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London Reunion 2018



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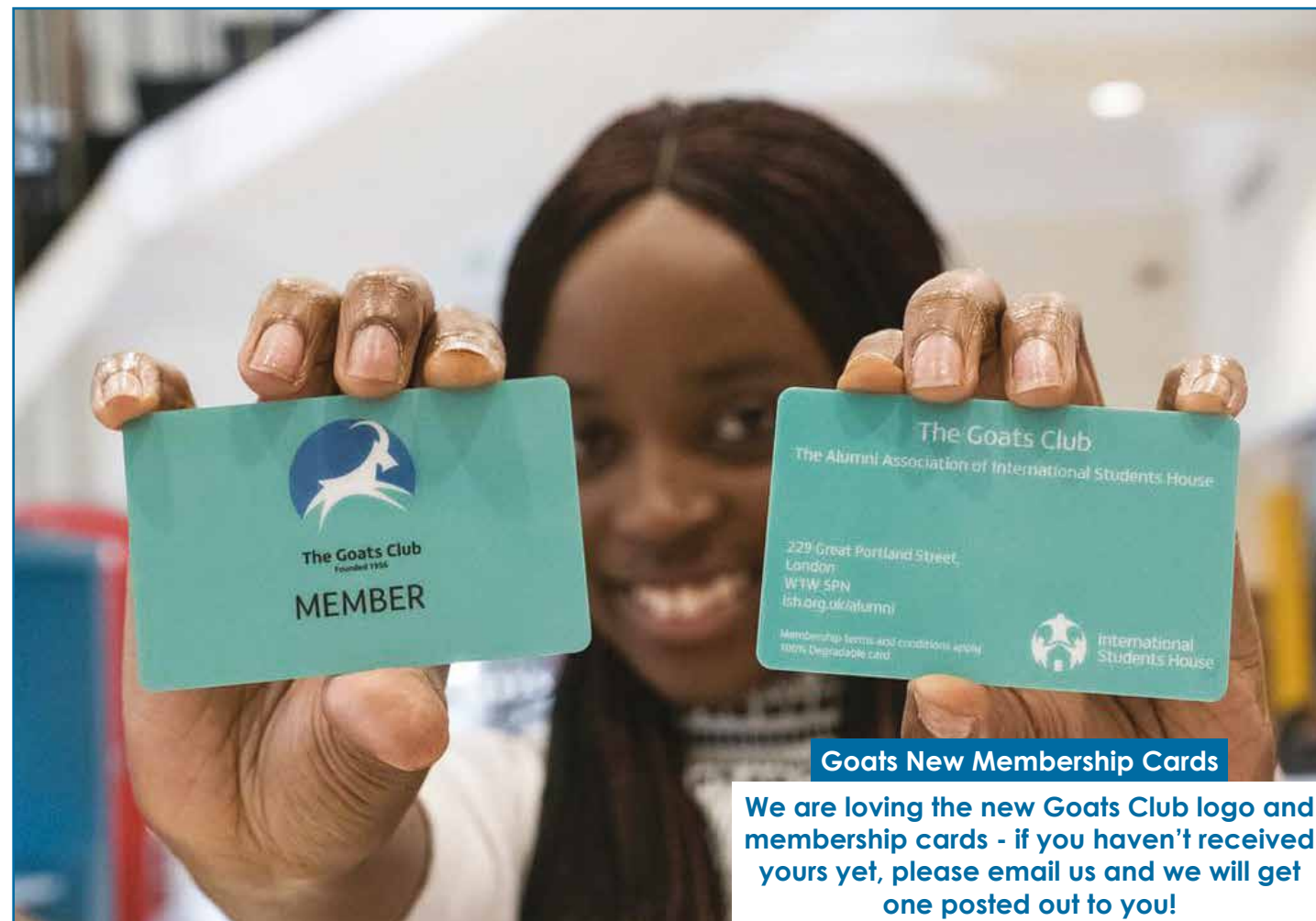
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We are loving the new Goats Club logo and membership cards - if you haven't received yours yet, please email us and we will get one posted out to you!



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GOATS MISSION STATEMENT

- ≥ To help current ISH residents and Goats to achieve their academic and personal aims.
- ≥ To continue to offer the best possible opportunities for Goats to experience British society and to create an atmosphere that promotes international cultural exchanges.
- ≥ To provide Goats opportunities to broaden their horizons, to maintain old friendships and build new ones through their continued affiliation with Goats and ISH.
- ≥ To support ISH and its aims and objectives to enable it to continue to make an effective contribution to better international relations.
- ≥ To provide an affordable home-from-home for international and UK students, supported by a substantial scholarship/bursary programme to give opportunities to more disadvantaged students, and reinforced by a social and cultural programme to encourage international friendships.

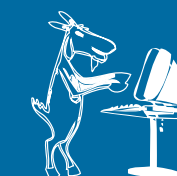
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Don't delay – CONFIRM to keep in touch TODAY!

(Before it's too late and Jilly gets in trouble!)

HELLO GOATS!

FROM THE EDITOR AND ALUMNI RELATIONS MANAGER
JILLY BOROWIECKA



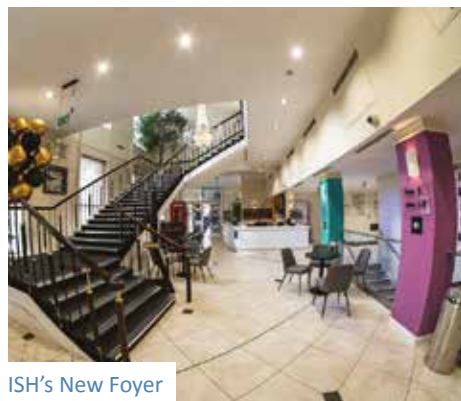
What a year we have had at ISH and in Goats. I hope you will all enjoy seeing it reflected in this edition. Everything from our Patron's visit (page 20) to hundreds of French fans for the FIFA World Cup Finals has taken place here. Reunions in India (page 14), Malaysia (page 16) and London (page 8) and travelling Vice Presidents meeting up with folk in Australia (page 16) have made the distances between us melt away.

PRESIDENT OF GOATS

David O'Brien has been elected as President of Goats for a further 3 years and the new committee is now in place (see page 6).

BIG CHANGES AT ISH

Then there are the physical changes to ISH in the foyer, the bar and the car park, but I will leave Martin Chalker to tell you about those on page 18. Martin will also update you on future plans.



The Dream Team! Jada, Melanie, Musa, Jilly, Amy, Ben and David at the London Reunion BBQ

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WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU...

The office has had the challenge of new GDPR regulations affecting our ability to contact you.

We were planning to send more digital copies of the Newsletter out and reduce the number of printed ones, but it will cut us off from so many of you unless you complete the OPT IN form – see page 3.

Although this law may not be changing in your country it affects you because we have to abide by the UK laws, as all the data is generated here.

Please visit ish.org.uk and [opt in](#).

REMEMBERING AND CELEBRATING THE LIVES OF OUR LOST GOATS

We very sadly lost some of our dearest friends and supporters of ISH in the last year. We mourn them but also celebrate their lives and loyalty to ISH and Goats (page 28).

As I write this, we are thinking about the new youngsters who will arrive in October and as you read this we will be in the midst of getting to know them and introducing them to our lovely international family.

KEEP IN TOUCH

Being in contact with you and hearing your news and your journey through life helps us all to keep our connections and enriches our lives, so please do keep in touch.

A BIG THANK YOU TO...

Melanie Paquin and Musa Bwanali who have worked tirelessly on all Goatee things and especially the London Reunion. They are a delight to work with and to know, as many of you will have discovered at the Reunion.

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Celebrating Goats' 61st Birthday

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2018 EDITION

FROM THE PRESIDENT DAVID O'BRIEN



WELCOME TO THE GOATS NEWSLETTER

Many thanks to all of you who voted in the recent election. Democracy matters, and these next three years will see a host of changes. The new Goats Executive will be able to influence these changes, and ensure the ethos of international friendship and cooperation endures. Thank you for supporting me for a second term as President. The last three years saw a lot of change too, and Goats were blessed with a strong committee to steer our course through.

I wish to express my thanks for the energy and commitment shared by all, but particularly Laboni Saha, Heinrich Koorts and Neil Glover who are now standing down. They have all made valuable contributions which are greatly appreciated.

It also gives me great pleasure to welcome Dawn Evans, Lorenzo De Martino, and Razana Yoosuf as our new Vice-Presidents. They bring a wealth of experience to the table, and I am looking forward to exploring new ideas to help us move forward.

The record-breaking summer of 2018 will be remembered for exceptional heat and constant sun. We could not have asked for more. The Reunion basked in perfect weather throughout. It was wonderful to welcome so many Goats back to ISH, and the farewell barbeque for York Terrace East (MTH) made a perfect climax to the proceedings.

