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Welcome to our fourth edition of Latin Life



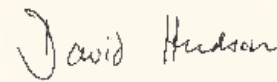
As you will see from this edition, we have had another busy year! Our students continue to excel in so many aspects of school life and I am very proud to see them

continue the academic, sporting and performing tradition of so many Old Latins.

We have also seen more and more former students come back to school either simply to visit, or to contribute to current students' education. A crucial part of my vision of the school is that all students, past and present, should feel equally at home at the Latin – we are

lucky to have such an illustrious history and it is right that we should come together in this shared ownership of our school.

Our biggest challenge remains providing students with facilities and resources fit for the 21st century. To this end the 600 Campaign goes from strength to strength and plans for the Discovery Centre are well advanced. This is just the first phase in preparing for our 600th anniversary in 2023 (see below). I hope you enjoy reading about our progress and look forward to meeting you here at school in the year ahead.



David Hudson, Headteacher

RLS Accelerates Plans for New Discovery Centre



in recognition of the innovative approach being taken by the school as well as the need to replace the existing fifty year old facilities.

Planning permission has been granted, and construction will commence in January 2014, with the new building reaching completion in late spring 2015 – subject to two very important factors: the weather, and our continued fundraising efforts! We have sufficient funding to begin the building works, but still need a further £1.5 million in order to deliver the first class, state-of-the-art building that our students deserve.

Our 600 Campaign has gone from strength to strength since the last edition of Latin Life. We are delighted that in the first year of fundraising, we have generated £3.5 million towards the new building to replace the existing science laboratories.

'The pressure is really on now' said Jo Ballantine, RLS Director of Development. 'We have a matter of months to identify where our shortfall is going to come from, in order to ensure that the building can be completed. We have been busy approaching companies, charitable foundations and individuals for sponsorship and donations, and are utterly determined to reach the £5 million target.'

The Discovery Centre plans have been attracting support from far and wide, including a recent gift of £100,000 from the Garfield Weston Foundation – one of the biggest charitable foundations in the UK. A multi-million pound contribution has also been made by the Department for Education,

Proposed Discovery Centre: GSS Architecture
Site plan showing location of the new building next to the tennis courts (on page 2).

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Continued from front page... 'The next few months will be the toughest of the campaign so far' agreed David Hudson. 'We've successfully attracted external investment in the project, and are now going to have to rely on the school community to combine forces and dig deep to enable us to reach our goal.'

'We really want to involve Old Latins in this exciting phase. If you've ever thought about 'giving something back' to your old school – then now would be a great time to do it! There are so many ways to help – donating, doing some fundraising, or thinking about who you know that might be willing to help us. Just talking to other people about what your old school is doing also helps – the more people that we can share our fundraising challenge with, the better.'

To discuss how you might be able to help support the 600 Campaign, or to arrange a visit to see the Discovery Centre plans, please email **Jo at jballantine@royallatin.org**, or telephone 01280 827309. You can also view the 600 Campaign Alumni Film at www.youtube.com/rls600 - thank you to the 1,000 people who have already watched it.

How to donate to The Discovery Centre at RLS

You can donate any amount, large or small – every single donation is very much appreciated:

- You can buy a Brick for £100 or £2 a week
- Sponsor an Element on our Periodic Table from £500 (or £20 a month) to £5,000 (£200 a month)
- An exciting range of packages for Benefactors (giving £10,000 or more), Principal Benefactors (giving £50,000 or more) and Lab Sponsors (giving £100,000) is also available – please ask us for details

Please contact Jo Ballantine using the contact details on page 1 if you would like to discuss your donation, or visit www.rls600.com for donation forms or to donate securely online. Thank you!

Another Old Latin Announces Support for Discovery Centre

Bernard Garbe, Managing Director of Vitalograph, a leading manufacturer of respiratory diagnostic and therapeutic products, has announced that the company has made a contribution to the fundraising campaign for the Discovery Centre. The company will also be working closely with the school on a number of practical initiatives, including World Asthma Day in 2014.

'There is a direct synergy between our area of business and the subject matter that students at the school are studying' said Bernard, who was a student at the school from 1964-1969. 'We can enrich the curriculum by offering our expertise and experience, and enabling students to gain a hands on understanding of how the theory they are learning translates into real world problems and how businesses like mine work hard to provide global solutions'.

