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Triple Gold for Sophie





Our champion Paralympian, **Sophie Christiansen MBE** (MSci Mathematics, 2011), became the first British triple Gold medallist of the 2012 Paralympic Games. Sophie won Gold medals in individual and team dressage events at Greenwich. She now has a career total of seven Paralympic medals. Speaking after the medal ceremony she said: "I couldn't have asked for any more. I went in thinking this is just a training session – there just happened to be 10,000 people watching. I knew if I was focused on what I do in training I could do another 80-plus test. It was great to have my family and friends here to see me do this. And to win team gold with a Paralympic record, that's amazing."

Sharing her joy in the picture are (left to right): Sophie's cousin (behind the Union Jack), her mum, her carer, her nan, two school friends and, applauding in the foreground, current postgraduate student James Heath (who shared student digs with Sophie at Royal Holloway).

From the Principal



In this issue the Principal, Professor Paul Layzell, discusses the student experience with Doug German, President of the Royal Holloway Students' Union

Doug German: Principal, where will you invest students' fees to best benefit them in this academic year?

Paul Layzell: This year, we are providing a record level of financial support to enable students to enter the College and successfully complete their studies. A proportion of the £6 million figure comes not just from fees, but also from donations by alumni.

Our students expect their education to be at the cutting edge, both through the staff that teach them and in the way they teach. Building on previous work, this year will see a greater variety of teaching and assessment methods that are tailored to the needs of specific courses. Also, we are introducing technology into some lecture theatres that will allow staff to record their lectures and provide a 'play back' facility for students when they come to revise the class later in the year.

DG: Following our association with the Olympics and Paralympics, what will be the sporting legacy benefits for current and future students?

PL: Hosting the Olympic and Paralympic rowing village was a great honour and it enabled us to play our part in showing the UK at its best. The spirit of those events lives on in our student and staff volunteering and in the experience we have gained in organising a complex operation on campus; but the most significant impact will be in motivating a new generation of sports scholars to succeed. Many of these scholars are supported financially through donations from alumni, and those scholars and their supporters are to be recognised in a ceremony that will include the award of an honorary degree to Sir Steve Redgrave. Current and future students will also benefit from the investment we have made into improving teaching spaces from the funds that we received as a host Village.

DG: Recent student surveys show that students are not happy with the rising quota of postgraduates teaching undergraduates, meaning time spent with professors is declining. How do you plan to address this?

PL: The distinguishing feature of academically elite universities like Royal Holloway is that our students are taught by men and women who are

leaders in their field and this must remain at the heart of our educational programmes. However, great learning embraces a range of teaching and assessment experiences that help develop creativity, critical thinking and independence. Postgraduate tutors have their role to play in that process, although I agree that this should be complementary to, and not a substitute for, direct contact with academic staff. In planning the overall workload of our staff, heads of department are being asked to ensure students have the opportunity to hear directly from senior staff from year 1 of their programmes and not just in a final year option.

DG: The library is fit to burst and over populated – what's the plan in the short term and long term?

PL: In the short-term, we have moved out a number of back office staff into other locations and refurbished the space to create a further 91 study spaces. This work was achieved in record time over the Christmas 2011-January 2012 vacation. For the medium-term, we are currently in the design phase for additional library provision. Construction time will depend on the final design but should be of the order of 24 months.

DG: How are you upgrading student facilities? During the Olympics we noticed some refurbishment projects around the Main Lecture Theatre and the Founder's Bedrooms.

PL: These are just two projects that form around £12 million of work that have taken place last year and over the summer. Most of our lecture theatres and main seminar rooms have now been refurbished, toilets have been upgraded, and pathway, roofing and other repairs have been carried out. The biggest of these has been the refurbishment of all the bedrooms in Founder's. Further work will take place during this year to improve bathrooms, pantries and corridors. The rooms have been carefully designed to be sympathetic to the Founders Building, whilst heavily influenced by input from current students. Later this year we will be fitting out a heritage room to preserve some of the original features of Founder's rooms.

Letters to the editor

Sharing your comments and information

Dear Sir

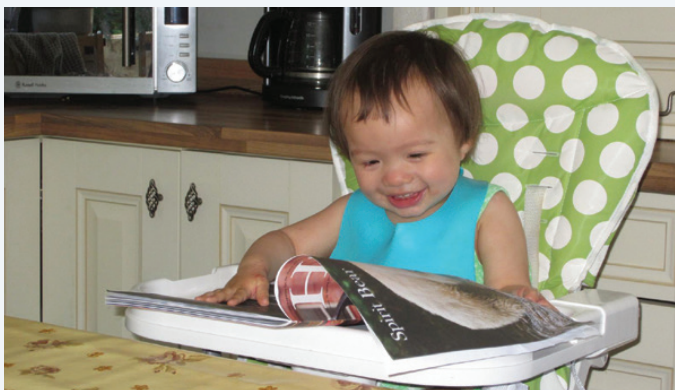
On retiring recently from Masaryk University in the Czech Republic, I was proud to recall the memorable year I spent in the Royal Holloway English Department in 1968-69. That was a year of great uncertainty in my country, just after the hope of the Prague Spring had been ended by the Russian occupation. That occupation was followed by an upsurge of sympathy in the west of Europe, and for me an offer of a one-year scholarship. After that I returned to Czechoslovakia, but could not teach English until the "Velvet Revolution" in 1989. Then I went straight to Masaryk University to teach and lecture English phonetics and phonology. Without the year at Royal Holloway I could not have done it – I had very little chance to use my English in the 1970s and 1980s, the time of "normalization". What I had gained at Royal Holloway, however, needed just a little brush off and I was at last able to do what I liked.

Hana Otavova (English, 1969 Royal Holloway College)
Brno, Czech Republic

Dear Sir

We always enjoy reading our copy of *Higher* and now it seems the new member of our family (19 and a half months as of this writing) also loves browsing through the pages. She is starting to make choices and once after tea we asked her what she'd like to "read." *Higher* won over a book called *Colours*. We'd love to reserve a place at RHUL for her, but don't yet know which course. Her current interests include animals and in the photo she's looking at her favourite page in the last issue of *Higher*, the Spirit Bear.

Mike Walder (BSc Computer Science, 1998) & **Catherine Walder** (ex-Earth Sciences Dept)
Wokingham, Berkshire



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Dear Sir

I was interested to read in *The Times* (27th July, 2012) the article "Private College graduates to status of university" and to see the picture of Regent's College in Regent's Park with its luxurious lawn and central flower bed. The Regent's College buildings were, of course, previously occupied by our very own Bedford College, University of London. Bedford claimed to be the first college for the higher education of women in the country, founded in 1849 at No 49 Bedford Square (hence the name). Sadly, in the 1980s, following recommendations from the Swinnerton-Dyer Committee, smaller colleges of the university were forced to merge and in 1985 Bedford College merged with Royal Holloway College, to form Royal Holloway and Bedford New College (RHBNC) and moved out to Egham. Bedford College, as the only leasehold bit of London University, was vulnerable, and the remaining 30 years of the lease were sold on to Rockford College, Illinois, for just £5 million. In those days the sward



shown in the picture was concrete with Nissen huts housing the Italian department. Before selling the lease that area had to be restored to its original state, i.e. grass, and this cost £10,000, considered at the time an enormous amount. Former Bedford students and staff were devastated to lose such a beautiful site in the middle of London – and some still are. I know many of us will be following with interest Regent's College's efforts to secure the title Regent's University London.

Enid Light (née Hewitt) (BA German, 1955 Bedford College and Honorary Fellow of RHBNC)
Henley-on-Thames

Dear Sir

I was very interested in the article 'Breaking the Code' in the latest edition of *Higher*, though I do not remember any of the alumnae who saw service at Bletchley Park. I graduated in Maths in 1941 and served in the IDA Unit, a secret outpost of Bletchley Park based at the Meteorological Office's station in Dunstable. We were in close contact with Bletchley Park by despatch rider and fed encrypted enemy weather reports to Station X there. In turn, we received decoded information from them, which we used to develop weather forecasts for British military units. I understand that there were several more Bletchley Park outposts and I wonder how many more alumnae served in them?

Mollie Neil (née Jarman) (BSc Mathematics, 1941 Royal Holloway College)
Malvern, Worcestershire

College News

Sophie's Gold Post Box

Crowds gathered in September to watch our alumna and Paralympic champion, Sophie Christiansen MBE, paint the finishing touches to a golden post box on campus. A special ceremony was held to celebrate Sophie's three Gold medals and to unveil the golden post box. It included pupils from local schools, the Mayor of Runnymede, staff, students and local residents.

Sophie said: "It's amazing to have a post box painted gold at the place where I spent most of my academic life. It's incredible." Asked about her three Golds, Sophie replied: "Not to sound big-headed, I knew I was capable, but did not want to make a big thing of it before I got there. In sport you never know what's going to happen. It's so unpredictable."

Sophie, who competed in the Grade 1a section at the Greenwich Arena, has also had some Paralympic Games stamps made in her honour. As she finished painting the post box, the Principal Paul Layzell addressed the crowd saying "Sophie is a true Olympian. She's also one

of a group of Pararympians from Royal Holloway, including Helene Raynsford the rower, who won Gold in Beijing, and Gaz Choudhry from this year's wheelchair basketball team, so we're very proud."

Royal Mail pledged to paint its iconic red post boxes gold this summer to celebrate every Team GB gold medal win. The post box, positioned in the centre of campus, was chosen to be painted gold in recognition of the continued support Sophie received while juggling her studies and her sports commitments. Sophie, who became an Honorary Fellow of the College in May, has cerebral palsy and started riding at the age of six with the Riding for the Disabled Association. She competed in the Beijing Paralympic Games, where she won two Gold medals and a Silver, whilst studying at Royal Holloway and was a member of the College's Student Talented Athlete Recognition Scheme (STARS).



The Archbishop comes to College

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, visited the College to deliver the eighth lecture in the annual Magna Carta Lecture Series. Marking the forthcoming 800th anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta, which took place in Runnymede in 1215, the Archbishop of Canterbury's lecture, *Sovereignty, Democracy, Justice: elements of a good society?*, considered the question of where good government finds its legitimacy. Talking in a packed Windsor Building lecture theatre, Dr Williams explored the nature of democratic legitimacy; how this is shaped by the proper recognition of the role of law and how systems of representation can be fully accountable.



Gareth Gates, Emma Kennedy, George Layton and Laila Rouass

MasterChef on campus

The College was showcased on BBC's *Celebrity MasterChef*, as a group of celebrities were challenged to create 180 lunches to serve to students. As well as filming the heated cook-off between Holby City actress Laila Rouass, singer Gareth Gates, actor George Layton and author/actress Emma Kennedy (the eventual winner of the series), the episode featured the Founder's Building, a performance by the Choir and a rehearsal by the Department of Drama and Theatre, as well as interviews with the Principal and students. The opening scenes, with presenters John Torode and Gregg Wallace, were filmed in the North Quad just in front of the Queen Victoria statue. Filming took place in February and, after months of secrecy, the episode aired on BBC 2 on 21st August.



Royal Holloway Passport

We know how important it is for graduates to have evidence of the skills that they have developed in addition to their academic accomplishments and how much this boosts their chances of graduate employment success. Our academic programmes now include a range of opportunities to develop team working and interpersonal skills, as well as practical skills relevant to the subject.

Last year we launched The Royal Holloway Passport, designed to encourage our students to recognise and record their employability skills beyond those gained in the classroom. There are over 20 streams of campus co-curricular activities recognised, from student ambassadors and work in IT Services and the Library to participation in the Students' Union and student societies. We currently have over 800 students working towards a Passport, but anticipate that 1,500 students will gain one this year as the scheme goes from strength to strength.

There is also a greater emphasis on showcasing the success of alumni and involving you more closely in networking or advisory opportunities and through other industry linked activities. The emphasis of these initiatives is about early exposure to employers and skill enhancement, working together to prepare our students for their graduate career and future role in society. We warmly welcome your ideas and involvement.

You can find out more about the Passport at www.rhul.ac.uk/ecampus/rhpassport/

Founder's makeover

Over the summer months we've completed a multi-million pound refurbishment of the Founder's Building bedrooms to meet with the demands and expectations of our current and future students. 450 rooms were given a fresh décor, new furniture and fittings, including desks that are compatible for use with laptops. This vast project was finished in time for September's intake of student residents, and corridors, bathrooms and pantries are next in line for a vital makeover. We value our heritage and history

and some of the original furniture has been retained in our College archives, whilst other pieces will be used to recreate one of the original Victorian bedrooms in all its former glory. We appreciate that our alumni have a huge love for Founder's and a selection of furniture was sent on for auction with South London auctioneers Roseberys. Updates about this will appear on our alumni web pages, with the auction offering a unique chance for alumni to own a piece of Royal Holloway's history.



Our Honorary Awards 2012



Sophie Christiansen MBE, David Beever, Baroness Ashton, Sarah Fox and Máire Davies

In May, Honorary Fellowships were awarded to four distinguished alumni and one former member of College Council:

Catherine Ashton, the Baroness Ashton of Upholland (BSc Sociology, 1977 Bedford College) is the European Union's Foreign Minister. She is the first person to hold the position of High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security at the EU and Vice-President of the European Commission. For a more detailed account of her work turn to page 26.

Sophie Christiansen MBE (MSci Mathematics, 2011), a five times Paralympic

Gold medalist in Dressage, Sophie won three Gold medals at the 2012 Paralympic Games and now has seven Paralympic medals in total, She won two Gold medals and a Silver at the Beijing Games in 2008 and a Bronze medal in Athens in 2004, when aged only 16.

Máire Davies (BA German, 1977 Royal Holloway College) devoted her entire career to Royal Holloway. Following postgraduate studies, she became a lecturer and then Head of the Department of German. She presided over the foundation of a Centre for Holocaust Studies and led her department from a research rating of 3a

to the topmost level of 5*. Latterly, she was Dean of Arts and Director of Special Projects, where she led on academic affairs.

Sarah Fox (BMus Music, 1995), the international operatic and concert soprano who has sung at the Royal Opera House Covent Garden, the Glyndebourne Festival, Edinburgh International Festival, Salzburg Festival, Deutsche Oper Berlin and Bavarian State Opera. In 2011, she appeared with Plácido Domingo in Barcelona and starred in the immensely popular BBC MGM Prom with the John Wilson Orchestra. On 16th February 2013 she will once again sing at the College with her fellow distinguished alumnae, the sopranos Dame Felicity Lott and Susan Bullock, see page 50 for full details.

David Beever was Deputy Chairman of College Council. A distinguished figure in corporate finance, he served on College Council from 1995-2011 and chaired the Finance Committee. David was Chairman of KPMG UK Corporate Finance and Vice Chairman of SG Warburg & Co Ltd. He remains a member of the KPMG Chairman's Advisory Board and is also a trustee of the London Mozart Players.

In July, **Dr Andrew Taylor OBE** received an Honorary Doctorate at our degree ceremonies. Dr Taylor is Executive Director of the STFC Rutherford Appleton Laboratory at Harwell, where he is also Director of the ISIS neutron scattering facility. ISIS is the world's leading pulsed neutron and muon source, and is staffed by 1,600 scientists. Dr Taylor will give the Stevenson Science Lecture at College on 7th February (see page 50).

Arts and Social Sciences

Olympic ceremonies: cultural utopia or political forum?

The spectacular opening and closing ceremonies of this year's London Olympic Games provided a rare platform for the British people to express their cultural traditions to a vast media audience. Such ceremonies offer an area of study for the Department of Drama's Professor Helen Gilbert, who has focused on the history of Aboriginal and Native people's participation in opening and closing ceremonies in Canada, Australia and the United States. "The Olympic 'spirit' promotes utopian notions of a 'common humanity' that asks us to put personal and political tensions aside", explains Helen. "Nevertheless, key issues in the cultural politics of host nations are often writ large on the global stage during

Games ceremonies, and they are certainly under tremendous scrutiny".

Her five-year €2.36m project, *Indigeneity in the Contemporary World*, funded by the European Research Council, explores the ways in which local and national identities present themselves through performance – whether on the grand scale of an Olympic ceremony or smaller-scale political protests. The project involves eight international multidisciplinary researchers, all of whom have been publishing books and articles throughout the project. It will culminate in 2014 in a high-profile exhibition in central London which will look at a range of local performance activists from across the world.



Media Arts lecturer premieres new film at Edinburgh Festival

The BAFTA winning director and Fellow in Media Arts, John Roberts, premiered his new independent British film *Day of the Flowers* at this summer's Edinburgh International Film Festival. A romantic comedy drama set in Cuba, it stars award-winning actress Eva Birthistle, Charity Wakefield, Christopher Simpson and internationally-acclaimed dancer Carlos Acosta in his first leading feature film role. As a Cuban national, Carlos also found himself playing a pivotal role in securing permission for the crew to film in his home country, where filming restrictions are tight. "It wasn't easy and there were times when we weren't sure we would be able to do it!" says John. "We took the film to ICAIC, the Cuban Film institute, and they liked



the script. With Carlos also on board we were able to do a production deal with them and were given permission to film."

Day of the Flowers was nominated for the Michael Powell Award for Best British Feature and Best Performance in a British Feature Film at the Edinburgh International Film Festival.

Exploring the issues surrounding film-making and broadcasting in other countries is part of our new MA in International Broadcasting, run by John's colleague in the Media Arts department, Professor John Ellis. Find out more at www.rhul.ac.uk/mediaarts

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■ An execution and a revolution: Charles I at the Banqueting House

In September, MA Public History student Kerri Young staged an interpretation of the final moments of Charles I's life in the Banqueting House, Whitehall. Charles was executed outside this building in January 1649. In full costume, Charles and his Parliamentarian guard led visitors around the Banqueting House, illustrating the revolutionary nature of the English Civil War and the people who sought to forever change the relationship between ruler and subjects. The project was created in partnership with Historic Royal Palaces.

