

## NEWS OF OLD RUSSELLIANS - Congratulations to you all on your achievements!

**BRADFORD MACHILA (1977-1983)**, as written by Colin Cameron (1975-1983) for the Financial Times, September 2006.

Normally a soberly dressed lawyer, Bradford Machila, is running for office in a short-sleeved shirt decorated with an image of Zambia's President and MMD Leader, Levy Mwanawasa. In Zambian politics you need to stand out so he campaigned in shirts made by his goddaughter, Thungo, and her mother, Tima, who run a tailoring business. The shirts were unique, and loose fitting cotton is more comfortable than those who favour suits. Bradford was one of six candidates, representing the Movement for Multi-Party Democracy (MMD), contesting the Kafue constituency, an area of some 15,000 sq km to the south of Lusaka.

The full article can be viewed on our website under the Features link.



### CHRIS EASTEAGH (1965-1971)

Chris Eastaugh recently gained an MA in Pastoral Theology and Catechisis from Surrey University. He studied for this with St. Mary's College, Strawberry Hill on a course organised by the RC Diocese of Plymouth. It will be of use to him not only from a Church point of view but also with his work, running a busy firm of Funeral Directors in Barnstaple.



### OWEN LARSEN (1995-2005)

"On 15th October 2006 I ran the Cardiff Half Marathon in 1 hour 33minutes and 44 seconds which placed me 306th out of 5755 finishers. I couldn't walk down the stairs for 2 days afterwards! The water stations were so much fun throwing the water bottles into the crowds!"



### JOYCE PRICE (nee Hughes) (1940-1950)

"I met Shirley Harris (nee Lavers) in London in October for lunch after 56 years!! It was great - we did not stop talking. Shirley left school in 1949 and I left in 1950.

**It would be great to hear from anyone else from our era."**

### CARL LI (1990-1994)

Please use the following website addresses to see what Carl has achieved during 2006, in the science and technology field at HongKong University.



- [http://genesis.ust.hk/apr\\_2006/en/awards/awards3.html](http://genesis.ust.hk/apr_2006/en/awards/awards3.html)
- [http://www.bm.usst.hk/news/wake\\_for-est\\_elevator\\_2006/](http://www.bm.usst.hk/news/wake_for-est_elevator_2006/)
- <http://www.mba.wfu.edu/newsDetail.aspx?id=37>

### O.R. MARRIED COUPLES by KEITH ANGEL (1937-1944)

LtoR: Pamela Turtle (nee Barrable), Brian Angel, Keith & Rosemary, John Dennis (Rosemary's brother), Pauline Lea (nee Liley). Congratulations to Oliver Hirschmann and Petra Clarke on joining this exclusive "club". Senior readers will remember such O.R. Married Couples as Will & Louie Rushton, Cyril & Paddy Winnicott and Michael & Joan McBride, who were all very actively involved in the running of the O.R. Society.

Rosemary and I were delighted to hear that Mr & Mrs Hirschmann were married in the school chapel. It reminded us of our own wedding 50 years ago.



But first – a bit of history:

During the war the junior school and senior girls were moved from Russell Hill School at Purley to 'Ballards' - as we called it because it is the name of the estate on which the current school stands - and the senior boys were moved from Ballards to Purley. The thinking behind this decision was that there were several Hurricane fighter squadrons based at Croydon airport, which could be very frightening for the juniors and girls. The irony of this was that more high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped on Ballards than were dropped on the Purley school!

Because of our age difference this meant that Rosemary and I both spent the greater part of our time at Purley. Purley did not have a chapel, which meant Sunday Service was held at St Mark's Church in Woodcote – a 15 minute walk from school. The vicar was the Rev A C Raby, who was also the school chaplain.

So in 1956 we decided we would like to be married there as we had both attended there every Sunday – and we wanted the Rev A C Raby to marry us because he had led us both through our confirmation classes. By this time he had been promoted to Rev Canon and came down from Clapham specially to perform the ceremony – as it was going to be an O.R. Wedding!