Vitalograph, which is celebrating its 50th year in business this year and is based in Maids Moreton, employs a number of former students from the Royal Latin. 'I'm pleased to be able to support my old school in their quest to update the science facilities – which haven't changed since I was at school', said Bernard. 'But it also goes beyond that – it simply makes good business sense to be involved in enriching first class education at grassroots level.'



Bernard Garbe, Managing Director of Vitalograph with Lynne Vinall, Head of Biology

On the 600 Campaign Trail

Our 600 Campaign Patrons, board members, sponsors and students have been busy sharing the Discovery Centre plans:



Rt Hon John Bercow, Harriet Bull and Rich Cooper, RLS 6th formers, with David France at Mercedes AMG Petronas F1 Team Site



Julian Thomas (Old Latin & Lab Sponsor) and our Head Boy, Head Girl & Deputies at a 600 Campaign Reception at The Palace of Westminster, by kind permission of our Lead Patron, The Rt Hon John Bercow MP



TV presenter Johnny Ball visits RLS and becomes a Patron of the 600 Campaign, pictured with Jo Ballantine



Does this laboratory look familiar?

Same desks, same stools, same test-tube racks... email latinlife@royallatin.org with your favourite memories of science lessons at RLS

The Three Phases of the 600 Campaign



It's not all about science...RLS is also drawing up plans for:

- A new 6th Form Centre – to be created by refurbishing and extending Rotherfield, in order to better accommodate our popular 6th form of 400 students (and growing)
- An Arts Centre – to include a theatre, music rooms and art studios in a new building at the heart of the RLS site

Look out for further details in future editions of Latin Life



Dean Jones is the most recent addition to the 600 campaign team. He joins us as part time Development Assistant aiding our Development Director Jo Ballantine on the schools

mission to reach our target £5 million for development of the Discovery Centre.

As an ex Latin himself from the '90s. you may remember Dean as the lead singer in numerous rock bands and for his many appearances in the house drama competitions and school plays. Now husband and father of two, Dean comes to us with a varied background and a wealth of experience.

"After leaving school I went on to study at Middlesex University with a degree in Drama & Theatre Studies where I met

my wife Amy. In 2000 I travelled around Australia returning to work for Mercedes Benz Finance as Business Manager."

In 2007 I travelled the world and then moved to Teignmouth in Devon where I worked for Chartered Developments a leading B2B marketing company as Account Manager. In 2009 I moved back to Milton Keynes working for the Ambassadors Theatre Group at Milton Keynes Theatre as Front of House Manager".

"It is great to be back at The Royal Latin School 15 years on. It is a good feeling to be able to give something back to the school after all these years and I am very proud not only to have studied here but now to work for this prestigious and successful school and in particular to help in developing and inspiring future generations of students"

Daily Mail Vase

Royal Latin won their first U15 Vase trophy after a frenetic opening match of the Daily Mail Schools Rugby finals at Twickenham on 23rd March.



Despite freezing conditions there was a blistering opening encounter. Felsted dominated the early stages and took a well-deserved lead but Latin responded quickly with a high quality try from Sam Burgin. Will Hughes matched this with an equally impressive conversion, nailing the kick from the touchline.

Back came Felsted. Before the whistle blew, two tries were scored, taking the half time score to 13—7. Felsted were ahead. After a motivational “chat” from their coaches, Latin responded with sustained pressure. Elliot Pittwood crashed over in the corner to reduce the deficit to 13-12

As the game entered a tense final period, Latin again found themselves in good



Many congratulations to the boys captained by Ollie Toon - you have made the school very proud!

territory in front of goal. The pack rumbled on and, ball in hand, Joe Robey surged for the line. After a nail biting delay and consultation between the officials the try was finally awarded—fly half Will Hughes successfully converting again.

In spite of Felsted pouring forward in search of an equaliser, Latin remained resolute in defence to seal their first ever finals win and ignite scenes of mass celebration.

Travel Section in the Library

On Wednesday 10th July Mr & Mrs Ogden visited the Library to see the new Travel Section that has been set up in memory of their son, Ben, a former RLS student who sadly died in an air accident in Nepal on 28th September 2012.

Ben was passionate about travel and had travelled widely throughout the world. All the books in the Travel Section were purchased from a donation made by Mrs & Mrs Ogden and each book contains a book plate acknowledging this.

The Travel Section not only has travel books but also books on gap years and volunteering and it is hoped that students will find it both interesting and helpful. A promotional handout has been prepared advertising the section to encourage students to visit.

Mr and Mrs Ogden met Biliana Hristova, was the inaugural winner of the Ben Ogden Prize at Prize Giving in June 2013 (in recognition of Ben's love of German).



