locally. Her nearest relatives are sadly in London and Spain, rather a long way from Yorkshire.
LOVELL, Barbara (Mrs Hull). Still battling on with reduced mobility. I enjoy seeing my 4 granddaughters as often as possible. I am still in contact with Heather Ferguson but was sad at the death of Cynthia Edwards.

MACWILLIAM, Kay (Mrs Baker). Kay's daughter Lucy gave news on behalf of her mother. "Physical challenges in recent months have reduced my mobility, but my brain is still ticking over! Dear husband Martin passed away peacefully in June 2016 after a long illness. We held a wonderful celebration of his life in Streatley church with over a hundred family members and friends present. I recently visited my son in Ireland and my two energetic grandsons. My daughter Lucy continues her fascinating work into the politics of energy policy at the University of Sussex".

MOORE, Jeanne (Mrs Green). Jeanne said she had nothing spectacular to report. She now has a 3rd great granddaughter and is just getting going again after a fall last November. She very much enjoys reading the Chronicle news.

PINNOCK, Dawn (Mrs Colvin). I am still well and fit. I regularly see Jane Towers, who is also in contact with Beryl Maile.

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BAKER, Shirley (Mrs Drysdale). She said old age taking over but she is lucky to be very active. No tennis or golf but plays croquet, bridge and still cycles. Her husband is rather immobile so no holidays but family visit frequentl. She see Angela Segar and Jenny Schofield (Plowman).

BRUCE, Margaret (Mrs Corrie) wrote that two of her Q friends died recently but she still sees Valerie Wellings (nee Champion) frequently and went to Mallorca with her for a week. Her husband, Richard, has Parkinson's disease but copes wonderfully well. Love to all who remember her.

COMBER, Janet (Mrs Chivers) Janet's main news was that her son and daughter-in-law were married in Sydney and, as she was unable to go there, they came to the UK and had a blessing with all the family present which was a joyous occasion.

CROOKS, Elizabeth (Mrs Waddington) said she did not really have any news apart from the fact she is keeping well. She enjoys her life driving to have coffee with friends and socialising.

FARISH, Evelyn (Mrs Mercer) Evelyn said she was one of Emma's first pupils. She wrote of Miss Stafford who told her she murdered the french language and she had to prepare three subjects to discuss with Emma at the high table. She, however, enjoyed Q.

HITCHEN, Margaret (Mrs Parkin) wrote to say her daughter, Sarah, divorced and has three children. Her youngest daughter is remarrying next August on the Island of Arran. Margaret fell last September fracturing her femur.

HOCKING, Liz (Dr E D Hocking) Liz replied that she rejects the 'busyness' of

the computer/mobile age and enjoys the peace and interest of the countryside with her friends and family.

HOLT, Mary (Mrs Booth) Mary recently gave up her voluntary work at the hospital as they have now decided to have paid help, but keeps her brain working with playing bridge, the W.I., and gardening.

RAMPTON, Ann (Mrs Archer) wrote to say they are both well and still gardening but have given up golf as the old bones stiffen up and the ball doesn't go far enough!

SEGAR, Angela. Angela wrote to say she is still driving short journeys but regret Q is now too far. She plans to attend Sheila Bewley's Memorial Service and enjoyed the recent Sussex pub reunion lunch

SPRATT, Brenda (Mrs Brown) Brenda went to an enjoyable OQ Lunch organised by Audrey Butler. She also attended the Inaugural Service of Dr Jo Bailey Wells (an OQA) as the fifth Bishop of Dorking in Guildford Cathedral.

SPOTTISWOODE, Shirley (Mrs Page) Shirley was invited to go to Orkney to teach Rag Rug making in April at a huge Craft Festival. The craft had died out there and now, she hopes, it has been revived. She had a wonderful time.

TAYLOR, Margaret (Mrs Willy). Sophia Maddison, (also an OQA) told me that her mother seems content in her Methodist care home. She broke her hip in 2015 which has severely affected her mobility and, though she has Alzheimer's disease, she still recognises the family.

WOOD, Kathleen, (Mrs Carr) Kathleen is in contact with her sister, Susan, and had a lovely holiday recently with her and her husband on the Rhine. Family still growing – fourth great-grandchild due late November. Best wishes to all.

WOOD, Shirley (Mrs Hopkinson) life proceeds at a relatively slow pace but still fortunate to go to concerts and the theatre, play bridge and enjoy U3A activities. Is organiser of the Tai Chi group. Her number of friends dwindling unfortunately. She sends respects to all.

1949: Section 18

Secretary: Rose Green (Mrs Spence)

Thank you, Sections 17 and 18, so much for responding to my requests for news for the Chronicle. I have had some wonderful chats with old friends on the telephone. Rose

BEARE, Margaret (Mrs Taylor) Margaret has had a bad year health wise and is no longer driving. However, she plays bridge, and lives in the centre of the village and can walk to the shops. Sees Carol Astles (Frogley) and hears from Mary Booth (Holt).

COLLINSON, Janette (Mrs Schofield) Jan told me that she has now given up driving which she misses very much. She has been on two cruises this year and is going to Canada next year. She is now a great grandmother with three boys and a girl due shortly.

GREEN, Rose (Mrs Spence) We had an enjoyable Southern Branch lunch in an hotel in the New Forest in May with over twenty attending. I also went to the South East lunch with Madeleine Courtney-Smith (Mrs Juniper) organised by Audrey Butler and met many old friends.

MITCHELL, Jean (Mrs Spivey) Jean's 'Q' friend, Valerie Kendall (Mrs Barlow), who she saw frequently, sadly died recently. Jean keeps busy working at a hospital for cancer support, has learned to play bridge and is Chairman of a Health Group.

RAND, Joan (Mrs Martin) replied that life is good and busy. She leads groups in Spanish for her U3A. Her interest in languages started at Q but as it was not on the curriculum she shared a tutor with Dawn Clifford who had just arrived from South America. .

TAYLOR, Rosemary (Mrs Dawborn) Rosemary's neice is PA to Sir Ron Hobson whose daughters and granddaughters attended Q. Small world. Cruised on the Rhine in 2015 and The Danube in 2016 to the Black Sea. Wonderful experience – beautiful hot sunshine. Attended the SE reunion

VINSON, Julia (Mrs Cooper) Julia said she did not have any news. She has given up driving now and does see Angela Segar from time to time.

WILLIS, Margaret (Mrs Barraclough) has just returned from a holiday by train to Scotland and had wonderful sunshine every day. Of her six grandsons three are commissioned in the army with a granddaughter due soon.

RAND, Janet (Mrs Coram) I was pleased that Janet contacted me even though she did not have any news this moment.

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BEER, Dorothy (Mrs Mould). Dorothy is in contact with Carole Frogley who came to stay with her in May and Angela West. She is still gardening and playing bridge and was in very good form on the phone

BENNETTS Ann (Mrs Marks) Not much to report this year – life over 80 does seem to slow us down. The family are all flourishing – two now have their degrees – law and Italian. I still run a French Conversation group for U3A and I quilt.

DAY Angela (Mrs Kent). No change just older. Still sending lorry-load of goods to West Indies every October and involved with destitute children in India.

EVANS, Pauline (Mrs Richards). So sorry that my request for news has been rather sparse this year. Barney and I are creaking along but still enjoy our visits to The Opera House and the operas that are relayed to our local cinema

EVANS, Rachel (Dr Evans). Spoke to Rachel on the phone. She is still enjoying her Piano playing, French and Pilates and was even happy to meet me in Town!

FROGLEY, Carole (Mrs Astles) Great to hear from Carole. Since her partner Ian died she has returned to Surrey and has had both hips replaced which she strongly recommends as it has improved her quality of life.

GUTBROD, Shirley (Mrs Beardsworth). I had a hilarious telephone conversation with Guppy. She had just spent a week in hospital but was OK now as was her 90 year old husband who keeps her in order!

LITTLEFAIR, Helen (Mrs Coates). Had a long chat with Helen. She still enjoys bridge and golf (handicap mid 20's). Spent Christmas with Peter and family in Australia and has travelled a lot since last Chronicle.

PARKES, Janet (Mrs Pasley) Very sad news from daughter Lynne to say that Janet was now in a Home

SHORTLAND, Annette (Mrs Stewart) I was delighted to see that Queenswood won the Abedare cup this year 2016. It brought back great memories of our time and PA Brown. Happily there is plenty to

occupy one round here so I keep busy. Best wishes to all.

WYCHERLEY Jean (Mrs Robbins). Grandson and family are in Germany for 18 months. Jean now has five great grandchildren. She is in contact with Helen Littlefair. Wychy sends best wishes to all who remember her.

Sorry not to hear from :
CAMPION, Va (Mrs Wellings)
COURTENAY-SMITH, Madeleine (Mrs Juniper)
HILBORNE, Susan (Mrs Stevens)
MORGAN, Jenifer (Mrs Longstaff)
SKINNER, Pat (Mrs Thorn)
TETSALL, Margaret (Mme Pettenaro)
WEBB Libby (Mrs Steadman)
WILLIAMS, Joan (Mrs Thurgood)

1952 – 1953: Sections 20 & 21
Apologies to those in the section who were not contacted this year.

BAILEY, Judy (Mrs Hamilton) has had to give up her voluntary work as her legs are not up to it anymore – Judy said that her brain can still do things, but her body can't! She enjoyed her 80th birthday, particularly a family trip to Chester Zoo to see the Komodo dragon – a long held ambition.

BURTON, Sally (Mrs Heathcote) said that she had not been up to much. Her sister, Jo, has been recovering remarkably well from a massive stroke in 2016. Hopefully both of her sisters will be able to visit Sally in June for the marriage of her eldest daughter. Sally is enjoying her regular bridge games. Recently heard from June Wadsworth in Australia.

COPLEY Jill (Mrs Robertsoon) had been excited to be able to celebrate her 80th at a gathering which had included 5 OQs – Shirley Orchard-Lisld-Lisle, Diana Tubbs (Mrs Given), Di Barlow (Mrs Maclean), & Camilla Copley (Mrs Connell). Sadly Elizabeth Copley had been unable to attend. She recalled some of her early Q memories, including being a 7-year old at Mymwood, attending the Wednesday evening Chapel Service and being brought out to meet Miss Essame, as one of the three youngest girls in the school at the time!

LAPISH, Ann (Mrs Wallace)
Sadly my husband Alan died last year, but I am learning to cope. Luckily Neil lives nearby, whilst Andrew is in the US. I continue to do voluntary work at the Horniman. I am in contact with Pat Orchard-Lisle and we hope to holiday together in the Autumn.

SALISBURY, Claire (Mrs Willis) had no special news this year but sent her best

wishes to all her know her. They are currently trying to sell their house. She still sees Frances Hackemer.

SANKEY, Gillian (Mrs Surgenor) was happy to report that she celebrated her 80th Birthday last year. She took the children to Kefalonia as well as holding a big celebration at the Saint Cross Hospital almshouses.

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BARRACLOUGH, Shirley (Mrs Hives). The most exciting news from Shirley this year is that her grandniece Olivia Carnegie Brown has just returned from Rio with a silver medal! She was one of the woman's eight rowing team, they are very proud of her.

BURTON Lesley (Mrs Cocks). Highlight this year was her 80th birthday. All the family including 10 grandchildren made it from around the world. Congratulations Lesley.

MARCH Angela (Mrs Haggas) - Is still playing doubles tennis for fun, gossip and a bit of exercise. Fund raising for Christmas and will be house sitting for her son's two dogs for six weeks in her old home while they go traveling Visited Scotland recently and had a drink at Trump Turnberry, what a gin palace!

MINCHIN Audrey (Mrs Butler). "Q" has featured much since her retirement from the OQA Executive two years ago. She has visited several OQ friends and colleagues (now OQ members!) all over the U.K. and reunions in Australia, Sussex, London and Bucks. Having reached the "new sixty" she is intending to spend more time in the garden, the sound of "grow old with me" rings in her ears from the superb 2016 speech day.

MINCHIN Rosemary (Mrs Watters)- Thank you to those who replied. I have been struggling to get back on the golf course after two hip operations, so far so good. Family all doing well and it is fascinating to see the direction they take, from Medicine, Media, Italian, Zoology! Three still at school. Paddy and I are just off to Portugal again, stirling is going to make a difference!

SUTTON-SMITH Liz (Mrs Rush) Has downsized to a 3 bedrooomed unit where someone else does the gardening! All 7 children and 12 grandchildren are

thriving. They enjoyed having Pauline Graham's grandson to stay in Sydney and lunch with Audrey Minchin (Mrs Butler)

WILLMOTT Deanna (Mdm Dalmais)- Found September a difficult time as it was a year since Jean died. Pattie Upton (Mrs Bell), sister and friends were very supportive. Enjoyed her sisters 70th birthday in Broadstairs, somewhere the family spent Easter as children. St Petersburg for New Year with her son and Newcastle to see her granddaughter who is reading computer science. Wonderful dinner at The Baltic with Peta Wood, and Freddie Hoult. Two ops on her foot kept her in Paris all summer.

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ANSTEE, Geraldine (Mrs Richards) Lucky enough to be enjoying life. Still playing lots of tennis. Still living in the same house - 55 years now! We have 5 grandchildren - 3 live in Holland so many visits there. Enjoy travelling - off to Dubai in January 2017.

AMABILINO, Audrey (Mrs Hill) I enjoyed the New Forest reunion in May, and was pleased to meet some friends for the first time since Q! I've contacted Liz Sutton Smith and Diana Courtenay-Smith by email, but is anyone in contact with Janet Jones and Jennifer Smith?

BARLOW, Diane (Mrs Maclean) OQs visited this year are Pattie Bell (Upton), Mary Birch (Turner), Rosie Stancliffe (James) and my sisters Mary Miller and Jane Raper. My exhibitions include Burghley House where my sculptures are on view till 2018. Three new commissions are underway.

CAWTHORNE, Anne (Rev Dr A Townsend) I live in Bromley and Sheppards colleges (grade one, listed) for retired clergy and am having great fun helping with our 350th anniversary this month. Aged 78 I still preach etc in the parish church.

CHADWICK-SMITH, Anne (Mrs Dearle) Still driving & enjoying life in Sherborne. Apart from continuing tutoring & working for SCF, I'm busy raising funds for The Mandalay School for the Deaf, founded by Sandy Jolliffe (Mrs Blakeway Smith) in 1962. An autumn visit there is arranged.

COLE, Linda (Mrs Reed) Having moved from Yorkshire to Devon two years ago, we are happily settled in our new Barn Conversion; Hugh says he calved his first cow in our kitchen! I attended Mo Read's reunion in June, at her beautiful house near Padstow.

DAVIS, Julia (Mrs Oakshott) While some work was done on the house, I got on with making quilts. I'm still a little bit involved in the business. I enjoyed a visit to Chaddy when we attended the Southern Reunion. All the family are well.

DOWLEY, Elizabeth I am still involved with the U3A, and plenty of activities in the village - including the church. I enjoy flower arranging, other hobbies and gardening. I have help in the spring and autumn, as I can't manage it all now.

ERCOLANI, Celia My life continues on its round of gardening and attending the many musical, literary and theatrical events held here in Frinton. I am in contact the Lyn Matthews and Angie Haggas.

FORBES, Lesley (Mrs Mayes) Have just returned from a 4 week cruise to Venice, Croatia and Italy. Wonderful weather and ports visited, but being a councillor, there were many emails to catch up with. My grandson got married on 3 September, a wonderful day.

GUBBINS, Heather (Mrs Liddle) Michael and I live in a lovely retirement home in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida where we are very happy, too busy and totally independent. Our car parked outside makes everything accessible. We are currently expecting Hurricane Matthew to hit our shores!

HAINES, Judy Since last sending news I have done a lot of interesting travelling. Three years ago I became a proud great-aunt to my niece's little girl. This year has been difficult and sad with the death of my sister, Margaret.

HOLDEN, Joy (Mrs Gunter) I'm still secretary of our local Village Hall, governor of our local mental health, learning disability and adult primary care NHS Trust and a C of E Reader. Grandchildren range from 26 to one, eldest two a dentist and nearly a doctor. **HOYLE, Wendy** (Mrs Robinson) My husband died recently. We had a lovely thanksgiving service for him and I have lots of support from friends and family. Not much other news - plenty of bridge, a few holes of golf on a buggy, some choral singing.

MATHAMS, Marilyn I keep in touch with Celia Ercolani and Angela Masch (Mrs Haggas). Maturiy is hard work. I am grappling with a new digital camera!

NYE, Adrienne (Dr AE Winter) Michael and I felt privileged to celebrate our Golden Wedding last September, on a glorious day. Since then we have had reminders that we really are getting older, but we still enjoy the company of friends, and of our 5 grandchildren.

ROBERSON, Lindy (Lady Martin) I went to three reunions this year, in Leeds, in the South East, and in Essex, and I met a lot of friends. The years seemed to roll away. Melanie and family came over from Nashville for 5 weeks which was great.

TRENTHAM, Jo (Mrs Ruckman) In October 2015, Robert and I celebrated our Golden Wedding with family and friends. Our son, who'd have been 50 in September 2016, died aged 38, and we met the South Korean lady to whom he was married, on his birthday.

SARGANT, Nell (Mrs Marshall) I did River Cruises this summer in Holland and Germany, and visited family (all flourishing) in the I.O.W, Bristol and Keswick. St. Neots Museum keeps me busy. Also, with other volunteers, I help support those with Alzheimers and their carers.

SMITH, Judith (Mrs Goertz) Very sadly, my sister Rosemary died on 21 September. I miss her very much. I too had a large operation for cancer of the pelvis this year, but still enjoyed a visit to England in the summer.

WILSON, Pam (Mrs Ferrie) I haven't really got any news except to say we are very happily settled in our new home into which we 'downsized' two years ago. We are within ten minutes' walk of the centre of Bath which is very handy.

WOOD, Peta (Mrs Hoult) In April, I met up with Deanna Dalmais (Wilmot) in April when she visited her granddaughter at University. Then this summer, we cruised down the Duero River with my sister, visited Mallorca with my daughter, and went sailing in Croatia with my son.

WYATT, Lucy (Mrs Norman) Thank you all for sending in your news. I'm kept busy running around after my two grandchildren, aged 2 and 3. I've visited Elaine McMurrugh (Morrison) now that I live on the south coast not too far away from her.

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ALLTON, Susan (Mrs Pendlebury) still swimming, doing yoga, pilates and now I've joined the church gardening group which is a massive project. Two holidays Sorrento and the Amalfi Coast climbing Mount Etna, and Israel staying in Jerusalem visiting all the biblical sites. Absolutely marvellous.

GEE, Willa (Mrs Roberts). Mobile after two hip replacements. Busy in the Save The Children shop. Met up with Wendy Hoyle this summer and I see Sue Greenlees regularly. Still playing lots of friendly bridge. Busy replacing tapestry seats finished after A-levels – 62 years ago!

GIBBS, Susan (Mrs Forsyth) we moved to an apartment in a new block here in Harpenden which we are enjoying. Richard and family came over from Australia in the summer and we all had a fun time in Edinburgh. Unfortunately, we missed seeing Pattie Bell (Upton) whilst there.

HOLROYD, Sally (Dr Sample) I am now settled in my smaller home and have enjoyed re-making the garden. Holidayed in Vietnam and Cambodia last autumn – very interesting trip. Lovely to meet up with Jane Leak (Alton) in August when she was over from the States.

JAMES, Diana (Amory) I see lots of daughter Annabel from France, now they have a house here too. Granddaughter Cat is doing a year's experience at Buckingham Palace and arranged for mother and grandmother to spend a night there recently. I saw Sebbie and Mary Gibby in Lymington and Madeleine Courtney-Smith last year.

JARMAN, Suzanne (Mrs Stewart). This year we downsized, sold our house and moved into a condo. Much time has been spent making it fit our needs. Family are all well. Grandsons Liam and Ryan are now 17 and 10 respectively. Bob and I recently had cataract surgery.

MARSHALL, Eileen (Mrs Chester) sadly my dearest friend Julia Monks (Mrs Baynham) died last February. She was one of the best people in every way. Otherwise my life revolves around four granddaughters, the eldest now at university, helping at the hospice, playing bridge with good friends and John of course!

MCNEIL, Pamela. I am mentally fit and the "servant" of two beautiful cats. Knee and back problems make movement difficult but two years of steroids for giant cell arthritis are over. Much involved with local Dominican Priory being a lay Dominican. I met Jan Vaugon (Blagborough) for concerts.

NAISH, Peggy (Mrs Fifield). Peggy writes of the death of a husband last December from pancreatic cancer. Their son Justin, who lives in Australia, came over to spend some time with his father and was a great comfort to Peggy afterwards. She hopes to go to Australia for a holiday next year.

PADFIELD, Elizabeth (Mrs Cameron) I have made a wonderful recovery from last year's stroke. So lucky to have the marvellous support from my four sons, their ladies and 8 1/2 grandchildren! Very involved with village life and still a church warden, but ageing fast!
PREVOST, Susan (Mrs O'Mahony). Life continues much as usual, with lots of bridge, including bridge holidays. Several choirs and magic conventions and keeping home and garden going. I love everything but I do sometimes find there is not enough time to devote to doing everything justice.

GOLDSMITH, Laurette (Mrs Read). We had a big trip to the US and Australia last year. Six flights and meeting up with daughter and family from New Zealand in OZ. The grandsons out there are five and six but I have a grandson at university and another age 16.

SAVAGE, Catherine (Mrs Free). Sadly Cathy's husband David died last March after a short illness. She still keeps busy. She is on a secondary school governing body. She is still checking out care homes with an insight into old age. She swims regularly and will be visiting her son in Singapore in 2017.

SMITH, Joy (Mrs Biddle). I went to a delicious lunch in June (husband's included) at Mo Read's lovely house in Trevone, Cornwall. A great gathering of Q girls. After a busy summer with lots of house maintenance and grandchildren we had a relaxing holiday in Madeira.

TITFORD, Margaret (Mrs Hutchinson). We have had a quiet two years. We celebrated Derrick's 90th birthday with a lovely family party. I enjoy local activities and doing my best to keep fit!

UPTON, Pattie (Mrs Bell). Great year for OQ visitors – Deanna Dalmais, Audrey Butler and Di Maclean with Rogan. Mary Warrack and I lunched

with Elspeth Donaldson and Daphne Guyton, both over 90. Our eldest grandson is at Leeds University reading aeronautical engineering, the other six are still at school and flourishing.

WHEATLAND, Elizabeth (Mrs Stone). Sadly, my dear sister died unexpectedly in August. My grateful thanks to all my wonderful Queenswood friends who lovingly supported me during that difficult time. Thankfully I and my family are keeping well I am still driving and singing!

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BARRACLOUGH, Carole (Mrs Holt). Loved seeing Mary Holden (Thurston) last autumn. She enjoyed the reunion in Leeds in April, and in September spent a very enjoyable, and warm, three weeks in Majorca where she met up with her sister Shirley and her family.

CHEAVIN, Carol (Mrs Daynard). The Daynards are looking forward to next year when they will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on an Alaskan cruise and the Rocky Mountaineer, ending the trip staying with their sons.

CLARKSON, Jane (Mrs Rowse) had just returned from her annual Queenswood friends' gathering at the home of Jane Moore (Mrs Anderson) with Joanna Attwooll (Mrs Ford) and Holly Gubbins (Mrs Burton). How wonderful it is still to be friends even when everyone is in their seventies.

CONNELL, Annette (Mrs Haynes) thoroughly enjoyed her visit to Queenswood for the interview about the visit to Q by the Queen Mother, and the influences on the school ethos by Ruskin, followed by Speech Day. She was sad that the School Song doesn't seem as well-known as it was in her generation!

FIFE, Alison (Lady Clay) is back sailing the boat after two knee replacements. She has visited Argentina and Cape Horn; the States (Portland) seeing the grandchildren, then the East Coast of Canada. The Swiss grandchildren were over in the summer and they were just off to the Panama Canal.

HARTLEY, Julia (Mrs Dutton) Last November Julia was diagnosed with breast cancer and had a lumpectomy operation followed by radiotherapy. She now has the all clear. Her grandchildren

are growing up far too fast – Poppy loving Wellington and Ottilie at the Royal School, Haslemere.

HILTON, Jane (Mrs Lambert) In September Jane hosted a successful East Anglian OQ lunch. She is now saddened by the death of Mary Brunkers (Gibby) who will be missed by many. She and Mike are happy and well having just returned from an interesting trip to Guyana. All three sons well and granddaughter Danni, in Australia now married with two daughters.

LOWE, Maggie (Mrs Wilson) A week on the River Douro included much port and wine tasting and a day in Salamanca. Passengers included a resident of Potters Bar (a frequent visitor to Q's concerts and fairs), and Jo, the Sports teacher's in-laws. There's no escape!

MOORHOUSE, Fiona (Mrs Baker) She enjoyed the reunion in Leeds in April and met up with Jane W.E. in the summer and Aline Southern more recently. Very sadly Aline died the following day from a heart attack whilst walking in The Lakes.

MOXHAM, Sally (Mrs Cook) Sally's granddaughter was married in March and they are now great grandparents. In May she had a hip replacement and hopefully the other one will be done in December. They have had holidays in Lanzarote and Portugal and Golden Wedding Celebrations took place last October. Sadly her cousin Ann Oxley (Vaughan) lost her husband in June.

PAYNE, Anne (Mrs Foot). Anne and her husband are kept busy by their 6 acres of garden and woodland in Dorset. They still enjoy travelling abroad but have sold their little plane after 30 years of wonderful excursions in it. Anne sees Chaddy occasionally who keeps her informed about Q, and it is interesting to see the email newsletter.

PROCTER, Ann (Mrs Rigby). They celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in September in a house in Provence together with all 17 family members. She still sings in the Rock Choir and is now learning Spanish. She enjoyed meeting others from Q at the Sussex reunion.

ROYCE, Carolyn (Mrs Deakin) She and Norman are keeping well and enjoy travelling. Their three children and the nine grandchildren who are growing up fast, aged 21 down to nearly 9, are well and happy. All very keen on sport. She sees Anne Porritt (Housden) and Rosie Smith (Gliddon).

SEARLE, Gillian (Mrs Langdon) Gillian is still busy with the Exmoor ponies, Church, MU and fundraising for the Village Hall. Her sister Jacky (Mrs Ablett), who lives with her and uses an electric scooter, is involved with all of these as well as growing all their vegetables. She hears from Tashy Ashton, Jane Treatham and Sally Moxham each Christmas.

THURSTON, Mary (Mrs Holden) reports that all is well. Two grandchildren did well in GCSE's and both at College. They enjoyed a wonderful holiday with the family in Porto Santo in August. She still works part time at the antiques centre, and enjoying the garden, books and cooking. She sends love to all 'Qs' who remember her.

WEBSTER, Ann (Mrs Beeby) enjoys Harrogate life. A highlight this year has been a trip to Pompeii with four friends from the local archaeological group to take part in dig run by the University of Texas. She is also involved with the work of the Friends of Valley Gardens and especially a project for the restoration of the Japanese Garden there.

1958: Section 26
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ATKIN, Rosemary (Mrs Campbell) continues to enjoy retirement in Horsham near their daughter. She has made contact with Anne Porritt (Housden). Pamela Warnock (Jones) sadly died in 2014 and Rosemary is in contact with her husband Richard. Her grandchildren are all teenagers and beyond. She went with Anne to Audrey Minchin (Mrs Butler)'s reunion - nice to see some faces she remembered.

BAKER, Susan continues to organise the Reunion for the North East Branch. She hasn't seen anybody recently except her sister-in-law Fiona (Moorhouse).

BURRELL, Beverley (Mrs Mellstrom) They continue to enjoy their Exmoor farm, and had a lovely holiday on Lake Como in April. In July their daughter visited from New Zealand. All the grandchildren are doing well and at the time of sending in her news the arrival of the 10th one was imminent!

CLEMENTS, Elizabeth (Mrs Cleaver) Elizabeth says she has nothing of note to report, but is enjoying golf and bridge and is still running 2 houses.

DUNCANSON, Patricia (Mrs Gravatt) *Patricia's husband Adrian wrote in in May to advise that sadly Patricia passed away on 3rd February 2016.*

GLIDDON, Rosemary (Mrs Smith) Rosemary will be moving house soon. As she will be in temporary accommodation until at least next May her email is hurose@btinternet.com She saw Carolyn Deakin (Royce) this summer. She still plays golf though not competitively any more. Her three middle aged sons and four grandchildren are all doing well.

JAMES, Rosemary (Mrs Stancliffe) Rosie is preparing for a trip to Chile in the New Year. She has always wanted to go as her father was born there and her grandparents lived there from roughly 1850 – 1920.

LEWIS, Jancie (Mrs Brown) Jancie wrote that she had just got back from Sorrento and was off down the River Elbe imminently. Life is very full and busy – dog means she does lots of walking. She is still involved with church, Children's Society and Bridge – good for minds.

MACPHAIL, Susan (Mrs Mote) Susan has been away staying with friends. She advised me that she was diagnosed 6 years ago with Myeloma but did not need treatment until June 2015. Since then she has been in a year's chemo, which sadly has not worked as well as it should. She is going to The Marsden to go on another trial. Her grandson has just started at Charterhouse and is loving it.

PRATT, Margaret (Mrs Wallis). We had our 50th wedding anniversary in October. Lovely to have our kids and their families to stay, followed by a luncheon for 100 on. Roger and I went on a river cruise in the Netherlands to see the tulips, but the weather was awful and it turned out that Roger develops asthma around pollen, so something of a disastrous trip, but still enjoyable! 2017 will be quieter for us.

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HUGHES, Christine (Mrs Graham) thanks the few who replied to her email. Christine and husband Peter enjoy a busy 'retired' life. Six grandsons from 21-6 years. Holidays this year Galapagos Islands & Costa Rica in February, camping in Corsica in July and Portugal in October. Charity fundraising, sewing, cooking and gardening keep her busy.

HUGHES-LEWIS, Sarah (Mrs Watkins) Granddaughter graduated in music from French university (Grenoble); Husband Colin has the plant that he found in the Eastern Arc mountains named after him. Daughter Emmeline is nearing end of training to be a Public Health consultant. Youngest daughter Jocelyn is head of music at Lord Mayor Treloars in Alton. Eldest daughter is still in pharmaceuticals.

KING, Caroline (Mrs Yannaghas) about to leave for a month in South Africa, returning for eldest son Christopher's fiftieth Birthday onboard HMS Belfast after Christmas. Grandchildren, Douglas studying acting at Aberdeen college, Henry, in final year at Culford hoping to read engineering, Ophelia, to sit her O levels she won the Headmasters prize for selling her art, and has won a scholarship to Culford, so is a very talented young lady. Anthony, my youngest has also taken to acting having a small part in Warner Brothers latest blockbuster.

TELLAM, Jo (Mrs Wills) was widowed 12 years ago but enjoys her home, garden travel and singing. She has 3 children and 7 grandchildren who live in Arizona, Vienna and Guildford. Jo was pleased to be contacted by Wendy Whittle (Mrs Bird) and through a meeting of Devon and Cornwall O.Q.A met up with Maureen Meisl & Helen Frost. She has visited Lucie Tanner's (Mrs Nottingham) beautiful garden in Cornwall.

WHITTLE, Wendy (Mrs Bird) continues living in Australia. She had a cataract operation in May. She has recently contacted Jo Tellam. Wendy has three great grandchildren.