On 24th March 1956, I, Keith Angel (1937-1944) married Rosemary Dennis (1943-1951). My brother, Brian Angel (1938-1947), was Best Man, Rosemary was given away by her brother, John Dennis (1935-1947). The bridesmaids were Pauline Liley (1943-1951 now Mrs Lea) and Pamela Barrable (1948-1953 now Mrs Turtle). The Ushers were Stan Costin (1917-1926) and Will Rushton (1926-1934) who came with his wife Louie Rushton (1924-1932 nee Hickman) and even the photographer was O.R. Alan Hockley (1934-1944). Other O.R.s among the guests were Peter Harrison (1938-1949), Harold King (1934-1938), Michael McBride (1937-1947), and Joan Williams (1937-1944 later Mrs McBride) – another O.R. Couple!

Also in 1956 Michael Ribbands (1946-1949) married Pamela Thorne (1941-1951 now Mrs Roberts) two months after us. Among their guests were Ann Evans (1946-1952 now Mrs Blight), Janet Baker (1945-1952 now Mrs Dolbear) and Alwyn Jones (1939-1948).

According to the records at the time, there were 13 O.R. Couples who had married before us. The first appears to be Albert Garnett (1877-1884) who married Amy Squire (1885-1890) and the latest was Peter Fraser (1937-1944) who married Brenda Waites (1935-1941).

It is worthy of note that most of these couples hardly knew each other as the senior boys and girls were in separate senior schools. They may never have met had it not been for a vibrant Old Russellians' Society. The one outstanding exception was Will and Louie Rushton who met in the Hope Morley House when they were 6 years old!

# O.R. OLD RUSSELLIANS' SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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### O.R. MARRIED COUPLES By Keith Angel (1937-1944)

The objectives of the Old Russellians' Society 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

## MAY REUNION 2007 - look inside for details

### CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

I feel extremely honoured and privileged to have recently been elected Chairman of the O.R. Society, and am looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead.

I am passionate about the School and believe that this is reflected in my enthusiasm. I would like to think this enthusiasm has been demonstrated by my regular attendance at various School events since November 2003. In fact, I am such a regular visitor to the School that I am surprised I have not been charged rent! Hopefully the Bursar will ignore that last remark! My connections with the School, as you may appreciate, are becoming stronger each year. Upon leaving Royal Russell in the summer of 1982, I never envisaged that one day, 25 years later, I would be writing an article for the O.R. newsletter as Chairman. It is with great pride that I take on the role as Chairman, and I look forward to working with the Old Russellians' Society committee.

The Society membership continues to grow from strength to strength, and full credit must go to Sue Tanner and Julia Powell, and the O.R. Society committee for their hard work behind the scenes. The last four months have been very productive for the Old Russellians' Society (please look at the O.R. website for details), and the O.R. Dinner following the AGM was a great success. A wreath representing the Old Russellians was laid in the memorial garden on Remembrance Sunday as part of the Remembrance Sunday Service in November.

You may be asking the question "Why did you want to become Chairman of the Old Russellians' Society?" Well, my re-acquaintance with the School is most satisfying indeed. In fact, more so now than when I was a pupil at Royal Russell between 1978 and 1982. I feel very fortunate and proud to have been educated at RRS, especially in such beautiful surroundings, and as Chairman I want to give something to the School in return. This is certainly my intention!

The School continues to thrive and be successful under the excellent leadership of Dr John Jennings and his team of staff. The School is happy and vibrant. It is very pleasing to see and from a personal point of view, is an absolute pleasure to witness when I attend events such as Choral evensongs and the Christmas Carol Service.

The O.R. Society is YOUR Society and I encourage all O.R.s to become actively involved as Old Russellian members wherever possible, and to support the O.R. events, such as the above mentioned and the various events that are organised throughout the year. Details of the events can be found on the website. If you are in contact with any Old Russellians who are not members, please urge them to become involved with the activities and events that take place.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Headmaster and the Bursar for their continued support of the O.R. Society and for allowing the O.R. Society to use the School facilities for Committee meetings, the Annual Dinner and other events.

On a personal note I would like to thank Paul Barlow for chairing the steering committee for the past 12 months. His input and hard work are very much appreciated. I also wish to thank Paul Enville (1977–1982), the former Chairman, for his kindness and his encouragement and the reason behind my re-acquaintance with the School and my interest in the O.R.s.

## PHOTO GALLERY



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**Website: [www.royalrussell.co.uk/OldRussellians](http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/OldRussellians)**



## MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE 25 YEAR ANNIVERSARY REUNION OCTOBER 2006

During the autumn half term break Royal Russell hosted its 25th Model United Nations Conference for senior students throughout the world. Roy Bushin (member of staff from 1981 to 1993) initiated these conferences that were subsequently taken over by John Piggin. John invited Roy back to address the General Council at this anniversary meeting, and then to join a reception in the Library for advisors and former Russellians who took part in earlier conferences. Current and past students enjoyed Roy's address and all enjoyed catching up with each other's news.