■ Royal Holloway music at the BBC Proms

In August, Lecturer in Composition, Helen Grime, premiered her exciting new short work *Night Songs* at the Proms. The piece is in tribute to composer Oliver Knussen, who conducted this first performance. Earlier in the season Professor Julian Johnson, Head of the Music Department, joined BBC4 presenter Katie Derham at the Royal Albert Hall to provide live expert commentary on Beethoven's Third and Fourth Symphonies, performed as part of conductor Daniel Barenboim's Beethoven symphony cycle at the Proms.

■ Group challenge: Can you write a novel in a week?

A group of students from our local sixth form college, Strode's College, were given the challenge of writing a full-length novel in just five days in a special workshop with the English, Computer Science and Psychology Departments. Dr Doug Cowie, Lecturer in Creative Writing, said "Our aim was to get the students working together and to really develop their team skills. When they started writing the novel they all worked on different scenes, but were each in charge of individual characters."

Social work system abandons teenage asylum seekers

The conference, *Facing the Abyss: Exploring the challenges for separated children seeking asylum as they turn 18*, organised by the Departments of Social Work and Media Arts, proved a significant exploration of the experience of young asylum seekers in the UK. It brought together leading social work, mental health and legal professionals to argue that the UK system of managing asylum seekers means young people are often 'abandoned' – abruptly deported when they turn 18 and returned to conflict, post-conflict or hostile environments. The conference also proposed ways of collating information and tracking outcomes of decisions. Governments in both the UK and Europe have recently been considering policies

for lowering the age at which some separated young people are returned. But even now, as Anna Gupta, Head of the Department of Social Work, explains, "Increasing numbers of young people are receiving quick, negative decisions on their applications for extension of leave, and when they turn 18, they become liable for detention and forcible removal from the UK. They have often spent several years in the UK at a formative age, and remain vulnerable once they turn 18." The conference also included a screening of Media Arts lecturer Sue Clayton's award-winning film *Hamedullah: The Road Home*, together with presentations from separated young people seeking asylum.



■ Classics Department launches two new programmes

As part of its continuing aim to respond quickly to new directions in the field, the Classics Department has launched two postgraduate programmes aimed at those in both academic and non-academic careers. The Masters by Research in Classical Reception and the MRes in Rhetoric aim to equip students with skills in research, analysis and critical thought, providing ideal training for those considering a PhD, and inspiring new generations to contribute to the ever-developing and ever wider-ranging field of classical studies.

■ Exposing Nazi Secrets

This summer, Professor Peter Longerich from the School of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures, and Professor David Cesarani from the Department of History offered expert commentary on the National Geographic Channel's *Nazi Secrets*, a series revealing the stories hidden within Hitler's regime. Their contribution centred on SS Chief Heinrich Himmler's battle with sexual insecurity, his obsession with witches and his hiding of an illegitimate son.

Dean of Arts
& Social Sciences

Professor
Katie Normington



Over the last year, we have faced something of a national challenge. The introduction of annual tuition fees has meant fewer students have opted to take up university places across the board and this has had a particular effect on the numbers deciding to study in our field. We are working hard to highlight the immense value of studying arts and social science subjects in terms of the very broad-ranging career opportunities they provide, for example by expanding our already popular careers events – several of which have included extremely valuable visits by alumni. Our existing programme of short work placements, like those run by the Media Arts and English Departments, are highly competitive and are being rolled out to other subject areas. The Classics Department is working to be the first of its kind in the UK to offer a placement opportunity for second year students from 2013, as well as a formal study module in 'transferable' skills.

Our students and staff continue to take the work of the Faculty out into the wider world, appearing at events and on media programmes. It is testament to the extremely high calibre of our teaching staff that they are so highly sought-after to provide their expertise.

Management and Economics

In the aftermath of the London Riots

In a first study of the August 2011 London Riots, Dr Rachel Doern, a Senior Lecturer in the School of Management, has specifically focused on the impact on small businesses. Qualitative interviews were held with those owner-managers whose businesses were directly affected by the looting. All reported significant personal and business losses and felt their already limited resources were stretched to breaking point. All were motivated to carry on nonetheless; as a matter of necessity and a responsibility to others, a desire not to feel defeated by the Riots and acts of violence, a desire to return to their work and a business they had built, and in response to the encouragement and support of the community. Several felt abandoned by the police during the Riots, and were angered by their response. Most, at the time the interviews were conducted, were still in the recovery phase, trying to play catch up, re-stocking their businesses, re-establishing a customer base, and recouping losses.



The Sexual Politics of Ballroom Dancing

There has been a resurgence of interest in ballroom and Latin American dancing, no doubt influenced by the popularity of TV programmes such as *Strictly Come Dancing* and *Dancing with the Stars*. Yet whilst it is increasingly visible in popular culture, this style of dancing has received relatively little academic attention. In her new book, *The Sexual Politics of Ballroom Dancing*, Dr Vicki Harman provides a much-needed sociological analysis of ballroom dancing as a leisure activity, with particular attention to the

way in which modern men and women negotiate and sometimes challenge the traditional gender roles embedded in this form of dance. Her research examines the experience of dancers at various stages, from beginning to dance, finding a partner, attending lessons and classes, to taking part in competitions. The project contributes to an increased understanding of the complex and sometimes contradictory manifestation of gender in contemporary society.



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■ New working relationships with Sweden and Canada

We have agreed Student Exchange Agreements with the Stockholm Business School in Sweden and the University of Alberta in Canada. Both institutions are highly regarded and were ranked in the top 100 universities worldwide by the Academic Ranking of World Universities 2012. We also have a new ERASMUS agreement with the University of Genoa, making it possible for students to spend part of their degree studying in Italy.

■ NSS scores improve year upon year for the School of Management

We were delighted that this year's National Student Survey saw a further significant improvement in the scores achieved by the School of Management. The current overall satisfaction rating of 84% has increased by 6% since 2010, with significant improvements in academic support, learning resources and organisation & management. Our innovations include a new advice blog for students created by MBA Director Justin O'Brien. The blog supports students through the dissertation process and communicates advice on frequently asked questions.

■ How Washington DC is leading the way in sustainability

Washington DC's new sustainability plans were the subject of our annual Sustainability Lecture given by Honorary Fellow and alumnus L. Preston Bryant Jr. Preston is Chairman of the US National Capital Planning Commission, the central planning agency for all federal lands and buildings in and around Washington DC. He spoke of how many major cities are going green by adopting sustainability plans that require more efficient use of energy and water, reductions in waste and integrated transportation systems.

Dean of Management
and Economics

Professor
Bob O'Keefe



Have our leaders joined the Dark Side?

Whilst media moguls and senior bankers are amongst the leaders to have been under the spotlight of recent media scrutiny, Professor Dennis Tourish believes that a sea change in how we approach leadership is now underway. He explains, "We have put too much attention on heroic, charismatic leaders, and forgotten that leaders can only accomplish great things with great followers. We also know from many studies that the more power you give people, the less likely they are to pay attention to the needs of others. Instead, they develop an overly optimistic view of their own abilities and under-

estimate the potential contribution of followers. Most leaders benefit from the reality check of more questioning people around them, to keep their feet on the ground." In his new book, *The Dark Side of Transformational Leadership* (to be published in May 2013), he provides numerous case studies of dysfunctional leadership, including bankers and leaders of organisations generally regarded as cults. As a counter measure, he offers suggestions throughout the book for better business leadership, which he argues is vital for future prosperity.



■ Organising Bletchley Park in wartime

Professor Chris Grey recently published the book *Decoding Organization: Bletchley Park, Codebreaking and Organization Studies*, which explores how the code-breaking centre Bletchley Park was made as an organisation between 1939-44. Challenging many popular perceptions, his book examines the complexities of how 10,000 men and women were brought together in complete secrecy and yet worked as a team. Chris looks into the work culture and the organisation and asks just what was Bletchley's structure and how was its work co-ordinated?

■ The 2013 Royal Economic Society Annual Conference

In April, the College will host the Royal Economic Society Annual Conference. This prestigious event aims to bring together economists from government, industry, higher education, the financial sector and journalism. It is open to all those interested in analytical economics and policy problems. There are a number of special lectures during the conference as well as sessions devoted entirely to policy issues, and special sessions for young economists to present the results of their research and exchange ideas with their peers.

I write this while travelling on a train from Hong Kong to Guangzhou, where I will visit Sun-Yet Sen University. I am travelling through the heartland of China's electronic assembly industries. The scale of these operations is truly staggering. FoxComm, which does all of the assembly for Apple and Hewlett-Packard, employs 1.2 million people. It is the largest private sector employer in the world. While we worry about the Greek economy (or more accurately let the European Central Bank worry), China creates an economy the size of Greece every 12 weeks.

I am in China to work with Chinese academics to bring their skills and knowledge to the UK. For many years we have recruited large numbers of Chinese students; but now we must also understand how China works and the Chinese models of business and governance. I am hoping that Royal Holloway will run events that bring Chinese academics and business people onto campus, and, in the long run, to provide opportunities for our students to spend time in China.

When I was a student we looked west for inspiration. The US still can inspire, but they are not the dominant economic force they once were. We still, in my opinion, spend too much time looking over the channel (think about the languages we teach at school). But China's growth means that, for many of our students, understanding China will be vital.

Science

The extinction of the Neanderthals was not caused by climate change

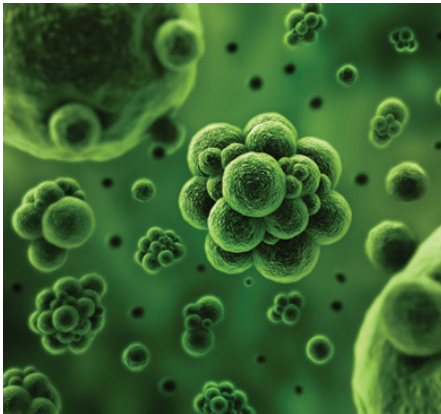
A research team led by Professor John Lowe from the Department of Geography has provided new information that may settle a long-standing argument about the cause of the demise of Neanderthals. Their project, based on the study of volcanic ash layers, indicates that climate was not the major factor in the Neanderthals decline. They suggest that competition from early modern humans initiated the decline long before a massive volcanic eruption plunged Europe into deep freeze.

The researchers found that early modern humans were more resilient to environmental crises than previously supposed and concluded: "Our evidence indicates that, on a continental

scale, modern humans were a greater competitive threat to indigenous populations than the largest known volcanic eruption in Europe, even if combined with the deleterious effects of climate cooling." The novel element of this project is its ability to link archaeological and environmental records precisely, using invisible (to the naked eye) layers of volcanic glass, termed 'cryptotephra', that can be assigned to known volcanic eruptions using geochemical methods. The methods of detection and analysis of these cryptotephra layers have been pioneered at Royal Holloway and Oxford.



Scientists reveal how natural systems limit the spread of "cheating" bacteria



In the first field study of its kind, researchers from the School of Biological Sciences, led by Dr Ben Raymond, investigated the competitive dynamics of pathogenic and non-pathogenic strains of bacteria. Bacteria are increasingly seen as living and interacting in groups and sharing resources such as virulence factors, biofilms and proteins used to scavenge iron. Investing in these shared resources can be thought of as cooperation. However, as in human societies, this type of cooperation is threatened by "cheaters" that exploit the hard work of others, but fail to contribute themselves.

Dr Raymond explains: "These interactions are particularly important for pathogens and for

understanding disease since many bacterial toxins are secreted outside of cells into a common pool and are potentially exploitable by pathogenic and non-pathogenic strains alike." Up to now these ideas have principally been investigated in the laboratory in well-understood model systems, but the study published in the journal *Science* in July is the first to have been carried out in a natural setting using the bacterium *Bacillus thuringiensis*. The research was funded by the Natural Environment Research Council, the Biotechnology and Biological Science Research Council and the Royal Society.



News Bites

■ Searching for the elusive Higgs particle

Researchers from the Large Hadron Collider at CERN, including physicists from the Department of Physics, confirmed on the 4 July 2012 that they had found a new particle consistent with the long-sought Higgs boson. These results mark a significant breakthrough in our understanding of the fundamental laws that govern the universe. Dr Pedro Teixeira-Dias, from the Department of Physics, said: "In twenty years of searching for the Higgs boson, this has definitely been the most exciting day!" and PhD student Rob Cantrill added: "I feel extremely privileged to be involved and to work with some amazing people on this very historical analysis."

■ Understanding skill learning

Dr Narender Ramnani, from the Department of Psychology, is working with elite athletes, children and the elderly to understand skill learning and how skill memories are laid down in the brain. His study focuses on how thinking and movement become skilled and automatic, how this ability changes during childhood and whilst aging, and what changes accompany skill learning in the human brain. He hopes to provide vital information about how best to train or retrain people who have lost every day skills due to ageing or disease, and also how to improve training methods for elite-level performance.

■ Sat navs reduce drivers' performance

New findings from the Department of Psychology reveal that using satellite navigation systems can reduce drivers' performance behind the wheel. The academics carried out a series of experiments where volunteers were set tasks by a computer which mimicked the instructions given by a sat nav. Their results showed that when people were following complicated sat nav instructions they tended to drive faster, with more steering variations, as well as being less likely to notice pedestrians who might be stepping out.

The silent gorilla experiment: Intense concentration leaves us 'deaf' to the world around us

Dr Polly Dalton from the Department of Psychology has shown how concentrating closely on a conversation can leave us 'deaf' to other sounds. Participants in her experiment – the first of its kind – completely failed to notice a clearly audible 'gorilla man' when they were paying attention to a different conversation. "We're much less aware of the world around us than we tend to think" says Dr Dalton. "This research demonstrates that we can miss even very surprising and distinctive sounds when we are paying attention to something else."

In the experiment a lifelike, three-dimensional auditory scene was created, containing one

conversation between two men and another between two women. Halfway through the recording they introduced a 'gorilla man', who walked through the scene repeating the phrase "I'm a gorilla!" for 19 seconds. People who were concentrating on the men's conversation were much better at detecting the 'gorilla man', but most of those listening to the women's discussion completely failed to notice him at all. Dr Dalton says: "The 'invisible gorilla' effect, where people fail to see a person in a gorilla suit walking through a basketball game, is now quite well-known. Our study provides the first demonstration of a similar 'silent gorilla' effect in hearing."



■ New MDReader app will help visually impaired people

Robin Walker, Professor of Cognitive Neuroscience in the Department of Psychology, is currently leading a project to create and evaluate a new iPad app called the MDReader. It will enable text to be enlarged and scrolled and will be useful for people with macular disease, the most common cause of visual impairment in the developed world. It may also benefit people who use eccentric viewing and steady eye techniques, where a person locates their best part of peripheral vision and moves text through it, keeping the eye steady while moving the text – a technique which is difficult to master.

■ Expansion of the John Adams Institute

A centre of excellence since 2004, the John Adams Institute for Accelerator Science has been a joint venture between the Department of Physics and the University of Oxford and is now being joined by a new research base at Imperial College. Professor Grahame Blair said: "We are very pleased to now be collaborating with both Oxford University and Imperial College London. Our ongoing programme of beam diagnostics, lasers in accelerator physics, and also our growing expertise in proton machines are all particularly relevant to this wider partnership."

Acting Dean of Science

Professor
Paul Hogg



The Faculty of Science continues to move from strength to strength and I am very pleased that our Department of Computer Science is now second only to Cambridge and Imperial in terms of how well we prepare our students for employment. We recognise that in such difficult economic times employability and finding a job after graduating are more important than ever. It is at the forefront of our Faculty's thinking, and we are working hard to support our students for their future careers. Our departments are at the top of the rankings for employability and our support for students includes finding summer work placements, internships and years in industry.

Our strong links with organisations such as BP, Vodafone and Microsoft enable us to offer our students some really fantastic networking opportunities. Many of these opportunities are enabled by our strong alumni network and I would like to thank all those alumni who work with us to offer these much appreciated openings. Please do contact us and become involved with us if you can, so that we can continue to provide our students with the very best support.

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STEAKholder

Oliver Bishop on building a dig



Oliver Bishop, alumnus and CEO of STEAK, talks to *Higher* magazine about being a competitive younger brother, keeping his 130 staff happy, and taking his marketing company global.

Seven years after graduating from Royal Holloway with a Business Management degree, Oliver Bishop founded digital marketing agency STEAK. Less than eight years later, the award-winning group has around 130 staff in its London, New York and Melbourne offices. It is making just over £10-million a year in fees, and in September was ranked number 5 for media in The Drum's top 100 digital agencies league table. It has expanded from being a search agency to offering a full range of digital services – from strategy, search and social to creative and media. And last year, it was bought by Japanese giants, Dentsu – the fifth largest marketing communications company in the world. So how does a man who describes himself as “not the best from the academic side” manage to achieve all this before hitting his mid-thirties?

Oliver has a lot to thank his older brother, Seb, for. Being the younger brother made him ultra-competitive – a trait that seems to have stood him in good stead. But also, when he graduated with no idea of what he wanted to do, Seb saved him from a “dull” life of banking. “I was always very good with numbers,” Oliver explains. “So I did an internship at the stock exchange for about six months. And then I was offered the opportunity to work in a bank in Switzerland for a year. I hated it.” Meanwhile, Seb and some school friends had set up a company called Espotting – the first people to do search marketing and paid search (also known as pay-per-click) online advertising. Oliver joined the team, starting in sales then heading up the sales team. He played a pivotal role in launching their model in the European market, before selling Espotting to a US company in 2004 for \$180-million.

