

ROGER FLETCHER

Roger was at school from 1942-1949, and has kindly updated us on his news over the past few years. A taster here, and the full story can be found on the website: http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/O_R_Stories/index.php

The photo below shows Roger (left) being awarded the citation and pin as an Ambassador of the International Rotary "End Polio Now" campaign.

Although Roger had a minor stroke in 2012, he has largely recovered and has now moved with his family away from Melbourne, to a large house in the country. He remains very active as can be seen from his story on the website. Roger writes: "Should any of my contemporaries be interested in contacting me, use my email rogiefletcher@gmail.com (please note the "rogie"; my youthful wife's sense of humour) and I will be pleased to reply as time permits. In view of my declining years perhaps an accompanying photo would jog my memory! I still proudly retain a photograph of pupils and staff taken on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee 1949 - so third from the left, back row etc would be helpful. I was fifth from the left, second row from the front - what a difference a few years make.



THE HISTORY OF THE ANGELS IN CHAPEL



Eric Gill's two white plaster figures of angels with golden trumpets were commissioned for either side of the chancel arch in the Royal Russell School Chapel in 1925. Eric Gill's diaries show he made daily visits to the school chapel site, some with Aston Webb, architect of Admiralty Arch and the Buckingham Palace façade.

On 7 November 1925 the completed angels arrived on site. Eric Gill also completed the 10-inch serif lettering facing the Lime Tree Quad, two panels on the dining hall walls, the chapel foundation stone and keystone angel and the tower frieze. The full history can be found on the website at: http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/O_R_Stories/index.php

CHRIS REDDALL



This photograph shows Chris looking at the conduct registers of both his father, Eric Stanley Reddall (1917-26) and his uncle Norman Sidney, on his visit to school in November 2013. Despite having memorabilia from their time in school, his visit has meant so much about knowing where they lived and were educated. Both boys were in St Andrews and did well at sport. Eric is pictured above right seated in the centre (First bat). The full report can be found on the website in Events/Recent Visits.

SARAH DAVIS, KARL YABSLEY & PAUL BROWN (at school 1973-1982)



Sarah and Paul enjoyed returning to school in November and were amazed at how things have changed since their time here. The old school photographs reminded them of so many of their contemporaries whose names they could actually remember!

CONDOLENCES

John Michael Sheppard Ayles (known as Mick) (at school 1946-1950)

We are very sad to report the death on 27 November 2013 of Michael ("Mick") Ayles. He had been suffering from an extended illness

for some months but died peacefully in a hospice at Bostall Heath, near to his home in Sidcup, Kent. Our deepest sympathy goes to his widow Sheila and to his family. The photo here shows Mick and



others at his very successfully organised 'ROR' Reunion at Danson House in June 2012. Mick is in the centre of the photo.



We have also been informed that Syvlia Peters (married name of Mounter) died in 2001. Her daughter informed us of this recently and a piece about Sylvia can be found on the website.

A full report on these and previous announcements can be found at: http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/announcements/In_Memorial.php

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