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## Welcome to our eleventh edition of *Latin Life*

All of a sudden our 600th anniversary, which seemed a long way away when I joined the school in 2010, is becoming a distinctly more visible landmark on the 2023 horizon. As a history teacher it feels natural that we should mark this moment with a new history of the school.

The current version was published in 2001 and is light on personal memories of what life was like as a student, particularly in the 20th century. I am delighted, therefore, that John Hounslow (class of 1970) has agreed to take on the project of bringing together the memories of Old Latins from the 1930s to present day, alongside a shorter history of how the Latin developed in previous centuries. Do come along to the Archive Day on 2nd May to find out how you can contribute your own memories, or if you are unable to attend but

would still like to contribute, do get in touch via [latinlife@royallatin.org](mailto:latinlife@royallatin.org).

In the meantime, school life seems as busy as ever. We were sorry to bring the curtain down on Martin Boileau's 25 year career as Head of Drama. His final production of the Madness-inspired musical, *Our House*, was a fitting tribute to his great contribution to drama at the Latin. We have also been pleased to welcome several Old Latins in recent months, often to share their own career and/or life experiences with current students, but also just to reacquire themselves with the school. As ever, do feel free to get in touch - we always love to see you!

David Hudson, Headteacher

## Old Latins Rugby Match v AWS

**Buckingham Rugby Club:**  
**Saturday 28th April 2018**  
The match will follow the 1st XV match, which starts at 2pm

Please do feel free to come along and support our alumni team as they defend their title after two consecutive victories in 2016 and 2017.



## Remembrance 2017



On Friday 10th November our school community came together to remember all soldiers from all wars who have sacrificed so much that we may live in peace. We were also honoured this year to welcome back former Head Boy and now Air Marshall in the RAF, Julian Young (from the Class of 1980) as our guest of honour at this year's event.

The Royal Latin School experienced significant losses during wartime. In the lead up to the First World War the school had approximately 100 students and many former students at the time made their way to war, of whom 25 lost their lives. In the Second World War the school population was about 250 students, again young men and women left RLS, Buckingham and the surrounding areas to go and fight and 23 never came home. It is right and proper that we honour these men each year and come together as a community to show our respects and say thank you.

Our service took place on the beautiful front lawns in front of the Main Block, but the outdoor location had been in some doubt due to a few downpours earlier in the morning. However fate intervened and the morning was a beautifully sunny autumnal one as our students took their places. We were again pleased to welcome many guests from the Royal British Legion, Armed Forces and local community. Mr Hudson opened the proceedings followed by Mrs Mason and our Deputy Head Boy and Girl, who spoke about the Flanders poppy. Air Marshal Julian Young then gave a poignant speech about why communities back in the UK taking part in Remembrance services are so important to sailors, soldiers and air personnel who are stationed in theatres of war or have served in the Armed Forces.

As if by some divine intervention, mid-way through the playing of The Last Post, two Chipmunk aeroplanes (circa 1970) flew right over the assembled students and guests. During the moment of silence, wreaths were laid at the names of the fallen by our Head Boy and Girl before the assembly was dismissed and guests made their way off the stage. Students at the school who are cadets paraded impressively during the service and were able to talk with Air Marshall Young as well as other guests after the service.

Air Marshall Young best summarised the service, below.



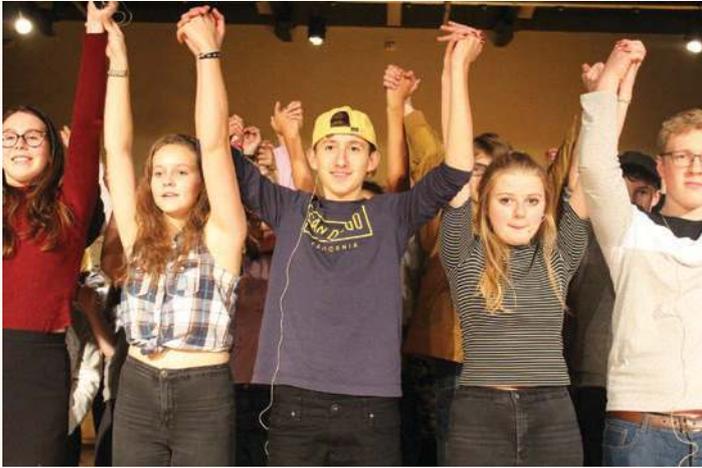
Air Marshall J A Young inspects the cadets

*Once again I am impressed at how the students, teachers and supporting staff of the Royal Latin School come together with parents, local councillors and members of the Armed Forces and Emergency Services in order to pause and remember those who have died defending our country, and especially to remember those Old Latins who have made the ultimate sacrifice.*

*In today's busy and sometimes self-obsessed society, it is important, even if only once a year, to pause, reflect and remember those who have help made it all possible. As an Old Latin myself (Class of 1980), it was an honour to be asked to be part of this year's Remembrance Service by the Royal Latin School in Buckingham.*

Air Marshal J A Young

## Martin Boileau retires after 25 years at RLS



The end of 2017 marked the end of an era for the drama department at RLS, when Martin Boileau decided to retire after 25 years at RLS.

Martin was appointed as the school's first Head of Drama and was therefore responsible for establishing drama as a central part of the curriculum. Many Old Latins will have been involved with the annual productions over the years, and will have been taught by Mr Boileau – indeed many alumni have gone on to drama school and beyond.

Headteacher, David Hudson, commented, *It was wonderful to see our students give Martin such a fantastic send-off in his final production. Several generations of students at the Latin have benefitted from his enthusiasm, expertise and passion for drama. Many have gone on to pursue careers in the theatre and I'm sure join me in wishing him all the very best for an extremely happy retirement.*

## Archive Day Preview



Archive Day 2017

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our annual Archive Open Day, taking place on **Wednesday, 2nd May** – this time starting at the slightly later time of **4pm**. This year's event will be back in Rotherfield House, giving those of you who haven't yet seen the refurbishments a chance to view the 'new look' Rotherfield.