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BARLOW, Diana E (Mrs Taylor). In spring I was in Jordan with my husband, Tony Howard, finalising the exploration of what is now the 650km Jordan Trail, already growing in popularity. In summer we were in Scandinavia as guests at the new Norwegian Mountain Centre.

FURBANK, Sally (Mrs Pool). I'm blessed with good health, get a thrill using my bus pass, (luckily living near a bus stop) and do cycling jaunts - managed Cambridge to Ely last year. I see Mary Watson and am in touch with Loie Perkins.

GLIDDON, Jean (Mrs White). I'm still farming and quarrying but find time for tennis, walking, gardening and

MacMillan support. I'm meeting Janet Payton and Judy Stirrup for lunch shortly. Enjoyed our Golden Wedding last year. Resigned as secretary OQA SW branch.

RAMAGE, Anne (Mrs Russell). Life goes on as normal but a little slower. We've now decided to move south to be nearer our family.

STEPHENS, Rosemary (Mrs Bremer). Rosemary no longer wishes to contribute as she feels her news is too full of the woes of aging, but enjoys reading other people's news.

TANNER, Lucie (Mrs Nottingham). I enjoy a busy life in Cornwall, majoring in gardening. At the NGS opening it was great fun to have a mini OQ reunion here including Mo Read. Family in London & New Zealand so lots of travelling.

THORNE, Loie (Mrs Perkins). Just off to Hong Kong for Lizann's son's wedding. I'm involved with our local NADFAS, now Chairman. We have three grandchildren, and our twins are both expecting babies next spring. Sadly Mary Legge, a great friend, died March last year.

TRENTHAM, Ann (Mrs Stafford). Grand Cayman has been our home for 43 years! I still do Nature Tours and research. The past year has been one of downs and ups. A most important game for kids to learn is Snakes and Ladders - that's life!

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BARTLETT, Ann (Mrs Atkins). January I had a replacement knee. I have forgotten what it was like to be able to run straight. I have a very busy week split between gym, line dancing, walking dogs, fetching granddaughter and various activities with the U3A.

BRADBURY, Margie (Mrs Elliott). Just about to go on holiday to Hong Kong. Youngest son now taking his Masters, middle son with three children living near Brighton and eldest, also with three children living in Cape Town, so I travel quite a bit!

CATTELL, Sue (Mrs Lloyd). 50th wedding anniversary this year. Grandchildren growing, we are very involved in their lives. Our children doing well, happy and employed! Also into poetry writing, a new passion. Up

and down health, now on the up!

IRELAND, Sandra Jeffries Moved to a retirement flat two years ago in Bristol. I really hated it so have now moved to a small house in the centre of Salisbury which I love. It was very stressful but worth it!

KNIGHT, Carol (Mrs Wright) Had an enjoyable two months visiting long standing friends in Paris, Australia, New Zealand and with a whale watching census team in Los Angeles. Mercifully keeping well whilst walking, gardening and pastoral visiting occupy my time. See Jo Burton too.

NURDEN, Jane (Mrs Sutton). The tragic death of Jen Irvine (Gibby) in November 2015 has been a great loss. Our move from Suffolk to Norfolk in April went well. Enjoyed meeting OQ friends and the East Anglian reunion at Jane (Hilton) Lambert's house this year.

PARKER, Erica (Mrs McLaren). We had a wonderful few days with Sue and Mike Thompson in Ely, and have met up with Julia Howell. Went to Nice by rail in September, which was good if somewhat poignant. Still playing tennis although it gets harder!

STEVENS, Susan (Mrs Thompson). Sky-dived in February 2015 (raised £6,500 for Kitchen Table Charities Trust), terrifying! Then diagnosed with kidney problem! Still spending months in Greece, with lots of swimming and walking. Pleased to meet up with Erica, Pud and OQ's at EA reunion.

TINKER, Carole (Mrs White). Moved to be near younger son and family in Dorking after 43 years in Chester! Also near Gatwick to visit other son and family in Jersey. First few months here blighted by health problems, now fully recovered and enjoying life.

WATES, Jane (Mrs Gordon). Keeping very busy with all my charitable efforts, most particularly with Berkshire Community Foundation and Oxfordshire Community Foundation. Jimmy and I now have twenty grandchildren, a product from our nine children together!

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ARNOLD, Libby (Mrs Scott Gunn) at the behest of my children I am having to

learn the word “No”, to make me slow down. I go to our local hospice weekly to give complimentary therapy. Grandchildren are all growing, gorgeous and exhausting.

CLINCH, Jane (Mrs Stoy). Jane telephoned. She has another grandson, Edward, so Hannah is currently on maternity leave from the Army. Geoff's surfing academy in Polzeath, Cornwall is doing well. John has had some health problems which have curtailed his sailing activities.

COPLEY, Elizabeth (Mrs Walker). Celebrated our Golden wedding in Budapest on a Danube cruise. New Vicar settling in well, but I'm still busy in various roles. No offices in Inner Wheel this year. Not on any pills yet so must be healthy. Lovely summer – lots of swimming in the sea.

DICKINSON Helen (Mrs Spencer). Met up with Judy Lovering and Scilla Furey. Playing in the autumn OQ golf meeting. One son married last year, twin getting married on New Year's Eve! Third son has two daughters. Cycled Lands End to John O'Groats – hard but fun! Michael semi-retired. Went to Brazil in February.

GIBBS, Gerrie (Mrs Bailey). This year I have had a major building program to make the house easier to run single-handed. Travel – I went to Goa in the Spring and I'm planning to go back to South Africa later this year.

HAGGER, Dot (Mrs Everhart). Still working to improve my Italian and enjoying visits to my son near Rome. I'm in touch with Di Gardner and occasionally manage to meet her in London. Scottish dancing, a few piano pupils and playing the trombone in a local wind band keep me busy.

HUNT, Bennie (Mrs Howell). Busy life with grandchildren, garden and church. Planning a few days in Norway just before Christmas, cruising the fiords – should be fun and hopefully relaxing. Might even get to see the Northern Lights which would be quite something.

LEACH, Alison (Dr Smith). Keep busy with garden and USA. Rachel is working for BBC Worldwide in Paris, Rory in Manchester working for the New York Times as their European football correspondent and Robert in Lisbon teaching English. Nice to have Paris and Lisbon to go on holiday! Enjoyed the OQ reunion in April.

LITTLEFAIR, Sue (Mrs Lakin). All well for me and mine. Tom and Paddy's

wedding in November promises to be fun. Grandchildren a delight. Camping with the family this summer - tent on a slope! Same leisure pursuits, plus table tennis. Regular contact with Q friends. Lovely!

UFF, Jane. Jane much enjoyed three weeks in the USA visiting friends. Very luckily we were two weeks ahead of Hurricane Matthew, who took the same route as us up the east coast. Still enjoying garden (though not now opening for NGS), 10 years enough!

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LAW, Jan (Mrs West). An amazing year with highs and lows. Wonderful trip to UK in May spent in gorgeous places with special friends. Great stay with Mandy including seeing Lynden and going to HCW reunion. Just recovering from nasty back operation.

MARTIN, Mary (Mrs Taylor). Don has had a stroke and has Parkinsons, but I manage to get out and play tennis and bridge. Sophie is to marry a really nice bloke in May. Other family have settled well in Lincoln and granddaughters love coming round.

MASTERS, Ann (Mrs Hughes). Children, four grandchildren and my property portfolio keep me busy most of the time. Took fantastic cruise with my neighbour in December. LA to Brazil. Familiar venues from Rio made the televised Olympics most exciting.

McCUE, Billa (Mrs Robinson). Quentin's mother died last year aged 103. Aidan and Sally were married in February 2016. Am fit and well enough to enjoy holidays in South Africa, and USA.

MOORE, Lynne (Mrs Earle). Lynne says that life goes on at a pace but her dear mother (who I, Mandy, always knew as Auntie Jill) died in June – seven months short of her 100th birthday. She misses her as much as I miss my mother.

NEALE, Rosie (Mrs Fisher). No hatches, matches or dispatches! Pleasant Scottish summer spent watching the garden grow, meeting old friends, and now looking forward to a trip in Croatia. Warm greetings to all.

PAIN, Margaret (Mrs Stevens). Two out of eight grandchildren at university, eighth just started school. Regular trips

to Uganda – took grandson again for veterinary experience. Going away alone for a silent week in our campervan for prayer etc.

PEPPER, Amanda. Another brilliant Whittle wedding out in SA and stayed with Jan. Had six weeks in Oz early this year seeing old friends and my 5th Goddaughter. Am now “Granny” to a little Ugandan girl (thanks Margaret) called Adododo Amanda. Also have fifteen great nieces and nephews.

SUTTON-SMITH, Daphne (Mrs Barker). I am well and life is treating me kindly – full and varied with a good measure of family, friends and church folk all making life good.

TAYLOR, Virginia (Mrs Haryott). We celebrated our Golden anniversary in April. No exotic holiday but a new kitchen which is looking great. Still involved with my Livery Company and walking in the Lord Mayor's Show in November, so keep an eye out.

THORNTON, Carolyn (Mrs Thomas). Now have four grandchildren and four step-grandchildren so holidays, parties etc. are busy! “Just come for lunch” needs a lot of planning Husband battling melanoma but immunotherapy working for now. Had a good day at the Palace with our girls for his MBE.

TILSTON, Morigue (Mrs Cornwell). The first half of the year vanished with Richard having his other knee replaced and me having thyroid surgery. Since then we have had a great family holiday in Spain and are just off to Malta.

ULLYETT, Freya (Mrs Millerman). Life in the Yorkshire Dales is great – John and Ban have been very busy on the farm and the flats and bunk barn have been busy too. Kate is back from Barcelona and working as head chef at the White Lion in Cray.

WALLS, Barbara (Rev Barbara Walls). Grateful to be healthy, happy and busy. One room now a sewing room which I rarely have time to use, but have a spare bed if anyone passes through West Yorkshire.

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ANNAND, Rosalind (Mrs Bevan). Three gorgeous, belated grandchildren in 15

months. Family week in Abersoch required recovery in darkened room! 12 music pupils. Performing weddings, concerts. Wonderful holiday Borneo. Gardening, CAB, book club, river fishing, riding, skiing back on piste as knees knackered!

BALLANTINE, Janice (Mrs Parsons). Chaotic year helping in house and garden for Katie's family taking over lovely Devon Halsbeer Farm holiday letting and Caroline moving back to Norfolk. Wonderful hols NADFAS Sicily, toured China for 70th, Southern Italy, Lake Garda. Really enjoyed Audrey's Reunion.

BARNARD, Christine (Mrs Philip). 2 years of ups and downs. Sister, Jane's tragic death January. Telling mother on 96th birthday. She sadly died in June having been in lovely Nursing Home. Children, grandchildren give great pleasure. Close contact with Jane's 2 sons and 7 grandchildren.

BESLEY, Andrea (Mrs. Mearing). Andrea is well. She has become a keen park runner (over 130 runs to date) and runs very slowly at the back of the pack while the rest of the family are sprinting in the distance!

BIDE, Wendy (Mrs Benson). Wonderful family holiday Dordogne. All 11 grandchildren 6 to 22. Sunshine, swimming, archery amongst attractions. Saw Nancy and first grandson, Calixte, two weeks old. Visited Judy Isle of Wight. Still able to do ballet, art. Wendy sent a copy of beautiful painting.

COSSOR, Angela (Mrs Sinclair). Busy with grandchildren, garden, enjoy bell ringing, bridge and occasional golf. Spend time in Cornwall but taking all family to Spain in May for big birthday. Going to Tanzania with friend in November to visit and volunteer at an orphanage.

DILKES, Margaret (Mrs Schumacher). Hosted OQ West Coast Reunion. Oceania cruise Rio de Janeiro, Falkland Islands, Chile. Remodel Covington Schumacher Hall. Reopened with world renowned pianist, Craig Dahn, Liberace protégé and Fan and Hoop Ladies Vegas. Huge success. Just departing Java, Borneo, Hawaii.

FORD-JONES, Barbara (Mrs Mudge). Son, Lewis and wife, Niccola in Nairobi, have 3 little boys. Andrew and Sophie in Boston, baby Isla. Bobbie campaigned for Hillary Clinton and the Democrats. She and Punky apologize on behalf of USA for devastating election of Trump!!

HALLIWELL, Susan (Mrs Matheson). Most important news is arrival of Fergus' daughter. First grandchild, beautiful baby, completely smitten! Poor Sue feeling better but activities curtailed. Had very painful lengthy hospitalization. Infected hip, dislocated and many operations. Good luck Sue!

HEATH, Rosamund (Mrs Bacon). Big birthday, big party. Eldest grandson 1st Cambridge, youngest 15 months with Roz Fridays. Chauffeur to other grandchildren. Schools' Cathedral guide, hospital visiting, NADFAS, book club. Visiting elderly friends. Tour of 6 great gardens, arboretums Co. Wicklow. Burma next January.

HUGON, Barbara (Mrs Edge). Visited friends beautiful Northumberland. Big 70th family party. Mother 93 long stay hospital broken arm. Home, more carers. Fortnight touring stunning Corsica. Joint 70th celebration St. Andrew's friends Paris. St. Lucia with friends. Grandchildren, theatre with mother, NADFAS. Retriever puppy.

JOHNSTONE, Phoebe (Mrs Brown). We love being grandparents. Sarah now two and a half. Second baby due shortly. Enjoyed seeing Jill Spears (Shirley Smith), Ruth Morris (Thompson) and Fiona Leach September. We celebrated my 70th with family holiday and are off to China soon.

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MEISL, Maureen (Mrs Read). Derek and I spent time with Margaret Schumacher, attended a California OQA reunion, and visited the Hawaiian Islands. The first Cornwall and Devon OQA reunion was at our house in June. Well attended so the second one will be in Devon next year. Have a lovely Spanish water dog, Rioja. All well with the family. Life is good!

PARKINSON, Lynda (Mrs Ker). No exciting news this year. Like others I enjoyed celebrating my 70th birthday with local friends and also with family, continue to enjoy seeing our 3 little grand-daughters, stay active whenever possible, and go away on holiday 4 or 5 times a year.

PIZER, Clare (Mrs Wagner). Have been very involved in re-building our Village Hall. Having to raise £1.3million.

Nearly finished with the help of a loan, so still fundraising. Family all well. 5 lovely grandchildren. Alan and I hope to visit Canada next year.

RAMSAY, Alison (Mrs Wilson). Still playing some golf; OQ day at Brookmans Park. Built a lovely brick wall in my garden replacing dilapidated fence, thrilled with it. Had a flood on referendum night (torrential rain), so got a nice new kitchen floor.

SHIRLEY-SMITH, Jill (Mrs Spears). Life is busy. Celebrated my 70th last September. Mark and family settled in Dorchester, Toby now six. Paul has bought a flat nearby. Vincent and I took them all away for a holiday in the summer, which was fun. Met up with Ruth Thompson Bunny Brown and Fiona Leach again.

Cate Wates (Mrs Heynes) Section 31A Sent by Chris Turner (Mrs Ader) of Section 32

"I dedicate my submission to Cate Wates (Mrs Heynes, Section 31A), who died in March, 2016. Cate became a much-loved family member as the partner of Peter Ader, my brother-in-law. They met in 2012 after Cate's invitation for lunch in the Cotswolds. Cate and Peter shared four years of wonderful times, holidays and family celebrations. We all miss you Cate – you provided Peter with such happiness and were so brave."

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BELL, Jane (Mrs Griffiths). Busy year moving from the B&B to a smaller home: perfect. Travelled to York and Italy for nephews' weddings, loved seeing Pat Merlin. Peter's had a knee replacement. Next year: hopefully another trip to England and our 50th wedding anniversary. Attending OQ dinner in Toronto.

CANNON, Anne (Mrs Tolhurst). February: Burma with OQA mother (Sam Emily Lulu) amazing. May: surprise 70th birthday tea party & family holiday, Provence, Le Crillon Brave. September: 30 friends in our farmhouse in Minorca. November: Spa treatments to overcome excess of wonderful year!

CARMICHAEL, Anne (Mrs Todd Collins). 60 years since starting Mymwood and lifetime friendships

formed. Reunion planned with Tinny, Sydney, Jacky and Rosy. Doug recovered well from throat cancer. 25th wedding anniversary and 70th. Niece's wedding in Dominican Republic. Happy relaxing holiday in Spain with Tinny.

CUFFE, Barbara (Mrs Edwards). I seem to have spent a whole year moving and am now in Petersfield. I've got a son in Woking and one with me temporarily. My new third age hobby is creative and life writing and family and social history. (*Welcome to Section 32 Barbara, anyone who wants to contact Barbara please email Vernonne.*)

CULL, Trevane (Mrs Wallbank) The year began with a fantastic adventure in Central America, highlights included climbing an active volcano, swimming in the crater of an extinct volcano, exploring Mayan ruins. In June, daughters masterminded a 70th party. Still grandparenting in Hereford and Croydon.

DEPTFORD, Susan (Lady Swinburn). This year has brought celebrations of my 70th birthday, living in my house for 40 years, and my younger daughter Eliza announcing her engagement. Attended Southern OQA reunion with Alison Heath (Vaissiere). Look forward to hearing news from all other OQ Septuagenarians!

HARLEY, Judy (Mrs Bloom). After 35+ years of living and working in the Washington area, I have retired, downsized and Les and I have moved to the Austrian Alps. We gave up cars, have solar panels, radiant heat, and walk or use public transport. We enjoy this new lifestyle!

HAWTIN, Ann (Mrs Fowler). Sad but hectic time since Richard passed away. Endless enjoyment with my eight grandchildren. Family, friends & village all very supportive, especially Micky and Felicity Gawthorne (Martin). Special 70 Birthday celebration soon with Micky, Jacky, Sydney and Hilary (sadly not Rosy).

HULBERT, Anne (Mrs Nicholls). Most of my weekends and some weekdays are taken up looking after my mum who is becoming frail. But did manage two holidays this year.

KILGOUR, Gillie (Mrs Harris). 2015 was a bad year – Philip was very ill with sepsis leaving a residual heart problem and I had a stroke. We're getting back to normal. The family are well and looked after us amazingly. Love to any of my year group who remember me.

LAVERS, Sally (Mrs Scutt). Still living happily with Gordon in our rather too large Hampshire farmhouse but lovely to be a second home to our gorgeous 6 grandchildren who all live in London. Looking forward to a reunion lunch with Margie (Robinson) and Lizzie (Dewar White).

LAWRENCE, Vernonne (Mrs Allan). Saw Judy Harley visiting from her new home in Austria and Ginny Wood for lovely lunch at Erica Straw's, who we meet on London walks. Splendid June party for my 70th. Lost 2 stone (Slimming World) size 10/12 again!

MARSDEN, Judy (Mrs Ford). *So very sad to have received a call from Michael, Judy's son, to say she'd suffered privately and bravely with cancer over the previous year and died on 7 January 2016. A most loyal respondent, she will be missed (VA).*

MERLIN, Pat (Mrs Peirce). Downsized into village where our daughter and family live and where we're already members of a choir, tennis and croquet club.... brilliant location, but too small for our accumulated junk! Enjoying 5 grandchildren ages 1-16. Great seeing Bella in March.

NURSE, Avril (Mrs Kent). Helensburgh choir returned to Sweden to sing this summer. Sadly, grandparent duties are rather sporadic as Harry lives in London. Daughter Philippa married September 2015 and living in Glasgow. Next trip is Istanbul, Delhi, Ayurveda in Chilianaula, then Agra, Jaipur and Kerala.

PONTEFRAC, Susie (Mrs Gall). Not a great year health-wise but at last I'm on the mend. My six young grandsons keep me busy, four in London, whom I see infrequently, and two in Bath whom I see all the time, especially now my daughter is working. Still playing bridge - keeps the old brain ticking over.

ROBINSON, Margie (Mrs Dyson). We love retirement. Grandchildren kept us busy until last April when I was knocked over by two dogs and suffered a multiple fracture of my ankle! Seeing Lizzie Copeland (Dewar-White) and Sally Scutt (Lavers) soon. Was in touch with Chris Ader (Turner) following sad death of Cate (Wates).

RUSHBROOKE, Anna (Mrs Fricker). Had another new knee to match the one I had done 3 years ago. Wonderful to be more mobile. We've just brought a Sheltie pup home as a companion dog for our other Sheltie: back to the training

and fun again! Happy 70th Birthday everyone!

SEAMAN, Jane (Mrs Bell) '50 years on' celebrations starting: my going up to Newnham, George's school's 1st eight at Henley regatta. 'Normal' life ended abruptly on August 1st: a kick on the knee by a horse broke my tibial plateau. Hospital, operation, 8 weeks non weight-bearing, progressing from two crutches to a stick. Riding, driving and scuba diving still distant.

SMITH, Noella. This year I've been following my husband Tom's agenda... basically builders mate. I've lost a stone by cutting out carbs completely, and that is this year's major achievement.

STRAW, Erica (Mrs Hirsh). All offspring now residing in UK now – great! Turned 70 and the family including 5 grandchildren celebrated in style. I continue to spend much of the winter in Florida and welcome meeting up with Qs who frequent that region.

TANNER, Carol (Mrs Dunkerley). About to go to Bali where my son lives now to meet my latest granddaughter. Life is busy, I'm thoroughly enjoying volunteering at Walmer Castle as a gardener! Looking forward to celebrating my 70th with my family next year.

THOMSON, Mary (Mrs Warrack). I was reluctant to leave the 60s - no choice - but the 70s have been very good so far. We enjoy frequent trips to Marlow and Washington DC visiting our daughters and families. It's interesting to compare the English and American schooling of our grandchildren.

TURNER, Chris (Mrs Ader). Life's good in Canada with travel, keep fit, bridge and painting. We have 2 grandie gals. Last November in Chilean Patagonia met an OQ from Frankfurt, Dr. Marie Christine Boehmer: 31, an internist. Her English is still fantastic. We instantly bonded due to Q connections. (*See Chris's dedication to Cate Wates (Mrs Heynes) in the deaths.*)

WILLIAMS, Rebecca (Mrs Clegg). The last two and a half years have been horrific, but things have settled down somewhat now and I am so grateful to still be living in caring Southwold. Have regular games of iPad Scrabble with Val Soul (Mrs Blair).

WOOD, Jane (Ms Talbot). Ginny still loving retirement despite some frustrating glitches in 2015. Wonderful

70th party laid on by family; and great to share Vernonne's celebrations 4 times! Cousin Sarah Wright now being well cared for in UK after meningitis in 2013.

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ASTELL, Rosemary (Mrs Bott).

Attended her first reunion at Measles in Cornwall, lots of laughter, beautiful venue. Goes to Dorset with their two horses, supporting a young man to ride them. Anyone attending British Eventing horse trials, look for her horse 'Friendship', a future star!

BURNS, Jennifer. Jennifer is busy with charity fundraising and being a volunteer reader at a local Primary school. Getting over bad dog bite and worrying about forthcoming court case. Life as usual organised by and for little rescued terrier, Poppy.

CAMPBELL, Mary (Mrs. Desch). A particularly memorable year as eldest son married in June at her parents village followed by marquee in their garden. Wonderful to have family together and Henry's Godmother Lynne Payton from Q. Cross fingers one more to go!

ELMES, Penny (Mrs. Faulkner). Even creakier but enjoying life in Ireland with younger generations, France, trips to Spain, England, reunions with ex-RAF friends. Post Brexit, we're getting Irish passports, both having been born here. With dual nationality we'll be hedging our bets!

FARRAR, Lynne (Mrs. Lytton). Absolutely no news at all! Still going over to Stratford from Chipping Norton every day to visit my mother in her home. I organised two Parties for her 100th Birthday in September.

FRANCIS, Rosemary (Mrs. Lee). Two new grandchildren arrived three days apart in September 2015, Jack and Georgie. In the Summer we celebrated mother's 100th Birthday with her 18 grandchildren and great grandchildren, a lovely day. I have seen Julia Cory, Lynne and Rosy Hugon.

HELLYER, Gillian (Mrs. Fallon). It is now four years since Padriac died and although it is a completely different life on one's own, I have got used to it. All our offspring are married and I have 10 grandchildren under eight who keep me entertained.

HUGON, Rosemary (Mrs. Harrison). No Canadian or Australian trips to see families but holidays in Croatia and Cornwall. Monthly trips to Mother in Sussex. Olivia moved to Cardiff, now our nearest offspring. Stayed with Roey, lots of fun, planning our shared 70ths next August!

HUMPHRIES, Coralie (Mrs. Slipper). Am excited we have two Weddings in the Slipper (Humphreys) camp next year, Freya to James and Huw to Cecily. Still living in Englefield Green, spend much time in Cornwall, doing up old cottage, met up with Rosie (Astell) and Steve.

JOHNSON, Ruth (Mrs. Donnelly). We have spent the last year building (organising!) an eco house overlooking the Solent. It'll be amazing one day, hopefully before the next Chronicle goes out! Enjoyed the OQ S.E reunion recently and have seen Gilly Fallon (Hellyar) too.

KING, Marjorie (Mrs. Rundle). It was lovely to go to the reunion at Measles (first one both my sister and I had attended). My five grandsons are my life and keep me busy. Had an enjoyable 3 weeks in New Zealand in February with relations, for a Golden Wedding.

MARCH, Sue (Lady Hughes). Just back from very interesting part holiday/work/friend's Wedding in Trinidad and Tobago and Mexico and met many delightful Judges who were very hospitable. Grandchildren growing apace and may well be beaten on the tennis court in the future!

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NORTH, Karin (Mrs Thompson) Enjoyed a second trip to Tasmania. Another grandson, Riley, born to Kendall and Leah. She and Graham still busy with Rural Fire Brigade and Pony Club. Still in contact with six OQs in UK.

PHILLIPPS, Ann (Mrs Copping Joyce) Enjoying Herefordshire, London and Devon seeing Christine and Judith. A

fabulous trip to Myanmar and then to Oz and NZ to see old friends. Three grandsons with Richard in Perthshire, one with David in Stamford plus one on the way.

ROBSON, Robbi Sadly selling Devon home - going back to Surrey. Good to have just one house to maintain and be nearer 5 children, 11 grandchildren. Have loved village life here, but looking forward to new house and challenges. 70s have arrived!

ROSE, Jenny (Mrs King). Dad well at 98 with us at West Barn. Great Romanian Carers so weekends in Suffolk house with Peter. Besotted by new 12 week golden Cocker Tiger Lily who joins Charlie now eight. Kids and grandchildren thrive. Love to all.

ROSENBERG, Joanna (Mrs Wulwik). 2016 been really hectic. 2nd son got married, we moved home and Philippa had a baby, Poppy Evie. Both brothers also moved home and one of them celebrated 70th birthday. In between we squeezed in visiting our older son in Australia.

SOUL, Val (Mrs Blair). We now have five grandchildren, so are busy with grandparent duties in Leeds and London, in between enjoying time at home in Nottingham. I still play the cello in the Nottingham Symphony Orchestra and the recorder in our local U3A.

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BRIDGES, Trudy (Mrs Clarke). I am enjoying choir singing, swimming, playing bridge, tennis and travelling with husband Roger, who, despite his MS, is busy as South Northants District Chairman dealing with the expansion of Towcester and District. Met up with Sarah and Alice in Bicester.

CAMPBELL, Sue (Mrs Thomas). I have sold my Rhythm Time franchise, stopped teaching piano and am now a lady of leisure! We are now proud narrow boat owners - 2 big voyages this summer! Off to NZ then to Sydney at Xmas for daughter Hannah's wedding. Hoping to see Anji.

CANFOR, Janet (Mrs Bailey). Still fit and well and playing tennis once a week and doing pilates and sailing - have recently taken up kayaking!! Am also a keen ramblar. Have two grandsons and

still in touch with Tish Munson, Jean Nicholson and Jackie Williamson

CLARK, Jenny (Mrs Taylor). As secretary of Farnham Swimability (Alan is Chairman) we provide swimming for disabled people and a social calendar of events during the year which keeps me busy. A week skiing, Cornwall and Cyprus were enjoyable breaks this year.

CRIDLAN, Anthea. I am loving living in Sidmouth but visit London regularly. You can take the girl out of London Holidays in Cyprus, Cornwall and Chicago this year. To keep my brain active I'm relearning Italian.

DAWSON, Hilary (Mrs Watson) Hilary successfully did the Women v Cancer 104 km night bike ride in May. Her son got married to Alice Hall and baby is due in April, her 3rd grandchild. She went with Maggie Sinclair to Centre Court, Wimbledon and celebrated Micky, Tinny, Sydney Graham and Jackie Kellerts 70th at the Savoy. Great to catch up. Still plays golf, swims at 7am (like at Q) and does yoga.

FIELDEN, Libby (Mrs Carroll). Another year has flown by, leaving me wondering where it went. The grandchildren have grown so it must have happened. 'Civilised' holidays in France, Italy and Dublin this year.

GURREY, Nicky (Mrs Grove). Retired from charity Openstorytellers, still doing fun stuff on culture, storytelling and disability in other places. Younger son got married a year ago, living in London near older brother. Daughter and 3 gorgeous grandchildren not far from Q. Renewed friendship with Jenny King has been a delight.

LEACH, Julia (Dr Leach). A contented year which included our 30th anniversary. Spring with orangutans in Indonesia, a hot summer in France, all of us well.

HEMINGWAY, Anji (Mrs Robb). Life very busy helping out with grandchildren, Lily (6) and Luca (3). Lucy now at the Bar. Short visit to San Diego in April to see Miranda and her three little boys. Skiing at Beaver Creek in February 2017.

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NICHOLSON, Jean (Mrs Renshaw) tells me her father acquired some *Gardeners Delight* tomato plants from Q in the 1960s and the flavour was so good that he planted some of seeds the following year. The family still enjoy great crops and Jean's sister-in-law won first prize in a local show in SW London!

PALLOT, Alison (Mrs Kenny) visited New York (seeing granddaughters); Prague (daughter-in-law is Czech); Norfolk (visiting daughter) and their property in Spain several times. The four grandsons from London visited over the summer. She has refurbished the ensuite bathroom and still enjoys photography and simple furniture restoration.

READ, Vicki (Mrs Graham) and Colin stayed with friends in Barbados and cruised the Windward Islands on a five-masted clipper. They also cruised from Monte Carlo to Venice and returned to London on the Orient Express (quite an experience). She had a lovely day with Mary Grunwell (née Walker) and Richard in 2015. Thank you to all who got in touch.

ROBERTS, Sally lost her parents (both aged 94) within seven months of each other and the stress brought on a recurrence of acute chronic fatigue, although she is managing to cope with her job for ROSL. Her son, Ed Coleman, played Harold Steptoe in the recent BBC4 production.

SMITH, Zoe divides her work time between Oxford and the Old Bailey, living in Marlborough or Marylebone. She never seems to have enough time to get to her place in France but after retirement in two years' time she'll probably have too much!

SYMMONS, Jean (Mrs Barnes) is heavily involved in The Wilmslow Golf Club and Terry is Chairman of the Trustees of the AVRO Heritage Museum. They have a new granddaughter (Adalene) and Jean enjoyed the OQA lunch in Leeds to mark 50 years of the Cheshire and Yorkshire Branches.

VAN ESSEN, Morna (Dr Murgatroyd) is still working as a GP and hospice doctor and went to a reunion marking 50 years since starting at Guy's. Her children are married and working. Her area suffered dreadful flooding in the winter but says the crab apple harvest was good despite a wet summer.

