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Claire Ainsworth (Burnett, Jurisprudence)

Married to Peter since 1981 with three children: Imogen, Olivia and Benedict, who have now all left home.

I worked in the City: Hill Samuel, Morgan Grenfell, Deutsche Bank from 1979 to 2002 in structured finance, swaps and securitisation. I left DB when I was diagnosed with breast cancer and after (so far!) successful treatment worked as a consultant and then partner and managing partner at Triple Point Investment Management. I am now increasing working flexibility with a couple of non-exec posts and more time for theatre, travel, walking and Scottish Dancing.

Linda Broad (Sutton, Chemistry)

Since leaving Somerville I have been working full time in the Pharmaceutical Industry. The first 30 years were with Pfizer, where I had local and global roles in Analytical Chemistry, Quality Assurance and Regulatory Affairs. For the last $\tilde{~}$ 7 years I have been with Fisher Clinical Services in a client-facing role supporting a number of major pharmaceutical company clients. I have a wonderful son, daughter in law and grandson and I look forward to retirement soon and chance to spend more time with them...and travelling with my partner Nick.

Jennifer Church (Classics & English)

I received my PhD in philosophy from the University of Michigan, did a postdoc at the University of Chicago, and have been a professor of philosophy at Vassar College ever since. I have written articles on irrationality, the emotions, imagination, consciousness, and mental disorders; my book Possibilities of Perception was published by Oxford University Press. I spend part of each year in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico.

Clare Colacicchi (Clutterbuck, History)

I qualified as a Solicitor and worked in London for Macfarlanes before joining Hewitsons. I am the Senior Partner and I specialise in advice to individuals and trustees on succession planning and capital taxes. Hewitsons has 40 Partners with offices in London, Cambridge, Milton Keynes and Northampton.

I have held a number of charity trusteeships ,including being a Governor of the University of Northampton. I am currently a Governor at St Mary's School Ascot, an independent girls boarding school.

I have a three adult daughters and a husband (also a Solicitor)!

Alex Cole (Chemistry)

My first move after Somerville was to France. Subsequently I worked for oil companies and their suppliers in the chemistry and business of lubricants. It has afforded me a rewarding career and satisfied the desire to travel. A notable change at work has been the rectification of gender imbalance - an early memory is of a ballroom holding hundreds of which only four delegates were women. My elder child was at Oxford; I enjoyed the opportunity to return and re-visit! I have responsibilities to my disabled child and elderly parent so their care and my retirement are the subject of current planning.

Anne Cowan (German)

Fifteen years bringing up six children. Re-trained as a councillor and psychotherapist and worked in private practice for several years. Divorced in 2003. Re-married in 2006

Started volunteering at local primary school in 2011, now helping in a year 1/2 class and teaching enrichment English groups and elementary Latin across the school. I am currently also chair of governors.

Frances Dewhurst (History)

Trained as a lawyer but became more interesting in training than law and embarked on freelance training and consultancy for lawyers and other professionals. In 2008 she had another career change and became Director of a charity that supports people with hearing loss in Cambridge. Is now retiring from that job and training as a Hearing Therapist at Aston University with a new project in the pipeline to support people with better information and understanding of hearing loss.

Nicola Ellard (Pugh, Physics)

After graduating I gained my LRAM and LGSM, then trained as a solicitor at Stephenson Harwood, qualifying in 1984 into their Litigation Department where I specialised in Intellectual Property. Whilst a law student, I became the accompanist for the nascent Lawyers' Music. Married John, also a solicitor, in 1987, and lived in New York for two years. Gained Intellectual Property Diploma at QMC in 1990. Four children, now 28-23 years old; one grandson of 20 months. Currently a churchwarden, and singing in three choirs, and on the committee of two of them.

Sue Frost (Morgan, Mathematics)

After a few years teaching Maths, getting married and having 2 daughters, Sue moved into the world of policy and contract reporting, working with Bishops in the House of Lords on children and Family policy for over ten years then moving to be Head of Policy and Reporting for a small national relationship counselling charity. In 2010 she moved back to the South West but still doing a regular commute to Waterloo but the pull of the sea and sailing proved to be too much and she is now working closer to home with Devon's Integrated Children's Services run by Virgin Care but still counting numbers! I look forward to meeting my contemporaries.

Teresa Gwilt (Teighe, French & Italian)

Not quite the charmed path that I envisaged in my undergraduate days, but life is proving an interesting journey nonetheless. Highlights? Marriage, motherhood and divorce, followed by a lovely, patient man who's stuck by me and the family through the good times and the scary. Jobs have ranged from worthwhile (international charity work), to quirky (aerobatic aircraft sales), to disastrous (property development through the last property crash), to highly responsible (business and compliance manager at a law firm). Now trying my hand at designing a new product and starting my own business. Grannyhood looms, and I'm not ready for it.

Jane MacIntyre (Chemistry)

After Somerville, I went into publishing and found myself editing a multivolume encyclopaedia in organometallic chemistry (my DPhil subject) just as the digital revolution took off. This led to a variety of roles increasingly focused on technology.