On the back of having learnt so much about the world of search, Oliver and two colleagues from Espotting (including Duncan Parry, STEAK's Chief Operating Officer) launched their own agency in 2005. Oliver describes himself as a gambler, and is infuriated by people talking about doing things, but not actually doing them. “Because I looked after the agencies, I saw a gap in the market and we started STEAK. Sure, there were already people offering expertise in search at the time, but most of them were cowboys. They were over-charging and under-delivering, and I knew we could do better.”

“Spend a pound with us,
we'll make you ten.”

His gamble paid off. Two or three clients trusted STEAK with their business, which enabled them to get started. Within three months, the business was making a profit. Oliver calls this luck, which somewhat downplays the fact that in such a people-based business, he is immensely likeable. The agency became successful very quickly. Whether it's Debenhams, Compare the Market or John Lewis Insurance, clients choose STEAK for their ability to maximise the return on their investment. Oliver says, “Spend a pound with us, we'll make you ten.” In 2007 – just two years after starting – they were the youngest agency ever to win Media Agency of the Year. “That was a great moment,” he says. “We took half the agency on stage to celebrate.”

igital empire

STEAK now has a steady stream of clients. Oliver says, "That's the point when you know you've made it as a business – when people are calling you up wanting to work with you." At the same time, he never takes this success for granted. "In this industry, you're always two clients away from going bust. Even if you're the best, you sometimes lose clients through no fault of your own. You can lose it all so quickly."

Looking after his staff is something of great importance to Oliver, and he tries to emulate the culture he experienced at Espotting. "It was the first place where I worked with people that I liked. We were young people, doing something fun, trying to find our way." He adds, "In agencies, the people are your business, so you've got to take care of them. Not in a forced manner. There's nothing better than being with people you want to spend time with." Earlier this year, Oliver took the whole company to Disneyland Paris for the weekend. And they are about to spend a weekend 'glamping' in Dorset. With a brand new baby, Oliver jokes that he'll probably get a better night's sleep camping!

“I’m not a fan of due diligence. I’d much rather get on with it.”

Oliver wanted STEAK to be seen as a global agency, so in 2007, he launched branches in New York and Melbourne. He didn't have any particular market knowledge, and says, "I wouldn't recommend it to other people, but I'm not a fan of due diligence. I'd much rather get on with it." The world crashed about a month later. "The set-up was costing a lot of money anyway, but it suddenly doubled. We had three clients going bust back in the UK. I was advised to close one of the branches, but I knew they would be best for long-term business."

He describes the year he spent in New York as his most difficult time in business. "Setting up in the UK, I taught myself everything about accounting, finance and HR. It was difficult, but I understood the language and terminology. In the US, I had to learn new tax rules, the differences between states, and about VISAs. I didn't know what the different clients did. Whereas our branding was a huge part of our success here, it didn't resonate very well over there." Oliver had plans in place for the New York business to turn a profit within a year. It actually took two-and-a-half years. These days, although the New York branch only has 30 staff, it is by far the most profitable part of the agency (due to the fact that clients in New York are four times the size of UK clients). Australia is a difficult marketplace in which to make a profit, but it has paid off in terms of STEAK being seen as a global agency.

On the future of the industry, Oliver says, "We live in a digital world, simple as that. Everything is becoming digital, and more consumer-focused." He explains that by studying what consumers do online, trends can be predicted more accurately than ever. "We told Virgin Holidays to stop focusing on Florida as their main market, because search trends demonstrated they should be looking at the Middle East. We were right."

It's this expertise that led to STEAK being bought out by Dentsu, who are building the best of digital from around the world, in May 2011. Oliver describes them as a great company to work for, and talks of the high morals and sense of pride of Japanese businesspeople. "It's very positive for the future of STEAK. We have retained our staff, our independence and our culture, but we have the backing of big players. This gives us security, a wider offering, and the opportunity to grow."

Whether or not Oliver continues with Dentsu beyond his three-year pay out, the experience of founding and building STEAK has certainly not tired his entrepreneurial spirit. He has already started another business with five other successful entrepreneurs. Ballpark Ventures offers investment for early stage technology start-ups. This fits in nicely with the philosophy that has guided Oliver's career so far: "If you are given a chance in life, take it".

For further information: www.steakgroup.com
www.ballparkventures.com



Oliver in STEAK'S offices in central London

In the studio with the Choir of Royal Holloway

Our choir is considered to be one of the finest mixed-voice collegiate choirs in Britain. Their recordings on the Hyperion label have attracted top reviews from all major music publications. Equally at home on the concert platform, the choir gives around 40 concerts a year with a particular specialism in music from the late renaissance and contemporary music, especially from the Baltic States.



2012 has been a busy year for the Choir's professional recording schedule. In January they combined with the English Cornett and Sackbut Ensemble for a Hyperion Records recording of the late fifteenth and early sixteenth century composer Peter Philips. This long under-rated composer is the speciality of our former Director of Chapel Music, Professor Lionel Pike. The Choir were delighted to work closely with him and to learn to work in old tuning systems in the preparation of new performing editions of the pieces. The project focused on Philips' 8-part motets, many of them previously unrecorded. All were originally published in 1613 and the Choir will be making the most of their quatercentenary anniversary next year when the CD is released. A launch concert at St John's, Smith Square is planned, as are performances at some early music festivals.

In June the Choir reverted to contemporary music for a recording project of Baltic music with the renowned Britten Sinfonia. The main work was *Kreek's Notebook*, a 30-minute piece by Tõnu Kõrvits based on a native folk hymn. He is the rising star amongst Estonia's new generation of composers and the Choir very much enjoyed having him present to advise them throughout the project. They also recorded music by the Latvian composers Arturs Maskats and Pēteris Plakidis and were lucky to have a Latvian choral scholar in their midst to help with pronunciation. In preparation for the

recording session, choir and orchestra gave the UK premiere of *Kreek's Notebook* at the prestigious Spitalfields Festival in London

This will be their fourth recording of music from the Baltic States and the CD will be released to coincide with a planned tour next year of all three Baltic countries that will include performing at the Latvian Song Festival and in Estonia with the Tallinn Chamber Orchestra. This tour will continue the long tradition of overseas tours which has seen the Choir in recent years performing in France (2007 & 2012), USA (2009 & 2011), China (2011) and Belgium (2006 & 2009).

In the coming months the Choir will perform in a variety of venues from Coventry Cathedral (with the Royal Shakespeare Company and the jazz trio Acoustic Triangle) to St Martin-in-the-Fields (with Brandenburg Baroque in Vivaldi's *Gloria*) to illuminating an exhibition of Spanish painting at Dulwich Art Gallery. In February they are looking forward to performing once again at College with our three illustrious musical alumnae, the internationally renowned sopranos Dame Felicity Lott, Susan Bullock and Sarah Fox. The Choir will also appear with Dame Felicity at the Cheltenham Festival in July, in a concert marking anniversaries for Benjamin Britten and Francis Poulenc and including the work premiere of a new work by Gabriel Jackson, commissioned by Royal Holloway and Dame Felicity.

A Day in the Life of a Choral Scholar

The alarm goes off at **8.00am** in Founder's. Just enough time to shower, dress, sing some warm up scales, and get downstairs to the Chapel.

At **8.45am** on weekdays the Chapel Choir sing Morning Service – the only collegiate choir in the country to still do so.

The **9.00am** bell signals a trip to Crosslands Bar for coffee and bacon rolls before we disperse. Off to a lecture on Harmony & Analysis at **10.00am** and then to fight for a station in the library or music practice rooms at **12.00pm**.

Seminar topics discussed and research notes taken we reconvene at **1.15pm** for Midweek Music – our weekly lunchtime concert in the Chapel, performed free for audiences that include students, staff and outside visitors.

Hopefully **2.00pm** brings some sun so we can eat lunch on the Quad before our afternoon rehearsal from **2.30–4.30pm**. We touch on

repertoire for Thursday's Evensong, any new pieces for next week's concerts and music for any projects coming up – a real mixture of styles therefore, so it's hard work, but never dull!

Time for a trip to the library perhaps before dinner in the Founders Dining Hall at **6.00pm**, and then it is time for various evening rehearsals. Not Chapel Choir this time. For me tonight it is Savoy Opera Society then Undergraduated Big Band.

About enough time afterwards to meet up with friends at **10.00pm** where we began the day, in Crosslands, and head back to our rooms at closing time – **11.00pm**. Just a small matter of 1000 words to write on the topic of the Function of Music in World Politics before the alarm goes off at **8.00am** once more; and there'll be no coffee after Morning Service tomorrow – the lecture is at **9.00am**, so I'll have to run during the organ voluntary...

Felicity Turner



Our next generation vaccines: A revolution in disease prevention



Professor Simon Cutting

How Professor Simon Cutting is helping to stem the spread of diseases world-wide with the development of new oral vaccines.

Professor Simon Cutting has developed a novel vaccine delivery platform that can potentially prevent the spread of critical diseases such as TB and influenza in developing countries and hospital acquired infections in the West. He is pioneering the development of oral vaccination through the use of probiotic spores and is concentrating on three lead vaccines for tuberculosis, *C. difficile* infection and influenza (flu).

These vaccines will eliminate the use of needles, and have enhanced storage stability, a crucial factor for developing countries. With a few exceptions vaccines are delivered by injection, have a short shelf-life and must be kept refrigerated at all times prior to the delivery by a healthcare professional. Although Western healthcare systems can cope with these requirements, many other countries with less developed healthcare systems struggle to deliver the wide range of vaccines we take for granted in the West.

Bacillus-based vaccines

Vaccines work by causing the body to mount an immune reaction against part of the disease-causing microorganism (a pathogen). The body's immune system remembers this event, so that when the real disease is encountered, the body mounts a much more potent immune response that quickly and efficiently eliminates the pathogen. To formulate a vaccine, the first requirement is to know which part of the disease-causing microorganism, known as the "antigen" is required for successful vaccination. The second requirement is to identify the best way to deliver this antigen to the body such that the antigen is stable and leads to a strong and potent immune response.

Professor Cutting discovered that the spores of the bacterium *Bacillus subtilis* act as ideal vehicles to carry antigens and promote an immune response. He explains: "Alternatively they can be administered via a small soluble film placed under the tongue, in a similar way to modern breath fresheners. As spores are exceptionally stable, vaccines based on *Bacillus* do not require cold-chain storage alleviating a further issue with current vaccine approaches."

Rather than requiring needle delivery, vaccines based on *Bacillus* spores can be delivered via a nasal spray, or as an oral liquid or capsule.

During his time at Royal Holloway Professor Cutting has carried out pre-clinical evaluation of *Bacillus*-based vaccines for a number of diseases including tuberculosis, influenza and tetanus. The vaccines developed for these diseases have proved ideal for use in developing countries. More recently he has been investigating the potential for use of the vaccines against a disease of particular relevance to the West. Professor Cutting explains: "*Clostridium difficile* or *C. difficile*, is a gastrointestinal infection that is commonly picked up following hospital stays and causes around 50,000 infections and 4,000 deaths per year in the UK, mostly in elderly patients. Currently, there is no vaccine against the disease, and although several approaches are currently undergoing clinical trials, none are expected to provide full protection, and new solutions are urgently needed. Bacillus-based vaccines offer distinct advantages as unlike other approaches, oral delivery can cause a more specific immune response in the gastrointestinal tract to fully eliminate *C.difficile*."

Advantages of oral vaccines

- They can be stored at room temperature, so ideal for tropical climates
- They are inexpensive to produce
- They are easily administered and do not need a trained medic
- They reduce concerns over adverse reactions
- They eliminate the need for needles, which as well as being pain-free is ideal in developing countries where HIV is rife





The probiotic properties of *Bacillus*

Professor Cutting began his research career as a microbiologist at Oxford University carrying out fundamental studies into the biology of the bacterium *Bacillus subtilis*. His work involved dissecting the molecular mechanisms that govern the life cycle of this bacterium. *Bacillus subtilis*, attracted the attention of microbiologists due to its ability to form spores that can last millions of years before germinating under the appropriate environmental conditions. Professor Cutting says "The mechanisms by which this process occurs have fascinated microbiologists for decades making it one of the most intensively studied bacteria. Its simple life cycle and ease of use make it an ideal laboratory subject." On moving to Harvard, he investigated the basic processes underlying how *Bacillus* forms spores and how changes in the environment cause these organisms to switch life cycle from rapidly reproducing bacteria to the formation of dormant spores. Whilst on frequent visits to other countries Professor Cutting observed that in many cultures *Bacillus subtilis* is consumed as a food and it was this which sparked off his interest in the possible medical uses for *Bacillus*. He said "*Bacillus* is often thought to have health benefits, which may be termed in Western cultures as a 'probiotic'. For example in Japan, the commonly eaten breakfast food Natto is made from fermenting soya beans with *Bacillus subtilis* and in Nepal *Bacillus* is part of the traditional dish Kinema. Since 1958 the pharmaceutical company Sanofi-Aventis has produced an over-the-counter medicine known as Enterogermina® which contains a preparation of pure *Bacillus* spores. This medicine is sold as a treatment for gastrointestinal disorders and although it is sold in 24 countries, within the European market sales are restricted primarily to Italy. Initially discovering that people were consuming *Bacillus* came somewhat as a surprise to me."

Investing in the future

Professor Cutting has recently received private seed investment to form a company, Holloway Immunology (www.hollowayimmunology.com), to develop the *Bacillus* vaccine technology. His new programs are expected to enter full clinical trials within the next few years, but more funding is needed. The formation of Holloway Immunology allows access to private investor funding for the research and development work required. The company is currently looking for investors to help fast track the implementation of these jabs and contribute to the transformation of vaccine delivery around the globe.

Five facts about TB

- TB remains one of the world's foremost infectious killers
- It currently claims around 1.5 million deaths per year, which is increasing due to multi-drug resistant TB
- Around 95% of TB deaths occur in low- and middle-income countries
- The greatest rate of new TB cases per capita was in sub-Saharan Africa
- No country has ever completely eliminated the disease

“Who’d have thought it, pills

College Archivist, Annabel Gill, on Thomas Holloway, a very Victorian entrepreneur

Thomas Holloway, founder of Royal Holloway College, was a Victorian self made millionaire, visionary entrepreneur and generous philanthropist. He built his patent medicine company selling Holloway’s Pills and Ointment with business acumen and a worldwide mass advertising campaign to match no other. As he said himself, the story of his life and work show ‘what small beginnings may lead to, by ability, perseverance, and industry’.

Thomas Holloway was born on 22 September 1800 in Devonport. His parents were of modest means, running an inn and a bakery business. They were well off enough to send Thomas to school and he later became a chemist’s apprentice, which may have been where he got the idea for his pills and ointment.

In 1828 Thomas moved to France, returning to England to live in London in 1831. It was here that he set up his business and made his first batch of ointment in 1837 in his mother’s saucepan. He placed his first advert in three Sunday papers on 15 October 1837, the very beginning of his worldwide advertising campaign.

The first years of the business were hard for Thomas; he would work from 4am to 10pm as he couldn’t afford to employ anyone to help. The business grew slowly in the early years but by 1839 Thomas had an assistant who helped him to make the first batch of pills. The pills were made of ginger, cardamom, saffron, cinnamon, rhubarb root and ‘confection of roses’, the ingredients were a closely guarded secret only revealed after Thomas’ death. Between them the two products claimed to cure almost all ailments including rheumatism, aches and pains, disorders of the chest and throat, sores and ulcers.

In these early years Thomas would send his brother to pharmacies to ask for Holloway’s Pills and Ointment and then exclaim disgust at not being able to obtain any. Thomas would follow along a day or so later hoping the shopkeeper would happily buy a supply of pills and ointment knowing that there was demand from customers. This must have been successful as Thomas’ business continued to grow.

His master plan to build up the business through advertising backfired in 1839 as he found himself unable to pay his advertising bill from The Times. Consequently he spent a short time in Whitecross Debtors’ Prison and was bailed out by his mother who paid £600 for his release. He returned from prison undeterred and continued to grow the business through extensive advertising. This experience taught him a valuable lesson though, and later in life he paid his debtors all the money he owed them plus an extra 10 per cent for their trouble. He never again got into debt and preferred to pay his employees daily, rather than weekly, to ensure he never spent more money than he had.



Thomas Holloway

It was around this time that Thomas met and fell in love with Jane Pearce Driver whom he married in January 1840 at St Mary Magdalen Church in Bermondsey. Thomas was devoted to Jane and she worked with him on the business, helping to make the pills and ointment.

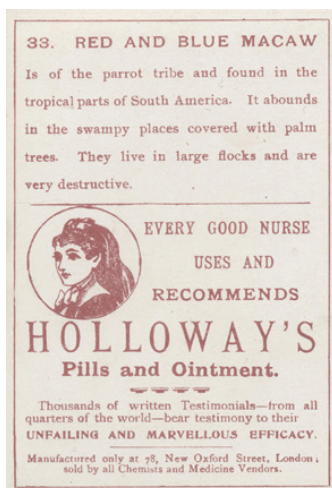
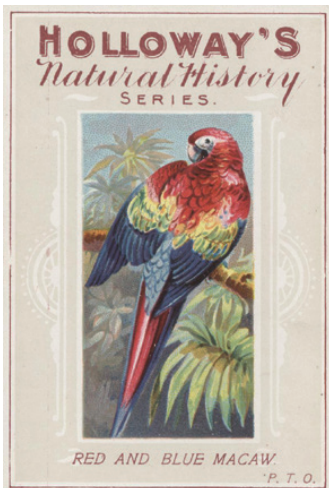
The advertising bill for Holloway’s Pills and Ointment grew with the business and by 1845 Thomas was spending £10,000 a year and by 1863 this had grown to a staggering £40,000. Adverts appeared in newspapers, on billboards and on items such as collectable pictorial trade cards, an atlas and a series of drawing books. His adverts were seen all over the world including advertising hoardings at the Great Pyramids in Egypt and Niagara Falls in North America. They were translated into many different languages. By 1867 Thomas was worth a quarter of a million pounds and the business was still growing.

