



The RLS Club was formed in 1920 by those who had known Stevenson and who wanted to care for his memory.

The Club's main objective is 'to foster interest in Stevenson's life and works'. Since 1920 this has been met by exhibitions, lectures, readings, literary competitions, and the maintenance of the first Edinburgh RLS Museum at his birthplace (8 Howard Place) from 1925 to 1964 when the Club's collection of RLS memorabilia was transferred to the City of Edinburgh's Writers' Museum in the Lawnmarket.

Since 1920, the Club has held an annual RLS Dinner or Lunch at which literary and public figures such as Walter de la Mare, John Buchan, J.B. Priestley and Ludovic Kennedy have spoken.

In 1985, on the Centenary of *A Child's Garden of Verses*, the Club launched an international appeal which raised funds

- to create a memorial to RLS in West Princes Street Gardens in Edinburgh — designed by the Scottish artist-poet Ian Hamilton Finlay in the form of a coppice of birch trees round a simple stone column, this memorial was inaugurated in 1989.
- to endow the RLS Memorial Trust to help children with respiratory diseases — a 'living memorial'.

In 1994 the Club played an important part in the Centenary of the death of RLS, when the writer was celebrated in a host of events in many countries.

In 2000 the Club marked the 150th anniversary of the birth of RLS with events and the publication of a *Birthday Book*.

The Club currently organises events throughout the year and publishes the *RLS Club News* three times a year. Whenever possible, the Club arranges additional benefits for Members, such as discounts on RLS-related purchases.

The Club, which has members world-wide, has close links with the RLS Club of Monterey, California, and is twinned with the Association sur le Chemin de RLS in the Cevennes, France.

The Club is always eager to welcome new members, whether beginners or established enthusiasts, so that enjoyment of his writing will be maintained and enhanced wherever and whenever possible.

THE ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON CLUB

Application for Membership

Please enrol me as a Member:

	Junior Membership (up to age 16)	£ 6.00 pa
	Annual Membership	£ 30.00 pa
	Annual Overseas Membership single/dual	£ 35.00 pa
	Dual Membership (spouses/partners)	£ 35.00 pa
	School/Club Membership	£ 35.00 pa

I enclose payment for the subscription ticked.

Mr/Dr

Signature
Date
Full name and title
Address
Tel:
Email:

Please consider completing the Gift Aid Declaration Form overleaf to enable the Club to reclaim tax on subscriptions paid.

The membership Year runs from 1st October to 30th September.

Members joining during year should pay in advance £2.50 (dual/overseas £3) for each month of membership up to 30th September.

Please make cheques payable to 'The RLS Club' and send to the Membership Secretary:
Dr Dora Cossar,
65/2 Sassoon Grove, Edinburgh, EH10 5FB.
Email: rlsmembership@gmail.com

Or pay by BACS and inform Membership Secretary.

Bank details

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