

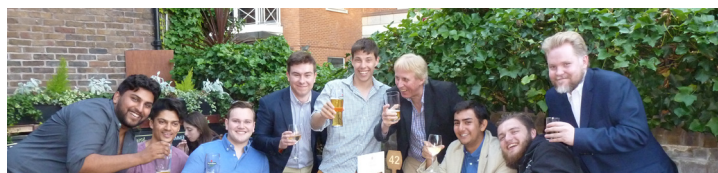


THE OLD RUSSELLIANS NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2015

Please see below all the forthcoming O.R. events to which you will be invited by email. Please note that all of these are free of charge!
Sunday 8th November - Remembrance Service at 10am in Chapel - please email headmaster@royalrussell.co.uk if you are attending
Saturday 28th November: Old Russellians AGM at 10am in the Performing Arts Centre, Committee Room Please confirm attendance
Sunday 13th December: RRS Senior Carol Service in Great Hall at 6.30pm - Everyone welcome just come along
Spring and Summer Golf Competitions- dates to be confirmed
Saturday 16th April 2016: O.R. Annual Footie Tournament organised by Mr Steve Greaves
Wednesday 22nd June 2016 - 'Oldies' Event organised by Rosemary Angel
Friday 24th June 2016: Riverside Reunion at The Anchor pub on Bankside from 7pm - 9pm
FULL DETAILS OF ALL EVENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE <http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/ORfutureevents>

ANNUAL RIVERSIDE REUNION



Martin Tanner retired as Madden Housemaster (but NOT from teaching!) this summer and was delighted to see so many ex Madden boys at The Anchor on Bankside on a warm Friday evening in June. Old Russellians from around the globe (literally) arrived, drank, ate, and took over the upstairs and balcony area of The Anchor. The photos from this event can be viewed here: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/81414720@N02/albums>



THE LONDON LOOP CHARITY EVENT



Sadie France (at RRS from 2003-2009) was diagnosed with Stage 4 Ovarian Cancer at just 23 years old. She died in March 2015. Sadie supported the charity 'Teens Unite Fighting Cancer' and Royal Russell adopted this as the School's charity for 2015. With this in mind, the school organised many fundraising events, including biking/walking/running the 24 sections of the London Loop, culminating in a weekend of

events on June 13/14, to which Old Russellians were most warmly invited to attend and participate. On Saturday 9 May Old Russellians raised £6,340.60 by running a Half Marathon/Marathon. The names of those runners were: Ellie Russell, Francesca Gallagher, Maddie Steer, Simon Foss, James Osbaldeston, James Dunn, Ryan Walters and Jack Hecquet



VISITS



Guillermo Barrachina (Oxford House 1991-93) dropped into school in June this year. He is currently Export Manager for a Spanish food company and travels across Europe promoting their products. He was impressed to see many new facilities but he and Graham Moseley (pictured left) both tripped down memory lane regarding the room layout in Oxford, the old pool in the woods, his Housemaster Mr Bushin, etc.

Peter and Helen Weston visited the school in June this year whilst on their tour of the states and Europe from Australia. Peter's mother and her three siblings came to the school after their father died in the late 1840's. In 1954 all the children left to emigrate to Australia.



Monique Lewison (1976-79) and Clive Roscoe (1969-77) visited RRS following the Riverside Reunion in June. They were close friends at school and found each other a few years ago after nearly 40 years. Clive boarded from the age of 5 and had so many stories of his time at RRS – he said he was raised by the staff and pupils – and has very fond memories.

Monique boarded from the age of 13. Clive was in Oxford House and Monique was in North House (now Queen's). They now live in Chicago. They left with a goodie bag of literature, DVD, pens, cufflinks and a teddy – off to carve their names in a tree in Sunken Lane (known back then as Lovers Lane!)

On the 9th August, Lynn Grant pictured right. Paul Grant and Leila Winstanley visited their old school. They were at RRS in the late 1970's and left in 1982.



