



THE OLD RUSSELLIANS NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2015

Please see below all the forthcoming O.R. events to which you will be invited by email.

FULL DETAILS OF ALL EVENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE <http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/ORfutureevents>

Sunday 15th June 2015: The London Loop Charity events for Teens Unite conclude with an exciting programme at RRS.

Friday 19 June 2015: Riverside Reunion to be held at The Anchor on Bankside from 7-9pm - CALLING ALL MADDEN BOYS!

Friday 3 July 2015: The Old Russellians' Golf Society (ORGS) Inaugural Competition at Farleigh Golf Club

Sunday 13 December 2015: RRS Senior Carol Service in Great Hall at 6.30pm

Saturday 20th March 2016: Annual O.R. Footie organised by Mr Steve Greaves WE ALSO PLAN TO HOST A GIRLS' NETBALL &/OR MIXED HOCKEY V THE SCHOOL ON THE SAME DAY. PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN TAKING PART!

HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR PLACE FOR THE ZIP WIRE ON 14th JUNE?



O.R. BIENNIAL REUNION - 16 MAY 2015



The school welcomed back some 60 O.R.s together with their families and enjoyed a beautiful sunny day. After a coffee in the new Performing Arts Centre reception, they were invited to a short Chapel service during which the school choir sang 'O Thou the Central Orb' by Charles Wood. Brian Angel recounted the story of V.E. Day at Ballards. Everyone then had the opportunity to ring the Chapel bell to celebrate V.E. Day (70 rings). The Headmaster kindly hosted a champagne reception in his beautiful garden, followed by a carvery lunch with wine in the Dining Hall. After lunch O.R.s were invited to tour the school; to a concert by current pupils in Chapel; to play garden games on Cambridge Slope and to view their digital school photograph on computers in the library with a film showing of the Pathe 1920 at Russell Hill Purley before a sumptuous tea by the wonderful catering team. The photos from this event can be viewed here: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/81414720@N02/>

O.R. ANNUAL FOOTIE - MARCH 2015



The 12th O.R. Football tournament took place on Saturday 21st March. Eight teams gathered on Top Pitch for the event. They included this year a combined Staff/Kinetic Coaches team (representing 'Teens Unite') and a guest team from Wallington Boys, captained by Oliver Selby. The players braved the arctic weather conditions to put on a great show. The Teens Unite team went home unbeaten in 5 games, but with only the Plate Trophy to show for their efforts. The legendary Record Breakers again reached the final, but as last year they were beaten at the final stage. This time the victors were the team organised by Michael Bankole (The Tech United) and starring recent first-teamers such as Jack Hecquet, Pip France, Dejaun Best, Jordan Bobb and Sam Williams. Thanks to all those who attended, either to play, referee or spectate, and to the OR committee for funding the event. See you next year!

WALKS FOR TEENS UNITE

Please follow these links for the amazing fundraising to date:
Mr Johnny Muir's blog about the amazing Mr Colin Dear (Head of Media)
<http://heightsofmadness.com/2015/04/26/the-truly-extraordinary-ordinary-people-doing-extraordinary-things/>
Teens Unite's Website about Mr Colin Dear:
<http://teensunitefightingcancer.org/royal-russell-schools-mr-dear-six-marathons-four-days-4000/>
The O.R. Website about the O.R. Half Marathon:
<https://royalrussell.fluencycms.co.uk/Events-2015>

NEW O.R. ARCHIVE WEBSITE



Photographs



The Old Russellian

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

The school and the O.R.s have got together to begin the enormous task of digitizing the school photographs and the school magazines. To date, magazines have been digitized from 1903 to 1927 (to include former pupils serving in WW1). We would now like to digitize all magazines to the present day. If you would like to sponsor a magazine, please contact us.

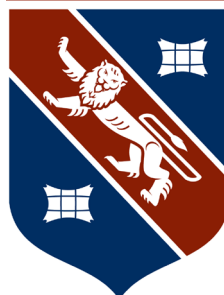
WHERE'S THE STAG NIGHT?