Now I find myself back at Oxford and working part-time for a software developer helping publishers improve the content of their online offerings using artificial intelligence. This leaves more time for other interests like art history, travelling, stand-up comedy and industrial heritage (OK, mostly steam trains). I'm a regular (though increasingly creaky) jogger, who can just about manage the Town & Gown 10k.

Claire Mackintosh (Nowak, Biological Sciences)

Main career in investment management, managing pension funds, later working in Korea. In 1996 devised and set up ShareGift, a charity which addresses the problem of shareholdings that are too small to sell. £25million has as a result been generated and distributed to more than 2,000 charities, and significant administrative cost savings are made by companies. Non-executive director of the Royal Automobile Club. Trustee of The Duff Cooper Prize, a literary prize for a work of history or biography. Married to Orielensis Clive Mackintosh; one daughter. Lives in London and spends time in Suffolk and the USA.

Judith Main (Wilson, Physiological Sciences)

These 40 years have been a sandwich. General Practice training in Bath, community health in Sudan (South Sudan). Clive and I married, worked in Zaire (DRC), Anna arrived. Evacuated by Hercules to London, where we have remained. Barney arrived. I left medicine, spent 20+ years as a support to my ordained husband, wife, Mum, church worker... With a new set of medical textbooks I spent 2009 relearning medicine. Exams and retraining (another year) to re-qualify as a GP. Now part time in Bethnal Green, the whole world in my consulting room. Church in Hackney is black majority – joyful and challenging!

Ruth Mayes (Coggan, Mathematics)

My life in 100 words – a bit of a challenge but here goes!

Professionally: Education, education, education. Started as Maths teacher in Bedfordshire 1980 took early retirement from post as Executive Headteacher in Yorkshire 2015. Now working as a consultant with 2 secondary schools and a primary trust.

Personally: marriage, divorce, marriage. Very happy! No children of my own but 4 stepchildren. Family ranges from age 1 (Great- Niece) to 92 (my Mum). Very proud of them all!

Interests: Walking, travelling, gardening / allotment, cooking, reading, time with friends and family. Phew!

Lesley McCallum (Modern History)

I did my PGCE in Edinburgh, tried accountancy with Arthur Young in Newcastle, returned to Edinburgh, married David Mitchell (Worcester College) and worked in travel until 1987 when my daughter Izzy was born.

Andrew and James followed. I did odd voluntary things and completed a BSc in Psychology with the OU. Returned to teaching via playgroups etc. Stopped that 3 years ago, now about to start 1:1 teaching ESOL with the Welcome scheme here in Edinburgh.

Jenny Meader (Heseltine, Engineering Science)

After Somerville I worked for Rolls-Royce Aero-engines as a graduate engineer for 4 years, where I met my husband Tony and moved from mechanical engineering to IT. We then both moved to Aberdeen to work for BP. After 4 years there, we both managed to get postings to BP in Norway. While in Norway I had two children. Then we were both posted to Houston, Texas, where I worked for an IT standards organisation and had our 3rd child. After 6 years we returned to Dorset and I worked as a free-lance IT consultant until retiring last year.

Jane Millinchip (Davenport, French & Italian)

I was a French teacher (5 years) and a Reception Class teacher (8 years), before going to work for Barclays Probate Service until I retired in July 2016. I married Andrew Millinchip (the Keble Organ Scholar) in 1980. We have two sons. Thomas is 31, married with 2 daughters, and lives in Prague, and Benedict is 28, also married, and lives in London. We have lived in Northwich in Cheshire since 1983. The most significant event of recent years is my ordination as deacon and then priest in Chester Cathedral, and I am currently Curate at St Helen Witton.

Janice Mylroi (Mathematics)

After leaving Somerville I trained as a chartered accountant and worked in the profession for 9 years. I then moved into industry working for a large local engineering company which was eventually taken over by the Rolls Royce group. From there I moved into shipping where I worked for a large international company which operated tankers around the world. Following redundancy in 2014, I now divide my time between working on short term accountancy contracts and travelling.

Rosie Oliver (Rogers, Mathematics)

I started as an aerodynamicist and worked my way to become a systems engineer in the defence industry (British Aerospace, Ministry of Defence, QinetiQ, Lockheed Martin UK). I took a late career break to do an MA in Creative Writing at Bath Spa University in 2010/11, and having recently taken early retirement will have more time to write science fiction. After being married to a wonderful husband, Chris, for over a quarter of a century, he has sadly passed on, but I have very fond memories of him

Bethan Riddick (Jones, Chemistry)

After leaving Somerville I went on to Bedford College in London to carry out some research; the only part I enjoyed was supporting undergraduates and playing hockey! I therefore abandoned my PhD, did my PGCE in Swansea, started teaching Chemistry in Frome College in 1984, moved to The Kings of Wessex Academy in Cheddar in 1989 as Head of Chemistry, then became Head of Science and I'm still there. Along the way I got married, had two children, got divorced, played a lot of hockey and am still umpiring loads.

