



ROUNDWOOD PARK ALUMNI Newsletter 22: March 2018

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PLEASE forward this newsletter to ex-Roundwood friends and encourage them to make contact to be added to the mailing list.



Correct details?

PLEASE inform us to ensure we are using your correct/preferred contact details. Please email us or use the link to update details.

<http://www.roundwoodpark.co.uk/alumni-registration-form/>

Memory Lane: The group below left almost 10 years ago and now is dispersed across the globe in some cases.



This group below left just over 20 years ago.



The above photo was taken in lab 5 (Mr Curran's and later Dr Smith's teaching room). Those wonderful and often teak oil polished, benches have since been replaced with clinical white Formica coated surfaces!

If you are in either of these two pictures and you have not already made contact please let us know how you are doing.

Alumni help in Y10 Careers Event

We have had an amazing response from our Alumni. From this, we had 25 coming in to talk about their work! They came from Google, Banking, Design, Film, Singers, Scientists and Investment Banking! Something for everyone! Thanks to the following alumni delegates amongst a few others.

Steve Alison	Police
Ruth Ballett	Digital Technology (sales)
Luke Firmin	Business 9Forensic Accounting)
Gillian Griffiths	Legal
Rob Harris	Event Management
Alasdair Keith	Digital Technology (Banking)
Anna Lamburn	Design
Emily Lloyd	Healthcare

Toby Russell Business
Deborah South Healthcare
Felicity Sullivan business (Mortgage Brokers)
Richard Washbrooke Creative Arts (Photographer)
Jamie Wise Finance



Apologies if anyone was omitted from the list!

Alumni on the stage

Cooking With Juniper

A self-raising hour of family antagonisms and imperfect Pavlovas.

Roll up your sleeves, roll out the pastry and prepare to tuck in as renowned chef, Juniper Berry, invites you into her kitchen as she attempts to record her latest cookery programme. In this self-raising hour of comedy, expect a healthy sprinkling of chaos, some thoroughly overbeaten eggs and an alcoholic aftertaste.



Following Georgina Thomas' (2011) previous theatrical productions, Georgie has produced a brand new piece of theatrical comedy writing that she and her friend had written. It is called '**Cooking with Juniper**' and it is a live comedy cookery show that she will be performing in with her 'mad' friend and comedy writing partner, Anna. They are going to be performing it at the VAULT

Festival in Waterloo on Saturday 17th February at 16:30 and below is a link where you can find more details:

<https://vaultfestival.com/whats-on/cooking-with-juniper/>

It's a great festival that happens in the vaults under Waterloo station and we are very excited to have been selected to be a part of it.



Alumna campaign to raise awareness of plastic pollution in our oceans

Caroline Wilson (2005) is part of an all-female trio planning to row across the Atlantic at the end of the year in the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge - December 2018 to raise awareness of plastic pollution in the oceans.

Three ordinary women taking on an extraordinary challenge. Racing in the 2018 Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge

This amateur all-female trio will row 24 hours a day for over 50 days from the Canaries to Antigua.

OFFICER WORKERS SUSAN RONALDSON, JESS REGO & CAROLINE WILSON (pictured left) TO ROW 3,000 MILES ACROSS ATLANTIC

The team is rowing in support of the Marine Conservation Society to educate, inspire & drive change. It is estimated that by 2050 there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish. Everyone's



actions have an impact on the health of our oceans, and each of us can do something about it today.

This is an enormously important venture and they need your support.

You can follow their journey and read more about this amazing exploit/challenge and to offer support click on the link. | (www.statusrow.com).

The 'staff' interview Edward (Ed) Wilkinson (2002 –12)

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Ed taught Business Studies, was a Sixth form Tutor and oversaw the 'Young Enterprise' program in the Sixth Form.

1. What did you study at University – why that subject in particular? I studied Hospitality Management at Manchester Metropolitan University. I studied this, as I had been a chef for a few years already and found a love for Business at school. The combination was perfect.

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2. Do you have any fond memories of your time at university? My second year was a year in industry and I spent it in Philadelphia & Princeton in America. It was amazing; from a work perspective, it gave me the edge after I left university but in terms of learning about life and living in a different culture, it was incredible.

