

## Where Are They Now?

### Alexandra Gamble (1989-2001)

I left OLCS when I was 16 and went to Ratcliffe then travelled for a year around the world. Since then I went to Leeds Met University to study Event Management. I got a position in Live Nation, the biggest music promoter in the world and worked on concerts such as Live 8, Hard Rock Calling, Foo Fighters, Download Festival and went on Tour with Guns N Roses and much more. After that I worked for Bracken Events doing conferences for government ministers such as Peter Mandelson and Former PM Gordon Brown. I also worked for SJ Events for 6 months and I am now at LOROS, The Leicestershire and Rutland Hospice working 3 days a week as Corporate Fund raiser. I have only been there since Jan 2011 however since starting there, I have taken part in 'The Rampant Run' in aid of LOROS and Urban Zen (DKNY's charity) where a team of 25 runners, ran 200 miles in 48 hours with a host of celebrities and we arrived in time to do a final lap at the Six Nations,



England v France game. We were greeted by Prince Harry on the pitch for the achievement. The other two



days a week I freelance as an Event Manager and have my own Swiss, premium skincare company that is used by famous faces and is due to be commissioned into Harrods in March, called Arbonne International.

### Antoinette Nicolle

I left the Convent in 2003 and, with my place being held for me to study psychology at Hertford College at Oxford University, I went to live in Boston Massachusetts for a year. I then studied for 3 years for my BA in Experimental Psychology at Oxford University. After graduating from Oxford in 2007, I moved immediately down to London to do my PhD at the Wellcome Trust Centre for Neuroimaging at UCL where I used functional neuroimaging to explore the role of regret and responsibility in decision-making. I finished my PhD in September 2010 and moved to York University in Toronto to start my post doctoral fellowship, where I've been researching the effect of emotion on reasoning and rational decision-making. After spending 9 months in Toronto I'm happy to have just moved back to England in July 2011 and will be finishing off the remaining two years of this post doctoral research position at Hull University.

### Brenda West (Nee Jackson 1930-2011)

Sadly, over Christmas 2010 Brenda West, former PPSA Secretary passed away.

Brenda was a day pupil at Our Lady's Convent School and is remembered by her school friends as 'very clever'. Brenda stayed close to her old school and became secretary of the Past Pupils Association helping to bind together women with a deep commitment to shared formative community. She is admired for her constancy and devotion. Several times in later years she offered to give up her post as secretary, but carried on to the end. Even when crippled with arthritis and hardly able to move, she came, attended functions, and was always there at the end of the phone for anyone who needed her. She was always very pleasant and accommodating.

God rest her soul.

# Farewell and Welcome

Committee member Sarah Marshall starts a new teaching position in Dubai in September. We will sadly lose her as a committee member but wish her well in her new career path and hope she will keep in touch with us and send regular updates about her activities.

We are pleased to welcome Grace Smalley as another youthful representative of the Past pupils to replace Sarah on to the committee.

# Summer Picnic 2011

This year we hosted another successful summer picnic on the lawn, welcoming back students and staff from across the years who had the opportunity to catch up with friends and staff they had not seen for a number of years.



# Get Involved

Do you want a reunion specifically targeted at your year group?  
If so - get in touch!

We are now aiming to plan specific events for OLCS Leavers, but we need to know what you would prefer. Let us know what kinds of events you would like us to assist in arranging. We can provide organisational help, a venue and caterers. If you would like to know more about arranging a reunion please contact [PPSA@TheOLCS.org](mailto:PPSA@TheOLCS.org)

# PPSA Christmas Tree

You can become a star!

We plan to enter a Christmas Tree on behalf of the Past Pupils and Staff Association into the Parents Association competition at their Christmas Fayre on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

The names of the first 25 past pupils to e-mail us with their name, dates when they attended the school and a "memorable moment or event" will star on our tree. We can't promise a Hollywood role, but we will do our best to enable YOU to be the one who is noticed!

Just e-mail: [PPSA@TheOLCS.org](mailto:PPSA@TheOLCS.org)

## Dates for your Diary:

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November PA Christmas Fayre – See your name "in lights" Meet representatives of the PPSA

### Tickets for the following events:

£5 each for life members and £6 each for all other members.

Book your tickets by contacting:

Liz Marshall (01509 856419) Anna Murphy ( 07870581390) or Mary Hopkins (07753602387)

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2011 – 7.30pm - Wine & Cheese evening with Carols around the Christmas Tree

11<sup>th</sup> March 2012 - 3.00pm - Reunion with afternoon tea and AGM