

ROUNDWOOD PARK ALUMNI : Newsletter 05 : July 2013

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Welcome to the fifth edition

Being an alumnus/alumna

As a former pupil/student of Roundwood Park we are keen to contact as many of our alumni as possible and would ask that you encourage as many of your former school class mates to make contact.

The alumni pages on the school website are continually updated and we would hope that alumni will regularly visit the pages to find out about their contemporaries, their 'old' teachers and also about opportunities to help.

Alumni Fund - Donations

The Alumni fund launched the **RPS Bursary scheme** in June and we would hope that all our alumni will consider making a donation for this worthy cause. Further details and how you can donate please go to:- www.roundwoodpark.co.uk/alumni-funding-2/

Alumni Fund - Donors

We would like to publicly thank the following alumni who have already donated.

Mark Baddeley

Anna Benson

Tom Bliss

Kate [nee Borthwick] Peel

Angela [nee Clarke] Williams

Siddharth Desai

Jordan Giddings

Andrew Lawrence

Aaron Ledwidge

Kiyomi [nee Young] Ryter

Jack Segal

Imran Shahryar

Louisa Westwood

Staff News

Revision: The Staff News page has been revised to show photos. However we are missing photos of many staff that left a long time ago and we would be delighted if alumni have any photos we could use. Any photos sent will be returned promptly.

Cheryl Noakes [1999-2013] – database manager/Admissions secretary has left after 14 years. Cheryl has two sons, Simon and Christopher, both of whom attended the school.

June Bird [2001-13] – Teacher ‘extraordinaire’ of psychology has retired after 12 years as the principal psychology dept. leader and long term sixth form tutor.

Alumni of the Month

Each month an alumni is featured in the school newsletter ‘RoundUp’ [not sponsored by Monsanto!]. For the first time May’s alumni was the Tyler family and you can read about Chris, Michelle, et al in RoundUp 015 [15th May] at www.roundwoodpark.co.uk/roundup

Alumni Grapevine – Who, What, where!

Message from New Zealand: Tom Bliss - Bit about myself



Left UK in 1997 after deciding to do some travelling following multiple redundancies at Cantor Fitzgerald. I remember the announcement that Tony Blair had formed a Labour Government when the aircraft was refuelling in Bangkok.....so I knew it was “all over” for Blighty (ho ho !). Flew directly to Australia on a 1 way ticket to allow me to keep my travel options open. Stayed with friends in Sydney for 4 weeks before deciding to back pack up the coast for a bit of fun. Got as far as Airlie Beach, gateway to the Whitsundays, normally a 2 – 3 day stop over but ended up staying several months during which time I drank & ate too much, got my Accelerated Free Fall Skydiving A licence and met my wife to be, Kelly who, although a Kiwi, was working on Day Dream Island. To my shame, I didn’t bother going to the Great Barrier Reef even though I was “on its doorstep” although I did various other excursions. Must rectify that one day.

One thing led to another and 2 months later, we were in Kelly’s hometown of Dunedin, New Zealand and got married in November 1998.

After spending a small fortune, I thought I’d better “get back into the workforce” and gained employment locally as an Investment Advisor with Forsyth Barr Ltd, a renowned NZ Investment House. Takes 5 minutes to drive to work from home – a refreshing change from the horrors of London commuting plus I’m surrounded by the Pacific, hills, harbour etc...in fact I “raved on” about it so much in the early days, I ended up in an advertising campaign on National Television promoting Dunedin as a prime spot to relocate to!

We have 2 girls & a boy now: Danya aged 11, Holly aged 9 & Damien aged 8.....(and recently acquired two fleabags after being slyly “conned” by the kids into getting the kittens following a particularly relaxing holiday in Rarotonga – they took advantage my weakened state, the swines, and now these cats are destroying furniture, curtains, “ruining” my indoor planter boxes etc).



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I enjoy the gym, running, fishing, playing ice hockey.....and whilst I haven’t bothered sky diving solo (since it’s bloody dangerous !) since Australia, I just signed up for the PADI Open Water SCUBA Diving course for a bit of adventure & fun which starts in 3 weeks.

Tom Bliss

And in brief



Neil Callaghan [2007]. Neil is Sponsorship Director at FUSE [part of the OMD UK group] and recently married. He will be going on the *Asia Tour* with a number of Liverpool FC players, past and present, in order to promote Standard Chartered Bank through LFC and vice versa.

Jen Marshal [2008] got married to Leon Williamson on 14th June 2013. Jen is a designer at Grazia Magazine.

