

## LRGS Alumni Newsletter

November 2025

A warm welcome to you from LRGS.

The latest Headmaster's letter to parents can be found [here](#).

As always, we love to hear from our LRGS community so get in touch with [your news](#) and be sure to update us of any [change of details](#).

With best wishes,

Lorna and the Development team



## LRGS Updates



### Speech Day

Congratulations to all pupils who received prizes at this year's Speech Day on Saturday 8 November. A huge thank you to guest speaker OL Stephen Ogden (79-86) for sharing his experiences, advice and memories with us. Stephen described the occasion as "the single greatest honour of my life" and the school as a world-class institution.

Thank you to the wonderful Big Band for performing before and during the ceremony, there were some excellent vocal and instrumental soloists in action, led by expert conductor Adrian Boardman.

Thank you too to Chair of Trustees, Mr Howard Roberts, who welcomed us all to the Great Hall at Lancaster University and introduced our guest speaker, to Dr Pyle who gave his account of the year and also to Head of School, Edward Pearson.

You can view a summary, speeches and photographs from the day on our [website](#)

### Stampex 2025

Congratulations to Y9 pupil and Stamp Club member, Peter, who was awarded a trophy for "Young Philatelist of the Year" at this year's Stampex in London, held on Saturday 25 October. Peter was also awarded a Silver / Bronze medal for his entry to the British Youth Philately Championship with a 16 page stamp display on "The life and legacy of Mahatma Gandhi".



### Stampactive success

Congratulations to members of LRGS Stamp Club who once again won the 11-14 Stampactive competition. The winners were Yassin, Ben, Ewan and Alex. The theme this year was "Brilliant Britain". The photograph shows some of the winners and Yassin's entry which won best overall. Well done everyone!

## Orienteering adventures

Our orienteering team travelled to Hopetoun House near Edinburgh this month to take part in the British Schools Orienteering Championships with British Orienteering.

Year 11s Tom, Ewan, Sam, Evan and Edward won their British Championship event for the fourth year in a row!

Year 7s are British Champions, well done to Murray, Fitzroy and Haroon.

Our Year 13 team won the British Bronze medal, congratulations to Ned, Rowan and Jack! An Individual Bronze was awarded to Annie.

Congratulations to everyone involved!



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## Row for Mo



A big shout out to our Storey House boarders who completed a huge 60,025m row in around 45 minutes for Movember on 25th November. Mr Viney says, "The boys were fantastic and put in an incredible effort for a great cause. All grit, teamwork and absolute determination. Proud doesn't even begin to cover it." Huge congratulations to everyone involved! If you would like to make a donation please follow this

link <https://movember.com/m/storeyhouse?mc=1>

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## Appeal for help - Careers Insights lunchtime talks

We are always looking for OLs to deliver Careers Insight Talks to our students during lunchtimes. The talks are informal, lasting about 30 minutes from 1.15-1.45pm followed by 10-15 minutes of questions.

They should include information about what you did after LRGS, your route into your present career, and what your career involves.

