

O.R. STORIES - STEVE WOODS



Steve was at the school from 1959-1971. He recently completed the online database form. Having heard back from us, he is now reflecting on his time at school and sent us this photo, together with an article that can be found on the website at:

http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/O_R_Stories/index.php

Steve writes: "I'm on the right in the picture - it's the only school one I have. I think it was taken outside what was then the gym, possibly now the senior library from the schematic on the website. I don't know what year, but it must be from after we moved from Purley, which from your potted history, dates it to 1961 or later - I'd guess about 1963, when I was 10. My memory for names is pretty terrible, but I think the person on the left is John Darcy, whose red and black ink drawing of the Charge of the Light Brigade won a national school art prize and was displayed at the National Gallery - a celebrity! If there is anything relating to Poland that people want help with, please put them in touch with me. I live near Warsaw, but have a wide interest in the country as a whole."

O.R. STORIES - JULIA McLEAN (née Fenlon)

Julia taught French at RRS during the 1960s. She has kindly written a piece about herself for the website. She lives in France, and enjoys travelling, painting, cooking and writing. Her interesting story can be found at: http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/O_R_Stories/Julia_McLean_nee_Fenlon.php

Julia is the first person to put her name on the new O.R. Directory.



O.R. DIRECTORY

Ex pupils and teachers wishing to have their website mentioned in this directory should please send appropriate details including full name (maiden name where applicable), House and years at school to Sue Tanner. The current Directory can be found in the Networking section of the website.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Mark Bateman (1979-1988) who has recently become a Professor of Geography at Sheffield University.

RETIREMENTS & FAREWELLS

Headmaster, Dr John Jennings, who has been at the school since 1996, will retire to live in nearby Coulsdon. Dr Jennings will be ably replaced by Mr Chris Hutchinson from Newcastle School for Boys. At the end of this term we also say farewell to Mrs Amy Roseweir who has been at RRS since 1985. Amy retires and gets married! Karen Ingrams (née Rushworth) retires from the Junior School and we also lose two wonderful Y6 teachers, O.R. Jamie Hughes and Daniel Naidoo who are moving to advance their careers. Full reports will be uploaded to the website next term, and will be published in the autumn newsletter.

O.R. VISITS TO EACH OTHER!



Tony Ford (1947-1958) noticed that David Browning (1939-1945) and he both lived in Hemel Hempstead and so organised a visit to see David. Although they were not at school together this was a great opportunity for Tony to hear about David's school life a decade earlier. Tony writes "On Tuesday David Browning and I had the first of our meetings. It was great fun, and David even wore his school tie. David has a good archive of material, including Russellian magazines and a host of newspaper cuttings relating to the school, which we have yet to look through."

R.R.S. 'YOU TUBE' CHANNEL

As part of RRS's ongoing web development/marketing the school now has a You Tube Channel. We would be most grateful if you could kindly spare a minute to click on the videos and better still, click "like" and subscribe if you are a You Tuber. Here is the link:



<http://www.youtube.com/user/RoyalRussellSchool>

NEW R.R.S. HYMN & SERVICE BOOKS

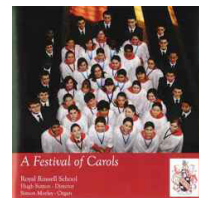


We would like to inform you that the school is publishing a new Hymn and Service Book, towards which Old Russellians are being invited to make a donation. For £25, your name will be inscribed in the book as one of the benefactors, and you will receive a free copy. If you are interested in making a donation, you can contact Revd. Steve Padfield or go to the website for more details:

http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/Message_board/For_Sale.php

It's not too late to have a plaque with your name added to one of our new tables in the Dining Hall. For more information please check the website at: http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/Old_Russellians/

This CD of Christmas Music was recorded in our School Chapel. In addition to hearing the Choristers, Barbershop and Choral Society singing seasonal Christmas Carols splendidly and with great gusto, there is a marvellous opportunity to hear a couple of Festive solos played on our fine Chapel Organ. The recording of Gabriel's Message was played on Christmas Day on Radio 2. Copies of the CD can be purchased from the Director of Music, Mr Hugh Sutton at hsutton@royalrussell.co.uk



CONDOLENCES

We were sorry to learn of the sad death of Sarah Jane Williams (née Colliver) in January 2010, from her husband, Douglas, in March this year. Sarah was at school between 1946-1953. The Old Russellians wish to express their condolences to Sarah's family.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO GIVE US YOUR NEWS AND PHOTOGRAPHS!

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