Left to Right Mr & Mrs Ogden, Mrs Reading (Resources Manager), Biliana Hristova (Yr13) & David Hudson

The Official Opening of the Green Room

The sun might not have shone but the pupils and staff of the RLS certainly did. The original intention was to picnic and enjoy from the lawns the singing, music, drama and poetry performed from the new stage area. However the carpeted floor, round tables and drinks bar in the school hall gave a club-like, relaxed atmosphere which added to the evening.

David Hudson welcomed everyone and Andy Cooper performed the ceremonial cutting of the ribbon. We then returned to the Hall where Martin Boileau, Head of Drama, compered for the evening, introduced the performers.

Sophie Dinnie accompanied by **Ros Whatmore** sang the "Saga of Jenny (Weill)" and "In his eyes" in a truly astonishing performance.

Year 7 students **Sam Keating**, **Rashi Taunk** and **Kushi Verma** read poetry with a confidence and expressive intensity which belied their ages.

AS Musician **Robert Byron** played the Rachmaninov Prelude in C# minor OP 3 No.2. It is impossible for this writer to understand how such a young man can play from memory such a demanding piece of music and captivate his audience.

Judd Launder, Lower Sixth, recited his performance from "Journey's End" which has recently won him a place at the National Youth Theatre - mark his name readers for in years to come you will read much about him.



Snake Davis, professional sax player to some of the great music bands, accompanied his daughter **Letty Davis** in a selection of numbers. Snake will acknowledge with pride that the stunningly beautiful voice of his daughter took centre stage.

Beth Rigby, Upper Sixth, who has starred in many RLS Drama Productions gave her final school performance from 'Romeo and Juliet', to great applause from the audience. Beth is a consummate actress who, like Judd, takes our best wishes with her for her career in Drama.

Claudia Zeng on the piano accompanied **Erica Verhoven- Clyde** in performing 'On my own' and 'I dreamed a dream'. Both girls are from the AS music group and their performance would have graced any auditorium in the country. Beautiful music, beautiful singing.

And then there was Peter! **Peter Yelding**, as effervescent and creative as ever gave such an original performance of his own music incorporating the sounds of the street, unusual instruments and his compelling voice which was mesmerising. Peter is a modern composer and his rare talents were enjoyed by us all.

No family has offered more to RLS music than the **Calver** family - **Charlie, Lucy, Polly and Seb**. Stunning singing talent, a wide range of musical abilities and their very engaging stage performance ended the student contribution to the evening.

Steven Jones, Head of Science, and Martin Boileau then brought the evening to its conclusion with 'Heroes'. Great enthusiasm, great enjoyment, great applause - but don't give up the day jobs chaps! Let's hope that the success of this evening with a full audience will be the first of many such performances.



Harry Lewis receiving his Prize from Air Vice Marshall, Julian Young

Prize Giving

We were delighted to welcome back to school former Head Boy, **Julian Young** (class of 1981), to give the keynote speech for Prize Giving.

Julian is now based in Bristol as Air Vice Marshall in the RAF and he gave a very well received speech which looked at the value of his education at the Latin and how this

had provided an excellent foundation for his career. We were also very pleased to welcome Julian's mother, also an Old Latin and still living locally.

Julian presented students with their prizes, two of which carried new names in memory of Ben Ogden (the Ben Ogden German Prize) and Martine Coventry (the Martine Coventry French Prize). We were delighted that both Ben's parents and Martine's husband and children were able to attend and present their prizes.

Archive Open Day 1st May 2013

Wednesday May 1st was sunny, clear and warm and over 100 Old Latins enjoyed the second of our annual Archive Open Days. The Rotherfield Archive room and the Lecture Theatre were crammed with Old Latins examining documents, letters, photos and memorabilia.

In the Lecture Theatre during the afternoon three Old Latins gave short talks about their days at RLS but only after Ollie Toon, the Under 15 Rugby Captain of the victorious RLS team at Twickenham, had introduced proceedings with an account of the match day. Great applause from Old Latins echoed by many Old Latins abroad who have emailed their congratulations.

Dan Jones, as student from the '90s and now author of "The Plantagenets" and more recently "The Warrior Kings and Queens of England", explained how his love of history, shaped by his tutor Starkey at Cambridge, had first begun at RLS when Robin Green was Head of Department. Dan is now a media commentator on history as well as an author. Teachers do make a difference!