WALKER, Mary (Mrs Grunwell) enjoyed seeing Vicki Graham (née Read) in 2015 and the OQA Reunion in Leeds where she met her 'sponsor', Jenny

Setchell, and Vicki's cousin Liz Newman (née Moss). They are slowly adjusting to Richard's retirement and their 'old age' and enjoying their large family.

WILLIAMSON, Jackie (Mrs Scott-Kerr) says that golf is still a big part of life (including the OQ day at Brookman's Park and Tassie at The Berkshire). She has five grandchildren and helps people with computer problems. Sadly, her mother Peggy (nee Stops) died last year but her aunt (Sylvia Stops) still enjoys an active life.

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BOLTON, Elisabeth (Mrs White). "We remain in Abu Dhabi but planning to leave in May after 6 ½ years. I spent 4 months in Sydney this year as daughter Plum and Chris Stone had baby Alice at end of May - lovely to finally be a granny. Andrew & Michelle remain happily in Singapore. Somewhat surprisingly Stewart and I are thinking about retiring in Australia."

COOPER, Jill (Mrs Llewellyn). "Whilst we still have our lovely home in Southwest France it is sadly on the market. We will buy again near Le Touquet - much easier for all the family. However life in Chelsea is great. Now on the management board of our block and also involved with local lobby groups and continue with all my commitments to charity."

COX, Angela (Mrs De Saram) "I continue to work for a medical charity. Hugh and I sing with the Swindon Choral Society of which I am currently chairman. Music, theatre, walking and family keep us busy and we escape in our two person camper whenever we can."ugh andH HH

DARKE, Elizabeth (Mrs Wainwright). Liz wrote from Australia during a 6 week trip exploring North, Centre and South! She and Alan have 8 grandchildren ranging from 16 years - 1 year old. They continue to enjoy life on the Isle of Wight with their 3 beautiful golden retrievers and Liz helps a charity by using her young dog as a PAT dog (Pets as Therapy).

ELLIS, Bridget (Mrs Hodges) "The big news is that our son, Marc, finally got married in the summer to his long term girlfriend Nathalie. Much celebration all

round. Earlier in the year Nigel and I had a very enjoyable trip touring the archaeological sites of the northern Peloponnese.”

ELMES, Sue (Mrs. Ellis) “Trevor and I love our annual winter stay in South Africa. Simon, Charlie and Olivia are happily settled in their Welwyn Garden City house. Nick and his girlfriend buying a Southampton house. Nick’s son Ethan, nearly 7, and Olivia, 2, are a delight; they’ve recently visited Sicily for their cousin’s wedding to the daughter of a Russian oligarch!”

FEDDEN, Feather (Mrs Gordon) “I keep up with a lot of OQs. Rachel Marshall Roberts (Johns) had a retirement party and Hilly Dixon, Anne Biron and Pam Entwistle and I all went. Judith Macfarlane came to visit this summer and I am going to see her in Australia next year. I visited Tanzania last year to help sponsor a school, who need English teachers. Still skiing.”

HARLEY, Elizabeth (Mrs. Dellor) “I’m enjoying travelling and being a granny. Had a good holiday in Canada last year. Off to China next week and also had holidays in Costa Rica and Mexico. Now have seven grandchildren and just returned from the christening of the youngest in Italy.”

HARDEN, Sarah (Mrs. Hawkins). Sarah moved to the Dorset coast after 14 years of country living and is loving it. She is busy with swimming, walking and general knowledge quizzes, and says life is very good.

HILTON, Jennifer (Mrs. Wood-Hill). Thanks to all who sent news. I have sold my house and am moving on 4 November into rented before I buy again. Hard to leave after 25 years. Also just become a Granny for the second time to Hamish so been helping Jo and Archie with him and Rosie. Eve has returned to her Ranger job after a 4 month expedition in her Hilux through 6 Southern African countries.

JONES, Madelaine (Mrs Calise) now lives most of the year on Amelia Island, Florida. In the summers she and her husband go north to Lake Champlain. They have a half share in a number of restaurants in Vermont. Their 3 children are all married and she has 4 grandchildren. Had a small world moment with OQ Amanda Graves who excelled on the TV show Jeopardy last year. She would love to hear from other late ‘60’s OQs.

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KELSHALL, Wendy (Mrs Pearce) says nothing changes. Two years older. Life goes on.

LECKIE, Susan (Mrs Angelis) has been blessed with 6th grandchild; Ariana. Equal girls and boys now. Still working for IPSOS-MORI in the highlands/islands, so no holidays necessary! Good fun being a granny! So many folk are telling her to write a book; so she must do it.

MAGSON, Jennifer (Mrs King) married her partner of 28 years, Dave Mendham, on 10th September. Her two sons Alan and John both did readings. Her sister-in-law and granddaughter were bridesmaids. Dave’s son, grandson and baby great-granddaughter were there. She’ll not be changing her name.

MUNSEN, Patricia (Dr Allan) and Arthur fully retired, enjoying first grandchild Rosie. They still live in rural Shropshire, heavily involved in church outreach initiatives. Barny is junior doctor in Australia, Pru, Pete and Rosie home from S Africa for now, Acorn heading for NZ, Jo just started at LAMDA.

STEWART, Valerie (Mrs Smith) now retired and enjoying life with babysitting duties for two grandsons and numerous activities with U3A including, of course, sport!

SUMMERS, Rachel (Mrs Bryans) thanks all those who responded to her request for news. In 2017 it will be 50 years since we all left Q. Unbelievable!

THOMPSON, Hilary (Mrs Papo) and her husband Jak are fortunate to be keeping well in retirement and feel lucky that all three children have returned to Switzerland. Two small granddaughters to run after so yoga, pilates and golf are a must to keep fit. Continues singing and loved her first experience in scratch choir at the Albert Hall last July.

VAN’T HOF, Jeanette (Mrs McLachlin) is now in her second year of retirement, enjoying exploring Toronto again, summers at their cottage by the lake and drinking many lattes/glasses of wine. Both children now married, husband Ian still working (got that right!) All is well.

WRIGHT, Elizabeth (Mrs Rowley) Despite more creaking, she is busy with

teaching, gym, walk leading, family, SUP boarding, but their boat is sold, sadly. She and Bob travelled to New England to meet up with their son and family to “leafpeek”.

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ANDREWS, Maggie (Dr Evans). My multi-language children’s reading scheme Marco the Malta Bus is to be on the Maltese National Education Curriculum. Daughter, Maz Evans, is becoming famous with the launch by Chicken House of her book Who Let the Gods Out?

ASHBROOK, Susan (Casselman). I am still living in Boston with Fritz, teaching art history at the local college, and not quite ready to retire yet. Our two sons are married. I return to Denham every few months to see my mother, now 99.

CARSTAIRS, Jill (Dr Carstairs). Still enjoying medicine in Oz, fewer hours since Bruce sold his business. We’ve done a few cruises and flown here and there, the way you do. Kids happy and busy and not married, Fifi visited last year like old times!

CUSSONS, Jane. Another year, another news snippet! Still alive, still trucking: living in Shipston-on-Stour, working in London from time to time. Occasional acting jobs plus PA work keep the wolf from the door. In touch with Rachael Whitteridge and Lorna Frizzell.

ENGLISH, Anne (Mrs Irwin-Brown). Still trying to behave outrageously despite playing a lot of bridge! Am taking two groups of players to Marrakech this autumn with my nails painted gold. We enjoy living at West Wittering and anyone passing is welcome to drop in. anneib@btopenworld.com

ENTWISLE, Pam (Mrs Woodhead). I am still nursing. Richard busy with garden and pottery. Pippa still in Bangkok and both Lara and Holly in London. We had a wonderful holiday in Thailand and Cambodia last year. Several visits to Spain as usual.

FAULKNER, Diana. Retired two years ago and having a wonderful time. Steve and I just finished rebuilding an old house near San Francisco . . . I learnt so much, and we had so much fun. Next year we travel! I am on Facebook, so let’s catch up.

FELTON, Carol. Healthwise 2016 has been a bummer; with septicemia, hospital, not walking or driving and housebound. Now October and phase 2: bridge building to achieve independence again. Music has been therapeutic to prevent going potty. Moral: don't get sick!

FISH, Victoria (Mansurah Mears) and her husband Idris live in Norwich, where their home is a permanent hub for visiting children and grandchildren! Theirs has become an international family, one daughter living in Spain and another in Cape Town, South Africa. Greetings to old friends, especially Jane Cussons and Anne von Bergen.

GALE, Angie (Mrs Preston). A hectic year whilst Geoffrey was Master of his City Livery Company but we are now returning to a more relaxed life! Son, Chris, and daughter, Susie, have both returned to the UK after working overseas for some years.

HALL, Stephanie loves not being busy! A highlight of this year has been growing sweet peas and hollyhocks for the first time. It is such a tonic to meet up with OQ friends, even though we live very different lives.

LYON, Ruth is now a Borough Councillor, representing her Ward in Potters Bar on Hertsmere Borough Council. She is a member of the Planning Committee, which can be extremely interesting, but challenging! Ruth has one lovely granddaughter, now 11, who she is fortunate to see every week.

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JOHNS, Rachel (Mrs. Marshall-Roberts) Delighted to be now fully retired. Spent 7 weeks in the States helping our eldest son Charlie, his wife Jess, and William (4) with the arrival of Edward. Now have 4 grandchildren. Enjoying keeping in touch with OQ friends. Learning to play bridge.

MACFARLANE, Judith/Toff (Mrs. Swain) John and I have become nomads. In past 18 months have either visited or lived in 10 different countries! Travelling while still healthy, but spending as much time as possible with our four grandchildren, in Australia and UK. Enjoy keeping up great friendships with several OQ's – you know who you are!

MARTIN, Felicity. Sadly, my mother, Paula Martin, nee Crouch, died

peacefully last year the day before her 90th birthday. Mummy always lived Q both when she was a pupil and also when she showed prospective parents and pupils around. She's greatly missed by all of her family and friends.

MORIES, Heather (Mrs. Lawrence-Boustead) Badger (husband of 6 years) and I bought a 15th century cottage on the Suffolk/Essex border last year. Family thriving and doing well in Kenya. Have four grandchildren, another arriving in March. We love our busy retirement playing tennis, golf and travelling, on safari and at the coast.

MUNSON, Judy (Mrs. Kingham) Still in the Cotswolds. Planning to move soon as I don't need all this space and ground since losing Terry. Clay Pigeon shooting whenever possible. Joined a choir which is great fun but voice very rusty. See Gillie when I can.

RICKABY, Melanie (Mrs. Shuttler) Greatly enjoying retirement which enables me to go racing midweek, have trips to London and Cambridge and spend time at home with my talented husband!

SINCLAIR, Sarah (Mrs. Weller) Enjoying retirement very much and spending approximately four months every year in Turkey. Occasionally see Rachel Marshall-Roberts and Jane Hulks. Looking forward to our third grandchild arriving in March 2017. Visited Costa Rica last spring which was an amazing trip.

SMITH, Christine (Mrs. Rowell) Now semi-retired travelled to Spain this year with Michael, my son Nico and friends. Cruised in the Med, going to Spain for 5 days with my sisters and another Med cruise coming up. Still work for family business Ringtons as "family liaison". Anneke engaged in May to Rory so now planning the wedding for 2017.

SOUTAR, Joy (Mrs. Pinkham) Working full time as a barrister, but finding this interferes with my grannie duties to my four little poppets. Have enjoyed travelling to the F1 races and looking forward to a family holiday in Barbados with the whole clan. Still a trustee of KidsAid, a charity providing therapy for traumatised children.

SPIELER, Susan (Mrs. Leifer) Spie still working as an Independent Social Worker undertaking Parental Assessments for the courts and plans to die on the job! Favourite thing is being with her two granddaughters. Son Teddy got married in the Hudson Valley.

Brother Sam best man. Since their jobs are in comedy, the speeches were a riot.

VENNING, Margaret (Mrs. Seekings) Barry, cat and I migrated from dry summer at our moulin in France to sunny Charmouth for the winter. Love both! Our eleven grandchildren and children always surprise. Walk, pot, paint, XJS outings – usual wrinklely stuff. Anyone welcome to call if passing.

VERELL, Joan (Dr. Scruton) Fully retired from medicine and busy with my Home Farm, animals and garden produce. I have four small grandchildren, daughter married this year and expecting a baby in December. Jenny also lives close in the Nanaimo area. Going to Belize next February and will visit UK too in 2017.

VON BERGEN, Anne (Mrs. Currie) Thoroughly enjoying retirement in Somerset. I have acquired two new knees in the last eighteen months, so can now walk downhill again to Mike's delight! Family are all well and we expect our fourth grandchild soon.

WALE, Jane (Mrs. Burrett) Son Bill has boomeranged home having started at The Cold Pressed Oil Co making rapeseed oil in a nearby farm. Steve sailing and we happily met up with Maggie Burridge (Quay FM presenter) in Alderney Harbour. I flew! French skiing in 2017.

WESTON, Rosemary (Mrs. Hyslop) Had a busy year running my holiday cottage business. Daughter Nicola got married in July. A very happy day with service in local church and reception at home. They live in London and son Stuart in Reading. Attended, and enjoyed, OQ reunion in April.

WHITFIELD, Rosemary (Mrs. Field) I have five grandchildren, all growing up near the beach in Cornwall. My husband and I love joining them for adventures. I have been doing a two year part-time course on Quakers which is a wonderful experience.

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ADEMOLA, Demi. 'Both Kits and I are in good health here in Lagos. Nigeria is facing a major recession and our currency has gone down by more than 50% in the last six months, so our travels overseas will be very restricted.'

BALL, Amanda (Mrs Robertson de Haan). 'Coves Quay Gallery in Salcombe is running well with Whitespace Art and we are looking forward to next year's shows. There will be a Christmas show, so anyone in Salcombe please pop in! The grandchildren are blooming and will be on Dartmoor for a noisy Christmas.'

BALLARD, Mary (Mrs Trott). Mary has had a lovely year enjoying retirement with Richard. Both girls are happy: living and working in London. She loves being a great aunt to her sister's two grandchildren and has also enjoyed spending time with Linda Canning's daughters and grandchildren.

BIRD, Rosalind (Mrs Dawson). 'Finally retired but finding it rather strange, several grandchildren but Cambridge a good place to live in when retired as so many nice things to do - music, art etc.'

BIRON, Anne (Mrs Howlett). 'I'm still busy farming. Grandchildren, Matilda born July and her cousins Berwyn 5 and Ophelia 3 are such a pleasure. Andrew marries May 2017; his delightful girlfriend took advantage of 2016 being a leap year by proposing on 29th February!!'

BLACKMORE, Susan. 'I am enjoying being 65 since I realised writing books and struggling with the problems of consciousness is more fun than retirement! Lecturing in Brazil I finally experienced the Amazonian hallucinogen, ayahuasca. Back home enjoying being Granny to baby Ailla.'

BLOOMFIELD, Sally (Mme Cassard). Sally was pleased to see everyone again at her year's OQ reunion September 2015, especially the Hartley house lot. She and Philippe live a busy retirement between two homes, enjoying Paris, Philadelphia and New York. She has taken up water colour painting and loves it.

BROWN, Leonie (Mrs Tyas). 'A lot of my time is split between between home in Torquay, my daughter's family in Hertfordshire, and my son's family in Naples Florida where I am spending Christmas again this year. I love being able to visit with all of them, and life is good.'

BUCK, Clare (Mrs King). 'I now work just 2 days a week, so time to tackle a huge backlog of tasks! Both children are now settled in their own London homes. We've bought a Dorset cottage for weekend escapes, and I'm enjoying more time with friends and pursuing wider interests.'

CANFOR, Jill (Mrs Underdown). 'Still holding the Queensland Justice and Attorney General's Dept (JAG) together. We do Air BnB which is fun (as well as in our French flat in Sanary-sur-Mer! www.airbnb.co.uk/rooms/13379057) Philip still teaching kitesurfing. We misbehave with beach neighbour Toff MacFarlane.'

CLEMENT, Michèle. At the end of 2016 I shall have retired completely - scary. I have a grandson, Theodore, which is wonderful. I enjoy travelling and walking the dog. I have taken up bell ringing which is the hardest thing I have ever done!

CRIDLAN, Jeryl (Mrs Wheelden). 'Jeryl and Trevor are enjoying life in Sidmouth, Devon, which they moved to in 2011. This year's highlight was a week in Cannes in September with Andrew (26) and Emily (24) and their respective partners.'

HOYLE, Alison. 'New York in March 2015 was fantastic, went again in May this year. Two day trips to London this year. Lots to see in Manchester. Hope to do Berlin in 2017 but will await events. Meanwhile keeping active - pilates, walking and doing acrylic painting!'

LENTON, Elizabeth (Mrs Ruston). 'Bad news - Ian had a stroke June 2015 and lost the use of his right side but is recovering well, albeit slowly. Good news- Granny for the third time. Still running the farm, looking forward to retirement one day!'

LEONARD, Gillian (Mrs Guest). Gillie lives in Herefordshire with a two year old shaggy lurcher called Django. She spends a lot of time travelling to London to visit her children & 5 grandchildren. She enjoys her retirement occupations of gardening, walking and playing music with musician partner.

LEWIS, Maralyn (Mrs Roberts). Maralyn and Bernard celebrated 39 years of marriage this year. Maralyn has just started a year's horticulture course in Regents Park. Sophie (oldest) is a junior doctor at Guys and Zoe is making and selling nut butters.

LINCOLN, Clare. 'Keen to keep on working as a psychologist in Melbourne. Youngest (21) at University and 2 girls (27, 35!) left home. Trip home for 65th birthday this year and saw many Old Q and University friends. Great fun.'

MARCIANDI, Clare (Mrs Lesser). 'My granddaughter Zoe was born in April so I know the wonder and joy this amazing

new person can bring and the pride at seeing your own 'baby' as a capable parent. Great not to have the sleepless nights and constant responsibility though!'

MOSS, Elizabeth (Mrs Newman). 'After 26 years I retired from the BBC in Leeds last August so now have more time for tennis, choir, walking, bird watching, yoga, gardening and Scottish Country Dancing! This year have met up with Spie, Gillie, Kristian and Mary.'

PULMAN, Jane (Mrs Pike). 'Katie married in August. Her OQ friends Carolyn Walker came from HK and Vicky Clipper who played piano for us, from Bermuda! Wendy Marler (Austin) and Martyn were guests and Martyn took wonderful photos. All very exciting!'

RAYNER, Alison. 'A year of highs and lows: the highs - getting married in January and my group ARQ's second album 'A Magic Life' released in November. The lows - several deaths, the appalling Brexit outcome in June and now a lunatic in the White House.'

SCOTT, Jane (Mrs Sidders). 'We have loved living in Yorkshire these past 5 years. We have been renovating my late mother's cottage next door ready for renting. Fitness classes and long walks with neighbours' dogs keep us fit. I enjoy singing in 2 chamber choirs.'

SWENGLEY, Kristian (Mrs Perry). 'An Easter break in St Petersburg with Nicole was followed by a week in Cyprus with the Marlow National Trust, which I helped to organise. Busy in the garden all summer and celebrated my 65th with a trip on the Thames.'

TUBBS, Diana (Mrs Wade-Smith). 'Settled in Chichester & loving all the sailing. Kept well occupied with daughter's wedding reception at home in May and son's two children. Still self employed & working for CQC & various local authorities.'

WATSON, Amanda (Mrs Latchmore). Amanda attended the northern reunion at the Queens Hotel in Leeds last April and caught up with many friends plus a couple of OQs from my year she hadn't seen since she was 15! She also made a new friend in Brenda Deane.

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BLANDY, Sarah. Really enjoyed the London get-together in September 2016 - none of us has changed at all! She's happily working more part-time now, at Sheffield University. Great holidays this year - skiing in Scandinavia, summer with family including adult sons in the Cevennes, and recently walking in Spain.

BRAZIER, Tricia (Mrs Hayne). "It was great to see everyone at the reunion last year. Since then we've seen new editions of 'our' guides to St Helena, the Cotswold Way and Zambia. We're celebrating our 40th anniversary trekking in Nepal, after a big family weekend including eight grandchildren; where have the years gone?"

CARR, Jane (Mrs Bellinger). "I'm in Borneo at the moment, seen the orangutans. Last year had a fabulous holiday in Madagascar. Otherwise everything fine. Best wishes to all."

COLLINS, Melinda (Mrs Riechert). Made a trip to Scotland, and then drove down to London for dinner with Andy Schneidau, Di Moore, Sally Nock and Jane Neil. We enjoyed delicious food and good company, reminiscing about the "good old days" at Queenswood.

COLVILLE, Sarah (Mrs Fisher) We are now proud grandparents to four and enjoying this role hugely. Much enjoyed the reunion in London in 2015. Had an enjoyable few days in Lake District following a son doing a 100 mile ultra-marathon!

DIXON, Jay (Jackie) In 2015 the year of 1970 held a lunch reunion at the Civil Service Club in London, which everyone who came enjoyed so much we are repeating it on 12 August 2017. If you would like to attend contact her (jaysd@fs.com). All of our year is very welcome. Do come - we can guarantee wine, good food and excellent conversation!

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NEIL, Jane (Dr. Havergal). Now semi-retired lawyer, planning birthday trip with John, February. 2016 holidays in Caribbean, Greece and France. Sister Gina, childrens' advocate, also enjoying holidays now Peter retired. Recent jolly supper spent with Melinda Collins, Andrea Schneidau, Sally Nock and Di Moore.

NICHOLSON, Jose (Mrs Jones). "We went back to UK to see Zoe and children when her husband was posted to Afghanistan. Zoe, Luke and Alex moved house this year but all came over this summer which was wonderful, if a little chaotic!"

NOCK, Sally (Mrs Bishop) "It's been a busy year...a new granddaughter, working two days a week, swimming with the grandchildren twice a week, on top of some health problems and organising a nursing reunion...phew! I need a holiday!"

ODELL, Jill (Mrs Shepherd). Enjoying retirement, doing some private teaching, time for grandsons now 4 and 6. Great experience, early 2016, being involved with York Mystery Plays in the Minster. Played a tortoise and a singing Angel and met Jennifer Page, also in the cast. Travelled to Northern reunion with Sandra Cross and saw many of year group in London.

OLD, Cherry (Mrs Ludley) "time filled up with grandson twice weekly, walking elderly cocker, helping brother with charity golf days, enjoying coffee and cakes with friends, no longer riding regularly as old horse recently acquired a damaged eye. Husband, Paul had his 70th too."

SCHNEIDAU, Andrea (Mrs Hamilton). Still working, recently had Melinda Collins and husband to stay from the States. Is regularly visiting granddaughter, Tilly, and family in Budapest. Daisy, the retriever now has a companion, a rescue cat!

SOUTAR, Marion (Mrs Michael). From Switzerland, "I visit James in Southampton who is working for the Maritime and Coastguard Agency and Florian who is working at St. Georges Hospital London regularly. I see Jonathan, who lives near Geneva with Lily and Ben our cherished grandchildren, more often."

WRINCH, Kaye (Carrie) (Mrs Dawe). Life jam packed, we are supporting Mum in her own home, daughter Catherine back with us here plus village and church commitments. Still enjoying singing with different choirs, some travelling, Oz earlier this year and trying to control a wayward garden!

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AITKEN, Lizzie (Mrs. Gill). In all truth, a horrible year. My lovely older brother died, and I now need to provide extra support for my parents (both 91) in their own home 80 miles away. On brighter note, husband and kids are all fine.

BALLARD, Anne (Dr Brown). Grandchildren! Mike had Mollie and Jenny, a very prem. George. One year on and thankfully both doing really well. Tim and I are about to retire from our last hospital attachments and look forward to travel and grand parenting and fun.

BLACK, Amanda (Mrs. Griffiths). Still playing lots of tennis and various local committees and voluntary work keep us busy. Holidays this year included two walking holidays (Cornwall and La Palma) and a trip to Boston and the Hudson Valley.

BLAND, Carole (Mrs. Tickner). A busy year, looking after grandchildren, playing tennis, golf and enjoying aqua fit classes. We are currently doing up our kitchen. Went on a round the world trip in 2015 and have recently enjoyed holidays in Menorca and the Lake District. Looking forward to a ski-ing holiday in the New Year (first in 35 years) and am training at the gym to prepare myself!!

BURRELL, Anne (Mrs. Davies). I'm currently in Jordan doing some work for the Finnish government. Off to Somalia tomorrow. On the home front, Robin is now in a nursing home because his health deteriorated earlier this year. He is well cared for and safe.

FURBANK, Louise is enjoying life in Dartmouth, having the River Dart estuary so close. She is working up to five days a week in a Delicatessen which is lovely but can be tiring and is learning new skills and meeting the locals. Spare time is spent walking the beautiful coast and countryside and having friends to stay!

GRAHAM, Vicky (Mrs. Neale). I am now Grandma to three boys, not going to swell the ranks at Q! James has 2 and Jennie had a babe in September. I retired last year and Andrew keeps me busy! Cruised the Panama Canal in March, a highlight. Just taken up golf!

GRANTHAM, Bridget (Mrs. Postlethwaite). Bridget now travels the UK house and pet sitting; mainly in the South (and France); has lectured on a cruise ship, visited family in Malaysia, spent Christmas in Bali and plans continuing her nomadic lifestyle. Playing Ukulele and Clarinet regularly.

HINE, Janette (Mrs. Redshaw). Peter broke his leg skiing at Xmas but managed to walk Emma down the aisle in April. She is expecting her first in Feb. Youngest James now up at Durham reading engineering. We are also preparing to downsize in London & build in Suffolk

HEARNE, Karen. Another busy year of research, writing, speaking and travelling (especially to The Netherlands). Lectured on Van Dyck at The Frick in New York and the National Gallery, London. Began work on another exhibition (for 2019). Still enjoying being an Honorary Professor!

LENDRUM, Eve (Mrs. White). Retired from her part-time employment last year, but finds she is still very busy, and plays tennis and in a string quartet for fun. Grandson Rhys arrived 18 mths ago and provides much entertainment! “

LOVEDAY, Angie (Mrs. Pyman). We now live between Devon and London. Mark is an anti-corruption Commissioner and often travels to Kabul. Chris is a Captain in the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards and Holly lives in Manchester, where she's recovering well from CFS – fingers crossed!”

PIGGOTT, Nina (Mrs. Lillie). A lovely and busy year: Commodore at Saltash Sailing Club for second year, also sailing around Outer Hebrides and to Norway, Brest Classic Boat festival, and in Croatia. Enjoying being granny to Isabella (1): Jonny and Laura both now with John Lewis.

ROBINS, Hilary (Mrs. Skaar). Good and sad times. Mother died on 22nd October, we miss her. Holidays in Bruges and a 17 night cruise to Venice. Still working as Parish Clerk. David took part in 950th anniversary re-enactment of Battle of Hastings, great spectacle.

ROUGHTON, Julia (Mrs. Butterfield). Chris and I are still enjoying life on the farm and working hard on conservation here at home and in Botswana. In 2017 we will have 2 weddings here, Anna's in April swiftly followed by Mark's in September! Should be fun!

THOMAS, Jane (Mrs. Miller). Lots to celebrate with Hugh's marriage to Caitlin last year in America and the birth of Sophia to Francesca and Tom this July, a sister for Archie. Loving Grandparent duties. Patrick is still working but enjoying being out of London. “

WHITFIELD, Louise (Mrs. Bullen). We're now at the end of our B&B's

second season and it's keeping us extremely busy! Hard work but many lovely guests make it enjoyable. Holidays are now in winter - Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos this year and Sri Lanka in 2017.

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BROADBENT, Hazel (Natty) (Mrs Garside). My news is that I am retiring from the NHS in December (after 41 years) and working 3 days per week for Nuffield Hospitals in Newcastle-under-Lyme instead. John and William are well; William, in his 3rd year at Southampton, is enjoying every minute. I have been ticking things off my bucket list which has been fun and I'm still playing with trains!

CARR, Annabel. I am still living in Sheffield and working full time. Daughter Hannah married in May 2016, and son Marcus remains in NZ with little intention of returning to work in the NHS in UK. I keep in touch with Angela Selerie who is fit and well living on the South coast, close to her sister Clare, also in fine form. If anyone is in Sheffield, please get in touch.

CARTER, Tricia (Mrs Gibbons). Tricia is working at St Ivo School. Her sister Nicky is back in this country and living in Norwich – they were about to go to a concern being given by Vicky (Edwards). Life is good and still revolving around children and increasing numbers of grandchildren.

CORRIN, Alex. I have had a difficult time so far this year – my mother died in February after some years with vascular dementia, and I was almost immediately diagnosed with polymyalgia rheumatica. The steroids are doing their job though and I am emerging from the tunnel. I'm still enjoying semi-retirement with lots of theatre, arty and dining out trips.

DORMAN, Frankie (Dr Pride). Frankie is working harder than ever, including humanitarian work in Africa (Facebook Poole Africa Link). Michael (25) is a reservist and nearly a chiropractor; Charlie a budding film producer. Jamie is Vice Commodore at the Royal Motor Yacht Club – none of us is resting!

HASELDEN, Merriol. Still here as Section Secretary (13 years and counting!) Still wishing someone would step up to take over! Perhaps someone

who has been fortunate enough to retire? (Something I can't see happening for me for the foreseeable future!). Just about to undergo more eye surgery – hopefully by the time this goes to print, I'll be able to see properly with both eyes again. Otherwise, much the same with work and dogs to keep me busy.

RICHARDS, Hilary (Dr Bunn) writes: I am loving being retired and having time and energy to do what I/we want. We travel and spend more time in Cornwall so I am often unpacking/packing a suitcase. I have also discovered the joys of matinees and Pilates.

SEWELL, Annie. Still working in nursing, even more than I did before “retiring”. Not much travel this year; had a half knee replacement last year – that really feels old. Lots overseas friends to stay. My Ma is 90 this year

SWENGLEY, Nicole. Still freelancing in London, mainly for the FT magazine, but trying to ease back. Work still takes me to the design shows in Paris and Milan but journalism has changed hugely in recent years due to the internet. I try to escape the email deluge by spending weekends with my sister, Kristian, in the countryside. I recently came across my Q leaving book which brought back a lot of memories!

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BOLTON, Sarah (Mrs Knight). Has the same husband, home, children +one lovely grandson. Sarah had a very entertaining encounter recently with a former member of the Haileybury Corps Band of similar age so they must have overlapped at school events. Apparently the Haileybury Band came to Q to demonstrate their skills but their performance was hampered by Q girls rolling tennis balls amongst their marching feet. He hadn't forgotten this for 42 years - it obviously made a lasting impression! No damage was done other than to the boys' pride. Anyone want to own up?

CHAPMAN, Bethan (Mrs Smith) reported that her husband, Twist, had had a terrible time with pneumonia, kidney stones and pancreatic cancer. Thankfully he seemed to be in good health at the time of writing. She has given up her full time job and is now a very “hands on” grandmother.

GRANTHAM, Prudence (Mrs Sharp) and Simon are still involved with the various bands they play in and are as busy as ever. Her health is now excellent which enables her to play plenty of tennis. Edward and his wife have moved back from Switzerland and are living in Newbury and Harry lives in London.