RETIREMENTS



Mrs Maggie Clower, Librarian at RRS since 1994 will retire at the end of this term. Mr Martin Tanner stands down as Madden Housemaster after 30 years, but will continue to teach Geology and Geography. Mr Martin Finch, Head of D&T and Oxford Tutor since 2006 also retires in July. Mr Johnny Muir leaves this summer to take up a new post at a school in Scotland and Ms Lorraine Hicks becomes Head of P.E. at a Prep School in Reigate. We wish everyone well in the future.

NEW BRANDING AND RRS / O.R. WEBSITE



Royal Russell

<http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/Old-Russellians>

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Jane Bruce (at school 1993-2000) and Ben who 'tied the knot' on 7th March 2015 at The Gallivant in Camber sands.

O.R.s at the wedding included: Adam & Sarah Cakebread, Shona Patel, Ife Onyekwe, Stephen Howes, Neil Stone

Congratulations to Lyn Stanford (at school 1984-1990) and his girlfriend Alona who gave birth to Cameron Cooper Magsino Stanford (photo on right) on January 12th 2015 at 7:45pm. He was 9 lbs 11 oz so he had a good head start. Lyn says that his CV includes posing for amateur photographs, eating, bath time and sleeping.



Congratulations to Chrissie Tanner (now Clarke) at school 1988-1998 and to her husband Matt on the birth of their baby Mackenzie Elizabeth born on 27th February 2015, weighing 5lb 6oz, in Sydney Australia.

VISITS



Toni Fowler (now Morgan) was at Russell Hill from 1945-49. She entered school at the age of 5 and was withdrawn when her father came back



from the army. Although not all her memories were particularly happy ones, she can now laugh about them. The photograph above right shows her with her cousin in Trafalgar Square, Toni is in her school blazer. Although never at school at its present site she thoroughly enjoyed her tour of the school, where she is pictured above left looking at a school newsletter.

V.E. DAY - O.R.s REMEMBERED



The eighth of May this year marked the 70th anniversary of the second world war ending in Europe. We remember in particular the 53 OR's in our Book of Remembrance who were killed in conflict or by other enemy action.

Earlier on 4 May ceremonies were held in The Netherlands commemorating the life of OR airman Flying Officer Gerald Hood RAF MiD. Rescued injured from a crashing Lancaster Bomber returning from raiding Germany, navigator Gerald Hood was hidden by Dutch families for over seven months. Brian Angel laid the wreath.



CONDOLENCES



Sadie France (at school 2003-2009) very sadly died of cancer on 23rd March 2015. Sadie was the inspiration behind the School's Charity for this year, Teens Unite Fighting Cancer. Sadie's Memorial Service was held with a packed congregation in Great Hall on Friday 10th April 2015. Her English teacher, Mrs Donna Pepperdine, said this: It's hard to find a particular Sadie story that would be right for this... often just classroom nonsense really, where you kind of had to be there. Whether it was gossiping about the footie boys in the year above, stuffing her face with marshmallows to whop the Chubby Bunny Xmas competition, totally abandoning the no-make up rule or simply being great company on the 'shopping holiday' to Utah, we all remember lots of things that make us smile. More generally, we remember that even as a teenager, who could be very funny and at times really dizzy, Sadie had a real drive to do the things she wanted to do. We remember how determined she was to get her grades – even that dreaded Speaking and Listening GCSE English mark; amazing when you consider the confident way she spoke to so many people later. We remember her determination for teacher training and how clear in her mind she was that she wanted to work with children. When we saw her a few years later, qualified and with a job, she had decided to travel and we remember the fearlessness with which she was going to go and do that. She was the same when we met after she was diagnosed, still very funny, always laughing, still so kind and looking for the best in everything and everyone.... And with that same determination to do the things she wanted to do.

She is still such a huge part of this school; Buchanan House is full of photos, and hand-drawn posters and banners expressing the students' love for Sadie: her inspiration is still so strong.

While our Royal Russell memories of Sadie may not be identical, they reflect that we all felt the same way about her as a pupil and a person. In English, it often made me smile to mark her work: big, bold, girlie writing, easy to read, circles above her 'i's, instead of dots. Sometimes, she drew it with a big heart. And that's how we remember Sadie most.

TEENS UNITE AGAINST CANCER - PLEASE DONATE HERE

<https://www.justgiving.com/londonlooplongweekend/>

PLEASE CONTINUE TO GIVE US YOUR NEWS AND PHOTOGRAPHS!

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Website: <http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/Old-Russellians>