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Dear Old Girls

I missed the last Newsletter as I was in the UK with a group of 37 principals from schools which stretch from Mowbray to Khayelitsha, known as the "Klipfontein Corridor". We spent the time in Birmingham visiting schools which had been in danger of being closed down but which were rescued, turned around quite dramatically and are now functioning efficiently and effectively. It was an interesting and very informative time. The group has met several times this year and the members have become firm friends. Rustenburg as a school can only benefit from being part of this exciting project which looks to "take beyond" (the motto) the conventional and forge links which were formerly unthinkable. Certainly, as an individual, I feel privileged to be a participant.

2005 has been a significant year in many respects, not least of all, that all staff attended courses in the theory and implementation of the new curriculum for Grade 10 (Std 8 of old). This is the first step towards the replacement of the Senior Certificate which has been around for many decades. The system will be fully operational by 2008 when candidates will be awarded the new National Senior Certificate which, despite the similarity of name, is constructed rather differently. Only time will tell how effectively this will all function.

I should also like to use this medium to say farewell to Miss Lennox, the deputy principal, who is retiring from Rustenburg after 38 years of loyal service. Miss Lennox has spent her whole teaching career at the school and has seen no less than four headmistresses come and go. It is she who has contributed greatly to the continuity of many of the things which have kept Rustenburg among the top schools in the country and we owe her a deep debt of gratitude. We wish her a long, happy and fulfilling retirement.

With best wishes for a jolly festive season and a good start to 2006,

Elizabeth Fullard

Founders' Day 27 January 2006

**10h00 TEA,
11h00 ASSEMBLY, 12h30+
LUNCH.**

EMAIL: mmantell@absamail.co.za or
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1361 to book lunch. cost is R50 per
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Those planning to attend the lunch must
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ROGU WEBSITE

Please visit our excellent website at:-

<http://www.wcape.school.za/rghs/ROGU/main.htm>.

You will find copies of the current and previous newsletters, Mrs McIntyre's tribute to Miss Thomson and many other topics of interest included, thanks to MELANIE WATSON (CALLAGHAN), who designed the website.

APPEAL FOR ROGU DONATIONS & BEQUESTS

Many people feel the need to make some contribution to society and what could be better than making a donation or bequest to a worthy cause through ROGU.

Besides our newsletters to keep all members informed of the activities of past pupils, ROGU is able to award bursaries to deserving past pupils, viz,

The Mavis Wakeford Bursary, which was bequeathed to ROGU for the benefit of Old Girls studying to be a teacher.

The Diamond Jubilee Award, established in 1954, is given to the top matriculant of each year for a period of three years.

The C L Kemp Essay Prize is awarded annually.

The Bridge Bursary was set up by a few keen bridge players, who were on the ROGU committee some time ago, and this is used to assist deserving Old Girls with their tertiary tuition fees.

If you are able to make a donation or a bequest to ROGU, this would be greatly appreciated.

The proceeds may be deposited into Nedbank Claremont Account No 18246567/9998 in the name of Rustenburg Old Girls Union.

Confirmation of your deposit, with details of name and address, can be mailed to ROGU, P O Box 19058, Wynberg 7824 or faxed to +27 (0) 21 671-1996.

News from MARY ROSE BERRISFORD (Trainor – E56, Staff 1989 – 1998)

Dear Old Girls,

There are two very significant changes in the Rustenburg family this year. First, as you read in the last newsletter, headmistress through three decades, MARGARET THOMSON, died on 23rd June. Although she had retired way back in 1979, Tommy was deeply interested in the school; she could place just about any old girl from her era and know whose daughters had followed on to Rustenburg. For many, she was the head of this vast, far-flung family. There will be more about her at the end. Then there is the retirement of MARIAN LENNOX. Serving Rustenburg for thirty-eight years, ten more than Miss Thomson, Marian, spent her entire professional life at the school, as history teacher from 1968 and as Deputy Principal since 1983. In the very last conversation I had with Tommy, just weeks before she died, we were talking about Marian's many years at Rustenburg, "Thank goodness, thank goodness, thank goodness" said Tommy. The school family can echo that sentiment. Absolute dedication, commitment to the highest standards, an enormous work-rate - long, long hours each week, contributed hugely to Rustenburg as we know it. One needed to have been closely involved in Rustenburg to appreciate fully the extent of Marian's influence for good in our school. I was fortunate to count both of these women amongst my good friends; I miss Tommy very much and look forward to more times of fun and relaxation with Marian.

ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

The Annual Awards Ceremony was held in the morning on Tuesday 4th October preceding the Valedictory Service and included only Grades 10 to 12. This change was necessitated by the start of Ramadan. Junior classes will have their Awards presented on Founders' Day next January. Marian graciously presented the prizes. A sign of the times was the warm hugs she exchanged with head girl, JAMIE ROBERTSEN, on presenting Jamie with the Dr Moll Honour Prize. Later, in her address at the Valedictory Service, Jamie said how much she would be missing the daily morning chats with Marian. Past headmistress, JO McINTYRE was a guest. There was no speaker at the awards ceremony but the usual excellent musical items by the chamber choir and a clarinettist. Tea was served in the quad and it was there I met with GAIL TONNESEN, mother of ASTRID (1982), THORHILD and SIGRID. Not an old girl herself, Gail has clocked up thirty-seven years of association with Rustenburg. She was there to applaud granddaughter, MICHAELA BUDDEN in Grade 10, whose mother is Astrid. Thorhild Wood-Callender has taught at Rondebosch Boys Junior School for 20 years and Sigrid Thomson is at the Old Mutual. ELISE LIVINGSTONE - staff for so many years - was there to see off her C class of 2003 and was clearly a most welcome visitor. Valedictory Service was moving as always. Headmistress ELIZABETH FULLARD gave the address saying the class of 2005 had surpassed all expectations and given much back to Rustenburg in all fields.