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have bought it!”



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Holloway's collectable trade cards

Thomas and Jane remained childless and it was the question of what to do with the money they had amassed without any heirs that led to Holloway's first philanthropic project. There were growing fears in society about care for people with mental health issues and it was this which made him settle on building a sanatorium for the middle classes. He decided on a site at Virginia Water, not far from his own home at Sunningdale, and ran a competition for architects to design the new building. The competition was won by William Henry Crossland who had previously designed Rochdale Town Hall. Building began in 1873 and the project was completed in 1885. Holloway's business mind was still in play as the site he had chosen was visible from the railway and therefore the building acted as its own advertisement.

After building work on the Sanatorium had begun, Thomas turned to his next great work. He had initially planned to build a hospital for incurables but it is thought that he was persuaded by Jane to do something for women and so he settled on building a college for women's education.

He decided to use the same architect as he had used for the Sanatorium but this time he wanted the design to be in the French Renaissance style of the Chateau de Chambord. The Mount Lee Estate in Egham was picked as the site for the College, making sure that this building was also visible from the railway, and construction began in 1879. Despite the fact that Bedford College had been open since 1849 and both Cambridge and Oxford had begun to admit female students, education for women was still a very controversial topic at this time and it was a bold and visionary move for Thomas to build the College, especially in such an extravagant style with turrets and towers and 700 chimneys!

Sadly both Jane and Thomas died before either building was completed, Jane in June 1875 of bronchitis and Thomas in December 1883 of congestion of the lungs. Thomas' brother in law George Martin-Holloway (who added

Holloway to his name after Thomas' death) took on the role of overseeing the projects and it was he who welcomed Queen Victoria at the opening of the College in June 1886. After being pleased with what she saw at the opening ceremony, the Queen allowed the College to use 'Royal' in its name. The first 28 students started at the College in October 1897 and students continue to live and study in Founders Building today.



Jane Holloway

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Creative Geopolitics in

With thirty years having passed since military conflict in the Falkland Islands, Dr Alasdair Pinkerton from the Department of Geography reflects on the rise of creative geopolitics in a renewed round of South Atlantic tensions...and just a bit about the Olympics too.



In June 2012 it was announced by the Falkland Islands Government that a referendum to determine the future sovereignty of the Islands would be held in 2013. The boldness of this move, and the suddenness of the announcement, is unprecedented in the history of the Falkland Islands. Unlike Gibraltar, which held polls in 1967 and 2002, this will be the first opportunity for Falkland Islanders to vote on their political allegiance, and future. While news of the referendum came, for many, as a complete surprise, it was also the latest move in a series of high-profile clashes, stunts and diplomatic encounters that have marked the 30th anniversary of the Falklands Conflict.

British-Argentine relations are presently at their lowest point since 1982. Under the consecutive Presidencies of Nestor Kirchner and Cristina Fernández de Kirchner (2003-present), Argentina has pressed its territorial claim to Falkland Islands (Malvinas) with ever-greater force. UK-Argentine oil exploration agreements have been scrapped and energy companies active in the Falklands have been banned from operating in Argentina. Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay (as part of the Mercosur group) have also been persuaded to close their ports to Falklands-registered shipping in apparent sympathy for the Argentine position. On a diplomatic level, the Argentine government has embraced three distinct and high profile strategies in opposing British 'occupation' of the Falklands. Firstly, they have sought to publicly embarrass the UK government at every opportunity, as William Hague discovered to his chagrin when 'ambushed' at a public meeting by the recently appointed Argentine Ambassador to the UK, Alicia Castro. Second, they press for political support from Latin America and even North America at every

regional and international summit. Thirdly, Argentina has asserted its claims at a popular level by recruiting and encouraging 'celebrity' supporters while releasing advertisements aimed at domestic and international audiences.

With little prospect of a renewed military encounter in the South Atlantic – there is neither the popular desire nor military capacity within Argentina to undertake a military invasion such as in 1982 – assertive and 'creative' forms of diplomacy are likely to animate UK-Argentine-Falklands relations. As President Kirchner and her Foreign Minister, Héctor Timerman, have each stated, Argentina is committed to using the 'creativity' of its 'publicists' in pursuing their territorial ambitions.

This kind of geopolitical creativity shot to international attention in May 2012 when an Olympics-inspired advertisement, released by the Office of the President of Argentina, 'went viral' and made news headlines around the world. The film featured the Argentine Olympic hopeful, Fernando Zylberberg, undertaking intense physical training in advance of the 2012 London Olympics. While this, in itself, was hardly remarkable, it was the film's geographies that propelled it to international attention. Rather than featuring the iconic avenues of Buenos Aires, or the mountains of Patagonia, the video was secretly filmed some months before in and around the Falkland Islands' capital, Stanley (previously Port Stanley). Icons of Stanley are woven into Zylberberg's training routine. Picnic tables outside the Globe Tavern become the apparatus for calisthenics, Ross Road (site of the Governor's residence) is used for burst sprinting and, perhaps most controversially, Stanley's Great War memorial is the scene of some intense 'step aerobics'. These shots are interspersed with images of red telephone boxes, Union and

the Falklands



Falkland Island flags, Land Rovers and UK streets signs. Just as the athlete is beginning to tire (signalled by a rather wobbly press up), his lips make contact with the Falklands' sand and he is miraculously resorted to physical fitness. The film's emotional register is further enhanced by a soundtrack of strings and brass instruments, and closing titles, which read: "Para competir en suelo inglés entrenamos en suelo argentino" [to compete on English soil we train on Argentine soil].

The UK Foreign Secretary, William Hague, condemned the video as "a stunt", while Falkland Islanders were quick to note the more sinister implications of the video. Other than the presence of Zylberberg, for example, the Islands are shown to be entirely and eerily depopulated – a powerful visual gesture that has been interpreted in Stanley as symbolic of Argentina's policy towards the Islands, i.e. "to pretend that the people of the Falkland Islands do not exist".

The film plays heavily on its association with the Falklands conflict. The timing (coincident with the 30th anniversary) and closing dedication to the "fallen soldiers and war veterans" root the commercial in the events of 1982. In a curious blurring of fiction and fact, even the athlete-cum-advertising star, Fernando Zylberberg, was affected by the wartime associations. "I ran all over the Islands so as to have the different sequences," he is reported as saying. "There were many veterans so in my head I felt I was running in a battlefield and after that it's impossible not to have energy to keep running." That Zylberberg was ultimately unsuccessful in his selection to the Argentine Olympic hockey team is a reminder of the messiness and uncertainty of both sport and geopolitics. While "sporting reasons" were officially cited as the reason for the former-captain's omission, there has been inevitable speculation that the Argentine sporting authorities came under international pressure to bring a swift end to the controversy.

With the announcement of the referendum in 2013, the Falkland Islands Government (FIG) have demonstrated their willingness to deploy democratic levers (and no shortage of creativity) in responding to the escalating rhetoric in the South Atlantic. Few people were privy to the decision, which would have been taken after consultation with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London. But it would not be difficult to imagine why the UK government would have supported such a move. A referendum and its appeal to the values of self-determination, democracy and human rights addresses many of the concerns raised annually by UN's Special Committee on Decolonisation. It also provides a straightforwardly democratic message and timetable for international observers and global media audiences. The announcement has also had the effect, at least momentarily, of neutralising Argentina's particular brand of creativity and 'soft power'. It defiantly challenges Mrs Kirchner's suggestion that the UK is an unwanted colonial

presence in Latin America and starkly juxtaposes Falkland Islanders' desire for self-determination with Argentina's claims to geographical proximity. The Falkland Islands Government played their ace card and caught their opponents off guard.



The 2013 referendum is intended to act as a powerful statement of intent. Just as the people of Gibraltar rejected Franco's aggressions in 1967 and joint sovereignty proposals in 2002, Falkland Islanders are expected to favour continuing as a UK Overseas Territory. Will Argentina listen to such a result? No. Nor, ultimately, is the referendum intended to persuade Argentina. Rather, the Falkland Islands Government hope that a clear and democratic statement will persuade South American neighbours (such as Brazil, Uruguay and Chile) and the wider international community that future support for Argentina's regional policies can no longer be considered acceptable. Judging by their recently re-stated "neutrality" on the future of the Islands, the US may be harder to persuade. Nonetheless, obfuscation in Washington also serves to remind us that while the outcome of the 2013 referendum may be fairly easy to anticipate, the diplomatic reflexes of other countries – even those evangelical in their promotion of democratic principles around the world – may be less straightforward to predict.

The challenge now is to ensure that, in seeking a clear democratic mandate, the referendum embraces the highest principles of democratic process and participation. Anything less would play into the hands of Argentina and risk Falkland Islanders sacrificing their 'ace' rather too cheaply.

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Fernando Zylberberg in the Olympics film



Zylberberg appearing to train in Stanley



The moment he "kisses" Falklands sand

Movers & Shakers

Alumni making their mark in POLITICS

The Palace of Westminster currently throngs to a multitude of alumni and Honorary Fellows of Royal Holloway and Bedford Colleges. Alumni occupy six seats in the House of Commons and six in the House of Lords. A seventh seat in the Lords would be taken by Baroness Ashton, but she has been "on leave of absence" since December 2009 as she fulfils what is effectively the job of European Foreign Minister. The longest serving alumna in the Palace of Westminster is Baroness Fookes, an active member since 1970, when she was first elected as an MP.



Catherine Ashton, Baroness Ashton of Upholland
High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security at the European Union
Social Science & Public Administration, 1977 Bedford College and Honorary Fellow

Cathy Ashton is the first person to take on the enlarged role of High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security at the European Union, as created by the Treaty of Lisbon, and is also the first ever Vice-President of the European Commission. During this time she has largely been responsible for establishing the EU's diplomatic service, the European External Action Service (EEAS), specifically with the aim of making EU foreign policy more coherent and integrated.

Following the overthrow of General Gaddafi in Libya in 2011, she immediately opened an EEAS office in Benghazi in what has proved to be a very popular move. This year she visited Myanmar (formerly Burma) for an historic meeting with the pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi and to open the EU's delegation embassy in Yangon (formerly Rangoon). She later stated "I am extremely satisfied with my visit to Burma/Myanmar. I came here to recognize that all our sanctions with the exception of the arms embargo have been suspended, to open our Office and to meet with the political leadership, the President and senior ministers to discuss the future of this country." The visit signaled international acceptance of the growing political thaw in Myanmar.

Cathy Ashton was made a life peer in 1999 and held junior ministerial appointments in three government departments between 2001-07 during the Labour administration. She was later appointed Leader of the House of Lords and became a member of Gordon Brown's cabinet. In that role, was instrumental in steering the Lisbon Treaty through the Upper House. In 2008, she succeeded Peter Mandelson as Commissioner for Trade in the European Commission.



Norman Baker MP
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the Department for Transport and MP for Lewes (Liberal Democrat)
German, 1978
Royal Holloway College

Now a junior minister, Norman has been the Liberal Democrat MP for Lewes since 1997. A tireless campaigner, especially for animal welfare, he held a number of portfolios in the Liberal Democrat Shadow Cabinet. He has been well known for uncovering scandals and conflicts of interest among MPs and the government, and had one of the highest profiles of any backbench MP. A dogged investigator and exponent of Freedom of Information, his consistent questioning of Peter Mandelson led to Mandelson's second resignation from government, and he also raised issues about Lord Birt and his role as Tony Blair's adviser. After compiling figures in 2002 which revealed that the government's fleet of ministerial cars had grown to its largest ever size, he began in January 2005 to campaign to force disclosure of the details of MPs' expenses under the Freedom of Information Act, finally succeeding in February 2007.

As Shadow Environment Secretary, he helped to table a cross-party Early Day Motion in support of the Climate Change Bill drafted by Friends of the Earth. This called for annual cuts in carbon dioxide emissions of 3 per cent and attracted 412 signatures. Norman has also opposed nuclear power, describing it as "hopelessly uneconomic", and warning that new nuclear power stations "would generate vast quantities of nuclear waste and divert essential funding away from energy efficiency and renewable sources of energy."



The Rt Hon Greg Barker MP
Minister for Energy and Climate Change and MP for Bexhill and Battle (Conservative)
Modern History, Economic History & Politics, 1987

Despite the current financial climate and the back-scaling of environmental policies, Greg can congratulate himself on the Government's £1 billion support for an ambitious carbon-capture programme as well as £3 billion for the UK's Green investment Bank. As Energy and Climate Change Minister he now wants Britain to become "the Saudi Arabia of green energy" with London as "global hub of green finance." The key to this may lie in his business contacts which he built up prior to his career as an MP. He had twelve years as an adviser to small businesses and large international firms investing in Britain. As Head of International Investor Relations in Russia for Sibneft Oil Group, he helped Roman Abramovich lead that company's drive to modernise in the post Soviet economy and open up to Western markets. In 2001, he was elected as MP for Bexhill and Battle in his native Sussex.

Greg is a close aid of David Cameron's and accompanied him on his famous husky-based climate change fact-finding mission to the Arctic in 2006. In Opposition, he was a Conservative whip and Shadow Environment Minister, and he led the drafting of the Conservatives' Low Carbon Economy green paper. Following the 2010 election, Greg stepped up to his current position and has since accompanied the Prime Minister on international trade missions, including to India. Although he is "100 per cent certain" about man-made climate change, Greg remains quite moderate and sees himself as a man between extremes. In *The Guardian* he said: "Whether it is the extreme climate sceptics or the extreme climate zealots, there is a slight religiosity there that is weird."



House of Commons

Stewart Jackson MP MP for Peterborough (Conservative)



Economics & Public Administration, 1988. Stewart has been an MP since 2005 and was recently Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Northern Ireland Secretary of State. He was a Councillor in the London Borough of Ealing for eight years and is widely regarded by colleagues of all parties to be an expert on local government, particularly on issues surrounding planning, urban regeneration and urban renewal. Stewart is Vice President of the Local Government Association.

Jessica Lee MP MP for Erewash (Conservative)



Modern History, Economic History & Politics, 1997. Jessica has been an MP in Derbyshire since 2010 and is currently the Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Attorney General, Dominic Grieve. She was previously a barrister, based in Gray's Inn, specialising in helping families in crisis. She has served on the Conservative Party's Social Justice Policy Group, examining how the voluntary sector can assist in the area of family breakdown across the UK.

Andrew Stephenson MP MP for Pendle (Conservative)



Management Studies, 2002. Andrew is Vice-Chairman of the Conservative Party for youth and has been an MP for Pendle since 2010. He is Chairman of the British All Party Parliamentary Group for Pakistan. Previously, a self-employed insurance consultant running a small business in Greater Manchester, he was a councillor in Macclesfield from 2003–07. Andrew was the National Deputy Chairman of Conservative Future, the Conservative Party's youth wing.

Valerie Vaz MP MP for Walsall South (Labour)



Biochemistry, 1978 Bedford College. Valerie is Vice Chair of the Parliamentary Labour Party and has been an MP since 2010. She has spoken widely about health issues and is a Labour member of the Health Select Committee. Previously, a Treasury solicitor, Valerie was a lawyer in the Government Legal Service. She has been Deputy Leader of Ealing Council and was the first Asian woman councillor to be elected there in 1986. Valerie was also well-known as a presenter for the BBC programme Network East.



House of Lords

Janet Fookes, Baroness Fookes of Plymouth DBE DL Conservative peer



History, 1957 Royal Holloway College & Honorary Fellow. Baroness Fookes was Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons. She began her career as a teacher before becoming Conservative MP for Merton and Morden in 1970. She moved to Plymouth Drake as MP in 1974, where she gained a professional interest in the armed services. She retired from the Commons when the 1997 election was called and was created a Life Peer. She is President of the War Widows' Association and she was Chairman of the Council of the RSPCA.

John Gardiner, Lord Gardiner of Kimble Government Whip in the House of Lords



Modern History, Economic History & Politics, 1977 Royal Holloway College. A working Conservative peer since 2010, Lord Gardiner was previously Director of Political Affairs at the Countryside Alliance. He was Private Secretary to the Chairman of the Conservative Party during the administrations of Margaret Thatcher and John Major in the 1980s and 1990s. In this role he worked successively with Kenneth Baker, Chris Patten, Sir Norman Fowler, Jeremy Hanley and Brian Mawhinney.

Anna Healy, Baroness Healy of Primrose Hill Labour peer



Modern History, Economic History & Politics, 1976 Royal Holloway College. A working Labour peer since 2010, Baroness Healy sits on the Lords Committee on HIV and AIDS in the UK. Anna Healy was Special Ministerial Adviser to Harriet Harman MP, when Leader of the Commons, and to John Prescott as Deputy Prime Minister in the last Labour administration. She was Senior Parliamentary Press Officer for the Labour Party for six years and has been an adviser Tony Blair, Mo Mowlam and her husband, Jon Cruddas MP.