The Goats Office, Jilly, Melanie and Musa along with the ISH events team Amy, Jada, Leah and Ben, outdid themselves throughout the five days ensuring everything ran smoothly. Our special guests, Ken Dytor, Gill Hammond and Yusuf Kaplan added to the fun, with their stimulating talks. Trips to the Guildhall, the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Hindu Temple, Westerham, Chartwell and the Harry Potter Tour were greatly appreciated.

Special thanks are due to Dr Sharon Bolton for her opening reception, and Martin Chalker, who with his wife Ruth, welcomed a bus load of us to his home for afternoon tea. It was a great afternoon. It was wonderful to see David Anderson-Evans on top form, chairing the well-attended tribute to Liz Ware, which was heart-warming and life-affirming. I am sure the members of her family who attended, including her sister, went away with a better understanding of how special Liz was for us all. Throughout the reunion we were delighted to welcome various key people from our past, including Peter and Ellenor Anwyl, Rosemary Frischer, Kevin Coyne and his partner Stephen. With nearly 150 attending through the five days, the reunion was a great success, and thank you all for coming. See you in three years!



Goats gathered for afternoon tea at Martin Chalker's home

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GOATS AWARD

One of the many benefits of being involved with Goats as a Vice President or indeed as President are the various student events that you can attend. It is important that the new students learn about Goats and see what alumni do, and over these last three years our committee have taken this on board and done an amazing job. These events are a lot of fun, with welcome events not just for the new intake, but also for the scholarship students and the Resident Advisors.

The year passes so quickly, so the final event, the farewell party, arrives before you know it. We have been offering a Goats Award for the last three years, and it is open for the students to vote for the resident who made the most positive difference to their lives this year. As always, the events team did a marvellous job (we were able to use it as a test run for the Goats Reunion Dinner). It was amazing, and lots of fun with people getting pictures with the wonky mirror and enjoying cocktails. For me, presenting this prize was one of the best moments of the year. This year's winner was clearly the leader, as while I was reading out the nominations, everyone was shouting for him, so I was glad we got it right! Congratulations to Emanuele Bragiola from Italy, who was clearly a popular choice. Well done.

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REUNIONS

During these three years there have been many small reunions around the world. Some of our Executive Committee, namely VP Fethi Thabet, VP Zenobia Nadirshaw and VP Neil Glover, travel a lot and when possible we try to arrange a small event around their visits to different countries. Their efforts to connect with Goats is greatly appreciated. We now have twenty-six Ambassadors around the world. We ask each Ambassador to hold an event every two years and would love to see this grow. The Goats Office will offer advice and support. If you have any ideas please be in touch.

I was lucky enough to attend reunions in India and Malaysia during this last year, with Jilly and Martin Chalker. Both were extraordinary experiences. In Delhi, the Goats event was hosted by Vikram and Shobha Mathur, with Anubhav Sarkar travelling all day by train and Karnvir Mundrey travelling from Bangalore just to be with us. In Mumbai it was particularly impressive to meet some vintage Goats remembering the earliest days of ISH. Khushaal Talreja and Nandan Maluste organised the event there. Work on scholarship programmes with the Scindia and SKV Schools in Gwalior added value to the trip.



Reunion in India (Mumbai)



David and Jilly meet students in Malaysia

Our Malaysian Ambassador, Nari Bhullar, set up a special committee to organise a three day event in Penang. This was also well attended, with not only locals, but people coming from Lesotho, India and Australia as well as the UK. The Committee did us all proud, and gave a clue to a way forward. Reunions can take different forms from a one evening gathering of local alumni to a multi-day event which would attract people from around the world. Let's see what our Ambassadors suggest for the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who offered sponsorship and helped with planning these splendid events. You have set a high standard for future events to be measured by.

It was also great to have support from the VPs. Neil Glover attended the Indian reunion, and Rachael Elliott the Malaysian reunion.



Rachael Elliott with David in Malaysia

25 YEARS OF RA's!

This year we are celebrating 25 years of the Resident Advisors Programme, set up by Kevin Coyne and continued by Dr Sharon Bolton. You are important to us and to ISH history. We're keen to know what you're doing and to share it with the herd. Email goats@ish.org.uk with a photo and an update if you were an RA! P.S Amy says hi



Kickstarting the year with a BBQ at Mary Trevelyan Hall for our new residents (2017)

We all had a grand time greeting and checking out old friends, catching up on news, and trying to remember everyone's name...



THE GOATS LONDON REUNION

BY GEORGE EGERTON

It is a truism of postmodern thought that there is no TRUTH, only your truth and my truth – according to our personal, subjective perspectives. Jilly has asked me to write up a personal reflection of the events of the Reunion. And so I give you my postmodern best, the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the postmodern truth – give or take a few lapses and eccentricities.

When one gets older, as even Goats sometimes do, the maxim is that everything takes longer. Is it not sad that growing old itself does not take longer? Why do the three year intervals between Reunions not take longer? Why do the years flash by so quickly, so it almost seems like we have Reunions every year?

For older Goats like me, attending Reunions from the other side of the earth takes more planning than it used to, and wider latitude for mistakes. I made careful lists of what I needed to pack into a suitcase which I would have to carry up and down many stairs once I arrived in the London subways. The Regent's Park station has 38 stairs beyond where the elevators take you and, if the elevators are not working, the 200 plus stairs require Olympic training to get to ground level. The Great Portland Street station is just as bad, originally designed, it is said, for mountain climbers under the age of 25. I found the trick to deal with stairs was to really bungle the first couple of steps, and beautiful and strong young women would take pity and hoist my case to the top. I actually learned this trick from Gwyn Price-Evans when I was much younger, in my seventies. Gwyn and I were flat mates during the Reunion.



Ralph Morris and George Egerton at The Chief Exec's formal dinner

So my planning included coming to the Reunion a week early, in case I got delayed or lost in the subway, or somehow lost my appeal to beautiful strong, young women who would carry my luggage. Fortunately everything worked out well, especially the luggage, and I had ample time to adjust to the new time zone and then to visit with old friends, like Jim O'Gorman, who kindly invited me down to Chertsey and a cruise on his boat up the Thames. Unfortunately, the boat lost its steering, but Jim proved masterful in getting the stricken vessel through locks and back to its moorage safely, helped by beautiful, strong young women whom I was able to attract by holding up my luggage. I never go anywhere now without my luggage. We had a lovely lunch on Jim's boat, and he bought some new luggage on the way home. Some of this is true only in the postmodern sense, but it's what I remember.

After a week in ISH, impressed by the beautiful renovations, welcomed warmly by Jilly, and befriended by the new Chief Executive, Martin Chalker, breakfasting at The Thirsty Scholar, I concluded that the House was in excellent shape.

Even though the elevators were still under renovation and I was on the fifth floor, I felt it was time to stop carrying around my luggage and put away the empty case.

The reunion officially began Wednesday, 27 June, with the **Dean of Student Life's Reception**. It was apparent soon, with the quality of food and drink and speeches, that the new Dean was as articulate, generous, sincere, and sober as the old. We all had a grand time greeting and checking out old friends, catching up on news, and trying to remember everyone's name. Thank goodness for the labels.

The next morning, Thursday, brought the first visitation on the Reunion program – to **Guildhall**. Alas, despite my careful planning, I had the wrong time by half an hour for the departure of the bus. I found myself running after the bus, unsuccessfully, as it was just pulling away. This was embarrassing; but it was encouraging to find out I could still run. I contented myself with the memory of previous visits to Guildhall. Having missed the visit, I won't say much, but those who were there will remember the ancient Roman, Saxon and Medieval origins of Guildhall, and its magnificent Great Hall and which derives from the 15th century. Guildhall serves as the ceremonial centre for London's government, and we all know that British government is about 90% ceremony. Most important, the bar at Guildhall serves the cheapest drinks in the City, about 60p per shot, due to high subsidization. But you have to be a member, or a guest of a member. Perhaps this is why Guildhall was the earliest site of London tax collection.

After the tour of Guildhall, Goats were free to explore, which many did, to their advantage. Others chose to come back to ISH and sleep, which many more did to their advantage.



Peter and Eckard at Guildhall



Goats Trip to Guildhall

In the evening we had the **Mary Trevelyan Lecture**, where Gill Hammond, Director of the Bank of England's Centre for Central Banking Studies and Vice Chair of ISH Trustees, advised us on the current efforts of the Bank and its Governor, Mark Carney (Canada's most notable recent export) on how to inform the public on the operations of the Bank. She explored why bureaucracies in the UK and the EU have to be more transparent in helping to educate the public and aspiring central bankers properly. She was quite optimistic on this, despite some counter-factual evidence in recent UK voting, not to mention America. Anyway, she was still optimistic that transparency would prevail over false news and, if it didn't, she would still play tennis every morning.



