



THE OLD RUSSELLIANS NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2014

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!

Saturday 29 March 2014: Annual O.R. 7-A-Side Footie organised by Mr Steve Greaves to be held on Top Pitch from 1pm

Tuesday 10 June 2014: 'The Oldies' Biennial Reunion organised by Brian Angel to be held at Kensington Palace

Friday 20 June 2014: Riverside Reunion to be held at The Anchor on Bankside from 7-9pm

Sunday 9 November 2014: Remembrance Sunday with special commemoration for the outbreak of World War 1

FULL DETAILS OF ALL EVENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE

www.royalrussell.co.uk/Events

FAREWELL TO 30 YEARS OF FIREWORKS AT RRS



One of the biggest firework shows in the south of the borough will no longer run. The Coulsdon and Purley Fireworks Extravaganza is cancelled for good now that Royal Russell is turning its grounds into football pitches. The 24 year old show typically attracted thousands of spectators to Coombe Lane and raised as much as £13,000 for local charities. Martin Tanner started the fireworks in 1988 and says; "Although it has been a great event, getting larger each year, the time had come for the school to move on, and there simply isn't an alternative area on the private land that can be used to keep this going into the future. I hope that all our spectators can find other charity events nearby to attend and support."

Thanks to Anthony Mak (1974-1982) for very kindly allowing us to use his album of fireworks over the years. Full album here: <http://albums.phanfare.com/isolated/JI-jsl42N/1/5824711>



REMEMBRANCE DAY 2013



Old Russellians appropriately were part of a full Chapel for the school's Remembrance Sunday service, held on 10th November 2013. The school flag was draped over a wooden table used as a portable altar during the British Campaign in Italy in WW2. Capt Owen Larson REME (at school 1995-2005) gave an address. Cadets read the names of the 130 O.R.s who died in both World Wars. Brian Angel who joined the school at the age of 6 in 1937, read a moving poem that he had composed for the occasion. Wreaths from the CCF, the School and the O.R.s were taken from Chapel to the Memorial Garden, where the Last Post and Reveille were played either side of the 2 minute silence at 11am. Brian's poem and more photos can be found on the website, by clicking on Events 2013 at: <http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/Events/>

TANNER AND PIGGIN INSPECT THE DUMP



The areas formerly known as the 'Dump' and 'West Pitch' have been turned into a building site as work continues to transform the area into new sports pitches and new all-weather pitches. It is hoped that the first games on the all-weather pitches will be played in March, with the playing areas on 'North Pitch' (formerly the Dump) available for light use from the beginning of the next academic year in September 2014. Mr Tanner and Mr Piggini were seen examining the debris on the Dump before Christmas! Mr Tanner described the area currently being excavated as a "time capsule from the 1950s". The Dump was an active waste ground in the 1950s, with building and general waste, including thousands of glass bottles, lurking beneath the surface. Read more on the website:

BASKETBALL 2013



The staff and O.R. team scored a famous victory over the young guns of the school team, pulling back an early deficit to emerge comfortable winners by 13 points in the 5th quarter(sic). The game was played in an admirable spirit.

and the thronging crowd enjoyed every minute of this hard fought contest!

HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



The Headmaster's weekly newsletter is available to upload from the website, details below. This will keep you updated about the current events in and around the school. Should you wish to receive this as a weekly email, please get in contact with us and we will add your email address to our distribution.

<http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/headmaster-newsletter-royal-russell/index.php>