Ruth Newell (Class of 1974), whose mother, Mrs Newell, some of you may remember as a teacher of chemistry and games, will be giving a talk about her experiences at RLS as a pupil, parent and governor. Headteacher, David Hudson, will also be there, as will John Hounslow (who spoke about boarding in the 1960s at last year's Archive Day), who will be providing those attending with preview information about the new book planned on the Royal Latin, to be published in time for the 600th anniversary of the school in 2023. John will be keen to chat to any of you who may have school stories to tell that may be of interest for the book project. Archive material will be on display as usual, including all the latest donated items, and there will be the chance to catch up with old school friends in an informal atmosphere with a cup of tea and a slice of cake.

**If you plan to attend, we would be grateful if you could let us know at [latinlife@royallatin.org](mailto:latinlife@royallatin.org). Thank you.**

## Additions to the Archive

We are keen to keep on adding to the Archive, with material from all eras – whether you attended RLS in the 2000s or the 1940s, we are always excited to fill gaps in our knowledge and history of the school. Thank you to Margaret and Jennifer Jones for providing copies of some wonderful and unusual photos not seen before by the RLS Archive, from the Grenville site on Chandos Road in the 1930s, featuring their father and fellow Old Latin, Bert Jones. The science laboratory scene, in particular, gives a fascinating insight into a rarely photographed aspect of school life at that time.

**If you are unable to make the Archive Open Day this year, please remember that you can book an appointment to visit the Archive at any time of the year. Please contact RLS Archivist, Robert Munday on [rmunday@royallatin.org](mailto:rmunday@royallatin.org).**



## From the 1950s

We were delighted to hear again recently from **Leon and Daphne Metcalfe (Class of 1957)** with the latest of their collections of memoirs of their time at RLS, entitled, *Prizes, Pranks and Punishments 1950s RLS Style*. An excerpt from the start of the memoir follows below, and the full article may be read on [www.rlsalumni.org.uk](http://www.rlsalumni.org.uk).



Daphne and Leon Metcalfe

During Daphne's and my period of 1952–57, under the jurisdiction and tutelage of George Embleton, and the attempted secondary education of us, among others, the offerings in the title were abundant. As in the Scouts and Guides movements, you could work for and win armfuls of all sorts of physical and academic rewards and kudos.

On the physical side, I managed to earn and receive my cricket and rugby colours, but wasn't allowed to remain at the RLS, regretfully, to attempt to achieve the Victor Ludorum, and was the wrong sex to achieve the Victrix Ludorum (which I am sure I would have stood a better chance of winning!). These two individual trophies were presented to the most able specimens of point-earning in traditional and field events gathered up to and including Sports Day. The latter was an annual event held on Buckingham Town's Cricket Club ground (at the end of the Summer Term), and was the year's climax. It followed the 'build-up' events such as the long jump, which took place in the gap between the school's only tennis court and Chandos Road, when the school was housed on the old site.

Somewhat earlier than that, again for individual and House points to be awarded for Denton, Stratton and Newton (these will be recognised as founders of the school) was the cross-country run. This has received much coverage in Latin Life. Nevertheless, however tempting it was on the return leg to enter the rail station, cross the footbridge and exit out on to Chandos Road, and the milk factory, I don't recall anyone attempting it. I'm sure many would have thought of it!

The cross-country was very much the demesne of the 'chaps', since the girls being 'feminine', were in those days considered far too genteel to perspire and sweat their way round the course. 'Sweat' was something ladies and 'gals' didn't prescribe to then!

Like me, Daphne won her colours for both summer and winter sports – tennis and hockey, but outdid me by gathering a cluster of academic prizes in the form of books suitably encrusted with the school crest on the cover and a book plate inside depicting the 'glories earned and awarded'. We still have them, as she worked hard, deserved and was awarded them, to be presented to her on 'Founders' Day' and therefore are treasured.

I worked hard one year in the hope that I would receive the 'Well, he did his best' – Effort Prize. I wasn't rewarded with it so dropped out of the competition again (I'm sure there is a moral there somewhere!). However, I continued in most academic subjects to finish each year in the top half-dozen, or so my annual reports seem to indicate! . . .

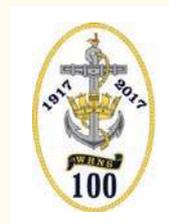
## From the 1960s



Carolyn Hands (Head Girl 1967) and Sally Battersby (Head Girl 1970)

**Carolyn Hands (Head Girl 1967) and Sally Battersby (Head Girl 1970)** both joined the Women's Royal Navy Service on leaving the Royal Latin. Remarkably, they didn't meet during their service in the Wrens.

However, they met at a WRNS100 celebration in November 2017 in Portsmouth Guildhall after an earlier ceremony in the Cathedral attended by The Princess Royal. A year-long series of events marked the hundred years of the Women's Royal Navy Service since its formation in 1917 culminating in the unveiling of a commemorative stone in the grounds of Portsmouth Cathedral.



Carolyn joined the Wrens in 1978 as a Wren Radio Operator reaching the rank of Lieutenant Commander Royal Naval Reserve. Serving in many places at home and abroad between 1968-1979 and then as a Reservist from 1981-2005. As a newly-appointed Recruiting Officer in 1971, Carolyn came back to RLS to give a careers talk and it was then Sally decided to join the WRNS! Much of Carrie's career was as an instructor and for the last 8 years of Reserve service she was recalled to the RN as a full time warfare instructor and as an early sea-going member of an admiral's staff.

Sally was in the WRNS from 1971-1978, joining as a Cadet Wren Meteorological Observer and leaving as a Second Officer (now Lieutenant) having carried out various roles from administration to training to PA and finally foreign exchange with the US Navy at one of their recruit training establishments.

Carolyn was the organiser for one of the 3 major WRNS100 celebrations which was held at The Old Royal Naval College Greenwich in July for 300 ladies. She had the honour of meeting the Queen and The Princess Royal at a later event at The Army and Navy Club, London where the Royal party met serving and veteran female members of all arms of the military services.

Carolyn and Sally hope to meet up again at future Archive events at the RLS.

## From the 1970s

### Richard and Cheryl Wistow (Classes of 1970/72)

The alumni team were delighted to welcome back Richard and Cheryl Wistow (née Hanklin), to RLS on 27th November to view their bricks on the Discovery Centre wall, from Phase 1 of the 600 Campaign.

