



THE OLD RUSSELLIANS NEWSLETTER

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The objectives of The Old Russellians are:

- To keep Old Russellians in touch with one another
- To organise social and sporting events
- To publish a regular newsletter
- To keep Old Russellians informed on all matters of interest regarding the school



DIARY DATES

FULL DETAILS OF ALL FUTURE EVENTS CAN BE FOUND AT:

<http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/Events/index.php>

Saturday 2nd April: O.R. Footie and Mixed Hockey Tournaments
The movie clip from last year's event can be viewed at the above address, then go to: Events 2010.

Saturday 21st May: Biennial Reunion Family Day with Cricket & Rounders
Friday 10th June: Riverside Reunion at The Old Thameside Inn on Bankside - for everyone - no need to book!

Sunday 6th November: Fireworks Display and Fun Fair
Friday 25th November: Winter Reunion - Buffet Supper

Friday 9th December: O.R. v RRS Basketball

Sunday 11th December: RRS Carol Service



FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND THE WEBSITE



The O.R. website is part of RRS website and can be found by entering the following address into the address bar, or by using a search engine such as Google. http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/Old_Russellians/

Once you are in our pages the most looked at areas are as follows: Events, Connecting with Old Russellians, Newsletters, Announcements and the Archive pages which hold stories from O.R.s themselves and the school's history.

The website is updated as and when new material becomes available either after events or when we are contacted by O.R.s themselves with interesting articles.

Please feel free to email Sue. The website is only as good as the information we receive!!

VISIT BY HRH EARL OF WESSEX



Pictured above are His Royal Highness with Dr Jennings (left) and with Rev Steve Padfield and Head Prefects, Amy McCarthy and Ben Henning (right).

Royal Russell School is extremely proud of its long history of Royal patronage. It was, therefore, a great pleasure to welcome His Royal Highness Prince Edward, The Earl of Wessex, to open our wonderful new Performing Arts Centre. The full article with photos and movie clip can be viewed here: http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/latest_news/HRH_Prince_Edward_Opens_Performing_Arts_Centre_-_December_2010.

O.R. VISITS



This photo is of Quentin Wainwright in Oxford House pointing towards his elder brother's name as a former Head of House. Quentin was a foundationer from 1963-1970 and must have been one of the last to be given a leaving case (shirts, pants, socks etc) when he left school. More info at: http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/Events/Recent_Visits.php

CCF 150TH ANNIVERSARY

MATERIAL REQUIRED FOR TIME CAPSULE TO BE BURIED AT THE FAMILY DAY ON 21st MAY. ITEMS CAN BE SENT TO COLIN LEGGATT OR JULIA POWELL



Pictured above left are Keith MacGowan (1971-1978), Julia Powell, and Nigel Smith (1973-1977). Above right are: Julian Edwards, Adrian Edwards and Murdo Urquhart at Speech Day in 1975.

The School's recent biennial inspection was celebrated alongside the 150th anniversary of the Cadet Force. The CCF contingent welcomed back Old Russellian, now reviewing Officer Colonel Keith MacGowan to oversee the inspection. During a spectacular ceremony, they were presented with a banner from the Deputy Lord Lieutenant for Croydon, Colonel Ian McRobbie with the school's colours and on the same day the contingent also changed their cap badge to the Royal Yeomanry. The biennial inspection lasted throughout the day, beginning with a Guard of Honour accompanied by a traditional military marching band. The full article and photos can be found at: http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/latest_news/Combined_Cadet_Force_Annual_Inspection_and_Royal_Yeomanry_Concert_-_November_2010.php

We are still in need of any memorable stories and photos of your time in the CCF. Items can be emailed to us or sent into school. Original photos will, of course, be returned to you.

O.R. STORIES

http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/O_R_Stories/index.php



Please click on this link to see what fashion designer and O.R. Sue Stemp (1980-1985) is doing now. Her website is: <http://www.suestemp.com>. *Sue is pictured here with her daughter.*

Jonathan Buckle (1954-1961) recently wrote to us having found film footage of life at Russell Hill in the 1920s. This is from the British Pathé website. Jonathan also sent us an article about his time at Russell Hill in the 1950s.

Chris Gough (1951-1955) sent us the School Rules from 1945 which have now been reproduced for the website, in the Archives section under Archived O.R. Stories/1940s
Elaine Cotterell (née Campbell, formerly Edwards) (1954-1961) has sent us her article which was used in a former newsletter and is now on the website.

CONDOLENCES

GEORGE SIDNEY BILLY GRAY (at school 1933-1940) died on 3rd December 2010, aged 87.

PANAYOTIS XENOPHON BOULOUS (at school 1974-1981) died recently, aged just 47.

We would like to offer the families of these Old Russellians our heartfelt condolences at this very sad time. More information can be found on the website: http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/announcements/In_Memorial.php

PLEASE CONTINUE TO GIVE US YOUR NEWS AND PHOTOGRAPHS!

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