



# THE OLD RUSSELLIANS NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2016

Please see below all the forthcoming O.R. events to which you will be invited by email. Please note that most of these are free of charge!

- Saturday 12 November: 1970s Reunion at the Croydon Park Hotel preceded by afternoon tea at Royal Russell
- Sunday 13 November: Remembrance Service at 10am in Chapel - please email [headmaster@royalrussell.co.uk](mailto:headmaster@royalrussell.co.uk) if you are attending
- Saturday 26th November: Old Russellians AGM at 10am in the Performing Arts Centre, Committee Room Please confirm attendance
- Sunday 11th December: RRS Senior Carol Service in Great Hall at 6.30pm - Everyone welcome just come along
- Saturday 22nd April 2017: O.R. Annual Footie Tournament organised by Mr Steve Greaves
- Saturday 13th May 2017: O.R. Biennial Reunion for O.R.s and their families, with afternoon cricket match
- Friday 23rd June 2017: Riverside Reunion at The Anchor pub on Bankside from 7pm - 9pm
- Summer Golf Tournament (ORGS) - Friday 7th July 2017 (more details to follow)

<http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/ORfutureevents>

## ANNUAL RIVERSIDE REUNION



Another hugely successful event for Old Russellians to come along and enjoy 'Happy Hour' from 7-9pm (and beyond!) whilst catching up with friends and staff from their time at school. This year a group of 10-year leavers and a group of 20-year leavers had especially got together on Facebook to arrange to meet up at the pub. Our Facebook page reached 1,737 people in just 24 hours of the post. The photos from this event can be viewed here: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/81414720@N02/albums>

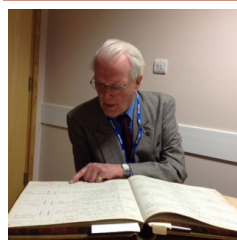
## GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK



Royal Russell bid farewell and good luck to its Year 13 leavers in June this year and the Old Russellians welcome them to this historic society where they can keep in touch, find people they have lost, and attend events during the years ahead that are specifically targeted to meet their reunion requests.

Pictured L-R: Carlie Hedmann, Anna Maloney, Maria Ivanelo, Chris Hutchinson, Sam Hudson, Conor Copithorne-Craney & Duncan Hui

## VISITS



Basil H Henson (School Captain 1941/1942 and at school between 1935-1942) returned to school in July 2016, the first time since leaving.



Lee Williams (at school 1960-1968) started school at Purley at the age of seven after his father died. Lee visited in September 2016.



Kitty Mak (at school 1988-1992) visited from Hong Kong in October 2016. Kitty is pictured here in Great Hall with retired teachers, John Pigginn and her Housemaster, Les Antrobus.



Pam Trenter (née Moser) (at school 1967-1970) visited with her family from Israel in October 2016. Pam was a talented sprinter at school, winning the Victrix Ludorum twice.

FULL ARTICLES CAN BE FOUND HERE: <http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/Recent-Visits>

## PAVILION CLOCK

The Old Russellians have donated the clock for the new 1853 Society pavilion which is situated by the new pitches.



## LOOKING FOR FRIENDS

Please remember if you are looking for ex friends from school and the social network sites can't help, you can ask us!! We have over 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>

## NEW BOARDING HOUSES



Under the leadership of Chris Hutchinson, Royal Russell is embarking on the next exciting phase of development. This includes two new buildings which will house boarding and day pupils from the existing boarding houses. The old 1960s buildings will eventually be torn down to make way for some of this development, whilst in the meantime the Madden Pitch is no longer! It is a building site where the first of these new buildings will appear, we hope, by September 2017. The demolition of the building which currently houses Cambridge and Hollenden is planned for Summer 2018 and a new building will be completed on the same site, part of which will house the Hollenden Girls. Some of our A level geology students visited our new building site at the end of last term to see "what lies beneath". Our school is built upon a loose flint gravel, part of the Lambeth Group of rocks ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lambeth\\_Group](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lambeth_Group)). These deposits give rise to the name Gravel Hill, but this is just a small area lying on top of thick chalk deposits found away from our hill. Whilst we were there the foundations were being laid so there was plenty to see in addition to the rocks! Since we returned to school in September, the framework has begun to be built.

## O.R. GOLF SOCIETY



Adrian Edwards (at school 1969-1976) organised the second successful ORGS pre-trophy warm up competition on Friday 8th July at Woldingham Golf Club. Another excellent turnout of Old Russellians attended and this time we were delighted to be joined by three current members of staff (Martin Tanner, Dave Jewiss and Bradley Wilson) and retired Cambridge Housemaster and O.R. Chairman, John Piggin. First place went to John McKay (at school 1967-1974) who had an exceptional round, winning with 40 points and playing off a handicap of 12. Other players included Adrian Edwards, Andy Rogers (at school 1977-1984 and ex member of staff), Tim Spurring (at school 1972-1979) and Ian Walsh (at school 1973-1975). The golfers were also joined by two non-playing O.R.s, Mark Vernon (at school 1969-1976) and Mike Goodman (at school 1965-1976). They followed the players around on a buggy encouraging the players and taking photographs of the event. The next event took place on Friday 16th September, and the full article along with results (!!) can be found on the website. Next year's event will take place on Friday 7th July 2017.



<http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/Events2016>

## THE 'OLDIES' REUNION



This biennial reunion of the pre-1970 leavers took place in June 2016 in Northwood.



## DIGITAL MARKETING JOBS



Isabella Luba (at school 2004-2011 and Head of Reade House) is now working for a Digital Marketing Company in London (by The Shard) called Merkle | Periscopix, and the roles on offer may well be of interest to some of you Old Russellians. Please look at the website here for full details: <http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/OR-Website-Directory>

Jane Bruce (at school 1993-2000) is looking for consultants/trainers/mentors in the world of marketing, journalism, media, comms. Please contact through the Old Russellians, email below.

## CONGRATULATIONS

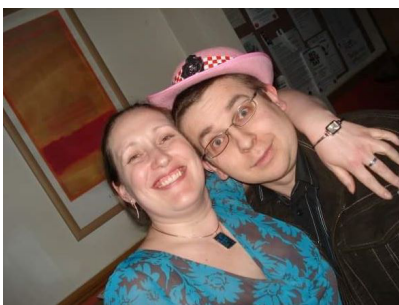


CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVID GREEN (at school 1993-2000) who married Louise on a sunny 12th June 2016 in Ilfracombe Devon, with family, friends, incredible scenery and a fantastic bbq!



CONGRATULATIONS TO MANDY TANNER (at school 1991-2005) who married Jonathan Chew on 3rd September 2016 in Haslemere, near Guildford Surrey. They were joined by many friends and family, along with a few important teachers!

## CONDOLENCES



We were saddened to get the news in May this year that Rob Clark (at school 1993-1999 in Madden House) very sadly died at the young age of just 35. His funeral took place in Bickley Kent on Tuesday 21st June, where his Housemaster, Martin Tanner and art teacher, Keith Owens, were in attendance. He is pictured here with his wife, Lisa, and he also leaves behind a 3 year old daughter, Abi. Rob was a keen geologist, and on leaving school in 1999, he attended the University of Western England where he studied Environmental Health.

## 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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