Delyth Morgan, Baroness Morgan of Drefelin Crossbench peer



Physiology & Biochemistry, 1983 Bedford College. Delyth is Chief Executive of Breast Cancer Campaign and recently opened Britain's first breast cancer tissue bank. She was a working Labour peer from 2004-11 and held junior ministerial positions for children and families, and for intellectual property in the last Labour administration. Previously, as Chief Executive of Breakthrough Breast Cancer, Britain's largest breast cancer charity, she oversaw the establishment of the first research centre dedicated to breast cancer in Britain.

Jenny Randerson, Baroness Randerson of Roath Park Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Wales Office



Physiology & Biochemistry, 1983 Bedford College. Jenny is a Welsh Liberal Democrat who became a peer in 2010. She was member of the Welsh Assembly for Cardiff Central for eleven years, during which time she was variously Minister for Culture and Sport and the Welsh Language in the Welsh Assembly and acting Welsh Deputy First Minister. Jenny has also spoken on health and social services, equal opportunities and finance for the Welsh Liberal Democrats.

Diana Warwick, Baroness Warwick of Undercliffe Labour peer



Sociology, 1967 Bedford College and Honorary Doctorate, 2006. Diana Warwick is a working Labour peer and Chair of the Human Tissue Authority. For fourteen years she was Chief Executive of Universities UK, the advocacy organisation which represents the interests of universities to government. Previously, she was General Secretary of the Association of University Teachers, Chief Executive of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy, and Chair of Voluntary Service Overseas.

Class Notes

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1943

Freda Jenkins (née Morris)

Certificate in History, Royal Holloway College – Freda had a fantastic 90th birthday with over 100 friends and relatives from across the world attending the party. She continues to pursue her interests in the church and the community and maintains contact with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

1950

Ruth David (née Oppenheimer)

French & German, Bedford College – Ruth has been awarded the German Government's Order of Merit (Verdienstkreuz) for her teaching of the Holocaust in German schools. The award was made by the German Ambassador, Georg Boomgaarden, on 13 September 2012. Ruth is a Holocaust survivor, although both her parents died in Auschwitz. She has written two books about her experiences, *Child of Our Time* and *Life Lines*.

1959

Professor Jocelyn Hicks-Brody (née Bingley)

Physiology, Bedford College – Jocelyn went to Kenya in late 2011 to give a course on Laboratory Quality Management and she gave the course again in September 2012. She continues to play bridge and work in a hospice as a volunteer.

Christina Lawson (née Holland)

Botany, Bedford College – Christina has been happily retired in Somerset for ten years. She is active in the University of the Third Age and is getting to know Exmoor's geology and archeology, as well as spending time with her grandchildren.

June Smith (née Parrott)

History, Bedford College – June is a Governor of her village primary school and has written *A History of King's Sutton Primary School, 1909-2009*, a book celebrating the school's centenary. She is also active in her local Baptist Church and is pursuing her hobbies in family history, creative writing and bobbin lace-making. June has 14 grandchildren aged between 6 and 26 and endeavours to keep in contact with them all.

1960

Ruth Evans (née Payne)

Geography, Bedford College – Ruth has moved to North Yorkshire to be closer to her daughter, after 40 years in the Peak District. She found the move quite an upheaval, but has happily settled and finds her neighbours very friendly and helpful.

1963

Professor Mary Townley Smith (née Forsling)

Physiology, Bedford College – Mary retired as Professor of Neuroendocrinology at King's College, London, having obtained a DSc on the basis of five monographs and over 200 original papers and reviews. She has also published a book on Neuroendocrinology, four textbooks, three revision texts, and developed special study modules on medicine and the arts for medical students. Mary continues her interest in the arts through the University of the Third Age and has two daughters, both of whom are recently married.

1964

Rosamund Sulyak (née Allen)

English, Royal Holloway College – Rosamund has returned to academic research after minding her father and husband, who died in September 2011 and April 2012 respectively. She has just finished recording all 16,000 lines of Layamon's *Brut* for the Chaucer Studio.

1965

Margaret Troop

Mathematics, Bedford College – Margaret and 10 other former undergraduate residents of Lindsell Hall of Residence in Swiss Cottage recently held a reunion in Aylesbury to mark fifty years since they came up to study at Bedford College.

1967

Marilynne Morgan CB (née Williams)

History, Bedford College – Marilynne was Lent Reader at Middle Temple for 2012, which has been a great honour. Only four women have so far held the post which dates back several centuries. Most of her responsibilities involve supporting the students, which she has enjoyed immensely.

1968

Bedelia Brett Rooks

French with Italian, Bedford College – Bedelia has been retired for three years and is involved with service charities. She finds this hard work, but very rewarding. She is also Sidesman at Chester Cathedral and a member of the Richard III Society.

Elena Setterfield (née Matsubara)

Physiology & Zoology, Bedford College – Elena retired from full-time science teaching and now works as a science presenter in school workshops. She has written a Key Stage 2 textbook, *Rubbish Science*, where all practical activities are carried out using items from the recycle bin. Elena hopes the book will be used in both developed and developing countries.

Paula Stride (née Brook)

Geography, Bedford College – Paula has spent the last three years living in Australia and had wonderful experiences and lovely holidays whilst there. She is now settling back into life in the UK in the Vale of Eversham. Paula plans to return to Australia in January 2013 in order to spend three months with the family.

1969

Dr Charles Howie

Zoology (PhD 2011), Royal Holloway College – After gaining his PhD, Charles returned to An Giang University in Vietnam, where he had originally gathered material for his thesis. He now leads a team tasked with rewriting the BSc Crop Science curriculum there and also works with a poor community to help improve livelihoods without damaging the local ecosystem.

Dr Pat Morris

PhD Zoology, Royal Holloway College – Pat was awarded the 2012 Founders' Medal by The Society for the History of Natural History in recognition of his books and other publications relating to the science and social history of taxidermy. He is Britain's foremost expert on hedgehogs and his new book, *A History of Taxidermy: art, science and bad taste*, reviews the history and development of taxidermy as a part of our social and natural history. Pat was a member of College staff from 1968-2002.

1970

David Haslam

Latin, Royal Holloway College – David is living in France and has retired repeatedly but teaching keeps dragging him back (usually screaming). He is enjoying a rest and looking forward to seeing more things than a blackboard.

Professor Chris Hendry

English, Bedford College – Chris is Emeritus Professor in Organisational Behaviour at the Cass Business School, City University, and the author of four academic books and around 100 articles and reports. He has just published his first novel, *How Are The Mighty Fallen?*, under the pseudonym V.P.Tresor, a story of farce, fiction and sudden death in the City of London in the days leading up to the global financial crash: when a business school Dean dies suspiciously, detectives find a trail in his unpublished manuscripts that implicates leading figures and the hand of an international criminal network.

Enid Hendry

English, Bedford College – See Chris Hendry, 1970.

Brenda Hillier

Sociology (Psychology 1979), Bedford College – Brenda married at 18 and had two sons before going to university. Her husband died young and she had an interesting career as a management consultant, which entailed a lot of travelling. Brenda has now retired to Wiltshire, but still works a bit. She has seven grandchildren who mostly live and work in London.

1971

Petr Bares

Mathematics, Bedford College – After doing the rounds of western Europe (with jobs in the UK, Germany and Spain), Petr returned to his native Czech Republic in 1997 to run a small software company, which now focuses on space technologies.

Stephen Barton

French, Royal Holloway College – Stephen is retired and living a life of great contentment in rural North Yorkshire. He remembers all his friends from Glanty and still has the incriminating photos.

1973

Timothy Mobb

Classics (MA 1974), Bedford College – Timothy has been teaching Classics at Northgate High School in Ipswich for 35 years. He is now retired and back in his home town of Northampton.

Dr Heather Williams

Latin (MA 1974, PhD 1979), Bedford College – On her 60th birthday last September, Heather had a reunion in London with a few friends from Bedford College: Victoria Kelly (Classics, 1973); Geeta Alvares Meneses (History, 1973); Rosemary Hackney (née O'Donnell, Latin and French, 1974); Timothy Mobb (Latin, 1973) and Sandra Oakes (née Capon, postgraduate Latin, 1973). They had a picnic on the embankment and a tour on a Routemaster bus.

1975

Iain Ross

Biochemistry, Royal Holloway College – Iain is Chairman and/or Non-Executive Director on the boards of several public and private biotech companies in the UK and Australia. He is also Vice Chairman of the Council of Royal Holloway.

1977

Hilary Thomas (née Treble)

Biology & Zoology, Royal Holloway College – Hilary will soon be retiring to the country to keep chickens and grow vegetables.

1978

Tamara Carless

JYA Italian, Bedford College – As an American, Tamara spent her junior year abroad at Bedford College, but her family could not afford to continue her studies. Determined to finish her degree, she completed her BA in Russian Language and Literature at George Washington University between 1990-93.

1980

Barbara Ross (née Dann)

English & German, Royal Holloway College – See Iain Ross, 1975.

1981

Christopher Webb

History, Bedford College – Christopher has been married to Marianna from St Petersburg, Russia since 1989. Christopher continues to work as a tour manager, escorting groups of English-speaking tourists on coach tours around Europe. He and his wife split their time between their home in Dorset and their London flat. They both enjoy travelling around the world and spending time with their families.

1982

Philip Marston

Psychology, Bedford College – Philip completed an MSc in Psychology through the Open University in 2005.

Diana Rust (née Price)

Geography, Bedford College – In 2010, Diana remarried and her husband Phil shares her love of photography, travel, maps, country walks and cycling. They spent their honeymoon cycling in Turkey.

1984

Dr Stephen Clackson

Physics (PhD 1989), Royal Holloway College – On the 3rd May 2012, Stephen was elected to Orkney Islands Council as an independent (the other 20 elected councillors are also independents, Orkney being a very independently-minded place!). Stephen represents Orkney's North Isles ward, which includes his home island of Sanday.

1986

Ian Mawhinney

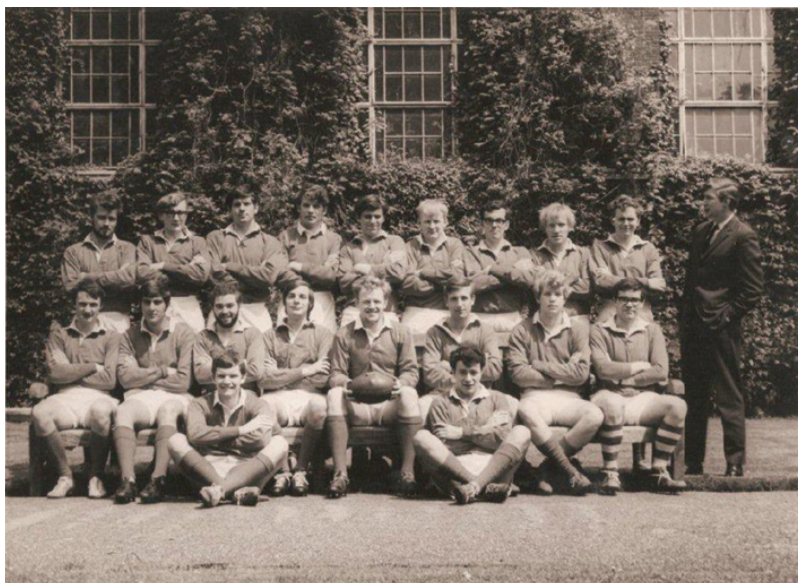
Biochemistry (Medical), RHBNC – Ian has returned to the UK after 12 years in Asia and the US and now lives in Windsor. He still has to travel extensively, but is enjoying being home and living so near to the College.

1987

Roderic Morgan

MA Later Medieval Studies, RHBNC – Roderic has started taking on tours around the area in which he lives. He is very keen on heritage and feels it is important to see present day change in context. He is also currently updating his computer skills.

Where are they now? Bedford College Rugby Team of 1966/67



The photograph shows the very first Bedford College Rugby Team on the lawn in front of the Tuke Building at Regent's Park, late spring term 1967. The team played 16 matches that season winning 12, drawing two and losing just 1. We certainly put other colleges on notice!

In view of the limited number of men available in 1966 (approximately 100) the team picked itself, having only one player that had any experience in any specialist position. Many who had played rugby more extensively filled in where there were shortages. Nevertheless, there could not have been a college team in the University that was more enthusiastic, fun loving and proud to represent their college!

Some of the original players would like to hear from the old team mates, perhaps with a view to arranging a reunion of this inaugural team and any of its "camp followers". They extend this invitation to all past Bedford Rugby Team members! Contact Peter (Josh) Jones at jones@netlink.com.au.

Standing (L/R): Bob Heffernan; Gerald Gregory-Jones; Jeff Darkins; Bob Gozzard; Adam McDonagh; Sandy Carmichael; Peter Scott; Nick Hutchison; unknown; Ken Smith (Referee).

Seated (L/R): Mike Weston; Peter Cowley; Mick Murphy, Ted Kean; Peter Jones; Stuart Day; Bob Sheard; unknown.

Seated on ground: Ken Ferguson; Keith Puckett.

1988

Katharine Jones-Williams (née Sayer)

French, RHBNC – Having retrained as a speech and language therapist, Katharine now works with adults who have learning disabilities in South Wales.

1989

Ian Platford

Classical Studies, RHBNC – Ian's work involves teaching Hitachi's employees the English needed to help them with the company's global business. In private, Ian plays tennis, writes fantasy fiction, participates in music activities and does karaoke.

1991

Dr Hannah Bradby

MSc Sociology of Medicine, RHBNC – Hannah has a new book out, *Medicine, Health and Society: A Critical Sociology* (Sage).

Neville Cann

French, RHBNC – After training at the Birmingham Theatre School, Neville is now working as an actor. He recently worked on the world premier of Stockhausen's opera, *Mittwoch aus Licht*, and on a performance for Birmingham's Artsfest. See his CV at www.castingcallpro.com.

1992

Wassila Baccar (née Belhaj Hamduda)

MA Modern English Language & Stylistics, RHBNC – Wassila continues to teach several subjects in different universities overseas, which has become a challenging experience.

Ray Dexter

Chemistry with Management Studies, RHBNC – Ray has recently been appointed International Baccalaureate Coordinator at St. Edmund's College, Hertfordshire.

Kirstie Pereira (née Waters)

Zoology, RHBNC – Kirstie married her fiancé, Luis Adriano Campos Pereira, in Fatura, São Paulo, Brazil on 29th October 2011.

Eileen Tyrrell

Social Policy, RHBNC – Eileen married Steve Pickles (Higher magazine's Editor) in a splendid ceremony in the College Chapel on 21st October 2012. The Choir of Royal Holloway sang a number of pieces chosen for the occasion and the service was taken by John Pickles, Steve's father.

1993

Dr Amy Beer

Biology (PhD 1998), RHBNC – Amy is enjoying family life with husband Roy and one-year-old son Lochlan. She is still self-employed as a science and natural history author, editor and consultant. Recently, she has been working on projects for Dorling Kindersley, People's Trust for Endangered Species and BBC Countryfile magazine, as well as helping international biologists prepare their scientific manuscripts for English language publication.

Golden Anniversary Reunion of Biological Sciences alumni at Royal Holloway



In September nine alumni from 1962 and their unsuspecting other halves gathered at Royal Holloway to step back in time. Most had rarely revisited the College and so the changes to our alma mater were spectacular. Familiar places such as the Chapel and Picture Gallery were wonderfully unchanged. Our Botany and Zoology Departments were unrecognisable.

We were given a guided tour of Founder's and several people revisited the rooms they had lived in, marvelling to find them newly fitted out, but completely recognisable. Founder's East Five had been the Zoology Department where several of us had taken our Entrance exams and are now lovely, quirky rooms under the eaves. One significant change to Founder's was the fact that there are no longer any residential undergraduate rooms on the ground floor.

We had a superb morning in the School of Biological Sciences. Professor Peter Bramley gave us an excellent overview of the various courses now offered and many of us thought we would hugely enjoy the range and variety of modules on offer. It triggered memories of why we had chosen Biological subjects with such enthusiasm 50 years ago. We are so grateful to everyone from the College who went out of their way to make our visit so enjoyable and made us so welcome.

Dorothy Elliott & June Tresise (Zoology 1962-65)

Carolyn Burchell (née Hofford)

French & Latin, RHBNC – Carolyn runs her own firm of chartered accountants in West Sussex and recently qualified as a chartered tax adviser. She has three boisterous boys whose social life keeps her and her husband, Graham, busy.

Christopher Euden

History: Medieval & Modern, RHBNC – Christopher recently left the Royal Navy after 18 years and is now embarking on a second career within a management and project management consultancy.

Claire Maycock (née Marriott)

English, RHBNC – Claire married Paul Maycock in Canada earlier this year and has moved to Wiltshire, where she hopes to continue working as a writer.

Dr Christopher Power

Geology, RHBNC – Following his PhD in Rock Mechanics at the University of Leeds, Christopher moved to Sheffield and has now worked for engineering consultancy Mott MacDonald for over a decade. He is married to Nicki and they have a two year old son, Thomas.

1994

Gayle Grass

MA Victorian Art & Architecture – Gayle has published a number of books and learning materials for teachers – the largest body of work in Canada for educating parents, teachers and social workers about children's mental health. See website www.irsthedragon.com.

Dr Pippa Hawes

Zoology, RHBNC – Pippa received her PhD from the University of East Anglia in 2011 and is now Head of Bioimaging at the Institute for Animal Health. She first used an electron microscope at Royal Holloway during her undergraduate degree and this set her on the path to her current position.

Jeremy Martin

Biology, RHBNC – Jeremy is enjoying a change in life in Edinburgh as Head of the British-Irish Council Secretariat and still thinks his days at Royal Holloway were some of the best.