Ruth Pearson nee Stephens (1981-1989) talking to Roy Bushin (1981-1993)

## THAILAND MUSIC TRIP DECEMBER 2006

The Chamber Choir, consisting of current and former students, were invited to sing in Thailand. Whilst there they enjoyed riding elephants, rafting, dinner on a rice boat and singing with local school children and for the British Ambassador.



## ANNUAL DINNER - NOVEMBER 2006

On Friday 24th November we held the traditional Annual Dinner in the school dining hall. It was good to see so many familiar faces and we were delighted that Brian Angel gave a special toast to Peter Green after the 9pm 'Toast to Old Russellians around The World'. Everyone enjoyed the superb meal provided by Chris Rhodes, the school Catering Manager, and his staff. The AGM, which preceded the Dinner, was very well supported but we were slightly disappointed by the overall numbers that attended. The committee meeting following the AGM discussed this fact and the committee is looking into holding the event on the last Saturday in November in future years. This should allow those of you at your desks all day Friday to relax and join us on the Saturday evening. Details regarding the 2007 Annual Dinner will be published both on the website and in the summer



Chris Rhodes talking to Charles Froy (1992-1998)

Makoto Niimura (1975-1978) telling Ian Berkeley-Hurst (1971-1973) how he travelled to the UK especially for the Dinner



Twins, Derek and Peter Taylor (1944-1952)



Petra Hirschmann (nee Clark) (1990-1996)



Andrea McNeill nee Woodrow (1981-1987) and Sara Turner nee Greenhalgh (1985-1987) with a happy John Piggin

## REUNION OF OLD RUSSELLIANS HONG KONG - OCTOBER 2006



LtoR: Kitty Mak, Elsie Hau, Annie Lam, Linda Leung, Petra Cheng, Karina Lee, Terence Tsang, Portia Shum, Anita Ma, Virginia Kam, Jenny Cheng, Irene Chan (now Young)

It was a real pleasure to see some of our Old Russellians, and parents of some former and current pupils, on a recent trip to Hong Kong. Les Antrobus (former teacher and Housemaster) and Martin Tanner (current teacher and Housemaster) were there to represent the school at the English Boarding Schools' Exhibition. Many of our old students helped on the stall and we were able to offer 10 places to prospective pupils for the upcoming September intake.

## SCHOOL LIFE IN 1950 - By Richard Dadson (1947-1955)

WEEKDAYS - 7.15am - Chapel bell rung as 'réveille'. Dormitory prefects would waken all those pretending to be asleep and get them into the washroom. The upper Cambridge dormitory would be subjected to bedside PE under the instruction of Housemaster Christopher Tombleson! 'Fags' would clean their prefects shoes. (In the summer, when the weather was OK, there would be voluntary early morning swims in the pool in the woods, usually under the guidance of Mr Tombleson or, in his absence, Carrick Smith, the French Master.)  
7.50 - Breakfast. Usually cereal, something hot and toast. Tea from an urn, usually well stewed. We were allowed to have our own supply of jam, marmite or whatever to supplement that provided.  
8.20 - Bedmaking  
8.30 - Visit to the nurse, if you felt ill or had any health problems. The clinic was on the ground floor of the main dormitory block, and the sanatorium on the top floor of the same building.  
8.45 - Morning chapel. Hymn, bible reading (by day's duty prefect), prayer.  
9.00 - Assembly in Great Hall as and when Head decided necessary.  
9.00-9.15 - Two periods of lessons  
10.30 - Break. PE by class on what was then the Quadrangle. Prefects from Duty Prefect's House would conduct a class each.  
10.45 - Milk and biscuit (biscuit, NOT biscuits!)  
11.00 - Lessons resume  
12.40 - Prepare for lunch  
1.00 - Lunch. Two course. We sat in Houses, always in the same seats. The tables are the same ones I've seen in the Dining Hall on recent visits, only with a more hygienic veneer on the top surface! Eight to each side, on benches, with a Full prefect at the head and a Junior Prefect at the foot. Food would be put on the table in large containers and served in portions by the prefect(s).  
2.00 - Two more lessons  
3.30 - End of lessons for the day  
3.30 - 5.30 - Activities (see below)  
5.45 - Tea. Bread & butter, jam, cake and tea (urn again!)  
6.30 - 8.00 - Prep in classroom. Duty prefects keeping order, Duty Master wandering around.  
8.15 - Hot drink and biscuit  
8.45 - Lights out for Junior Dormitories (Forms 1,2 &3)  
9.30 - Lights out for all others  
(Note - Baths were taken once a week as per a prescribed rota!) In addition, a shower could be taken with permission, a privilege not that often taken!!