Tony Barr is also an historian - of the RLS in the '30s and '40s. An Old Boy of the school, he has a prodigious knowledge of the Grenville years of RLS and his detailed, informed account of his time at school, of his fellow pupils, of the staff and of the buildings was exceptional, even down to detailing on maps the separate Air Raid shelters for boys and girls. A captivating address.

We began our talks with a Rugby captain and ended with a Rugby coach and ex PE teacher- Clive Martin. Clive travelled up from his new home in Brighton to give a splendid account of sports at RLS, illustrated with a wide range of photos covering Ennerdale, Water Sports holidays in France, winter sports for girls and boys, athletics—and some great photos of the swimming galas in the old open air pool. Tricia Morgan who had returned to school for the Archive Day especially remembered the Orienteering competitions, some at night, held at the Morgan farm at Shalstone.

Thank you to all Old Latins who attended and especially to our guest speakers. The provisional date for next year is **Wednesday 30th April 2014.**

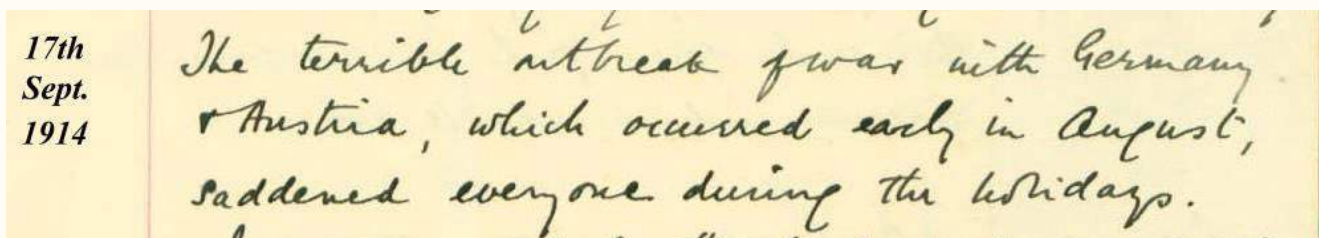
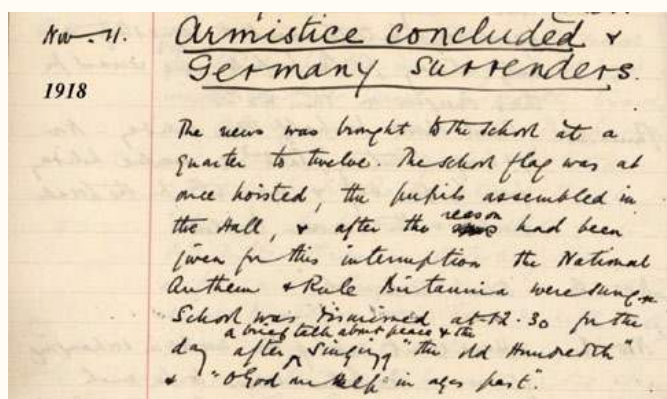
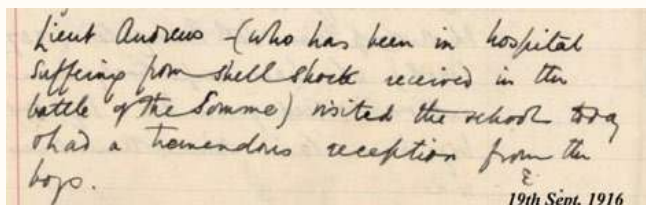
Living History

Beginning in September, all year 8 students will experience a 6 week module on the history of RLS. This will be delivered by David Hudson with support from the Archive Group. Request to Old Latins - your help is needed! Year 8 pupils would like to interview YOU as part of an oral history project; Lessons take place on Wednesday afternoons 2.30- 3.30 so please volunteer if you can help in any way - their researches will all be added to the Archive. Phone David's PA, Karen Bishop, on 01280 827348 or email kbishop@royallatin.org