Richard and Cheryl first met during their time at RLS and now live in Australia. Thank you for dropping by, and we hope you will visit us again when you are next in the UK!



Richard and Cheryl Wistow

### From Julia Janssens (Née Philp) from the Class of 1974

I would be interested to hear from any former pupils (Rotherfield House boarders or day pupils) who also attended RLS from 1968-1973. In the summer of 1973 I went to live in Lincolnshire where I studied for my French and German A' levels before going on to study both languages at university. Please contact [latinlife@royallatin.org](mailto:latinlife@royallatin.org) if you can help. Thank you. **Julia Janssens**

### Guy Slater (Class of 1979)

Guy left the Royal Latin School in 1979 just after his O' levels to pursue a military career. He attended Welbeck College and then graduated from Sandhurst with an army commission at the end of 1982. His military service took him to Canada, Germany and the UK.



Guy with Mr David Johnston

In 1986, Guy emigrated to Canada and within the year joined the Calgary Police Service. During the 30 years of what has been an immensely satisfying and rewarding career, Guy was assigned to numerous operational, investigative and administrative roles at various levels - locally, provincially and nationally in Canada.

Away from the demands of policing for Guy and of teaching for Laurie, his wife, they have raised two wonderful children, and have called Calgary home all this time. Guy was passionate about sports and the outdoors while at the Royal Latin, and that continued in both his army and policing careers. Western Canada provides a rich playground and with extended family on Vancouver Island, Guy and his family, along with their dogs, are frequently found either in the mountains or on the coast.

The photo above shows Guy with Mr David Johnston, then Governor General of Canada, the Queen's representative in Canada. The occasion was in Ottawa in September 2016 at his investiture as a Member of the Order of Merit Police Forces for services to Canadian policing. Guy retired from the police in September 2017, and is currently doing his Master's Degree in Conflict Analysis and Management at Royal Roads University, Vancouver Island.

When thinking of the Royal Latin, Guy has such strong memories of boarding, school and rugby and cross-country, but the strongest are of his friends and teachers. While more than 37 years have passed, many memories remain as vivid as the day they occurred.

*My parents made sacrifices for me to attend the RLS, and I am so very grateful to them for the foundational opportunity they provided and thankful to all those who guided and influenced me in those formative years.*

**Guy Slater**

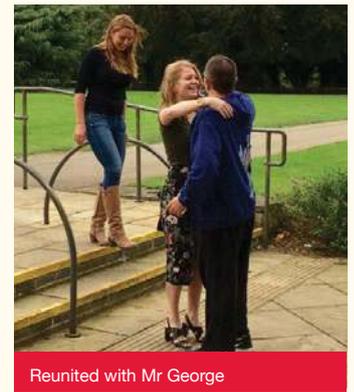
## From the 2000s

### Calling the Class of 2004

Aimee Benbow (Class of 2004) is trying to organise a reunion for 2018 or 2019. If you left RLS (after A' levels) in 2004, or after GCSEs (2002) and would be interested in taking part, please email [latinlife@royallatin.org](mailto:latinlife@royallatin.org) and we will put you in touch with Aimee. Thank you.

### Class of 2007 Reunion

Twenty Old Latins who left in 2007 were reunited at RLS on 7th October, enjoying a drinks reception in the main block followed by a tour of the school with one of their old teachers, Chris George. Many memories were stirred on the way around the school - mostly good - and most of the delegation then headed into Buckingham to carry on their reunion in the less formal atmosphere of the Woolpack! Thank you to Ed Wagstaff for taking on the role of chief organiser of the event. Ed assured us that there is a firm plan to return to for another reunion in five years time. We look forward to seeing you all again then.



Reunited with Mr George



The Class of 2007

## From the 2000s

### Nicholas Rakowski (Class of 2008) to row the Atlantic for charity

More people have summited Everest than completed the 3,000 mile crossing of the Atlantic ocean in a rowing boat. Following the first recorded crossing in 1896, it is a venture that has inspired an unparalleled test of physical and mental endurance amongst those who dare to attempt it.



Nick (second from back) with the Nauti Buys

1996 saw the launch of the Atlantic Challenge, a race from La Gomera in the Canary Islands to Antigua in the Caribbean that has since grown to be the premier event in ocean rowing. To this day it is considered by many to be the ultimate test of strength and endurance.

In December 2018, Old Latin, Nicholas Rakowski, will be embarking on this expedition with three friends, as a member of The Nauti Buys rowing team. Having chosen to support a charity that provides education to some of the world's most disadvantaged children in Ghana, Guatemala, Laos and Nicaragua, the Buys have set themselves an ambitious fundraising target of £300,000. Nick now works in the City, having previously served in the Royal Navy. Rowing however, is not his native sport! None of the Buys are what would be described as 'experienced rowers', thus heightening the difficulty of the challenge at hand. They are all, however, endurance enthusiasts and are training relentlessly in their preparation for the challenge ahead. Even with ample training though, help is needed.

Nick is looking forward to the challenge, albeit with some trepidation:

*I'm incredibly excited about taking part in the Talisker Atlantic challenge because it gives me an opportunity to really push my limits in a way which is very hard to do normally. That said the Four Oarsmen have set us a challenging record to beat and training has just become even tougher as a result. By peak training I'll be looking to do around 36 hours a week in the gym and on the boat, which will be tough to fit around a full time job. Ultimately though the opportunity to raise a significant sum of money for two great charities (Pencils of Promise and Cancer Research) will make it worthwhile and keep us rowing in the inevitable tough times.*

Nick and The Nauti Buys are currently seeking corporate and individual sponsorship to help towards the cost of their Atlantic campaign. This will ensure the team reaches the start line equipped and ready for their expedition, whilst enabling them to dedicate more time to charitable fundraising. If you or anyone you know may be in a position to help, then please contact the team directly at [TheNautiBuysRC@gmail.com](mailto:TheNautiBuysRC@gmail.com) to receive a prospective partnership pack.

To follow Nick and the The Nauti Buys on their journey to the start line and beyond, they can be found across social media at [@TheNautiBuys](https://www.thenautibuys.com), as well as online at [www.thenautibuys.com](http://www.thenautibuys.com).

