



THE OLD RUSSELLIANS NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2015

Please see below all the forthcoming O.R. events to which you will be invited by text and email. All of these are free of charge!

Saturday 21st March 2015: Annual O.R. 7-A-Side Footie organised by Mr Steve Greaves to be held on Top Pitch from 1pm

Saturday 9th May 2015: O.R. Marathon/Half Marathon and Dinner Dance in aid of Teens Unite Fighting Cancer

Saturday 16 May 2015: O.R. Biennial Reunion to be held at RRS

Sunday 15th June 2015: The London Loop Charity events for Teens Unite conclude with an exciting programme at RRS.

Friday 19 June 2015: Riverside Reunion to be held at The Anchor on Bankside from 7-9pm - CALLING ALL MADDEN BOYS!

O.R. BIENNIAL REUNION - SATURDAY 16 MAY 2015



A fun filled day of activity for all the family, including a short Chapel service, a reception at the Headmaster's House, a lovely school dinner (you need to see it to believe it!), tours of the school, a performance by current students, activities on Lime Tree Quad, and high tea to end the day. We are particularly offering this to the 1980s and Noughties leavers, but all are most welcome to attend. Further information about the day will be sent out in the next few weeks.



TEENS UNITE FIGHTING CANCER

Sadie France (at RRS from 2003-2009) was diagnosed with Stage 4 Ovarian Cancer at just 23 years old. Sadie supports the charity 'Teens Unite Fighting Cancer' and Royal Russell has adopted this as the School's charity for 2015. With this in mind, the school is organising many fundraising events, including biking/walking/running the 24 sections of the London Loop, culminating in a weekend of events on 13/14 June.



On 9th May there will be an O.R. Half Marathon/Marathon followed by an 80s Dinner Dance in the evening. Contact nrocca@royalrussell.co.uk. On 13/14 June there will be a 'Legends Race' around the challenging school cross country course together with a family fun run/walk around the course. Contact cdear@royalrussell.co.uk. Martin Tanner will be organising a 'Zip and Slip': A zip wire from the top of Chapel Tower (min sponsorship £100) and a slip down Cambridge Slope on a water slide. Contact mtanner@royalrussell.co.uk. On Saturday evening there will be a BBQ and entertainment on Chapel Quad. Prizes for the Grand Raffle and offers for the Auction would be much appreciated. An email with further details of the events will follow in the next few weeks. In the meantime, you might like to look at these sites:

<http://londonloopchallenge.co.uk> <http://teensunitefightingcancer.org/?p=9082>

Sadie's latest Youtube clip: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ol6rOzu724>

SOLO TO THE SOUTH POLE 2015

Timmy Garrett (at school 1972-1977) is raising public awareness of facioscapulohumeral Dystrophy (FSHD) and will embark on a solo



route to the South Pole from Antarctica and back in November 2015. Only 23 people have successfully completed this solo route. Timmy will be enduring extreme cold, isolation and deprivation of creature comforts. More about this and how you can help him here: http://www.sedhealth.com/?page_id=442

CALLING ALL MADDEN 'BOYS'



Martin Tanner stands down as Madden Housemaster this summer after 30 years!!! He is NOT retiring yet, but would love to see as many of his old Madden boys as possible at The Anchor on 19th June, where there will be a photo call at 9pm!! He'll also buy you a drink! How can you possibly turn down this once in a lifetime offer?

AGM & COMMITTEE NEWS

On Saturday 29th November (preceding the RRS Christmas Fair) the Committee and members of The Old Russellians met for the AGM. The new Rules 2014 were passed at this AGM and two new committee members were voted in. The new Rules can be found here: http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/uploads/1/Rules_-_2014_3.pdf The new committee members are: Kirstie Eden (at school 2001-2008) and Ian Walsh (at school 1973-1975).

BEQUESTS

A number of Old Russellians have asked for clarification regarding bequests to benefit the school and its pupils. Should you wish to bequeath a donation please make this bequest to: "The Old Russellians". For further administrative assistance, please contact the Clerk to the Governors, Mr Danny Neely, at the school.

HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



The Headmaster's weekly newsletter is available to upload from the website, details below. This will keep you updated about the current events in and around the school. Should you wish to receive this as a weekly email, please get in contact with us and we will add your email address to our distribution. <http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/headmaster-newsletter-royal-russell/index.php>

BASKETBALL



At this year's O.R. v RRS basketball tournament, the O.R.s won 58-49. Tsidi was the top scorer for the O.R.s who had a very strong side, pictured above left to right: Alex Stathapoulos, Dave Hughes, Tsidi Dagadu. Brian Moore, Jack Wong, Dave Jewiss, Daniel Gordon, Maxwell Chen, Jason Chen, George Kuo, Jeremy Chen.

VISITS



On Friday 14th November, we were extremely pleased to welcome back Nathan Brown, Old Russellian, who talked to our Year 11 pupils about the importance of languages in the professional services and global economy. Nathan left Royal Russell in 2009 after studying French, English and Geography at A level. He then went on to study at the prestigious LSE University.

A Visit from Desmond Fitzgerald (husband of Eileen Sarll at school 1937-1946) Desmond Fitzgerald and his son Roger visited the school to look up information on Desmond's wife and uncle. They can be seen here with the registers that gave them



details of their registration. Eileen, Desmond's wife spent the war years at Ballards before returning to Russell Hill to complete her education. The uncle left school in 1905 and is listed on the Debenhams Award board in school.



Alfred Cheng and Cristina Chan Wan met at RRS as students in 2003 and were married in 2014. Alfred and Cristina visited school in October 2014.

It was with great pleasure that Monica Popa-Toolontan accepted our invitation to speak to our Year 9 group on the importance of learning languages in our society and in a global market. Monica is Romanian and boarded at the school, leaving in June 2011 after studying French, Spanish and Media Studies at A Level. She achieved excellent results in her A levels and went on to study at the University of Royal Holloway. See website for more!



WHERE 'R' THEY NOW?



Inspiring young footballers: Palace fan Ben White

This term's 'R' school newspaper features Old Russellian, Ben White, who left RRS in 1997. Current Year 13 pupil, Harvey Jones, has written an account of Ben's world since leaving school. This can be downloaded from the website here: http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/uploads/1/Where_r_they_now_-_Ben_White_1.pdf A partially sighted and deaf student, Ben speaks highly of the support of staff during his time at school.

REMEMBRANCE EVENTS AT RRS

This year the school ran a live link to Great Hall for those we could not squeeze into Chapel for the Sunday Remembrance service. The Act of Remembrance at the Memorial Garden was then held at the top of Cambridge Slope, when the wreaths were laid at our War



Memorial on behalf of the school, the O.R.s and the CCF.

On Tuesday 11th November the whole school community were able to mark Remembrance Day with a gathering at the Memorial Garden and observation of two minutes of silence. The Poppies, which were made by each member of our school community were planted in the Memorial Garden and on Lime Tree Quad in remembrance of those Russellians who lost their lives in the First World War. This event provided a focus for all of us to reflect on those who gave their lives in the service of their country.

OLD RUSSELLIANS GOLF SOCIETY



The ORGS founded by Adrian Edwards already has 20 members and will hold its first tournament at Farleigh Golf Club in May/June. If you would like to join please contact: adrianedwardsorsecretary@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Madaliso and Shauna (at school 1999-2004) on the safe (and very early) arrival of baby Xavier, who was born almost 10 weeks early on the 11th October.

CONDOLENCES

In December 2014 we learned of the sad death of Brian Michael Leavey (at school 1953-1961) who passed away in October 2013. His friend, Andrew Pengelley's eulogy can be found here: http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/announcements/In_Memoriam.php

We were also very saddened to hear of the sudden death of Richard Szuman (pictured right) on 29th December 2014. He joined the school in 1967 and retired in 1993. He was Head of Biology and a very respected and popular Housemaster of St Andrew's House.



PLEASE CONTINUE TO GIVE US YOUR NEWS AND PHOTOGRAPHS!

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