

## **Annual Report 2016**

This year has had a very positive collection of OR events, building on last year the Society is now in a great position to continue its regeneration.

### **Report from Membership Secretary**

The database now holds records for 7,060 Old Russellians, 241 more than last year. The Alumni Association (AROPS) provided some very positive and helpful information regarding the use of the database, the new law coming into force in 2018, and where we all stand with regards to confidentiality. Adrian Edwards (Secretary) and Sue Tanner (Membership Secretary) attended conferences at Malvern St James and later Sue Tanner attended Eton. The AROPS AGM in October was attended by Brian Angel (OR President) and Adrian Edwards.

In accordance with the 2014 Rules which were adopted at the 2014 AGM, all ex pupils are deemed Old Russellians and no membership is taken. This was a decision made by the Headmaster jointly with the Operations Director in the summer of 2015. We are still receiving 'donations' from 90 O.R.s, we have lost 7 subscribers over the past 12 months.

The school's website, which went live in March 2015, is kept updated by Sue Tanner. Over the past year, we have averaged 280 hits per month, with the highest being in June with 432 hits. Other big months were September (329) and April (385).

The Mailchimp email system now delivers information to 1,434 Old Russellians around the world on a regular basis and the open rate averages 44%. The new method for texting O.R.s introduced last year, through a company called TextLocal, delivers texts to 314 O.R.s and ex staff, nearly double the number we held last year. We have had no opt-outs from this system. Sue has recently taken over the O.R. generic Facebook page and after the riverside reunion in June we received 1700 'Likes' from this page, and more recently 1100 'Reached' after the 1970s reunion.

The newsletter is produced towards the middle of each term, and is available to download on the website. It is sent out by mail to 29 Old Russellians without computers, and also displayed in the school common room and distributed amongst some of the longer serving members of staff.

## **2016 EVENTS**

### **OR 70's Reunion 12<sup>th</sup> November**

An afternoon tour of the School 14.00 -16.00 attended by over a dozen former pupils, followed by the evening event at The Croydon Park Hotel.

Along with 52 ORs we were fortunate to also have a number of former members of staff along, John Piggin, Lorna Ogilvie and Julia Powell were joined by Graham Moseley, a current member of staff, who started at the school in 1979.

The Headmaster, Chris Hutchinson was invited as a guest.

### **ORGS Trophy 16<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

Another excellent turnout of Old Russellians attended Woldingham GC to contest the second ORGS Trophy Event. Heavy rain in the morning resulted in a few members deciding not to attend, but once the rain ceased it became a very pleasant game.

First place went to John McKay.

Second Robin Parker.

After the game we were joined for a meal by 5 non playing ORs.

### **ORGS & Staff Golf Day 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

The Old Russellians were joined by 3 current members of staff and attended Woldingham GC for a pre-trophy warm up event.

First place John McKay.

Second Adrian Edwards

The golfers were also joined by 2 non-playing OR's, Mark Vernon and Mike Goodman. They followed the players around on a buggy taking photographs of the event.

### **Riverside Reunion at the Anchor Pub Bankside 24<sup>th</sup> June**

A good turnout with leavers from 90's onwards and just a few older ORs

### **FUTURE EVENTS 2017**

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Carol Service

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

School Footie (Organised by Steve Greaves)

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 14.00

Biennial Reunion and Cricket Match (Kemal Chaudhri/Ian Walsh) at RRS

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Riverside Reunion at The Anchor Pub Bankside

ORGS 7<sup>th</sup> July

Venue yet to be confirmed, Adrian will visit a few clubs where current ORs are members.

Possible options are :

Nigel Gorley @ Cottismore GC (Crawley) or Robin Parker @ Banstead GC