Dr Frank Millard

English (MA 1996, PhD 2009), RHBNC – Frank recently published two books. One is *The Palace and the Bunker*

and which provides a comprehensive background to the rise of National Socialism, about German and Austrian princes who opposed Hitler. The other is on Humphrey, Duke of Gloucester and Frank is co-editing a volume resulting from a conference on Duke Humphrey of which he was the principal organiser.

Kerenza Priestley (née Jones)

History: Medieval & Modern, RHBNC – Kerenza is the Museum and Heritage Manager at Watford Museum and lives in Watford with husband John and four year-old daughter Lowenna.

Anni Selby

Sociology & Social Policy, RHBNC – Anni has written a first novel, *The Serpent and the Peacock*, which is to be followed by a sequel, *The Paths of the Moon*. It is available at Amazon.co.uk and worldwide as an ebook and paperback. See her website www.annelby.co.uk.

Angela Staehler (née Giller)

Zoology, RHBNC – Angela was Chief Executive of a diagnostic company before switching to HR management. She now works for a travel agency. She is married to a film writer and has two girls, aged 12 and 14.

1995

Paulo Biscaia Filho

MA Drama & Theatre, RHBNC – Paulo has published three of his plays in book form and in portuguese as *Palcos de Sangue* (Blood Stages). The plays are *Morgue Story – Blood, Blowfish and Comics*, and *Cranial Nerve Zero*. Paulo also includes an essay on the Théâtre du Grand-Guignol, the theme for his MA dissertation.

Dr Francesco Guidi Bruscoli

MA Later Medieval Studies, RHBNC – Francesco teaches at the University of Florence. His new book, *Papal Banking in Renaissance Rome: Benvenuto Olivieri and Paul III, 1534-1549*, explores how the papacy contrived to meet its debts by farming out the rights to future income to bankers.

Karol Newcomb (née Inglis-Bowbanks)

Classical Studies, RHBNC – Karol is married and lives in rural New South Wales. She is a sports therapist, a mother of two, and is also engaged in writing, acting, eventing, running, and studying Biodynamic CST.

Peter Schoner

Mathematics (Erasmus), RHBNC – On 23rd July 2012, Peter married Marion Overbeck in Wolfhagen near Kassel, Germany. They spent their honeymoon in Albania and wrote about this unusual place on their blog <http://aufnachalbanien.wordpress.com>. Peter and Marion are proud parents of their first child, Paul Alexander, born on 27th June 2012.

Laura van Stiphout (née Carr)

Geography, RHBNC – Laura had a baby boy, Eus Antonius, in May 2011.

1996

Jules Addison

Music, RHBNC – Jules married Elizabeth Carter at St Mary's Church, Bath on 14th April 2012.

Eleanor Brown (née Long)

European Studies, RHBNC – Eleanor has been living the expat wife life in Africa since 2004. She has two sons, born 2006 and 2008, and has another baby due in December 2012. Fellow and future expats can find her at <http://areyouanexpatwife.com>.

Daniel Chase

Management Studies, RHBNC – See Heather Spalton, 1996.

Jack Courtney O'Connor

Drama & Theatre Studies, RHBNC – Jack has a featured part in Sally Potter's latest film, *Bomb*, which is about CND in the early 1960s. He is directing and appearing in *Cuba Si* by Terence McNally and also appearing in *Landscape* by Harold Pinter at the Acton Community Theatre, London.

Sharif Hamid

Biochemistry with Physiology, RHBNC – Sharif continues to work in the financial services sector and enjoys implementing risk and regulatory practices within banking and insurance. He is married and his wife had a baby son this year. Sharif would love to hear from anyone who knew him during his time at the College.

Karin Muller

European Studies, RHBNC – Karin still lives in Brussels with her two children. After many years working in project management for multinational companies, she is currently studying for an MA in Pedagogics and wants to become a teacher.

Simeon Ramsey

Biology, RHBNC – See Suzy Ramsey, 1996.

Suzy Ramsey (née Lill)

Drama & Theatre Studies, RHBNC – Suzy is living in Boston, Massachusetts with Simeon Ramsey (Biology, 1996) and their two daughters. She is enjoying being a stay-at-home mum after 15 years in commercial radio.

Heather Spalton

Management Studies, RHBNC – Heather is married to Daniel Chase (Management Studies, 1996) and they have two daughters, Isla and Neve Chase.

1997

Tim Parry

German & History, RHBNC – Tim has worked in retail management and HR across the public, private and third sectors, including a period in the HR team at Royal Holloway. He completed his MSc at the University of Leicester and now enjoys a challenging role at the University of Surrey. He lives in leafy Hampshire and any spare time is taken up with his garden railway, walking, reading and cooking.

Ceri Roberts

Geography, RHBNC – See Clare Roberts, 1997.

Clare Roberts (née Parker)

Geography, RHBNC – Clare married Ceri Roberts (Geography, 1997) and gave birth to their daughter, Isabelle, in January 2012. She is now taking a break from being a teacher to raise her daughter.

Fatima Syngé (née Spinola)

History: Medieval & Modern, RHBNC – The Syngé family are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Samuel John Syngé, on 19th April 2012.

Bedford College reunion at the House of Commons



On 9th May we welcomed 220 alumni to our second reunion for Bedford College alumni at the House of Commons. After an introduction by Bedford alumna Valerie Vaz MP, afternoon tea was served in the Members' and Strangers' Dining Rooms. Due to the limited number of places available at this venue, the event was primarily aimed at alumni who graduated before the 1970s.



Royal Holloway College: 50th Anniversary Reunion of Maths alumni



The photograph shows (from left to right) William Beattie, Eileen Beattie (née Needham), Gerry Young, Ann Hirst (née Hadden), Jill Leggetter (née Dobson), Stan Leggetter, Colin Kingsman, Maggie Hughes, Gill Kingsman (née Hunt), Helen Young (née Legge), Lesley Atkins, Keith Hirst, Carole Stringer (née Hatfield), Ivan Stringer, Jen Elder (née Lole).

It was 1962 when the nine of us all met for the first time. We used to meet for tea, coffee and cocoa and set the world to right during our three years at Royal Holloway College – and here we are 50 years later, still in touch, and still meeting up regularly, although we are well scattered over the UK.

The seven of us who married did so within a few years of leaving college, and all the husbands know each other, so they come along to the reunions too, as did the children before they all grew up. We were all teachers of Mathematics at one time or another, in schools or universities, so our joint contribution to the mathematical well-being of the period was fairly significant.

Philip Syngé

History: Medieval & Modern, RHBNC – See Fatima Syngé, 1997.

Laura Walker (née O'Meara)

Geochemistry, RHBNC – Laura married David Walker in Dorset on 24th May 2012 and has two teenage stepsons, Daniel and Matthew. Following redundancy from TJG in January 2012, she now has a new career with Bluewolf.

1998

Dr Suzanna Branfoot

MA Victorian Art & Architecture, RHBNC – In 2004, Suzanna completed her PhD at the University of Reading on the topic of George Gilbert Scott's restorations of medieval churches and cathedrals.

Rachael Gosling

Drama & Theatre Studies, RHBNC – Rachael says she "is engaged to a beautiful surfer boy, lives in Cornwall and is a roller derby fanatic."

1999

Christopher Abbott

Psychology, RHBNC – Chris is Executive Director of Open Briefing, which he describes as "the world's first civil society intelligence agency; an accessible platform for insight and analysis on key defence, security and foreign policy issues". It launched in October 2011 and

is a not-for-profit social enterprise run nearly entirely with volunteers. Open Briefing focuses on political violence and dissent, resource security and climate change, nuclear issues, and UK national security. There's more information at www.openbriefing.org/about/.

Steve Angus

Geography, RHBNC – Steve is still teaching skiing and snowboarding, and his chalet business is going strong. He is also undertaking a PGCE in Secondary Geography from The Open University. Steve married Clare Richards in Berkshire on 1st September 2012.

Yangfa Leow

Social Policy, RHBNC – Yangfa lives in Singapore and has edited *I Will Survive: Personal gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgender stories in Singapore*, a book which brings together real-life stories from 21 ordinary people who have survived extraordinary circumstances. It is available as an e-book from international retailers such as Amazon. Read more at <http://iwillsurvivesg.wordpress.com/media/>.

2000

Corrina Gordon-Barnes (née Gordon)

English, RHBNC – Corrina's first book, *Turn Your Passion To Profit: a step-by-step guide to getting your business off the ground*, was published this year. She continues to run her coaching business YouInspireMe.co.uk and writes an expert blog and magazine column. She lives in Cambridge with her partner Sam.

Jo Ray (née Avery)

Modern History, Economic History and Politics, RHBNC – Joanne and Paul Ray (Economics, 2000) are proud parents to their second son, Edward Paul, born on 31 March 2012, brother to Alexander. Everyone is doing really well.

Paul Ray

Economics, RHBNC – See Jo Ray, 2000.

Martin Stocks

Media Arts, RHBNC – Martin moved back to the UK in 2009 after five years in Chicago. He creates world-class products at MOO.com, a Shoreditch based online printer, and enjoys living alone in SE London feeling like a fresh-faced graduate.

Peter Vega

Management Studies, RHBNC – Peter works for Macquarie Bank in London, where he heads up the European real estate lending and principal investment activities. He would love to get in touch with old classmates and friends.

2001

Imogen Lillywhite

English, RHBNC – Imogen was married in January 2011 and has moved to Dubai with her husband. She is enjoying life in the UAE and is giving freelance journalism a go in Dubai. Imogen would love to hear from old friends.

2002

Dr Lauren Fogle

MA History, RHBNC – Lauren teaches Medieval, Ancient and Renaissance History at The University of Massachusetts Lowell. She is the author of *Colonial Marblehead: From Rogues to Revolutionaries*.

Dr Clare Howard (née Britton)

MSci Geoscience, RHBNC – See Simon Howard, 2002.

Simon Howard

MSc Geoscience, RHBNC – Simon married Clare Britton (MSci Geoscience, 2002) and they recently had a baby daughter, Sophie Amelia. Clare completed her PhD and is now working for Edinburgh University as a research coordinator.

2003

Ashley Gurr

Management Studies, RHBNC – See Natelie Gurr, 2003.

Natelie Gurr (née Youdeowei)

Sociology with Management Studies, RHBNC – Natalie and her husband, Ashley Gurr (Management Studies, 2003), have recently had a baby daughter, Evelyn.

2004

George Mann

Drama & Theatre Studies, RHBNC – George co-runs Theatre Ad Infinitum. He wrote, directed and continues to perform in *Translunar Paradise*, a multi-award winning sell-out at the 2011 Edinburgh Festival which

is now touring the world. Highlights include selling-out the 2012 London International Mime Festival at The Barbican, and at the Bristol Old Vic. Theatre Ad Infinitum have been commissioned by The Bush Theatre, The Lowry, Redbridge Drama Centre and Tara Arts to make a new project and have secured Arts Council England lottery funding.

Pamela Ramtohl

Psychology, RHBNC – Pamela completed a PGCE and an MA in Sociology and is now a supply teacher. She also works for Groundwork UK, an organisation that helps to improve communities, turn areas into green spaces and sustain local farms.

2005

Emily Stride

Drama & Theatre Studies, RHBNC – Emily recently toured with Bill Kenwright Productions, understudying all female roles in *Volcano*, a previously unpublished play by Noel Coward.

Clare Willey

MSc Development & Environment, RHBNC – Clare has just started teaching Geography at The Grammar School at Leeds, after seven years teaching at Ampleforth College.

2006

Jenny Burman

Economics, RHBNC – Jenny was married in January 2012 and was expecting her first child in October 2012.

Christina Poulos

Classical Studies, RHBNC – Christina was very proud to be a part of London 2012. For LOCOG, she was Venue Protocol Manager at Greenwich Park, where the equestrian, modern pentathlon and para-equestrian events were held and where alumna Sophie Christiansen MBE won her three Golds.

Travis Wu

MA Asia Pacific Business, RHBNC – Travis recently obtained permanent residency in Australia and is settled in Down Under.

2007

Donna Fox

English & Classical Studies (MA 2009), RHBNC – Donna published her first collection of short stories, *The Secrets of Science*, as an ebook under the pen name Lily Fox. She has also been published in several anthologies which can be found on her Amazon page.

Tiana Harper

MA Feature Film Screenwriting, RHBNC – Tiana is studying for an MA in Actor Training at the Central School of Speech and Drama, University of London.

Jessica Jackson

Psychology, RHBNC – Jessica recently gained an MSc (SocSci) in Social Work Studies from the University of Southampton and graduated with merit. She is now working as a qualified social worker in Dorset.

2008

Ian Jones

History, RHBNC – See Sorelle Jones, 2009.

Christopher Lee

English and Drama & Theatre Studies, RHBNC – Christopher was elected in the May 2012 local elections as the youngest councillor on Daventry District Council in Northamptonshire. He was elected for Drayton Ward as a member of the Labour Party.

Prayas Patel

Biochemistry, RHBNC – Prayas completed a Masters degree at University College, London and now works in Paris as a technology consultant.

Erin Walters

History, RHBNC – Erin captained the women's lacrosse team whilst at Royal Holloway and is now playing internationally for Wales. She won a Silver Medal with Wales at the 2012 European Lacrosse Championships in Amsterdam and was the tournament's top goalkeeper (Wales lost to England in the final, but were undefeated in the earlier stages). Emily Chong (Physics for Management, 2005) played for Sweden in the tournament and finished sixth.

2009

Alan Duffield

MA Physical Theatre and Performance, RHBNC – Alan is working on a doctorate in Drama and Theatre at Royal Holloway.

Sorelle Jones (née Roberts)

Social Work, RHBNC – Sorelle and Ian Jones (History, 2008) were married on 15th August 2009.

Richard Seaward

Ancient History (MA 2010), RHBNC – Richard became engaged to Leona Bonney (Mathematics and Psychology, 2010) on 25th March 2012.

2010

Leona Bonney

Mathematics and Psychology, RHBNC – See Richard Seaward, 2009.

Nikolay Aleksandrov

MSc Mathematics of Cryptography and Communications, RHBNC – Nikolay is starting work as Kernel Engineer for the open source solutions provider Red Hat. He will be writing networking code that will go directly into the Linux kernel, a very exciting opportunity.

Jonathan Carpanini

Classical Studies, RHBNC – Jonathan has his own business and imports and markets a plumber's absorbent mat from Denmark. He recently obtained an account with a major wholesaler and now supplies over 500 branches across the UK.

2011

Peter Connolly

European Literature and Cultural Studies, RHBNC –

Peter is working as an English teacher in Surat Thani, Thailand for a year.

Siobhan Gardiner

Biochemistry, RHBNC – Siobhan has been working in fine fragrance design and development at Proctor & Gamble. The company's fragrance portfolio includes Gucci, Dolce & Gabbana, Hugo Boss and Lacoste. Siobhan started a PhD in Biochemical Engineering in September 2012.

Rebecca Hughes

Psychology, RHBNC – Rebecca spent the summer writing and producing for a film production company on their new feature film. She has started her own writing business and promises a discount for all alumni, see her website www.aurora-writing.com.

Andria Loppas

Geology, RHBNC – Andria is undertaking an MSc in Engineering Geology for Ground Models part-time at Imperial College, London. She is considering a PhD, possibly in the soil mechanics or geotechnics fields.

2012

Sarah Abbott

Psychology, RHBNC – Sarah has commenced a PGCE in Early Years whilst working part-time as a tutor.

In memory of Charlotte Daly (née Stacy)



Charlotte Stacy and Joe Daly (both BA History, 2009) met whilst studying the same course module in their first year and cemented their friendship in their second year. After graduation they stayed in touch and began a relationship a year later. In December 2011 Joe brought Charlotte back to College and proposed under the angel ceiling in the Chapel. They were married there on the 4th of August this year, but their happiness together was short lived. Charlotte sadly died one month later on the 6th September. Our sincerest condolences go out to Joe, their families and their friends.

In Memoriam

The month and/or year of death are given where known.