LOW, Wendy (Mrs Butler). Both girls have left home now. Wendy is working at Freshwater Properties in Drury Lane and is heavily involved in drama: next production *Wife after Death* in Loughton 27-29 October. She is also still volunteering at Cadogan Hall.

ODELL, Helen (Mrs Odell-Miller) Benj (24) has just been signed by Universal as a publisher and singer, song writer and Sam 28 settled in an excellent computing job too. They all went to Buckingham Palace for her OBE award for services to music therapy this year and she was about to go to Taiwan and China for work trips. Helen is still working full time as a professor of music therapy and loving it.

MASTERS, Veronica (Mrs English) is still at St. Benedict's and Pete part time at Asda optical. Mike and Katie have a new house in Thame and Nick is a trainee solicitor in London. They have holidayed in Dubrovnik, Menorca and St Ives.

PADLEY, Susan (Mrs Burt) says her biggest joy is her 6 grandchildren - one born each year for the last 6 years hence they are 654321! Mike still doing some racing but biggest joy for him was Leicester City winning the Premiership last season.

RIMMER, Nancy has had two wonderful years packed with holidays, rekindling friendship with friends from her first school & staying in touch with Liz (Simpkins), Sue (Hardwick), Vee (Masters) & Wendy (Low). Mel (Westcott) found her on FB recently. In August 2015, they attended Liz's daughter's wedding. She also met up with Paula (Ng), Irene (Lim) and family in September.

RAYBONE, Sara (Mrs Attwood) is busy with magistrate hearings and working with their academy chain. Tom is retired and busier than ever with D/Ed work and financial services boards. Lucy is in the art world. Charlotte is a producer for BBC in Nairobi. Georgie is about to start her own events design business and Will and Sam are working all hours in financial services.

RUMSEY, Jo celebrated her 60th with a great party. She then went to Florida with Sue Proctor and others. She is off

to Thailand next year for a family wedding and will meet up with sister Nicky who still lives in NZ. She is still playing lots of golf all over the country.

SCRIVEN, Hilary (Mrs Lyle). The dreaded pneumonia caught me again recently but I am recovering well. Loving my new job as part-time school secretary at Broomwood Hall and looking after my gorgeous grandson, Sebastian, in my free time.

SILLARS, Liz writes that there has been a change of pace recently with a bit less exotic travel but the birth of three lovely step-grandchildren and the addition of two beautiful Burmese kittens. But there's always time to meet up with Old Qs in London or weekends away.

SIMPKINS, Elizabeth (Mrs Blackledge). 2015 was the year their eldest daughter was married, so all spare time involved making lots of lace flowers for the bouquet and button-holes for the four main men plus making the wedding cake. This was followed by a much needed break in Northumberland with her father and their dogs.

TRIEFUS, Fiona (Mrs Gilmore). Home is Islington and Snape. Edward is still at home while he applies for the Bar. Their dog is now the elder statesman having passed his ninth year. She caught up with Helen Odell, Sarah Knight and Hilary in 2016.

WARING, Sally (Mrs Hume) is still enjoying a life of sport, learning and voluntary work. All the family are well and employed (apart from Sally!). She comments that sixty doesn't feel too bad and she is looking forward to the next decade...

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BIRCH, Ros (Mrs Pendry). Still playing with various orchestras in and around Bath. Enjoying spending time with our 3 (soon to be 4) grandchildren. Have visited Vietnam and Portugal this year and looking forward to exciting trip to Central America soon.

CHAPMAN, Jane (Mrs Payton). Still living in Norfolk with Alice and Thomas both in London. Had a 60th celebration at the villa in Ibiza with Jenny, Didi and Caroline which was great fun as you can imagine – with Flower Power at Pacha being the highlight!

DUMBELL, Debbie (Mrs Cole). Still loving living in Edinburgh. I'm making more use of the facilities than in London – am quite a gallery addict! Have booked copious holidays for 2017, obviously plan to see the world when I'm not visiting Art galleries.

GRIFFITHS, Jane (Mrs Eayrs). I continue as a magistrate and play golf and tennis. I have three grandchildren, the youngest little girl born 3 weeks ago. Henry graduated from university and works at Velcourt, near Newmarket. I see Jenny, Didi, Jane Chapman and Caroline Elliot.

HOWELLS, Ally (Mrs Graham). After an exciting and adventurous 4 years in Perth, WA, we are back in our house in Hazelmere. Taking advantage of retired life to travel loads and see our two girls, one a vet, one GP, and enjoy our two beautiful granddaughters.

MILES, Sally (Lady Poltimore). 3 grown-up children, but still no time to myself. I help the brilliant Jane Lovatt (nee Harrington) with her travelling cooking demonstrations and enjoy seeing OQ's who attend. Being vice-chair of Jo's Cervical Cancer trust, running Hungerford Christmas Fair and events in our barn keep me busy.

RICHERS, Jenny (Mrs Wright). My mum died in June, closely followed by my 60th. Children gave two fab parties with reggae steel band from Brixton, followed by celebrations in Ibiza with Jane Chapman, Didi Huntingford and Caroline Elliot. Stayed in Pacha till 5.30am and were the talk of the town. Ricky from Eastenders thought we were really cool!

ROBINSON, Sarah (Mrs Stark). Sadly my husband Ian and I both lost our fathers this year within 8 weeks of each other and has concentrated our minds somewhat. However we both reached 60 this year and had a lovely time enjoying various outings and holidays.

SIMONDS, Ticia (Mrs Lever) I'm enjoying making and exhibiting my textiles, as well as dusting off my planning skills and taking part in large Planning Inquiry relating to housing in the Green Belt! Enjoy seeing Isla and Mary and also Cheryl.

SMALL, Mary. After volunteering at my local primary school whilst caring for ailing parents, I now work there as a teaching assistant. I sing with Woodstock Music Society and help husband Dave with our 11 sheep, 5

chickens and 1 horse. I see Isla (Kidd) and Ticia (Simonds).

SPENSLEY, Katharine (Mrs Verrill). This has been a year of sadness and joy, with the death of my dear father at 92 in June, followed by the arrival of my first grandchild, Freddie, a son for my eldest son, Will, who married last year.

WADDINGTON, Chris (Mrs Cooke) I attended two OQ reunions last April! The Northern held in Leeds where it was great to see Alison Ambrose (Hislop), also Heather Grant organised a lovely year group reunion at Somerset House. I continue to spend as much time as possible in Majorca.

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ARNOLD, Karen (Mrs Ellam) With Tollef and Charlie now in their last year at school, Karen is being kept very busy. However, she still manages to play golf (6 handicap) and enjoys the Old Q golf events. She's also raising money for various charities through selling cards depicting her own paintings. See www.karenpatellam.wix.com/artandcards

AUSTIN, Sue (Mrs Proctor) "Dave and I enjoyed a wonderful 3 week trip round China as well as skiing with sister Julie and family and a holiday in Spain with Julie and Barbara Pringle (Langley Poole). We helped Jo Rumsey celebrate a big birthday in Florida too. I also enjoyed playing in the Tassie for the Old Q's. Sadly, Julie and I recently lost our father to Parkinson's."

BELLEVUE EDWARDS, Julie (Mrs Claydon) "I am still living in Brighton and working as an Assistant Headteacher which keeps me busy. We had a lovely family holiday in France in the summer. Fiona Wheatley and I meet regularly and go on the occasional weekend jaunt."

BUSE, Mellie (Mrs Franks) "Since the last update I've done that "holiday of a lifetime" thing with Rosie Savage in Kenya; set up two new companies; become a Great Aunt twice over, and found a new vocation as a geriatric nurse for my poor old mother who fell over and broke herself."

DICKINSON, Jane (Mrs Mager) "Last year I embraced the "don't turn down anything, you're turning 60" and consequently jumped on a lot of planes

and had a great time, particularly during our 3 weeks in Australia. Now looking forward to celebrating all the 60ths and excitedly planning Emma's wedding in September."

FORD, Lindsay (Mrs Mugleston) "Still working in office at home, and elsewhere. June saw James marry most musical Jen. Listen out for 'Mezzrano'. Sophie and Joe and their two children farm in Northants - pleased they are no further away. Philip struggling to kick the ag habit. No better at taking holiday!"

GIBBS, Fanny (Mrs Stafford) "I have now become a Thermomix Advisor as well as being a Stampin Up Demonstrator. We are home schooling our youngest child, Tom, who is fifteen. All of the family are well. We recently got a puppy called Max".

HASELDEN, Anna Lisa (Mrs Seager) "Highlight of my year was a fabulous 6 week trip to England and Spain, spending time with my sisters, catching up with family and friends and being joined by Justin and Caitlin for some of it (both now at Uni in Sydney). Other holidays involved exploring Australia and we have a big trip to Canada planned for June."

HOWLETT, Patsy (Mrs Weist) Patsy now lives in Murphy, North Carolina, in the Appalachian Mountains, with her husband, Tony, and chocolate lab, Cocoa. She teaches French and Spanish at nearby Young Harris College. In her spare time she plays the guitar, bass and Native American flute.

JORDAN, Alison (Mrs Sykes) "Still working as a School Business Manager, but thinking about retiring! Met with Caroline Hartley (nee Carr) and Jeanette Sewell in May which was an unexpected pleasure; hadn't seen each other for 35 years+, but the Q memories were still fresh!"

LLOYD, Caroline (Mrs Jones) "In May, we were thrilled to go to Bergen for son Alex's wedding. I am still working full time and love it, however I am increasingly conscious of all the other things I would like to do, so I will retire next year. Can't wait!"

PEARSON, Carolyn (Mrs Hill). Carolyn has had a busy family year with her elder son James marrying Najah in August which was a very happy day. Her husband Richard retired in July but Carolyn has opted to keep on working until she is at least 60....not long to go now!

SAVAGE, Rosie (Mrs Mason). This year Rosie has been determined to celebrate reaching 60 and has indulged herself with holidays and spending time with people she is most fond of. Not yet ready to retire as a GP in London.

TAYLOR, Helen (Mrs McGregor). Helen has moved her work to Darlington after 30 years in Stockton and enjoys less admin and more therapy - perfect. Laura nearly qualified as an architect after 10 years, Alex getting married in May and Emily studying Zoology at Anglia Ruskin. Malcolm, now retired, enjoys outdoor pursuits and jui jitsu.

WARING, Amanda "Another RHS Gold medal, this time for a Summer Garden at Hampton Court Flower Show, highlight of this year! Family is all well, son Hamish is now instructing at Sandhurst. Enjoyed small reunion lunch at Rebecca's earlier in the year."

WEGE, Sarah (Mrs Jones) "Another year working in London, helped along by a busy holiday in Argentina - everything from glaciers to deserts. Feeling smug that the some of the "girls" have already hit the big 60!"

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BOUGHTON, Maggie (Mrs. Roseboom). Henrietta now at UEA following York sojourn. She enjoyed trips to Salamanca to aid her Spanish course, and tapas! Roger and I continue our antique business in Suffolk, and our Youth Action Theatre group (ages 5 - 84!) I think we better find another name! Saw Sonya Raymond in the summer.

BUCKLEY, Kate (Mrs. Weber). Bill and I still running Cambridge Intl, but implementing plans for an exit AT LAST..! Matt (24) works for Sage Venture Capital, lives in NYC. Julia (22) works for Streetsense, a commercial real estate developer in Washington DC. All well!

DICKSON, Anna (Mrs Sykes). Daughter Morgan now a Doctor working in A & E (see Channel 4 junior doctors documentary in the Spring!) Maxine won UK Top Model in 2014 and juggles modelling with being an Exhibition Designer. Pete just started at Loughborough - off to Everest Base Camp soon. I am working hard in property business, hip foundation and

farm. Get in plenty of riding too, when not acting as midwife for lambs and piglets!!!

EATON, Rachel (Mrs. Shaw). I retired in May and am enjoying a very busy retirement. Alex completed his degree in Bio-Medical Sciences and has gone back to do a Masters into Alzheimers research. Christopher has started the 2nd year of his Illustration degree.

HITCHCOCK, Cathy (Mrs. Wilkens). Dieter and I now grandparents to Kerstin and Steffen's Emilia Maria STOP Kristiane German Champion for third time STOP Life is good at the moment STOP

MACKENZIE, Fiona (Mrs. Denford). Moved to Salcombe in November 15 and enjoying the change of pace. Beautiful coastal walks, stunning beaches, and wonderful summer weather made this first year delightful. Great meeting up with Kate [Draycott] recently. Tom in his second year at LSE, enjoying London life.

MASSER, Jenny (Mrs. Quick). "Boarding School Syndrome" (Joy Schaverien) prompted raw material for an exhibition of my paintings next year. May break taboos, but could resonate, and mean someone somewhere feels touched and met. Go to journeyasart.com. Granddaughter, Ruby, born September.

McKEON, Jo Anne (Mrs. Wilson). We moved into our wee wee house. I sleep in the kitchen with my feet in the hall but it is warm and cosy. Baby-sit in London when I can otherwise rattle around with other civil servants for four days a week escaping to walk and walk and walk.

MICKLEM, Catherine (Mrs. Creighton). Middle daughter Mary married John from Ohio USA in New Zealand in 2014 followed by a blessing in the UK in 2015 and living in Austria. Eldest daughter Sarah married Antonin from the Czech Republic on a farm near Prague in 2016. Love having two "foreign" sons-in-law.

NICHOLAS, Shane (Mrs. Thuillier). Life continues to be busy. Our sons, Harry and Charlie, are working hard selling their healthy ice cream called Oppo and Harry will be getting married next year. We were privileged to be guests at Micky's daughter, Sarah's wedding in August. The most wonderful celebration!

PERKINS, Gillian (Mrs. Brown). Son James and family moved to Tanzania, daughter Beccy in Swaziland had twins,

and Abi and husband settled in Joburg. Wonderful holiday opportunities for us in Africa - and plenty of work in Asia for me still coming in to fund it!

PHEAR, Phillipa (Mrs. Knowles). Our eldest daughter Michelle married Bob in Oct 2015. They are expecting a baby next March. Robert is leaving to study Physics in Durham and James is in the Sixth form. My father is 91, very fit and lives round the corner. Work in the Ophthalmology department in Cardiff is busy as usual.

SMITH, Isobel (Mrs. Thomson). A couple of days consultancy work a week gives a good balance between gardening and keeping the grey matter active. Enjoyed a trip to Chile to visit our eldest who is on assignment there for 3 years. Had a wonderful trip to Prague with Shane for Micky's daughter's wedding.

STANFORTH, Cary (Mrs. Heppenstall). Adapting well to retirement and have enjoyed walking, singing, book group and a Greek Island cruise. Stuart lives in Bicester and is a data analyst in London. Cheryl graduated in 2015 and works for a medical communications company in Marlow.

TURNER, Jane (Frances), (Mrs. Johnson). Graced the stage in March in The Pirates of Penzance as the 40th anniversary of my first show, but lost my voice for the whole week, managing to sing just a quarter of the final performance. Spending many hours with my increasingly frail mother, still working, now have qualified retiree, doctor & speech therapist in the family.

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BOISSIER, Susan. Still raising money at Marie Curie HQ; May was busy - met Prince Charles, enjoyed a 'tres amigos' weekend in London with the two Fionas, Hare and Walter, and celebrated my father's 90th at The Goring London with a family party.

COCKS, Sarah (Mrs Allen). A busy year. We celebrated my Mum's (OQ Lesley Burton) 80th birthday in August. The whole family was present for the first

time - a wonderful occasion. Off to New Zealand in Spring 2017.

DAY, Rebecca (Mrs Woodhouse). Busy with family and work. William just started Oxford Brookes and Katie now in sixth form. Hosted a lunch in the summer for Old Qs from Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, and Derbyshire.

DOW, Susan (Mrs Partington). Tough year in our household, the end of my husband's chemotherapy. A high with a big family celebration party in October. Lindsay Ford and family were there. Hugs with Mel Scott at her father's funeral. Q friends last forever.

GOULD, Annabel (Mrs Groom). No real change with us, just all that bit older! Lexie recently engaged so a wedding in 2017. We continue to enjoy ski holidays and are off to Oman on a 'self-styled' tour, the two of us, in late October.

GRANT, Heather (Mrs Barron). Visiting James (24) in October in Seoul; he's teaching English; Tom (22) finished his Masters at Kings; Ella (19) started her second year of Geography at Edinburgh. Trying to get golf handicap down! Lovely to see everyone in April.

GRAY, Fiona (Mrs Walter). Continues to enjoy a busy life in Lincolnshire with Giles. Both daughters work in London so an excuse to meet with old friends! Spent lovely weekend with Susan Boissier and Fiona Mackintosh and in touch with Debbie Hobson and many local Old Qs.

HAMILTON-RUSSELL, Annette (Mrs Lanaghan). Job still going; Brian working (more than) fulltime. Marina working in London, living with James, second year at drama school. Playing lots of golf; looking forward to holiday in Cuba shortly. Really enjoyed OQ reunion in April. Thank you Heather!

HARE, Fiona (Mrs Mackintosh). In May reunited with Sue Boissier and Fiona Gray in London for a fun weekend. Chris and I had a wonderful time visiting Mandy Haddon in Italy. Happy family news. Emma married in January and expecting first baby this November.

HARMAN, Linda (Mrs Berwick). Loved catching up with everyone this year - can't believe how time flies! Am still doing Paediatric Physiotherapy. As Bill and I celebrate our silver wedding anniversary I am not away on my Dreamflight trip; we are having a holiday instead.

HAYMAN, Nicola (Mrs Carslaw). Lots of visits to Manhattan to see middle daughter; eldest has started earning in London (Yay!); one more year of school fees with youngest in her final year of the IB. Loved the reunion. No-one had changed – no, really.....

HILL, Margaret (Mrs Whitelock). I have retired from work so that Des and I can spend more time together – we are moving to the countryside for peace and quiet. A month in New Zealand planned already for the Lions Rugby Tour next June.

HODGSON, Mary-Anne (Mrs Hardie). Busy year moving into our beautiful barn, then hosting George's wedding to lovely Faye! Caroline (Carr) came as George's godmother! Clemi running her own business, Chris still working, Hamish working in London, and Izzy in Barcelona for 10 months.

LIZIOLI, Sandra. Lovely seeing Alison (Maile); she visited my mother and I last year. Such fun at Eat Brussels with Barney, our terrier. Busy Toastmasters and acting. Coaching communications keeps me connected. Highlight of 2016: trip back to India with partner, Jeffer.

MAILE, Alison (Mrs Derrick). Enjoyed pictures of The Reunion and a fun call during the event to speak to a few Old Qs as I couldn't be there. Looking forward to dinner in November in London to catch up with a few of them.

NORMAN, Alison (Mrs Shadbolt). Adam married Poppy in September – a wonderful family occasion attended by my father (93) and Olivia who travelled from New Zealand. Enjoyed this year's reunion. The regular Anglesey holiday was enhanced with Deborah Withinshaw's daughter's wedding.

RUMSEY, Nicola (Mrs Hellings). I've had great holidays with both my sisters – Jo came out to Noosa, and I met Julia in Ko Samui for a week at a yoga/health resort. Keeping busy in NZ with work, bridge, croquet, yoga, aqua and the gym.

SCRIVEN, Clare (Mrs Lennon). Fabulous 40 year reunion in London. A levels and GCSEs this year, with Ed happily off to Warwick and twins continuing at Radley. A new Labrador puppy to keep us busy and family holidays in North Wales.

WITHINSHAM, Deborah (Mrs Morrissey). Already looking forward to our 50 year Reunion! So great to see everyone – were it not for our daughter Margaux getting married in July it could have been the highlight of the year!

WOOD, Audrey (Mrs Cruickshank). Enjoying our new house in Hampshire, lovely to make curtains for myself! Sadly met up with Penny (Bryceson) and David Rudd and Kim in the spring for their mother's funeral. Spent time with them in the Dordogne in the summer.

WRINCH, Mary (Mrs Spencer) Retired from farming and moved to converted barn in Offton. We are now grandparents and Tori lives in Margaret River, Western Australia with Andy and Reuben. Trying to visit them twice a year. Tony and I had our 36 yr wedding anniversary in July. Still have 1 horse, 1 dog and 2 cats.

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ALLEWELL, Susan (Mrs Hinchcliffe) is happily settled in Cheshire where she and John remain busy in their respective business lives and are enjoying their first grandchild, Daisy. Sons Ben and Joshua are expanding the property business and barrister Alex is enjoying life in Barcelona. She finds relaxation through skiing and plenty of travel.

ALMOND, Fiona (Mrs Taylor) is still teaching dyslexic children. Tania got married in September, which was a wonderful occasion. They have sold their Isle of Wight house and have bought a motor cruiser to replace it, so here begins a new and exciting chapter of her life!

BRYCESON, Penny (Mrs Rudd) is still working at Chester Zoo, moving animals worldwide for their conservation breeding programmes, and is also managing graduate Internships and Junior Zoo Members. Old Q Audrey Wood and husband Harry holidayed with Penny and David at their house in France in 2016.

CADISCH, Martine (Mrs Iland) splashed out on an epic family holiday to Madagascar to celebrate Silver Wedding, and the twins' lifelong knowledge/love of lemurs. She enjoyed the fabulous wedding of Tania, Fiona Almond's daughter in September, is seeing Liz Cocks in Mallorca at October half term, and is joining Ali Maile and gang for dinner in November. Regular supper with Anneke, Fi, Clare and Lizzie (when in UK) continues to be great fun.

FEARMAN, Gail (Mrs Merry), a qualified paramedic, is now working for the DWP. She now lives in Leighton Buzzard and has recently got engaged to a wonderful man although she reports

that she returned from holiday, fell over at the airport and broke her shoulder! She is in touch with Tania Scutt, Holly Marquand, Caro Field, Jo Kelly, Nicola Bethell, Tina Hobbs.

MENON, Sarah (Mrs Theodosiou) and family are well settled here in Auckland, New Zealand and she works as Marketing Executive for Flying Start Books. Paris, 23, is at Massey University studying Sports Science, and Christian, 20, works for a Tech company in Auckland. They love to travel and this year went to Sydney, San Francisco on the way back from the UK, and she is planning a trip to Japan next year.

PURVES, Victoria (Mrs Brandon) reports that six years of saving culminated in a Grown-Up GAP year in New Zealand, where she should be as you read this! She retired from teaching in July 2016; returning for her daughter's wedding this September, then living back in Chiswick with husband Dave.

WAPLE, Anneke (Mrs Berrill) thanks you for sending in your news and reports that elder son Daniel was married in April to Emma – a wonderful day!; younger son Max is now in his second year of post-grad medicine and living close by on Upper Street. Lots of travel and looking forward to a trip to Kerala in India in 2017.

WILLY, Sophia (Mrs Maddison) loves her new status as grandma to Isaac (born January 2015) who visits weekly and reports lots of trips out on their narrowboat Shear Maddness. She celebrated 10 years of volunteering for the charity Home Start as well as having two part time jobs, plus fitting in regular visits to her mother (Margaret Taylor, Mrs Willy, Section 17) who sadly has Alzheimer's disease.

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ALLSOPP, JANE (Mrs Jones) Another busy year in the Jones household, Louise working in London and travelling the globe with STA, Katie final year at Uni, Michael working in Rhodes for the summer. We bought a campervan and had a wonderful summer traveling through Europe.

ARNOLD, RACHEL Still a GP, now in Runcorn and just gets busier; feels like we are all propping up the NHS.... Family life is quieter as older boys off at Uni, only one at home but lots of animals keep us busy!

ARTHUR, DIANA After nearly 33 years Dido left Bloomsbury Auctions with several others to form Forum Auctions, based in Battersea, dealing with books, manuscripts and prints. Our first 3 sales went well (40 lots of Banksy prints made over £500,000) - I'm rejuvenated.

BARR, TANIA (Mrs Scutt) Huge year – became US citizens just in time to fly to Rio to watch Helena compete in the sailing at the Summer Olympic Games. Won a race and came 10th overall! So proud. Now fighting Trump & Co with every fibre. #resist

BENZECRY, KATIE (Mrs Denton) Toby now working in advertising, Becca and Eliza in their last year of uni and school and in May Nick walked 450 miles from Norfolk to Dorset on a month's sabbatical with family and friends. I'm enjoying working (part-time!)

BOOTH, ELIZABETH (Mrs Mitchell) Working more and more in various African countries. Rob finished school this year after As and heading to China for his gap year. Both Les' daughters produced their own daughters this summer. Seen Lucy Pollock (Cheatle) often and Carolyn John (Addison Smith).

CALVER, ALISON Still a cardiologist in Southampton (23 years, scary). Laura doing GCSEs this year (horse mad), Guy in the year below (car mad). Both at Wellington – boarding is luxury compared to our day. For a start they get fed properly!

CARR, RACHEL (Mrs Kirk) I am still living in Sheffield and working as a business coach, specialising in culture change. Beth and Jake are both working in London. Beth got engaged to Gabor in February and we're looking forward to their wedding next Summer.

CHEATLE, LUCY (Mrs Pollock) Currently working for Medtronic as the Country Clinical Leader. Hannah has just started senior school at St Teresa's in Effingham and is enjoying her hockey goal keeping. Jonathan had a stroke this year due to shingles - thankfully he will make a full recovery.

CUST, CAROLINE A difficult year with my husband diagnosed with cancer but all seems to be going in the right direction. Two teenagers doing well and work losing its sparkle slightly due to challenging clients!

DANIEL, HOLLY (Mrs Marquand) Still living in Guernsey although empty nesters now (finally!). Natasha is living in Poole and working at Bournemouth Uni and

Chris is travelling the world, currently in New Zealand. Health issues mean that we are living a quiet life at the moment but looking forward to a Norwegian fjord cruise at the end of November.

DEARLE, SARAH (Mrs Porter) Martin and I are now Empty Nesters, with Jonathan a teacher in London, Alice a Journalist, working for a local radio station and Robert having a Gap Year before university in 2017. I'm still working full-time as a teacher at a local prep school.

DENNY, BARBARA (Mrs Underhill) 2016 brought success and health to the Underhills. Barbara obtained her CPA designation, eldest Kendra received research grant in her field of neuroscience, Elizabeth worked hard to save and attend college and son David graduated from high school as valedictorian.

DRESHER, LOUISE (Mrs Flanagan) Moved in to dream home I designed in Lymington. Love having the Solent at end of my road. Benji & Gabriel (15 and almost 18) both at Milton Abbey. Lots of photography. Just returned from trip to Japan. Unmissable!

EMMOTT, KATHERINE Still in Perth, Western Australia and surviving the downturn in the resources industry (just). Picked a good time to renovate my house with trades available as a result, so spent time in the UK with family while being done.

FOREMAN, JO (Mrs Kelly) We are delighted Harry graduated from Cardiff Met this summer. All four of us are looking forward to being in New Zealand for the British and Irish Lions tour in 2017.

HADDON, MANDY (Mrs Yates) Currently living in a tiny hill-top hamlet in remote, northern Italy, where I am restoring part of what was formerly a fortified mediaeval complex attached to a defensive tower. I absolutely love it and it is hugely satisfying!

HALLAM, LOUISE (Mrs McNiven) Anna finished school and is having a gap year before going to Sheffield. Alice is in her 2nd year at Leicester and life is good for all of us. Time for me to try and find a nice man!

HUNT VON HERBING, IONE Probiotics for sustainable fish is the focus of my research now. Let's get the world off of antibiotics! Almost finished my memoir about my "life aquatic", and will start a new blog, "Think, and Grow Fish," in 2017!

ISMAIL, ROSHAN Dad passed away February last year in Vancouver. Sad occasion but got to see all my siblings at the same time in over 30 years. Employer downsized recently and my job was eliminated last month. Now I am a woman of leisure.

JEE, SALLY. All well, still working but wanting to do more playing! Golf that is, though still squashing, gyming, running a bit, great to play in the OQ golf recently, and still not 100% completed our house build, 5 years now! ..'

JONES, MARIA (Mrs Addison) Enjoying life, still working four days a week. Taken up tennis, now very keen member of local tennis club. Great holidays in Russia, Sardinia, France. Rachel now teaching. Joff got married this summer and is working for Savills in London.

KEEVIL-PITT, JANE (Mrs Harris) I'm still working full time as a physiotherapist for myself, building in more exercise based therapy (Pilates and Jems). Joshua is in his final year at Newcastle and Sebastian just started 6th form at Millfield with a tennis scholarship.

KIDD, CAROLINE (Ms Field) My Bristol Children's Hospital anthology published, featuring famous authors/illustrators/poets, including 6 Laureates, Dahl/Blake, and me! Our restaurant La Petite Bouchee shortlisted for Time Out Love London Awards, Anita filmed for TV cookery programme and Isla graduated 2:1.

MASON, TINA (Mrs Hobbs) Egged on by my brothers I completed my first sprint triathlon in Steyning this May. Polly doing Mechanical Engineering at Sheffield and Maisie applying for Natural Sciences. Mike and I keep on keeping on at work with my focus being on race diversity.

RIGG, NICOLA (Mrs Bethell) Words 'no change' sum up last 24 months. John and I remain happily in Suffolk despite trying to move house in all that time! Busy life = less time for painting. I intend to remedy this before next 40 words.

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MEE, Allyson has been Head of HR at Vibrant Partnerships in the Lee Valley for the past year. She returned to singing and joined Natural Voices choir performing in London and Selfridges last Christmas. Love to hear from anyone of my era.

STOWE, Gayle had survived Hurricane Nicole which did less damage than expected but they were without electricity for 3 days. She has enjoyed 2 cruises recently around the Caribbean, and is looking forward to seeing the Western Mediterranean in 2017.

WOOD, Judith (Mrs Orpen) Sarah is now at Oxford Brookes doing an Art Foundation Course, and Charlotte is in her final year at school. I'm still busy with horses, dogs (new puppy) and husband!

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ALAN-SMITH, Dinah. The Gstaad PA job came to an end in late January and I've been 'resting' since! Sailed on a cargo vessel from Durban to Rotterdam in the Spring. Fostered a mother cat and 6 kittens during the Summer. News from Louise Alan-Smith is that she is still competing in triathlons!

ALEXANDER, Juliet (Mrs Barnett). All well in the Barnett household - well we're empty nesters now. Emma is working in Dubai getting 'international experience' - working for EY's tax department. David is a trader for Goldman Sachs. Had a wonderful holiday in Australia last Xmas to celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary.

AUSTIN, Julie (Mrs Stanley). Julie has visited Q twice this year - once with sister, Sue, for the OQ Carol Service, SO atmospheric, and once with Bar, Jane Pop and Julie Lev. We were treated like royalty and thoroughly enjoyed our trip down memory lane.

BATES, Corinne (Mrs de Aranda). Still working hard in the jewellery and objets d'art business and still based in Dubai, UAE. Husband, children and grandchildren all wonderfully well so just trying to grow older gracefully!

BURT, Kate (Mrs Tenty). After 23 years in Woburn, we have moved to Hartington in the beautiful Peak District. Elisa now lives in Barcelona; Adam is in New Zealand for a year and Dominic is 2nd year politics student in Leeds. We still see Purdie.

COTTAM, Hilary. Happy and Flourishing. Mabel just started secondary school. I am writing a book on the future of the Welfare State to be published by Little Brown 2018. Lovely to see Catherine Kirby (Burke) Sarah Mackaness (Bingley) and Clare Venner (Norman) recently.

FALKINGHAM, Helen (Mrs Burrows). After years of pestering Ian, we've finally moved and loving it. Lily (15) and Isabel (14) still doing really well at Queen Margaret's. Hay Business good but Ian's having to put a lot of hours in. Great trip to France this summer with fab friends.