3. What made you go into teaching? The hospitality industry had changed and not for the better, I was fed up with people coming in and messing things up and when I wanted to improve things all I found was barriers. Being an active person, I could not do a desk job and teaching felt like a natural fit. The irony is, that at school being a teacher would have been the last thing on a list of jobs I wanted to do!

4. Did you or have you ever considered any other career path? In hospitality, I was a chef, corporate event organiser, conference & banqueting manager & a food and beverage director. Since I have started teaching, I have not wanted to do anything else!

5. Why did you choose Roundwood Park School and have you ever worked in another school or any other industry? I came to Roundwood in my training year and knew it was the only school I wanted to teach at. I enjoyed teaching the students and the positive atmosphere around the staff was intoxicating.

6. What roles and responsibilities did you have at RPS? I was in charge of Enterprise, Head of Department twice; I was involved in a couple of whole school projects, taught business, economics, ICT, PE & History. I was also a sixth form tutor.

7. What aspects of your job at RPS did you especially enjoy and if you have to pick one thing that, you most enjoyed what would it have been? The years at the start were so much fun socially; the staff was so active and supportive. In work, I loved my form, I am lucky that I am still in contact with some of them, which means a lot to me!

8. Do you have any moments that stand out that you are willing to share about your experiences at RPS? It is always the moments that made me laugh, like the time when we were doing the senior Citizens party & my form was doing the Bingo and they had accidentally got a rude version of the bingo calls, we needed to correct those quickly! The ones that made me proud were when my form wanted to meet up a year after they left the school, for dinner, it was funny when we went out at the end of 6th from they

all had posh pizza, a year later with them at university it was margarita pizzas and tap water!

9. Students often said they especially enjoyed the Young Enterprise /Wings of Hope that you oversaw. Why did you get involved in this? I always want students to have an opportunity to express themselves and do something outside of academia, which they can use in life. These opportunities gave them that and some groups really took it on. I was especially happy with Wings of Hope as all of the profit went to charity, which I felt was important, as students should experience social responsibility.

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10. Did you also take part in extra-curricular activities such as visits or sporting events with the students? I was lucky enough to go to EuroDisney, New York, Ecuador and many places in the UK. The EuroDisney trips were always a challenge as so many students went but had a good mix of real business experiences and a bit of fun as well. New York was stunning in February but the snow was always crazy, being able to go to a real life stock market was amazing. I was lucky enough to go with Mr. Porter to Ecuador with Outlook Expeditions. For the students I know that it was one of their most amazing experiences of their life and for me it was no different. The Galapagos Islands were like something that I had never experienced and I would not have changed that experience for anything!

11. How do you feel you made an impact at RPS in your many roles? I hope that students will have learnt more about life, not just the theory. I was often the joker amongst the staff so I hope that they remember me fondly as well!

12. After many years you left for a new job – why then and has this given you a new lease on life? I naturally felt my time at Roundwood had come to an end, I was ambitious and wanted a new challenge that I could not get at Roundwood. I actually left secondary teaching and went to teach primary to understand how they learn so that I could support struggling students far more. I feel that I got this and since returned to secondary teaching where I am enjoying new experiences from various different roles like being a staff governor, the Union Representative, Head of department and the Cooperative Chairman.

13. Given the changes in education over the year would you, given your time again, go into teaching or another profession? That is a hard question to answer; I love teaching and always will, I hope but I cannot pretend that the amount of bureaucracy that has entered the profession since I have joined has rather dampened my enthusiasm and with the government changing things, every couple of years it is frustrating. However, I have never lost the desire to make a small difference in young people's lives and the joy I get on results day seeing their dreams fulfilled can and will never be replaced!

14. You are well known for your enthusiasm and commitment to RPS and to your students, when students look back on their time at RPS how would you like to be remembered? The best! Only joking, I like to believe that I was hard and fair but still managed to create a fun, productive environment and was student focused.



If you **do not** wish to appear on our randomly selected GRAPEVINE section please let us know.