STAFF

Rustenburg is giving MARIAN LENNOX a series of memorable farewells. At the Carol Service, the choir sang a carol which LIZ SOLE (Head of Music) had commissioned in Marian's honour. Composer was Alan Stephenson, a Rustenburg father. This lovely

work, the Carol of Dedication, was repeated at the final assembly. At this assembly, the prefects standing in a line on the stage, each holding a few red roses, in turn said one line from a poem in honour of Miss Lennox. The tribute acknowledged her as the keeper and maintainer of the proud tradition which is Rustenburg and as the backbone of the school. My reporter on the spot thinks they actually said "skeleton"! The roses were passed on as the poem progressed and the resulting bunch presented to Miss Lennox. The entire school, learners and staff rose to their feet as they gave her a resounding ovation. In her address, Marian enumerated the changes in the physical aspects of the school she had seen. She emphasised that the essential values had not changed – those of striving for excellence and caring and compassion for others. These values and traditions never change and the girls should be proud to belong to a school such as Rustenburg. Marian has donated a trophy to be awarded to a Grade 8 or 9 girl who most displayed the spirit of Rustenburg and its striving for excellence.

On Saturday night the Governing Body hosted a party in the Thomson Hall. Gathered together were present and past colleagues, people like MARY VAN BLERK, LESLEY REELER ELISE LIVINGSTONE, DIRKJE MOUTON, past Governing Body members and partners who included JENNY MASTERSON (Solomon 1964), ANN BUCHHOLTZ (Bedford 1972), HELEN TIMONEY (Winter 1974), members of the ROGU committee, Marian's cousin GILL FORD (Wynne-Dyke 1962) The chairman presented Marian with tanzanite earrings which she clearly loved. Headmistress, ELIZABETH FULLARD, had asked one of her predecessors, JO McINTYRE to speak about Marian. Below are extracts from her address:

"I first met Marian Lennox when I come to teach English at Rustenburg in 1970 ... she was a serious young teacher of History She loved her subject and introduced various new methods to enliven its teaching. In the days when the text books and syllabus were strongly biased, she tried to restore objectivity....she has lived her own life by the principles which she has endeavoured to instil in her pupils – whether in the classroom or by example – those of serious application to hard work, reliability, total honesty, modesty about ones own accomplishments and decent, civilised behaviour...

She has served under three Principals and we all owe her a debt of gratitude for her substantial contribution towards maintaining the high standards for which this school is known. To her lot very often has fallen the unenviable task of discipline – NOT calculated to make one popular with the girls, but she has earned their affectionate respect and become counsellor and friend to many a pupil in need of support. ...

Marian moved into the Hostel to take over as Superintendent while we were away (overseas leave 1984) and anything that could go wrong, did so. One of the maids was murdered...there was a fire in the grounds....problems with males on the garage roof in the middle of the night...

I remember her standing with Lesley Reeler, both of them padded up and with face masks and looking like escapees from an American Football game, trying between them to fill the goal when we played the Staff versus girls match.

Despite her reputation for seriousness, rumour has it that now, as she moves towards her well earned retirement, *the spirit of adventure* is stirring in Marian Lennox. I understand that she has recently ventured into the world of **motor bike**

riding, so perhaps when the cares and responsibilities of her position in the school are lifted from her shoulders we may yet see some surprising things.

Whatever she does with her retirement, she will leave a great gap in the school fabric and both pupils and staff will be the poorer for her absence. Teachers with the loyalty and dedication of Marian Lennox are rare gems and we should treasure them."

(The motor bike ride refers to a trip she took to the swimming pool on the back of Accounting teacher, JASON COLLINS' bike.)

President of the ROGU, JEANNE JACKSON (Logan 1954) in a speech said the committee had been scouring the country for a Chambers Dictionary to give to Marian to consult doing crosswords. It would be coming from overseas. Vice President, AVERIL KELLER, (1974) followed. She could speak as one of Marian's pupils and as a friend - "How does one pay adequate tribute to thirty-eight years of commitment, dedication and devotion to the girls of Rustenburg?With hindsight I realise the invaluable contribution Miss Lennox made to my education through her enlightened approach to the teaching of history. I suspect that her sole aim was to try to teach us to think for ourselves ...she did this through the "cause and effect" and "pros and cons" methods. This skill has stood me in such good stead all my adult life. ...I was truly blessed to have Marian as a friend and mentor when I joined the (teaching) profession."

Marian replied gracefully saying however much one had looked forward to retirement, the actual parting is very hard. The people she had known through her years at Rustenburg were very important to her. One of her tales from the early days was of Miss Thomson's uncanny knack of silently appearing outside the classroom just at the moment the class erupted noisily. Her reprimand would be, "Now honeychild" and one would know it was not a term of endearment.

On Tuesday there will be a farewell from the staff at a lunch at Kelvin where the speaker will be Marian's old friend, GILL COCKRAM.

Earlier this year IVAN KILLIAN was made an Honorary Member of the South African Society of Music Teachers in recognition of his longstanding service and commitment to the Society and to the country. This is a very prestigious award and has been awarded to fewer than ten people. Pupils of the late ADELE CLOETE will be delighted to hear that her daughter, CAITLIN, was awarded both the Grade 11 English Prize and the Adèle Naude Prize for Writing: English - at Rustenburg of course. JANE MOODIE (Jeffery), mother of Nicola, Bronwen and William, will have her first full time teaching position since leaving Rustenburg and what different position it is. She will be at the children's school, Applewood in Elgin and will be class teacher for Grade Two. ESMÉ JOUBERT is now in the frail care of Huis Vergenoeg, Main Rd, Paarl having had a stroke in November, just days before her seventy-ninth birthday. If you are in the neighbourhood, a visit would be good. Esmé is no longer able to read, a huge setback, reading being her great passion. REVIVA SCHERMBRUCKER (art teacher in the 90s) has published a most engaging children's book, "An African Christmas Cloth". Illustrations were embroidered by Reviva over a period of 2 years and are both stunning and intriguing. Grandsons loved it. Stop Press is that Reviva gave a reading of the book to the school on the last day of the term. Also presenting her work, was JULIA GREY (1999) – see Nineties.

Staff members leaving Rustenburg include HEATHER VAN ZYL SMIT (Honeyman) who will be spending next year working for Christ Church, Kenilworth's Warehouse project in Ottery. Head of Home Economics and an HOD, Heather has been at Rustenburg

for ten years and will be greatly missed. NINA BRAUDE is going overseas, KIM COHEN, emigrating to Australia, and ANGELA BENJAFIELD, moving to a school nearer to her home.

THE FORTIES AND FIFTIES

Thank you to Sybil A'Bear (Andrews 1949) for sending the story of this gathering. I'd heard from MARYANN LE JEUNE (Droomer 1951) what fun it had been.

