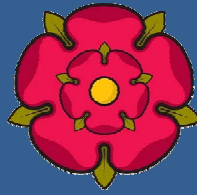


# Alumnae Newsletter



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*Dear Alumnae,*

*I hope you are all looking forward to Christmas and enjoy reading about what some of your old friends have been up to.*

*Please continue sending in your news to [alumnae@lggs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:alumnae@lggs.lancs.sch.uk) - It is great to hear what you have been up to. If you would like to see what has been going on in school this term, please have a look in the news archive section of the website.*

## Alumnae News

### **Sarah Hodgson (2009 leaver)**

I'm in my third year at Newcastle University - studying Media, Communication and Cultural Studies. I have been elected by students of Newcastle University to be the Community Officer for Newcastle University Students Union for year 11/12. I act as a representative of the Union at Local resident meetings, community and police meetings as well as this I play a key role working with Newcastle City Council on major issues that affect all students in Newcastle. I have been elected onto several committees in my work with the Students Union and University. I am on a number of major decision boards including Welfare and Citizenship; Community Executive; Officers Forum; Student Union Council and more. At the moment I am rolling out a number of City wide schemes and campaigns that I have created and organised such as Housing Roadshows, Student Safety campaigns and more. I have also been a major part of International Week, Freshers Week and more.

Additionally I have just been elected as the Chair of Stage 3 Media, Communication and Cultural Studies Staff-Student Committee; meaning I am a leading figure in how my course is run and have a major input into my degree programme.

### **Ellodie Gibbons**

I got married on 28 August in the Ashton Memorial to Simon Winter. Old girls present were Anne Kelly nee Dawson, Caroline Locket nee Anson and Kay James nee Clifton (all of whom left in 1994).

Also this year, I was awarded Leasehold Enfranchisement and Right to Manage Barrister of the Year 2011, in part because I co-authored a book, which was published last year entitled 'Leasehold Enfranchisement Explained'. I have also been named as a leading junior in the field of property litigation

in the Legal 500 for the fifth consecutive year.

**Sue Tyson Ward**

I have just signed a contract with American publisher McGraw Hill to write my 21st Portuguese book.

**Abby Plant (1996 leaver)**

My biggest achievement has been cycling the length of Chile in South America with my partner in 2006. It took 4 months to cycle 3,600 miles.

**Che McGarvey-Gill (2001)**

I have a MA with distinction in Social Work from the University of York and have worked in women's refuges in the UK and New Zealand and am currently working for a homeless team in Widnes. I am due to get married in December this year in Kendal

**Maria Gara (1986 leaver)**

I now head up all the Direct Marketing for the National Trust, managing their membership acquisition, retention and direct fundraising activities.

**Antoinette Hudson (1987 leaver)**

I passed my CAPES, French competitive exam to be a secondary school teacher, in 1998 and I passed my Agrégation, also competitive exam, to teach in at lycée level (5th and 6th form), in 2003. Sportswise, I came 5th in the British National Rowing Championships in 1996 in a single scull and 3rd in the French National Rowing Championships in the same year in a quad scull.

**Cati Evans-Williams (2007)**

I graduated in July with a double first in English from Cambridge and will be starting the Teach First Programme next summer.

**Kirsteen Aubrey (1989 leaver)**

I've an exhibition of my glass work. It's based at Special Collections (part of Manchester Metropolitan University) where I teach Three Dimensional Design. Previously I was trained as glassblower (having studied Multidisciplinary Design at Staffs uni) and later became Course Leader for the BA(Hons) Glass, Architectural Glass and Ceramics Course at University of Sunderland at the National Glass Centre. Latterly I moved to Manchester, where I began teaching. Funnily enough, having attended the reunion at LGGS I returned to work to find out that one of my students was a 'girl' who had been in my year at LGGS but I just hadn't recognised her. It seems strange how things can go full circle!

**Emma Maudsley (nee Regan ,1998 leaver)**

I left LGGS in 1998 and now run a small home based business making animals from socks . I sell them online and at craft fairs. I have recently been accepted into a juried craft community called The Artisan Group which is based in the USA. They participate in celebrity gifting lounges prior to the big awards ceremonies. I'm so pleased that my business cards will be included in the bags to be gifted prior to The Oscars in 2012. Come a long way since GCSE Textiles!!!

If anyone is interested in my work you can find it on Facebook at

[www.facebook.com/SockMonkeyEmporium](http://www.facebook.com/SockMonkeyEmporium)

**Theresa Russell (nee Jackson , 1992 leaver)**

I left LGGS in 1992 (at the end of year 11) went on to get married and have two children. My children are now 13 and 16 years old. I finally went back to college and graduated from Lancaster University in 2006 with a BA (Hons) Educational Studies, I taught ICT for the NHS for a few years and then went to Uni of

Cumbria to complete a ICT Secondary School Teacher Conversion Course. I graduated as an ICT Secondary School Teacher in 2009 - I have worked as a full time ICT teacher at Morecambe Community High School since then.

Recently I have been working with pupils to enter creative ICT competition such as Animation 11 run by University of Manchester and Creative ICT run by TES - We were very successful in the recent TES competition where we won 2 categories out of 4 - and best in show.

**Just for fun!**  
**Can you spot any old friends?**



**1929**



**1939**



**1953**



**1974**