The Fuller Diary

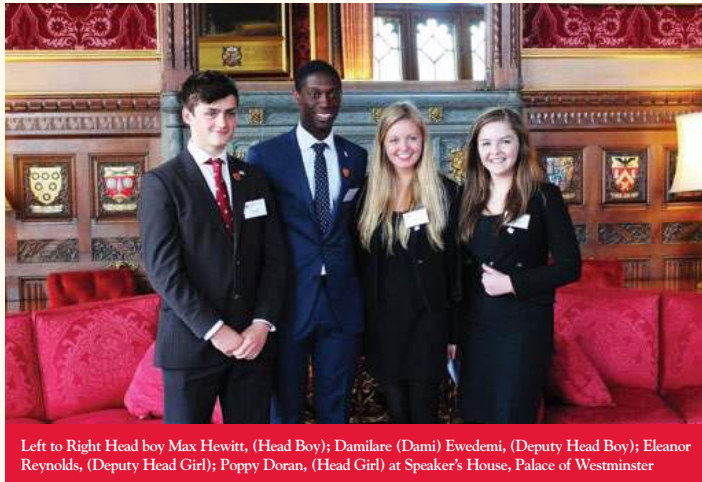
William Fuller was Headmaster of RLS from 1908 to 1931, a period covering the momentous years of the Great War. The extracts from his diary, in his own hand, still exercise a powerful influence on readers today and can be viewed in our Archive Room. The entries below are indicative of how evocative his words can be.

RLS will be marking the Centenary of the Great War in a number of ways.



Student Senior Leadership Team

We asked our Head Girl, Head Boy, Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl to answer a few questions by way of introducing themselves to you. Hopefully the brief pieces of text will give you a flavour of their thoughts, aspirations and commitment to RLS.



Left to Right Head boy Max Hewitt, (Head Boy); Damilare (Dami) Ewedemi, (Deputy Head Boy); Eleanor Reynolds, (Deputy Head Girl); Poppy Doran, (Head Girl) at Speaker's House, Palace of Westminster

Poppy Doran (Head Girl)

My first year of Sixth form at the school has been an invaluable experience: not only have I had the honour of becoming Head Girl and been given the opportunity to demonstrate the pride and enthusiasm I have for being a pupil at the Latin, but I have also had the chance to study subjects that really interest and inspire me. Studying English, History, Philosophy and Theatre has allowed me to focus on subjects I've always enjoyed and had a passion for and has given me a clearer initiative into what I want to do at University and beyond.

The experience and skills I will gain from my role as Head Girl will also help me in the future without a doubt: even after one short term I feel as if I've grown as a pupil speaker and have enhanced my existing skills as friendly and approachable. I've loved every minute so far of having the role, just as I have loved and taken pride in the school which I have attended for the past six years – arguably the best years of my life.

As my final year as a Latin student approaches, I am full of both sadness and excitement. Leaving the school which has ignited such a passion for learning within me will definitely be a challenge. I hope to go on and study History at University and later work within the media to combine my love for both history and the arts but I can't think of a better place to have had the experiences I have had nor a better way to spend my final year than being Head Girl.

Max Hewitt (Head Boy)

I am currently studying Economics, Politics, Maths and Chemistry and hope to carry on Politics and Economics at university, although the thought of not being at the school anymore is terrifying!

I still can't believe that I'm Head Boy of the school that I have loved for the last six years and it truly is an honour. I hope to bring a new take to the role through humour and an extraordinary passion for the school.

I like to think I'm a guy who is easy to get along with and willing to listen to anyone from Year 7 to Year 13, as after all, we are all Latiners! Through helping out with sports clubs and lessons, I've met a large amount of students with a wide range of characters and I've loved every minute of it, and look forward to meeting more students and trying to do the best for our school over the course of next year.

Damilare (Dami) Ewedemi (Deputy Head Boy)

I am studying English, French, Maths and Biology and I feel extremely lucky; being able to give something back to my school. To be able to put forward the views and suggestions of my peers is something that makes me truly happy!

I feel that because I only joined the school this year, I have been able to bring a different perspective on things. Also as I am a new student, I believe this makes me more approachable to younger years, as most have been here longer than me.

I've enjoyed the fun, family-like environment within the school. The Latin really is almost like a community rather than simply just a school. I particularly enjoyed acting in the school play, an experience I plan to go for again next year.

Being a student at RLS has taught me how to be more organised; balancing A-Levels with the work that being in a position of leadership isn't easy, but with the right time management and the calendar on my phone, it's doable. I'm planning to study Law at university, and hopefully by the end of that I'll know for sure what I want to do.

Eleanor Reynolds (Deputy Head Girl)

I am studying English, Philosophy, Biology and Chemistry. I feel very privileged to be given the role of Deputy Head Girl. Working closely with the senior leadership team has given me an insight into the array of complex needs that are required to run the RLS each day. I'm also delighted to say that I couldn't have envisaged a more happy, hyperactive and hardworking student leadership team.