Gill Hammond speaking – The Mary Trevelyan Talk

Goats slept well overnight, especially those who had not slept all afternoon, and were prepared for the **Fellowship Breakfast** the next morning, Friday. Here, after a superb British breakfast full of eggs, sausages, toast, butter, jams, champagne, coffee, tea and orange juice, Yusuf Kaplan, Interfaith Advisor at the University of Westminster, spoke of growing inequalities in the world, of social justice, of the values shared by all religions, and of the need for greater diversity and inclusion. This made some Goats feel a little guilty, but we soon recovered by remembering the core mission of the Goats and ISH, and that we could all make our contribution to diversity by just being ourselves at bit more intensively.

Interfaith thoughts remained on our minds as we boarded the bus for **a tour of London's Neasden Hindu Temple**, with a required dress code 'covering upper arms, shoulders, chest and knees', making respectful bows out of the bus windows to synagogues, mosques, abandoned churches, and godless shrines of capitalism along the route. The dress code didn't say what to wear between the chest and the knees, but no one was arrested while bowing and everyone made it through the Temple's rigorous security check.

The Hindu Temple, the largest outside India, was amazingly beautiful, built with skillful and dedicated carvers in India, using vast supplies of Burmese teak and equally vast stores of Italian marble and Bulgarian limestone. Then it was shipped to be assembled devotedly by Hindu volunteers in London. Goats of all religions or none were duly impressed by this remarkable site of Hindu faith.

After a free afternoon, interrupted only by the snoring of other Goats, we all assembled for the **Group Photo** on the ISH Foyer stairs. These stairs were never designed to hold all observant and attending Goats at one time. Worse still, there were Goats who had been living too well and putting on weight since earlier Reunions. Tall thin Goats were at a distinct if unfair advantage in this operation, all three of them. But the latest in digital camera technology came to the rescue, as angles and apertures were adjusted so that all Goats, of whatever diversity, were included, magically made to look tall and thin, and twenty years younger for good measure. Everyone was also given the benefit of a pleasant digital smile.



Trip to The Hindu Temple



"I think this was the best Reunion ever, the planning and execution of the program were superb."

Then on to the **Chief Executive's Reception and Dinner**, to be enjoyed even more as we all remained tall, thin, and young. The dress code for this event stipulated 'Smart or National Dress,' a bit of a puzzle for a Canadian like me, without my Royal Canadian Mounted Police dress uniform, and terribly afraid of cultural appropriation of any aboriginal or national group beyond my Irish ancestry. So I just chose diversity of dress, well-covered between the chest and the knees, and up scaled with a bow tie.

What a meal, course after course, and drink after drink, served with elegance. The only downside was that the food and superb wines instantly dissolved the digital illusion of being tall and thin; but, on balance it was worth it. A truly notable dinner, not to mention the inspiring speeches and reports. (More on this later.)



Scholars at Martin's house for Afternoon Tea

Saturday brought the trip to **Westerham, with lunch at Grasshopper on the Green**, which presented some ethical dilemmas for pure vegans.

Then on to a tour of **Chartwell, Churchill's country home and now a memorial to the Great Man**. The exhibits have been extended greatly in recent years and enhanced with modern media resources. I searched successfully for a picture of Lloyd George, the Welsh Prime Minister during WWI, whose nickname was the Goat. I have published much on Lloyd George, but I can't tell you why he was called the Goat, because some underage Goat may be reading this.

After Chartwell, we were bussed to **tea at Chief Executive Martin Chalker's house**, where he and his wife Ruth put on a lavish spread that went well beyond any expanded version of British high tea. By now there were no tall, thin Goats to be seen anywhere. Thank you Chalkers for this tremendous hospitality. Saturday evening was DIY, do your own thing, where the dress code was optional - for those who didn't go to sleep right away.

Sunday, the last day of the Reunion came all too soon. But it was full of business and events. First was a **breakfast for Goats Ambassadors**, a secret society of Goats who actually do things in their respective countries.

The **AGM** which followed was well-attended and the leadership of ISH delivered a detailed review of present and future planning for ISH. And what plans there are, with the sale of the lease on York Terrace East, and the plans to purchase several properties, enabling expansion of student residents to some 2000.

The AGM was followed by a tribute to Liz Ware, where speakers and members of the audience shared memories and our affection for this remarkable woman, whose wisdom and kindness touched so many of our lives.

Liz Ware was a true saint, an exemplar for all of us. Liz's death marks the passing of the generation that founded and nurtured the Goats Club and ISH. Their successors have a large mission to sustain.

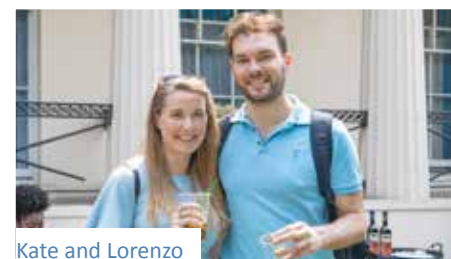


Goats on the Trip to Chartwell

Farewell BBQ



The concluding event was the **Farewell BBQ**, where food and friendship flourished, all under the perfect weather that blessed every day of the Reunion. A few concluding reflections as I look back on the 2018 Reunion.



Kate and Lorenzo



Goats enjoying the Farewell BBQ



Jany Gottraux, Salim Akbar, Yazdi Daruwalla and Pierre Gottraux

I think this was the best Reunion ever. The planning and execution of the program were superb. This did not happen by accident, and we all owe a great debt of gratitude to Jilly and all ISH staff, including her son, Ben. I also sensed a tremendous welcome from the new leadership at ISH.

As we heard of the major transitions underway at ISH, in the plans reviewed at the Chief Executive's Reception and Dinner, and at the AGM, my sense was that the House was in good hands, morale was high, and that commitment to the ideals and goals which inspired the founders of ISH and those who succeeded them, remains firm in the vision of the new leadership. This was the most satisfying impression that this old Goat was left with from the many events and enjoyments of the Reunion.

So I left ISH Monday with my suitcase packed, ready to stumble up and down the stairs of the London tubes, attracting assistance from strong, beautiful young women, enjoying postmodern dreams as I left for a wonderful week in Wales with my old ISH friend, Gwyn Price-Evans.

by George Egerton



Sirkka and Scholars enjoying the Farewell BBQ

A TALE OF TWO GOATS

By Aishwarya Saxena

I am writing this email to express my gratitude to have been able to attend the London meet up. I would also like to thank Peter and Ellenor for paying for my tickets as I am still a student and they did that for me and I cannot thank them enough for all that they have done for me.

It's been an eventful two weeks since the meet up as I was travelling from Edinburgh to Hamburg on a weekend getaway for the weekend after.

It happened so that I dropped my wallet and my Biometric Residence Permit and all the cash along with it during the first few hours in the German land. I went to the police and I was quite distressed and unhappy but then suddenly I remember meeting Christine Von Wedel, a Goats member during the weekend and she had given me her contact details during the supper. And so began an amazing bond.

I am still stuck here in Germany but I am happily staying here in Christine's house and she invited me in so warmly that I am overwhelmed and grateful and would really want to appreciate the connection I made during the weekend.

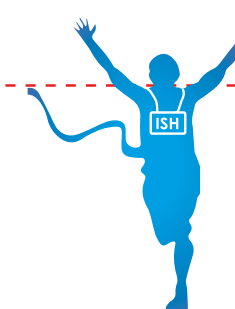
Editor's note: Aishwarya is now safe and well in Edinburgh.

LONDON MARATHON 2019

We are very excited that ISH has won a space for the 2019 London Marathon.

The runner will be announced soon...

Check on our website for updates: www.ish.org.uk



Goats on the Trip to Chartwell

GOAT AMBASSADORS...

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW ADDITIONS...



TRINIDAD
& TOBAGO

This is what I loved about my ISH experience. Some call it a hostel, but for me it became a home. The activities and events help, yes, but it's amazing how the love and warmth just automatically comes out of the woodwork once you step inside. From the office staff, to the residents, even the Duty Managers, who became a special source of comfort and friendship.

I return to ISH every time I am in London, just to see what familiar faces still roam the halls. I am still in touch with everyone I met there, and always make sure to let them know if I am in their area.

It is my pleasure to now serve as an Ambassador for this great organisation, so I may further advance the agenda of providing a place of comfort to international students in London.

I work in Human Resources at The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine campus in Trinidad and Tobago. Please feel free to reach out if ever in my area.

I lived at Mary Trevelyan Hall from August 2007 to August 2008. It was my first time living away from home. I am by nature an adventurous person, much to the trepidation of my mother. The newness of it all - the culture, the weather, and, most importantly, the mix of people from all over the world - were all exciting to me.

By the time reality and homesickness stepped in, I had already established a very supportive circle with a range of degrees of experience with being away from home for lengthy periods and particularly with settling into life in London.

