



ROUNDWOOD PARK ALUMNI Newsletter 15: June 2016

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to new Welcome readers: Alumni update information and opportunities to help.

Many alumni contact this office for advice on various professional areas and with your permission we are keen to enable alumni to link up to help each other.



Do please forward this newsletter to ex-Roundwood friends and encourage them to make contact to be added to the mailing list.

Keeping in touch – tracing new alumni.

PLEASE inform us if your contact details (email) change also if you would prefer us to use a personal rather than a work email. Please email us or use the link to update details and also to indicate any preferences. <http://www.roundwoodpark.co.uk/alumni-registration-form/>

RPS celebrates its 60th year with a Summer Ball on 16th July.

Roundwood Park PTA invites **you** to the Diamond Ball to celebrate 60 years of Roundwood Park School

Saturday 16 July 2016. 7 for 7.30pm - 1am

Roundwood Park School Hall
£ 55 per guest

Tables of 8 or 10 or join another table & make new friends

Welcome drink ~ Two course dinner
Live band 'Acoustic Mice'- The Mobile Disco
Raising money for Roundwood Park School.

Enquiries: pta@roundwoodpark.co.uk
charity no. 275739



Diamond Commemorations

To commemorate this diamond Jubilee the current Head Boy, Jack Anand, has compiled a video that spans the entire 60 years of the school's history. This can be viewed by clicking on the link <http://www.roundwoodpark.co.uk/category/general-news/>

Another promotional video taken in c.1990 and featuring Haydon Luke has been unearthed.

YOU MAY SEE YOURSELF ON THIS VIDEO - LOOK AND SEE!

This shows many, easily recognizable student faces along with many 'old' teachers you will also recognize.

In order of appearance the staff are : Ian Burrows, Brian Smith, Judy Holland, French teacher?, Tim Saunders, Chris Steward, Gerry Goonewardena, Ian Magnus, Vicky Beard, Sheila Wheeler, Maureen Toms, Ed Wickens, Janet Ridpath, Jack Shaw, Haydon Luke, Eddie Clarke, Haydon Luke.

Click here to view – 3rd video. 'The Best years of their lives'. 90's Open Evening video.

<http://www.roundwoodpark.co.uk/alumni/alumni-videos/>

If you are on this video or recognize others - please let us know

Roundwood Primary School News. Anne Thomas is retiring!

Many of you will have attended Roundwood Primary school and maybe interested/saddened to learn that Anne Thomas, who has been the Head Teacher for the last 20 years, is retiring at the end of the summer term.

However, Suzanne Webb, nee Bowd, who has been the Deputy Head, has been appointed to take over as the new Head Teacher at the Roundwood Primary School. We wish her all the best.

Memory lane (1)

The following pictures were 'unearthed' recently, possibly from a parent? Curiosity demands to know who all of these students are and under what circumstances and when were the photos taken. The lady holding the cup is Mrs. Iris Tarry, who sadly died in 2007.



Martha Turner, Laura Hay,
Richard Dillon and ?



Recognise any in this picture?



Perhaps the Harpenden Society's schools' essay prize? Richard Dillon with two other Sixth formers (names?)

Memory lane (2) – Class IG Science - whatever happened to?

This is a random search from a mark book. If you are in contact with any of the following please let us/them know.

Lionel Blair, Tom Bliss (in NZ), Gavin Dadd, Alec Harrison, Ralph Kidson, James Kneale, David Lambert, Stephen Linnemeier, Philip Mason, Tim Ray, Jonathan Ryan, Robert Turner, Lucy Chapman, Katherine Frost, Sarah Gibson, Nicola Gillespie, Rachel Gostling, Samantha King, Sarah Lane, Erica Mackay, Carla Nichols, Emma Noble, Catherine Phillips, Joanna Softly, Sarah Taylor, Katherine Tyers, Jessica Went.

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The ex-staff interview: Paul Woodhouse [80 -16]

1. What did you study at University – why that subject in particular?

I did not go to University, teacher training college instead. I studied maths, but had originally applied to do the PE course!