Hilary Rock Jenkins (Rock, English)

After finals I stayed in Oxford for a couple of years and did an MLitt, before going to teach in India, China and Saudi Arabia. I joined the British Council in 1988 and worked on a range of ELT and Literature projects until 2010 when I took early retirement. I had become fascinated by the idea of teaching creative writing, particularly in the context of personal development. I am now Senior Lecturer in Creative Writing (Distance Learning) at Teesside University. When I am not visiting my son Ed, studying sea birds in Canada, or my daughter Rebecca, working for the Heritage Lottery Fund in London, I live up on the North York Moors, not far from Whitby.

Linda Salt (History & Economics)

I worked for Blue Circle Industries in Victoria, London, qualifying as a Chartered Management Accountant by correspondence course. After five and a half years of commuting, I changed to working closer to home for Sony UK for the next sixteen years. My role as Review and Liaison Manager SUKL was made redundant in 2001, so I have enjoyed local campaigning and pursuing my hobbies – playing lead alto saxophone (self-taught) in the Bourne Concert Band of Woking and gardening. I am currently Treasurer of All Saints Church in New Haw for the second time, as well as Treasurer of the Band.

Philippa Schofield (Cash, French & German)

After my languages degree I knew that I neither wanted to teach nor translate, so I headed for the City as an international insurance broker with no idea what this meant. What experiences that gave me: negotiation, travel and a broad understanding of many different industries (automotive, petrochemical, transportation and others.) After thirty years I moved to the regulator (now part of the Bank of England) as a technical specialist, advising on such topics as the impact of Brexit on the UK insurance sector.

I have two marvellous daughters, one with a PhD in physics, the other an ex-Somervillian.

Susan Sinagola (Livingstone, Physics)

I trained as a Chartered Accountant and married Graham. We have been married for 36 years and have 2 daughters, Isabel (24) and Caroline (20). Isabel read English at Somerville and works in publishing and Caroline is studying Fine Art at Falmouth. We have always lived in the North West. I worked at Ernst & Young for 26 years, 16 as a partner, specialising in corporate tax, advising amongst others BNFL and the company that built the Manchester tram system. I am now happily retired in a Cheshire village, sing, garden and run a Youth Music Festival I founded.

Julia Smith (English)

After graduating I spent a further three years at Somerville, completing a D.Phil. in early modern English Literature. I then held a research Fellowship at Newcastle University, followed by a long period teaching for the Open University, the Methodist Church's Distance Education Centre, and other organizations working with mature students. I am now an independent scholar, specializing in seventeenth-century literature, and am general editor of a 14-volume Oxford edition of the works of Thomas Traherne. I have been married for 35 years to an Oxford contemporary, and we and our dog live in Iffley, Oxford.

Annabelle Spooner (Human Sciences)

After Somerville moved to London to work at the Unilever market research agency where stayed 5 years and was seconded to New York for 4 months. Moved to smaller research agency where eventually became MD and juggled my work with bringing up 3 lovely children who are all now huge. Stayed in London and enjoy walking, yoga, films and reading. In last 18 months have started my own business, divorced and moved to the London countryside - so looking forward to the next 40!

Jocelyn Stoddard (English)

If you have an English degree everyone expects you to be an English teacher. I held out a long while, working instead at The Folio Society (publishing is probably the next most obvious choice) for many years. However, here I am now teaching English (not to mention Theory of Knowledge and a little Latin) at Bexley Grammar School, where I am also in charge of helping students interested in applying for medicine and to Oxford and Cambridge. I am most successful with getting them into Oxford, I find.

Anna Tietze (Philosophy & French)

After leaving Oxford I moved into the field of Art History and have taught the subject at the University of Cape Town since emigrating to South Africa. For a number of years I have also had a close professional involvement with the South African National Gallery and my study of the gallery's history will be published later this year by UCT Press. My husband, Nigel Love (Modern Languages, Magdalen 1969), has recently retired from UCT. We have two sons.

Jane Trewhella (Carpenter, Modern History & Languages)

After a career with a consulting firm which included a period living in Denmark, I now run my own small business, and live in West Yorkshire. I recently passed WSET (Wine & Spirits Education Trust) exams, and am considering continuing to Diploma Level. I still have a keen interest in early music, and sing in my spare time, including with Oxford contemporaries. I also volunteer for two local charities.

Dominique Vaughan Williams (French & Spanish)

After leaving Somerville in 1980, I obtained a Diploma in Marketing and began a career with international companies, moving from marketing cash machines, through to telecoms, drinks and IT.

I became Marketing Director EMEA for an American company and travelled the world. In 2000 I downsized to have a better life balance joining a local Watford company. It was bought shortly afterwards by a French bank -so it was back to travelling! In 2008 I took on Human Resources as well as Marketing and then became HR & Operations Director in 2014. I am retiring in July 2017.

I met my partner Margaret Harvey in 1991 and we got married in 2016. I continue my passion for all things cultural and the electric guitar!