



THE OLD RUSSELLIANS NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2010

There are many new and exciting events being added to the O.R. Calendar and we would love to see you at some of these. The Old Russellians' committee is keen that we include ALL Old Russellians when organising events and this is achieved by running a wide range of parties throughout the year and not just in the UK! Please see the website for full details of events. Below is a list of dates for your diaries:

Saturday 27th March: O.R. Footie and Mixed Hockey Tournaments - see details on website for playing or spectating

Friday 11th June: Riverside Reunion at The Old Thameside Inn on Bankside - for everyone - no need to book!

Tuesday 26th October: Hong Kong Reunion - a drink or two in Lan Kwai Fong for all O.R.s and their families

Friday 26th November: Annual Dinner at The Chateau Restaurant by popular demand (preceded by AGM for those interested)

Monday 13th December: 31 Years of Basketball at RRS - a new annual event - drinks and buffet afterwards

May 2011 (date tbc): Biennial Reunion with PWG Memorial Cricket Match and JAC Memorial Rounders Match

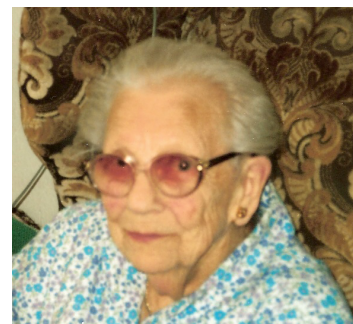
THE O.R. TIE

The brand new Old Russellians' tie is available to order from Julia Powell at the very affordable price of £15 each to include postage and packing. The tie has been designed exclusively for Old Russellians and is hand made in pure silk. Please use the form on the website in the Message Board if you would like to order a tie.



MARY RICHARDSON (aged 105)

The Old Russellians receive a lot of requests for information about family members who were at the school, but this one particularly caught our eye. It was a vivid account of her school days by a lady, now 105 years old and still perfectly able to put pen to paper and produce a very interesting article. This can be found in the Features page of the website.



Above Left: Mary in her school uniform in 1915
Above Right: Mary at 103 years young!

VISIT BY COWAN JAMIESON



Pictured left is Cowan at school in 1955 and right is Cowan today



Cowan writes:

"Driving along the M25 recently, I suggested to my wife that we turn off to Addington and see what had happened to my old school! In 1972 I had read in the Telegraph that the school was closing and, since then, I have made no attempt to contact anyone regarding this. We did have a little difficulty recognizing Ballards Way and Gravel Hill but eventually we came across the sign, Royal Russell School!!! It was of great surprise and delight to find a thriving school, with new buildings under construction and old buildings in good order. No 'Bug's 'Ole', but new wings in classic style. We received an enthusiastic welcome from Mr and Mrs Tanner and will now make every effort to renew some old acquaintances."

O.R. DINNER 2009



Another great O.R. event, with many people eating, drinking and merry making at The Chateau Restaurant in Coombe Lane. £180 was raised by John Piggin for his forthcoming cricket and netball tour to Barbados in 2010. Brian Angel was speechless when awarded the

well-deserved title of Honorary Life Member and was presented with an engraved pen set. A good time was had by all, and the last remaining customers were still propping up the bar at 1am - kicking out time!!

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

MORE SNOW!

The winter came back early in 2009 and on 18th December (the last day of term) RRS closed again. The UK had a white Christmas and the green grass didn't show up again for quite some time. We received this message from Brian Angel (1938-1947) during a very snowy January 2010: COLD? WHAT COLD? See website for this article in Photo Gallery!

CONDOLENCES

NORMAN CURTIS (St. Andrew's House, at school 1932-1942) died on 22 September, aged 83. His funeral in London was attended by a large circle of his friends, including Old Russellians and directors of Whitbread, Bass and other world brewing industries. "The Times" obituary was written by Old Russellian Angus McGill.

JOHN MALCOLM ADAMS (St Andrew's House, at school 1948-1952) We were very sorry to hear from Stuart Adams (1946-1950) that his brother, John, died on Sunday 17th January 2010, after a long battle against cancer. He had been married to Elizabeth for almost 50 years; they had one daughter and two sons. John was a member of the Halle Orchestra in Manchester where he spent 18 years as Principal Viola. GREGORY HEAD (Keable House, at school 1996-2000) AIZATI AZIZ (Reade House, at school 1990-1994) As we go to press, we hear the very sad news that these two young O.R.s have recently died.

We would like to offer the families of all these Old Russellians our heartfelt condolences at this very sad time. More information can be found on the website.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO GIVE US YOUR NEWS AND PHOTOGRAPHS!

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