History was probably made at Rustenburg on Saturday, 15th October, when a group of ex-boarders gathered at Charlie's Hope to be reunited after sixty years or more. This wasn't a reunion of certain Matrics but were all those who had boarded at Erinville between the years 1945 and 1952 so covered several years - and what a joyful gathering it was! It made us realise what a tightly knit group boarders are and what a vast number of memories are stored up during the years of living together.

We only started about three months before to hunt down the Old Boarders but by word of mouth and a bit of sleuth work we managed to contact about 40 of them, 26 of whom were able to attend. Several others we found were overseas or had passed away but some travelled quite a distance to join us, e.g. Joan Bothma (Basson 1947) from Port Edward in Natal and Noreen Boltman (Jackson 1949) from East London. Noreen and SCB Smit (Redelinghuys 1949) had been suggesting this reunion for some time.

We had a Bring and Share Finger Lunch so that everybody could move around freely and chat and were pleased that Dr. Fullard was able to join us for this and to tell us a bit about what a boarder's life is like nowadays - very different from that which we experienced. No early morning walks in crocodile, no compulsory school uniform out of school nor attendance at church, far greater freedom - and when we were later taken around the hostel and saw how the cubicles could be decorated we couldn't believe our eyes!

There was much laughter over the various memories of such things as midnight feasts and the never-to-be-forgotten "Slippery Jim" who managed to find his way into the boarding-house one night but definitely soon regretted his foolhardiness. A song was composed about him at the time and with combined help from all present the words of this were remembered and sung!

It was a really great day, enjoyed to such an extent that all agreed it should be done again soon, perhaps next year, and the main organisers Muriel Housdon (Meintjes 1948) and Sybil A'Bear (Andrews 1949) were heartily thanked for their work in bringing everybody together.

Head girl of 1954, ANN LITTLEWORT, a past editor of the ROG newsletter, wrote a letter of appreciation, "it is wonderful to read what the girls of Rustenburg do". She remembers having to write the newsletter in longhand before it was "then banged out on a typewriter". Thank you for your donation towards costs of producing the newsletter, Ann. Ann lives on Campground Rd, Rondebosch. ELIZABETH (Tiddy 1948) also generously sent a contribution to the ROGU. She is a widow, lives in Plumstead, and sees ELIZABETH ROLLO (Van Aarneveldt) and HEATHER MOCKRIDGE (Faull) at Clovelly every Boxing Day.

The MELLISH sisters gathered in Durban recently at the home of JOAN LANG (196?); MAUREEN MANTELL (1954) coming from Cape Town and YVONNE PAUTZ (1960) from Johannesburg.

MYRA SERCOMBE (Siebrits 1956) sent an email explaining that she is unlikely to attend the 1956 50 – year reunion as she and her husband, both retired officers of the Salvation Army, were called back to service in post-tsunami projects in India. Howard coordinates the projects and Myra takes care of women's projects and does some worship music training. They travel frequently to affected areas, including the Andaman Islands, liaise with partner donors through the London office, support ground workers in helping the victims rebuild their homes and livelihood. The first anniversary of the tsunami will be celebrated by opening new buildings, homes, bore-holes, schools, hostels. New boats, and nets are already in use. Myra writes that they feel a celebration is preferable to a commemoration. "It is really very rewarding work and we are pleased to have the good health to be able to do this. So much for retirement." Well done, Myra, that both of you are fit enough and willing to be involved in this work. Myra and Howard had spent their first year of retirement travelling around Australia in a bushcampervan and had just moved into an apartment in St Ives, Cambs to be near their younger daughter when they had to set off for India. Myra reads the newsletter through her sister. Where are you, Margaret? JEAN VAN WILLINGH (Martin 1951) sent in a change of address and can now be found at 9 Bosch Heuvel, Violet Rd, Claremont.

THE SIXTIES

Thank you to DEBBY GAITSKELL (Bates 1966) for news of her family and friends from the sixties. Her sister, BRIGID GUELKE (Bates 1962), lives in Belfast, Northern Ireland, and continues to act as the opportunity arises (she did drama at UCT). She has 2 children and her husband is a professor of politics at Queen's University, Belfast. This is part of Debby's letter:

"I hope Cape Town Old Girls like SHELLEY BROWN (Arnold) will be in touch with you about the death in August of our contemporary ROG CLAIRE JAYES. Her sister Margo may be able to provide fuller, more accurate information. Claire was born with a hole in her heart (at a time when such conditions were inoperable) and no thumbs, so was barred from physical exertion, but drove a car, travelled abroad (though at times with difficulty) and could muster memorable social jauntiness on occasion. She studied social work at UCT and I think went as far as a Master's in psychiatric social work, contributing to conferences and mentoring younger professionals. She taught for some years at UCT in between long stints working at Red Cross Hospital and also at Child Welfare in Wynberg, often with very disheartening cases of family distress and dysfunction. She gained a good deal from her long membership of Christ Church, Kenilworth, and kept in touch with ROGs overseas like myself and DIANA TAYLOR (LUTTON, E 1966). Shelley and LINDA MARY McLAGAN (Ellis 1966) were very good at visiting her during her recent year of serious illness as was JENNY RYAN (VAN BREDA), who seems to have been the last friend to see her alive. Claire was brave and endearing and will be much missed. I hope we will have a long-overdue gathering of the 8 or 10 of us 1966 ROGs here in the UK soon, and then we can update you further".

DIANNE MAXWELL (D 1962) moved to Port Elizabeth and wrote Matric at Collegiate. She now lives in Edenvale where she is secretary to the Anglican Church. Trained in clinical pathology and haematology, Diane worked for many years in blood

transfusion service, did a 15-year stint in the technical publishing world and was clearly involved in her children's activities such as Guides and Scouts, school tuckshops. Her daughter is a medical specialist doing research in Wales while her son is in Durban. Tennis, embroidery, catering are among Diane's interests.

