

THE GIDGE



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2013

Welcome to the December issue of The Gidge. Christmas is definitely in the air, the nights are drawing in and the anticipation as the end of term approaches is clear to see.

Christmas Concert: Handel's Messiah - 7 December

The Holbrook Choral Society and Orchestra will be performing Handel's *Messiah* with the RHS Chapel Choir on Saturday 7 December at 7pm in the Chapel. Pre-concert drinks will be available from 6.30pm. Tickets; Full £15, Concessions £10, Under 18 Free.



For tickets visit the Ipswich Regent Box Office at www.ipswichregent.co.uk or call +44 (0)1473 433100.

Christmas Service - Saturday 14 December

The popularity of the Christmas Service is legendary; recently we have had to introduce tickets for guests who are not pupils and parents. We are delighted to be able to offer 30 tickets to Royal Hospital School Association (RHSA) Members. If you would like to attend please contact e: [Lucy Pembroke](mailto:Lucy.Pembroke) or t: +44 (0)1473 326110 as soon as possible.

Bristol and London Catch Up Drinks

Two weeks ago Annie Murrison (2011) hosted drinks for recent leavers and college students in Bristol and London. The Bristol drinks were held at Brown's with Kirsty Brown (2010), Laura Herbert (2011), George Wedd (2011), Errol Drummond (2012), Sarah Mannion (2012 and Harriet Pope (2013), the night was filled with laughter, stories and good memories shared over cocktails.



Current teachers Monty Callow, Les Thompson and Lee Menday accompanied Annie to drinks at The Freemasons Arms in Covent Garden. Les Dryden also made an appearance.

With lots of familiar, friendly faces and a real mix of age



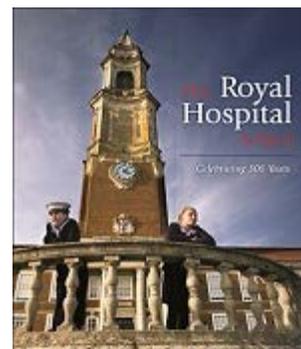
groups there was plenty of conversation throughout the night. Monty commented "The evening had the same buzz as the Tercentenary Dinner at The Painted Hall earlier in the year".

Building on the success of these two events, there will be further events in Nottingham and Cardiff in the New Year. If you would like us to host an event near you contact e: [Annie Murrison](mailto:Annie.Murrison) or t: +44 (0)1473 326150.

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Christmas Present Ideas

The 20% discount applicable to the *Royal Hospital School; Celebrating 300 Years* Book continues until 1 January 2014. Hardcopy £32, Paperback £24 with p&p £6.50. Other merchandise is also available online at www.rhscommunity.co.uk (clicking Merchandise).



Vacancy - Database and Events Co-ordinator

Former pupil and Event Management undergraduate, Annie Murrison, will complete her 12 month work placement in the Development Office at the end of May 2014. Those who have met and dealt with her over this period, I am sure will agree that she is doing a fantastic job. As a result of this successful arrangement, for both the School and the experience offered, we would like to advertise the position of Database and Events Co-ordinator again.

If you are studying a course which incorporates Event Management or are looking at Event Management as a career, this may be the opportunity that will help you gain the necessary skills and experience needed. For a job description and application details contact e: [Lucy Pembroke](mailto:Lucy.Pembroke) or t: +44 (0)1473 326110. Closing date for applications: Thursday 16 January 2014. A full application form is available www.royalhospitalschool.org under Vacancies.

Development Office Closure

The Development Office will be closed from Monday 23 December 2013 reopening on Monday 6 January 2014. We regret that no activations for the Digital Archive will be possible during this period. May we take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and hope to see you at an event during 2014.

ROYAL HOSPITAL SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

RHSPA 2014 Calendar

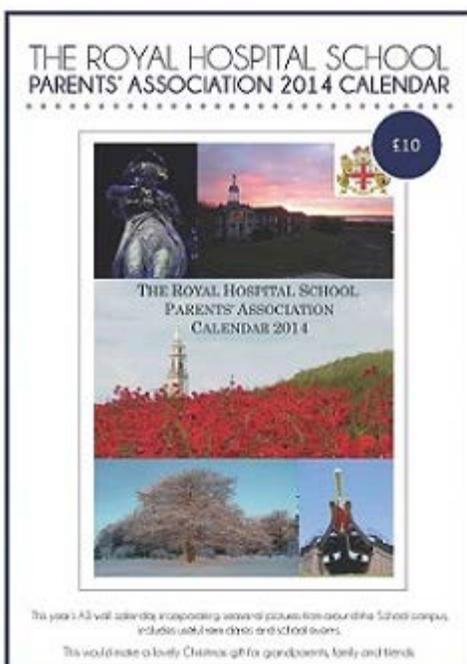
We are delighted that the RHS Parents' Association has created a superb A3 calendar incorporating seasonal pictures from around the RHS campus.

RHSA

Remembrance Weekend - 9/10 November 2013

The School and RHSA hosted a wonderful Remembrance Weekend with over 100 former pupils and their families attending.

A squad of 20 turned up for the 'Old Boys' rugby



Calendars are only **£10** and copies can be collected from School or posted for an additional £1.50. To order your copy contact the Development Office; e: [Lucy Pembroke](mailto:Lucy.Pembroke) or t: +44 (0)1473 326110. An early response is recommended as stock is limited.

Burn's Night - 25 January 2014



Tickets are now sold out for the Burn's Night, if you would like to be added to the waiting list contact [Annie Murrison](mailto:Annie.Murrison) or t:

match; a special thank you to Richard Cantelo (Collingwood, 1981). There were a few familiar faces spectating. Damien Brome (Drake, 1998) won *The Stephen Lineham Man of the Match Shield* voted for by Headmaster, James Lockwood, who is himself a former rugby coach.



The players were treated to hot dogs before some retired somewhere warmer to watch the England v Fiji rugby match. The 'Shed' opened at 5.00pm with a delicious curry served by the Catering Department, and at 8.00pm everyone braved the cold to watch a superb fireworks display by Lee Menday and Les Thompson.

Sunday was a stunning November morning with blue sky and a low mist over the playing fields. A platoon of 16 RHSA Members marched at Divisions.



For the first time ever at RHS, grandfather and granddaughter paraded together; former pupil Alan Rayner (Collingwood, 1958) paraded the RHSA banner and his granddaughter Olivia King, Year 7 in Drake House, was part of the Francis Squad. For more pictures go to www.rhscommunity.co.uk (clicking on Events)

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Guests are asked to bring their own wine. Please can each table donate a bottle of wine (over £7) for the raffle.

There will also be an Auction with all proceeds going to the Annual Fund Appeal.

Don't Forget.....

If you know of someone who would like to receive this e-newsletter, please do forward it or, even better, encourage them to get in touch; details below.

2012/13 School Magazine



The 2012/13 School Magazine is now available. If you are a current parent and have not received a copy, please let us know. If anyone else would like a copy, a contribution of £10 is requested to cover publication and postage costs.

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