Bedford College

Brenda Seymour (née Pettit) – Physics with Chemistry & Pure Maths (1943-46). July 2012

Jane Kempster (née Mathew) – History with English (1944-47). February 2012

Sheila George (née Grant) – French (1945-48). March 2012

Veronica Jennings (née Stevens) – Mathematics (1947-50). 2012

Margaret Leigh (née Quinn) – Geography (1949-52). September 2012

Mollie Paul (née Samuels) – Social Science (1953). January 2012

Pat Edgar (née Jones) – Mathematics (1951-54). March 2012

Jenifer Plant – Physiology, Chemistry & Botany (1951-54). February 2012

Nel Jowett (née Jones) – French & Latin (1952-55). April 2012

Elisabeth Borer MBE (née Bierman) – French (1958-61). August 2012

Rosemary Read (née Enright) – History (1958-61). April 2012

Elizabeth Willia – English (1958-61). May 2012

Margaret Wright (née Bell) – History (1958-61). June 2012

Gillian Hansford (née Cunningham) – Mathematics (1960-63). July 2011

Melanie Barber MBE – History (1962-65). June 2012

Baroness McFarlane of Llandaff – Sociology (1966-69). May 2012

Ruth Goldsworthy (née Stafford) – Geography (1981-84). February 2012

Royal Holloway College

Margaret Peel – History (1936-39). June 2012

Joan Rich – History (1939-42). June 2012

Margaret Young (née Carr) – Physics (1940-43). May 2012

Margaret Howarth – Mathematics (1944-47). March 2012

Una Hannam (aka Sister Constance) – History (1945-48; MA 1950). August 2012

Sheila Wedgwood (née Beasley) – Mathematics & Physics (1946-49). May 2012

Mary Hayman – Mathematics (1948-51). September 2012

Lisa Marianne Schweissthal (née Schonfeld) – German with French (1956-59). June 2012

Olwen Morgan (née Mitchell) – History (1962-65). April 2012

Maureen Chadwick (née Brennan) – English (1964-67). June 2012

Thomas Phillips – Biochemistry (1973-76). July 2012

Marianne Wilding – Zoology (1976-79). December 2012

Piyandani Dissanayake – Physics (1979-82). February 2012

Rosemary Thomson (née Sutcliffe) – Mathematics (1982-85). March 2012

RHBNC

Dr Peter Smith – Chemistry (1986-90). 2012

Cynthia Wilks – English (1992-95). April 2012

Helen Wilson – Geology (1999-2004). 2012

Emily Pearce – MSc Social Work (2006-09). April 2012

Charlotte Daly (née Stacy) – History (2006-09), September 2012

Staff

Madeleine Blondel – French Department (1958-60), Royal Holloway College. April 2012

Professor Paul Bolwell – School of Biological Sciences (1989-2012), RHBNC. April 2012

Steve Brown – Head of Student Fees (2000-12). October 2012

Alec Grant – Physics Department (1947-86), Royal Holloway College. July 2012

Professor John Healy – Classics Department (1961-90), Bedford College & RHBNC. April 2012

Professor Gareth Williams – Chemistry Department (1967-84), Bedford College. July 2012

Obituaries



Emeritus Professor Rosamond (Corky) McGuinness (1929-2012)

Professor of Music, Music Department (1969-95), Royal Holloway College & RHBNC

Professor Corky McGuinness, who died on 16th March 2012, was a leading musicologist, cultural historian and a passionate campaigner for equality. A former Head of the Department of Music, Corky had a particular interest in the

history of music in 18th-century London and was Director of the Computer Register of Musical Data in London Newspapers, 1660-1800, a comprehensive archive of newspaper entries dating back 300 years. She was the author of several studies of concert life in eighteenth-century London and specialised in bringing a range of resources – newspapers and

periodicals, urban history and the book trade – to bear on her reconstructions of eighteenth-century musical life.

Corky was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut and attended Vassar College. She started a PhD in music history at Harvard and there met her first husband Brian McGuinness, a visiting professor on sabbatical from Britain. She transferred her studies to St Anne's, Oxford, and completed a PhD in court odes from the 18th and 19th centuries. She lived in Oxford until 1969, but moved to Surrey to teach music at Royal Holloway after meeting her second husband, George Biddlecombe.

After retiring from full-time research and teaching in 1995 Corky dedicated her time to helping others. She volunteered at Mildmay Hospital in Hackney, which helps people with Aids, and also worked

for the Terrence Higgins Trust. Corky was also an organiser for Democrats Abroad and helped people in San Francisco, regularly flying there to work in soup kitchens.

Professor Erik Levi of the Department of Music said "Corky was always supportive and constructive and proved to be a dynamic and open-minded head of department. Students who took her courses found her to be totally inspirational as a teacher, always broadening horizons and challenging pre-conceived notions about musical history, whilst making the possibilities of learning appear almost limitless. Outside the College Corky was an indefatigable fighter for social justice. She was prepared to give her time to every just cause and remained unflinchingly generous to those in a much less privileged position than herself."



Emeritus Professor Jack Pridham (1929-2012)

Honorary Fellow and Professor of Biochemistry, School of Biological Sciences (1957-93, then Emeritus Professor 1993-2012), Royal Holloway College & RHBNC

Professor Jack Pridham, who died on 20th May 2012, was an internationally renowned plant biochemist who delighted in scientific outreach and in practical jokes. He founded the Department of

Biochemistry at Royal Holloway and his discovery of the mechanism by which seeds process sugars in order to germinate has been of considerable influence. He was also Vice Principal from 1976-9 and a member of most, if not all, College committees over the years. From 1981-1992 he was a popular warden of Kingswood Hall. This popularity was, in no small measure, due to Jack's approachability, cheerful personality and sociability.

Jack read Chemistry at the University of Bristol and stayed on for a PhD on the structure of complex carbohydrates and phenols in plants. He was appointed as a lecturer in the Department of Chemistry at Royal Holloway in 1957 and soon established himself as a pre-eminent plant carbohydrate biochemist. Not only did his energy, ambition and practical skills result in frequent publications, often in Nature, he also had the foresight to establish the Department of Biochemistry in 1967. This initiative reflected the burgeoning development of the subject and in the same year, at the age of 38, he was awarded a DSc, followed by a personal chair in 1971. He continued to head and expand the Department, steer it through the merger with Bedford College and remained in post until 1990. Throughout this lengthy period as Head, Jack continued to publish regularly and maintain his fundamental belief that a good knowledge of chemistry is essential for us to

understand the wonders of living organisms. This view also shaped the undergraduate curriculum and today the School of Biological Sciences is one of Britain's foremost biochemistry research departments.

Jack officially retired in 1993, but continued to teach and inspire undergraduates for a number of years afterwards, even co-founding the Toxic Gases Research Group in the Centre for Chemical Sciences. He became enthusiastically involved in science outreach, the debate over genetically modified organisms and was always eager to engage in scientific discussion and debate. Jack became an Honorary Fellow of Royal Holloway in 2000 in recognition of his signal service to the College. In paying tribute to his colleague, Professor Peter Bramley said "He was a man notable for his passion for his subject, his high intellect, drive and ambition, but who always had time and patience for others and who had no pomposity or arrogance at all."

Professor Dorothy Wedderburn (1925–2012)

Honorary Fellow and Principal (1981–90), Bedford College & RHBNC

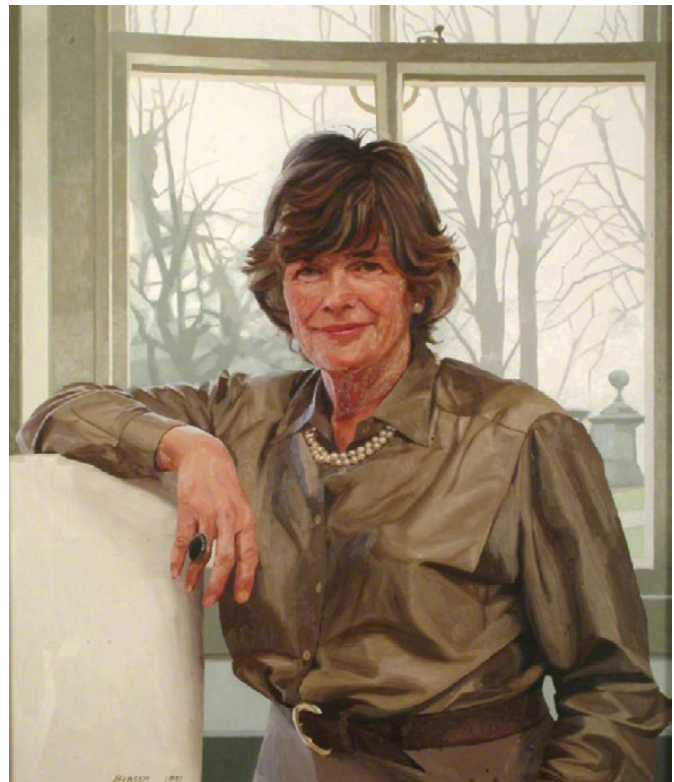
Professor Dorothy Wedderburn, Principal of Bedford College from 1981-85 and Principal of Royal Holloway and Bedford New College from 1985-90, died on 20 September 2012. Dorothy was a distinguished social scientist who made major contributions to scholarship and policy in her field. She was also an academic leader, the main architect behind the merger of Bedford and Royal Holloway Colleges, and the person who created the sound foundations for Royal Holloway's current national and international standing.

Born in 1925, Dorothy was educated at Walthamstow High Schools for Girls and Girton College, Cambridge. After a brief period as a civil servant in the Board of Trade, she returned to Cambridge where from 1950-1965 she was a Research Officer in the Department of Applied Economics. From there she went to the Department of Economic and Social Studies at Imperial College, London, where she became a Professor and the Director of its Industrial Sociology Unit (1973-81).

Dorothy's research was in the mainstream of traditional leftist British social science of the 1960s and 1970s. It was notable for its strong empirical base and its use of structuralist and even Marxist ideas. The titles of some of her works indicate her concerns: *White Collar Redundancy* (1964), *Redundancy and the Railwaymen* (1964), *The Aged in the Welfare State* (with P. Townshend 1965), *Workers Attitudes and Technology* (1972) and *Poverty, Inequality and Class Structure* (1974). By addressing such large themes and by doing so in clear and cogent language Dorothy aimed to influence not just academic debate but government policy. This latter concern drew her to act in the wider public sphere. She wrote for the *New Left Review* and the *Socialist Register*. She accepted positions on the Royal Commission on the Distribution of Income and Wealth, on a government committee on the pay and conditions of nurses, and on the Council of the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service.

Arguably Dorothy's greatest achievement was the founding of Royal Holloway and Bedford New College. The process began when she became Principal of Bedford College, London, in 1981. Bedford was in difficult circumstances: its grant from the University of London Court had been drastically cut; it was known that the Court was seeking to rationalise academic provision across the university, particularly in science; the Crown leases on Bedford's Regent's Park properties were coming to an end. Dorothy quickly understood that merger with another institution was the only way forward. After unsuccessful talks with King's, she opened negotiations with Royal Holloway and, with the college's Principal, Dr Roy Miller, completed negotiations to merge on the Royal Holloway campus in 1985. This was one of the more successful university mergers of the recent era. One outcome was that Royal Holloway and Bedford New College was designated one of the five science sites of the University of London. This was followed by a major building programme on the Royal Holloway campus.

Dorothy was appointed the first Principal of the new College. Government policies made the late 1980s difficult times for universities; they were particularly difficult for the new College. Finance, as ever, lay at the heart of the matter. Dorothy took difficult decisions. She decided to close down the Chemistry Department, for which the substantial Bourne building had been constructed in the previous decade. Chemistry was too expensive a subject, as other universities have since found, easily to sustain. She decided to reduce staff across all departments; as an expert in white-collar redundancy she knew better than most the impact this would have on individual lives. She agreed that the College should sell three of the most valuable paintings in the Royal Holloway collection. Although the deed was finally done in her successor's time, this necessary but most unpopular decision was made under her aegis. Her capacity to make and implement such decisions meant that the new College both survived the 1980s and was in a position to strengthen its academic position throughout the 1990s so that in the 2002 Research Assessment Exercise it was rated 9th in the country by the Financial Times and was one of only four universities in the country in which the research in all science departments were rated as having international standing.



After her retirement as Principal, Dorothy was not idle. She was a Senior Research Fellow at Imperial College. She served on a number of public bodies, among them the Chelsea and Kensington District Health Authority and the Medical Manpower Advisory Committee of the Department of Health. She also served for many years on the board of the Anglo-German Foundation. In the 1980s she had been a member of the Court of the University of London and from 1986-88 Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Continuing Education. She now brought her experience of university governance to the governing bodies of City University, Goldsmiths College, London Guildhall and Loughborough Universities. Most appropriately she was Honorary President of the Fawcett Society 1986-2002. In 1998-2000 she was Chair of the Committee of Enquiry into Women in Prison; her last book-length publication was *Justice for Women* (2000). She received honorary degrees and fellowships from ten universities, including Cambridge, her alma mater.

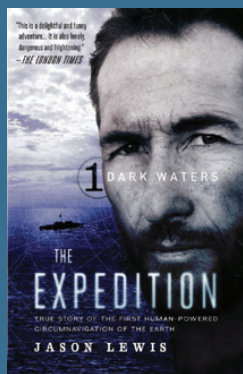
None of this could have been achieved without singular personal qualities. In his citation for her Honorary Fellowship, the late Lord Allen of Abbeydale, who chaired the College Council from the merger period into the early 1990s, declared that it was important that her achievement was that of a person of "great humanity and understanding of her fellow mortals, with no trace of arrogance and with an ability to laugh at herself – and also an ability to enjoy some of the day-to-day activities, such as cooking, which do not invariably go with high academic achievement." Dorothy had great courage and energy. She was courteous, but could also be very blunt. She inspired fierce loyalty amongst all who worked closely with her. Royal Holloway was most fortunate to benefit from her leadership.

Professor Francis Robinson CBE DL

A service in celebration of the life of Dorothy will be held in the College Chapel on Sunday 17 March 2013 at 3pm. All are welcome.

New books by alumni

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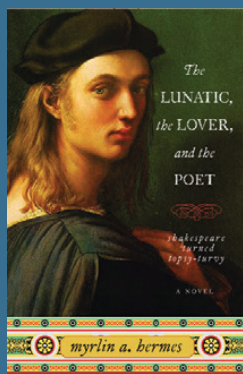
Jason Lewis

(BSc Biology & Geography, 1990)

***Dark Waters* (*The Expedition*)**

So far, Jason Lewis is the only person to circumnavigate the globe using just the power of his body. He set off from Greenwich in 1994 and crossed oceans in a pedal boat and a kayak. Cycling and skating were his chosen means of traversing continents. He survived crocodiles in Australia, blood poisoning in the Pacific, malaria in Indonesia and China, acute mountain sickness in the Himalayas and incarceration for espionage on the Sudan-Egypt border. During this time he also visited 863 schools in a variety of UNESCO environmental and cultural exchange programmes. In 2007, he returned triumphant to his starting point in Greenwich in front of the world's media. The first in a thrilling adventure trilogy, *Dark Waters* charts one of the longest, most gruelling, yet uplifting and at times irreverently funny journeys in history.

BillyFish Books, 2012 (paperback)
ISBN: 978-0984915507
Also available as an e-book



Myrlin A. Hermes

(MA Creative Writing, 2005)

The Lunatic, the Lover and the Poet

Who are the dark lady and the beautiful young man of Shakespeare's sonnets? This witty and erudite prequel to *Hamlet* stands the usual questions about Shakespeare on end. Horatio, a scholar at Wittenberg University, catches the eye of the beautiful and flamboyant Hamlet. At the same time, he becomes involved with his patroness, the dark Lady Adriane, who hires him to write poems about his love for Hamlet. A voracious and astute reader of both books and people, she performs her own seductions to test whether the "platonic true-love" described in his poems is truly so platonic. Combining famous lines of dialogue and plot from several plays, Myrlin manages to create both a moving story that stands on its own and a giant in-joke for Shakespeare lovers.

Harper Perennial, 2010
(paperback)
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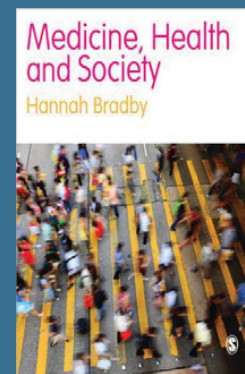
JoJo Moyes

(BA Sociology & Social Policy, 1992)

Me Before You

A best-seller on Amazon throughout 2012, JoJo's novel is an odd couple love story which tackles the highly emotive subject of assisted dying. Working-class Louisa is offered a six-month contract as a companion to quadriplegic Will, a former adrenaline junkie and City worker whose life has changed following an accident. They make an unusual pair, throwing each other completely off-balance. Will has given up on life and Louisa is determined to change his mind, but Louisa's limited ambitions frustrate Will: the town in which she lives with her family has been her whole life and she's fiercely attached to the idea of keeping it that way. Tragedy alternates with humour as they react to the most challenging of situations. JoJo recently judged the Costa Book Award.

Michael Joseph, 2012
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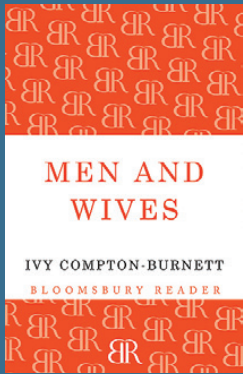
Dr Hannah Bradby

(MSc Sociology of Medicine, 1991)

Medicine, Health and Society

Sharp, bold and engaging, Hannah's book explores society's response to key issues such as race, gender and identity to explain the relationship between sociology, medicine and medical sociology. She brings together classic sociological writings and the latest research on the links between medicine, health and society. She discusses a range of important issues with three main themes: patterns of illness in populations, health and illness in everyday life, and the promise and pitfalls of modern health care systems. Each chapter includes an authoritative introduction to pertinent areas of debate and a clear summary of key issues and themes. Brimming with fresh interpretations and critical insights this book will contribute to illuminating the practical realities of medical sociology. Hannah is a leading expert on inequalities, gender and ethnicity.

Sage, 2012 (paperback)
ISBN: 978-1412920742



Dame Ivy Compton-Burnett DBE

(Classical Studies, 1906
Royal Holloway College)

Men and Wives

One of the foremost figures in 20th century English literature, Ivy Compton-Burnett (1884-1969) developed a distinct form of novel set almost entirely in dialogue. Her novels have been called “morality plays for the tough-minded” and are essentially satires which dissect personal relationships in the middle-class Edwardian household. At the centre of *Men and Wives* (1931) stands Harriet Haslam, the epitome of the maternal power figure, whose genuine but overpowering love dominates the novel and whose self-knowledge drives her into insanity. Surrounding her are a host of marvelously realised characters who are happier with their lies, but who never achieve her grandeur. All of Compton-Burnett’s novels are newly republished by Bloomsbury. Her first, *Dolores*, set in a women’s college, was much influenced by her time at Royal Holloway.