### Thomas Jones (Class of 2009)

In April this year I will be heading out to the Sahara to take on what many call the 'toughest footrace on Earth' – The Marathon des Sables.

The MDS is not just a marathon – It consists of six marathons over six days in soaring temperatures across the Sahara desert. To top it off, this is a self-supporting event, which means I will be carrying all my own supplies for the week.

I am taking on this challenge in order to raise money for a charity, which is very close to my heart and has directly impacted and supported my family. I am raising money for Bloodwise – The Blood Cancer Research Charity. Bloodwise funds research, which changes the lives of people living with leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma and other types of blood cancer. I am forever grateful for the work this charity did to support my Dad when he had leukaemia and would love to be able to give something back.

My challenge is wholly self-funded, so every penny that is raised will go directly to Bloodwise. I would love to have both your financial support for my chosen charity and also your emotional support to help me through the challenge! To follow my challenge and to lend me your support, please visit my fundraising page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/thomas-jones21>

### Thomas Jones ('Jonesey')



Thomas with his Old Latin sister Stephanie (Class of 2008)

## Henry Hayhurst-France makes an appeal for Oli Hilsdon

*My friend Oli is a remarkable human being.*

Despite being in different forms and sharing no classes together, we met through mutual friends and quickly became best mates. At the start of year 10, we went on a GCSE Art trip to the National Gallery in London. While we were there, some of our friends dared me to lean over and dip my head in the Trafalgar fountains. Feeling the prepubescent peer pressure, I had to oblige. But I didn't just dip my head; I basically ended up dunking it. It was absolutely freezing. Everyone stood and laughed at me, with my (literally) wet mop head dripping down my face – I felt like a prize idiot. So what did Oli do? He immediately did the same to his hair.

Oli made an impact on pupils, parents and teachers at school. As a young teenager, he was one of the few students who conversed confidently with adults instead of mumbling unintelligibly. He was, and still is, an incredibly driven individual with a heart of gold. At school he was always eager to learn academically and always took a genuine interest in his friends and their families.

During the 6th form we both shared economics classes and Oli shone as an A+ grade student. He went on to study economics at Pembroke College Cambridge, before securing a role at an investment-banking firm in Mayfair, London. In his new job, Oli signed up to become a mentor for the 'Think Forward' programme. Through this scheme, he provides one-to-one coaching to disadvantaged children, helping them to succeed in education and progress into sustained employment.

In late 2014, at just 22, Oli was diagnosed with an aggressive brain tumor and told he only had 12-18 months to live. His treatment plan included chemotherapy, radiotherapy and a new immunotherapy. In the face of this adversity, Oli maintained a contagious optimism about his treatment, and after learning so much about his own condition he looked to do something that would raise awareness and much needed funding for Brain Tumour Research.

So 16 months after his diagnosis, Oli courageously ran the London Marathon in under four hours and raised more than £60,000 for the charity. He had responded well to his treatment, defied the odds and once in better health, he was able to return to work and his normal life. I'd never felt so proud of someone. To see a person so close to me face such uncertainty, and still have the heart to put others before himself, was truly remarkable.

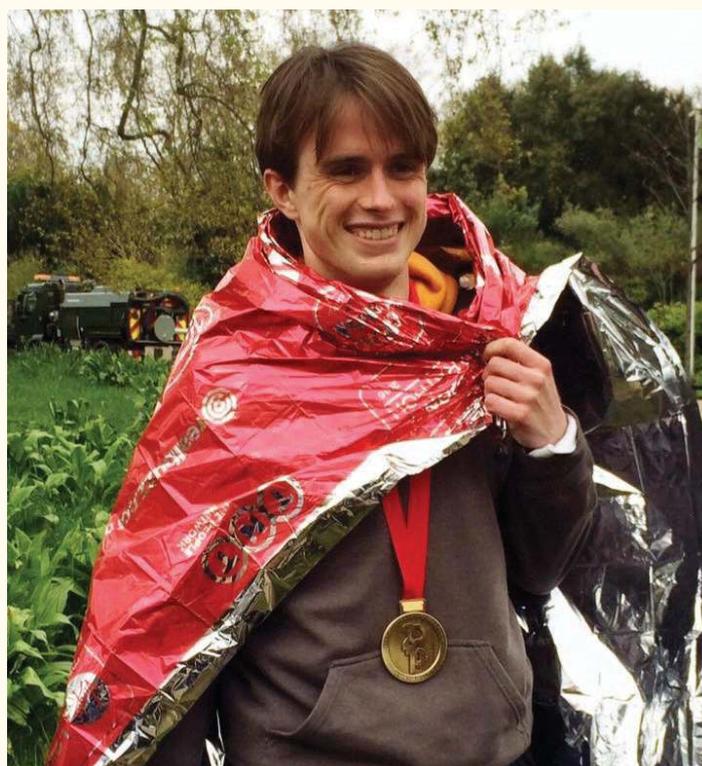
Three years on, Oli's family and friends celebrated the news of his engagement to his wonderful fiancé Gigi in December 2017. Unfortunately, one month later he would tell us that the brain tumour had returned. This time his consultants opted to remove the tumour, and Oli underwent surgery at the end of January and has now restarted chemotherapy. The oncologist has advised that the best treatment option for Oli is a vaccine created from the tumor itself, to stop it returning – this vaccine is called DC Vax-L. However, it's not yet available on the NHS and costs £230,000. To raise this vast sum of money, family and friends are putting on various fundraising events such as the 'An Evening for Oli' at RLS on 24th March, a supper at the Queen's Head in Chackmore on 29th March – where Oli worked as a waiter and barman during 6th form and university holidays, and a Mad Hatter's Charity Tea Party at Boycott Farm on 30th March, to name but a few.



Left to right: Oli and Henry (Class of 2010) aged 14 in 2006

Oli is one of the most inspiring, kindhearted and empathetic people I have ever met. I count myself lucky to be able to count him as one of my best friends and I marvel at everything he continues to achieve. Oli has consistently put others before himself, and now it is our turn to help him. Therefore, I ask you to donate anything at all – no matter how great or small – to help with raising the necessary funds needed to enable Oli to fight this terrible disease.