I believe I bring bags of enthusiasm and positivity to the role. I am a firm believer that you get out of life just what you are prepared to put in. I very much hope that I am seen as both approachable and supportive by everyone in our school community. A 'can do' philosophy, a zest for life experiences and endless energy.

As a student at RLS I particularly enjoy the welcoming, positive spirit of the whole school community; School productions, days out and overseas trips; Securing solid, dependable friends for life and being continuously inspired by remarkable teachers; a fun and full social life that balances the dedication required for those targets!

Whilst at RLS I have learned to aim for the highest, longest, most challenging route. To have clear aspirations and some dreams for my future. That every knock back is eventually character building and to never ever run in public again.

As every RLS student will tell you, life is a continuum of 'work in progress'. I know the future is very bright and exciting and the RLS ethos will keep me, keeping on... Watch this space, I'll get back to you with the long term plans!

Michael Gove Visit



Mr Gove being shown the way by Mr Hudson!

On 14th June we were happy to host the Secretary of State for Education, Michael Gove, on the invitation of John Bercow.

During his hour long visit a selection of students from all year groups were able to represent the many different facets of life at RLS – from academic excellence, to sporting, musical, dramatic and artistic prowess, to a pride in our history and a sense of excitement about what the future holds.

Mr Gove was also given a tour of the current science facilities and we were able to explain the goals of the 600 Campaign and the plans for the Discovery Centre.

Both of our visitors were impressed – even to the point of Mr Gove being lost for words as he was unable to respond to the students' query as to whether he had any questions to ask them! He did, however, subsequently recover his poise to ask David Hudson to pass on his thanks "to your impressive students, who are all rightly proud of their school and their own talents."

Old Latins Run for MS



Team Latin: Catherine (top), Rachel, Emily (middle), Heather, Chris and Andy (bottom)

Four Old Latins, who left RLS after taking their A-levels in 2002, are preparing to run the St Neots Half Marathon in November to raise money for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

The girls – Emily née Webb, Heather née Pollard, Rachel née Savage and Catherine née Odell – will be joined on the run by Chris Trolove (Rachel's husband) and Andy Weaver (Catherine's husband).

The MS Society contributes to invaluable research and support for individuals and families who are affected by this debilitating disease. The team is running for all those who suffer with MS and especially for Emily's mother.

If you would like to sponsor them, please visit:
<http://www.justgiving.com/Emily-Reynolds5>

The Buckingham Partnership SCITT

As the autumn term started, not only did we welcome new teaching staff, and our new year 7 and 12 pupils, but also 42 trainee teachers including 4 'Old Latins'.

The trainee teachers are following a PGCE (post graduate certificate in education) course leading to QTS (qualified teacher status) in a range of subjects including Maths, Science, MFL, Drama, History, Geography and English as well as Primary Teaching.

The Buckingham Partnership SCITT is a registered Higher Education Institution and accredits its own courses; The Royal Latin functions as the Lead School within the partnership of 22 schools throughout Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Northamptonshire. Trainees are based in one of our partner schools, but attend weekly centralised training at RLS. Many of our teaching staff are involved in the SCITT, and are sharing their expertise with newcomers to the profession.

If you are interested in training to become a teacher, or know someone who might be, please contact Lizana Oberholzer at thebuckinghampartnership@gmail.com. Tax Free Bursaries may be available from the DfE depending on your subject and qualifications.

From 1930s



Ivy Gregory with Andy Cooper, retired Deputy Head, at Ivy's 90th birthday a couple of years ago

Very few old Latins will remember Ivy **Gregory, née Bendell** who has died at the age of 92. Ivy Gregory attended the school's Remembrance Service annually for some years and staff at the school visited her at her home in Winslow on many occasions. Ivy had very clear memories of her school days in the 30s and she will be

sadly missed, especially at this year's Remembrance Service on Friday 8th November 2013.

From 1950s



Raymond Hodges, (Class of 1952) on Carolyn's right, was a pupil at RLS from September 1949 to December 1952. At school, Raymond was a very able sportsman and involved in the Gilbert and Sullivan productions, notably the Mikado (a production which also saw Geoff Kirk on stage). Carolyn was a

student at RLS in the 1980s and is now one of the European representatives for Oxford University Press.

Dennis Hamley. Dennis was a distinguished student at RLS in the '50s winning a place at Cambridge to read English. He is an author and spoke very entertainingly at our first Archive Day in 2012 and visited us again for the 2013 Archive Day. Many congratulations to Dennis and Kay from us all.