FROST, Sarah (Mrs Hickson). Our two oldest are in New York and the UK. #3 is at Johns Hopkins University and Alice is in her senior year of high school. We celebrated Katie's graduation in Durham Cathedral. I am enjoying teaching ESL part time, and it's always fun seeing Amanda!

GLUCKSTEIN, Amanda (Mrs Graves). First book, "Papa's Boots" published in 2015 and partnering with Rotary's polio eradication programme. We divide our time between Massachusetts and Texas where we have three small grandsons. Samantha is producer at a game design company, Artifact 5, and Will is a trainee chef.

JOHNSON, Julia. Life continues to be busy in Brussels, but hectic work and travel schedule did leave time for 3 summer mini-breaks, to Khalkidhiki, Verona and France. Alex is out in the World of Work - a francophone job based in Newcastle. Toby in last year at Edinburgh. No recent Old Q sightings.

LEVERINGTON, Julie. I've just emerged, blinking but smiling, from an intensive web coding bootcamp and am now looking forward to shifting career into web development. Had the pleasure of a trip down memory lane with Bar, Jane & Julie when we visited Q earlier this year!

MARSHALL, Hilary. Love work as counsellor at a rehab. My daughter's school, Weald of Kent, has been on the news re political talks on grammars - irrelevant when whole education system is archaic. So I'm still grumpily wanting to change the world!!!

MARTIN, Melanie (Mrs Campanis). The year's highlight was a five week trip back to England to see family while Sophia (16) attended a ballet intensive at Sadlers Wells and a residential violin chamber music course at Princess Helena in Hitchin - brought back lacrosse memories!"

POPPELWELL, Jane (Mrs Redley). I have transformed myself from a learning support bod into an English teacher, in my dotage. Now full time at Blue Coat School near Reading, teaching years 7-10 and 12. Huge fun; not a dreary moment; exhausting!

POPOFF, Vanessa (Mrs Fair). Dougie (20) at Liverpool University reading Law and Criminology and Lara (18) has a gap year before Uni next September. Went to Glastonbury Festival 2016! Ladies Captain at Painswick Lawn Tennis Club! Saw Susie and Wendy Cartledge, Rachel Dale and Jane Dickenson.

PRINGLE, Barbara (Mrs Langley-Poole). Enjoyed Rome, Filey, Watchet and Spain with Julie (Austin) and had a lovely mini reunion with Julie Leverington, Jane Popplewell and Julie Austin at Queenswood. Tom (28) living in Glasgow and commuting to Birmingham, Jo (26) working and living in London.

RIDGEWAY, Andromeda (Mrs Hunter). Summer 2015 - safari in S. Africa, Kenya, Tanzania and mountain gorilla trekking in Uganda. Summer 2016 - Alexandra graduated from Bishop Strachan School and visited Greece. Visiting the Parthenon has proven useful as she commences a BoFA visual arts at Brock University.

SHADBOLT, Kerry (Mrs Thibert). Still at BA and enjoying travelling with adventures in Vietnam and Australia. We're empty nesters with freedom and space but do miss the kids. Reunion with Janet Wigley was fabulous and still in regular touch with Tracy, Vanessa and Vicky.

WILSON, Jane (Mrs King). Left my pastry chef job at Cranleigh school after ten years. Now running my own catering business with husband running the wine side. www.enjoyenjoy.co.uk. Wonderful holidays in Dubrovnik, France and USA. First (step) grandchild is one. Boys are 26 and 24!

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BIRD, Caroline (Mrs Clay). Coming towards the end of school runs: my 17 year old in her last year at Mayfield School and two older daughters now off the payroll. Life is busy and I am looking towards a career in garden design. Seen Katie Benzecry, Amanda Cole and Jo Rahme.

BRADSHAW, Debbie (Mrs Thomson). Both boys have now left home and David has retired while I continue to work - not at all what I expected, neither is the reversal of roles around the house. However we are both learning Italian together in preparation for a bit more travel once I stop working too.

COTTERELL, Jo (Mrs Molyneux). I completed my foundation degree in counselling last year and am now working with young people and adults. I enjoyed being a student again! Hana is in her first year at Exeter University, and Sam is now in sixth form.

ELLISON, Claudia (Mrs Hill). After 25 years of country living Richard and I have moved back to London, where we enjoy life on the River Thames and see the boys more regularly as they live in their own flat and work in London too. Would love to meet up with any Old Q who lives in South London.

GLUCKSTEIN, Emma. An exciting couple of years. I now have a total of 75 "children" in my care, which is a challenge. In addition I have managed to find time to see very old friends, and I mean very old.

GRAY, Sarah (Mrs White). Seventh year of Bed and Breakfast and loving it. Still selling cashmere for a girlfriend in London. Charlie at Leeds Beckett and Matt left Shrewsbury and is going to Newcastle after a gap year. Very funny evening recently with Mel, Mary, Tracey and Clare.

GRUBB, Jane (Mrs Mumby). Still at Coutts, celebrated 32 years so officially part of furnishings! Ian runs Product Supply for Waitrose - any complaints, let me know! Tom at Cambridge doing Natural Sciences; James doing GCSEs. Serious studying going on which makes a nice change!

HOUSE, Jackie (Mrs Finch). Still recovering from a broken wrist gained during a Summer diving (not me!) holiday in Malta with family and friends, unbelievably frustrating! Doing Uni Open Days and 'driving lessons' with Nicola (17), Andrew (14) GCSE's year. Teenagers' lives never dull!

KEENE, Dawn (Mrs Wilson). I met Grace Cuthbert and Sarah Clarke for lunch after a 15 year gap- fantastic. Neither had changed at all! We hope to make it an annual get together. Would love to see anyone else from our year group in Clapham North.

PALMER, Isabella (Mrs Harrington) was very sad to go to Nicola Marshall's

funeral in April. Although we had lost touch recently, I had really enjoyed her company when only we two returned to Q for the Oxbridge term. Both boys are at Durham and Lavinia is training to be a lawyer.

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Lee, Tina (Mrs Tay) After 25 years of managing my agency, I merged with 2 partners in 2014 and now we are a 16 employee consultancy, under Directions Group Inc. We continue to service the lifestyle industry with Marketing and communications services in Singapore. Son Sean, now 20, is currently in military service until he starts college in USA in August. Looking forward to travelling to Los Angeles next year!

Martin, Amanda (Mrs Dunbar) Amanda organised the NW & NE Old Q reunion in Leeds last year (2016) which was a great success. Both her boys are still living at home (21 and 25). They now have new rules so that everything doesn't fall on Amanda. Her mantra is that they are all lodgers, so they each do their own cooking, washing, etc! It's working well so far and it means that no-one feels like a child in the house!!

Mitchell, Louise. After another health scare last year Louise decided to quit the rat race and now works part time for a property development company as company accountant. Great people and no stress! Louise is hoping to catch up with some travelling next year as she been all too quiet on that front for two years.

Poggiali, Barbara (Dr Poggiali Kuller) I have been extremely busy once again, since taking on a challenging top management position at Poste Italiane, heading the Strategic Marketing Team. I spend most of the week in Rome, commuting to Milan on the weekends. Also busy with several non exec director roles. My daughter graduated and stayed in Boston, USA to start her career in management consulting. Husband David and I celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary in September 2016.

Pollett, Caroline (Mrs Foord). As always, thanks to everyone who responded. Life shooting by at a pace - celebrated my 25 year anniversary at Knight Frank, planning a sabbatical to Argentina and the Antarctic soon. Our mad but adorable spaniel, Rolo, now

trained and husband, David, of 22 years just about trained!! Keep up with many OQ's - in Frinton seeing Isabella and Emma and regular contact with Katie - all of which is wonderful. Nothing beats OQ friends.

Where are they now?

Innes Fiona - Mrs Smith
King Amanda- Mrs Digby
Robinson Caroline - Mrs Kidston
Lambert Claudia - Mrs Spencer
Low Alision
Martin Rhonda
Mitchell Victoria
Nicholson Sophie
Parry Eleanor - Mrs Bridge
Robinson Diane - Mrs Senior
Ward Rosemary

Prevost, Gillie (Mrs Tomkys) Needed a proper break from her psychotherapy prison work which had been very rewarding but intense. Short time position working for NHS was too hectic! Took some time out to work with private clients and able to fit in sailing from Woodbridge, Suffolk and over to Holland! Florida trip and swimming with dolphins a highlight.

Rahme, Jo (Mrs Rahme-Dwan) Semi retired for a few years and now working setting up the manufacture of a specialist chickpea chip! Popular in France and soon to be here. Both daughters in film/production, one son at Wellington and my eldest finishing uni. In Barnes and see many old Qs. Saw Isabella Palmer at Nicola Marshall's funeral.

Ridsdill-Smith, Mary (Mrs Marchant) We moved to a village outside Woodbridge and love Suffolk, but also spend time in London, with Oscar at St Paul's. Harry in last year at Edinburgh and Luke just started at Newcastle. Simon still working in the City, whilst I am on the board of trustees for a charity plus have taken up bridge (must be getting old!) Met up OQs Sarah Gray, Tracey Benzecry, Claire Hargreaves and Mel Falkingham, also saw Amanda King over from Oz and bumped into Suzy Bowen on the street (still recognised her!)

Rosenblum, Nicki (Mrs Hutley) The three children have moved out of home, though Tess is now back temporarily, doing postgrad studies at the Durrell Institute - the next David Attenborough? Peter and I enjoying being empty nesters. Macchu Pichu, the brilliant Galapagos and Italy recently. Made it to Pompeii, thinking of Mrs Gunasinghe every step. Next year another bucket list item, swimming with whale sharks. I'm still happily leading an economics consulting

team, and mentoring young female economists to help promote gender equity in the profession.

Wrinch, Tricia. Shelagh and I converted our CP to a marriage in September 2015 – a lovely family celebration! Mum still going well at 94. One lovely new great niece this year – Evie. My HR job still busy, but Shelagh moving on from her job after 27 ½ years, so 2017 may be the year of change for us all!

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BAILEY, Jo (Bishop Dr Bailey Wells) As six OQs will testify, I was consecrated bishop at Canterbury Cathedral last June, the 10th woman in the CofE. As Bishop of Dorking - I have since moved to Guildford. God is full of surprises and nothing is dull!

BEASLEY, Nancy (Mrs Charley) Still enjoying life as a part-time archivist at Royal Asiatic Society and spending much of the rest writing and performing poetry. New book, "Little Blue Hut" will be published by Smokestack in February 2017.

BLAND, Penny MBE (Mrs Lumley) is enjoying her three bookkeeping jobs but still has time to play real tennis, competing in the UK and overseas. She and Colin are now empty nesters, as John (24) is in Philadelphia and Tara (22) is in London.

CLAPP, Kate (Mrs Baker) Another quiet year due to chronic pain, no definite improvement and very frustrating. Sophie and Matthew are doing well and very patient with my problem. Still in Ringmer, contact details the same.

GILBERT, Alex (Mrs Gilbert-Lee) Loving village life in Shrivenham with lovely hubby Richie, gorgeous son Jamie and amazing rescue dogs Nelson and Marjorie. Been involved in great musical Am Dram shows- doing more next year! Continue to raise money for animal charities.

STREETE, Sarah MBE TD (Mrs Cray) spent five weeks in Australia last year, officially playing cricket for the Army but managing to have a couple of weeks travelling at the end. Still based at Horse Guards for work, she enjoys sailing on the south coast when out the office.

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LLOYD, Kate (Mrs Harman). Enjoying life in Devon working in conservation for the National Trust. Recently met up with Lucinda Lee (after 20 years!) and also Lydia Lim, Jo Smellie, Karin Beatty and Karen Wright.

ICKE, Rosemary (Mrs Lockwood). I have had an amazing year having got married in June to Ian in Austria with over 40 family and friends for a week long celebration. We have recently just moved house too, with building projects to look forward to. Played golf in the Silver Tassie for Q and also in the Autumn Meeting at Berkhamsted

LEE, Lucinda (Mrs Case). We are now safely relocated back in Oxfordshire after a great 4 years in New York. But good to be back amongst family and friends. Children all now graduated but 2 at law school so education goes on. Lovely to see Kate Lloyd and Lydia Lim recently and am in regular contact with Jo Smellie, Michelle Frost and Kathryn Thomas.

LIM, Lydia. Am enjoying retirement immensely. We still travel frequently with Ben, now 15, and on trips to Singapore I always see Tina Lee. Have recently met up with Pauline Ismail, Kate Lloyd, Lucinda Lee, Karen Wright and Karin Beatty. We propose a class reunion on 11 March 2017 in West London, please look out for details!

NEWBY, Katie (Mrs Sinclair). I'm still working as a special needs teaching assistant in Oxfordshire. Harry is at University of Plymouth, Josh has just gone to University of Sheffield and Toby has started his GCSEs. Nigel is semi-retired, as we've closed our wine business after 19 years, but have got a puppy (another Cocker Spaniel) to keep him occupied.

ROGERS, Melinda. Melinda is a Professor in the UWA Faculty of Engineering and the BHP Billiton Fellow for Engineering for Remote Operations based in Perth, Western Australia. Her daughter Sarah will shortly graduate from UWA with a BSc in Genetics and son Sam is off to University of Melbourne. She gets to travel for work and pleasure and has been to Japan, China, Spain and the US this year.

SAUNDERS, Lyvia (Mrs De Dumast). Gilles and I decided to leave Paris and

moved to Bangkok in November last year. I am busy trying to learn Thai - it hasn't been easy picking up a new language and alphabet at 53 but I'm getting there!

1982: Section 50

With apologies to those we haven't managed to contact this year.

CARTER, Jane (Mrs Fleming) – emailing me

CHADWICK, Liza (Mrs Gerner). Liza reported that she had met up with Kay Butler Hughes. Her husband had a recent double-knee replacement, so she has been playing nurse!

Chivers, Caroline (Mrs Crane) is still successfully arable farming outside Cambridge. She regularly sees Bronwen Thomas.

HARGREAVES, Claire (Mrs Connolly). Still happily living in Oxfordshire, catering manager for a local primary school, as well as doing outside catering events. She has finally reached the last year of the school run! Very much enjoying playing tennis again for the first time in years.

PORRITT, Lynda (Mrs Smith) has been married nearly 23 years, with daughter Vicky in 2nd year at Hadlow College and son James now in the VI form. Lynda very much enjoyed meeting up with OQs at the 30-year reunion in 2014 – great to catch up with people whom she hadn't seen since leaving Q.

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ANSELL, Charlie (Mrs Reynolds). Thoroughly enjoyed my 50th birthday. Am back working within an Interior Design business. Son No 1 just started at Exeter, son No 2 doing A Levels. Had an incredibly special time in June with Jo Bailey Wells as she was ordained Bishop at Canterbury Cathedral. Went with Louise Cole, Pip Doubleday and Marianne Hill-Smith. A fantastic day all together again.

BEATY, Sam. She and Phil have found what they hope will be their dream home, which needs up-dating throughout. Sadly Sam has accepted redundancy from the NHS but has been helping them build their website. Have

travelled to several European MotoGP races and have just returned from the amazing Maldives! Still sees several OQ's occasionally and Ann Mari as often as she can.

BLISS, Trudi (Mrs Smith). Both boys doing well. Harry's U14 hockey team runners up at the national schoolboys champs at the Olympic Park - exciting. Harry also in the Saints development squad, playing for school and Oundle rugby club so now we don't have weekends! The Bliss' are no longer going to be a farming family, the Crown have sold our land ending our tenancy so life is going to be a bit different, particularly for my brother!

BUCKLE, Jo (Mrs Thompson). I am still living in BC Canada, not far from Vancouver. Recently seen Catherine Fischer and Mandy Daniel, but plan to catch up with other Old Q's later in the year for a 50th Birthday get together. Both girls are in High School now, but I am still the taxi service and we have a new puppy!

COOPER, Charlotte – wrote briefly that Julia Felton now lives in North Yorkshire (in the next village to her parents funnily enough) near Boroughbridge. She sees her occasionally on quick trips home.

EADY, Francesca. Still mainly based in London, enjoying retirement from the world of finance. I work as a voluntary driver for London's Air Ambulance - loving it. Holidays in Courchevel, Languedoc-Roussillon and Andalucia have been welcome breaks. Saw Julia Felton at an Old Felstedian reunion last summer and regularly keep in touch with Louise de Borman (Hollingsworth)

EDMONDSON, Helen. I am still in London, enjoying being an Aunt to my 13 year old nephew and 10 year old niece. Am back in banking, after a brief foray into the world of start-up hedge funds (as they tend to go bust). Still doing a bit of travelling in between.

ENSOR, Alison. I'm still working for the Lawn Tennis Association and living in Chesham.

GRAHAM, Lucy (Mrs Walsh-Waring) – George (husband) and I are still running a property development company together. Jess has just done GCSEs at Marlborough College. We are off on a big family trip to Kenya over Christmas. I still see Caroline Feast (Olley), Penny Gibson (McConnell) and Jane Webb. Next year we are planning a 50th birthday trip together.

GUMPERT, Lucy (Mrs Fawknor). I continue to teach a class of mixed reception and year one children at a small local school. News this year is that we have bought a river cruiser for the Broads and are having lots of fun on her.

HALLAM, Melanie (Mrs Rich). Peter and I still running our guesthouse in Berdún, Spanish Pyrenees – OQs welcome! Son Tom is a skiing/snowboarding instructor working in Andorra in winter and Chile in our summer. He also competes internationally in a discipline called Freeride. Rosie is a catwalk and publicity model working in Madrid. We're all well and happy. Now back in contact with Ayesha Kirpalani.

HOCKING, Emma (Mrs Gosling). Thank you to all those who replied! Still working for Jackson-Stops & Staff in Chichester. Tom still moving forward in Mauritius and the boys are all well. Harry started work for Savills in Taunton last year as a trainee land agent whilst spending his spare time (?) as huntsman for the Modbury Harriers. George into his second year at Exeter reading International Relations.

MARSHALL, Penny (Mrs St Lawrence) - left Q 1979 and is still enjoying the hectic life of a medical reception manager. This has been a turbulent year with a husband needing a triple bypass, but all went well, and all 3 daughters happy - one in London, one travelling and one a Fresher at Nottingham. Still in touch with Michele Marcus, Susie Teggins, Bar Pringle and Hetta Charnley.

1983: Section 51a
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MOULD, Penny (Mrs Whittaker) "Thank you to all who replied, even if it was just to confirm details. This is the last year that I will be collating the Sections news and hope that someone will come forward to take over the task."

NEILL, Vanessa "I am still Director of Communications for the EMEA Region at Credit Suisse. In the last year, I have been a Board Apprentice to an investment trust and am about to take up my first Non-Executive Director position as well as becoming a Trustee of The Queen's Club Foundation. Holidays this year have included a week with friends in Sardinia and my annual Yoga and Hiking Retreat in Tuscany. I am in touch with a number of Old Queenswoodians including Karen Currie, Vicky Matthews, Tina Lee, Lydia Heah, Ann-Mari Beatty and Penny Bramah."

OAKSHOTT, Kitty "I am still crazy busy with my shop Upstairs Downstairs Interiors in Sherborne, but I did manage to squeeze in a holiday which included seeing Ann-Mari in Sweden, which was lovely! In regular contact with Liz Gorman, and would love to see any Old Q's that are in the area! My 3 are all happy and doing really well, all travelling the globe!"

1984: Sections 52
Sorry that we have missed you this year.

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BRAY, Tiki (Mrs Mayer). Mum to 2 teenagers, how did that happen? Fergus (13) Effie (17). Still homeschooling in the wild forest, outside Victoria BC. Added a tiny 5lb dog named Kyla to the family - our comic interlude - can't look at her without laughing. I've followed Effie into the world of theatre. She's been working backstage, so I've followed along and renewed a dormant passion from way back in my old Q days! <http://thewonderfulhappens.blogspot.ca>

HELPS, Liza. Hit 50; still alive – proved you get faster as you get older shaving 30 minutes off London Marathon time in April. Keep saying I won't do that anymore...but now have teenage son and will need me time!

IVENS, Belinda (Mrs Gregorie) Continues to enjoy cycling and is helping other cyclists to achieve their cycling ambitions as a coach. School all finished! Youngest to uni next Oct. Hamish and Bee are looking forward to some time to ride their bikes!

PAGE, Jennifer. Highlight was doing 41 performances of the York Minster Mystery Plays alongside another OQ. Have just finished the hilarious Acorn Antiques The Musical. Had a lovely family holiday in Gran Canaria enjoying spending time with my 2 year old niece.

PENDLEBURY, Rachel (Mrs Hughes). Just bought latest restoration project in the Vale of Belvoir, having sold property in Oakham. Met up with Sarah Scott (Richardson) in Stamford for lunch. Had a great fortnight in Fuerteventura in the Spring and hope to get some sailing next year. Celebrated 5th wedding anniversary with a visit to Tom Kerridge's little pub in Marlow!

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BEARD, Ann-Maria B. After spending the '85-'86 school year at Queenswood, I returned to the U.S. and earned my degree from Spring Hill College. I live in Baltimore, Maryland and work as a deputy director of policy with a federal agency.

BRAND, Abby (Mrs Blowers). Still living in London and now working at a Yearbook company producing Yearbooks for universities. Sam and Matthew are 11 and 8, growing up scarily fast. Been to a couple of 30th Year reunions, and they've been great fun.

BROWN, Tricia (Mrs Green). Enjoying married life. Work for Allied on all the major UK Airports -great fun but demanding. Still hoping for that lottery win! Kirstie nearly 23 doing her Masters in Nottingham and Cam 19 doing Maths at Birmingham.

CLOUGH, Judith. I was lucky to be in London for a reunion earlier this year. It was fantastic to catch up with so many people after such a long time. All those memories! Hope to see you all again in March 2017.

DURHAM, Catherine. Enjoying life in Brixton and living in my refurbished home. It has been a great year for catching up with Old Qs.

DUTTON, Nicola (Mrs Douglas). A few more wrinkles and grey hairs but otherwise not much changes! Still working in Marketing, living in Essex, playing tennis (have even had a couple of matches against Mandy Sowter!). Was very sorry to miss the recent reunion.

EVANS, Catrin. I'm still in Nottingham; still with Jo; kids all growing up (with all the fun and challenges) that this brings. Travelling a lot with work.

GAIN, Sharon (Mrs Batley). We are still in Switzerland. Andrew is now much better and working full time. The children are growing up fast, now 18, 16 and 13. It was great fun to catch up with many "old" faces from our year at the reunion in June.

GRAHAM, Trinkia (Mrs Smith). Our bakery is still going strong after 16 years with Andy and I both working full time. Max has just started at Oxford Brookes, Lexi started 6th form college in Cambridge and Lottie still at school.

Planning a big Christmas holiday in 2017 for 20th anniversary!

HARVEY, Chris (Mrs Goodacre). Two grown up daughters, eldest off to Chester university and youngest doing Forensics at college. I'm still working in Trade Association Management & Events but now also running overseas events, which has been fun and challenging. Life's good.

HEARNE, Suzanne (Mrs Smith). Enjoying role as Chief Legal Officer at Abcam, a biotech company in Cambridge. Daughters are now 18 and have left school. One is studying modern languages at Oxford and the other is on a year out applying for an art foundation course.

HILL, Kate. Still in Cornwall with Farmer James and Toby and Tim (the dogs) Stayed at CD's house and with Charlie Burn whilst I had a trial in London. Saw Dinah too! Lovely to be back in touch with Old Qs.

NASH, Fiona. I am settled and happy at Lands End (literally) with 4 children, 2 dogs, lovely partner, running 3 holiday cottages. Would really love to see any OQ's, anytime.

REID, Emma (Dr Stubbs). Working socks off as GP partner, Obesity hospital doctor and 111 GP in South Devon. Family yacht now overwintered in Northwest Spain, anyone interested next year? Loved recent OQ reunion in London. Many absent OQ from SW ...get-together down this way?

SAVONA, Natalie. Natalie and Laurie welcomed Annie in May 2016, who arrived on Ted's 3rd birthday. Nat submitted her PhD thesis and is now working on public health research.

SAW, Sharon. It's been a challenging 2016 with health issues which meant that I sadly missed an OQ reunion in June. I'm now based in Penang/KL, Malaysia and hope to visit UK in 2017. I'd love to be in touch at Sharon@sharonsaw.com.

SIDDLE, Victoria. Enjoying living and working in London with my partner, naughty beagle Gus and two cats. After working in the arts retrained as psychoanalyst, Mrs Day was my inspiration for both! Summer reunion – a reminder that Q does give you special friendships.

TINNEY, Claire (Mrs Dont). We have moved to Kent after 17 years in France - everyone very happy. Working from

home with Sebastien, which is a joy, with a new puppy. Have so enjoyed catching up with old Q's who remain unchanged and wonderful!

WAKELIN, Katy. I've started a new job teaching counseling two days a week at the University of Nottingham. Really enjoying it so far. Seeing clients the other days. Boys are growing up fast, last year of primary school this year.

WILDE, Sarah. Still living in London and enjoying the hurly-burly. Just about to leave the BFI after 17 happy years and launch into the unknown work-wise. Wish me luck. Enjoyed seeing some faces from the past at the OQ reunion in June.

WINN-MOON, Marah (Mrs Winn-Taylor). No dramatic news. Still in West Sussex and working based from here, but also in London. Moving house (hopefully) Nov 2016. Spent last Christmas holidays in N.Z and caught up with Alison Peacock.

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ASSOMULL, Manisha (Mrs Gidoomal). Living in Nairobi, Kenya for the last 20 years! Married to Vijay Gidoomal with 2 teens at Kings School, Canterbury, Kent. Manishagidoomal@gmail.com

BRITTON, Clare (Mrs MacWatt). I have at last moved out of London (I only stayed 20 years longer than I meant to!). A huge "quality of life" improvement! Boys at school in Sherborne and Sherborne Prep. Anyone near me, look me up at Redford Farm, Redford, Dorchester, DT2 0NH

GAIN, Carolyn (Mrs Watson). It was lovely to see Tayo last Autumn when she came for a 3 day visit. We were able to catch up on family news as well as reminiscing about Q days. We contacted Mr Mac (physics and computing) which brought back a few memories!

HIGGINS, Sophy. Brilliant seeing Sally Daly (Porritt) and lovely daughter, Hannah, in Oslo. Lasse and I married in September in a secret ceremony with only his sister as his witness and my brother as mine. Elopement is underrated! Keeping my own name.

IRELAND, Julie (Mrs Jones). Will (18) has just gone to uni, Sam (16) starting A levels. Planning a 30 year reunion in 2017, if you are interested and have not heard from me please get in touch. Open to anyone in our year group regardless of leaving date.

LAITE, Melodie. Entering 19th year of Dubai living and 10th year of my Waldorf home school. Happily settled teaching 13 children aged 5-10 in my home. Millie almost 15, in first year of high school and happiest when on stage singing or acting...

LIDDLE, Tania (Mrs Bridge). Enjoying playing hockey again and am now an (Over 45s) South Master. Jocelyn has moved into the village and I work for a company which supplies wine to Rosie's latest venture. Is there no escaping Q.

MCCLEERY, Jocelyn (Mrs Serfontein). Miserable year building our house, cheered up by Mary Anne's amazing wedding and seeing Jill and Toni. Only positive is Tania Bridge is down the road and she makes a mean gin and tonic..!

MORTIMER, Vicky (Mrs Davies). Not much changes apart from getting older! Still married to Matthew and working in Asset Management in Nottingham, Saskia (16) and Oliver (14) pursuing their dreams - Saskia representing GB in European Softball tournaments and Oliver enjoying theatre and Kickboxing.

OKUNOREN, Temitayo (Mrs Okunoren-Makindipe). The last year plus, has seen me studying, graduating and being commissioned as an Evangelist in the Methodist Church. Visited Carolyn Gain and her mum in the Scottish Highlands - simply phenomenal! My family and I are grateful to God always.

ROSCOE, Katherine (Mrs Parker). Currently teaching art at a London primary school and doing etching commissions, mainly of people's pets as well as producing prints for sale. Also portrait photography work. Anyone interested look me up www.katherineparker.co.uk. In regular contact with Claire Perry, Liz Strange, Siobhan Sibley and Charlotte Latimer.

SOWTER, Mandy (Mrs Minichiello). Kids have just done GCSEs - so now we're in A level territory. I'm still at Tesco in digital marketing, and after two rocky years, work is enjoyable again. Playing lots of tennis and fitting in interesting family holidays - Morocco next.

WATTS, Jo (Mrs Golland). Not much has changed - still looking after our free range chicken farm and running around after 2 children, one on her ponies and the other with his shotgun! Both sisters (Lucy and Katie) recently got married.

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ADDISON-QUARSHIE, JACQUELINE (Mrs Kemp) Married to Martin Kemp (famed for his killer Organ recitals, not Spandau Ballet!) We have 2 very entertaining children. I have recently sold my Stanmore Dental Practice of 16 years and am embarking on a new venture with the help of the Marketing Guru within our midst Vanessa Welsby!

BAIRD, HELEN (Mrs Cook) Usually found on the motorway dashing between London, Suffolk & Wiltshire! 17 years of marriage to Nick. Spend time on the touch lines watching my sporty lads now 15, 13 and 11 (two eldest at Marlborough College). Also assist prep school children with their reading.

BLAKEWAY, SHIREEN. I am living in Malaysia (previously in China and Australia) loving teaching primary aged children at an International School and delivering workshops in the teaching of Maths. Along with work, my 7 and 5 year old daughters keep me exhausted!

BRAY, VIRGINIA - Living in Penticton, B.C. with husband, Chad Gentes, and our children. Manon, 16, and Philomena, 11 are growing up at an alarming rate. I'm still in clothing, shop called 'ad hoc' supporting fab North American produced textiles, see instagram.

CLARKE, SARAH (Mrs Barron). Enjoying working in Denmark/Europe during the week. Charlie (11) is now flexi- boarding at his request so very happy & reduced Mum guilt too! Jason still keeping us all safe at night. Family loving living in the Dales even if only really weekends!

COLSTON, H-J (Mrs Brunker). 2015 highlight was being called 'a friend of China' by President Xi Jinping. 2016 staged first ever choral concert in Europe with Chinese repertoire sung in mandarin. Luke (14) danced in Sleeping Beauty with English Youth Ballet. Toby (12) sings for joy. Almost divorced.

DURRANCE ZIZI I'm still living in leafy North London with husband Sam

and kids Clara (9) and Joe (8) who are both at Highgate. I am busy with my interior design business which I set up three years ago.

FISHER, LOUISE (Mrs Rawlins) Life is full of many blessings, some of which are the silver linings of clouds. I'm finally on the home straight to getting an accounting qualification. Dominic, Frances and Martha taking more time as young adults and teenagers. Ed and I looking forward to celebrating our Silver Wedding Anniversary next summer.

HAY, KAREN (Mrs Lang) Still in Chiswick, although itching to move, with Stuart, Tim (11) and Emma (8) who are growing up fast. Frequently seen either cycling around Chiswick between two part time jobs dealing with residential letting's and property management or ferrying one or both of the kids somewhere.

HUNTER, JULIE (Mrs Hirst). Living/working in Edinburgh for fund management company in HR team. Joanna (8) & Johnny (5) are at school. Both keen tennis players taking after their mum! Enjoying hectic school terms, running, spin classes, and playing hockey keep me sane!