To read more about Oli's story, please visit his family's GoFundMe page: <https://www.gofundme.com/olisfight> and like the facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/olisfight>



Oli after the London Marathon in 2016

## Old Latins back at school

We have been delighted to welcome back Old Latins from various eras since the last issue, to share their experiences and knowledge with current students on a variety of subjects.

Medics Lisa Harvey (Class of 1998) and Dom Crocombe (Class of 2009) visited in November 2017 to provide valuable interview practice for some of our prospective Year 13 medical students in MedSoc and Lindsay Orridge (Class of 2001), also visited in November, as part of the Year 12 Lecture Programme, to share school memories and her career in motorsport marketing and communications.



Lindsay Orridge chats to a Year 12

Another of the Year 12 lectures was delivered by Thomas Gill (Class of 2004) in February this year. Thomas approached the school this year to talk to students about his battle with alcoholism, and we are incredibly proud of his efforts to help educate others on this illness.

Thomas gave a frank and honest account about his experiences of addiction to two hundred Year Twelve students. Talking about such a personal issue is clearly very daunting; however, Thomas delivered his speech with enthusiasm, humour and energy whilst still being able to give a clear understanding of the problems associated with alcohol.

## 'New' Old Latins back at school

It was good to see so many of last year's Year 13 students return to pick up their A-level certificates at the end of the autumn term in December.

They were all full of tales of university life and are clearly enjoying the challenge of moving on. It was also reassuring, though, to hear that they have valued the academic foundations they built at RLS. The leap to Higher Education is a big one, made much easier by the outstanding education they received.



Lisa Harvey grills a prospective medical student

We have a wide range of speakers visit the school, and without doubt, this talk not only captivated the students' interest it also led to the greatest number of questions towards the end.

Thomas delivered his message in a deeply personal way covering the impacts of his addiction on his relationships, education and career. His talk was not only informative but also enabled students to reflect on their own relationship with alcohol and other addictive drugs. Thomas answered students' questions candidly and talked openly about the many facets of his addiction and also of his rehabilitation. He impressed upon students the need to seek help and support about this much stigmatised condition and talks about strategies to support those friends and family who may also be suffering from the effects of alcoholism.

As a result of his talk at the Latin, Thomas is now visiting other schools across Buckinghamshire. We are grateful to him for his superb talk and look forward to inviting him back into school again soon.

If you would like to return to the Royal Latin to share your experiences or expertise with current students, we'd love to hear from you. Please get in touch at [latinlife@royallatin.org](mailto:latinlife@royallatin.org)



## Old Latins at the National Theatre

About a dozen Old Latins enjoyed a backstage tour at the National Theatre on the 27th September, followed by drinks. Thank you to Martin Prendergast (Class of 1986) for offering alumni this wonderful and rare opportunity. A great time was had by all.



## Old Latins at the RAF Club

We are extremely grateful to Wing Commander Nick Robson (Class of 1987) for hosting Old Latins on 7th March for an inspiring twilight talk at the Bomber Command Memorial, followed by a sociable evening in the Running Horse Bar at the RAF Club.

RLS leavers from 1960 to 2010 enjoyed a hugely entertaining evening, swapping stories and meeting new friends. We were pleased to welcome Tad Newton along this time, who many of you will of course remember from your time at RLS! It was clear from the messages received from attendees afterwards that this event was much enjoyed:

*What a lovely evening last night. It was great for me to meet up with past pupils and reminisce... they have all gone on to great things but still remembered their somewhat eccentric Geography teacher!*

*Thank-you for organizing the Alumni gathering yesterday! It was great fun & I thoroughly enjoyed chatting about bygone years with the added bonus of Tad Newton joining the party. Even though there were many different eras represented it was surprising how much overlap there was with people's memories. I hope to attend future events so please keep in touch, I will try to encourage more of my year to come!!*

Thank you again Nick for being so generous with your time, being the perfect host and making us all feel so welcome.



## Future London Alumni Gatherings

The last few gatherings have been a great success, and we are so grateful to Old Latins for hosting these 'behind the scenes' visits to their workplaces. If you work somewhere interesting in London and would be willing to host a brief evening visit for a group of up to 20 Old Latins, please get in touch with us and we can explore how it could work. Look out for details of the next event, which we're hoping to bring you very soon! If you don't currently receive emails from us, please contact [latinlife@royallatin.org](mailto:latinlife@royallatin.org) to ensure that we

can keep you updated, as the next gathering will hopefully take place prior to the publication of the next Latin Life!

### **From Buckingham to New York, Tokyo and Sydney**

What other events would you be interested in attending? And where would you like them to take place? If you live overseas we'd love to hear from you if you would like to host a get together for fellow Old Latins!



*"You carry a Latin Legacy within you ...  
now you can ensure your legacy lives on at the Royal Latin"*

David Hudson, Headteacher

Latin Learning... Cherished Traditions... Nurturing Landscape... Enduring Friendships... Your legacy, their future

## Latin Legacies

Following our introduction to legacies in the last edition of Latin Life, we are extremely honoured to have received our first legacy pledge from an Old Latin. The pledger is in his late thirties – proof if it were needed that legacies can be considered at any stage in life!

We were also really grateful to receive a very generous offer from Old Latin Nigel Pullen (Class of 1974), a solicitor who has offered 25 Old Latins a free will writing service, for those wishing to leave a legacy to the school.

Nigel advises that everyone over the age of 18 years should make a Will expressing their wishes as to who should benefit from their Estate when they die. In particular, those who own property, have savings/investments and those who have children. To die without a valid will may result in your Estate being distributed in a way/ways that you did not intend.



If you would like to take Nigel up on his offer of a free will writing service in return for leaving a legacy or gift to the school, please contact him at [info@cornwall-law.co.uk](mailto:info@cornwall-law.co.uk). Thank you Nigel!

## Things to consider when making a Will:-

1. What does your Estate comprise and what is the estimated value? It's surprising how it adds up when you take into account bank accounts, shareholdings, premium bonds, insurance/pension policies, car, property etc.
2. Who would you wish to deal with the administration of your Estate – who would be the Executors?
3. Who would you wish to appoint as guardians of your children (if under 18 years) in the event of both parents not surviving?
4. Are there any specific gifts you wish to pass on to particular people?
5. Would you wish particular charities to benefit from your Estate e.g.; specific sum of money or as a residuary beneficiary?
6. Who would you wish to leave the residue of your Estate to?
7. Do you have any special funeral wishes?