WE LOVE TO SHOW OFF THE CURRENT SCHOOL PLEASE VISIT US!

LOOKING FOR FRIENDS

Don't forget if you are looking for ex friends from school and the social network sites can't help, you can ask us!! We have nearly 7,000 records on the O.R. database, and we also post onto our website when looking for someone. Check this out here: <http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/Finding-Friends>

SPONSOR A SCHOOL MAGAZINE



School magazines have also been digitized from their start in 1903 to 1927. These include all the information regarding former pupils serving in WW1. Our aim now is to digitize all magazines to the present day. If you would like to sponsor a magazine, perhaps the magazine from your last year at school, please advise us. The fee is £50 per magazine (and can be split between ex-students). Once we receive your request, we will provide you with further details. All sponsors will be credited for helping us to build this exciting website.

VIEW YOUR OLD SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS ONLINE



Whole school photographs have been digitized and can be viewed here: <http://rrsarchive.daisy.websds.net/>

O.R. GOLF SOCIETY



Adrian Edwards (at school 1969-1976) organised the very successful ORGS inaugural golf competition on Friday 3rd July. This was an exceptional day with some O.R.s meeting up for the first time in thirty years! The winners were : ORGS Trophy for best stableford score : Robin Parker (at school 1969-1975) 39 pts, 2nd Andy Rogers (current staff and at school 1977-1984) 36 pts, and 3rd John McKay (at school 1967-1974) 35 pts.

Closest to the tee: Tommy Sherlock (at school 1973-1979). Longest Drive: Nigel Rocca (current staff)

Group winners with 86 pts were: John Piggin (retired Cambridge Housemaster and Chairman of O.R.s), Ian Walsh (at school 1973-1975), John McKay and Robin Parker.

More competitions are being organised by Adrian Edwards. Dates for next year will be on the website, hopefully for March and July.

RETIREMENTS



With a strong engineering background, Martin Finch has been a thoroughly dedicated teacher and Head of Department of Design Technology. The exceptional quality of many products that may be found adorning Reception and other corners of the school are fine testament to the leadership,

devotion and enthusiasm he has shared with both students and colleagues since his arrival in 2004. Not only did Martin give many extra hours of selfless commitment in the workshop, but he also coached football teams, supported and advised his tutees, made props and scenery for drama, ran internal exams for Year 8, organised ski trips, helped on residential trips and served as a caring, focused Child Protection Officer. We thank him for his commitment to the Russellian community and wish him a long and happy retirement playing the bagpipes, amongst other things!

Maggie Clower joined us in 1993 as Librarian. We thank Maggie for making the Library a focal point of school community, for promoting library skills and personal enhancement of the mind to several generations of Russellians. We wish her a long and happy retirement as, sadly, Maggie has put herself out on permanent loan.



BATTLE OF BRITAIN - 75th ANNIVERSARY



Contingent Commander Colin Leggatt attended St Paul's Cathedral for a service in September and he also laid a wreath on the Kenley grave of O.R. Arthur Dumbell Smith RAF

CONDOLENCES

Roy Williamson (retired Head of Junior School) who was at the school from 1966-1987 sadly died on 29th September. Bernard Mansfield (Head of Works) sadly died in early September. We were sorry to learn of the death of Margaret Starkey (widow of Col Starkey, Cambridge Housemaster and CCF Commander) who was a Matron at RRS in the 1970s.

We were sorry to hear that Laurence Finestone (at school 1966-1971) passed away in August this year.

DONATIONS & BEQUESTS

Old Russellians wishing to leave a bequest to benefit the current school and pupils should use the term '**Old Russellians**' (not Royal Russell School or Russell School Trust) in their Will to avoid any confusion with the original charitable trust. More details regarding this can be found on the website:

<http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/Old-Russellians>

PLEASE CONTINUE TO GIVE US YOUR NEWS AND PHOTOGRAPHS!

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Website: <http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/Old-Russellians>