Bloomsbury Reader, 2012
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Jenni Fagan

(Creative Writing postgraduate student)

The Panopticon

Selected by Waterstones as one of their top debut novels of 2012, Jenni’s story focuses on Anais, a 15 year-old in the Panopticon, a Victorian tower of social work babble, reclaimed from its previous function as a jail and now a home for chronic young offenders. It is told in the first person in a Scottish vernacular that conveys Anais’ bolshie self-possession, even as she struggles to imagine life outside the care system. Jenni was herself looked after by the state for 16 years and said that she wanted to create a strong female character that was quite conflicted and aware of the context of her life: “Kids in care at the age of 15 and 16 are very vulnerable – things could go one way or another for them.” Jenni has already published several volumes of poetry.

William Heinemann, 2012
(hardback)
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Liza Klausmann

(MA Creative Writing, 2010)

Tigers in Red Weather

With shades of F. Scott Fitzgerald, Liza’s stunning debut is a sweeping novel of a wealthy East coast family with troubling secrets at its core. It opens on a balmy evening in New England just after the Second World War as Nick and her cousin look forward to lazy summers at the family mansion in Martha’s Vineyard. As their disillusionment with marriage sets in, we fast forward to 1959, and a grisly discovery by their children behind a tennis court. What follows is a heady mix of murder mystery, coming-of-age story and glimpses into two dysfunctional marriages, set to a soundtrack of Count Basie and country club chatter. Superbly characterised, told from five points of view and across three decades, this ambitious and accomplished novel was fought over by eight publishers.

Picador, 2012 (paperback)
ISBN: 978-1447212201
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Susanna Jones

(BA Drama & Theatre Studies, 1988)

When Nights Were Cold

Susanna’s chilling new novel encompasses both historical pastiche and sinister melodrama. Set before the First World War, a young Grace woman, escapes her hated home by winning a place at a college just outside London (clearly based on Royal Holloway). Inspired by Shackleton, she forms the Antarctic Exploration Society with three college friends and they travel to Snowdonia in a spirit of emancipation and adventure. A frostbitten trip to the Swiss Alps ends in bitterly contested tragedy. Years later, Grace alone remains of the group and is haunted by apparitions in the family house, her parents dead and her sister estranged, but more is to ensue. Right up to its tingling showdown on the Matterhorn, this claustrophobic, disturbing book excels as a seriously spoofy send-up of adventure fiction.

Mantle, 2012 (hardback)
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We have welcomed more than 450 Bedford Scholars to the College this year. All first year undergraduate students who have gained AAB or above in their A levels or equivalent this summer

and put us as their first choice university have been awarded £1,000 to aid their living costs in the first year. This commitment to academic excellence has meant that many able and talented students have been drawn to us. These scholarships are named after Bedford College, one of our founding colleges, because of its pioneering role in women's education and its commitment to widening access for many. Today we pride ourselves on offering a university education to all, regardless of financial means.



£100,000 donation to History invests in young academics of the future



We have launched our new Herringham Postgraduate Scholarships in the History Department. They are named after Christiana Herringham, an ancestor of the present donor and one of Bedford College's early benefactors. Christiana's husband, Sir Wilmot Herringham, was Chairman of Bedford College between the two world wars. Many of Christiana's collection of paintings were bequeathed to Bedford College and are now part of the Secondary Collection which is hung throughout the College.

The gift for the scholarships was made possible by a mature history postgraduate who was amazed to discover that he was related to Christina. When his mother passed away, the student kindly enabled a deed of variation to be drawn up from her estate to celebrate the connection between his mother and the Herringham family.

Dr Sarah Ansari, Head of the History Department said "This is a wonderful gift to have given to our students. By enabling us to attract the very best scholars to our MA courses, all of whom want to go on to study for PhDs, it really is creating opportunity for those interested in a career in academia. We know that MA students can struggle to finance their postgraduate studies as they're not entitled to a student loan, so this will encourage talent and foster a new generation of historians, all whilst honouring our own Bedford history."



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This year we have been able to award three Future Leader Scholarships to new undergraduates thanks to the generosity of our Annual Fund donors. The three recipients chosen for their excellence will receive total scholarship funding of £27,000 each. We think their talents will really flourish with us and they're definitely ones to watch!



Jenny Maddalena

As a Physics and Philosophy student, I get the best of both worlds: the factual, scientific approach of Physics and the open minded debate of Philosophy. I feel they enhance each other and will combine to make me a rounded graduate.

I'm keen to get involved in volunteering and charity work, as I've been lucky enough to be involved with a community project in the Himalayas as well as a disability charity here in the UK. It's something I hope to be able to keep up through Community Action on campus. There is so much choice in terms of how to volunteer here! I'll be playing netball and enjoying living in Gower Hall. I'm pretty organised with my time, so I'm going to be filling up my already pretty packed timetable. I am already thinking about staying here to study for a Masters and then PhD, perhaps with a year abroad, working in industry. I like the idea of being self-employed and this scholarship will enable me to have less debt when graduating and a better chance of being able to set myself up early on in my career. This scholarship will help support that dream."

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Why I Give....

"Being a recent mature student, I was aware of the financial needs that research presents to History students (travelling expenses, materials, conference costs, etc) and we wanted to offer bursaries to them. I believe this is a flexible source of help for students which covers a real need. When you see the results, the testimonies from the beneficiaries and the research work, I feel that the Friendly Hand support is having a positive impact and making a real difference to the students."

Gabriel Pretus

(MA History, 2002 and MPhil History, 2012)

Gabriel is a generous donor of travel bursaries and scholarships for postgraduate History students via his charitable trust, The Friendly Hand Trust.



Legacy bursary attracts international scholar

A legacy gift of £10,000 from a Royal Holloway College alumna has enabled us to recruit a rising star in the world of international development. Nikos Dacanay from the Philippines will receive the £10,000 bursary to study for an MSc in Practising Sustainable Development next year. The course run by Dr Dorothea Kleine draws together development practitioners from all over the world who learn about the theories, policies and practices of development, working in countries with often complex social, economic, political and environmental factors affecting the sustainability of development activity.

Nikos has previously investigated how cybercafés and telecenters empower female migrant workers in Thailand, as well helping a refugee and women's welfare charity maximise their income generation and create a sustainable business plan. The £10,000 will go towards supporting his accommodation and fees whilst studying in England. Without scholarships, this course would not be able to attract the enthusiastic and talented development professionals from around the world, especially the global south, who have fantastic on the ground experience but not always the financial means to study in the UK.

Nikos said "As a Filipino researcher and development worker I cannot begin to count how this alumna's generosity will benefit my professional growth and my development work in the Southeast Asian region. Because of her, I will have the opportunity to take up an intellectually exciting course, be taught by a pool of interdisciplinary experts and be in a vibrant research environment with internationally diverse students. The whole experience of studying in UK next year and the prospect of collaborating with other researchers and development workers will greatly help in building knowledge related to development issues in Asia and the west."



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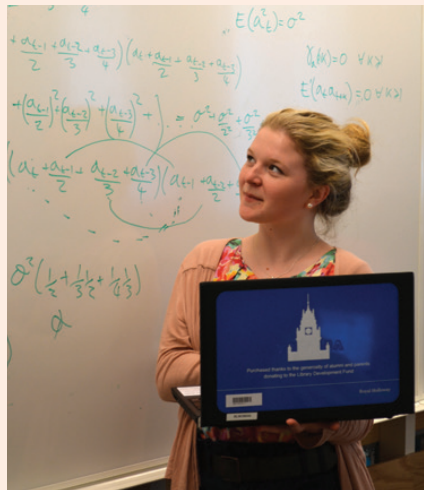
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Student Union Vice-President (2011-12), Katie Blow, said, "The laptops are a real boost to the resources within our libraries. Whether students' laptops break or they just can't afford one, this is a wonderful facility. They're a great idea so thank you to donors for making it happen!"



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Cover star Ollie Bishop talks about why he gives...

"I absolutely loved my time at Royal Holloway. It was the best three years of my life, by far. That's why I give back, and try to encourage others to do so. I don't understand people who don't. Especially because in our day we got university for free. There's a culture that's really wrong in the UK compared to America."

Oliver Bishop
(BSc Management Studies, 1998)





How Santander's philanthropic support has helped this PhD student...

Name: **James Clifford Kent**

Value of support: **£1,150 Santander Travel Scholarship for an extended research trip to New York**

Department: **Hispanic Studies (School of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures)**

PhD area of research: **Latin American studies and visual culture**

Purpose of Research Trip:

- Research at the Metropolitan Museum of Art archives
- Creative collaboration with academics, curators and re-establishing New York University contacts in their Department of Spanish and Portuguese, School of Arts and Science, and Centre of Latin American and Caribbean Studies
- Interview with the Cuban writer Edmundo Desnoes

What does the Scholarship mean to you?

The funding from Santander facilitated a trip that would not have been possible otherwise, paying for travel and accommodation costs. I am very thankful for the opportunity to spend time at the Met (one of the leading archives for documentary photography in the world), and to develop research-based relationships in New York City with other researchers and key figures in the study of photography. Santander's support is integral to the annual development of research projects and the benefit of such funding should not be understated. In my case, this type of financial support has allowed research in visual culture studies to expand in an exciting way within which a new academic community has begun to thrive.

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Robin Campbell

"I'm really excited to get stuck into the practical work of my Media Arts degree, editing, producing content to add to the YouTube Channel I have already set up. The first half of my week is practical and then the second half is theory to put it all into context and ground it all. I'm looking forward to playing trombone in Holloway's jazz band, utilising my leadership skills as class representative within Media Arts and generally tone my skills. I love the thought of making a documentary this year on the course and building my portfolio.

I applied to Westminster, Central Lancashire and a couple of other universities but Royal Holloway stood out for me on the open day as a friendly, welcoming campus and the wonderful Media staff pulled me into practical work and made me feel part of things straight away. I'm keen to contribute to the student print media, so I'm looking to sign up to The Founder newspaper and Orbital magazine at Welcome Week.

This scholarship will put me in a fantastic position. I can use my spare time to build my portfolio and I will be able to look at internships within the media industry without the pressure of finding a job that pays off rising debts. I'm really looking forward to my three years here and intend to really get involved!"



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Georgina Brookes

"I was really surprised to have been awarded this scholarship. I read about it but didn't think I stood much of a chance, so it's really flattering and a huge help for me in the coming three years. I am a local girl but I've chosen to live in halls whilst a student so I can

really become independent. This scholarship will help me to really live the university life away from home. It's early in my university experience, but I've already been struck by how friendly everyone is here and how welcome I've been made to feel. I have students from all over the world in my corridor in Kingswood and that's all part of the Holloway experience.

Before deciding on Royal Holloway as my first choice university, I looked at Bath, Surrey, LSE and City, all to study Economics, but I visited an open day here and instantly felt at home. I am looking forward to opting into modules on other courses such as French. That option just wasn't offered at other universities, so I knew that the university just a few miles down the road was for me! I'm interested in pursuing a career in International Development, perhaps working for the Foreign Office or in overseas aid, so I'll be looking to keep my languages and perhaps join Amnesty International through the College's reps."

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We are pleased to welcome this term, our US Foundation scholars who will be studying with us this year.

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Dates for your diary

A selection from our programme of events for 2012–13.

Saturday 8 December and
Sunday 9 December 2012

Lessons and Carols Service

College Chapel

Saturday and Sunday at 6pm
(seated by 5.45pm)

Our ever popular carol service, followed by a reception in the Picture Gallery.

Admission free, by ticket only.

**To book contact chaplaincy@rhul.ac.uk
or 01784 443950**



Saturday 12 January 2013

Alumni Sports Day

This year's Hancock Cup will be in tight competition between students and alumni for Mens' and Womens' Rugby, Football, Basketball, Hockey and Mixed Lacrosse, American Football, Golf and Netball. If you aren't playing, why not meet us in Nobles and cheer on alumni as they try to retain the Cup, having won it for the first time in 2012!

Tickets: £5. For further information, please contact sports@rhul.ac.uk

Thursday 7 February

Stevenson Science Lecture *Big Facilities for Small Science*

Windsor Building Auditorium, 6.15pm

Dr Andrew Taylor OBE Executive Director of STFC National Laboratories, STFC Rutherford Appleton Laboratory

Large international scientific infrastructures have long been a prerequisite in the fields of Particle Physics and Astronomy. Dr Andrew Taylor, will describe how the UK has led the world in adapting these 'Big Science' capabilities to help understand the world around us at the atomic and molecular level.

Admission free

Saturday 16 February 2013

The Three Sopranos Valentine Concert

Windsor Building Auditorium, 7pm

There will be a wine reception during the interval

Our three distinguished alumnae, Dame Felicity Lott, Susan Bullock and Sarah Fox, accompanied by Malcolm Martineau, will perform together with the Choir of Royal Holloway in a programme that will include Valentine-themed popular favourites. Felicity Lott is one of Britain's best-loved sopranos. In opera, her portrayals of the Strauss and Mozart roles in particular have led to critical and popular acclaim worldwide. Susan Bullock, one of the world's most sought-after dramatic sopranos has sung in all major opera houses around the world. Sarah Fox has performed at the Royal Opera House Covent Garden and has made an outstanding contribution both to the concert platform and the operatic stage. Malcolm Martineau has appeared with many of the world's greatest singers and records widely for the major recording companies.

£30 (£25 Alumni/Staff/Senior Citizens, £5 RHUL students)

For further information please contact the Events Office.



Tuesday 19 February 2012

Fawcett Lecture *Kinship, Families, Women's Lives*

Windsor Building Auditorium, 6.15pm

Professor Dame Janet Finch DBE

Honorary Professor of Sociology,
University of Manchester and Honorary
Fellow, Royal Holloway

Dame Janet is a Bedford College alumna (BSc Sociology, 1967), who recently retired as Vice-Chancellor of Keele University. She was awarded a CBE in 1999 for services to Social Science, and a DBE in the 2008 for services to Social Science and to Higher Education. She is a sociologist whose work focuses on family relationships. Dame Janet has also been involved at national level in a range of policy-making bodies relating to research, education and public policy.

Admission free.

Monday 4 March 2013

Thomas Holloway Entrepreneurial Lecture *From Clone to Clinic to Commercialisation – Discovery is the Easy Bit*

Windsor Building, 6.15pm

Mr Iain G Ross Vice Chairman of Royal Holloway's College Council and Chairman and Director of several international biotechnology companies

The life sciences sector has too few entrepreneurs with 'scars' capable of turning ideas into products. Iain Ross is an alumnus (BSc Biochemistry, 1975) and an experienced businessman with over 30 years largely in the international life sciences sector. Following a career in multinational companies in brewing, publishing and pharmaceuticals he joined the biotechnology industry in the early 90s and has undertaken a number of high profile turnarounds working with a variety of entrepreneurs.

Admission free

Tuesday 5 March

Hayes-Robinson Lecture
Power in the Plaza: Perspectives on Cities in the Early Modern Atlantic World

Windsor Building Auditorium, 6.15pm

Professor Richard L Kagan, Arthur O Lovejoy Professor of History, Johns Hopkins University Mexico City, New Haven CT, Savannah GA, Lima, Carlisle PA – the distinguishing feature of these and other New World cities is their central plaza or square, and attendant grid. What explains the mystique of the plaza? What was their history? What purposes did they serve? This richly illustrated lecture explores the various meanings attached to the plaza, the differing ways in which they were used, together with their representation in literature and art.

Admission free



Saturday 23 March 2013

Royal Holloway Science Festival

Information Desk: Windsor Building, 10am-4pm

In its 20th year the Science Open Day is being re-launched as *Royal Holloway Science Festival* with an exciting programme of events in the preceding week. The Festival is the College's largest public engagement event, attracting over 4000 visitors in 2012. The theme for 2013 – *Science Fact, Science Fiction* – will provide an exciting opportunity to address how science is portrayed in Science Fiction and to attempt to debunk popular science myths.

Talks, workshops and hands-on-activities for all ages. Come and crack codes, dig for fossils, program computer games consoles, and learn the fastest way to make ice-cream. Younger visitors can complete our Science Passport and win a prize!

Admission free, all welcome, no pre-booking required

Sunday 9 June 2013

Alumni Tea at the College Garden Party

Founder's Dining Hall, 3.30 – 5pm

Alumni from all years and colleges are invited for afternoon tea, along with friends and family.

Ticket price to be confirmed (free for children under 3 years)

<http://www.rhul.ac.uk/alumni/eventsandreunions/home.aspx>



Saturday-Sunday
22-23 June 2013

The 1970s Alumni Reunion

Royal Holloway campus

A 1970s themed reunion weekend on the 22nd and 23rd June for all those who studied with us at Royal Holloway College during anytime in the 1970s. The reunion is coordinated by alumni volunteers Jon Cutter (BSc Computer Science & Mathematics, 1974) and Pete Challenger (BSc Physics, 1974), in conjunction with the Alumni Relations team, and will have the same casual feel as their successful 2010 reunion.

Further information can be found at www.RHC70s.org, a website designed by Jon Cutter. Booking will open shortly at www.rhul.ac.uk/alumni/eventsandreunions

Monday 17 June 2013

Magna Carta Lecture

The UN Quest for the Protection of Human Rights

Windsor Building Auditorium, 6.15pm

Dr Bertie Ramcharan
Former UN Commissioner

Dr Ramcharan will give a short summary of the vision of human rights at the time of the founding of the UN, discuss the challenges of protection ever since, assess where protection efforts are now, and offer some thoughts for the future. This is the ninth lecture in the series run in association with the Magna Carta Trust. It is to be delivered annually until 2015, the 800th anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta at Runnymede.

Admission free



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