



THE OLD RUSSELLIANS NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2017

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

Saturday 22nd April 2017: Annual O.R. 7-A-Side Footie organised by Mr Steve Greaves - North Pitch from 1pm

Saturday 13th May 2017: O.R. Biennial Reunion for all O.R.s and families (with cricket) and Farewell to Oxford and Cambridge Houses (more details to follow)

Friday 23rd June 2017: Riverside Reunion to be held at The Anchor on Bankside from 7-9pm

Friday 7th July 2017: Old Russellians Golf Society Tournament: Full details to follow on the website

Saturday 4th November 2017: RRS Community Ball (more details to follow)

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



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 2016



Old Russellians and current pupils and staff came together on Sunday 13th November to remember those Old Russellians who had died in recent and past conflicts around the world. They observed the two minute silence at the Memorial Garden at 11am. Nigel Reed (at school 1965-1976) and Alison Reed (at school 1969-1976) laid the wreath on behalf of the O.R.s



CONTACT DETAILS



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1970s REUNION - NOVEMBER 2016



Old Russellians who left school in the 1970s all came together for a superb reunion at the Croydon Park Hotel (organised by Ian Walsh, John Piggan and Adrian Edwards). This event was preceded by tea and tours at the school. Some former pupils had not been back to the school or to a similar O.R. event since leaving, Paul Lynch was one such former pupil who had attended the school from 1960-1971. As the evening drew to a close many were asking when the next event would be taking place as they had had such a great time meeting together and exchanging stories of their lives at the school.



We were fortunate to also have a number of former members of staff along, John Piggan, Lorna Ogilvie and Julia Powell who were joined by Graham Moseley, a current member of staff having started at the school in 1979. We were also pleased to welcome the current Headmaster, Chris Hutchinson, who takes a keen interest in O.R. activities and continues to support the Society.

Evening reunion photo album: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/81414720@N02/albums/72157676607286416>

Afternoon tea photo album: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/81414720@N02/albums/72157675104005642>

DEVELOPMENT AT ROYAL RUSSELL

As Development Manager at Royal Russell School my remit is to devise and implement an alumni and development programme to strengthen the school's relations with Old Russellians and parental communities in order to :

- Support and enhance the provision of careers advice to existing pupils
- Develop internships and mentoring opportunities
- Enrich school life through talks and visits
- Further strengthen and foster the sense of community among Royal Russell alumni and parents
- Develop channels of financial support for the school

If you would like to help in any of these areas, contact Jeremy Lloyd-Jones

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CRONX BEER at BOXPARK CROYDON



Congratulations to Simon Dale (at school 1990-2000) for his successful brewing of Cronx Beers which are so popular that Cronx have now opened at Boxpark, Croydon. Visit Cronx Beer at Unit 3&4, right by the bus stop on Dingwall Road to sample Simon's beer for yourself.

DONATE A FRAMED PRINT IN CHAPEL



The Chapel walls are now adorned with 8 large, framed prints from The National Gallery and are used for discussion in Chapel and lessons. There are 3 prints left for donors who will be credited appropriately. This would be a wonderful way for individuals to be remembered in

Chapel. The full price for a framed print and delivery is £185. Please contact the Chaplain at RRS if you are interested in donating a print to Chapel.

CONDOLENCES: <http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/in-memoriam>

SHIRLEY BALAAAM, the wife of Ron Balaam, Headmaster of Royal Russell school 1981-1996



Old Russellians will be saddened to hear of the death of Mrs Shirley Balaam, a very special Headmaster's wife on 18th January 2017, after a short period in hospital. She was a very popular and supportive member of the school community and indeed of the Old Russellians.

Shirley's funeral will be held at the village church in Bramber on Friday 10th February.

ROGER BILLINGTON (at school 1931-1941)



We are sorry to announce the sad death of Roger Billington on 10 September 2016, who was aged 91. Roger visited the school in 2008 when he was treated to a great performance of HMS Pinafore, where he had himself played the part of Josephine back in the 1939 production. Pictured here is Roger with 'Josephine' performed by Old Russellian, Helen Knight (at school 1999-2008), Roger enjoying his supper in the Great Hall, and the 1939 whole cast.

We send our sincere condolences to Roger's family at this sad time.



VISIT BY MEHMET HALIM



The Importance of Languages

Old Russellian Mehmet Halim gave an Assembly talk to Year 9 pupils on Thursday 19th January in the library. Having left Royal Russell 11 years ago, where he studied French and Spanish at A level, he went on to read Turkish and Persian at Oxford University.

Mehmet has been working for 7 years in retail banking and explained how languages were essential to his career and communication skills.

Year 9 pupils were eager to ask him questions, including one pupil who conversed with him in Turkish!

INSPIRATION FROM SAM FURNESS



Sam Furness was at RRS from 1993-2007 and if you are interested in a fantastic, inspirational idea of how to get creative over a year, using your enthusiasm/passions, then watch this! Well done Sam and good luck to you!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5APQd8NFhQY>

SPONSOR A SCHOOL MAGAZINE:

<http://rrsarchive.daisy.websds.net/>

School magazines have now 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. The two latest whole school photographs have also been added along with early promotional films and recordings of two of the Queens visits. The site is constantly being updated, do have a look for yourself!



PLEASE CONTINUE TO GIVE US YOUR NEWS AND PHOTOGRAPHS!

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