HUTTON, KATE (Mrs Sanday) Happy living in Sussex with Rob and our 3 boys (now 16, 14 & 10) - sometimes boarding only with girls feels a very distant memory! Working part time managing a charity dedicated to helping to cure colon cancer, which I'm loving.

IRVINE, JEMMA (Mrs Boddington) Had a sad year losing both my mum and aunt to ovarian cancer. Three children (and Mike) thrive in their respective schools. Top holiday spot was the Isle of Mull - stunning. Springer spaniel puppy keeps me very fit. Was spotted at the Blenheim Triathlon by Charlotte Latimer! Any takers for 2017?

LATIMER, CHARLOTTE (Mrs Ten-Holter) - Still in Oxfordshire with son Ben (14) and daughter Keira (11). Working for The FD Centre, which is keeping me busy! In touch with Katie, Helen, Lucy & Lindsay... and great to see Liz over the summer too.

LEGERTON, CAMILLA (Mrs Butterworth) Living in Essex. Children now 14, 12 and 10 so I am virtually a full time taxi driver. Lucy has just gone to Uppingham, the other two remain at prep school in Cambridge. Working part time for PR agency.

MURRAY, EMMA. My company, Meantime, specialising in PR for the global supply chain industry, continues to grow. Three wonderful children thrive. Eldest starting A levels, middle secondary school and youngest a force of nature. Julian is launching an exciting new food business.

NSUBUGA, BETTY (Mrs Pinkett). I'm living in Durham, North Carolina. I have 2 sons: Ethan Kirabo 12 and Avery Kayima 9 who make my life even sweeter. Working as a Diagnostic Medical Sonographer at a busy level 1 trauma hospital, doing my best to steer novice sonographers and Junior doctors in the right direction.

O'HENEY SIBLEY, SIOBHAN (Mrs Judge) Living south of Cambridge in a fabulous village with husband (Nino) and 4 mad children (16yrs, 14yrs and twin 9yr olds). Work at local secondary school assisting with French & Spanish GCSE & love it. Still see quite a few OQ's and love keeping up on FB!

ROSCOE, KATIE (Mrs Parker) Currently teaching art at a London primary school, doing etching commissions, mainly of people's pets, as well as producing prints for sale. Also doing portrait photography work, which now taking a back seat to the art/printmaking. Anyone interested do look me up at www.katherineparker.co.uk. Still in regular contact with Claire Perry, Liz Strange, Siobhan Sibley and Charlotte Latimer.

RUSSELL, JENNY (Mrs Thomson) Working in Leeds Hospitals as an NHS Consultant in Clinical Genetics. 2 children who keep me busier than my job! Lots of music in the house and having a go at sailing. Would love to meet up with OQ friends.

STRANGE, ELIZABETH. Loving living back in UK and seeing more of family and Pam and boys. Doing my own property projects and having a blast. Still travelling a lot (however no longer for work) but just for fun and it's rather better.

STRANGE, PAMELA (Mrs Kirkwood) Continue to move around the country for Tris's job. He is now based at PJHQ, and our latest view is the Battle of Britain bunker. Three boys growing up fast, and keeping me busy. Great to have Liz back in UK!

TOONE REBECCA (Mrs Spragg) Living very happily in Lincolnshire, near Stamford with Guy. Children growing

up too fast, now 14, 11 and 8 with the eldest now at school at the Leys in Cambridge. Running a small B&B from our 16th century annexe.

TRODD, CATHERINE (Mrs Pickles) Spend most of my days pretending to be my dog but I've got a publishing contract so I get paid to do it (that's my excuse anyway!) Write for Dog Monthly as well so I get to be human once in a while.

WELSBY, VANESSA. Still doing branding and packaging and still running my company in Prague, working for clients across Europe, including the infamous Jacqui Quarshie. Antonia my only child, now 19 is off soon to Charles University. Very proud. So what's next...?

WHITTAKER, LOUISE (Mrs Waldron). Still enjoying living in Wimbledon with Ed (husband), Jessica (toddler) and Simon (crazy spaniel). I work in the city as a pensions lawyer.

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HAMMOND, Jane (Mrs Thorpe). Busy with family and work as always! Jack (14), Charlie (12) and Addy (9) are active with golf, swimming, dance and more! As teachers we do lots of family traveling. Would love to take a year off to travel!

NESTEL, Katja (Mrs. Weippert). Living in CH- Zurich with business language English; my girls (12 + 14 yrs.) study already 4 languages: E, F, L & German. I was at Q. as exchange student. I keep the same idea for my girls. Visit Q.

PARKES, Philly (Mrs Grafftey-Smith). Just had a lovely afternoon with Lally Drake (Huddleston) and her 3 children! Living in Rodbourne, Malmesbury. Alicia (21) in her 2nd year at University, Tavie (19) has just left school and Joss (16) has two more years at to go at Uppingham. Remarried in the summer to Simon Grafftey-Smith.

RITCHIE, Sally-Ann (Mrs Woodrow). Still in Oxfordshire with hubby Paddy and our Honour 6 and little Meriel 4. Given up the films and now training to become a Forest School Leader. Had a lovely catch up with Liz Riches a few years ago.

SAVONA, Arielle (Mrs Jelliff). Loving my job with a family office. Trying to fit

in hot yoga. Catching up with old Qs. And still managing to be an outstanding mother, wife, daughter and sister.

SCOTT, Sarah. Have swapped the bright lights of London for the serene skies of South Devon. Loving my @freshairyogi life near the sea. Teaching yoga here whilst enjoying London guest slots and luxurious European retreats. Listen to your heart, follow your dream!

TOLHURST, Kate (Mrs Warburton). I started a new job in September setting up the counselling service at Colchester Academy. Ben has started at UEA reading History of Art and loving it. Abbi is in her final year so approaching empty nest syndrome!

USHER-SMITH, Lalley (Mrs Knight). Working hard on renewable energy projects to keep the Wales farm income healthy! Ophelia (19) travelling in her Gap year, Stasi (17) plays hockey for Wales (I married a Welshman), Henry (9) boarding at Ludgrove and not very sporty – gutted!!

WALL, Jo (Mrs Harvey). Still living in beautiful Hawke's Bay, NZ and working (more part time) in our property valuation business. James (14) is seriously into Downhill mountain biking and has started competing & Lizzie (16) doing GCSE's and into Drama. I have joined Board of Trustees at Lizzie's school so feeling very grown up!

WONG, Frances. My twins Victoria and Nicola just turned 10 and they really want to go to boarding school in England so that they don't need to do Chinese! Still working at UBS and living in Hong Kong.

WRIGHT, Sarah (Mrs Trowbridge). Harry (12) is head boy and is musical, singing and clarinet, so very unlike me! Emma (9) swims like a fish and has started getting into hockey. Had a sleep over at Emma's recently with Charis, lots of fun and wine!

1986: Section 57a

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BAILEY, Claire (Mrs Neame). I've returned to work and am now PA to the High Sheriff of Suffolk. Christopher very well, Phoebe (13) moves (hopefully) to Uppingham in 2017, Xander (11) and Harry (8) are sports mad with the drums and guitar involved too. Just finished the final bit of our 7 year house project. Hope everyone's well.

BROOKS, Justine. After a bitter five year long divorce, my daughter and I are happily living in beautiful North Leeds where I continue to run my business, Fly Media & Communications and write for Standard Issue, Sarah Millican's online women's magazine.

GOODWYN, Kate (Mrs Murphy). 2016, a busy year with a kitchen extension, Eleanor's GCSEs and Richard starting his new senior school. I went to St Lucia with my mother and sister in March which was brilliant before having time in Cornwall with the family in the summer

HAY, Fiona (Mrs Ralling). 2016 has been a busy year as the family have relocated to Nairobi, Kenya as an opportunity arose. Trying to make the most of Kenya, holidays to the coast & Samburu while spending time in Lake Naivasha, and Mt Kenya.

HEADING, Jo (Mrs Turner). Still in London, eldest started boarding this Sept so big change but all going well. Refurbished house in Spain to a wonderful retreat whilst home in London crumbles with building legal hassles. Saw Lally H and hoping to see more of you. Another reunion?!

RAMPLY, Emma (Mrs Sanderson). Rob and I have been busy building our own house on the edge of our village in Yorkshire between Harrogate and York. Hope to be in for Christmas 2016 as we have 12 coming! Visitors very welcome in the NY.

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CLAYTON, Rebecca (Mrs Myles). The Myles family is living in Singapore. Freddie is taking his iGCSE's soon, and Jemima will follow next yea, both at Uppingham. Edward crosses the Tuas border to Marlborough College Malaysia every day! I have seen a bit of Clare Walker who is also in Singapore, and saw Rachel in the UK over Christmas.

FISHER, Clare. Clare is still living in Auckland with Husband Marty, Hamish(6)and Charlotte(4). I have taken up the crazy sport of Triathlon- can still swim but biking and running need a bit of work. Recent catch up with Clare Walker fun. Anyone welcome.

FARRELL, Sarah. Working in Paris for Chloé, hard to believe it has been 5 1/2 years, as director of WW Architecture and Visual Merchandising. Tills at St Mary's ascot and Freddie off to boarding school next year. Still so lovely to be in touch with many OQ's.

GARNETT, Fiona. Completed our family with our third daughter born in July so with three under 4 I've got my hands full. Not sure how I'll cope when I go back to work in September. TSB seems a long way away. I will try to organise a reunion in July/August for our year so watch this space.

HOUSE, Catherine. Just back from fabulous trip to Miami with Kirsten, Nina, Elsa, Alex, Katie & Mads. Celebrating 2nd year wedding anniversary next week. Running my own commercial real estate brokerage business in San Francisco.

KING, Annabel (Mrs Friedlein). Annabel has enjoyed seeing other old Qs this year, and she and Ash have moved to a new home in Herts with the girls. She runs an art consultancy.

LEACH, Mandy (Mrs Croucher). Loving the Cayman Islands and finally moved into our 'Dream' home after a very stressful year of building, so very happy! Met up with Pippa Cassidy whilst she was visiting which was lovely. When is everyone coming to visit!

MAC, Chung Lynn (Mrs Mac-Carpenter). Balancing crazy year running 85 "Nando's" in Malaysia and Singapore, kids growing up way too quickly and going on lots of holidays with the family. Lovely catching up with Clare Walker, Sophia Ng & Julia Latchford over the last year.

NICHOLLS, Madeleine. Enjoying life in Toronto frequently travelling back to Vancouver to visit friends and family. Had a winter beach reunion with 6 OQs in Miami - friends from 2nd year! Looking forward to skiing in Colorado and to painting more!

STRETEN, Katie. I moved with the family to Michigan, Detroit last year to join Imagination as the Global Head of Strategy and Insight on the Ford and Lincoln accounts. Loving life in the USA, although it's a strange time to be here. I now have two daughters, Beth (6) and Niamh (18mth) and my husband is enjoying caring for them while I slave away to keep them in the manner to which they have become accustomed.

ZILPHA SCULL (Mrs Tinayre-Blom). Julian and I had a late(-ish) life surprise as Margot was born one year ago. This joy was juxtaposed against some difficult health news. Perhaps the ensuing reflections account for my first ever OQ submission? Best wishes to you all!

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ADAMS, IZZI (Mrs. Beckett). My life has not really altered in the past 15 years! Still married to Ralph and we have 2 pony mad girls. Biggest excitement is Hatti has moved close by and our kids are at the same school. Hatti has not aged/changed a bit since school!

BELL, Sara (Ms. Bell). Constantly amused and amazed by my 4 year old daughter. Living in Brisbane, balancing motherhood with working part-time in HIV policy. Mum sadly died in September, a strong brave funny beautiful lady to the end.

CANNON, SOPHIE. An incredible year for me and great excitement round the corner! 3 years ago I met Francis and in November we got engaged. We were in Salcombe looking out over the sand bar, a place that I love. Moved to Warwickshire and now live in a pretty barn conversion. Paddington, our black lab, born on New Years Day, is a handful but good training for next month with a baby due on 11th Nov!!!

CHOONG, TIFFANY. "It's been 25 years since leaving Q and I have finally found my life's passion as an Artist/Illustrator. I split my time wandering between UK and Malaysia as I consider both countries my home. My motto is: It's never too late to follow your dreams."

DAVIES, Rona (Mrs. Postle). Living in beautiful Sussex, juggling the GP work-family life balance. Latest addition to our family is Mia the cat who James, Will and Izzi love. Where did the last 25 years go?

DOEFF, ANNA. Anna is divorced from Jarvis. Four children Isabel 16, Marcus & Katie 13, and Layla 7 years old. Living in Kensington, London
Director/Owner of a Residential/Commercial Buy to Let company Mewstone Ridges Ltd with properties in North London including the Chamberlayne Pub and a Butcher's shop.

EVANS, Melodie (Mrs. Smyth). We are living in sunny Essex not far from Bishops Stortford. Recently taken

ownership of 2 naughty guinea pigs and 3 fish! The highlight of the year - we have all taken up waterskiing. I'm the least pro but have just learned to mono ski - Watch this space!

EWART-JAMES, Claire (Mrs. Pemrick) Loved meeting up with Old Q's this year, even caught up with Nadia in Bermuda. Just moved house to Colchester to new project, with the plan to build new therapy centre. My kids are now teenagers! And I need therapy.

GOODFELLOW, Emily (Mrs. Woodward) I have nothing new or exciting to report I am still living down in Haslemere with my hubby and two girls Isla (8) and Amber (3) and Buster the dog!

HALSEY, Selina (Mrs. Overy). Still at St George's Hospital in Obstetric & Gynaecology Physiotherapy. Also involved in a small charity "Lunchbowl Network" that raises money to feed orphans in Kibera and I'm going out there at half term - yay!! Amelia, George and Iliana supply plenty of chaos and fun the rest of the time.

HAMZA, Nadia. Still in Bermuda running my law practice. Was delighted to see Claire Ewart-James and meet her gorgeous family when they visited for a wedding! If anyone else is coming this way, please email as I'm not on 'Facecrack'! nadiawhamza@gmail.com

HO, Johanna. Still in the "unglam" world of fashion! Living a crazy life trying to balance a family of two girls, Natasha (10) and Katrina (7) and working together as "partners in crime" with hubby, Hiroki Uchimoto. Just finished a crossover Eco/sustainable project with sports brand, Puma.

HOUSE, Victoria (Mrs. Hallam). Loving my job in marketing. Still at the family furniture firm. Thoroughly enjoyed meeting up at Q. No-one had changed at all! Managed to escape to Antigua, France and Madrid this year. My girls are growing fast, Abigail will be 11 soon and Daisy 9. Where does the time fly?! Love to you all.

IBACH, Sabine (Mrs. Falke). We bought a house and moved. My little girl Clara is already 5 and remains my sunshine. Jobwise on the move between executive business coaching and the "re-invention" of our family business. Very exciting. Anything can happen.

INN, Evonne (Mrs. Heckscher). Still living in Hong Kong with husband Chris. Working for French insurance company

doing external communications. Last trip was to Bangkok to visit my brother and 2-year-old niece who's the cutest thing ever. Keeping busy, watching too many US sitcoms, spending time with my 4-year old cheeky goddaughter and seeing friends.

JOHNSTON, Lucy (Mrs. Toms). Settled in to Suffolk life with gorgeous husband Patrick and two cheeky dogs - Max & Mungo. Keeping healthy with bootcamps and dog walks. Staying out of trouble photographing weddings & portraits, casting commercials & location managing and extracting grey hairs from my head - it really has been 25 years! In need of a holiday... SAGA Cruises here we come...

KAVUMA, Jackie (Mrs. Kavuma-Trotman). I'm still living in Nairobi, Kenya. Alexander and Zachary are now 10 and 5, a bundle of joy and the funniest guys I know. I'm also still working for Chemonics International as a Field Director, working on both new business development and project management, in the East Africa region.

LONGWORTH, Joanna (Mrs. Mollo). Living in Battersea working as a communications coach and setting up an urban farming business in Asia. The kids are all happy at school in London. We spend lots of time in Norfolk - a brilliant antidote to city living. Took up quadrathlons a few years ago, which may make some of you Old Q's laugh, as I was always so bad at sport there.

MAIR, Harriet (Mrs. Heneghan). All change: baby boy number 3, the lovely Freddie, arrived in July; hubby left law to work for himself; we finally moved from London to the beautiful Hampshire countryside; and our eldest has started school. LOVING the new adventures, made all the better by seeing Izzi Adams regularly on the school run.

NSUBUGA, Ethel (Mrs. Eseri Nsubuga-Alaka). "One of the highlights of this year was the 25th anniversary reunion at Q. Fortunately social media means that Old Q's are often in touch, but it was still exciting to be back at Q with my friends and family - a memorable day and one that I will treasure. Life remains very busy. Work in property, both management and acquisitions has been fruitful. Mariam and Yaqub are both growing up quickly and keeping Ayo and I on our toes!

PAYTON, Vanessa (Mrs. Hackett). Another busy year has flown by. About to complete the build of our dream home in Sussex, which has been a 3-year

project! We will finally have space for our 2 big dogs and our 14-year-old son who is now taller than both of us - scary!

PRICE, GERALDINE (Mrs. Venediger) We are still in our Hampshire farmhouse that needs renovating, added a duck to the 6 chickens! Kids getting bigger, 12, 10 and 8. Gone into writing fundraising proposals for an epic STEM charity called The Greenpower Education Trust - google it, it's great fun!

RYLATT, SUZIE. I seem to have spent most of my free time this year training for an Ironman, which I successfully completed in August. It's 140.6 miles worth of swimming, cycling & running & took me just under 12 hours. Disappointed to have missed the Q reunion.

SAMPLE, Lucy (Mrs. Alton). Caitlin went into Year 1 and Rebecca started in reception this September. We are enjoying life in Wakefield and I am still teaching Maths, English and ICT at Rotherham College.

SCOTT, Pippa (Mrs. Rymer). All good in the Rymer household. *Sophie Allport* continues to thrive and keeps me busy when I'm not supporting the boys on various touchlines. Life is full of mucky rugby kit, skate parks and sword fights! Oliver hoping to head to Oundle in Sept '17 so relishing my final year with all three boys at the same prep school. Husband busy building tidal power in north Scotland!

SHEPHERD, Nicola. *Ed's note - Nikki was definitely spied on facebook catching up with some old q's so great to see she is still in touch. Maybe more news next time*

STEPHENS, Deborah (Mrs. Broad). Married to Christian Broad for twelve years. We have two children, Sebastian 9yrs and Lucy 7yrs. We live on Herts/Bucks border, with our favourite girl Churro the chocolate lab. I work from home on various art commissions.

TAN, SALLY-ANN (Mrs. Mazlan). Still living in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Spending most of my days juggling my 8 polo ponies, 2 dogs & 1 cat. Fortunate to have an animal-loving husband to support the madness, after all these years... (*Ed: Sally-Ann - wow! we're impressed with your circus skills juggling all of those animals!*)

TIMMIS, GAIL (Mrs. Nicol). Still living and working in the UAE. Moved to Abu Dhabi 2 years ago to be part of a brand new school, which has had its challenges!

Remain happily married and enjoying being step-mum to two gorgeous teenagers.

TSUI, Janice (Mrs. Wong) Still at the Royal Free Hospital doing vascular surgery and research. Jasper now 3 1/2 and keeping us very busy. Luckily his school is right next to the hospital, which just about makes it possible! Missing everyone back in Hong Kong as we haven't been brave enough to do the long haul with him for a while. Luckily others like Ang, Tiff and Joanne are more mobile than us.

USHER-SMITH, Ginny. This year has been busy, moving house in May and then Hugo was born in June, little brother to Freddie, we love living in the countryside, loving the space, met lots of great people, suddenly become very social!

WESTON, ANNABEL (Mrs. Glasspool) All busy in Glasspool household. I'm working part time, Nursery and Reception Teaching/ TA work, which I love. David works abroad lots and my parents aren't in the best health, so lots of juggling. Alex loves school - the best part is traveling on the bus and chatting with her friends! Oliver loves Rugby and cooking, (the latter makes my life much easier!)

Whatley, Rachel. "Life's still good up here in Sale. Busy Summer working at the Olympics, so taking it easy before starting to plan for our wedding next year! Sad to have missed the reunion at Q but fab to see Lucy and Mel earlier this year. Be great to catch up if anyone's ever up in the North West."

Willy, Emma. Emma continues to organise maritime and cruise conferences in the Middle East and other far flung places. Her favourite place is at home with the dog and boyfriend, a nice glass of wine and her garden. Although nearly grown up, she still dreams of being in a band and can occasionally be found in the shed on her drum kit.

WINNING, JOYCE (Mrs. Duffin). 25 Years on...16th Year living in Portreath, Cornwall working as a Cabinet Member for Cornwall Council on housing and environment, which curtails hobbies, but I manage a few jogs and cycles with our dog, helping out at church and the obligatory taxiing of children! Kale, 12 and Amelie, 9. The current menagerie is a dog, cat, corn snake and leopard gecko.

WONG, JOANNE (Mrs. Wayman Ho) I have two very active sons - Kayden (10)

& Kendrick (2 1/2). Wayman has expanded his business and is very busy. I'm now working at a Chinese Investment Bank. Caught up with Ethel, Tiff, Nikki, Janice and Angeli in London. Took Kayden along to warn him if he didn't improve his studies he would end up there - away from home. Didn't work because he fell in love with London! If anyone is coming to Hong Kong, call me! +852 6449 3333.

YOUNG, Harriet (Mrs. Hawken) We have just moved back to UK from Canada after 4 lovely years in Vancouver. Now living in Bristol. I love being close to old friends and family, though miss the mountains! Went to 25-year reunion at Q - lovely!

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Thank you to Catherine for picking up Section 60.

ATKINSON, Nicola (Mrs Evered) has been living in Twickenham for the last 12 years with husband Alex and daughters Lottie (10) and Bella (8). She is enjoying working at the Sixth Form of the local secondary school.

BATTYE, Inga (Mrs Gregory). Happy Gregory household with Joseph (10) and Charlotte (7) doing well. New addition this year is our cat, Louis. Currently on a career break/ change as a TA at J&C's school Considering retraining as a teacher - still thinking. Hi to all.

DAVEY, Anna (Mrs Chapman). I am living in SE London (Peckham Rye), with my husband and 2 boys, aged 6 and 4. Work has been taking a back seat, but now the youngest has started school I'm trying to do a big more freelance marketing.

HANSON, Victoria (Mrs Jackson). Still enjoying life in Yorkshire. Both girls now are senior school; I'm almost the smallest in the family! Sadly lost my father after his long battle with PSP. Great to have Charlotte and her family nearby.

HARVEY, Alison (Ali) (Mrs Wilkes). Living in Barons Court, SW London. Still working in drinks marketing, now at Moët Hennessy UK. Charlie is 9 and lovely. Highlight of year: a great Easter holiday together in a camper van round the states.

HOWARD, Emily (Mrs Rowbotham). Now living near Thame, Buckinghamshire with Dom, Grace (10) and Fred (8) and Coco (crazy working cocker). I'm working as Head of Marketing at Winchester House Prep School which is fun but busy term time. Looking forward to the holidays already!

JOLIFFE, Catherine. Happily doing the family/ work/ life juggle with three children, running my business and renovating our house in Bristol. The children are 6, 8, and 10, so we're enjoying a bit more freedom than we had a few years ago.

LEACH, Michelle (Mrs Lynch). Still happily living in Gerrards Cross with Georgia 10, Sophia 8 and Alex 7. Thinking of next schools for the girls and Queenswood is on the list!!! Looking forward to the next reunion which I will organise when I get my act together!

LING, Wei Lin (Mrs Tio). Left AIG Malaysia in 2010 to become Director of Home Operations. Bosses range from 6 to 16 years - 3 girls 1 boy. Current pay sucks. No annual leave. Endless rewards as an alternative! To relieve stress, I blog at www.tiolittleones.blogspot.com

PITTEWAY, Emma (Mrs White). Living in UAE with husband and 2 girls Lucy (6) and Mollie (3). Left the corporate world to become a Personal trainer, Group instructor and health/ wellness speaker. Would love to hear from anyone passing through Dubai.

ROGERS, Didi (Mrs Turkington). Still living with the leprechauns and raising three more in Co. Tyrone. Finally starting to emerge from the small person fug, which is lovely. Blessed with a really diverse life of farm, surf, sail and plenty of trips away.

ROTTERS, Fleur. Still living near Munich: Visitors welcome J Samara and Xavier, 10, started secondary school in September, loving the sports, extracurricular activities and learning Latin which brings back memories of Mrs Gunasingh! New job as office manager at MacDougall Communications.

SIMMONDS, Juliet (Podge) (Mrs George). Still in Sydney after 5 years, family and new business keeping me busy; loving the northern beaches life with Tess (7), Alex (6) and our little Aussie Lara (2). If you're heading to Oz, get in touch! Juliet@lean-home.com

ZSITWELL, Nikki (Mrs Slowey). We've recently moved up to Hertfordshire where I'm the bursar at Heath Mount School and have spotted some familiar names on the honours boards! Also now have 2 boys under 4 so life is very busy but great fun!

WALE, Catherine (Cat) (Mrs Grinham). After 6 years we braved a holiday back to England with the kids. It was wonderful but exhausting! Number 4 is due imminently, and we plan to move to Kangaroo Valley for a year in the country come January.

WOOLF, Bethia. I have now lived in Columbus Ohio for 10 years! Zoe will be 3 in March – she's full of energy and opinions and lots of fun. Running our tour business Columbus Food and Brew Adventures. Always love visitors.

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ABRAHAM, Claire I live in Richmond with my son, Gilbert, who has just started school!!! I work as a Perfume Stylist hosting my own 'Create your own brand of perfume' workshops in & around London & the South Coast. Launching my own fragrance line soon!

BAINES, Philly (Mrs Thirlwall) We left London in 2014 for more space and a country life after baby number 3 (Poppy) arrived. Living in Hampshire (coincidentally very near Amanda and Tania) and loving it! Hope everyone is well.

BRAGG, Lucie (Mrs Thomson-Bragg) Buyers life continues in New Zealand, working 24/7 as Operations Manager for a Security firm with over a 100 staff; Isabelle 6, loving life and everything she does! We are all loving new house with 360 views!

BURDEN, Sophie (Mrs Ferguson) I left working in the City at the beginning of 2015 to set up on my own consulting in HR and have enjoyed the flexibility while the children are still young. All 3 are now at school!

DAVIS, Mariske (Mrs Hindley) Still seems like yesterday having left Q but 22 yrs on, still in Fulham, 3 gorgeous but head strong boys however finally got the girl..... Ripley my four legged Vizsla beauty.

EDWARDS, Ros Life with Meg (4) and George (1) is fabulous, fun and chaotic – sleep a thing of the past particularly with Ben off on various expeditions. I'm busy directing television documentaries. Still living in Hatfield, a stone's throw from Q.

GILMOUR, Fiona Sold my 'new' flat as now need more space for my Labrador puppy, and fiancé Ben. May 2017 wedding. Still with Mary's Meals, worked in Haiti, Lebanon, Liberia, Malawi and Zambia, now in the HR team, studying my CIPD qualification.

GREAVES, Lucy (Mrs Hughes) Life has changed a lot, firstly we lost our gorgeous mum to her brave battle with cancer followed by me becoming a partner with my sister at Abbey View Physiotherapy in Shaftesbury. Life changes but continues to challenge and inspire.

GRIFFITHS, Sara (Mrs McNeill) Poppy, Andy and I have had a wonderful three years in Norway and are now headed home to our Croft in the Scottish highlands to raise chickens, ducks and sheep... And offer yoga retreats once the renovations are complete.

HIBBERDINE, Suzanne No longer in Putney! We have moved to Fetcham, Surrey. Now have two children, Georgie and Ben. Still playing hockey (with some old qs) Working part time at the same fashion company. Still See Polly, Holly, Sophie, Jenny and Phil.

KAJUKA, Sheila Hi all, I finally became a mummy! Our twin daughters were born January 2016 and life really has changed in the sense that my priorities have changed. Their names are Abigail Achen and Anna Apio. We are so delighted. It's hard work!!

MADEL, Louise (Mrs Baller) Still living near Glastonbury and kids growing fast. Part time policy work and riding / playing hockey when I can or rather when I'm not injured!

MAGUIRE, Holly Have returned to my Hertfordshire roots, living in St Albans and reliving many Q Carol service memories. Now Managing Partner at BBH ad agency, Fairy Godmother to James, Millie and Benjamin, Mental Auntie to Sophie and Isla.

MARGOSSIAN, Nicole (Mrs Laurence) We are still living in and loving Switzerland, moved from the mountains to near Geneva for schools. Life is busy but good

MARSHALL, Sarah (Mrs Marshall-Ellison) Still working in the superyacht industry but no longer commuting four hours a day as I now work part time from home which has transformed my life! Still singing, dancing and involved with church and now volunteer in Winchester cathedral.

NICHOLSON, Clarinda (Mrs Greenhalgh) Life is good, Liv got an academic scholarship to Berkhamsted and Sarah is in her last year of primary school! Still self employed, Zuzmara Designs now in its 4th year and business doing well! Love to all x

NSUBUGA, Anna Left the civil service to rediscover life outside work and improve my health. Working at Mott MacDonald as an international development consultant. Enjoying new challenges and experiences in a team spread across 10 countries. And I have a red afro.

PAVRY, Katie (Mrs Romer-Lee) Happily spending far too much time with Sophie & Hattie, their naughty husbands & gorgeous kids. The male mid-life crisis kit continues to arrive. I just keep adding to our ever-expanding list of pets. Alice (9), George (8) both been amazing about moving to a new school away from all they knew before.

PEARL, Lulu (Mrs Harmstorf-Pearl) After 10yrs in Switzerland we moved back to London in July '16. Mimi (7) and Oscar (5) are at the German School and I'm studying Health & Nutrition. Now wishing I'd occasionally listened to Dr. Charles & Little Willy in Science!

POWELL, Tania (Mrs Berry) All change with us - we moved to Hampshire, near Winchester, in summer 15 and are really happy and enjoying it. Will be down here for a few years. I continue to write blogs and social media for businesses.

SCOTT, Amanda (Mrs Sinclair) Still having a happy time Hampshire. Children (Ella 11yrs, Tom 9yrs, Dee Dee 6yrs) all at local prep and keeping Paddy & me busy. Phil and Tania moved locally recently - fab to catch up! Lulu's 40th in Barcelona a blast!

WHIPHAM, Sandra Big news is the birth of Humphrey on 13th July 2015. Louise Baller (nee Madel) is one of the godparents! We are living in Old Street, hanging on to the pre baby lifestyle for as long as possible! Still loving the work at BRITDOC where I am a Company Director.

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ARCHDALE, Angela. All good in Norfolk, Oli has started boarding at Wymondham and Aggie is excited about joining him next year. I'm busying myself looking after holiday cottages, have a look:

www.northernorfolkholidaycotts.co.uk.
Loving life!

BAINES, Charlotte (Mrs Holden). Living in Sunningdale, Berks and working for Ray's architectural practice. Both boys now at school. Still really enjoying meeting the girls for our annual weekends away!

BARRINGTON-LEWIS, Caroline (Mrs Chandler). Crazy 2016 – Rick (my lovely man in uniform) and I tied the knot. I returned to work, we are in the midst of major building works. Douglas, now 6, flourishing at school, and Darcey is toddling, gorgeous and cheeky.

