THE OLD RUSSELLIANS NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2011

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

Friday 10th June: Riverside Reunion at The Old Thameside Inn on Bankside - for everyone - no need to book!
Saturday 2nd July: Retirement of Headmaster, Dr J R Jennings; RRS Summer Ball to be held on Chapel Quad - O.R.s invited by email
Sunday 6th November: Annual Fireworks Display and Fun Fair - everyone welcome to come along and bring their families and friends
Sunday 13th November: Remembrance Sunday Service in Chapel at 10am - all O.R.s welcome to attend
Friday 25th November: O.R. Winter Reunion to be held at RRS in the Sixth Form Cafe - Free of Charge - O.R.s invited by email
Friday 9th December: O.R. v RRS Basketball at RRS - followed by buffet supper
Sunday 11th December: RRS Carol Service in Great Hall at 6.30pm - all O.R.s welcome to attend
Saturday 24th March 2012: Annual Footie Tournament

Please click on relevant links to obtain additional information on all articles www.royalrussell.co.uk/Events

ANNUAL FOOTIE 2011

This was the 9th annual football tournament and it was a great success. A sprinkling of new 'talent' into some of the older teams made for perhaps the most even and competitive tournament so far. Group A was won as expected by the winners for the last two seasons, The Record Breakers. Their usual solid line-up was strengthened with the ageless know-how of Greaves and Harrop. The Y13 team, captained by the 1st XI skipper Piers Hanifan, did well and went on to finish 3rd. The other group started with a very competitive 0-0 between the sides of Peyrouz Modarrez and Madaliso Simango. Both teams beat Jamie Ivory's Farcelona and so the Madaliso led 'Go hard...' went through to the final on goal difference, with Peyrouz' Elite Greyhound team rueing their missed chances. The final was played in a blaze of sunshine. A very tight game was settled by a slightly controversial, in the losing team's eyes anyway, goal by Amar Dhesi. The Record Breakers therefore won for the third year in a row, but did not get to keep the magnificent new trophy. All captains and our two patient referees, Steve and Mark, were presented with O.R. ties to thank them for their efforts. Many thanks to Dr. Jennings for his support and funding of this event over the years. Looking forward to next year. The photo album can be viewed on the website at: http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/Events/index.php

WINTER REUNION 2011

This year the Annual Dinner is being replaced by a new Winter Reunion. This event is free of charge and will take place in the new Sixth Form Café where O.R.s will enjoy a buffet and are invited to bring their own wine and beer. During the evening the voting of officers will take place but without the formality of the AGM. So as to keep with tradition, there will also be the opportunity to toast absent friends at 9 pm.

RECENT VISITS

O.R.s and ex staff are always welcome to visit their old school, and to enjoy a conducted tour by Julia Powell, ex Head of Girls' Sport who has a wealth of knowledge about the history and the modern day school. She will also invite you to a sumptuous school lunch in the new Sixth Form Café which is a treat in itself! Recent visitors include Nancy Reistenberg and Sue Vale from 1977 and ex Headmaster, Ron Balaam (1981-1996), and his family. Details of these and other recent visits can be found at: http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/Events/Recent_Visits.php

TOMBO by ANGUS McGILL

Ex member of staff, Julia McLean (née Fenlon) recently found this newspaper article written about O.R. Angus McGill (1935-1943) and his Housemaster and English/Latin teacher, Mr Tombleson (known as Tombo). The article was written after Tombo retired, around 1976.

Angus McGill

Angus McGill wrote for the Evening Standard and in retirement, is still a great writer.

If you have any newspaper cuttings or amusing stories about your teachers or your time at the school, we are always pleased to hear from you. The better ones are posted on the O.R. web pages and moved into the archive section as new ones arrive.

MAY REUNION - FAMILY DAY - 2011

The 2011 Biennial Reunion for Old Russellians and their families was hosted at the school on 21st May and was attended by over 100 O.R.s and their families/guests. The day focused on memories, and the weather allowed for the school to be shown in all its glory, with flowers and trees in full blossom. After a wonderful Chapel service, the CCF then buried a time capsule, which will be dug up in 50 years time. The Headmaster invited all attendees to drink champagne at his house, after which a full carvery meal was served with wine. After lunch members of the CCF took O.R.s on tours of the school, and O.R. John Barlett (1954-1965) entertained a large number of people in Chapel for his organ recital. Julia Powell had produced wonderful displays of old photos in the Library, where people could sit and chat whilst watching Bill Forster's DVD of Life at School in the 1950s. The full article can be found on the website at: http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/Events/Events_2011.php