Melanie Johnston [1977].

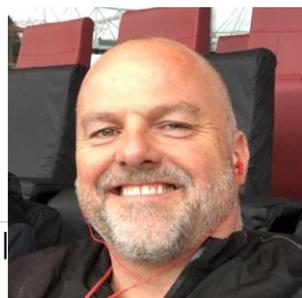
Melanie is currently a Secretary at David Doyle Estate Agents (Hemel Hempstead) Ltd. Prior to this Melanie worked at RPS as a cover supervisor. After leaving RPS, Melanie gained considerable experience in secretarial/office administration.

N.B. Dave Doyle previously worked in IT Support at RPS.



Mark Baddeley [1980].

Chief Technology Officer at New Zealand Defence Force. He was formerly the Chief of architecture & design at the NZDF. Mark gained a BSc (hons) in Computer Science at Loughborough University after leaving RPS.



Howard Winter [1985].

Howard is currently the Business Development Manager at Hank Zarihs Associates in Hertfordshire.



Simon Darby [1987].

Simon gained a BSc in electronic engineering from De Montfort University. He worked as a technical Services Manager and Director before his current position as Systems Manager at Harpenden Building Society.



Robert Annett [1993].

After his BEng degree in computer systems engineering, Robert became a software engineer before taking up managerial and consultant positions. He is currently Head of London Technology at Rubicon Fund Management.



James Izzard [1999].

James gained a degree in Quantity Surveying from the University of Westminster. He worked in Construction as a Senior Project Surveyor then as an Associate Director before his current position as Commercial Manager for BeLiving (Real Estate) in London.



Sara (Gibbs) Gibson [2000].

Sara studied psychology at Nottingham University. She is currently the Senior Account Director at The Marketing Store (Europe) in London.



Lisa butcher [2003].

Lisa studied Marketing communication at Greenwich University. Lisa's career has centred on the fashion and cosmetics industry in accounts or sales. She is currently the Sales controller at revlon in London.



Jeremy Chichester Miles [2004].

BA in photography from De Montfort University. Jeremy spent several years as a photographer/artist on Princess Cruises before taking up his current position as Manager of Hearts Photography.



William Allison [2005].

William is currently Senior Structural Revit Technician at BAM Design. He studied Industrial and product design at the University of Birmingham.



Laura Wrigglesworth [2010].

Laura is currently working as an Administration Assistant for BlackRock financial services in London. Laura gained an Executive PA diploma and gained secretarial experience working for the Managing Directors of a Capital Markets Underwriting company.



Amy Mielton [2013]

Amy gained a BSc (First Class Hons) in Human Physiology (International) from the University of Leeds. Amy is currently a Research Analyst at Evaluate (an information Services company) in London.

WEDDING BELLS. It may be a long way to go to get married but.....



Felicity Day (2008) got married to this lucky man, Jamie Davis, on New Year's Eve in Sydney where they had both been living.

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This photo was taken by Megan Wardley (2007). Grace wardley (2008) and Hollie (Prince) Richardson (2008) were bridesmaids.

We were tipped off about this impending match by someone who helped her make a blue coloured cake some years back!

Felicity has been working for a law firm in Sydney on risk management 'but has recently about to move over to the HR team with the same company.

Sam Jones (2006) also got married in December to Ali in Sussex.



Letters to the editors

We are always pleased to hear from you and hope to publish and respond to all comments.

- 1. Sure would be happy to support. – ,JW*
The response to the careers advice day was fantastic and everyone that offered help was contacted by the Careers dept.
Unfortunately, as I live in Alaska I won't be able to attend –TK
Amusingly we had a number of apologies from several across the globe that pointed out that despite being willing, travel was a bit tricky!
- 2. I am writing as I thought I would drop you a message to let you know about another show that I am doing.GT*
I'm actually part of an all-female trio planning to row across the Atlantic at the end of the year to raise awareness of plastic pollution. CW
We are always pleased to hear about any ventures or events that alumni are involved in and whenever possible they are, with permission, published and appear in the newsletters or on the Website under alumni News & Events.
- 3. Please add me to your Linkedin network. Lots!*

However, unless you have RPS on your linkedin account we do not know if you attended RPS especially if you left before our computer records started in ca.2000.

