

ABOUT ME

My name is Liz.

I used to go to Headlands and I went on to be a librarian.

SCHOOL RESULTS

I left Headlands in June 1968 with eight O Levels and two A Levels.

WHAT I

I went to Newcastle College of Librarianship, specialising in academic libraries and music.

Then about 16 different jobs, mostly involving cataloguing, including at the libraries of the universities of Stirling, Exeter and Humberside; in specialist libraries such as the Civic Trust library in London, Dartington College of Arts, Wimbledon School of Art and the London Borough of Merton Music Library.

I also spent six months in Australia attached to the University of Wollongong.

FAVOURITE MEMORIES

Helping Mrs
Turner set
up and run
the school
library.

ABOUT MY JOB

Remember, these were pre-computer days, generally speaking! Life was very different, especially in the information world.

My specialism was cataloguing - the application of logic, subject awareness and organisation of knowledge.

My strengths were cataloguing, classification and basic database structuring. My interests were in music and the arts, and travel. I had a wonderful time combining these.

The highlights of my professional career were being on the editorial board of the Dewey Decimal Classification System, and representing the UK at the International Library Conference in Jerusalem.

MY ADVICE TO STUDENTS

Wherever possible, follow your dream. One thing you may have to consider is your top priority. If it's money, work out the most lucrative options and expect that to take up most of your time and energy.

If it's a dream that others might not understand, trust yourself and go for it.

But the main thing is to know yourself and what is the best life you can hope for, for yourself



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