2. Do you have any fond memories of your time at university?

Great food, super location and an opportunity to teach at Cheltenham Gents College!

3. What made you go into teaching?

The encouragement of one of my teachers and because I enjoyed both teaching practices which were completed before I started my 'probationary' year.

4. Did you or have you ever considered any other career path?

Not really

5. Why did you choose Roundwood Park School and have you ever worked in another school or any other industry?

It was the first job I applied for – thanks Mrs Favager!

6. You have spent most of your teaching career at Roundwood. Were you ever tempted to move on?

Yes, but not particularly with any enthusiasm or determination.

7. What aspects of your job/roles at RPS did you especially enjoy and if you have to pick one thing that you most enjoyed what would it have been?



When you have the relationship with a class that indicates mutual respect and you feel you are helping to improve their subject knowledge and enjoyment.

8. Rumour has it you are/were a keen sportsman- which sports do you play/enjoy?

I still try to play badminton each week, regularly go out for walks and have just begun to get out on my bike again. Games of tennis with my offspring are also hugely enjoyable.

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9. You are also have a keen interest in football; which team(s) do you support and why?

My father was in the 60's (and still is) a season ticket holder at the Arsenal, but he chose to take me to a match against Manchester United in 1968 and their team list had R. Charlton and G. Best in it. He picked the wrong game to take me to!

10. Did you also take part in extra-curricular activities such as visits or sporting events with the students?

I used to run the school badminton and we regularly competed in the county finals. I also helped run football, cricket and basketball teams in my younger days.

11. Do you have any moments that stand out that you are willing to share about your experiences at RPS?

A young lady (Miss Mitchell) began work in the MFL department in the 80's and within a couple of years we were married!

12. After 35 Years in teaching at RPS what will you miss, and not miss, the most?

I will miss a lot of the students and colleagues, obviously. It will be strange to adapt to a new life style after all these years, but I am looking forward to spending more time on activities that I enjoy and want to do.

I will not miss the marking, new initiatives which detract from the job, the excessive bureaucracy and the endless rounds of reporting.

13. Given the changes in education over the year would you, given your time again, go into teaching or another profession?

It is difficult to say with any certainty, but I would I be very wary of entering the profession now.

14. When students look back on their time at RPS how would you like to be remembered?

As someone who was firm, kind, fair and encouraging and who had a good sense of humour.

Alumnus of the Month: May 2016: David Minto (1991-98)

After his A levels, David went to Cambridge University where he gained a B.A. in English Literature. He also holds an M.A. in Contemporary History and Politics from Birkbeck College, University of London. David's work focuses on the intersection of sexuality—that most intimate of human domains—and geopolitical processes and formations.



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He then moved to the USA to take up a Ph.D. fellowship. His doctoral thesis is entitled 'Special Relationships: Transnational Homophile Activism and Anglo-American Sexual Politics'. The project examines the affective and strategic dimensions of cross-border gay activist connections in the decades following World War II, exploring the transatlantic nature of a movement nevertheless subject to territorial strictures. Putting the "special relationships" of homophiles in dynamic tension with the "special relationship" of post war Anglo-American exchange, it charts an "Intimate Atlantic" around which ideas, texts, and people—often marginalized in their home cultures—insistently circulated with significant local and international effects.

David is currently a professor at the University of Princeton where he is a lecturer in the Council of Humanities and History. At Princeton he will hold the fund for Reunion-Cotsen Fellowship in LGBT Studies; he is also the Resident Faculty Fellow at Butler College. In spring 2015 he taught a course on Queer Utopias.

David's research has previously appeared in *British Queer History: New Approaches and Perspectives* and he has presented at numerous conferences, including collectively with Yale's Working Group on Globalization and Culture. Professor Minto gave a talk entitled 'Toward an Intimate Atlantic: Transnational Precursors to Post war Homophile Activism' for the American History Association at Atlanta, GA in January 2016.



Sports facilities update.

The Head teacher and Governing Body of Roundwood Park School would like to provide

students with an outstanding facility for an outstanding school. A planning application to install a full-size, all weather, and floodlit pitch to replace the existing grass pitch has been submitted. For the latest news on the development, please click here. Astro pitch application – to read more click on the link.