ELIZABETH COLE (Liz Maunder 1964) wrote from Ottawa, Canada after a visit to the UK

"While in London I made contact with PATRICIA BARAGWANATH (Walton 1964) - her profession name is Boothman. She is an actress as you probably know who works both in London, Toronto and Cape Town but has her base with her husband Graham near Paddington, London. We had a wonderful lunch together catching up on all the news. Also managed to meet up with ISOBEL BREWIN (Atkins 1964) who lives in Norwich where she is now teaching special needs students. We hadn't seen each other for over 30 years so it was a wonderful reunion. Just missed MERYL COMYN (Wells 1964) who was returning from Cape Town the day after my departure. As well as my dear friend MARGIE GARRATT (Briggs 1965) who was in London at the same time but just too busy to see me - however we did chat on the telephone. I would like to help you with updating the list for 64 class so once I have settled down I will e-mail you what I have on the various people who I still keep in touch with.' (Thank you, Liz. Just what we need – MRB) Then there was news of Liz's own family: "My news is that I am now a granny which is pure joy after a year of losses we now have two little grand daughters. Both my parents died last year in Cape Town - actually my mother, HELEN MARGARET MAUNDER (nee Whitelaw) was an 'old girl'..... Our eldest daughter lives in Hout Bay and had her first child last March so she is 5 months while our eldest son had a daughter in Toronto Sept 04 - what a joy these little ones are and I am sure we will be back in RSA regularly now with one there. I will let you know of our mini reunion and see what I can do about memberships."

THE SEVENTIES

ALI FAURE (Alison Greeff 1971) and her daughter travelling home to Johannesburg, were the only other guests at a farm in the Karoo where we were overnighting. It didn't take long to discover that daughter, Jenny, (eldest of three) had recently done her practice teaching in the art department at Rustenburg and then that Ali was in fact an ROG. What fun we had! After school Ali worked in the office of a law firm, married a geologist which meant two years in the Kalahari, three in the Australian outback and eventually a home in Bedfordview. She was very sad to hear of Tommy's passing, remembered meeting her at Silwood two years ago when Tommy knew exactly who Ali was, asking after her sister JENNY GREEFF (1973). Jenny studied music at Rhodes and after many years as a teacher, now has her own business marketing hotels and game lodges from her home in Newlands.

There were no fewer than four 1974s at the Saturday night farewell party for Marian Lennox. AVERIL KELLER, a member of the ROG committee made a speech; she had been in Marian's history class for 5 years. PAM VAN DYK (Goss) runs the Hostel where she is assisted by KARINE EVANS (Memmel). HELEN TIMONEY (Winter) was there as wife of the treasurer of the Governing Body. Her mother PAT WINTER (Hogg 1944) is an ROG and she has a daughter, CAROLINE who will be in matric next year. Also there was ANN BUCHHOLTZ (Bedford 1972) another of Marian's pupils and mother of three ROGs – see Nineties.

THE EIGHTIES

JENNIFER HURTER (1988) remembered as tennis captain when Rustenburg won the Senior Interschools with 34 points; Herschel was second with only 18 and when the premier team was unbeaten in the league, was planning a move to Surbiton, UK in October. See Engagements. NICKY ELDRIDGE (1988) sent this address for receiving the Newsletter: nickyeld@emirates.net.ae , which must mean she is living in the Emirates. CATHERINE HANGER (1988), a chemical engineering graduate, works in London as a consultant. Recently she treated her mother, hard-working school secretary, PAT HANGER (Noble 1961) to a wonderful holiday in Corfu. DIANE DOWNWARD (Mendonca 1989) sent in her email address for the Newsletter - ddownward@gibb.co.za – doesn't tell me much. Please, please add at least a brief update when you communicate with ROGU.

I met LYNN BOWIE (1986) and her lively trio of lovely daughters, Asha 5, and 3-year old twins, Anna and Ella at a baby shower in Johannesburg. She and economist husband James Hodge, moved north about a year ago. Lynn has a Fellowship in Maths Education and will be starting a PhD at Wits next year. Subject centres on the basic maths content required in maths teachers' training. At the same gathering was MANDY DRIVER (1985) newly resident in Johannesburg but working in Pretoria at the headquarters of the SA National Biodiversity Institute (used to be National Botanical Institute). Mandy, an economist, is Deputy Director of Planning. She had been back in Cape Town for her class twenty-year reunion. Sister, AURELIA DRIVER (1987) took time off from her company, Monkey Films, to study script-writing at the Binger Institute in Amsterdam.

News from NATALIE SCHOLTZ (Preiss 1985) living in Durbanville with husband, Duard and Shannon (13) and Chloe (10). Natalie studied at Imperial Underwood College of Commerce, worked in Cape Town and Namibia, married in 1989, lived in the Eastern Cape and again in Namibia before returning to the Cape, by now with two daughters. "We have lived in Cape Town since then and of course have benefitted from all the family and friends. Our daughters are both at Kenridge Primary School. Shannon is in grade 7 and is currently serving her year as a prefect. We will be sending Shannon to Rhenish High School next year, apparently Rustenburg does not consider Durbanville far enough for boarding! Although knowing that Rondebosch does accept boys from our area... they must have more beds! Anyway I have been working at the Pre-Primary School (Kenridge) since Chloe started Grade 1 and have loved every minute of working in this ever changing environment. The children are gorgeous and it is wonderful to be a part of this important year of their lives. I am commonly known as Aunty Natalie and what do I do here? I "care for them" is always their answer. What more do I want in my life to allow me to feel such fulfilment. Life is very good to us. Duard is working in Stellenbosch for a Beverage/Logistics export company. His job takes him to wonderful places locally, in Africa as well as overseas. I have been fortunate enough in joining him on numerous trips and have loved being able to travel with him".

SUSAN DOYLE (Milburn-Pyle 1980) was in touch from Australia giving her new email address, suzidoyle7@aol.com then: "Now the trickier request... I matriculated in 1980, which means that this year is the 25th anniversary of my leaving Rustenburg. However, I have had little contact with my fellow pupils, as I left SA for Australia

immediately after writing matric. Do you know whether there has been any talk of a reunion, or any kind of celebration by the class of 1980? I may well have missed the party, but I would love to know either way." Sorry Susan, I haven't heard of a gathering - MRB

WENDY PERROW (1985) – see Marriages - writes from England after her recent move there to join her parents and sister, Maryanne: "We are renting a house in Billingshurst and I am using my parents' address and email until we have something more permanent. Since been here I have submitted artwork to the Society of Floral Painters in Southampton and have been accepted into full membership. This means that I have an outlet for exhibitions of my work at various National Trust venues as well as the advantage of a few exhibitions in Europe each year. Otherwise I have been selling my work on a commission basis both in SA and England. I have been very fortunate in that the secretariat that I operated for my English boss will continue from the UK and as it operates from home it allows me time for painting as well. We are not yet quite established and we do miss Cape Town very much but we obviously came in winter so we will have to wait and see what spring and summer offer! The flowers and gardens are very lovely with the first signs of spring showing everywhere.

