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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

2003: pending	Diploma in Diet and Nutrition Stonebridge Associated Colleges		
1997:	2:1 BSc (Hons) in Agricultural and Food Sciences from The University of Nottingham.		
1994: A'Levels	Biology	Chemistry	Geology
1992: A'Levels	English Literature	Practical Music	Theoretical Music
1990: GCSEs	Chemistry	English Language	English Literature
	Home Economics	Geography	Maths
	Music	Physics	Typing

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

1997 Red Cross Emergency First Aid certificate
1991 ABRSM Grade 8 Piano
1991 ABRSM Grade 6 Oboe
1988 ABRSM Grade 4 Violin

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Current Employment

Bennett Nutritional Services
August 2002 – present
Partner

In August 2002 my husband Nick Bennett and I founded Bennett Nutritional Services to capitalize upon our combined and complementary experiences in the health and nutrition industry. BNS provides consultancy services to a variety of clients in the food, nutrient supplements and medical diagnostic industries. Those services include a professional copy-editing and proof reading service (adhering to food and advertising law); copy preparation of leaflets, brochures and labels; preparation of dossiers to meet the SCF requirements for positive list registration and also dietary counseling for people receiving diagnostic test results such as food intolerance testing that may require major changes in diet and habits.

Previous Employment

NDS Healthcare. Tenbury Wells.
April 2001 – July 2002.
Technical Manager

My experience in the Technical Department of Nature's Own led to my appointment as Technical Manager for NDS when the company was started in April 2001. Being with the company from its inception provided me with invaluable experience in product design and production, being a key player in the process of getting an extensive range of nutrient supplements onto the market whilst also adhering to the current legislation.

**Nature's Own Ltd. Malvern.
November 1998 – March 2001**

Part Time Personal Assistant to the Technical Director

This involves a great variety of work, deputising when the Technical Director is out of the office and working closely alongside him when he is in. The most valuable development for me here has been the honing of my interpersonal skills. These skills include the ability to keep cool, calm and collected under pressure, and to be patient in order to get the best from myself and others.

Alongside this part time role I also studied piano as a pupil at the Elgar Music School in Worcester preparing for my LRCM teaching diploma. In addition I was listed on the register of accompanists.

**Country Garden's Garden Centre, Burcot, Bromsgrove.
March 1998 - October 1998**

Management Trainee and Plantarea Supervisor

Here I put my lifetime's experience growing up at my parent's garden centre into professional practice. I gained formal training in management and supervision which stands me in good stead for teaching.

**Lifestyles, Worcester
August 1997 - December 1997**

Volunteer worker

Lifestyles provide carers at home for disabled people in Worcestershire and Herefordshire. I worked for 4 months with a lady in Ross on Wye who has cerebral palsy providing all the assistance she needed in order to maintain her independence and live in her own home. This taught me a great deal about responsibility and how rewarding it is to help people achieve their potential.

**Private Piano Tuition
various dates**

Whilst studying for my A'levels and degree and also whilst working part time I taught several pupils piano and theory. Some I taught on electronic keyboard rather than piano, meaning I had to adapt my own technique and teaching to that which was more appropriate.

Interests

My main hobbies have always been centered around music. Whilst living in Malvern I experienced a season with the Malvern Light Opera society, taking part in a production of The Merry Widow in 1999. In May 2000 I was selected to be a part of the Malvern Mystery Play. In addition to singing alto in the choir and acting in the play I also stood in at short notice for the last two performances as percussionist.

My previous experiences have included playing piano in a concert alongside two professional pianists, Anthony Goldstone and Caroline Clemow; being a member of several choirs and orchestras performing in a variety of concerts and festivals; establishing and directing a recorder consort, a handbell group and a youth band.

At University I took up Ballroom and Latin American dancing. I still dance whenever possible although opportunities are unfortunately now few and far between.

In 2001 I became a fully warranted guide guider attached to the 5th Malvern Wells Girl Guides. Our weekly meetings gave opportunity for the girls to take part in a variety of activities, and my busiest time as their helper was each Christmas when I helped to produce the pantomime.