<http://www.roundwoodpark.co.uk/3g-pitch-news/>

Alumni Grapevine



Matt Peplow [2007]

Matt is currently a trainee solicitor at Berwin Leighton Paisner in London.

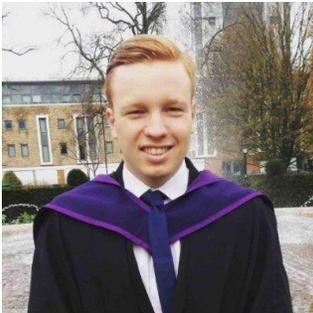
He gained a Bachelor of Laws (LLB), First class honours, Law with American Law from the University of Nottingham. During this time he spent a year at the University of Texas studying law, Banking, Corporate, Finance, and Securities Law



Lisa Hewitt [2001]

Lisa is a Qualifications Development Coordinator (and acting Support Materials Coordinator) at the Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education in St Albans.

Lisa gained a BSc Honours Degree in Conservation and Recreation Management, Environmental Sciences from the University of Hertfordshire. She also has qualifications in Spanish from the Institute Cervantes



Freddie Rand [2012]

Freddie is Account Manager at IPPAG Global

He gained a degree in Events Management, Meeting and Event Planning at Southampton Solent University



Julia Burnell [2011]

Julia is a Graduate Environmental Scientist at Mott MacDonald in Croydon.

Julia gained an MEnvSci, Environmental Science, First Class (Hons) from the University of Southampton.



David Pankhurst [1993]

Principal Scientific Officer at Department for Work and Pensions in St Albans.

David gained Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Physics from the University of Leeds and a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Materials Science from the University of Cambridge.



Charlie Collin [2009]

Senior Recruitment Consultant at Charterhouse Partnership in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

Charlie attended Sheffield Hallam University and gained a (BA) in Fashion Design, Fashion/Apparel Design.



Carmen Grace Walker [2009]

PR Manager at True Religion Brand Jeans in Harpenden.

Carmen gained a BA in Broadcast Journalism from the Nottingham Trent University.



Chris R John [2007]

Research Associate at University College London studying Bioinformatics of large scale clinical data from microarrays and RNA-seq.

Chris gained BSc Biochemistry, 1st class honours from the University of Sheffield and then went on to take his PhD in Bioinformatics at the University of Cambridge



Samantha Ogden nee Huxtable [1985]

Samantha is the Chief of Staff & Operations at The Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI) in London.

After gaining a degree in Business and Marketing, Samantha worked for Roche before moving on to her current organization.



James Hillier [2006]

James is currently the Communications Director at Eurosport, Discovery Communications in London.

James gained a degree in Politics and Social Policy from Loughborough University before moving on to the London School of Economics where he gained an MSc in Media and Communications.



Natasha McCartney [1992]

Owner, Graphic Designer, Kaos Design in Bromley. After studying Design at the University of Hertfordshire, Natasha held a number of design positions before starting her own business.



Matt Walker [2007]

Matt is the Principal at the Osteo Practice in Harpenden.

Matt gained a Master's degree, Osteopathic Medicine/Osteopathy at the British School of Osteopathy.



Lucy (Duxbury) Hume [2006]

Following her BA honours in History from the University of Sussex, Lucy has worked in the field of Fundraising and Community Events. Currently Lucy is the Events Manager at The Prince's Trust in Greater London.



Adam Akers [1993]

After an extensive career in web design, Adam is currently an IT Developer at Paragon Automotive Ltd in Thurleigh, BA Hons, Tourism Management from London South Bank University Post Graduate Diploma in New Media Management from Birkbeck College, University of London.



Judith Liddell-King [1979]

Judith gained a BA Hons in English Literature; The Bible to the Present Day from the Cambridge College of Arts and Technology (now the Anglia Ruskin University).

Judith is a self-employed writer and comedienne.



