



# THE OLD RUSSELLIANS NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 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!  
**Tuesday 10 June 2014: Pre-1975 Leavers' Reunion at Kensington Palace. See info below.**  
**Friday 20 June 2014: Riverside Reunion at The Anchor, Bankside from 7pm - 9pm. We have our usual area reserved this year!**  
**Sunday 15 December: RRS Senior Carol Service in Great Hall**  
**Saturday 21 March 2015: Annual O.R. Footie organised by Mr Steve Greaves**  
**FULL DETAILS OF ALL EVENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE**

[www.royalrussell.co.uk/Events](http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/Events)

## PRE-1975 LEAVERS' REUNION - 10 JUNE 2014



In the alternate years to the biennial O.R. Reunions at School, the Pre 1975 Leavers have their own meet-ups. This year the date is TUESDAY 10 JUNE 2014 with a Reunion at Kensington Palace and Gardens, organised by a local O.R. native, Brian Angel. The programme includes a tour of the State Rooms, then the current themed exhibition, the spectacular sunken Dutch Gardens and the new landscaping. High Tea & Talk will be at the nearby Royal Garden Hotel where we have a private enclosure in the Garden Terrace Room. The whole event will run from around 1.30pm to 5.00pm: [brian.angel@virgin.net](mailto:brian.angel@virgin.net)

## O.R. ANNUAL FOOTIE

Legends on the pitch and some total football! The rest can be seen in action on flickr at: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/81414720@N02/sets/72157643206134603/> Winners this year were Team Kinetic.



## E.G.M. & NEW COMMITTEE

The E.G.M. took place in early May and gave all Old Russellians the opportunity to vote in a new committee, pictured below.



Pictured left to right: Treasurer: Simon Jones, Charles Froy, Secretary: Adrian Edwards, Rob Fisher, Chair: John Pigginn, Anya DuSauzay, Jane Bruce, Sam Smith and Brian Angel. Kemal Chaudhri was also elected onto the committee.

The Committee are currently preparing their bios, which can be found on the website at: <http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/Contacts/index.php>

## YOUR OLD SWIMMING POOL NO LONGER EXISTS!



Those of you who attended Royal Russell before the new indoor swimming pool was built in 1996 will remember this photo (above left) as their pool! Now look at it! It's a demolition site as the new pitches are prepared here and next to it, on the old 'dump'. Pictured above right is the new astro turf sports area, shown here with 13 tennis courts on what was 'West Pitch'. This area is already in use and the new football pitches will be ready for September 2014. Future development at RRS continues - watch this space!

## VISITS



Chris Parsons enjoyed his visit to school on Wednesday 26th March 2014 and was amazed how much it has changed since leaving in 1969. He was particularly taken by the music department. His own music lessons inspired him to take up the guitar which he still plays.

Jane Dingwell (French teacher 1968-76) pictured right with John Pigginn discussing old times. Jane moved to the U.S.A. many years ago and has recently fully retired from teaching Latin. She continues to enjoy choral singing and returns to the UK regularly to visit family and friends.



Edward (Ted) Glover (at school 1962-1968) and Julian (Jay) D'Arcy (at school 1958-1967) pictured here in 2008 when Ted visited Jay at his home in Iceland.



## SCHOOL MOTTO

John Bartlett (at school 1954-1965) writes: Something intriguing for O.R.s to ponder. I visit many schools over the year in the course of my music activities, but did a double take when I saw the motto of St. Hilary's School in Godalming: non tibi sed omnibus. Then, not long afterwards, I noticed the motto of George Abbot School in Guildford: non sibi sed toti. I wonder how many permutations meaning the same thing can be found elsewhere!



In February half term Simon Meldrum, his wife and family visited the school. Along with his three sisters he was at school in the 1970s, leaving in 1976. Simon still has good memories of his time here.