FUND RAISING for the All Weather pitch continues.

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www.rpcp.co.uk - Roundwood Park Community Pitch

Construction is already well underway and it is anticipated that the Roundwood Park Community Pitch will be ready for school, Colts and community use for April 2018.

If you were, or your children are, keen Harpenden Colt's footballers then please HELP us – select a personalised tile for your family or simply make a donation.

[Click on the link above.](#) Thank you.



The former vice chairman of the Football Association has given his seal of approval to a controversial artificial pitch at a Harpenden school. David Dein, who was also a vice chairman of Arsenal Football Club, visited Roundwood Park School to view the plans for a community pitch currently under construction. Roundwood was given planning permission for a third generation (3G) pitch and floodlighting to be used by both pupils and local club Harpenden Colts last year.

CAN YOU HELP – 'old' teacher photos!



We would to match all our ex staff with a photograph.

Please take a look at

<https://roundwoodpark.co.uk/alumni-staff-news/>

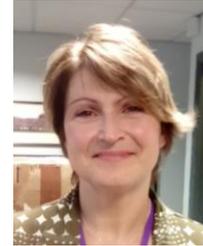


Tony Goodwin, Mike Hooper, Adrian King, Jon Kinrade, Daria Lowe, Nan Maxwell, Steve Shawley, John Storer, Pauline Sutherland, Sheila Wheeler, Nigel Fox, Roger Beard, Eva Childerstone, Claire Collins Toby Dussek, Ian Fisher, Sue Fleckney, Gill Curtis, Eddy Clarke, – to name a few!

It may be that you have some school photos, which include your old teachers. If so, we would really like you to send any to us at b.smith@roundwoodpark.co.uk

Staff changes

Mrs Caroline Chandler (2000-8). After 8 years working on reception, in the Year tutor's office and in the library, Caroline is taking her well earned rest (or is it release?) from the rigours of presenting an always cheerful and helpful face to visitors, staff and students alike. Very much a 'can do' person who will be greatly missed by all. We wish her well.



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Adam Rose [06 - 09/17] Teacher of Design & technology.

Richard Lewis [09-12/17] Teacher of Drama

Heather McKenzie 09-12/17] History teacher

Claire Fowlesland [09-12/17] Teacher of history



Kate (nee Lewis) Callaghan [09/2001-present] The current Head of Geography will be on maternity leave from mid-February, we wish her well for the latest 'geography field trip'/world challenge!

This picture, taken in January 2010, shows Miss Lewis with her two assistants in the Paraiso holiday apartments in Albufeira, Portugal, where she headed and organised many memorable 'tours'!

STOP PRESS

Nick Daymond, RPS Head teacher from 2004 -2010 who moved on to take-over at Parmiters School in Garston, Watford has since resigned his position at Christmas 2017 to take a break from education. Rumour has it he was increasingly disenchanted with government education cuts and having to make staff redundant!



Mr Ed Wickens, former Geography teacher at RPS and Harpenden hockey club 2nd XI team captain. Head of Geography late 1990s. Pioneered many distant geography trips! Left to become Deputy Head locally then Head in Gloucestershire and then Head of International School in Hong Kong. He has since retired and lives in France with his family.

Judy Holland, a well-liked and respected teacher of German, has sadly recently passed away last year (2017).



Mr John Lucas RIP

It is with great sadness that **Mr John Lucas**, maths teacher and deputy Head Teacher, has passed away at the age of 96 in March 2018. A service will be held at Garston crematorium in April.

Jack Annand [2016], an ex-Head Boy, is apparently appearing as a contestant in a TV programme called 'The Chase' on ITV!



CONTACT – *We would like to hear from you.*

Please contact us to BE ADDED to our / your Alumni Listings or to UPDATE your existing profile.

PLEASE email us with a synopsis of what you would like to appear along with a photo (linkedin?)

For feedback, photos or information regarding your contact details or any other information regarding your listing on the Alumni site please email b.smith@roundwoodpark.co.