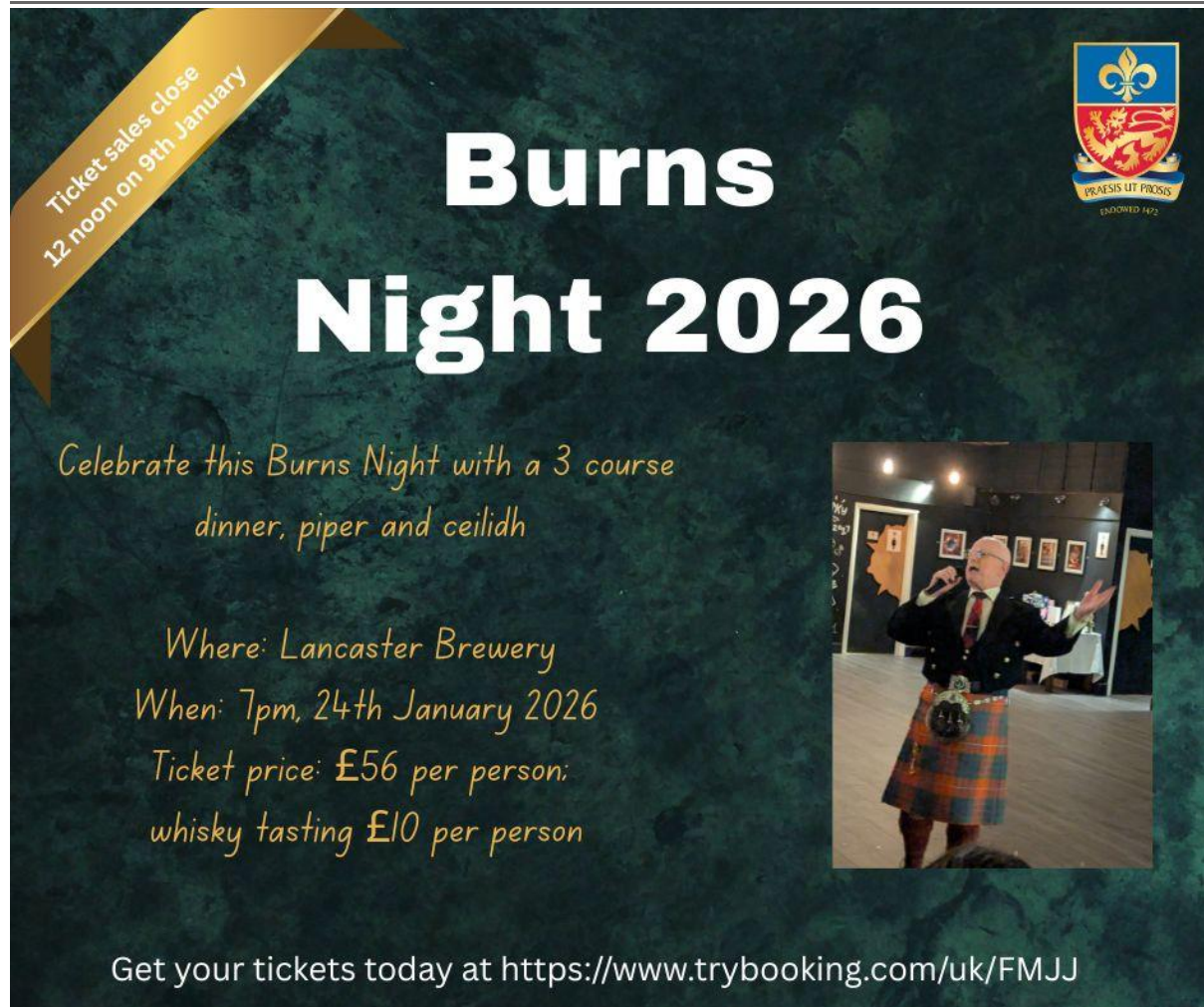
Our students always say that the most valuable part of our careers programme is the talks from external speakers, so if you are able to be a part of that we would be most grateful.

Please respond to [Louise Wareing](#) (Careers Coordinator) if you are able to help and would like to find out more.

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## News from LRGsBC

Members of LRGsBC competed in races at Northwich on 8 and 9 November, you can read the race report in the latest [BC newsletter](#) which also contains a link to purchase your very own LRGsBC bobble hat. Thank you to the team's captain, Hyrum, for another fab newsletter.



The poster features a dark green, textured background. In the top left corner, a gold ribbon banner contains the text 'Ticket sales close 12 noon on 9th January'. The main title 'Burns Night 2026' is centered in large white font. To the right is the crest of the Lancashire Rugby Grounds Society, featuring a red shield with a gold lion and a blue chief with a gold fleur-de-lis, with the motto 'PRÆSIS UT PROSIS' and 'FOUNDED 1872' below it. The event details are listed in a gold, cursive font. A photograph of a man in a kilt and jacket performing on stage is in the bottom right. The ticket information is at the bottom in white text.