"Rakishly Romantic"

On June 10th some years ago Kay and Dennis eloped to Gretna and got married. They vowed to tell absolutely nobody and, amazingly, because Dennis is a real blabbermouth, he managed to keep the secret for several months.

They couldn't get married in England because none of Kay's family could be there and they couldn't do the deed in NZ because Dennis' family couldn't be there. So they decided - if not everybody, then nobody. Elopement seemed the obvious course. And crossing the border, even if only by two hundred yards, put them in a different legal system, so they weren't married in either England or NZ, thus everyone's honour was satisfied and Kay's Scottish heritage was maintained. As a result they feel rather rakishly romantic and also part of a long and honourable tradition."

Class of 1975 Reunited at the Buckingham Rugby Club



Some of the most active Old Latins in organising the reunions are the class of 1975.

Finbarr Coughlan and 'Pudding' Rowe are to be congratulated for their efforts in organising their most recent reunion at Buckingham Rugby Club. Old Latins enjoyed the food, the drink and each other's company.

From 1980s



Maria and her husband Wayne either side of Elvin at a recent fundraising event

Maria Martin née Burgess and her sister Catherine attended RLS during the 1980s. Over the last few years the Burgess family have supported an impoverished school in Roka, Kenya. It was the brainchild of Wayne Martin, (Maria's husband). Last year Martin and his fundraisers, lead by Maria, have raised thousands

of pounds to fund much needed improvements at the East African School. More and more local Buckingham organisations have also supported the project. You can find out more about The Roka School Project on their Facebook page

Liz Finnegan. (Class of 1988) Reported that people came from as far as Brighton and Inverness for the reunion on 22nd June 2013. And several people joined them later at the White Hart, making a total of 40 Old Latins in all. The Class reunion of 1986/88 raised £140 for Willen Hospice in memory of Alison West Weatherstone, a classmate who passed away in 2012.



Back: Nikki Demaid, Paul Rousou-Adams, Martin Prendergast

Top Row: Sophie Sawbridge (Gallagher), Jane Henstock (Culley), Coryn Clough (Lowry), Helena Taylor (Chapman), Jenny Suggate, Caroline Haycock (Gibbons), Helen Merrin, Grant, Abbott, Annabel Hunter (Owen), Heather Court (Murphy)

Middle Row: Catherine Edwards (Burgess), Sue Jordan (Wilmott), Nicola McDonald, Elizabeth Finnegan (Walker), Rosie Pennie (Russell), Karyn Evans (Miller), Belinda Kirkham (McClellan), Adam Boothby, Andrew Poynter, Sophy Edwards (Carmichael), Tim Tinsley

Front Row: Mary Daly, Karen Young, Sadie Wighton, Gail Jones (Walton), Lavinia Brownlow (Smith), Penny Stafford, Chris Smith, Tony Monger, Trevor Froggatt, Andrew Butler

Adam Scott (Class of 1990?)

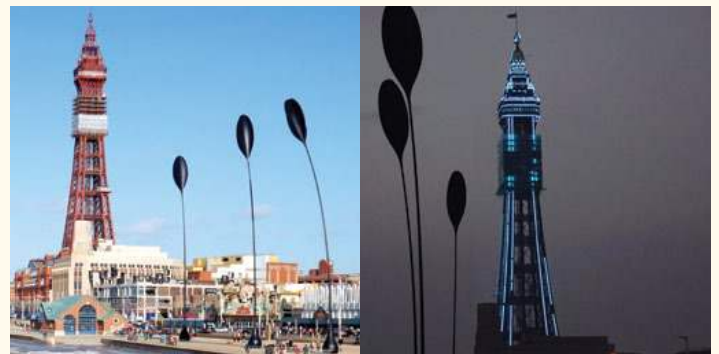
Adam left the RLS in 1990 or thereabouts as he is struggling to remember exactly. He went to the Mackintosh School of Architecture in Glasgow and later the Royal College of Art (RCA), and along the way he made paintings and drawings and sometimes some impractically large stone carvings.

Whilst doing his Masters at the RCA he met his future wife Charlotte, and was asked to be an Ideas Consultant on the Millennium Dome. These two extraordinary events lead to Adam and Charlotte setting up FreeState, a design practice which specialised in Brand Environments, growing from Live Events and Installations, to Films and Campaigns." <www.freestate.co.uk> Recent projects include the Dune Grass located in Blackpool and winner of the Cannes Design Lion, Gold Award.