SATURDAYS - Mornings as above, including lessons until lunchtime. Sports in the afternoons. Prep in the evenings, as usual!!

SUNDAYS - Getting up, meals and bedtime as above. Morning Service at 10, allowing the Rev Greenaway to get to his parish service in Addington by 11! Evensong at 6.30 - pupils were allowed to arrange the format of, and to conduct, some of these. The one evening of the week when there was no prep.

### AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES:

Monday - Cadet Corps (Queen's Regiment ACF), under Art Master William Wright, who held the rank of Captain.. Monday was also the day for the dentist to come. A beginning of term dental inspection would have revealed those scheduled to see the dentist - a most unpleasant experience under primitive conditions. Music lessons (private) would also excuse one or two from cadet corps.  
Tuesday - Sports practice - Winter term - Soccer. Spring Term - Hockey (for Form 4 upwards) or soccer (Form 3 and below), Summer Term - cricket and/or athletics/swimming.  
Wednesday - Occasional inter-school matches, otherwise more organised sports training.  
Thursday - Exeat - for all those not 'gated'. Gatings could be authorised by both masters and prefects. A book was kept in the Head's office for gatings, giving names and offences!!  
Friday - as Tuesday. Friday was also the day of each class's PE session in the Gym. Our PE teacher was named Squires, he was in his 70s, fitter than any of us and a retired circus clown. Every other week he was accompanied by an ex-boxer named Johnson, who was even older and 'taught' boxing.  
Saturday - The usual day for inter-school matches. All those not playing were expected to spectate and cheer the Russell team! Duty masters soon caught up with any absentees!  
Sunday - We were all expected to do something. The choice was to go on a walk organised by the Duty Master - usually to Shirley and back through the woods, or to organise an informal game of soccer, hockey or cricket, according to the season. The organiser would usually be a senior boy, and he would often recruit off-duty masters or Jack Weeks (the groundsman in those days, and no mean player) to make up numbers. A hairdresser also visited monthly on Sundays and everyone had to have a trim.

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

As has now become tradition a member of the Old Russellians' Society is invited to lay a wreath on behalf of those former students who gave their lives in the world wars. It was nice this year to have Karl Yabsley, our new chairman and his girlfriend, Sue, to follow both the CCF and Senior students in laying their wreath at the Memorial Garden. We were lucky that the weather was good and would encourage other Old Russellians to think of joining us in our service of Remembrance in future years. The date and time of next year's service will be published in both the newsletter and on the website.



## WE ARE LOOKING FOR ....

... the following members who get no benefits from their membership because we have no address for them. If you know any of these people, please contact us.

I. Golder	Mr/s Pearse
Mr R I Harris	L. Hyde
E. A. Whitmore	K.J. Whittaker
C. M. Harte	J. F. Lee
Miss S.J. Gillett (1959-1961)	
Mary Pearson (1948-1953)	
Anthony C. Turner (1972-1988)	
Tasuku Yoshida (left in 1997)	
Franziska Bath (2000-2002)	
Gavin DeCosta (1997-2004)	
Alexander Enahoro (left 2003)	
May Inogamova (2002-2004)	
Cassandra Pitts (left 2003)	
Sim Tai (left 2003)	
David Wang (left 2004)	

## WORK EXPERIENCE

We are looking for Old Russellians to help our current pupils with work experience in any of the following fields:

Accountancy	Architecture
Banking	Drama/media
Engineering	Estate agent
Fashion	Geology
Graphic design	ICT related
Insurance	Journalism
Law	Media related
Medical related	Music industry
Product design	Science research
Sealife centres/	Marine biology
Translator	Working with young children

If you can help, please contact the Head of Careers, Sandra Culbert, at school on 020 8657 4433 or email Sandra at [sculbert@royalrussell.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:sculbert@royalrussell.croydon.sch.uk)