Nigel's usual fees for the preparation and completion of new Wills are £175.00 + VAT for a single Will and £250.00+ VAT for "mirror" Wills e.g. husband & wife. These fees would not be charged provided that a legacy or other gift was given to the RLS. The service includes attending a client meeting to discuss their wishes and take their instructions, preparing and forwarding a draft Will for consideration/approval, dealing with any amendments you may require to the draft Will, preparing the engrossment and arranging for it to be signed and witnessed.

Having completed your new Will Nigel can arrange to store the original for safekeeping (at no charge) and will supply you with a copy of the completed document. It is recommended that, having made a Will, it is reviewed regularly as circumstances often change.



## 600 Campaign: Sports Campus progress so far



We hope to secure planning permission for the new Sports Performance Centre and all weather pitch any day now!

We are also awaiting several funding decisions and will know the outcome of a major government bid in April. If we successful in that bid, construction of the Sports Campus will begin immediately - and we will have to race to raise the remaining £1million needed to finish the project and open on time in late 2019. Time is of the essence!

**A reminder of why new sports facilities are so vital:**

Students lose 35 lessons a year to bad weather making the field unusable

We currently can't offer any PE to our 400 6th formers; we simply don't have the space. New facilities will mean we can reintroduce 6th form sport, which will have a hugely positive impact on their time in school

This leads to poor continuity of teaching and 3 or 4 classes being crammed simultaneously into an indoor space

The health and wellbeing of our 1280 students is an increasing concern; demand for the school counsellor has risen 300% in the last few years, and 40% of counselling referrals are now for boys. Better sports facilities will enable all students to achieve a better balance between their academic studies and the pressures of modern life

## Old Latins host 'Call to Action' events

We are grateful to Old Latins Julian Thomas (Class of 1986) and Nick Robson (Class of 1987) for hosting our autumn call to action events at school and at the RAF Club respectively.



Mike Ling, MBE with Jo Ballantine

The events gave parents, Old Latins and other supporters the chance to hear about the Sports Campus plans and to find out how to get involved in fundraising, including Buying a Brick and Sponsoring a Hero. We are particularly grateful to Mike Ling, MBE, for speaking at the RAF Club event during his final week of duty as Red 10, Leader of the Red Arrows.

## We are appealing for your help once again . . .

Inside this edition of *Latin Life*, we have included a separate leaflet asking you to consider making a donation to the new sports facilities at the school. We would be really, really grateful for any support you feel able to give us. Thank you for your help and understanding.



## Jessica Wilkins (Class of 2011) to run the London Marathon for Sports Campus

We are thrilled that Jess Wilkins (Class of 2011) has chosen to support her old school by running the London Marathon in aid of the 600 Campaign. As the big day approaches, Jess gave us her thoughts on the challenge;

*The idea of running for 26 miles is pretty daunting, but the feeling of accomplishment at the end would make it all worthwhile (or so I'm told). To be able to give back to the RLS will be amazing, and hopefully inspire the future students at the Latin to love sport and exercise as much as I do. I loved going to school and the sports teams and PE lessons were a massive part of that!*

An RLS contingent will be there to support Jess on the big day – Sunday 22nd April. Please look out for Jess if you are going to be in London that day, or to find out more about Jess's story, and support her efforts, please visit her fundraising page on <http://bit.ly/GoJess>. Thank you.



Jess reunited with Miss Payne at school in December after winning the charity ballot place at the Marathon

## Golf Day Friday 21st September 2018

We are really excited to announce the date for our 5th annual golf day at Whittlebury Park!

This year, we want even more Old Latins to take part, so if you are a golfer of any description, please do consider joining us! Bookings are now being taken, so please email [golf@royallatin.org](mailto:golf@royallatin.org) for full details and a booking form, or visit the golf day page at [www.rls600.com](http://www.rls600.com).

Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Please visit the rls600 website for full details. Can you help us to find 18 sponsors to sponsor 18 holes at £100 each?



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### The Whittlebury Park RLS 600 Campaign Golf Day

All proceeds to the Sports Campus  
**Friday 21st September 2018**

Individual entries £100, team of 4 £400 to include bacon roll on arrival,  
18 holes of golf, buffet and prize giving.

**To enter a team or request details of  
corporate sponsorship opportunities,  
please contact**

Lucy Beckett  
The Royal Latin School,  
Chandos Road,  
Buckingham, MK18 1AX  
Email: [golf@royallatin.org](mailto:golf@royallatin.org)  
Tel: 01280 827306

Many thanks to our event sponsor

## Save the Date! Gin & Jazz, Saturday 6th October 2018



We are delighted that Tad Newton & his Jazz Friends will be performing at a special Gin & Jazz evening at RLS on Saturday 6th October 2018, to raise funds for the Sports Campus.

Old Latin and 600 Campaign Co-Chair Denise Griffiths (nee Bone, Class of 1980), said,

*Fever Tree will be supporting the event, and we really hope that Old Latins will want to join us for an entertaining evening and use it as a wonderful, relaxed opportunity to meet up with friends old and new!*



Please look out for further news about tickets for this event - if we don't have your email address, please contact us at [latinlife@royallatin.org](mailto:latinlife@royallatin.org) and we'll add you to the list to make sure that you receive details as soon as they are available.

## Amazing news!

We are thrilled to announce the news that Julian Thomas, Class of 1986, is donating £100,000 to the 600 Campaign, to help create the £3million Sports Campus at the school. Julian has also previously sponsored the Innovation Lab in the Discovery Centre.