Allan is working in London and unfortunately at this stage has to commute daily but that could change in the near future. Being able to go into London so readily is exciting and exploring various cities towns and villages is a new and interesting pastime." Wendy's address is Anperrow@aol.com.

Karin Bester of Saskatchewan, Canada writes :

"I continue to live in Sask. with my husband and nine year old daughter, Sarah. I still have regular phone and email contact with Linda Chapman (Scamvougeras), Sandy Dolley (Joubert), Jenny Ehlers (Thornton) and Barbara Fuchter (Metelerkamp). My daughter is a pen-friend to Barbara's daughter Lucy in Sydney." skbester@accesscomm.ca

I am guessing that Karin belongs in the eighties. Please remember to give your last year at Rustenburg .If there is a maiden name I can sometimes be lucky looking in the old magazines.

THE NINETIES

CONGRATULATIONS REBECCA DAVIS!

Dr Fullard has just been given a notice from Grocott's Mail, Grahamstown, dated 29th November. Below a picture of Rebecca is, "Rhodes graduate grabs top scholarship". This is the prestigious Patrick and Margaret Flanagan Scholarship, valued at R180 000 per year and awarded to an English-speaking South African woman. Rebecca (1999) is a full-time Master's student in the Department of English at Rhodes where she graduated BA Honours (Distinction) in Linguistics and English. Students from any discipline are eligible, previous winners have included musicians, historians, lawyers. The scholarship is for one of the great universities in the UK and Ireland. Rebecca will probably choose Oxford and a Master's of Philosophy in Linguistics. While in Standard 8 at Rustenburg, and therefore one of the youngest entrants, Rebecca was placed second in the country in the English Olympiad, travelling to England for a literary tour as her prize. The next year she and twin sister, Rachel, were in the top 100 in the

country. In 1999, both were in the top 50. Also in her matric year, Rebecca was runner-up in an international essay competition organized by the Southern African Development Community, with a trip to Maputo as part of the prize.

JULIA GREY (1999) was asked to show the school the original artwork and poems from her recently published book, 'Cape Town – an Illustrated Poem'. Sounds like a book not to miss. She presented the school with a copy described by BIDDY RYAN (ROG and Staff) as magnificent. Reviva said the drawings were very fine, painterly. Julia took five years to produce the work. She designs tapestries and plans another book. Author, DI AWERBUCK (ex Staff) wrote the preamble to this one.

Another 1999er, SARAH STRYDOM, qualified as a dietician at Stellenbosch, did her community service in Queenstown, enjoyed it so much, she stayed on in a senior position until this July. Sarah was on the Eastern Cape committee for HIV Aids, travelling round the province. Her new job is with the medical division of Nestlé in East London.

Very best wishes to newly-wed, BELINDA LEVINE (Mowatt 1991) who sent this snippet:

"My husband's name is Paul. There is not much to say about the wedding, we decided to have a small, intimate celebration in March, while I had family out from the UK. We plan to have a big celebration in about 2 years time to renew our vows with our friends present. Thanks a million - am looking forward to the next edition of the newsletter!" - more news next time please Belinda. Like, where is HELEN (1994) ?

SHELLEY NEL (Vos 1992) is always an excellent source of happenings. This time she sent in news of a clutch of 1992 babies plus the arrival of nephew, Luke, born to sister LYNDASAY CYPRIANOS (1995) of Bergvliet - See Births.

I can't help being specially pleased whenever there is a letter from someone I taught and remember well. Here are thoughts from NADINE LEDESMA (1997) who signs herself Entrepreneur with a yahoo address so I don't know where she is. Thank you, Nadine.

Hi there I am an ex Rustybug from the year 1997! Gosh does it feel like a long time ago, wait a minute 8 years to be exact! I would just like to say how thrilled I am to be receiving the ROGU newsletter and even more thrilled that I might be able to catch it on the internet (would be nice to save some more trees) and also for those who are travelling. Reading the newsletter brought back many memories and I must say it isn't just the Marriages, Births and Engagements that I look forward to but indeed the stories and the news. Even just seeing the names of people and trying to remember their faces. Today for some reason I couldn't help myself from shedding a few tears. I closed my eyes and tried to remember my school days. Unfortunately I was never one to partake very much at school and now that I am older and have more life experience, I remember the importance of them and the lessons to be learnt, both in the classroom and outside of it. I think that one's school years are so important in that it's the time we are being moulded into the very people we are today. I thank you for this realisation. All the best

SARAH JOHNSON (1998) in the English department at UCT, has published a volume of poetry, 'Personae', in the UCT Younger Poets Series. Poet, Stephen Watson, wrote about it, "Undoubtedly one of the best debut volumes in South Africa poetry in recent

years." I read a few poems from the copy Sarah had sent to her English teacher, JENTY ALSTON, in Chichester.

MICHELLE JOOSTE (1994) – see Engagements – and her doctor fiancé were going to the UK together till 2006. She was studying nutrition and natural health.

In my last year teaching at Rustenburg, I had two stunning matric biology classes.

JANE LINLEY (1997) - see Engagements – was in one of them. I so enjoyed meeting her and her fiancé as we shopped for supper at Woolworths, Belvedere Rd. Looking glamorous and businesslike in black trouser suit, Jane is in marketing at Pam Golding. At UCT Jane followed a BA with psychology and economics as subjects with a postgraduate diploma in marketing. As I was wrapping up this newsletter I heard from KAREN VAN DER SPUY (1997) that THERESA FROST (1997) – see Marriages - had recently married. They were also in one of those biology classes. Karen, a qualified physiotherapist, has just completed her third year of medicine at UCT, said what fun it had been meeting up with classmates. ALANA BOND (McCullagh) had come from Johannesburg, SARAH DALY is back in Cape Town after years at sea working, I think, as a therapist of some kind, BELINDA LE MESURIER was out from the UK, TARYN KEEN also is back in Cape Town, had married some years back and lived in the USA, KARYN MAUGHAN, a journalist with The Cape Argus, was in Europe on an assignment but her sister, DEBBIE (1999), who recently graduated in medicine, was there. Another guest was past headmistress, MARY VAN BLERK. Sister LIZ FROST (1999) was bridesmaid. Theresa has sold her business and she and her husband plan to move to the UK next year.