CANTERBURY, Jacqueline (Mrs Rowe). Mother to two boys and a girl. Now in Shropshire. Still a respiratory nurse specialist, reflexologist and singing with the Military Wives choir.

DAVIES, Stephanie. Had a gorgeous baby boy, Perry Stephen Geoffrey Davies in December 2015.

EDWARDS, Bryony (Mrs Underwood). Still living in Barley, Herts with my husband and 3 girls (5,5,3). Working part time for a technology company in London. Been great to see some many OQ's during the last year.

GILMOUR, Alison (Mrs Lee). Still in Edinburgh and enjoying life. Hermione is six and big enough now for fun weekends in the hills. Enjoyed a lovely summer holiday to eastern Canada and America and attended Sacha's most excellent 40th birthday party in Devon.

KAJUKA, Liz (Mrs Okwenje). This has been a milestone year for most turning the big 4 O! It was also my 10th wedding anniversary. We have 3 kids aged 10, 8 and 2 years. Still in Uganda, if you want to come for a safari holiday you are most welcome!

KAPOOR, Mekhala. Currently undertaking assignments via WWF in Delhi, India and am involved in freelance events initiative with Arnold and Henderson, London. Since university I

have engaged in roles in the hotel, banking hospitality events, sales and recruitment sectors as well as travelling extensively.

KENDALL, Hannah (Mrs Black). A difficult year as my father passed away at the beginning of October but I have been hugely supported by my amazing Queenswood friends. My 3 boys keep me busy and I continue to enjoy life in Suffolk.

KUEHLE, Christiane (Mrs Gewaltig). Still live in Essen, Germany, enjoying life with three kids (Emilia 6, Valentin 5, Luise 2). We were very glad to find Geraldine Goldsby to become Luise's godmother. Great to have you with us, Gel.

NORRIS, Jaime (Mrs Kenyon). One step closer to our retirement dream of living on the Isle of Skye! We made the move from Hampshire and are now living just North of Inverness where I am now working for the Highland Council.

ORME, Rachel (Mrs Halsey). Enjoying life in Hathersage. Great to catch up with Q friends at 40th birthday celebrations and on local dog walks! Still practicing physio. Emily, Ben and Katie growing up fast. Just celebrated 15th wedding anniversary with Tim.

ROBERTS, Cheryl. This has been an interesting year working on European policy... And now I find myself in Brussels, so do visit for chocolate supplies. It's been great to see so many OQ's at 40ths, and Maxine in the sun, down under.

RONA, Natalie (Mrs Meredith). Celebrating 20 years together with Jon this year, Jack (8) and Henry (5) still keeping us busy...! Now working at Molnlycke Healthcare, still in HR, with a much better work/life balance. Enjoying family life, friends and holidays. Life's good!

SAYER, Harriet (Mrs Johnson). Currently taking a break from sponsorship work, enjoying being at home with both children and getting used to the rhythm of the school run! Still in SW London and keep in touch with quite a few OQ's here and elsewhere.

SOEK, Nicole. Looking after 2 daughters with partner Sam and learning a lot, tending a very wild garden with old fruit trees, chickens and guinea pigs, doing shiatsu, and spending time with family.

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ANKERSON, Davinia (Mrs Swanston). James and I are loving our new life in South Northants. Noah is now 2.5 years (and every inch the chatty toddler) and we've just added little Leo to our family. Loving country life!

ARTHUR, Stephanie (Mrs Mills). In Gloucestershire, working as NHS Speech and Language Therapist with children with complex needs. Pete and I celebrated our 10th anniversary, Ezra in last year of infant school. Lovely catching up with Corinne Sparkes and Tanja Morson who are local.

BURNS, Katherine (Mrs Regan). I gave up e-commerce and retrained as a personal trainer. After a year working in a strength and conditioning gym, I've set up a personal training business www.bodyrock.com.hk. First session starts October 2016. Follow me on Instagram [bodyrockbootcamps](https://www.instagram.com/bodyrockbootcamps), Facebook [bodyrockhk](https://www.facebook.com/bodyrockhk).

BUXANI, Puja (Mrs Bilimoria). Finally went back to work part-time after almost 3 years of extended maternity leave. I am now juggling being a 'part time' Advertising Director at Vogue India and a full-time mum. Needless to say, life is exciting and extremely hectic.

CLARK, Ziggi. Continuing to shuffle back and forth between Sheffield and Suffolk due to Howard's job. Happily renovating another house and although still physio-ing, there may be a career change round the corner as loving being on site with the boys!

COLLINS, Tamsin (Mrs Ball). Feeling settled in Salisbury and with all 3 boys now at school it's back to work (at Bamboo Travel) for me! I was sorry to miss the reunion, hope we can do another one before 20 more years go by.

DUDGEON, Sarah (Married to Max Livingstone-Learmonth but kept maiden name). Thanks for updates & Boogy for helping. Ran London Marathon 3 legged with friend Vic which was fun (no falls!) Into my fourth year working full time on my business ArtOfYourSuccess.com – gifts and stationery, mainly around sport. Happy 40th everyone!

EWART-JAMES, Anna (Mrs Porter). Had a busy few years, welcoming the latest Porter boy to the family - Joe born November 2014. Feeling very outnumbered now with 3 boys! Looking forward to our 40th birthdays (how did that happen?). Living in Essex.

FAIRS, Bridget (Mrs Hunter). Now living in North Essex. Eldest daughter started Millfield and is a full boarder, along with her horse! Other 2 daughters at school locally, husband still mad adventurer. Live near Hattie Roffey, Anna Ewart-James and recently, Martha Harvey-Jones!

HALL, Lucy (Mrs Hannay). Living in Scotland with husband Tim and our children Rory, Max and Alice. Taking a career break to spend time more time with them and seeing lots of OQs particularly as we're now entering the year of the 40ths!

HANDLOVA, Sylva. All well. Albert is 3, healthy and a big joy. I have been helping with Ondrej's business for the past year and a half, now considering my next move. Love to all.

HANSON, Charlotte (Mrs Bullas). Delighted to have both children at school in Yorkshire. Fortieth birthdays are another reason to meet up with friends. Life is positive since losing Dad, particularly as we are all on skis and frequenting mountain huts. We're training them well!

HEYGATE, Sarah (Mrs Kreckler). Happily settled in to Cambridgeshire life, enjoying putting down some proper roots and just enjoying family life!

HO, Julianne (Married to Liam O'Murchu, kept maiden name). Greetings from LA - Seamus (2.5 yr) and Liam Jr (1 yr) are my source of entertainment (and distraction from stupid politics here). Still working with mad scientists and spaceships at XPRIZE Foundation. Please shout when headed out this way!

HUTCHINGS, Laura (Mrs Stockwell). Still loving life in Dubai (visitors welcome!) and have joined Nick in what is now our family business Mr & Mrs Stockwell! Occasionally finding time to explore and enjoyed adventures to Nepal and the Maldives this year.

KNIGHT, Emily (Mrs Tuke). Clemency was born in 2015, a little sister for Ottilie and we have just moved to Bath for a change of lifestyle. Otherwise all ticking along nicely.

KWAN, Jasmine (Mrs Calvert-Ansari). Now the proud owner of a polo pony stud farm in Surrey - 43 horses and counting! Fell pregnant by surprise 6 years after the first one. Itching to play polo again, probably with newborn son (born October 2016) strapped to chest.

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EDU, Tanwa. Challenging year but give it up to OQs mates who have been rocks and kept me laughing. Excited by what awaits in 2017, huge expectations! Thrilled to see fab turnout for reunion, thanks again to Boogs for hosting in her beautiful home.

LAI, Alison (Mrs Ng). After 7 years of travelling, we are back in Singapore with 4 kids in tow. Two boys and two girls, oldest is 12 and youngest is 4. Enjoying life as a stay at home mum, hardest job I have ever done.

MAIR, Jess. First year of headship - check (amazing and bonkers all in one). KJ's bridesmaid in July - check - v honoured, it was fab. Aunt to Hatti's number 3 - check (Freddie and he's gorgeous). Me - husband, babies - hmmm watch this space...

McCORMACK, Sally (Mrs Porter). Made the big move out of suburbia to Surrey in the summer, family settled well and enjoying the peace and quiet and space. Facing 40's with a mixture of serenity and denial!

MOORE-COULSON, Bryony (Mrs Howat). Settling into Surrey life over the last year. Started running in real races!!! 10k in London and a 10 mile in Portsmouth. Contemplating a half marathon next march! Three children growing up fast - all pretty happy and enjoying life.

MORSON, Tanja. I continue to enjoy being Treasury Manager EMEA at Kohler Co and living in the Cotswolds. Saskia is 20 months old and a very talkative red-head. We're in the midst of "toddler taming". Any tips welcome at tanja.morson@kohlereurope.com

PAINTER, Briony (Mrs Kyle). Harassed mum of 3 little people! Enjoying London life. Love catch ups with Sal, Lu, Hosti and Fi and seeing Tucks. Excited to be returning to my spiritual home Hong Kong next year, a trip down memory lane for the big 4-0!

PHANASOMBURNA, Patra (Mrs Phanasomburna Raji). A little late for getting married but however last year I did it! Now pregnant and live between Croatia and Thailand. Still keeping my business in Bangkok running and setting up a new one in Croatia for interior design.

RAMPLY, Susie (Mrs Finch). Still loving life in Norfolk! Been on lots of family adventures, skiing, sailing, paddleboarding! The girls have inspired me to join their hockey club (found my astro trainers from school!). Cycling from Nice to Geneva (500kms in 4 days) next year! Midlife crisis now I'm 40

ROBINSON, Kate (Mrs Morgan). We are living in Surrey and enjoying life here. Emilia and Isabelle are both in school now and enjoying it. They are keeping Andrew and I busy at the weekends too.

ROFFEY, Hattie (Mrs Romer-Lee). Si and I celebrated our 40ths by going on a holiday to Africa with the children - it was amazing to take them there. still a full time mummy to Phoebe 12, Harry 9 and Lucy 6 and running my little B&B

RYAN, Frances (Mrs Verney). Still in Brussels, now "permanently" because Brexit means we have to become Belgian. We bought a house too, spent a year renovating it (has a guest room - just call!) Three little ones growing up fast - now aged 7, 5 and nearly 2. Me - full time zookeeper. Husband - does the washing occasionally.

RYDER, Leonora (Mrs Phelan). I live in Dorset with my husband Matt and in 2012 I set up Quince Art School from our home. I now run weekly and one day art workshops for adults and children in beautiful spaces in and around Dorset - a wonderful job and a special place to live.

SEALEY, Lucy (Mrs Marsh). We're living in Hampshire and all is well with my little gang, Alfie(6) and Barney (5), and latest addition, Ember, our big, black retriever. Been running my own interior design practice for 6 years. Life is full on but so fun!

STONEHILL, Rebecca (Mrs Narracott). Still living in Nairobi, doing creative writing with kids and working on novel #3. Second novel came out earlier this year, The Girl and the Sunbird, set here in Kenya. Any OQ's needing somewhere to stay in Nairobi, get in touch!

SYN, Jo. Still living in Singapore and being kept busy with 2 year old twin boys and a 4 year old daughter. Would

love to catch up with anyone who's visiting.

TONG, Vicky. update - still based in Hong Kong and working as a in-house lawyer at HSBC. Continuing to play tennis in my leisure time. Would love to catch up with OQs if any of you are nearby!

TUCKLEY, Emma. "Busy year - had a baby (Teddy born Sept 15), bought a new business, moved from Northampton to Cornwall! Loving our new life in Falmouth, visitors welcome!

UNDERWOOD, Claire (Mrs Howard-Vyse). Still living in Barnes, children growing up fast, 9, 7 and 3 years old. Enjoyed doing the Great River Race in Sept and looking forward to doing the Celtic Challenge (rowing across the Irish Sea) in May for the Team Margot foundation. Love seeing all the OQs, can't believe we're all turning 40.

Van DEN BERGH, Caroline (Mrs Mitchell Innes). Happy and healthy with my husband Ed and daughter Ottilie, born in May. Living in Clapham and working for a mobile agency in Soho. See OQ's Leonora and Charlotte regularly and thrilled to be back in touch with Sally, Julia and Jenny

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We had a great 20 year anniversary reunion in London which was well attended and those who couldn't make it loved seeing the photos (thanks to Lindsay Smith)!

ALLEN, Lindsay (Mrs Smith). My Dad passed away suddenly in September 2015. I ran 100k in a day raising £1600 for YAA. I've just been offered a job in a school as the local business manager. Just recovering from back surgery. Abigail has started school. Thoroughly enjoyed the 20 year reunion.

BUGDEN, Nikki (Mrs Einarsson). Sofia arrived in February 2015 and completed our family. Felix recently turned 6 and Oliver 4 - both boys are full of mischief and enjoy teaching aka corrupting their little sister. Life is chaotic but Magnus and I wouldn't change it.

BURDEN, Harriet (Mrs Oliver). Still working in the City and work involving lots of travel. Girls both at school now

so home life in a new phase. Sad to miss the 20 year reunion but loved seeing the photos. Hope everyone is well.

GRAHAM, Georgina (Mrs McAnenny). A shot gun wedding to the love of my life Malachy at 8 & a half months pregnant. Beautiful twin girls Saoirse and Mia born 18th October. Oh and if that's not enough we bought a mega fancy pants new house!

HAWKES, Chloe. It was great seeing people at the 20 year reunion after all these years. I'm busy making and selling jewellery/cat collars (Kitty Clobber) and giving computer lessons/help to the over 50's (Sentech). Looking forward to the 30 year reunion!

HOLDRON, Caroline. I never realised how strong I was until I had no other choice. Every day as a (single) mother is an adventure and Ruby is amazing. I have come through a difficult time and am excited to see what the future holds. Next year I will be studying and will have a new home.

INCHBALD, Louise (Mrs Mitchell). Another year, another daughter and another Mat Leave! Eliza joined Bea, Nick & I in April and is so far causing a lot less commotion than her elder sister. Selling up & leaving London - back to my Buckinghamshire roots!

KINMOUTH, Laura (Mrs Behan). Valla was born in mid-September so on maternity leave from RBS. Life in Scotland continues to be good and busy with now 4 year old William. My regular debriefs with Kate, Lou and Bella are keeping me sane... come and see us if you find yourself in Edinburgh!

IEVERS, Ferelith (Mrs Moltke). Botswana has been home for three years, we have two children. Loving being so close to nature and Africa has inspired me to create Bea Bond clothing for little adventurers. If anyone wants to visit get in touch.

LAMBERT, Kate (Mrs Cairns). Have moved to HSBC, changed house & had third little girl Amelia. Spending maternity leave trying to stop the girls from killing each other and the house from crumbling. Dreaming of Pret skinny cappuccinos.

LUCKIN, Annie (Mrs Bryce). Life is as ever as enjoyable in Melbourne. Sammy is a happy, giggly and confident one and a half year old. We all continue to enjoy an outdoor lifestyle. Was privileged to attend an OQ reunion in Sydney in 2015.

RATCLIFFE, Annabel (Mrs Sokhi).

Enjoying life in London, still working in Events at Deutsche Bank. Attempting to keep up with good mates-thank God for whatsapp! Being entertained by our one year old who's discovered walking and the word no! Trying to fit as much holiday in as possible..

READ, Liz (Mrs Read-Smith). Still living in Montana USA with my family with our 4 kids from 5yr5 to 12 yrs old. And it feels like home! Who knows where life will take us all about 20 yrs from now! Surreal

RUSSELL Alison, (Mrs Pearson). Welcomed our second daughter, Honor in December 2015. Her big sister Hannah is her best friend and the two of them are a complete delight. Back teaching full time; spinning plates and not doing a very good job at it!

SUMMERS, Julia (Mrs Orford). We were thrilled to welcome William in November 2015. He is adored by his big sister (sometimes too much!). Things for 2017 look even busier with Russell starting a new job in January, and a house move to go with it.

STANIER, Suzie. Since moving back from Cyprus I've retrained, qualifying from UWE as a radiographer and since then have completed further training in mammography and I'm currently working for Gloucestershire Breast Screening. Loving life and spending as much time as possible in Cyprus

SPARKS, Corinne (Mrs Gaye). Loving my current role treating people with voice difficulties - knew the music experience would come in useful eventually! Still sing in the Cathedral chamber choir. Otherwise my boys, working on the house and the odd Cornish holiday keep me busy

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Thank you to Lindsay Allen (Mrs Smith) for collecting news this year.

AKINRINADE, Ayo (Mrs Uloroh). The last 2 years have seen us move house and welcome the twins last May making us a family of 6! Will shortly be heading back to my job of 14 years for a breather...

ANDERSON, Juliet. Still living in Shepherds Bush, changed jobs recently and currently working for a florist in Battersea! Spending my days surrounded by flowers. Looking forward to a 20 year anniversary with OQs!

BAINES, Kara (Mrs Ross). Since Q I've made a few trips around the world living in Oz, back to UK, Ibiza, South Africa & back to Oz. Working in commercial construction (bid winning team), I've got 3 kids (Reece, Ruby, Alex) and another on the way mid-2017. No rest for the wicked.

BARTLETT, Anna (Mrs Sheppard). Busy mum to two bubbly girls, legal career on hold to support my husband around the world in his US Air Force career, just moved back to the US from Japan.

COLLINS, Katie (Mrs Worrall). All very busy juggling farming and family life. Never quite sure which way is up but having lots of fun along the way. Millie 6 and Jake 4 are thoroughly entertaining and life is never dull!

FROST, Penny. It's been an eventful year, with the birth of my first son, Alfie Barrett on 11th December 2016. Love being a new mum. Plans have been approved for new house so exciting maternity leave ahead! Love to all the old q's x

HODDER, Claire. Enjoying village life with Paul and the two smalls in Cambridgeshire. George is already at school and Lily isn't far behind. Working at Heineken is great - except I don't drink beer... Can't quite believe we left Q 20yrs ago!

HOSTOMBE, Natalie. After 7yrs in rugby now managing a tennis club in Wimbledon and the Public School Network Private Members Club. Awesome trip up East coast of Australia & caught up with Kara Ross and more recently Sri Lanka with new man.

MORRISON, Morag (Mrs Broom). Living with husband, Mike and three kids (Sophie(5) James(3) and Kirsty(3)) near Henley. Currently chair of our school PTA so enjoying getting involved with events work again. Still finding time to play golf although not quite at the same level as pre-kids.

PATERSON, Emma. I have two beautiful children and number three is due this summer. Our ever growing family lives on top of a hill in the Ibizan countryside. My husband and i have set up our own communications agency.

PINNEY, Caroline. 2017: officially a kiwi after living in NZ for 9 years. Still play hockey! Still, loving to travel; highlight last year was seeing bears in Canada and Mauna kea in Hawaii. Teaching at a local school and no commute is awesome!

RAYNER, Ali (Dr Rayner). Loving life in Tasmania with Phil and our new arrival Lily, born November 2016. Never been more exhausted but she is worth it! All three of us are now officially Australians and this is definitely our home for life.

SMITH, Helena. 'Two or three years' in London ended up being nine brilliant years and Stuart and I left Putney for Weybridge in 2015. 'I' officially became 'we' as we married on the 30th April 2016. A wonderful day.

STONEHILL, Louisa. In 2016 I emigrated to the USA with my husband Nick and two year old son Nathaniel. I have been giving concerts on both sides of the Atlantic and will be back in London in March for the launch of my latest album in March 2017.

STOY, Hannah (Mrs Colbeck). Amazing year! In April we were blessed with the arrival of Edward. Charlie and I are both Lt Cols in the Army. Moved house again in the Autumn - house #9. Returned to work in January. Life is hectic but fun.

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DAVIES, Laura (Mrs van Pelt) - Things continue to be chaotic in the van Pelt household with Edward joining the brood in March. Isabella, Oliver and Max seem happy with the new addition but we're now having to extend to house everybody! Oliver has started school so I'm now 2 down, 2 to go!

EDWARDS, Fizzy (Mrs Egan) - Living in Bedford, on site at a school which I never imagined I would do when we were at Q!! Enjoying being full time mum at the moment looking after Tabby (3) and my sleep thief Crawfie (1.5).

GOLDHILL, Sophie (Mrs Liddicoat) - Loving living in a fisherman's cottage on Whitstable beach as a family of four. The studio has had a successful few years with a Stephen Lawrence shortlisted, RIBA award and the completion our 2nd new-build house development in Hackney. Next is a warehouse conversion in Margate for our own project space.

HEDLEY-LEWIS, Selena (Mrs Callas) - 2016 has been a very different year - Rafferty was born on 8th November 2015! Have loved exploring London, seeing his mini Q-friends, as well as his

first ski holiday and summer trips to Tuscany and France. Back to work (same job in communications) in November.

USHER-SMITH, Juliet - Still working as a GP alongside research in Cambridge and due to start a Cancer Research UK Fellowship in February. Having now finished decorating our house and landscaping the garden, we are loving country life and busy planning holidays.

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KNIGHT, Becca (Mrs Pownall). Survived juggling major house renovation and our little boy Brae, not quite the cake-filled mat leave I'd imagined! Still at MullenLowe, travelling lots and expecting #2 in March. See lots of Q faces regularly, often with bubbas which is lovely.

LYLES, Geogina (Mrs Banks). Left London and moved to Norfolk in 2014, since had another baby, little boy called Wilf. Fab summers on the beach and being closer to family. Still getting used to the 15 minute drive to a shop!

MACGREGGOR, Caroline (Mrs Howson). I've been living in Vancouver now for about five years and working in Advertising. It's been an exciting year having got married to Clark Howson in the mountains of BC. Loving the West Coast lifestyle and excited for the future!

MAWSON, Anna. Steve and I are about to celebrate our baby girl's first birthday. Moved house to the outskirts of Leicester in March. Still working for the local authority in homelessness services.

MOORE, Susannah (Ms Wild). Not much change for me, still doing reflexology, permanently picking up toys and now discovering how adorable yet utterly exhausting little boys are compared to girls! Loving still keeping in touch with several OQs.

MOORE-COULSON, Rebecca (Mrs Evers). Living in Dronfield near Sheffield. Still teaching part time and enjoying baking celebration cakes on my other days. Both my boys growing up now Mal (5) and Nat (9).

MORGAN, Sarah (Mrs Coombes). All good with kids and Toby, Isabel started school happy as can be, William's proud to have her join him bless! Sadly lost my darling sister Julia unexpectedly but

know I will cherish our memories. Life's full of surprises, live every day xx

PHILPOTT, Charlotte (Mrs Ranford). Still juggling motherhood and working full-time in London, finding it increasingly difficult. Kids growing up fast, Archie (sensitive soul) now 6 and Amélie (indomitable) 3. Celebrated our 10th Wedding Anniversary on a family holiday to Greece. Embarking on extension project.

PRIOR, Hannah (Mrs Bruggen). Beth's arrival in 2014 most definitely (ahem) completed our little family unit and we have enjoyed two more great years in Bangkok, getting our little girls into knickers/"big girl" beds/pre-school and me back into lawyerly work for sanity and cash!

SHADBOLT, Alysa (Mrs Ganney). Number 3 arriving in the New Year, yes I think we are mad and am currently the size of a house. Still running the number one website for knackered parents everywhere, Up All Hours and loving it!

SILMAN, Jo. Bought a brand new lovely house in Gidea Park and got a Schnoodle puppy, Matilda, who is completely awesome. Senior Project Manager at a fun consultancy in London. Just holidayed in Tobago with Anna Smith, lots of diving, much needed!

WONG, Karen. Living in Melbourne, getting used to being an architect and Mum. Tom was born in April 2015 who looks like me with red hair. Great time with OQs in Bali for Tamara's wedding. House renovations planned and Emma Waterfall's visiting.

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BARKLEM, Lizzie (Mrs Bryer). 15 years in 40 words = Married Will Bryer and have two kids Timmy 5 and Emily 3. Living in Dorset for 7 years with flock of sheep, 2 pigs, 5 chickens, too many horses and immeasurable number of dogs. Re-launching Brambly Hedge books!

BUCKLEY, Harriet (Mrs Nelson). Still in London, loving being a full time mummy to my 2 girls (3 and 1). Love seeing the SW London Q people as much as possible (Louisa, George WS, Harry, Susie & Hannah). Parents still in Asia (Macau), so make it out there as often as I can!

CLIPPER, Victoria (Mrs Cunningham). Still living the dream in Bermuda...have been through two hurricane eyes in 2 years! New house 18 months ago with a gorgeous view that definitely makes for interesting weather watching! Delighted to play piano in Katie's wedding in London and a catch up with Carolyn. Love to all.

COLLIER, Lisa (Mrs Grey). Living in Cape Town with Matt, Bella (5) and Charlie (2). Started a digital content marketing company (finchandgrey.com) and loving it. Haven't been home for ages! Hope to in 2017.

DAVIES, Lynsey (Mrs Burns). Can't believe we left Q 17 years ago! I'm now living in Winchmore Hill with my husband, Phillip. He's very brave marrying me as I'm still a divorce (!) barrister at 29 Bedford Row. Really hope you're all happy and well!

DREW, Hannah (Mrs Young). Claudia Harriet Young arrived in May 2015 and has brightened every day since and now keeps up with big brother Zachary (four). I am still working in Finance for Wetherspoons: I get unlimited free "beer and burgers" and would be happy to share my wares with any of my OQ friends!

DURLACHER, Emma (Mrs Maclay). I've been living in Sydney for almost 4 years now am and still producing TV commercials. Married Tom in July on a gorgeous sunny day and was luckily enough to have with some gorgeous OQs to help us celebrate!

HALL, Philippa (Mrs Fray). Enjoying husband, daughter and country house. Back to freelance journalism.

HALLIDAY, Anna (Mrs Styles). Still living in St Albans with husband Tom, daughter Susie Annabel (not at all Q-inspired!) and Fred and Boo our ragamuffin cats. Baby #2 is due on 5 January. 6 years into being Senior Legal Adviser for Consort Medical plc.

HAWKES, Anna-Lisa (Mrs Bayley). Adam, Gemma and I left Cayman and travelled round the world for a year, had the most amazing time and saw beautiful Emma D get married. Now set up my own personal training company A2B Fitness Worldwide back in Cayman.

HILL, Nathalie. Hola Ladies! No marriage or kids yet, but delighted that I moved back to Tenerife to be near by family and friends. Bought myself a flat and am working in sales and marketing in a 5 star hotel.

JAMAL, Sarah (Mrs Beck). Our children are growing up fast; Leo has just started school and Leila will be 3 any minute. I recently joined the Immunology department at Birmingham Heartlands hospital as Consultant Clinical Scientist. Busy but happy juggling work and family and fun!

KINMONTH, Helen (Mrs Woodruff). Ollie and I have now swapped sunny Kampala for less sunny Edinburgh! Great spending time with sister Laura and kids - also Edinburgh residents. Teaching 5 minutes away and beach/hill walking with dog Maggie. Loved celebrating Emma D's July wedding.

LEREGO, Caroline (Mrs Arora). In September we welcomed our daughter Amaya, who is a beautiful little sister for our 5 year old son Ajay. Exciting times! Neel and I are happy - busy but enjoying holidays and family life.

MAISEY, Jessica. 2016 has been a busy year so far - I've set up my own business and became engaged to a lovely Austrian. Wedding is in May 2017, and I'm juggling wedmin, business admin, and renovations on our flat. Phew!

NABOYA, MaryAnn (Mrs Ferreux). Still in Australia and finally bought a house to renovate. The boys are at school, Louis is 7 and Max is 5. I have finished training and will be a consultant in November. We managed a trip to France & UK this year which was fantastic. I'm taking long service leave in January to take the boys camping in our vintage caravan. Wish me luck!

NEVE, Lisa (Mrs Bryant). I've been married to JB nearly 9 years, mum to 2.5yr old Jessica & expecting a baby boy mid Nov! Very excited but have no clue what to expect raising a boy - all tips very welcome! Still living in Bristol but finally got out of banking & considering a career change!

PICKEN, Judith. Matthew Peter Picken-Lowe was born on Christmas day and he is still playing havoc with my sleep habits! Also the double-barrelled name is an imperfect compromise but we couldn't think of anything better (our names nearly form an anagram for nippleclown but not quite...).

RAYNER, Mandy. I have settled in Topsham, Exeter where I head up a Falls service in the community of East Devon and do some private work on the side. I live with my now fiancé David, my dog and David's girls most weekends. We are doing the wedding thing in April :)

ROFFEY, Posy (Mrs Watson). After quite a few years living abroad we moved back to England this summer and are really enjoying life in rural Oxfordshire, albeit a big change. I'm looking forward to being able to see all the Q girls more often!

ROWE, Caroline. Finally found a lovely man (hoorah!) who has moved in with me (and Tonks the cat) in Enfield. Still running and being brutally murdered on odd weekends, but no more hockey. Off to Vegas (with some OQs) to win my fortune and realise my dream of opening a retirement home for old people and animals! Will be an auntie at Xmas.

SALVADOR, Rocio. I moved to Sydney 1 year ago and am loving it! Best decision I have made so far - a great personal and professional change and just what I needed. Also, just got promoted at work and very excited for the next chapter in my career! If you are every in Sydney, let me know!

TOOP, Louise (Mrs Butcher). Had a difficult few months with my dear dad and number 1 Queenswood hockey supporter sadly passing away in June. On a happier note I am expecting baby number 4 in April... Terrifying but exciting all the same!

VINCE, Anne-Marie (Mrs Jacobs). I'm living near Oxford in the countryside. I now work as an Accounting Assistant which fits in perfectly with my life as a mum of 3 beautiful girls (the oldest is now 10!), not much has changed but we're happy.

WALKER, Carolyn (Mrs Hammond). I exchanged London life for Hong Kong in Spring 2015 with my husband Ben, and after catching up with Annabel and Posy and squeezing in as much Asia travel as possible, these days I'm working at global communications firm Edelman.

WARNER-SMITH, Georgina. Currently gearing up for a 4 month sabbatical - travelling SE Asia and then vineyards and history in Southern France. Still Deputy Head in Battersea with work romance; loved being a bridesmaid for Lou in the summer and loving being an Auntie for the first time!

WHITE, Hannah (Mrs Gilmour). Olive was born in February, a sister to Margot who turned 2 in June. Enjoying maternity leave in Chiswick and look to return to White Stuff Buying in early 2017.

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ADAMS, Lucy (Mrs Klimowicz). Still working in cricket as Head of commercial partnerships at ECB. Healthy and well but not as fit as I'd like to be! Enjoyed catching up with lots of Q girls at our reunion earlier this year.

ATTERWIL, Beth (Mrs Featherby). Freddie 9, Charles 7, Wilbur 5 and Felicity 3, continue to keep John and I on our toes. Enjoying plenty of running, swimming and cycling to combat spending too much time in the car doing school runs. Life is beautifully chaotic!

BENNETT-BAGGS, Tania (Mrs Shaw). We had a new addition to the family last year, Patrick who is a bundle of joy and Maxwell is a very proud big brother. Living with Teddington and still work in sports management. Hi to all x

GROVES, Susie (Mrs Pennington). Life feels very busy but good fun with two kids and one more on the way this summer! Really enjoying Earlsfield and with so many OQs close by for regular catch ups it couldn't be better! Lovely reunion last year, look forward to the next one!