THANK YOU

to Iqbal Jafferjee, Ambassador for Sri Lanka, and Jamalu Gillani, Ambassador for Kenya, who have recently retired as Goats Ambassadors.

Iqbal and Jamalu have been Goats Ambassadors for many years and we are very grateful for their support and contribution to Goats.

Please let the Goats Office know if you are interested in being an Ambassador for your region.



Jamalu Gillani
KENYA

RETIRED



Iqbal Jafferjee
SRI LANKA

RETIRED



KENYA

Melvin Obadha

I lived at Great Portland Street for a year while studying an MSc in Global Health and Development at University College London (UCL). It was the best time of my life.

ISH was a global community with residents from more than 100 nationalities. I made friends from all corners of the globe. From the United States to China, United Kingdom to Latin America, from the Caribbean to the South Pacific.

The diversity at ISH was amazing. It's enabled me to appreciate different cultures and helped me see things from an angle I never thought possible. I was able to network with brilliant residents and ISH members of staff.

For anyone planning to stay at ISH, don't think twice. You will experience the greatest days of your life. Sometimes, I wish I could do it all over again.

I am currently based in Kenya working in health research that aims to provide solutions to accessing health care without any financial hardships.

See the ISH website for contact information: www.ish.org.uk

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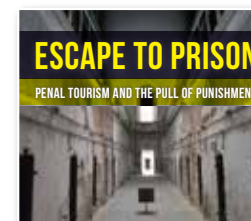
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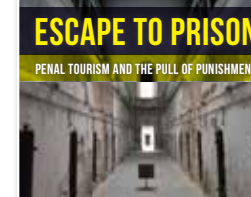
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GOATS REUNION INDIA

BY NEIL GLOVER

The afternoon of 8th October 2017 saw Martin, Ruth, Jilly, David and I meet at Terminal 5, Heathrow for flight BA 2057 to Delhi. It was 14 years since I had visited Mumbai on business. This time I was really hoping to see and learn much more about the country.

The uneventful flight landed at 8am and we were met by our host Vikram with pristine cars and smartly attired drivers. Being tall I sat in the front passenger seat of one car which exposed me to all the "excitement" of Delhi traffic. Cars, motorcycles, tuk-tuks, bicycles, dogs, goats and the odd cow approached from all directions, the vehicles all honking their horns. Welcome to India.

In between official visits over the next 13 days we visited the Red Fort and Gandhi's last home and site of his assassination in Delhi. We visited the Khan Market where we bought Indian attire for the reunions and where Jilly bought some earrings.

We enjoyed an evening trip for a Bollywood experience at the Kingdom of Dreams. We visited Agra where we toured the fort and Taj Mahal. We were very fortunate to have a private tour of the Palace of the Maharajah of Gwalior and saw a most amazing 3 ton silver carriage and huge banqueting table with a silver train set to carry the decanters.

In Mumbai we met fellow Goat Nandan Maluste, who led us on a tour of the city taking in the Haji Ali mosque, Banganga, the Malabar Hill Club, the synagogue and ended at the famous Trishna restaurant. Another Goat, Khushaal Talreja, arranged for a tour of the laundry and slums, quite an eye-opener, and then a twilight sail on a yacht to watch the Diwali fireworks.



We also visited several markets and shops where Jilly bought LOTS of earrings, now I was concerned she would exceed her return trip baggage allowance.

All our activities were superbly organised by Vikram, Nandan and Khushaal. We were never without comfortable and cool transport and there was always refreshment when we needed it.

We twice travelled to Gwalior by train, necessitating a very early rise, to visit the SKV Girls School, reputedly the best in India, and Vikram's alma mata, the acclaimed Scindia Boys school, located inside an enormous hill fort. At both schools we were entertained by the principals and given a tour. At the boys school we found the names of several Goats on the Roll of Honour. We were able to see the results of the students' excellent work. What was really impressive was the confidence, enthusiasm, politeness and behaviour of the students of both schools.

We were invited as special guests to both schools' Founders Day celebrations. At the boys school our cars followed the Maharajah of Gwalior's cavalcade through the town to the school. It seemed everyone in the town was out to cheer him on. Afterwards we were introduced to him and later he gave a very motivational speech to the gathering together with Mr Kunal Baht, the founder of Snapdeal, the Indian equivalent of Ebay. Both schools put on fantastic displays of music and dance and created wonderful open air settings for the events with lighting in the trees, colourful decorations, the vibrant costumes of the guests and superb food. Quite magical and never to be forgotten experiences.

One return journey to Delhi was by sleeper train. Vikram arranged our sleeping berths. Mine was an upper bunk which was very narrow and short, probably for a child. It was quite an effort to get into the bunk and when I did it was impossible to move and my head stuck out at one end and my feet the other, greatly amusing my fellow travellers. We visited the ISDI School in a modern Mumbai skyscraper. The school was established by Dr Indu Shahani to stimulate entrepreneurial skills. There was clearly great enthusiasm and

endeavour by the staff and students we met. We later enjoyed dinner at the Breach Candy Club with Dr Shahani and her husband, Ranjit.

The catalyst for our visit was the reunions to be held in Delhi and Mumbai. These were both splendid events. It was great to see so many old friends and to meet some Goats for the first time.

The Delhi Reunion was hosted by Vikram and Shobha at their home. Shobha had organised superb refreshment for the event and it was good to meet some of their family. Martin gave a presentation on the developments at ISH, the sale of MTH, and the plans to increase the number of scholars to well over 100. He also gave details of the Indian based ISH charity established to promote scholarships for Indian students. In Mumbai, part of a restaurant had been arranged for the reunion of around 20 Goats. Once again it was wonderful to see old friends and make new ones.

For our stay in Mumbai Nandan arranged for us to stay at the Royal Bombay Yacht Club located next door to the Gateway to India and opposite the famous Taj Mahal Palace Hotel. When we first arrived I was a little concerned because it looked so dated. Once inside I loved it. The place is a real throw back in time. The rooms were enormous and covered all the essential needs. The staff were impeccably dressed in maritime uniforms and were so helpful. It was a wonderful experience.

On 21st October it came time to leave India for our flight to London. Our bags were packed, Jilly's bursting with earrings. My cameras were full of thousands of photographs. My memory overflowed with so many wonderful scenes, people and colours and smells of this vibrant country.

The thing I most remember is the kindness of all the people to us visitors. If you haven't visited India you must go. Watching on TV does not come close to the real thing.

MINI REUNION AUSTRALIA

From top to bottom:

1. Lunch at Chris Collins house with Phil Wilson, 24 March 2018
2. Fred Hayes and Neil Glover at the Commonwealth Games
3. Dinner with Prof. Guy Marks, Sze Cheng and Rufina Cheng, 30th March
4. Lunch with Prof. John McNeil 21st March, Melbourne



GOATS REUNION MALAYSIA

BY RACHAEL ELLIOTT
Goats Vice President

This is a brief overview of the Malaysia Goats Reunion in Penang. It's not an account of the reunion events day-to-day. It is a series of thoughts considering what's good about attending reunions.

INTRODUCTION

What a thrill and an honour it was to join everyone at Golden Sands Hotel, where the foyer quickly became the base for everyone to gather at the end of the day to unwind, chat and laugh over two-three days in Penang. Goats really do keep the mission, values and vision of ISH alive. And what great company everyone was. This was the third overseas reunion that I have attended. The others were Amsterdam and Barcelona some years ago when accompanying Travel Club trips as an ISH staff member.

FRIENDSHIPS FORMED

Seeing the long-standing friendships that succeeded the reunion event was life affirming. Is there a better way to see the values of ISH in action than travel over great distances by Goats, spouses and companions to be with friends? One reunion member wasn't a resident at ISH when she was a student in the UK (she studied in Manchester). She came to know ISH by visiting her sister who was a student in London and resident at ISH. Not only did Eva Kironde travel from Lesotho and make time to be in Batu Ferringhi, it was friendship that moved her to attend a wedding anniversary party being given the following weekend for the parents of Gerry, Susan and Lynne Vincent. A finer exemplar of kindness and generosity across generations and continents it would be hard to find. And a compelling reminder of the impact that ISH has.

Recent graduate (summer 2017) Danielle Dickman also brought this element of commitment to life with her arrival in Penang on a rainy Friday evening after a busy working week in Kuala Lumpur.

SHARED STORIES

Most of the Goats able to join the reunion in Penang studied in London during the 1980's, residing at ISH during Bill Murray's tenure (one of several!) as Dean. Common interests, mutual support to face and overcome challenges in difficult times, good company, laughter and fun underlay many of the stories and recollections shared by Goats about their time in London.

Martin Chalker (ISH Chief Executive) set out in his vote of thanks to the organisers the future of ISH and how Goats continue to support that vision. Underlining the traditions of providing links and connections, warm welcomes and support amongst ISH country alumni and fundraising for future scholars.