I have enjoyed two chance meetings with LINDA BATEMAN (Webb 1992) and her family, husband Andrew and a lively pigeon pair. Happy grandparents, ANTHEA (Sabin 196?) and John, past governing board member, were in attendance. A UCT medical graduate, Linda is a fulltime mum at the moment.

At a party, two mothers gave me news of their daughters. LEIGH LANGSTON lives in Melbourne, and will graduate Australian law from Monash University at the end of the year. She plans to be married in Cape Town in January, 2006. Sister, SUSAN (1996), graduated B Bus Sc in Marketing from UCT and works for Shell in a position which requires travelling in East Africa, to Kenya, Uganda, Mauritius. PHILIPPA ASHMEAD (1992) works as practice manager for a small firm of accountants in Ealing Broadway, London and visits Cape Town at least once a year. Now her sister, ALEXANDRA (1993), has given her a baby nephew will the visits be more frequent? Alexandra – see Births – lives in Johannesburg and though a very new mum, hopes to study for an MBA at Wits .I think the grandmother, HEIDI, is also an ROG.

CAMILLA DRIVER (1992) was the speaker at Rustenburg's Music Awards Dinner this year. She is the manager of the company, DDK?, which produced the very successful 'Carmen in Khayalitsha' having asked if she could have a change from playing the violin in the orchestra.

I wonder how many ROGs have watched our SACHA HENDRICKS (1997) dance in the latest Sun City Extravaganza? Sacha was handpicked from 600 hopefuls from all over South Africa to perform as the lead dancer in *Afro Dizzia*. She graduated from UCT in 2001 with a BMus degree in dance (distinction in contemporary dance) and in 2005 she obtained her honours in choreography. Between 2002 and 2004 she danced with Cape Town City Ballet. Her soloist roles include being the lead dancer in *Let's face the music and dance* from Sean Bovim's *Swingtime*, *Czardas* from *Swanlake* and *Coppelia*, and a pas de deux from Adele Blank's *Synergy*. In 2004 Sacha

choreographed a 25-minute, contemporary/neo-classical piece, which was performed by members of the Cape Town City Ballet. I know that former dancer, Rustenburg's science teacher, MAUREEN BURCHELL greatly admires Sacha's choreography. The 25-year old dancer has also modelled for various magazines and clothing companies. Her awards include being nominated as the best female dancer in the FNB Dance Umbrella, and in 2004 she received an honorary title from the Silverleaf Performing Arts. Well done, Sacha!

Former chairman of the Governing Body, GAIL SOLOMONS, filled me in on the doings of her daughters at Marian Lennox's Saturday farewell party. LEIGH-ANNE (1995) – see Engagements – is a primary school teacher in Queenstown, New Zealand who will be moving to Christchurch. SAMANTHA HART (1997) lives in Des Moines, Iowa, USA where she is a freelance journalist. Look out for her article in Cape Etcetera. JESSICA (2001) has just graduated in film and media and will be travelling to Canada next February. Then there was ANN BUCHHOLTZ (Bedford 1972) to tell me about her trio who should be able to keep her in excellent condition. MARIE (1998) is a dietician who did her Community Service in Klerksdorp, KIM (2000) has qualified as a physio and will do her Community Service in Langebaan, LESLEY (2002) is a beauty therapist.

THE NEW CENTURY

It gets too complicated to separate sisters in different decades so look up a bit for some matrics from 2000 and later. Great to have more recent ROGs sending in details. CHARISE BACKHOUSE (2002) is in her 3rd year at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology studying Marketing Management. She has worked at Associated Magazines in Marketing and Circulation and is now living in Diep River.

The Rustenburg News, a fortnightly publication, records that the speaker at the third Annual Art Awards Exhibition was ALEX VAN TONDER (2001), 'a Rustenburg old girl and artist' who 'inspired us all with her speech on Art and Life. She encouraged us to celebrate our uniqueness and embrace our differences and to capitalize on them. Artists need not be poor!'

KATHERINE FOTIU (2000), a fairly recent graduate in journalism has distinguished herself by winning a competition run by the magazine, Marie Claire. The winning article was on psychiatric nursing and Katherine's prize is a trip to India.

BEST WISHES AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING :

ENGAGEMENTS

JANE LINLEY (1997) to Stephen Mostert on 18 March, 2005 in Cape Town. Wedding planned for 22 April, 2006

MICHELLE JOOSTE (1994) to Graeme Dunbar in May 2005 probably in Somerset West

GILLIAN HYNE (1989) to Barry Symington on 2 September, 2005 [Gillian is daughter of LESLEY HYNE (Jeffrey 1960)]

JENNIFER HURTER (1988) to ? McGonnigle in Cape Town (wedding was planned for September 2005)

LEIGH-ANNE SOLOMONS (1995) to Dali Waaka in August 2005 in Queenstown, New Zealand

LYNNE HANGER (1994) to Anthony Afonso in September 2005 in London [Lynne is daughter of PAT HANGER (Noble 1961)]

ROBYN CULLIS (1995) to Hayden Hobbs on 5 November 2005 in Cape Town [Wedding planned for early 2007. Robyn is niece of the Cullis sisters from the 60s.]

MARRIAGES

WENDY PERROW (1985) to Allan Twine in the vineyards at Uitsig, Constantia in October, 2004, reception in the restaurant with Allan's parents and a few very close friends and a month later a wedding blessing in the village church, Tillington, West Sussex

JULIE NEWTON (1987) to Luke on 9 July 2005 in England with a blessing at the Blue Peter, Blouberg, 27 August 2005

THERESA FROST (1997) to Sean Ulyate in St George's Cathedral on 11 November, 2005, reception at Suikerbossie.

BIRTHS

To KIM BECKER (1992) and ? Cloete, a son, Daniel, brother to Hannah, in January 2005 in Cape Town

To TERRY-JILL VAN BEUGE (1992) and Francois Malherbe, a son, Matthew, in March 2005 in Cape Town

To DEIRDRE VAN DER WALT (1992) and ? Spagnoletti a daughter, Amy in June 2005, sister to Duncan To NIKKE MANN (1992) and Brian Manning a daughter, Jesse, on 30 August 2005 in Somerset West.

To ALEXANDER ASHMEAD (1993) and Stephen Kiss a son, Joshua, on 2 September 2005 in Johannesburg

To LYND SAY VOS (1995) and ? Cyprianos, a son, Luke on 1 September 2005 in Cape Town.