Julian (centre) announces his gift at RLS with Ian Gould (Head of PE), David Hudson & Jo Ballantine



David Hudson thanks Julian for his generosity

Julian will sponsor the Sports Lab within the new building, which will help people to use technology to monitor and analyse their activity levels, as he summarises below:

*My business is all about measuring and improving performance. I spent some time looking at the links between physical activity and human performance, and was staggered by the volume of evidence out there to show that even a small amount of exercise can positively impact on cognitive ability. That interests me both as an entrepreneur and as a racing driver, and has convinced me that we must do everything we can to encourage young people to be more active in order to reach their full potential. The Sports Campus is an innovative way to achieve this and I'm delighted to invest once again in the school's ambitious plans.*

Headteacher, David Hudson commented,

*We are absolutely thrilled, and so grateful that Julian has stepped forward to support our 600 Campaign for a second time. The Sports Campus will help us to not only help more people to be more active, but will also help young people understand the importance of balancing their studies with activities they enjoy. This is so important in supporting their overall wellbeing. Technology will play an important role in the new facilities, and having Julian's support and expertise will mean we can deliver some really exciting initiatives - not only for our own students, but also for the local community.*

*Giving back to my old school gives me great pleasure. I believe that if I can make a difference, then I should. It's an amazing feeling.*  
Julian Thomas, Class of 1986

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'Julian's contribution is inspirational', said Jo Ballantine, Director of Development, who went on to say:

*We are so moved by his belief in our vision and his desire to give back. It gives a collective boost to the whole school – the students are incredulous that someone is so willing to support their education in this way. It's very exciting for us all, and gives everyone a sense of just how special the Royal Latin community is, and how lucky we all are to be part of it. There are so many opportunities for Old Latins to support the future direction of the school – not just through donations, but through lending us their expertise and enthusiasm. It makes a huge difference to what we can achieve for today's students, and I would urge other Old Latins to get in touch to explore how they might be able to help. It's such a positive way to give back – and the reality is that without extra support, we simply can't give future generations of Latins the facilities and education they deserve.*

If you would to discuss how you could help the 600 Campaign and Sports Campus, please contact Jo at [jballantine@royallatin.org](mailto:jballantine@royallatin.org) or on **01280 827309**



# Get in Touch!

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## 2018 Calendar

### Saturday, 28th April

Annual Old Latins vs Akeley Wood Old Boys Rugby Match at Buckingham Rugby Club

### Wednesday 2nd May

Archive Open Day at Rotherfield House (4pm - 6pm)

### Friday, 22nd June

Founders' Day & Sports Day

### Saturday, 23rd June

Friends of the Royal Latin School Annual Ball

### Friday, 6th July

Fifty year reunion

### Friday, 21st September

Golf Day at Whittlebury Park and possible Alumni reunion

### Saturday, 6th October

Gin & Jazz at RLS

### Friday, 9th November

Remembrance at RLS

### Latin Life via Email

If you haven't already, please, please please send us your email address! Electing to receive Latin Life by email will help us to minimise our costs.



## We hope we make you happy!

We hope that you will continue to enjoy hearing from us, and know that we will always keep your details secure and respect your wishes. If you would like to unsubscribe at any point, you can just email [latinlife@royallatin.org](mailto:latinlife@royallatin.org) or leave a message on 01280 827306 and we'll remove your details from our mailing list straight away.

Our data protection policy and privacy notice will be available to read via the alumni page on the school website at [www.royallatin.org/alumni](http://www.royallatin.org/alumni) when the new data protection regulations come in this May, so if you have any queries, please have a read of those or contact us and we'll be happy to answer. We're putting lots of energy into keeping in touch with you all, and we very much want to get it right!

### Here's how you can help:

- If we're not in touch with the right person – perhaps you are a parent receiving an email or letter intended for your Old Latin offspring – please ask your Old Latin child to get in touch with us if they would like to stay connected with the alumni network
- Keep us up-to-date with any changes to your contact details
- If you know an Old Latin who is not in touch with us, who you think would like to be in the loop, please encourage them to get in touch with us

## Fifty year reunion

Further to the notice in the last issue, a date is now set for a reunion of those who joined the RLS in forms 1a and 1b in between 1959 and 1961 under the care of Miss Harrison, Mr Gray and Mr Williams. They will remember starting at the Grenville site before moving to the new Brookfield building with Mr Embleton as Headmaster. The plan is to celebrate forthcoming 70th birthdays and to catch up on life in general since school days.

The reunion will take place on Friday 6th July and will start with a visit to the RLS Archive at 4pm, followed by a tour of the new school facilities including the recently completed Discovery Centre. Afterwards, refreshments will be provided at Buckingham Rugby Club where there will be plenty of time for a chat and to remember school years together.

If you would like to attend, please contact [latinlife@royallatin.org](mailto:latinlife@royallatin.org).

If you would like to organise your own reunion, we are happy to help. Please contact [latinlife@royallatin.org](mailto:latinlife@royallatin.org).

## It's Your Latin Life

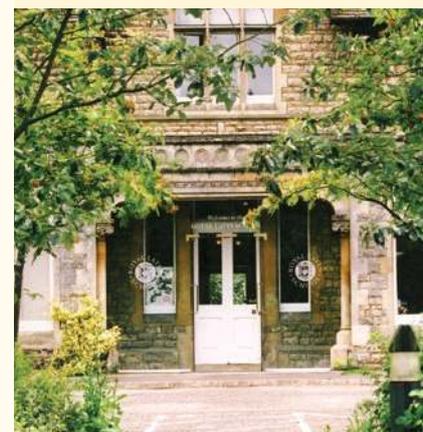
Please do get in touch to let us know what you think of this edition or, or to suggest features for next time.

We'll be compiling the next issue over the summer, so please do get in touch at [latinlife@royallatin.org](mailto:latinlife@royallatin.org) to let us know what you would like to see included in Issue 12.

## Alumni Facebook and Twitter accounts



Please don't forget to follow us on social media. If you haven't yet joined, you can follow us on **Facebook at RLS Alumni** and on **Twitter @ RLSAlumni**





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**There's a hero inside us all...please take a moment to be our hero today!**

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# The Royal Latin sporting legacy

Physical education has long been a priority for the school, as evidenced by the ample outdoor play space and croquet lawn at the St John's Chapel site, and the compulsory 'Drill & Physical Exercise' cited in the 1908 curriculum. Since then, whether they have loved or endured PE, generations of Latins have experienced the health and developmental benefits associated with exercise.

This generation, however, is perhaps not as fortunate. Our facilities are now so overcrowded and run-down that many are on the verge of being condemned. We are filled with an even greater sense of urgency and must appeal for help from our community of parents and Old Latins, to ensure we reach our goal of providing a new Sports Performance Centre and pitch.