McCONNELL, Claire (Mrs Ryder). The last year has flown by, with the arrival of daughter Lizzy in Jan 2016 to join her elder brother Isaac, now 3. Had a wonderful but sleepless year on maternity leave and now back to work, as a research scientist in the Meteorology Department at Reading University.

PHILLIPS, Emma (Mrs Astaire). The twins have just turned two and Phoebe has just turned one, so we've had lots of birthday celebrations in our house! Nick and I are well and I'm hoping to return to work in the next few months.

REID, Lucy (Mrs Heathcoat Amory). Arthur is 4 and George 2 are great fun, and we are living in Battersea. Still doing my interior design which I love. Seeing a lot of Hannah Fairbairn and Susie Pennington who live close by.

REYNOLDS, Andrejka (Mrs Dean). Mummy to Benji, (6) Josh (3) and Marcus (23 months). Living in Surrey. To be found singing (badly) in my car on the school run, boxing in my garage, at the park or drinking wine.

VINER, Hannah (Mrs Drew). Moved back from Bahrain in the summer: back at work at P&G, George at nursery,

Simon at Amazon. Very happy to be home: no more sand for us for while!

WHEELER, Helen (Mrs Stone). Part time maths teaching and living in Surrey. Mum to two lively boys Toby (nearly 4) and Harry (9 mo) who keep me busy. Still playing hockey in any spare time I get!

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BORROUGHS, Natasha. Working at the Foreign Office and enjoying all the challenges of Brexit. Getting closer to finding my Italian Stallion each year! In the meantime I have made Crouch End in North London my home.

BOWIE, Sarah (Mrs Viner). A busy year for us- Rose now two and keeps us on our toes! Still based in Salisbury with Alex at Army HQ in Andover and me working full time as Comms Director for a military charity.

CORBITT, Karen. Still living in Newcastle working as a paediatric Physio. Have put my mountaineering trips to the arctic on hold as now enjoying being a mum to my gorgeous little boy Harry who was born in June.

CRAIK, Jenny. After four fantastic, sunny years in Johannesburg, I was lured home by friends, family and a new job. Enjoying London life as well as regular trips to Singapore, India, South Africa and Dubai to keep the vitamin D topped up.

DASWANI, Radha (Mrs Dadlani). After Q I headed off to Canada, Indonesia, China and then settled down in Dallas, TX. Now married with two sweet baby boys. Keeping busy with real estate, photography, graphic design and of course being a mom.

FOSTER, Jenanne (Mrs Khalek). Have travelled to Australia, China, Dubai and Abu Dhabi with work but have now hung up my acting shoes for the time being as we've just welcomed a baby daughter, Lyla into the world. An exciting next chapter!

LANE, Rebecca. Got hitched this summer surrounded by my fave OQs! Still living in Oxford and have just started a new job at the Oxford English Dictionary.

LANDERYOU, Victoria (Mrs Lee).

After getting married in 2015, we went to Cuba, then bought a house, a kitten and went to Canada skiing! With lots of horse activities inbetween!

LYNCH, Jade. New York was calling again and have just moved back to the big apple this summer. Love being back in the city and we see being here for the long run. Continuing to work in digital marketing in the travel industry.

MILLAR, Lisa. Hope everyone's happy and well. This year has been exciting – got a promotion, got engaged to an Aussie and was lucky enough to celebrate with everyone at home. Wedding's in South Africa, can't wait to see the Q girls there!

MURRAY, Netta (Mrs Pakenham Walsh). I seem to be growing up very slowly: marriage, mortgage and now a pottery class, all in an action-packed full year. I've even managed to stick with the same job for over 3 years, immersing myself in the world of rugby.

MORETON, Carol (nee **ARMSTRONG**). Our son Freddie was born last year and Grace is loving being a big sister! We are still living in Hampshire, loving the countryside and all that comes with it.

RICHARDSON, Dominique. Started a new job in January at an M&A and restructuring firm, looking after the Partner and an MD. Hugely challenging but it is great to be back in the EA world. Still living in north London with Mitty

SMITH, Tor (Mrs Saner). What a year! Married, new house and a new job. Loved seeing two of my faves Bex and Netts get married to their Australian and Worcester beauties and have loved catching up with lots of Q faces along the way.

SHADBOLT, Jessica. Kitchen life continues for me, but this time in New York where I opened my first restaurant! Come and say hello if you are ever in town
- www.kingrestaurant.nyc I'll make sure you're well fed! Hope you are all well!

TAYLOR, Jo (Mrs Taylor). Still enjoying London and seeing lots of Tor, Netta and Bex. Loved both Netta and Bex's weddings this summer. Keeping busy doing marketing for Cookery School at Little Portland Street and, as always, eating and cooking lots!

WULWICK, Philippa. It's been a fun filled year of becoming pregnant, going through copious amounts of chocolate and giving birth to our beautiful daughter called Poppy Evie Lee. Both over the moon and now stepped into the crazy world of parenthood! Next stop Queenswood?

WORTH, Amanda (Mrs Middleton). Life continues to be fast-paced. With both girls now in school, nappies & weaning have been replaced with phonics & homework. Loved seeing so many OQ's at Bex's wedding & can't wait for SA adventures for Lisa's wedding next year.

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ALEXANDER, Nicola. Still living just outside Cambridge, though big projects coming up for loft conversion and new kitchen etc. Finished work as a teacher in July to be a full time Mummy to Jack who turns 2 in January and loving it.

BEATTY, Jemima. Busy juggling life between being a Mummy and equine dentistry, with a rather large bump growing due in Feb so looking forward to maternity leave! Still living in Herts in our dream home with lots of ongoing work to keep us busy and poor!

BESTER, Vicki. I've been married for 3 years now. We moved to Poole, in Dorset just after we got married and have a cute little puppy to keep us busy. I'm still working for M&S as a store manager. Nice to hear what everyone is up to.

DAVIES, Emily. Not too much change for me – still living and working in Oxford. Did a couple of great trips to the US (geography joy at the Grand Canyon) and hiked up a volcano in Ethiopia! Counting the days to a holiday to NZ in Jan, can't wait.

DICK, Juliet. Battling on with paediatric training, currently in beautiful Croydon, luckily still living in Fulham though. Off on Caribbean sailing adventures with Maz, trying very hard not to grow up but the hangovers are hurting more! Hope you're all well.

DUA, Radhika. I'm working as a doctor after a bit of a career change! Still based in London and trying to take as many holidays as possible! Looking forward to hearing everyone else's news.

GUNNER, Lauren. I was running a school for excluded students in London for 2 years. Now I am having another year off travelling doing the countries on the Silk Road and wherever else it takes me! Catch up with everyone soon.

HEDLEY LEWIS, Amanda. Another busy year organising sport events, but all change as quit my job and planning time to travel – lots of skiing and learning to kitesurf top of the list! No wedding or babies on the horizon so time to be selfish! Reunion soon please.

HODGKINSON, Sophie. I've been married for 3 years, bought a house & slowly redecorating and attempting to be green fingered - failing miserably, but enjoying it nonetheless. I'm now a senior sustainability engineer and enjoying the challenges that it brings.

HORNER, Fleur. Busy few years! Moved to a brand strategy consultancy, started a maternity active wear business (running bump) and spent 6 months in Australia playing hockey professionally. Busy and happy.

LEUNG, Caroline. "Revisiting some Q friends in a week time! Single and still trying new things daily! Just did a stand up ticket selling talk show. Drinking a lot in HK!

MANN, Caroline. I took a brilliant sabbatical to travel around India for a few months while I was buying for Tesco. Since then, I've moved company to Wyevalle and had some more time off to walk the Camino in Spain.

MCCARTHY, Fleur. Still working in Buying at Tesco, got married at the beginning of the year followed by a fab honeymoon eating and drinking our way round Mexico! Our next adventure is a baby arriving in January 2017!

METZGER, Anna. Living in Norfolk and in the process of moving house. Hamish was born in March and I love being a mummy. I have just finished maternity leave and I am working as a supply teacher.

MOONEY, NICOLA I moved to Buckinghamshire last year to take on a coaching role at Halton, and in the meantime become co-directors in a travel business which is going well and giving me some nice trips away! Hope to see everyone soon!

NEWSON, Carly. Been married for 2 years living in North London with our baby boy Maxon who was born in March. Own a personal training studio

with my husband, teaching group fitness classes and loving mummy life!

REGHENZANI, Jessica. After 10 years at Cartier, I made the decision to move back to Singapore after the summer to be close to family. Loving the sunshine! Lots of love x

SHEEHAN, Amy. Still living in Hertfordshire working in London, getting ready to get married in December followed by a honeymoon in Thailand, can't wait!!! Looking forward to catching up with everyone soon!!!

SHIRISAKI, Mari. I've been working for JTI - a tobacco manufacturer as an interpreter for 2.5 years now. Simultaneous interpreting is a lot of fun (believe it or not), went on business trips to Spain and Russia recently which was very exciting. Still running a lot, doing another marathon in December. Love to you all x

SKINNER, Sam. Two years married now and still loving living in the Cotswolds. Still working for Sky (amazingly) and actually quite enjoying it! Facing a temporary move back to London in 2017 and our first taste of military accommodation!

SHEPHERD, Emily. Great to hear everyone's news! I have redirected my career to Medical Law and working in The City, a slight lifestyle change from labour ward! Still living in Marylebone and ticking off adventures one by one!

SWEENEY, Arwen. Still living in the US working for Dell. Been here for 3.5 years! Looking to move back to the UK by the end of next summer. Loving my dogs and have also acquired a cat, Alan. Loving spending time with friends and family and still can't quite believe we're in our 30s.

TOWNSEND, Laura Recently joined a private equity and venture capital fund to lead their talent strategy - very new and exciting but still learning what software entrepreneurs do! Expecting our first baby in April a welcome addition to our 1 year old dachshund Crumpet xxx

TREWELLA, Emily. I got married at Q chapel in April! Then had a fabulous honeymoon in the Maldives and Sri Lanka. Just sold our house with nowhere to move in to just yet so it's in with the parents temporarily..eek!

WAKEFIELD, Susanna. I've been with my husband for 14 years now and married for 6 years in December. I've got

3 boys, Finley 5, Oscar 3 & Dexter 11 weeks so I'm kept very very busy being a mummy juggling school runs, after school activities and gossip with my girls

WALKER, Tara. Still working in the challenging field of construction & engineering in London. Accepted a perm role so my contracting freedom is gone :(Still with my hunky bf, no house, marriage or babies yet! New dog in couple weeks though.

2004: Section 72

Sorry that we have missed you this year.

2005: Section 73

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DAVIES, Julia. Living and working as a physio in Henley. Travelling as much as I can and excited about a month in New Zealand planned for January. Did a marathon and a 100km walk this year so just got to decide what next year's challenge will be!

FURNESS, Natasha. Still loving Auckland, still at Deloitte, still getting outdoors lots either on 2 wheels, feet or sails. Mr Right hasn't made an appearance so making the most of it by undertaking a world adventure from July :)

PARTINGTON, Rachel (Mrs Godsave). This year I married James, and was very lucky that lots of Q gurlies came to join us, even Tash from NZ. So I'm now Rachel Godsave! Looking forward to more Q weddings next year.

FLYNN, Jessica (Mrs McGawley). After qualifying as a consultant psychologist earlier this year, I applied my six year's experience of working with private family offices into setting up my own private practice, specialising in pastoral care for international students in the UK - Dallingtonassociates.com. I am living in Shoreditch with my husband, Ben.

McKENDRICK-NESS, Vicki. Hi all! I moved job a year ago to a management consultancy called Capco and am loving it. Celebrated the big 30 (!) a month ago and planning my wedding in Spain next September. Hope all are well.

RONAN, Jess (Mrs McMahon). Moved to North London and living in trendy Crouch End. Loving married life to Daniel McMahon. Recently had my 4 year anniversary at Deloitte in Marketing. Hope everyone is well.

2006: Section 74

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CROOKENDEN, Clare. Hi everyone, still living and working in London for The Prince's Countryside Fund, focusing on all things rural. You can take the girl out of the countryside, but you can't take the countryside out of the girl! Enjoying the Q catch ups.

GARCIA PULIDO, Pamela. This year has been nuts! Loving working as a second year registrar in Addenbrookes. Got engaged to Nick in June, and picking up the keys to first house tomorrow. Excited to finally become a British national next week!

HARVEY, Kate. Continuing to work in HE regulation and student casework, but have moved universities and been promoted, so am now Head of Department at King's College London. Still finishing my flat which I bought in February 2014! Can't believe it's been 10 years!

LINSELL, Katie (Mrs Cozon). Hi everyone, the past year has been eventful because after moving back from Madrid to London, I married my boyfriend of nine years, Louis, in September. I'm now enjoying newly-married life as Mrs Cozon and getting used to the name change!

MOSIMANN, Danielle. Many travels. Marketing Manager at an analytics company. Artistic Director of theatre collective Rough Triangle. Recently returned from Stockholm Fringe Festival. Shout-out to Queenswood Drama Department and their support. Moving to Berlin to trial more creative work alongside freelance Marketing/Copywriting.

SHAH, Kavina, My highlights: Settling into married life and the new house! Scuba diving in Bahamas (sharks), Borneo (Barracuda point) and Gili (turtles!)! Japanese wonders! Q friends' weddings and engagements! And finally, securing my Rheumatology/General Medicine training number in London!

THOMAS, Nicola (Mrs Shirley). Life is incredibly busy, with our little addition to the family, Theia, who was born at the end of May, and trying to renovate our house! Loving maternity leave and watching our little pickle grow, it's flying by.

WATSON, Charlotte. A big year, got engaged, was bridesmaid in two Q weddings – Sasha Rankin and Charlotte Russell, moved to Henley on Thames, was chosen as a New Balance ambassador and continued my Dietetics degree. Looking forward to our ten year reunion!

WEBSTER, Emma. Hard to believe we left Q 10 years ago. I'm currently working for British Airways and have celebrated the arrival of a puppy! I am also very proud to be Godmother to Nix's daughter Theia.

ZIEGER, Anna. In the last two years I trained and qualified as a Paramedic, Health Coach and started Medical School! Currently in my 3rd semester and knee deep in books! Any time off I'm off exploring another corner of the globe! Living in Vienna currently and loving every minute! Much love and hope everyone is well!

2007: Section 75

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ARBUTHNOTT, Caitlin Still living in Pimlico with my boyfriend John, of 7 years. Still working at BT but now doing PR with a focus on CSR and internet safety. Looking forward to Charlie White's wedding and planning her Hen do!

BROWNE, Minnie I am teaching in a boys' prep school in Buckinghamshire with a lovely Year 5 class. I live near Beaconsfield and am kept busy with our two cats and springer spaniel puppy, Ted, who is lovely, but extremely lively!

JAGUN, Sola After eleven years in the U.K., I resigned as an investment banker, went solo travelling again across the French West Indies and moved to Africa temporarily. Here's to another decade of adventure, soul-discovery and living intentionally.

WARE, Philly I am currently living in London with my boyfriend Mark and working in corporate events for Reed & Mackay organising events all around the world. It's very busy but I'm really enjoying it!

WHITE, Charlie I am currently living in Tring with my fiancée Ben and planning our wedding for summer 2017. I am working in London for the Communications Department at Arsenal Football Club and really enjoying it.

2008: Section 76

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DUKE, Xerona. I've moved back to Lagos and am working as an entertainment attorney while producing films and working on an EP of my music that is slated for release in a couple months

ELLIOTT, Amanda. Having retired as a professional tennis player and studied at Loughborough, I now find myself as UK Marketing Manager at the sports fashion brand Björn Borg. Where has time gone?! Still catch up with Q girls when I can!

HARVEY, Lucy. Despite the full-blown quarter-life crisis, this year has been exquisite thanks to a visit to NYC, skiing with OQs and launching Victoria Beckham's beauty range. (If Sarah Hellings' criticisms of my social media are accurate, you'll know all this anyway!).

PACKFORD, Anna. I'm heading into my third year in Dubai, currently working at Pricewaterhousecoopers as Marketing Manager for the Middle East Tax and Legal division. This is definitely not where I saw myself in 10 years, but living here has been an experience I'd recommend to anyone!

RANDALL, Kate. 2016 was an action packed year for me. I bought a house in South West London with my boyfriend which we are currently renovating. I also changed jobs and now work in the Investor Relations team at an asset manager.

WARD, Elizabeth. 2017 – the year of (hopefully) buying my first flat, sharing it with my dog, Tiggy, and trying to find out more about this thing people call a work/life balance as my law firm goes through a merger in May.

2009: Section 77

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BURROWS, Daisy. I work in paediatric Speech and Language Therapy at Guy's and St Thomas's Hospital in London which is an absolute dream. I got engaged in the summer so I'm currently planning my wedding and suddenly starting to feel a little bit grown up!

ELLISON, Olivia. Recently returned from travelling and survived (to everyone's shock!). Now working in fashion casting. Due to complete lack of fashion sense I am hoping to transfer over into the theatre sector. Remain in contact with lots of the Q girls.

HAWES, Francesca. After graduating from Leeds I did a Masters in Real Estate at Oxford Brookes. I'm now working in the Leisure team Harper Dennis Hobbs. In April I'll sit my APC to become a chartered surveyor.

IP, Doris. Still slaving away in the Corporate World in London, working on music on the side where possible with a YouTube piano cover channel. Occasional travels and trips back home keeping the sanity. OK – it's not so bad. Life is good!

LARKIN, Sarah. Two years after stumbling into Insurance, I'm loving my role in the digital team at Direct Line Group. Bought a flat with my boyfriend which has kept me busy, but still find time for bottomless brunch with the Q girls!

LAVARELLO, Marina. I still get to play tennis every day, luckily for everyone around me I can't get as competitive as I used to! However, I now pass this attribute on to my 300 juniors at Brondesbury Tennis Club.

LAYTON, Hannah. From luxury trains to luxury homes - I now work for onefinestay in its PR team and am loving it. Living in London and still love seeing the Q girls regularly.

LOVE, Alexandra. Working at Harrow School organising weddings, events and filming. Loving that no two days are ever the same. At home whilst saving to buy a cupboard in London. Love to all x

MALCOLMSON, Hannah (Mrs Bouette). I am still working my way up in fashion buying. Loving being a mum to the most gorgeous and tallest 4 year old (ironic considering my height!). Rubbish at keeping in touch but sending my best wishes to everyone.

McNIVEN, Danielle. I've run away from art direction and become a freelance entertainment journalist – editing my music site One Stop Record Shop on the side. East London may be stealing every penny I have (cliché hipster pursuits cost dolla) but hey, I'm loving it!

MIAN, Hannah. Still living with the parents and saving my pennies. I now work for Hacked Off- we support

victims of press abuse and campaign for a free, but accountable press. It's interesting and important work so couldn't be happier.

NEOCLEOUS, Hannah. I no longer live at home- a miracle! Packed up, moved to London and secured my dream job of literally eating every day for a living. Life at YouTube's SORTEDfood is epic, I'm loving every second. Love to all x

O'HALLORAN, Harriet. A year into the Graduate Leadership Scheme at BT, currently managing Partner Programmes across BT Business and Public Sector. Living in Kensal Rise, travelling the world in my spare time and generally having far too much fun

PARSONS, Daisy-May. Graduated from drama school this January and worked some really great jobs. Just finished filming my first feature film. Off to Valencia for a 6 month tour with a theatre company. All going swimmingly. Hope everyone is well.

RICHARDSON, Beth. I'm currently in York, working for an independent theatre company by managing their tours and marketing. Due to begin a counselling course next term and still actively involved in my church and northern life.

SAVILLE, Lucy. I work for KPMG, and I'll be qualified as an accountant within the next year. Living in Clapham, still playing hockey..!

SAVVA, Helena. Living in London and am a trainee solicitor for Berwin Leighton Paisner. I qualify as a fully - fledged solicitor in March and am hoping to stay on at my firm (if Brexit hasn't ruined all job opportunities!).

SEATON, Emma. Recently commenced my training contract in the Commercial Property department at Bishop & Sewell, a specialist property firm based near Chancery Lane. During the summer my sister and I bought a flat in Clapham which we have enjoyed making home.

SHERRIFF, Libby. Loving life South of the River in London, still spending my life playing hockey (at Wimbledon HC), and working as Brand Manager at Unilever on Lynx and Dove Men +Care.

TANGYUK, Madison. I've qualified as a teacher and am teaching in a fantastic primary school in West Hampstead. I adore my lovely year 1 class and the hilarious comments they come out with.

Not much else to report- still no husband!

TREADGOLD, Vicky. Still living in Bristol and currently working for Avon and Somerset police. Enjoying a more balanced life after leaving the prison service and am currently the 1st XI captain for a local hockey team.

WRIGHT, Hannah. Still living in London, although shifted over to Haggerston & moved in with my partner! I've recently changed companies to Premier Inn, but still working within Analytics. Decided to cheat on hockey and started playing football weekly.

2010: Section 78

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2011: Section 79

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BAINES, EMILY. Emily has recently qualified as a Primary School Teacher and is enjoying her first year teaching a Year One class in Putney.

BARR, Emma. Emma has recently been promoted to Digital Marketing Assistant at Anya Hindmarch, where her main responsibility is to manage all online marketing channels to optimise traffic across all of their websites.

BLAZQUEZ, Naomi. Having recently made a move to France, Naomi is working as a Business Development Representative at Anheuser-Busch InBev – the world's largest beer brewer. Selling beer in the French countryside, she's smashing targets and frogs legs alike!

DICKINSON, Erin. Following a masters in Natural Sciences at Durham, Erin took a year off, working as a ski instructor then South American travels. She recently joined Ernst & Young as a Management Consultant and is working on Europe's largest infrastructure project, whilst studying to become a qualified Accountant.

HILLS, Emily. Emily has recently accepted a position with XL Caitlin, a leading syndicate in the insurance industry, working in the cargo marine sector in Lloyds of London. Currently, she is studying for her ACII examinations.

PITTALIS, Eleni. Following the completion of an MSc in Shipping, Trade and Finance at Cass Business School and travelling the world, Eleni will be on the Commodity Associate Programme for 7

months rotating between the oil and shipping desks at S&P Global Platts before becoming a Pricing Analyst.

DE COVERLY VEALE, Rebecca. In May, Rebecca was led on a treasure trail around North London, to be greeted by close friends and family for a surprise proposal and picnic. She will marry William Pargeter in June this year.

2012: Section 80

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2013: Section 81

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BIAGI, Alyssa. I've just started my Masters Degree in International Management of Luxury Brands after completing my Bachelor's in PPE in Rome. Course is divided between Reims and Milan, where I hope to gain employment in a luxury brand company.

CHIU, Celine. I have just graduated from the University of Warwick with a Bachelor degree in Computer Science. Currently taking a gap year, travelling to Japan soon, Tokyo being the first stop. In addition, I am still learning to drive despite failing the theory tests twice!

DEE, Reagan. Graduated from Loughborough University with a 2:1 in Sport and Exercise Science. Currently finishing my summer working as an aerobics instructor for Mark Warner in Kos, Greece. Excited to be heading out to France over winter, continuing my work with them in customer service.

GEORGIOU, Lily. University isn't a lifestyle one leaves willingly - generous holidays and a wonderful social life. My Business Mgt degree enabled me to study for a term in Aus, almost cook, and think strategically. After graduation and SE Asia travels, I am undertaking a Masters in Luxury Brand Management.

KURZER, Friederike. After two amazing years at UCL, I'm now starting my third semester in Cologne, Germany, as it's the second half of my English-German law degree. I'm really happy here - living in a great (chocolate filled) flat with lovely flatmates.

MERCER, Anna. I am currently a final year student at the University of Warwick reading History and Italian. I have recently returned from a year abroad in Rome and spent the summer working at a luxury fashion concierge company.

MOORES, Eleanor. Recently completed a year long industrial placement working in PR and comms for L'Oreal at The Body Shop International, then travelled round India and Bhutan. Now back at university to complete my final year at the University of Bath studying Politics with International Relations.

PICKWORTH, Lucy. I graduated from Newnham College, Cambridge in June where I read Geography. After travelling around South East Asia and Europe this summer I have moved to Clapham and started the Assurance and Management Consulting grad scheme at PwC.

RADLEY, Jessica. I graduated from Cambridge in June and just started my masters in 'Psychology of Mental Health' at Edinburgh University. After that, I hope to do a PhD which will eventually take me on to becoming a Clinical Psychologist.

TAYLOR, Victoria. I am in my third year at Royal Holloway University, currently doing a placement year. I am working for Winsor London, Heidi Klein & Pringle Of Scotland in the Marketing, PR and Wholesale departments. I am thoroughly enjoying it!

WAKELEY, Amy. I'm currently in my penultimate year studying Business at the University of Bath. I've just finished my first placement working for Zurich plc. in governance of insurance & investments; and I'm now applying for my second placement, ideally in investment banking.

2015: Section 82

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2016: Section 83

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AGANGA, Pitan. I am currently studying International Relations at the Malaysia campus of the University of Nottingham but soon I'll be applying to London universities to embark on a Law conversion, as that is what I plan on going into.

ANDREA-LYKOURGOU, Zoë. I am reading Japanese at SOAS and taking an open option in Hindi this year. I am also Co-President of the Japan Society and captain of the UoL women's fencing team, and am currently preparing for my year abroad to Japan next year.

AKIMOTO, Haruka. I am in my second year studying International Relations at LSE, this year with an open option in Public International Law. I am also Vice President of the LSE Japan Society trying to promote understanding of our culture through various events.

BALMFORTH, Fenella. I am in my second year at Sheffield Hallam and am looking for a placement in hospitality. I have received confirmation that in semester two I will be living, learning, and earning in Colorado in the Stanley Hotel where *The Shining* was written.

BLACKMORE, Sophie. I didn't go to university and instead went to a secretarial college in London, which I finished in June. I am currently working for a Law firm in St James' Park in their Corporate and Commercial department and am also studying for a Law qualification which will enable me to qualify as a solicitor whilst working.

CHRYSANTHOU, Alexandra (Alex). I am at the University of Warwick studying English Literature and have become involved in many extracurricular activities such as volunteering at a homeless shelter and teaching at a local school in Coventry. I also work at Boots both in Enfield and in Leamington Spa!

DEREN, Colombe. After my year at Queenswood (Year 10), I went back to school in Paris (Saint Louis de Gonzague) for my final three years. I am now back in England at Durham University where I am doing a bachelor's in Business and Management with study abroad.

REID, Tasha. I'm in my second year at Exeter University, studying Psychology. Absolutely loving it.

ROSS, Elizabeth. I am studying French and Italian at Bristol and am also looking forward to my year abroad next year where I will spend one term in France and one term in Italy, where we have the option to either study or work.

TANG, Anaïs. I'm planning my year abroad with intentions to return from Beijing without causing a large carbon footprint by taking the Trans-Mongolian railway to St Petersburg then hitchhiking and using public transport from Estonia to England. I've also learned Swedish and hitchhiked from Edinburgh to Paris for charity, raising £800.

WALSH, Olivia. I am currently in my second year at Royal Holloway, University of London reading Politics and International Relations. During my

first year, research of mine examining the effects of language on public attitudes towards immigration, was published by the Centre for European Politics.

YU, Priscilla. I terminated my degree in Medicine and started Year 1 again at UCL, this time doing BA Philosophy and History of Art. I am also living with fellow OQs Rachel Wong and Michelle Lo in King's Cross.

ZHANG, Sylvia. I'm doing Design Engineering at Imperial College London.

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BUTLER, Audrey. We had a well attended SE Reunion in the summer at my local pub in Lodsworth - a happy occasion. I had a very happy evening in with 1996 leavers in London in the autumn, thanks to Lindsay. It was a special surprise. Sharon was able to take the same train with me which was a great help. I'm spending more time at home these days, less reliable and slower but very well physically. Today's geopolitics are a constant interest as well as a concern. I will be doing more gardening this year!

SEX, Pippa. I left Q in the summer of 2015 to take up the position of Pastoral Deputy at Farnborough Hill School in Hampshire. The school is very like Q in lots of ways - lovely girls and staff, beautiful grounds and great food - so I'm very happy! There's always lots of work to do but there's never a dull moment and I still get to go on some fantastic trips - skiing in Austria last year and trip to China to look forward to at Easter!

LAWSON, Vivienne. I send my very best wishes to any old Queenswoodians who remember me. I am still involved with helping people with their Maths & still playing golf (when it's not raining!)

WAKELIN, Ann. We moved about two years ago from a rural life in the Downs outside Arundel to Old Portsmouth in sight of the sea, the ferries and recently the sound of foghorns. Alison and family are within walking distance which is great. Katy and family rather further away, still in Nottingham.

HARDIE, Sharon. Despite having retired in 2013, I have been back to work at Q three times! When not there, I am enjoying living in a real house, walking Maisie and doing voluntary work, including being a Governor in a Primary School.

EVERINGTON, Joanna. Retired early last July from teaching and caring full time for both parents and aunt. Living back in North Yorkshire and playing golf when I have a few spare moments. Love reading the chronicle and Old Q news.

ROBERTS, Mark. I have just spent a month in New Zealand with my husband Mark. We visited our son Owen, his wife and our youngest granddaughter- Abigail who's three. This is our third visit and we enjoyed travelling to Lake Taupo and New Plymouth. We still live in Brecon but get up to London as often as possible to see our son Luke, his wife and our eldest grandchildren : Elana and Isaac. Still keeping in touch with many friends (OQ staff). Jeryl Scurr, Val Challacombe, Therese Davidson, Susan Scriven, Jon Hills, Jan Hills - and many others mainly through Facebook.

GIACHARDI, David. Still happily enjoying retirement with my husband David, spending time here and at our home in France. I manage to play golf quite often, even playing in Spain last October for my husband's Livery company. I attended the Candlelit Carols at Q in December and met old friends and the new Principal. Our best news is the birth of our first grandchild, a boy called Bertie, last June. He was a month early but he is catching up well.

MACCUISH, Donald. Still doing battle with the elements in this remote Hebridean environment, which attracts unprecedented numbers of summer visitors. Remain active with music tuition and other pursuits. Usually make it a 'long way down' the mainland 3 or 4 times each year to visit family, especially grandchildren. Can't believe that 23 years have elapsed since my 16 years in Q!

BARTHOLAMEW, Elizabeth. I'm still working at Lochinver School until I retire in two years time. My son Oliver is now married, working in New York, and expecting his first child end of April. Hanna, my daughter, who was born at Q, is working in Banff in Canada.

NEEDHAM Liz. The classic statement made by many "retirees". How did I find time to work!!!? I am playing golf now, although I am just retiring as Ladies' Captain at Brookmans Park GC. I am going to the Gold Coast in Aus for the Commonwealth Games. I anticipate travelling via Los Angeles, Cook Islands, Auckland, Adelaide, Sydney and Brisbane back via Hong Kong. (Would love to meet up with any Old Q's). I cannot believe I spent 30 years at Q, but

I enjoyed the wonderful experience of doing so many different jobs.

PINTER, Ambrus. I am working in Rugby school and LEGENDS Tennis academy in Haylebury College. I'm also coaching in smaller clubs, and teaching PE in different schools when needed. I am lecturing history and politics particularly the Cold War and the Hungarian revolution.



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Hilary Dawson (Mrs Watson) at the start of her Women versus Cancer night ride



Hilary Watson and Rosie Davis conquering the Women versus Cancer 104km Night Bike Ride, 2016