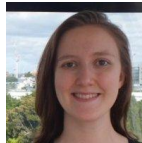


Reagan Bradley [2007] works for Sewell & Gardner in Redbourn and recently won the Sunday Times Business Award for 'Best Lettings Property Manager of 2013'

Claire Linacre [2008] Claire is the Community and Events Executive at RLSB (Royal London Society for Blind People).



Emily Blueberry [2006]. After time out to embark on her travels. freelance translator.



working as an in-house translator she has taken She is currently in Brisbane and still works as a



Jonathan Cairns [2001]. Jonathan is a Chiropractic at The Golden Apple Tree in St Albans.

Yian Stavrou [1995] Yian is the owner of Sub-CNC Precision Ltd.



Patrick Smart [2003] Patrick is Account Manager at Computacenter in Hatfield.

Robert Ledger [1983]. Robert is Head of Small Business Propositions plc. In Norwich.



at Aviva



Kimberley Gould [2012] Junior Surveyor at Plowman Craven

Jack Caithness [2011] Studying English at Durham University and currently a Publishing Intern at Oldcastle Books.



Chris Masters [2005] Commodity Research Manager at Nestlé S.A.

Steve



Pick [2000] Associate Director at Critical Research



Felicity Sullivan [2009] has just graduated from Nottingham Uni with a BA (hons) in French & German. She is now a Delegate Account Manager at EuroMediCom.

Andrew Bloomfield [2009] BSc (hons) 1st class in University of Surrey



Economics from the

Niall Blackwell [1999] Management Accountant at

Pearce Recycling Group

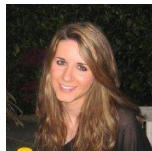
Andrew Marshall [1998]



Account Manager at Leisure Media Co

James Keith [1998] Risk - Regulatory Specialist at UBS

Chris Cullen [1997] Practice Manager at Melwoods Chartered Certified Accountants



Molly Chappin [2010] Molly is in her second year at Leeds University and hoping to gain a career in Public relations. She is Cosmo on Campus Campaign Manager at Campus Industries.

Ross Barrable [2007] MSc International Management and Marketing Postgraduate Barista and Store Keyholder at Coffee Revolution.

Giles Weaver [1996] Bioinformatician for BBSRC



Max Clark [1988]



Contracts Manager at Veitchi Flooring1988



James Hillier [2003]. MSc in Media & Communications from the LSE, James is now Account Director at Weber Shandwick.

Joe Wilkes [?] Sales Manager at Ashtons

Hannah Gordon [2001]. Senior Staff Nurse at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children.



Chris Cairns [1999] Chris is currently an Analyst at Q-Log Consulting Ltd

Jon Goodall [1987]. Jon is Director, SME Banking, Lloyds Banking Group.



Congratulations!

To all our alumni who have recently graduated in the summer 2013. Further congratulations to all those that have gained employment. We wish them every success as they continue their way through life.

*If you have just graduated please **contact us** to let us know.*

Making a contribution

If you would like to be 'listed' on the Alumni listings please email in your synopsis with a photo or indicate if you have a LinkedIn photo.

Similarly if you have any news you would like 'posted' on the alumni news please email in your information along with a photo.

If you would like to offer any professional advice or opportunities for our pupils/students please let us know. E.g. work experience for our Y10 or a talk aimed at A level subject classes etc.

Sartorial Elegance Award.



In 2004 a new student applied to join the Sixth Form from another school. He duly arrived for interview with his mother. He was immaculately dressed, extremely polite and courteous and performed well in the interview and satisfying all the necessary entry criteria. From the very first day he remained the picture of sartorial elegance. His mother very kindly presented the Sixth Form with a cup and in May 2006 the **Edward Stolely** Cup for Sartorial Elegance was inaugurated. In subsequent years this cup was awarded to the best dressed male six former.

Previous winners were;

- 2007 Alfred Perkins
- 2008 Luke Lythgoe
- 2009 Tim Douglas & Emma Bech [exceptional year!]
- 2010 Bilal Skoien
- 2011 Aleks Cvetkovic
- 2012 James Morehen
- 2013 Abhishek Lalji

Wednesdays school visits – starting again in September.

Given the nearness of the end of term on Friday 19th July, Wednesday visits will resume from the beginning of September. Please contact the school or this office then.

We would really like to hear any comment or views you have regarding the Alumni.

Getting in touch

If you wish to appear on the alumni listings or have an item of news that you think would be of interest PLEASE email with attached photos if possible to alumnioffice@roundwoodpark.co.uk

Alternatively you can contact this office -

By the school web site www.roundwoodpark.co.uk

By email – alumnioffice@roundwoodpark.co.uk or b.smith@roundwoodpark.co.uk

By LinkedIn – Roundwood Park

By face book – Roundwood Park [not Roundwood Park School]

By post - to Alumni Office or Dr BML Smith,

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