To SUSAN BRICE (1989) and Ian Holmes, a daughter, Kate Margaret, sister to Ben, on 29 July 2005 in London

To VANESSA TURNLEY JONES (Ann 1994) and Ross Pickford, a son James Lliam John on September 5 2005 in Cape Town

To TARYN LUITINGH (1995) and Clint Vosloo a daughter, Sienna Star on 19 October 2005 in Cape Town

To LUANNE HENSHILWOOD (1994) and Trevor van Zyl, a daughter, Emma on 20 October 2005 in Cape Town. Luanne is daughter of DEBBIE (Wilson - late 70s or early 80s, Gill Cockram is not sure)

To BELINDA FORDER (1987) and Bruce Green a daughter, Maya Madeline on 31 October 2005 in Sydney, Australia. Belinda is daughter of ERICA FORDER (Westall 1954)

IN MEMORIAM

Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the following ROGs :

HELEN MARGARET MAUNDER (nee Whitelaw 193?) in Cape Town in 2004.

MARGARET ELIZABETH THOMSON on 23 June 2005 in Cape Town

CLAIRE JAYES (1967) in Cape Town in August 2005

AMMIE SNADDON (Annmarie Purcell 1981) on Thursday 29 September, 2005 in the mountains near Vanrhynsdorp [daughter of JEAN PURCELL (nee Simpson 1954) and sister to JANET VAN GRAAN (1978)]

DAPHNE LISTER (Pinchin 1962) on 3rd December, 2005 in Cape Town [Daphne was mother of KAREN LISTER (1995) and sister of HELEN ESTCOURT (1960)]

MARGARET ELIZABETH THOMSON 02. 02, 1917 - 23. 06. 2005

I have been hoping that there would be the tribute given by Miss Thomson's nephew, Graham van der Spuy, at the funeral. It looks as though that will be in the next newsletter. Graham spoke of the family side of Tommy's life and I know people found it interesting and heartwarming. You would have read Mrs McIntyre's address inserted into the last newsletter. The service was held in the Rosebank Methodist Church on Tuesday 28th June. There were a number of ROGs there but I know many who would have attended but just had not known in time. All three of Miss Thomson's successors were there. Elizabeth Sole had assembled a choir of past and present pupils to lead the singing and to perform the anthem, Bach's Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring. Hymns were the 23rd Psalm, Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, and the Battle Hymn of the Republic - Mine eyes have seen the glory. NICOLA VAN ZYL SMIT (1999) played the first movement of a Bach sonata on the recorder. At the conclusion of the service the choir sang A Clare Benediction by John Rutter. Mrs McIntyre wrote, "I thought it was a fitting funeral service for her and that she would have approved".

Miss Thomson always spoke of, "Mrs McIntyre". Once I asked her, "why not Jo after all these years?" "I come from a different era. These days only one's intimates know one's surname" was the reply. In the same vein, on hearing of an engagement of one of her girls, she would say, "Felicitations to you, my dear, and congratulations to your fiancé." It was only this year that I asked her how she, as a very young woman, had had the gumption to apply for the headship of a school like Rustenburg. "It was my headmistress, Miss de Villiers who said I should". DOREEN DE VILLERS (191?), then headmistress of Eilerslie, where Tommy taught Maths, was an ROG and knew what the school needed. Those of us from the fifties and sixties, have had the rich experience of having a headmistress who became a friend. She was to have been the guest of honour at the fifty-years reunion of the class of '56 next January. Head girl, CHARMIAN PLUMMER (Marais), could say to her last Founders' Day, "Now, Tommy, don't forget it's our reunion next year. You have to be there. You can't emigrate or die on us". Charmian would take Tommy to lunch in Somerset West when she lived there to take care of her sister's household.

Miss Thomson had a full life in retirement. In recent years, when living in Somerset West, she had a driver to bring her in to Cape Town for meetings. As a result of her working for the African Scholars' Fund, Rustenburg today collects money for the Fund on Founders' Day and the Choir supports two scholars. She was President of the National Council of Women, a member of the SA Association of University Women, was a Soroptomist. I remember my children buying tombola tickets from her at the Soroptomist stall at the Community Carnival at Maynardville. It was for the Cape Peninsula Organisation for the Aged that she worked for almost to the end. She was a member of the CPOA Council for many years. The two-monthly meeting in January clashed with Founders' Day and only this year when the council meeting was changed to a Thursday did she come to Rustenburg. She was chairman of the

Arcadia Home committee. It was earlier this year that I popped in late one afternoon and she said, "I've just come from chairing a meeting, I'm exhausted. What about a glass of wine? Eugenia, two glasses". That would have been hard to imagine when, in the early fifties, I stood in awe at my first high school assembly.

BETSEY JOUBERT (Cullis 1964) writes of an assembly in the early sixties:

"Many of us Rustenburg girls had our political initiation into South African politics during the heated debates which preceded the declaration of a Republic and the subsequent withdrawal from the British Commonwealth. We were devastated when we realized that we would no longer be singing God Save the Queen at our end of term Assembly. In an uncharacteristic (for those days) rebellion a group of us decided that we were not going to accept this new situation. In the silence that followed the singing of "Die Stem" a few lines of C's and D's began a spirited rendition of our other National Anthem. Miss Thomson allowed us to sing a few lines, then she looked at us and said "now girls". That was enough to stop the mutiny. Although we all felt she was quite proud of our little protest. Even the press heard rumours of the revolt and phoned and phoned. The story goes that Miss Thomson's response to the eager journalist's enquiries about the trouble was a cool "What trouble?"

It must have been quite daunting to take on the running of a hostel as well as a big school. My favourite tale from those days comes from JENNY MASTERSON (Solomon 1964). Unlike the rest of her sisters, or daughters, she did a stint in the boarding house. Showing a streak unexpected in a future headmistress (of Micklefield for 10 years), Jenny and a friend painted bikinis on the mermaids on the gate of the swimming pool. They duly confessed. The punishment was to be gated for one of the twice-termly weekends out. Tommy then felt so sorry for them she had them to meals in her flat and gave them a really good time. DEBBY BROOKE-SUMNER (Toy 1956) still remembers how flabbergasted the hostel prefects were when, at their regular Sunday night meeting with Tommy, she, out of the blue, asked, "Now girls, tell me, what is necking?" ALI FAURE (Greeff 1971) has a memory of Tommy sitting on the stairs chatting to girls while eating brown bread crusts. She also remembers descending those stairs, forbidden to girls, in the middle of the night knowing Tommy would be able to help with a problem.