MILES TRAVELLED

With the benefit of a beautiful backdrop of Penang, organizers, connectors, orators and musicians made sure that everyone was well supported. The reunion party also welcomed Goats Vikram and Shobha Mathur from India. Vikram will be familiar to very many Goats in his role as Governor of ISH. Vikram shared his experiences as a resident at Great Portland Street and during the early years of married life with Shobha in York Terrace East.

For fear of missing someone out, I'll keep my thanks to few names, other than the team led by country ambassador Nari Bhullar. The entire team in Malaysia ensured that the ISH and Goat visitors were kept entertained fed and fascinated throughout the days of the reunion. Very many thanks are due to everyone that worked hard to bring people together in Penang, including some who were unable to attend themselves.

CONCLUSION

Connecting with people is an integral part of the role of Goats Vice President and is borne in the DNA of card carrying Goats. Joining the reunion party in Penang showed that rekindling relations between Goats and ISH on their home turf is a worthwhile endeavor. I hope that future Vice Presidents feel inspired to join Goats Ambassadors at overseas and London reunions to further ISH and Goats objectives.



DISTINGUISHED GOATS OF AMERICA

As you may all know by now, we have established Friends of International Student House (London), Inc (FISHL), a 501(c)(3) charitable entity in the United States of America, three years back.

Our mission is to raise money, so that an economically challenged and bright American student can study at the School of Oriental and African Studies ("SOAS") in London for one year on the John Loeillo Scholarship and stay at International Students House ("ISH") while the person is studying at SOAS. FISHL is raising funds for free accommodation at ISH for the student who wins the John Loeillo Scholarship at SOAS. The student that wins this award must show both academic excellence and financial needs.

Our 2017-2018 scholar was Ms. Sherin Nassar, who studied International Development at SOAS and is now off to Harvard University. All of us at FISHL wish her all the best for her future studies at Harvard. The new 2018-2019 scholar is Cynthia Magallanes-Gonzalez, who will be studying Migration and Diaspora Studies at SOAS.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

Nelson Mandela once said.

With our present turbulent world, where people cannot distinguish between "real news" and "fake news" and where people are deeply divided and seem to have lost the ability to listen to each other rationally, we need good, able and educated people amongst us. To that end FISHL and ISH are doing their part by awarding scholarships to students to live at ISH while they are studying in London.

I also want to take this opportunity to congratulate the Chief Executive of ISH, Martin Chalker for his vision as he embarks on expanding the number of scholarships to 500 students worldwide who are in financial need.

They will stay at ISH while they study in London. This is a game changer. Thank you Martin and well done.

The mission of FISHL is to cover the accommodation cost for bright students in financial need. Therefore, on behalf of my fellow Board of Directors and myself, we request you to give whatever amount of funds you can contribute towards this goal.

[A gift of any amount is greatly appreciated]

YOU CAN PAY THROUGH THE FOLLOWING:

Paypal

One of the easiest ways to give a single gift to FISHL.

Just go to your PayPal account and send your donation to our American based email: ish@legacyhousing.org

Mail a Check to our Treasurer in Atlanta

Please send your check, payable to "Friends of ISH (London), Inc" to the Treasurer of FISHL at the following postal address:

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c/o Mr Brent Sobol, Treasurer
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Kalyan ("Kal") Das
President of
FISH(L) and Life
Vice President
of The Goats Club,
International
Students House



FISHL Director Darshak Shah (left) and his wife enjoying brunch with Kal Das (right) and his family



Last year's FISHL scholar Ms. Sherin Nassar with Kal Das and David O'Brien



NEW FISHL SCHOLAR



Cynthia Magallanes-Gonzalez

received her undergraduate Bachelor's degree in Sociology from Occidental College at Los Angeles, CA, USA.

As an undergraduate student, Cynthia had the opportunity to study abroad and conduct independent research on Sub-Saharan migrant/refugee women in Morocco. After her undergraduate education, she was a Fulbright student research grantee in Morocco conducting research on Sub-Saharan migrant activism.

Cynthia will be studying for a Master's in Migration and Diaspora Studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. Cynthia hopes to enter a PhD program in sociology, with the long-term goal of teaching at the university level.

FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE MARTIN CHALKER



September is here and another year has flown by! Shortly after taking up my post in 2017, I presented a paper called 'Creating the Future' looking to set out the direction of ISH for the next 5-7 years. In this paper I restated our vision:

'to provide an affordable home from-home for international and UK students, supported by a substantial scholarship / bursary programme to give opportunities to more disadvantaged students, and reinforced by a social and cultural programme to encourage international friendships.'

This has started to come to fruition. In 2016-2017, we had 43 scholarships. This 2017-2018 that number went up to 90, and in the upcoming 2018-2019 academic year this will grow to 115. In total in joint partnership this will be just under £5M worth of scholarships. I want to thank Dr Sharon Bolton and her team for all their hard work on this. One of these new scholarships will be in remembrance of Liz Ware, who passed away in January, and I think is a fitting tribute to an amazing lady.

In addition to an increase in scholarships, there has also been an increase in the number of events we host, the introduction of free breakfast every morning for all of our residents, and a complete rebranding of International Students House. All of the teams at ISH have worked so hard on improving our facilities to enhance the student experience. Our mission and values are being delivered every day, in more ways than I can mention, so thank you to all our students and staff who make ISH the place it is today, and will carry it into

the future. I also want to pay tribute to Dr Geoffrey Copland who is our current Chair, following Baroness Diana Warwick's departure last year. Geoffrey, who has been a member of the ISH Board of Governors for the past 18 years, took the helm while we looked for a new Chair. It also gives me great pleasure to announce that Ken Dytar will take up the role of Chair of ISH from September this year, and Geoffrey will be staying on the Board until he retires in May 2019.

UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS

As I mentioned we have had a busy year improving the facilities here at ISH: where to start? Firstly, we decided to upgrade and renew the Bar, now renamed 'The Thirsty Scholar'. This was officially opened by HRH The Princess Royal, Princess Anne on the 22nd March 2018, and is fitted with a pizza oven, café facilities, and all new furnishings. Then our kitchen, which needed a complete overhaul, was completed at the beginning of 2018, and allows our in-house caterers Baxter Storey to provide the best service for everyone. During the year, we started the project of upgrading all student bedrooms, which will continue over the course of 3 years. We also replaced all the bathrooms in our Great Portland Street building on every floor, and as one Governor stated 'they are hotel standard', which was our aim.

Many of you may have seen photos of the new lobby as you enter GPS, combining the two old receptions so we can see all guests who enter either door (we have opened up the 1 Park Crescent door as well). We have also replaced the toilets near the reception to reflect the high standard we want to portray within ISH.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

I had the pleasure this last year to visit the USA for the I-House Worldwide Conference in Washington, where I met with I-House Directors and senior staff from around the world. We are looking forward to the upcoming year where our American branch of International Students House, FISH(L), will benefit in increased support in fundraising for our next American scholar. With the support of loyal Goats Vikram Mathur and Nandan Maluste, I managed to visit

both Delhi and Mumbai to meet with Goats during the reunions they so kindly hosted. We had a fantastic experience in India, attending the Founders Days at the Scindia Schools and meeting with Indian Goats, some of whom had travelled for hours to join the reunion.

I also flew out to Malaysia, where I met with Dato' Soo Min Yeoh in Kuala Lumpur, and attended the Goats reunion in Penang organised by May Lee Lim, Nari Bhullar, and their committee. This was a multi-day reunion that brought together Goats and their partners from all over the world and we are grateful to our Malaysian Goats for coordinating such a successful event.



LONDON REUNION

One of my highlights of the year was the Goats Triennial London Reunion at ISH this summer. Many guests have remarked that this reunion was one of the best ones yet and I want to thank all ISH departments for their support and for welcoming over 100 Goats back to their home from home. After the Saturday trip to Chartwell in Westerham, my wife Ruth and I invited Goats to our home to enjoy a classic afternoon tea complete with scones, sandwiches, and of course Pimms. We had several scholars come along on the trip and it was a great opportunity for Goats and residents to chat and relax in our sunny garden.

I look forward to keeping in touch with Goats, and with the changing data protection laws, I hope that you will all opt-in to receiving emails from us. If you have not heard from us via email in a while, then you need to go to www.ish.org.uk/alumni and fill out the form and tick the box. Help us keep the herd together and also remember to follow us on our social media channels to see the latest news from Goats.

If you are in London, please drop by to visit ISH and come to say hello: My door is always open.

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SPECIAL TRIBUTES TO

Liz Ware

4 January 1927 – 20 January 2018



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Liz Ware played an instrumental part in the foundation of ISH and The Goats Club, and her powerful legacy ensures that our mission, and its spirit, will continue to be honoured at International Students House.