As an Old Latin, your support is much needed, and greatly valued. Will your £10 or £100 really make a difference to such a big project? **YES**. We can promise you it will, unquestionably. Please help us to give our young people the sports facilities they deserve, and enable The Royal Latin to continue to build the wonderful sporting legacy we are all so proud of. Thank you.

David Hudson  
Headteacher

Ian Gould  
Head of Sport

Denise Griffiths (Bone)  
Class of '80; 600 Campaign Chair



Jan-March 2018  
Urgent  
Fundraising

April 2018  
DfE Funding  
Decision

July 2018  
Appoint  
Contractor

September 2018  
Construction  
Begins

October 2019  
Sports Campus  
Complete

# Sponsor your sporting hero

Heroes aren't simply winners – very often they are the people who strike a chord with us because they have risen above defeat or injury and demonstrated an extraordinary dedication to their sport.

Now you can join our heroes in nominating your own to appear on a special Wall of Sporting Heroes in the new sports building, where your tribute will be on display to inspire generations of Royal Latin students.

*"My sporting hero was George Best. Every time he had the ball, the whole stadium stood up in anticipation. He was a footballing genius."*

JONATHAN DAVIES

## Who will you choose?

Who is your hero, and why? How have they inspired you or given you and your family a special sporting memory? Your Sporting Hero might not even be famous – yet – you can nominate anyone you know who is a champion in your eyes!

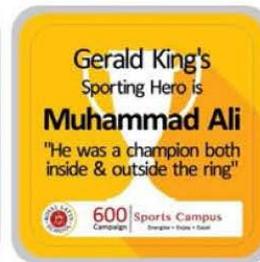
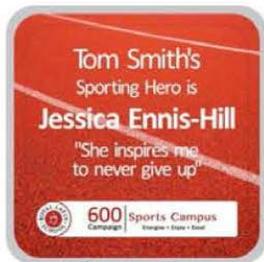
**Sponsor your hero for £500**  
or 24 monthly payments of £21

We'll incorporate your hero into feature signs, which will be on display in the main school until the Sports Campus building is complete in 2019.

You'll receive a plaque of your tribute, and will be invited to a special sponsor evening, where you'll be presented with your plaque and have a chance to view some of the tributes we've collected from sporting heroes themselves. Need some inspiration? Take a look at our gallery of sporting heroes at [www.rls600.com](http://www.rls600.com)!

**Once you've chosen your hero, simply complete the donation form attached and return today.**

*Thank you.*



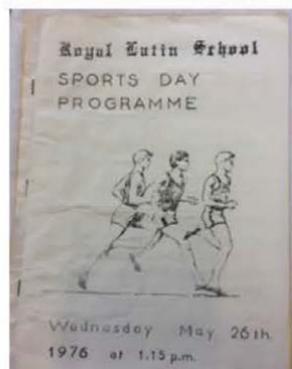
# Buy your brick

Show your support for the Sports Campus by buying a brick for a feature wall of the new building. Each brick costs just £125, or 12 monthly instalments of £10.42 per brick if you prefer.

Simply decide what inscription you would like to see on your brick – it might be a family inscription, the names of your offspring, a group of classmates, a special date or message, a special tribute in memory of a loved one, or your name and year of leaving the school.

In return, you'll receive an invitation to attend the unveiling of the bricks once the Sports Campus is complete, and a brick gift certificate if you wish – please ask for details.

Your inscription can have a maximum of 32 characters and incorporate letters and numbers, across one or two lines. Please email [rls600@royallatin.org](mailto:rls600@royallatin.org) if you have any questions!



The Jones Family

Sarah & Lucy  
1987

Fred Smith  
Class of '66

Your name here!

# YES, I would like to be a hero and support the Sports Campus

Helping young people to energise, enjoy and excel.

YES, I would like to make a gift to the Sports Campus of: £ \_\_\_\_\_

I would prefer my gift to remain anonymous

I'd like to Buy A Brick at £125

I would like to buy \_\_\_\_\_ bricks at a total cost of £ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my inscription(s) to read:

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*Inscriptions must be a maximum of 32 characters across 1 or 2 lines*

I'd like to Sponsor a Hero at £500

This nomination is from:  
*(insert your name/family's name)*

My/Our Sporting Hero is:  
*(insert hero name)*

Because: *(insert reason: optional, max 60 characters)*

*These details will feature on your hero plaque on our wall. If you'd like to sponsor more than one hero, extra forms available at [www.rls600.com](http://www.rls600.com)*

I'd like to help in another way

*Please tell us how you'd like to help by ticking the relevant boxes below and we'll get back to you – or if you prefer, simply contact Jo on 01280 827309 or at*

[jballantine@royallatin.org](mailto:jballantine@royallatin.org)

I'd like to know more about becoming a Sponsor of the Sports Campus (opportunities from £2,500+)

I'd like to carry out my own fundraising event/idea

I'd like to offer my skills/help to the 600 Campaign team

I'd like to request a meeting to explore how I can help

*Thank you!* Now please turn over and complete your preferred method of payment

# My gift

Please choose one of the following options and complete your details:

I enclose a cheque for £\_\_\_\_\_ payable to 'Royal Latin School – School Fund' (please write '600 Sport' on reverse of cheque)

I've made a transfer of £\_\_\_\_\_ to the school account (please use '600 Sport' as your ref):  
Account: The Royal Latin School – School Fund  
Sort Code: 30-15-53  
Account No: 48911968  
Address: Lloyds TSB, 28 Secklow Gate West,  
Milton Keynes, MK9 3EH

I've set up a payment for £\_\_\_\_\_ into the above account for \_\_\_\_\_ months (delete as necessary)

I've made an online gift of £\_\_\_\_\_ via [www.justgiving.com/rls600](http://www.justgiving.com/rls600)

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Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

### Gift Aid Declaration: increase the value of your gift for free

I wish The Royal Latin School to reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 of donations I make from the date of this declaration. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your gift to the Sports Campus – you're a hero!**

Please return this form using the Freepost envelope provided or send to  
Jo Ballantine, The Royal Latin School, Chandos Road, Buckingham MK18 1AX

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