

FOUR LELLO DESCENDANTS



JONATHAN PIERS, STEFAN RICHARD, JULIET ELEANOR

I am RYLLIS ELEANOR (daughter of Eleanora Daniel, née Lello), seen here with my three children, from right to left, in order of age.

The photo was probably taken around 1975. The boys have long since abandoned their beards, and two of the three of them are now grey-haired themselves!

My children were born when I was married to Graham Martin (now professor of French at Edinburgh University). The marriage was fragile and short-lived and I found being a single parent a tremendous struggle in every way. However, the children survived the experience. I was always extremely proud of them. I adored them. In fact, I thought there were no other children in all the world who could compare with them! They all had great personal strengths and skills and were very conscious of forming “a team” and of supporting each other through some difficult times.

All three went to university. Jonathan chose engineering, following in the footsteps of his maternal grand-father; Stefan read Physics and achieved his doctorate; Juliet, who was a very good artist, surprisingly did not go to Art College but to University to read International Relations, hoping to ultimately get a job in the Foreign Office.

But, life's path takes some unexpected twists and turns, as mine has done. The only one of the three to have remained within the realm of their original studies is Stefan, now living in California, working on space optics. Jonathan has discovered a great talent for computers and drives phenomenal distances all over England (fortunately, he is not married!), trouble-shooting computers. Juliet's early work was

as a young Project Manager, but she now runs the office of her husband's very busy farm, and is tremendously tied up with her daughter's riding career. Her daughter, Francesca, aged 18, is a successful dressage competitor. Her son, Harry, is at present somewhere in Australia, taking a gap-year. Stefan's sons feature on a piece Stefan has sent to you; they are Andrew and Daniel, both also at University.

So, for my part, I have increased the Lello tribe by 3 children plus 4 grandchildren. Maybe it will not be very long before great-grandchildren make their way into the world!

A word about my children

JONATHAN is possessed of endless patience; he is kindness and generosity itself and will do anything for anyone, regardless of the time it might take. He is a very special person.

STEFAN is a mechanical genius, a very special Mr Fixit. He has a fine brain and has achieved considerable success in his work on space telescopes. He also has a brilliant smile!

JULIET is the artistic one of the trio. She is extremely hard-working, and has transformed a very large and dull house into a lovely home with an imaginative and beautiful interior. She has magic and special gifts.

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