Earlier this year beloved former staff-member, Liz Ware, passed away. During the London Reunion, a large group of Goats gathered, alongside Liz's family, to pay tribute to an amazing woman. Here are some photos taken that day:



Emma, Liz Ware's niece



Gwyn Price Evans



David Anderson-Evans



Emma, Jilly, and Pauline, Liz's sister

"A strong, kindly, positive force for good. She encouraged others and gave them the strength to overcome obstacles."
– Richard Hooper, UK

"...always the glue, always the energy, always the intermediary, explainer-in-chief, manager of the unmanageable. I will miss Liz and treasure her memory for what she meant to this 'little lost goat.'"
– John Bohn, USA

"Liz was an angel of God's grace, when I most needed this."
– George Egerton, Canada

"I am sure she is reserved a special place in the after life. She certainly made the most of this one."
– Neil Glover, UK

"She was an inspiration to us all and made such a huge impact on so many lives from around the globe."
– Sue Phillips, UK

"She definitely touched many lives all over the world, I am proud to have known such a genuine, kind, intelligent and generous lady."
– Mehri Eghtessad, UK

"I feel a better person for having known her... she was such a gracious person and a positive influence on all who knew her."
– George Andrew, UK

"She left no efforts in making us feel at home. Always greeting us with a smile and offering a helping hand wherever so needed."
– Muhammad Ismail Mughal, Dubai

"A lovely soft spoken gracious person who had a patient ear for everyone. She was willing to help everyone who came in contact with her. She carried the mission of Mary Trevelyan of connecting with students across the world, networking and making them feel safe while they were at ISH."

– Vikram Mathur, India

"She was one of the few people who not only invited student, regardless of their nationalist, race or colour, for a cup of tea, but also to stay in her home. She was the life of ISH and embodied Mary Trevelyan's vision of how international students should be treated."

– Nizam Mohammed, Trinidad & Tobago/UK

"Liz was an amazing lady, always willing to help all students at the House and make them feel at home away from home."
– Jamalu Gillani, Kenya/Canada

All of the comments above are from a book of testimonials we had produced in her memory. If you would like a copy, email goats@ish.org.uk and let us know.



THE GOATS CLUB AND
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS HOUSE
REUNION
ELIZABETH ALICE WARE – LIZ
WITH LOVE AND GRATITUDE
12 February 2018

The Elizabeth Ware Scholarship has been started with a legacy left from Liz.

If you would like to donate to the Elizabeth Ware Scholarship fund, contact the Goats Office by email: goats@ish.org.uk or call 020 7631 8396

HRH THE PRINCESS ROYAL VISIT



THE OPENING OF THE THE THIRSTY SCHOLAR



**THIS SPRING 2018, ISH WELCOMED
A VISIT FROM OUR PATRON, HRH
PRINCESS ANNE, THE PRINCESS ROYAL**

With renovations of the ISH Bar recently completed, Princess Anne unveiled a mounted plaque and officially opened The Thirsty Scholar.

Princess Anne then visited the offices to meet with staff, chatted with Goats and Governors, and took a special interest in speaking with residents. Conversation flowed as Princess Anne asked about their nationalities, their studies, and what they especially enjoyed about ISH (a common answer was free breakfast!).



HRH opening The Thirsty Scholar



HRH laughing and smiling with Geoffrey Copland



HRH meeting some of the Goats



Dr Sharon Bolton and some of the residents



HRH meeting some of the students



HRH enjoying a chat with a group of students



HRH accepting her gift made by one of our Scholars



Proud of our Scholars: HRH with Dr Sharon Bolton, Dean of Student Life and Martin Chalker, Chief Executive



Geoffrey Copland introducing Princess Anne and saying a few words



HRH meeting the The Thirsty Scholar staff



A warm handshake for HRH



ISH's residents and members enjoyed a busy and varied social calendar in the academic year 2017/18, with a growing emphasis on student-led initiatives, not just from our Resident Advisors, but from any student who wanted to pitch an idea to the Events Team.

WELCOMES

We held our first large Welcome Evening of the year on Wednesday 20th September. This was an opportunity for new residents to meet returners, find out about Goats, and learn more about ISH. The following week was "Get to know your RA week", where each Resident Advisor held a floor party to meet the residents they were responsible for and encourage the formation of friendships among neighbours. This year ISH printed new door name signs with our new logo, the resident's name and nationality to help break the ice between people living on the same corridor. The greatest buzz at the beginning of the year was generated by the re-introduction of free breakfast for all residents – a great way to get people together at the beginning of their day.

SCHOLARS

Our Scholars' Welcome Reception is always one of my highlights of the year. In 2017/18 we had a total of 83 scholars in house, all benefitting from tuition fee waivers or discounts provided by their university or another partner, and free or subsidised accommodation at ISH. I want to highlight new partnerships with the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission, the UCL United World College Scholarships and the Karta Foundation, as well as the Royal College of Music. The latter added to our long-standing connection with the Royal Academy of Music and meant that we had a total of 9 accomplished music scholars in residence in 2017/18 (6 RAM and 3 RCM). The talent that we have been able to bring to London thanks to the scholarship programme has really made a difference to the House this year, not least to the Goats Team, who employed Musa Bwanali from Zimbabwe to assist with the 2018 London Reunion. We soon discovered Musa's amazing photography and graphic design skills, her hobbies while undertaking a Masters at SOAS in International Studies and Diplomacy. Another scholar from the University of the Arts, Ancel Daniel, an accomplished artist and sculptor from Guyana, created the most unique and amazing gift for our patron Princess Anne, when she visited the House in March 2018.



Scholars' Welcome Reception

MARY TREVELYAN HARDSHIP FUND

This year, the budget available for the Mary Trevelyan Hardship Fund increased to £30,000 and to date we have been able to assist with small awards in 44 cases of unexpected financial emergencies for ISH residents and members. We have also received grateful feedback from students who were helped by the fund last year: one Royal College of Arts recipient sent an invitation to a private view of the Annual RCA Work in Progress Show, while a UCL recipient wrote "I just want to go back and say many thanks for setting up the fund and administering awards. Even though 500 pounds does not cover the entire school or living expenses, it was still a lot of money and helped me not to become too stressed about my expenses. Actually, I finished my masters program with distinction (I think I ended up being in the top 15-20% of students in my faculty) and was admitted to Stanford University in the US for the PhD program. [...] Therefore, again, thank you so much for the award and for the vote of support and confidence in my financial situation. It made a difference in my educational career!"

REGULAR STUDENT EVENTS

Theme suppers were as popular as ever throughout the year, with over 120 residents gathering to celebrate Diwali in October, the Best of British in November, a Latin American theme in March, and ISH's Birthday Supper with Governors and Fellows in early May. Food, decoration and entertainment were spectacular on each occasion, with lots of appreciative feedback from our residents.



The Scholars of International Students House 2017-2018

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EXCITING NEWS! >> ISH wins!

The year came to an exciting close in September when ISH won The PIEoneer Award for the category "Accommodation Provider of the Year."



Our monthly ISH Concerts benefited greatly from the contributions of our music scholars and other resident musicians, including Julia Klimek, a Polish student from the Royal Academy of Music, who took the lead in organising these evenings with great style and professionalism.

Alexandra Petrache, one of our Resident Advisors, organised regular screenings of international films (including the Oscar-Winning Best Foreign Film, *A Fantastic Woman*, scripted by ISH Flats Resident, Gonzalo Maza). We have also enjoyed art evenings (exhibitions and life drawing, promoted by Resident Advisor Gemma Holzer), a new ISH Cooking Club and an ISH Football Team. There have been Banghra and Scottish dance classes, as well as a variety of Culture Club activities (Reggae night, Afternoon Tea Bus Tour, and a Manga Masterclass, to mention just a few) and regular group outings with the Theatre Club: to popular shows such as Aladdin, Anthony and Cleopatra, The Lion King and Harry Potter.

FLATS RESIDENTS

As well as enjoying a welcome reception, our Flats Representatives, Dave Blackman and Clare O'Keefe, organised Halloween trick or treating, a pre-Christmas lunch, and an Easter Egg hunt and tea party. We are particularly pleased that the ISH Family Flats have been selected as a finalist in the Best Specialist Accommodation category of the National Student Housing Awards 2018.



Residents at ISH's 53rd Birthday Dinner

TRAVEL CLUB

With a boost to the budget, in 2017/18 the Travel Club was able to go from strength to strength, not just in the number and variety of trips offered, but also putting more resources into promoting the programme to ensure that as many trips as possible were fully booked. Day-trip destinations included Oxford, Cambridge, Thorpe Park, Bath & Stonehenge, York, Leeds Castle & Canterbury, Cardiff Xmas Markets, Windsor & Eton (the day after the Royal Wedding) and the end of academic year outing to Royal Ascot. Weekend trips included Wales (adventure weekend), Edinburgh, Iceland, Berlin, Prague, Vienna and Amsterdam.

