



THE OLD RUSSELLIANS NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2012

Please see below all the forthcoming O.R. events to which you will be invited by email. Please note that most of these are now free of charge!
 Wednesday 29 February at 19:00: An Evening Travel Talk by Mr Muir - full details on the website about Mr Muir's published books and more!
 Saturday 24 March 2012 from 13:30: Annual Footie Tournament - players and spectators warmly welcome. Cross-Country in the morning!
 Friday 22 June 2012 from 19:00: O.R. Drinks on the River Thames with special invitation to all ex-MUNers!
 Sunday 4 November from 17:30: Annual Fireworks Spectacular and Fun Fair - ALL profit goes to local charities
 Sunday 11 November at 10:00: Remembrance Service in Chapel followed by laying of wreaths in the O.R. Memorial Garden
MUSIC AT ROYAL RUSSELL: Many music events held at the school are open to visitors. More details can be found on the music website at:
www.royalrussell.co.uk/snr_music_main
 Please click on relevant links to obtain additional information on all articles

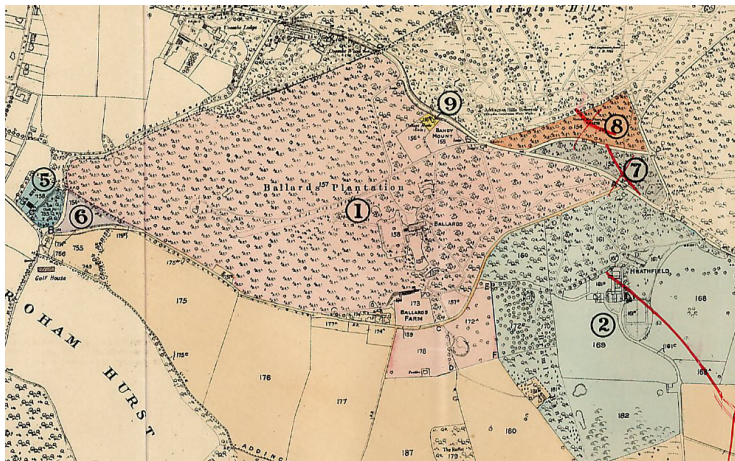
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RIVERSIDE REUNION - 22 JUNE 2012



This year this event will be held on **Friday 22 June** and will take place at **The Anchor on Bankside**. We will be especially celebrating Mr John Piggin's 30 year association with MUN and it would be wonderful if ex MUNers were able to join us as well as all Old Russellians. A private area in the upstairs bar has been reserved from 19:00 to 21:00 for a presentation to Mr Piggin.

THE SALE OF BALLARDS & HEATHFIELD



When World War One ended in November 1918 there were 300 new orphans of textile trade employees. Russell Hill School Purley was already near capacity and about to be overwhelmed. Urgently, Sir Sydney Skinner of John Barker's of Kensington (and Derry & Toms and Pontings) negotiated the purchase of the Ballards estate. Howard Hollingsworth of Bourne & Hollingsworth of Oxford Street then provided the purchase price for the 120 acres. Sir Ernest Debenham and Sir Woodman Burbidge of Harrods acted as treasurers for the new school. Sir Aston Webb (President of the RIBA and architect of Buckingham Palace facade and Admiralty Arch) designed the new buildings which were ready for the first pupils as quickly as 1923. The Gothic estate house, until 1970 used as St Andrew's House after being bombed by incendiaries in World War Two, had been owned by the Goschen diplomatic family who at one time hosted the Kaiser of Germany. More on this interesting history of the school sites can be found on the website at:
http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/archive_oldR/index.php (and then go to Addington Gentry).

HOCKEY - ANDY ROGERS



Andy Rogers, a part time hockey coach at school and an O.R. (1977-84) recently played for GB in The Masters (over 40s) Hockey World Cup held in Singapore.

There were notable results against reigning world champions New Zealand and Holland, and GB eventually finished a creditable 5th. Andy is pictured above playing in The Masters and right leading the O.R. hockey team in 2010.



MORRIS DANCERS!



Spot the teachers on this Geography Field Trip in 1982. It's the front of Mr Moseley and the back of Mr Tanner!! Mr Moseley can still be seen, on occasion with his Morris Dancing gear demonstrating that he is still young at heart and can still wave his handkerchief and step over 'tobacco pipes' to music!

SACHA SIMON - FUNDRAISING FOR HAITI



Sacha Simon (at school 1981-1988) recently visited the school and told us a bit about Pinnacle Healthcare Consortium, and how they raise funds for the 2010 Haiti earthquake victims. More can be found on their website at:
<http://www.ArdenPrimaryCare.co.uk>
 Sacha is pictured here at the UN Headquarters in Haiti.

DAVID PETHEN & RICHARD DADSON



This photo of David Pethen (at school 1945-1954) and Richard Dadson (at school 1947-1955) was taken at the Savill Gardens, Windsor Great Park in September 2011 whilst David was on a visit from Bermuda.