

LEAVERS 2012



The following long-serving members of staff left the school in July 2012:

Keith Owens (known fondly as KWO)

Head of Art & Design 1985-2012

Hugh Sutton (HRS) Director of Music

1996-2012

Salli Ransom: Technician for ICT in her

early years at RRS, latterly PA to

Director of Music, i/c Publications,

unofficial school photographer, Data

Manager 1996-2012

Terry Short: School Security Officer, CCF

1996-2012



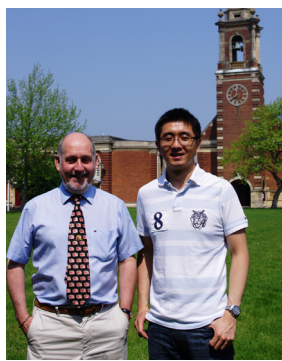
'ROR' REUNION - JUNE 2012



They call themselves the 'Really Old Russellians' and they hold a special reunion biennially at someone's house or garden. This year they met at Danson House, Bexleyheath.

The event was organised by O.R. Mick Ayles (at school 1946-1950). See full report on website at: <http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/Events/index.php> and click on Events 2012

RECENT VISITS



Felix Ren visited Mr Piggitt when in Croydon in May 2012. He has achieved a lot since leaving RRS in 2003, including the following:

2003-06 Imperial College Reading Maths
2006-07 Oxford University MA in Applied Statistics

2008-12 LSE PHD Statistics

Felix is now returning to Guangzhou as a Quantitative Researcher with G F Security. Congratulations to Felix and thanks for keeping in contact with your old school!

CONGRATULATIONS



Charles Froy, known to many O.R.s as he still works at RRS and helps on the O.R. committee, married Carlyne on Friday 24th August 2012 at All Saints, Sanderstead. The reception followed at The Warren Sports Club, Bromley.

James Ransom (at school 1996-2002) and Halcyon Smith were married in Camden on Saturday 1st September, after which the guests were all taken by coaches to High Barnet, the home of Halcyon, for a bbq reception. The couple honeymooned in Belize.



Congratulations to Shauna Freeman (at school 1997-2004) and Madaliso Simango (at school 1999-2004) who were married on Saturday 15th September. There were many O.R.s attending. See website for more photos.

We would also like to congratulate Mr Clement Donegan (teacher of Chemistry, Asst Housemaster of Madden) on the birth of his baby boy, Riley. And to Mr Michael Denton (Head of Geography, Asst Head of VI Form) on the birth of his baby girl, Holly.

DRAGONS' DEN AT ROYAL RUSSELL by Nigel Rocca (Head of Business Studies)



Four Old Russellians became Dragons in front of Year10 Business Studies students. All the GCSE students had come up with a variety of business ideas and they had to pitch to Caroline Culbert, Peter Phouli, Gaby Zoccola and James Gilham. The ideas varied from an electricity generator, bubble tea, glasses that act as iPods and a classy restaurant in Croydon. The judges found the right combination of being supportive and honest about the business potential of the idea. However, Peter certainly put them straight if their idea did not make business sense. It was good to see all the ex-students again and I was very pleased with how successful they all are.

CONDOLENCES, DONATIONS & BEQUESTS

We were saddened to hear of the death of Cynthia Elizabeth Ethel Tucker (at school 1932-1942) who died on 20th July 2011. Cynthia very kindly donated a large sum of money to her old school. We were not in contact with any of Cynthia's family but know that she lived in Torpoint, Devon at the end of her life. Details regarding donations and bequests can be found on the website.



We were very sad to hear of the death of Keith Angel (at school 1937-1944) who was one of the longest serving members of the O.R. Committee (over 30 years!). Keith's wife, Rosemary, and his brother, Brian, are both O.R.s and were at his bedside, with their younger daughter Helen, when he died on 31st May 2012. He was 84 years old. More information about Keith can be found on the website at: http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/announcements/In_Memoriamphp



Wife of Lanky Wright and Matron at school 1947-1974

We are advised by Dale's daughter, Pippa, that her mother sadly died on 9th June 2012. Dale became Girls' House Warden after William (known as Lanky) died and before that was House Mistress of St Andrews. She stayed in contact with O.R.s such as Roger Ballaster, Ken Hewitt, Rex Warner, David Liley.



Miss Olive (Peggy) Brown, Senior Mistress at Russell Hill and Ballards 1959-1963 Olive died peacefully at Beechcroft House, on 13th August 2011, aged 95 years. A distinguished teacher, much loved by all her friends. Miss Brown was appointed Senior Mistress in 1959 first at Purley and then at Ballards.

The Old Russellians also wish to express their condolences to the family of John Hughes, his wife Cynthia and sister Joyce. John attended school from 1940-1946 and died on 31st August 2012.