DAVIS PEACE PRIZE

The Davis Peace Prize awards \$10,000 to students to conduct a summer grassroots project that will contribute to global peace. The summer 2017 recipients did a great job of promoting the scheme when the 2018 call for applications was launched in November. Rohan Seth, reported on his project distributing solar chargers to women in rural parts of Rwanda, while Prerna Rathi spoke about Peace through Service for Leadership, which was her project to deliver workshops in refugee camps in Lebanon. This sparked a lot of interest among our residents, who are able to access this US-based initiative thanks to our links with the I-Houses in America.

By the January deadline, ISH submitted five project proposals from different residents and two were successful. Jun Hao Peh has already completed Project Illuminate: distributing solar-powered lights to Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazaar, Bangladesh. Sukriti Gupta will spend a week delivering personal safety workshops for women and children in India, to create safer neighbourhoods for the urban poor.



Our scholars and The Dean of Student Life who volunteered to help at the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch

ISH AT CHRISTMAS

As usual, ISH excelled at Christmas, with a variety of activities: in early December, we held an Arts Workshop where residents decorated mini Christmas trees and drank mulled wine and chilli hot chocolate. Our Annual Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch was again a great success with 120 attendees. They were served a two course Christmas meal kindly donated by our caterers, Baxter Storey. The guests enjoyed playing Bingo, singing Christmas Carols and sharing stories with our staff and student volunteers. This year we raised over £2500 in donations, with thanks to all who contributed.

Our Resident Advisors hosted creative Christmas events such as Jada's Jumper Party where students gathered in the MTH Common Room to design personalised Christmas jumpers whilst sampling mince pies and mulled wine. Another RA took residents out ice-skating at Somerset House. December's Theatre Club trip was to Matthew Bourne's *Cinderella*, while the Travel Club organised an outing to Winter Wonderland as well as a New Year's Eve Boat Party. On Christmas Day we catered for a record number of 130 residents, students from member universities, and guests (including some Goats) and, in true ISH tradition, a good time was had by all.

TRAVEL CLUB

EXPLORING TOGETHER

This year Travel Clubbers jetted off to several popular international destinations including: **Iceland, Berlin, Barcelona, Prague, and Lisbon.**

They explored some UK sites such as Cambridge, Bath, Edinburgh, and Wales, and also enjoyed local events like Royal Ascot and various football matches.



Craft Beer Tasting in Prague



Fascinat-ing views of our Travel Clubbers attending the Royal Ascot



Exploring Shakespeare's home in Stratford-upon-Avon



Drinking traditional gluhwein (mulled wine) at the Berlin Christmas Market



Our Travel Clubbers joining a Traditional Czech Festival in Prague



Travel Clubbers having fun in Prague



Punting down a canal in Cambridge

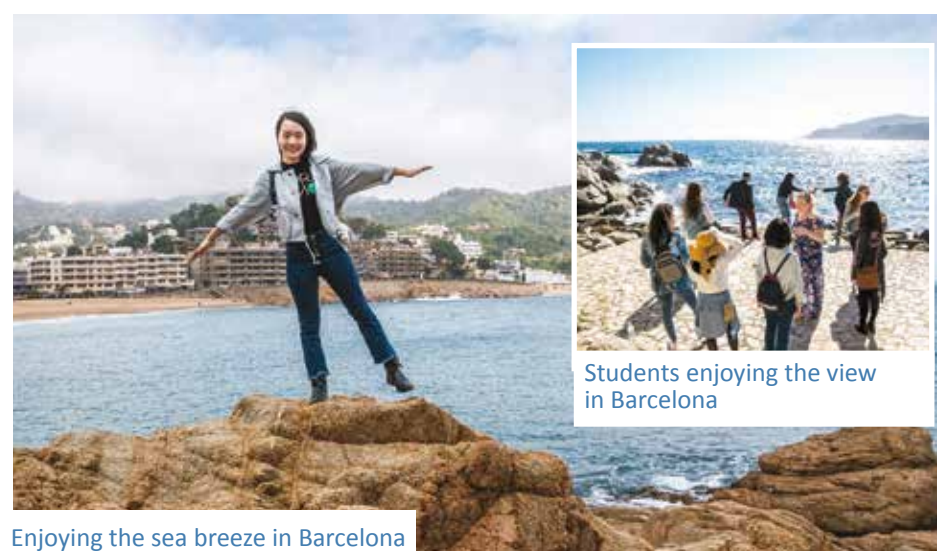
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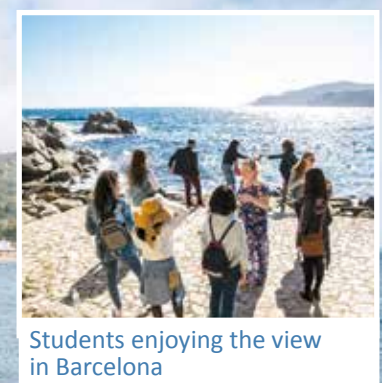
Trip to Windsor - a day after the Royal Wedding



Weekend Trip to Edinburgh, first stop Edinburgh Castle



Enjoying the sea breeze in Barcelona



Students enjoying the view in Barcelona



Having fun on the weekend trip to Berlin



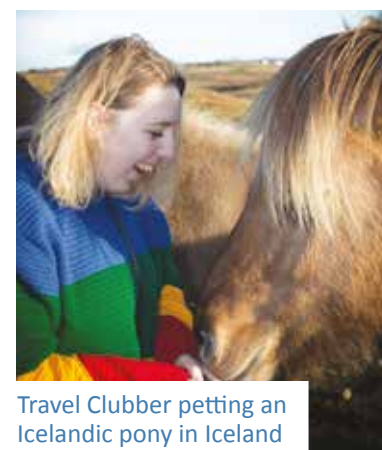
Excited to go on the world's longest and tallest tunnel slide - The Arcelor Mittal Orbital Slide in Stratford East London



Getting ready for the kayaking weekend adventure in Wales



Cooking spring rolls at School of Wok to celebrate Chinese New Year



Travel Clubber petting an Icelandic pony in Iceland



Taking the perfect picture at Stonehenge



Cooking pancakes for Pancake Day



Christmas Jumper Making at Jada's Jumper Party



Culture Clubbers enjoying a traditional afternoon tea on board the classic routemaster bus

RESIDENTS ENJOYED A VARIETY OF CULTURAL EVENTS INSPIRED FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.

Cultural EVENTS



Cooking fresh pizza at The Thirsty Scholar



Chinese Tea Tasting session at Chillax



Culture Clubbers attending a VIP Burlesque Class and Show



Learning how to draw Manga characters at the Manga Masterclass



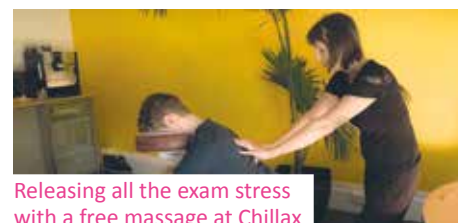
Free manicures as part of the Chillax event



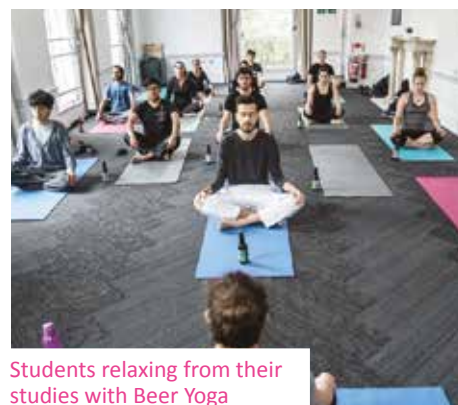
Drink & Draw Event - drawing life size models



Free haircut for men at Chillax

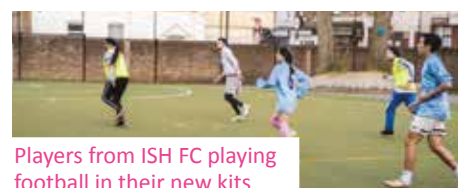


Releasing all the exam stress with a free massage at Chillax



Students relaxing from their studies with Beer Yoga

A Thai cooking course, a Burlesque studio visit and class, a molecular masterclass, a Claddagh dancing workshop, and of course all of the themed suppers throughout the year.



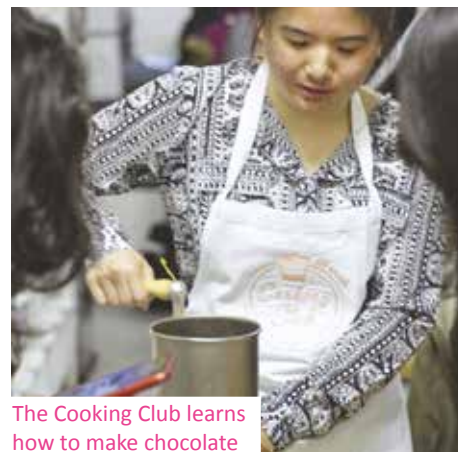
Players from ISH FC playing football in their new kits



Learning how to ceilidh at the Scottish Dance Night



Culture Clubbers making their own cocktails at TT Liquor



The Cooking Club learns how to make chocolate



The ISH Professional Springboard

A networking event with alumni sharing knowledge and experience of their chosen industry and for students to receive career advice and seek insights into employment trends.