Jonathan Howe [1986]

Jonathan qualified as an architect from De Montfort University with a BA (Hons), DArch., DArch Prac., ARB, RIBA, Architecture.

Currently he is a Senior Principal and Section Leader Architecture, I&E Southern, ANZ at Jacobs in Melbourne, Australia.



Sarah Sill [1991]

Sarah left to go to Oakland's College, St Albans before attending the University of Bedfordshire where she gained a BA Honours degree in Travel and Tourism,

Sarah is currently the Office Manager/Accounts at Classic Tours in Milton Keynes.



Robin Mann [1989]

Robin gained degrees in Engineering (Swansea) and then Medicine (U of Wales College of Medicine). After this he gained an MSc in Health Education at UCL.

Robin was then appointed Development Manager at the Royal College of Physicians and later as Head of Clinical Design at NHS Wales Information Service.

He then moved to Australia as a Senior Manager at KPKM Australia in Brisbane. He is currently Director of KPMG Australia in Sidney.



Anna Mildwater [2003]

Anna is currently the Ecommerce Production Manager at M&S.com in St Albans.

Anna gained a BSc (hons) in Computer Information Systems with Multimedia Design from Kingston University



Rob Turner [1988]

Rob gained a BA Hons in Accounting & Finance from Nottingham Trent University. After a number of positions in Marketing and Advertising, Rob is currently the Creative Director at Karmarama in London.

Alumni celebrations – new addition to the family

Imran and Sara Shahryar-Davies are pleased to introduce their little boy, Keir Shahryar-Davies, to the world. Born on Monday 16th May 2016. They are all doing fine and we wish them well.



Staff news – Departures!

Paul Woodhouse, Maths teacher, Form tutor, Year Head & Senior tutor has left Roundwood Park School in May 2016. We wish him well for the future.



Margaret Tylour [1984], Head of English & Sixth Form Tutor – now retiring.

Peter Yule [2009] Teacher of technology. Moving from the area.



Mark Warren [2012] Teacher of Music. Replaced Linda Graham as Deputy Head Teacher. Will be moving to take on the Headship at Presdales School in September 2016.

Fleur Baikie [2013] Joined as a teacher of French, became Head of French and Deputy Head of MFL. Leaving to take up a post in an International School in Dubai.



Tersia Zondagh [2012] Teacher of Physics.

Sarah Hobbs [2013] Teacher of Business & Economics
Miranda Johnston [2013] Teacher of German.
Jane Day [2013] Teacher of Economics and latterly Head of Inclusion (replacing Chris Ockenden) is moving to Queenswood School.
Sheba George [2013] Head of Business Studies.

Alumni funding

<http://www.roundwoodpark.co.uk/alumni/alumni-funding-2> Thank you.

A trip down memory lane - Wednesday visits

Your old school is continually changing and building work is still in progress. The place is the same but different. Take a nostalgia trip and email b.smith@roundwoodpark.co.uk to arrange a visit.

If you would like us to promote or publicise any Alumni productions please send us details.

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Inspiring our students – ‘THEY CAN IF YOU CAN’ !

DO
SOMETHING
TODAY
THAT YOUR
FUTURE SELF
WILL
THANK YOU
FOR.

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Many of you have achieved success in your careers and we would like you to help our present students to **believe** that, given the same start as you, they can be just as successful in their future lives and careers.

We would like to hear from you to say what you studied in the sixth form, any positions of responsibility clubs or extra classes joined/attended (library, prefect, Nuffield bursary, Crest Award, Young Enterprise etc.) clubs joined, extra classes attended - anything that helped shape you.

IT'S NOT HOW
GOOD YOU ARE,
IT'S HOW GOOD
YOU WANT TO BE.

Please do write in. Your ‘profiles’ will be an inspiration to today’s youngsters.

Thanks – a personal note!

Many thanks to all those ‘lovely people’ that took the time to send ‘happy birthday’ wishes and this was much appreciated. Yes – getting (even) older!!!! At least you enjoyed the early May bank holiday too.

News & Views, comments and photos, welcomed from all Alumni. Please email alumnioffice@roundwoodpark.co.uk