**Burns  
Night 2026**

*Celebrate this Burns Night with a 3 course  
dinner, piper and ceilidh*

*Where: Lancaster Brewery  
When: 7pm, 24th January 2026  
Ticket price: £56 per person;  
whisky tasting £10 per person*

Get your tickets today at <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FMJJ>

## Alumni News

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### Sad News

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#### Clifford Beckett

We were sad to learn that OL Clifford Beckett (60-65) passed away on 24th October in Lancaster Royal Infirmary. Clifford's wife, Hazel, writes, " In 1965 after leaving school, Cliff went to work in Storey's Laboratory, before leaving to work at Lancaster City Council. When the opportunity arose, he joined the Automobile Association as a trainee patrol in November 1974, and worked for them for the next 26 years, before taking early retirement. He then went on to work for Jessops and his final part-time employment was as a delivery driver.

In 1972 Cliff married his first wife Pat, and a few years later their daughter Dawn was born, and he was such a proud father, and much later he became a very proud grandfather to Zoe and Ben. Several years after his divorce from Pat, Cliff and Hazel married on the 29<sup>th</sup> April 1989.

Cliff's main hobbies were photography, golf and also badminton, where he played competitively in the local Lancaster league. He was also an avid motorsport fan, especially F1 and was fortunate enough to attend a couple of Grand Prix races in Monaco and Belgium in the 1980's.

Cliff was an active Scout leader with the Spartans Troup of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Lancaster Scout Group for a time in the early 1970's. He later joined LADOS (Lancaster Amateur Dramatic & Operatic Society) in 1988, as part of the props team, and worked backstage alongside Hazel and later Dawn, until May 2025 when ill health prompted his retirement from the team. Cliff took many of the LADOS dress rehearsal photographs and was also a long standing member of the LADOS General Committee.

Cliff loved foreign holidays, and he and Hazel visited many different countries, but the two places they both loved the most were Orlando in Florida, and the south of France.

Sadly, due to ill health during the final six months of his life, Cliff was either housebound or in hospital, but we take comfort in the many wonderful memories of that life which we all shared with him at some point or another."

Clifford forged lifelong friendships during his time at school and enjoyed meeting up with former classmates over the years and going to watch OL Graham Davies' band, "The Bootlacers" whenever they performed in the Lancaster area.

Our thoughts are with Clifford's family and friends at this incredibly sad time.

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## Alumni updates

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OL David Gates (92-99) is delighted to announce he has just returned from seven months living in Hawai'i. Whilst there, he took time out from work to indulge his long-held interest in volcanoes by making a visit to a very active Kilauea. Very many thanks to David for the wonderful photographs.



## OL Dinner in UAE

Thanks to OLs Patrick Dransfield (75-80) and Eddie Taylor (86-91), the first OL UAE Christmas dinner happened on 27 November, coinciding nicely with 'Lancashire Day'!

Patrick writes, "The words of the youngest OL present, Finlay, summed up the sentiments of the evening exactly: "It was inspiring to hear how much the school has evolved over the past 40/50 years while still holding on to the traditions and values that made it such a tight-knit community. Amazing, too, to see how that same sense of belonging has carried across continents, with several alumni now calling places like Dubai and Abu Dhabi home. A wonderful evening of shared memories, reflections, and new connections.""



If you are in UAE and would like to connect with local OLs, please contact the Development Office and we can put you in touch with Eddie and Patrick.

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## OL Asia Dinner in December

All OLs welcome! Special Discount for Under-Graduate OLs

Time: 6pm – 10pm

Date: Tuesday, 9th December

Locations: Drinks, the Gunners Bar: Dinner, Poolside Pavilion, from 7.00pm, [United Services Recreation Club](#)

Cost for OL Graduates is HKD750

Cost for OL Under-Graduates is HKD500

inclusive of unlimited wine and 2 beers and a 5 course Curry Buffet, sumptuously prepared by the former Head Chef of world-famous Chaiwala Hong Kong!

Dress code is Smart – ideally with OL or School Tie.

Please register to Patrick Dransfield at: [patrickdransfield@gmail.com](mailto:patrickdransfield@gmail.com)

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## Future Event updates

Asia OL Dinner on Tuesday 9 December at the United Services Recreation Club, Hong Kong

Leeds OL Dinner at Masonic Hall, Castle Grove (date TBC)

Cotswolds OL Dinner on Friday 11 September 2026 at The Colesbourne Inn

Links to book a place at the above dinners will become available as soon as the details have been confirmed.

Please continue to check our website and social media pages to keep up with the latest news.

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