



# THE OLD RUSSELLIANS NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2010

Please see below all the forthcoming O.R. events to which you will be invited.

Friday 11th June 2010: Riverside Reunion at The Old Thameside Inn on Bankside - for everyone - no need to book!

Friday 16th July 2010: New Zealand Reunion at the Aces Bar, Sky Tower, Auckland from 7pm - everyone welcome!

Friday 3rd September 2010: Recent Leavers' Reunion at Coombe Lodge, Coombe Lane from 5.30pm - especially for 2010 leavers.

Sunday 24th October 2010: Hong Kong Reunion - a drink at Mes Amis, Lockhart Road, Wanchai, for all O.R.s & their families

Friday 26th November 2010: Annual Dinner at The Chateau Restaurant (preceded by AGM at RRS for those interested)

Monday 13th December 2010: 31 Years of Basketball at RRS - a new annual event - drinks and buffet afterwards

Saturday 2nd April 2011: Annual Footie and Mixed Hockey Tournaments - see details for organisers

Saturday 21st May 2011: Biennial Reunion with PWG Memorial Cricket Match and JAC Memorial Rounders Match

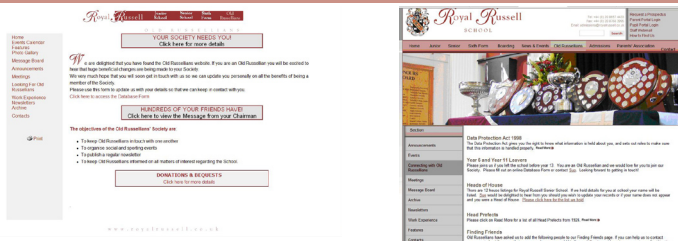
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[www.royalrussell.co.uk/Events](http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/Events)

## OUR NEW WEBSITE

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TO THIS!



Royal Russell is proud to present its brand new website, due to go live during the month of June 2010. Old Russellians, along with current pupils, parents and staff, will have been familiar with our old site, which was established some years' ago now. It was time to upgrade and to fill our pages with even more information than ever, and we hope you will enjoy the new layout and content of this site.

## ANNUAL FOOTIE & MIXED HOCKEY



On the penultimate Saturday of the Spring Term 2010, the 8th annual Old Russellians football tournament took place. For the first year ever, the O.R.s also held a mixed hockey tournament. Playing hockey at RRS for the first time since the 1970s were O.R.s Neil Blannin (1968-1978) and Kemal Chaudhri (1967-1974). Spectating his favourite sport we were pleased to welcome back Peter Smith (1945-1950). Coach for the day was Andy Rogers (1977-1984). See article in: [www.royalrussell.co.uk/Events](http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/Events)

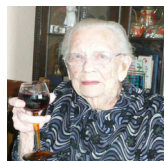
## RETIREMENTS & FAREWELLS

This July Royal Russell bades farewell to Tony Moore (Head of ICT) who has been at the school since 2000. Tony has been inspirational in his installation of iSAMS, the revolutionary web-based school administrative system. The School also sadly loses Alex Wylie (Head of Geography). Alex has been at RRS since 2002 and will be returning to his 'roots' in Scotland to work at Morrison's Academy, Perthshire. Also leaving are Hugh Dunlop (Chemistry), Claire Flannery (P.E.) Nigel Lupton (Art), and Pam Francis retires after 11 years in the Junior School. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all these people well in the future. Alex is pictured above at a recent O.R. Reunion



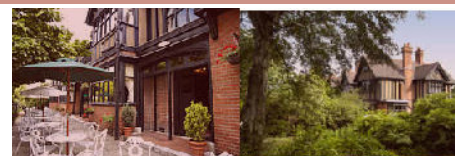
## O.R. STORIES

Frances Mary Richardson, pictured right on her 106th birthday. Alan Mounce recently sent us an article about Princess Elizabeth's visit to RRS in 1952. Read more about these two stories and others at: [www.royalrussell.co.uk/O\\_R\\_Stories](http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/O_R_Stories)



## ANNUAL DINNER 2010

After the success of last year's Annual Dinner held at The Chateau Restaurant, Coombe Lane, the O.R. Committee voted that this was a great venue and a good price for a fun evening out with old and new friends, and a great meal with good wine. The price is just £42 per head, which includes a



pre-dinner drink, and a 3-course meal, with wine. The bar stays open until midnight for those wishing to stay on. Tickets are available by downloading the flyer or by direct contact with Julia Powell.

## PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE



This beautiful new building, designed in the original Aston Webb style, was inhabited first by the Bursar and his staff, closely followed during the Easter holidays by the Headmaster and his staff. The building also houses Media Studies, Business Studies, Economics, Music and Drama. These lucky people will be showing off their new facilities to current parents at the end of June. At this time the bust of Earl Russell, sculpted by Eino, and donated by The Old Russellians and The Parents' Association will be unveiled, and will be on show in the reception area. The Headmaster would like to invite all O.R.s to this occasion. Please email Sue Tanner for further information.

## RECENT VISITS

Julia Powell has shown around numerous people lately, and is now working closely with a local person to help develop the records at the Imperial War Museum in London. She has also had a visit from the librarian at Thomas More School, Russell Hill, Purley, which is the original site of Russell Hill School - work on the history of the two sites is progressing well. This photo was taken of our most recent visitor, Mike Goodman (1964-1976).



## FINDING FRIENDS

If you are looking for an old school friend, firstly email Sue Tanner to see if she is in contact with them. If so, she will get their permission to release their details to you. If she is not in contact, Sue will add their name to the website list at [www.royalrussell.co.uk/ConnectingwithOldRussellians/Finding\\_Friends](http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/ConnectingwithOldRussellians/Finding_Friends) and wait!

## CONDOLENCES

'T J' AHMED (left school 2000)

The Old Russellians were very sad to hear of the death of 'TJ' who died in a car accident on Thursday 4th March 2010. Our sincere condolences are offered to his family.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO GIVE US YOUR NEWS AND PHOTOGRAPHS!

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