

# RHS300 April Update

## Greenwich Dinner - 7<sup>th</sup> June 2013 - Sold Out!



Expected to be the largest gathering of former pupils in the last 20 years, tickets will shortly be distributed to 320 former pupils and their families who have bought tickets for the Tercentenary Dinner in the Painted Hall at Greenwich.

There are a huge range of ages due to attend with full representation from the 1930s to 2000s. Former pupils and their families are flying in from as far as New Zealand, Canada, the US and Hong Kong. A full list of those attending is attached.

Included with the tickets will be details on how guests can support the 'Heritage Centre Appeal' by completing a sponsored task or event of their choice. Each guest raising £25 would provide an additional £8,000 to the £50,000 already so generously donated.

## Reunion Weekend - 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> June 2013

This year's weekend is a joint venture between the School and RHSA. There is a busy weekend planned. Registration will begin on Saturday at 10.30am with a chance to catch up with old friends.

Former pupils are invited to participate in a rerun of the Stewart Cup swimming competition in the Swimming Pool at 11am, the Cup was last awarded in 2001. If you would like to participate let Lucy Pembroke know.



**Peter Crompton with former Choristers at 2012 Girls Reunion**

Much loved Director of Music, Peter Crompton who is retiring at the end of term will be wowing the audience with his rendition of Toccata in the Chapel at 1pm.

Before the Concert there will be a free ticketed buffet lunch for former students of Peter Crompton, in the Music School. Tickets to the buffet are limited to 100 and available on a first-come-first-served basis. There are no limitations on numbers for the Chapel although a full house is anticipated.

The afternoon will see the opportunity to watch RHS v Norwich School in Cricket and Rounders. With Reunion Weekend tennis matches and rounder's also being played.

House tours will take place with an opportunity to view the fantastic refurbishment programme which has been ongoing since 2006.

An Informal BBQ will take place from 5.30pm-7.30pm, tickets are £12.00 each with children free. A Sunset Ceremony follows at 7.45pm. Then a Black Tie RHSA Dinner commencing at 8.00pm in the Jellicoe Room, tickets are £40 each. A cash bar will be open in the Social Club for those who are not attending the Dinner.

On Sunday coffee will be served in the Dining Hall from 10.15am with Divisions starting at 11.00am. The Chapel Service afterwards is also the Leavers' Service so you can be assured that

the hymns will be RHS classics, former choristers are also welcome to join the Choir, and are requested to join a Rehearsal at 9.30pm on Sunday morning. After Chapel, Peter Crompton will also be hosting a Drinks Reception in the Music School and Sunday Lunch follows in the Dining Hall. To complete the weekend, School Sports Day starts at 2.00pm.

A full itinerary and booking form is attached. You will receive confirmation from the School that your booking has been received.

### New RHS Community Website

The new [www.rhscommunity.co.uk](http://www.rhscommunity.co.uk) website is now live. Do take a couple of minutes to browse through the site. Which includes news and pictures of RHS300 Events; past and present, access to the Digital Archive and the ability to search for old friends.

Tickets for events can be booked but there is a requirement to Log In. If you need any assistance please do contact the Development Office 01473 326110.

### RHS300 Commissioned Painting

As part of the Royal Hospital School's Tercentenary Celebrations, local artist, John Harrison, is creating a wonderful painting of the School.

John is the uncle of former pupil and current staff member, Tom Wood (Drake 2007), and lives and works in the small village of Birch, 6 miles from Colchester. His passion for sketching started as a young boy and has developed into a lifetime ambition of becoming a professional artist.

The painting is set looking over the parade ground, cleverly incorporating all the aspects of the School's vista and memorable scenes such as a Sunset Ceremony, games on the sports fields and a Cornish Shrimper on the Stour.



*John with his 'Work In Progress'*

John is donating the original painting to raise money for the RHS300 Heritage Centre Appeal. It will be auctioned at the Former Pupil Tercentenary Dinner at Greenwich on Friday 7th June 2013.

A limited run of 300 prints will also be available to purchase and can be pre-ordered by downloading a form from the Merchandise of [www.rhscommunity.co.uk](http://www.rhscommunity.co.uk) site.

### Digital Archive Live

Since the launch of the Digital Archive over 200 people have joined. The archive holds around 15,000 images including every School Magazine since 1919 up until present day, numerous photographs and is free to join. To activate your login just contact the Development Office [lpembroke@royalhospitalschool.org](mailto:lpembroke@royalhospitalschool.org).

### Limited Edition RHS300 Merchandise

With the Tercentenary Year drawing to a close, don't forget to order your polo shirts or memory sticks to commemorate our Tercentenary. There are lots of other memorabilia available to purchase on the rhscommunity site.



## RHS Linked-In Careers Network

Membership of the RHS Careers Network is steadily growing with 190 members and connections in the last six weeks. There have been offers of placements within the Property and Technology sectors and those seeking advice have been pointed in the right direction.

The primary aim of the Group is to support current and former pupils enabling them to broaden their employability and expand their experience in the world of work.

Given the difficulty that individuals have in finding suitable work placements, or relevant experience, we believe this will provide an excellent platform to connect the entire RHS Community on a professional basis and an opportunity to give a 'helping hand' to its members. So do take a couple of minutes to join.

The School is planning to host a Professional Networking Event in London this Autumn. The event will be free of charge and an opportunity for former pupils to meet and network.

## The Heritage Centre - Now Open

Thanks to the generosity of the entire RHS Community, the amount raised so far stands at £52,000.

The Heritage Centre is now open to the Public every Wednesday and current parent, Duncan Myatt is volunteering Tuesday and Thursday mornings to prepare the displays ready for the Official Opening by HRH The Duke of York on Speech Day, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

This superb multi-functionality facility has been developed to showcase the School's impressive collection of historical exhibits, this combined archive and museum will also provide an outstanding educational resource with state-of-the-art touch screen technology to support pupil learning. This complex will also be accessible to the local community, local schools, clubs and historical societies eager to learn about the Royal Hospital School's proud history and traditions.

All donors will receive an invitation to attend the Opening by HRH The Duke of York on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2013. Donors of £250 or more will also receive an invitation to join the Headmaster's VIP Lunch.



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*If you know someone who does not receive our 'e-newsletter' please do forward this email to them. If you no longer wish to receive news from RHS please contact Lucy Pembroke directly.*

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