Margaret Thomson was a truly remarkable person. Many more of you must have special memories. Send them in for our enjoyment and the archives.

AMMIE SNADDON 13. 10. 64 - 29. 9. 05

Ammie, devoted family member, deeply caring and serious in her approach to business, died of heatstroke while on a 20km hike in the Gifberg, near Klawer and Vanrhynsdorp. Ammie was at Rustenburg for her high school years, coming from a family with strong links to the school. She was the daughter of JEAN PURCELL (Simpson 1954) and sister of JANET VAN GRAAN (1979), niece of ANN (1957) and MARY (1962). Her husband is Chip, the Cape Argus cartoonist and they were married on December 19th, anniversary date for both Jean and Janet. Daughter, Georgina, is 7 and as Janet says, "Ammie was an absolutely devoted mother. She put a lot of time and energy into creating a beautiful home for her family, and she made every effort to be there for Georgina at extra-mural activities such as dance and surfing lessons". Graduating BA from UCT in languages, Ammie spent 10 years in London, first working in a bar and clothing shops, then she became receptionist at an advertising

agency. It was her stint there that led her into the image-making industry. Later she worked as a producer in the UK animation industry, at Animation City, and Pizzaz Pictures. Back in Cape Town in 1995, Ammie established her own animation company, Quay Animation in a joint venture with the Cape Town Video Lab. Her company was later integrated into Video Lab and Ammie soon started producing some of the company's bigger projects. A colleague said, "Ammie was a stunning person, very thorough and organised. She is going to leave a hole in the industry due to her skills in facility producing." Janet said her sister always sent funny emails and SMSs to her family every Friday and was the one to remember birthdays and anniversaries.

The above is based on the obituary in the Cape Argus, on October 14. A variety of people contacted me when Ammie died and I think that was a measure of the high regard people had for Ammie and her family. JOAN PARKER (1956) was at the celebration of Ammie's life held in the Silvertree Restaurant, Kirstenbosch. She said it was a very special occasion with Ammie's mother, Jean, among the speakers and Georgina reading a poem. Family, friends and colleagues wrote;

Aamiable, amusing, amazing

Mmettlesome, meritorious, magnanimous

Mmanager, mentor, mom

Iindefatigable, intelligent, indelible

Eefficient, easygoing, earthy

And so much more...Ammie Snaddon (nee Purcell) - Too early departed

REUNIONS

1955

AMANDA WAKER (Opie), GILLIAN VAN COPPENHAGEN (Theron) and CAROL KIRK (Trigg) organized a lunch at the Blue Peter Hotel, Blouberg in November. FIONA CHISHOLM was a great hit as the speaker, arriving dressed in Rustenburg uniform.

1956

Its all happening from 26th January, 2006. If there can possibly be anyone out there not yet in touch, contact JOAN PARKER, mulpark@intekom.co.za, 021 671 8379, 15 Robinson Ave, Newlands 7708

1965

CHARMIAN WIGHTMAN (Cullis) emailed to ask if there was a reunion. No sign...

1974

These are extracts of a letter from ANNE THOMSON to KARINE EVANS (Mommel) and AVERIL KELLER, organisers of the 1974 reunion.

This is to thank Averil and you for your much hard work and sterling commitment in orchestrating a reunion for us 'les girls'. I applaud, as no doubt did all those present, your mammoth task in tracking down Rustybugs the world over and making the event happen in spite of reticence on the part of many given unhappy associations with the school, both junior and high. It was encouraging to read the good wishes and entertaining messages/emails from those in far distant lands or those who simply couldn't make it with crowded schedules.

On the Friday, it was interesting to revisit the establishment where we spent so much time and energy and to meet up with former headmistresses and teachers. I enjoyed the address by the current headmistress, Dr Elizabeth Fullard; her concern with

education and its role and future gave me cause for reflection. (I am currently consulting to the Department of Education, Western Cape; no such thing as coincidence!). Also, interesting to note changes and developments, especially the library and high-tech section (computers at school unheard and unimaginable three decades ago, that ages us!) and yet in other aspects it has not changed at all. . The girls orchestra too was a step forward... diversification is a notable positive move in embracing the challenges faced by - and requirements of - girls in the 21st Century. I admire Pam being in charge of the boarding house with you helping her; the girls of today at Rustenburg

Boarding House clearly have two women who can operate on multi-levels, providing much needed understanding and care especially for those far from home. And to cope successfully with the pressures that our modern society and worldwide domain exerts.

I, alongside many others I am sure, enjoyed the luncheon on the Friday; considerable catchups and 'how are you's' and ... not much ageing in the group! Compliments all round. Why not? It is noticeable and commendable to evaluate the collective achievements of our Year ... we were and are a pretty dynamic bunch.

Following on with the breakfast at Suikerbossie: this was a truly happy occasion, fun filled, bags of photographs being taken and address / card swapping. It was gratifying that of the circa 25 attendees, Lillian was present from NZ; Robin, Jenny and Karen from Gauteng; Cecile from the Eastern Cape; and Jill from George, among others who had travelled quite a distance. I understand that over the two events a total of 33 gals were present, some of us attended both days. That is a tremendous accomplishment for the organising committee. The warmth and good spirit engendered by the occasion and the company was easily evident; for those like myself who did not enjoy our schooling, as one person succinctly remarked, "the ghost of Rustenburg (unhappy times) had been laid to rest".

1985

About 60 Es of '85 gathered for supper at the Wild Fig in October. Organised by DIANA MACDONALD, and ALISON HYNE (sorry no married names) it was hugely enjoyable according to my informants. The evening started with JACQUIE doing a brilliant impersonation of Mrs McIntyre (here I don't have a maiden name - there were three Jacquelines in the standard). EVA MARSAL had come from Spain, transformed from a long, black-haired schoolgirl to a short-haired blond. MANDY DRIVER was there from Johannesburg, KATHY JOHNSON (Fish) from Pietermaritzburg. A breakdown of the distribution of the class shows that about 60 are in Cape Town, 30 overseas and 15 elsewhere in SA.

I will include an account of the life of one member of this class, KATE PEAGAM in the next newsletter.

It now remains to wish you all a happy festive season and a good start to 2006. **Plan to be at Founders' Day, Friday 27th January, 2006, from 10h00.**

Warmest regards

Mary Rose