"Breathtaking" "Utterly Unique" "Wow" "Awesome" "They're Alive!" These are reactions to Blackpool's landmark sculptures, the Dune Grasses, as they wave back and forth in the breezes and gales blowing across the city's famous promenade.

The world's biggest kinetic sculptures; four years in the making, from wind tunnel testing in the aeronautics laboratories of City University, to full size prototyping in gales of 55 Knots (110 km/h) on the Isle of Wight. Now putting Blackpool back on the tourist map, these four extraordinary super-size personalities are as bold and charismatic as the city itself.

In collaboration with LDA Design, Atelier One and City University.



Photos of Dune Grass viewed from the promenade in Blackpool

From 2000s

Joanna Harrison. Jo left RLS in 2000 and went on to college to study photography and later to work in the media with BBC and ITV.

She is currently working with Oxfam in Gaza having worked for them earlier on the Kenya/ Somalia border. Jo came into RLS in the summer term and spoke with great knowledge and insight to 6th form Media students about her career and opportunities in the Media world.

Hannah Bond (Class of 2007)



Hannah Bond in Rotherfield gardens during her recent visit

An unexpected and most welcome visitor to the Archive arrived last month. Hannah studied Religion and Politics at King's College London after leaving RLS.

After graduating she joined an International organisation based in Pakistan, researching extremism before working as a Conference producer for the Israeli Embassy. She has just completed a Masters

in International Conflict Studies and is hoping to begin her D.Phil. next year. We wish her well.

Old Latins Golf Society

Playing for the Claret Jug. The first Golf Society Day was held on Friday 27th September at Aylesbury Vale Golf Club.



Andy Cooper, Greg Dopson Trevor Saving (with Trophy) and Robin Harris (Class of 1960), Headboy

In warm sunshine, Old Latins enjoyed a wonderful day with some splendid golf and some very ordinary golf. After count back Trevor Saving, that outstanding sportsman of the '70s was declared the winner and presented with the new trophy, the Claret Jug on which his name will be the first to be inscribed. Greg Dopson was declared second with Robin Harris, Cambridge cricket blue of the '50s and Head Boy, third on the day. Had Greg Dopson driven on the front nine as did on the back nine, there might have been a different winner.

The winner of the Trophy will be announced at the annual school Prizegiving ceremony. I will set a date for next year's Society day more helpful to younger Old Latins who are at University and we look forward to this event growing in numbers with lots of lady golfers joining us.

I did have to inform Trevor Saving that winning this prestigious Trophy did not give him automatic entry to the either the British Open or the PGA tour. Never mind!



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RLS Open Day Reunion Requests



Dennis Hamley, Roger Wagland, Ron Herring and Geoff Kirk enjoying afternoon tea in the school canteen

The Open Day on Sunday 6th October was blessed with sunshine and warm weather.

There had been problems with the school's server contacting Old Latins via email, nevertheless those who attended had an enjoyable day, especially on the tour of Grenville School, home of the RLS from 1908 – 1963. We are very grateful to Tony Barr for leading this tour and for all the research that he has done on the RLS during the '30s and '40s.

Request from Old Latin Steven Morris

Steven is looking to acquire a copy of the whole school photograph taken he believes in 1963. We have in the Archive a whole school photograph taken in 1967 but we also would like acquire a copy. Can any Old Latin help please.

Ruth Newell is hoping to organise a reunion for class of 1974 (A-Level Year)

In 2014 it will be 40 years since the class of 1974 left the RLS, and 42 years for those leaving after O levels in 1972.

Ruth would like to know whether any of her old year at school would be interested in a reunion in the summer term 2014. It will be 8 years since our last reunion.

Old Latins should contact **Ruth on Ruth.Newell@tiscali.co.uk** or **Andy Cooper on acooper@royallatin.org**

Reunion Dinner

Planned Reunion Dinner for students who left between 1945 and 1949. Josie Bassett as vivacious as ever is hoping to organise a reunion dinner in Buckingham May / June 2014 to celebrate 65 years or more since leaving RLS. **Please contact Josie directly for further information at Josephinebassett22@gmail.com**

It's Your Latin Life

The vision for Latin Life is that it should be produced by Old Latins, for Old Latins.

But to realise this vision we really do need feedback, so we would like to invite all Old Latins to

submit articles and images to the magazine (subject to editing).

Please get in touch to share articles or let us know what you would like to see included in Latin Life. We'd particularly

like to be able to share some of your success stories – whether relating to career, family, leisure, travel or voluntary work – with other Old Latins, so get your thinking caps on!

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