Each year, The Goats Club hosts Tips, The ISH Professional Springboard, a careers event that grants residents and Goats the opportunity to meet and sit down to discuss professional opportunities.

Goats are able to offer advice and share their experiences in their careers while students are able to network with professionals on a personal level.

The evening began with a panel of 4 Goats taking general career questions from the floor. We then moved onto round table discussions with residents and Goats matched in their discipline. Some of these themed tables included banking, marketing, music, engineering, auditing, psychology, film, public health and policy, and international development. The event concluded with a food and drinks reception.

We were thrilled that so many students attended the event and grateful that many Goats dedicated time from their busy schedules to support our residents' goals.

Thank you all who attended. See you next time on Wednesday 28th November.



Feedback comments from Residents:

"Gave me a sense of direction of how what I'm doing could translate into practice."

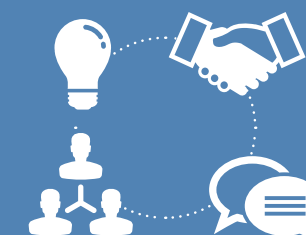
"The Goats alumni were very approachable and shared a lot of practical experience."

"On a personal level it was helpful as I was able to get some good insights on how to present yourself and your work during any interview."

"I liked the overall networking opportunity with goats and other ISH residents. Plus the food!"

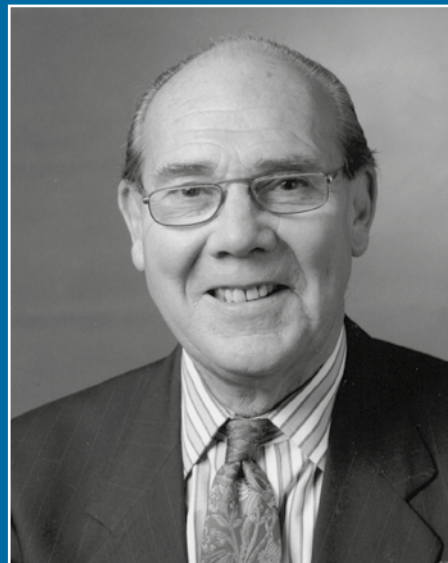
Next event date:

Wednesday 28th November 2018



OBITUARIES

In the last year International Students House has lost three senior retired members of the Board of Governors. Their work on the Board overlapped for many years and they all played a very significant and crucial role in the history of the House.



“Michael Day, David Lawman and Andrew Tennant as past Governors, directly intervened in the running of the House when it began to fail in the early 90’s and were responsible along with other active Governors in saving the charity. Without their intervention the House would not exist today.

I have been privileged to have worked with all three outstanding individuals.”

by Peter Anwyl
Executive Director 1993 - 2016

Professor Michael Day

Michael had a long academic career culminating as a Professor of Anatomy at St Thomas’s Medical School, University of London where he also held a very high position in the overall management of the Medical School.

He was the author of a number of books and publications including *Fossil History of Man*.

Michael was elected to the Council of Governors in 1983 and later became the Chairman at the beginning of the 90’s.

He served as Chairman for over a decade and retired as a Governor in 2001 when he was appointed as a Vice President until his death this year.

In December 1992 the Annual Accounts were presented to the AGM showing a loss of almost 300,000 pounds and in the circumstances it was agreed that drastic action was required in order to save the House from impending financial disaster.

It was agreed to appoint a new Director and that management consultants be hired and that Michael would become, in effect an executive Chairman aided by another Governor, David Lawman, until the new Director was appointed and started. This process took around 9 months when Michael, assisted by David, worked full time to lay the foundations of change and modernisation.

A new Director (Peter Anwyl) started in September 1993 and was given the clear instruction to continue this work. Michael continued as Chair for the rest of the decade and oversaw the success of the House. He continued attending meetings of the Governors as an active and experienced Vice President. Peter attended Michael’s 90th birthday party last year.

His work as executive Chairman in 1993 saved the House and set it on a new direction for success.

Michael passed away in June 2018 at the age of 90.



David Lawman

David Lawman had a very successful career in the private sector culminating as Chair of the Prestige Group, a major manufacturer of electrical appliances.

He was appointed as a Governor to the House in 1983. He remained on the Board until 2002 when he was appointed an Honorary Fellow. In addition, he continued to serve on the Finance and General Purposes Committee (F&GPC) for a further four years.

David had great financial expertise and this was particularly put to the use of the House when he was asked to assist Michael Day in the critical period from Dec 1992. He worked almost full time for a nine month period in partnership with Michael Day.

Together with Michael and other supporting Governors, such as Roy Rohatgi, Sushil Vadehra and Andy Tennant, they laid the basis for successful change which continues today.

David lived in Eaton Square, Westminster for over 50 years and he passed away in November 2017 at the age of 96.



Andrew Tennant

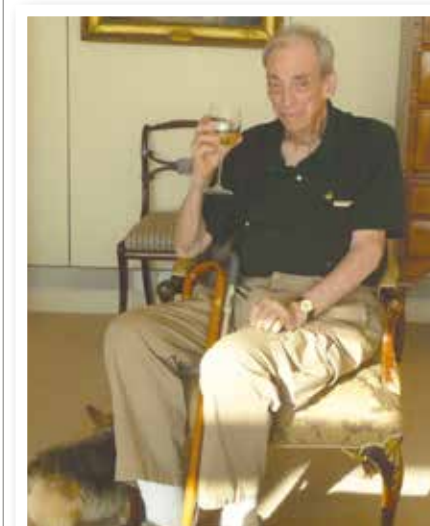
Andy, as he was known to everyone, was from a distinguished Scottish family and after studying at Eton School served in the Scots Guards as an officer from 1945 to 1948.

He had a career in financial services in London but retained a family home in Aberdeenshire until his death.

He joined the Council of Governors at the founding of the House in 1965. He served for many years as the Chair of the F&GPC of the House and remained as an active member of the Board until 2001 when he was appointed as an Honorary Fellow.

He was a very well respected and senior member of the Board and was responsible for recruiting his close friend, David Lawman, onto the Board. He was part of a team of Governors who rescued the House in the early 90’s.

He passed away in March this year just short of his 90th birthday.



Fred and Steve would travel to London every summer and we would always meet up for a jolly dinner in my flat or Odins in Marylebone. Fred was a Librarian by profession and had a very strong faith and was a long term member of a church in the Village area of NYC. Fred also had a fascinating lineage in that his family had links to The Founding Fathers and the American Revolution.

Fred Pattison was kind, funny and a joy to be around. He was also very generous and made regular donations to Goats and International Students House. Fred and Steve were regular attendees at the Goats reunions in London and never missed the opportunity to meet old and young Goats.

Frederick Pattison

It is with great sadness that I write about my dear friend Fred Pattison who died on 9 September 2017 at the age of 87. Fred was one of the original members of the Goats Club and knew and worked with the Goats and International Students House founder, Mary Trevelyan.

I first met Fred and his long time partner Steve Dimon during an Alumni trip to New York City in the early 90’s where they lived. We had a great time and they introduced all of us to great haunts in the Village and other very interesting places in the Big Apple.

The last time we met up was at the Goats Reunion in June 2015 which was a celebration of the 50th anniversary of International Students House. Although he was in poor health, he took part in almost all the activities.

Fred exemplified the values of ISH and Goats. I will miss his visits, great company and infectious laugh and our thoughts are with Steve during this difficult time.

by Kevin Coyne
Dean of Students (1992-2015)



Mr Ghulam Mohammed Master

Mr Master sadly died at the end of November last year. He was 92.

Roomi, his daughter, rang Jilly especially to thank ISH for all the friendship and kindness that had been shown to him over the years.

ISH meant a lot to him. He lived here in 1968. The last time he came to ISH was to the HRH Garden Party 2 years ago with Roomi. They both had a great time. Since then his health gradually declined and he died peacefully.

It is quite a testament to ISH and its influence, extending through nearly 50 years, that his daughter would make a call the day after her father died to thank all the staff who had made her father so welcome over the years.

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Paramita Kar & Christina Georgiou



Jilly, Akansha Wadhvani & Dr Sharon Bolton



Andrew and Wendy Fung-Liu with Jilly Borowiecka



Koji, Jilly Borowiecka & Khin Yee Lo



Ihsan Abushowayb & Takashi Kikuchi



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Henri's friend, Mukhtarr Darboe, Kevin Coyne & Henri Vlahovic



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International Students House

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