

ROUNDWOOD PARK ALUMNI : Newsletter 03 : January 2013

Welcome to the third edition

How to find out what is on the alumni pages?

On the school web site, www.roundwoodpark.co.uk, you will find a dropdown menu – under 'school' you will find ALUMNI. Click on this and you can use the side menu

ALUMNI NEWS This features events and happenings that have happened that involve staff and alumni.

ALUMNI NEWSLETTERS – all copies of the newsletters are found here.

ALUMNI LISTINGS – Here you will find a current photo and brief details of what they did since leaving RPS Many alumni are now writing in to alumnioffice@roundwoodpark.co.uk with their own comments which can then be posted on the site and this allows alumni to give as much information as they wish.

this feature a number of alumni to find out what and where ex-classmates are now on

STAFF NEWS – Here you will find information about all you 'old' teachers and staff that worked at the school and what they have done since leaving or retiring.

HISTORY – a brief history of the school.

ALUMNI FUND – this outlines a number of ways in which the fund can be used to help provide additional facilities and opportunities for students to optimise their educational experiences. It also provides the opportunity for alumni to make donations to this fund.

ALUMNI EVENTS – events that are organised will be posted and recorded here.

PICTURE GALLERY – a bank of photos of alumni class photos

Who has been seen recently in and around Harpenden?



Susanna Collins [1990;nee Jones] and her husband **Mark Collins** are still in Harpenden and Susanna very kindly helped out with the Harpenden Trust's annual Christmas collection this year. Also **Justine Thorpe** [1990] is now a freelance artist and graphic designer and lives locally

and was quick to see through my disguise to announce the 'You gave me lines '! Dr Susan were in Harpenden over Christmas and we those that were at school during his time there.



Tim Ebbels [1990] and his wife **Rory Meldrum** [1983] spent

Christmas with sisters Fiona and Siobhan and we met up for lunch in the Harpenden Arms to talk over hockey, Liverpool, alternative energy strategies, school days, school friends and past teachers. **Anna Chow** [1990], formerly of Eden Restaurant, spoke of the many ex-students she is in contact with and who are still in and around Harpenden. Jo Wilkes was 'found' this way and contacted through LinkedIn



as are many alumni. **Peter Kneale** [1989] attended the ceremony for the funeral of John Lee. On the staff front I am delighted to note that **Mr Ken Jones**, the ex-Head of English who helped to appoint the late Connor Geraghty, remains fit and active and is, hopefully about to become a contributor to this newsletter. Previously, **Lizzie Fitzgerald** [2008] was in school last term to discuss Oxford applications and **Hannah Wilcox** [2005] was in to gain teaching advice from the Biology dept.



Roundwood People – what some of our alumni do now.

When not playing for England or scoring winning cup final goals for Everton Ladies FC, **Natasha Dowie** has recently done the 'unthinkable' and signed for Liverpool Ladies FC. We wish her luck in her new colours.



Monique Hall – regularly publishes in the Herts Advertiser.

Andy Gardner is alive and well and living in Melbourne, Australia with his family.



Jeremy Streeton [1990] is now working as a Project Construction Manager out in Thailand.

Irina Raileanu now lives between she runs/manages a thriving business in the heart of



London and Paris where Paris.

Nicki McMorrow has set up a successful lingerie company.

Brian Love is an airline captain.



Siobhan Morris [nee Meldrum] – is a potter, artist, photographer [www.siobhansphotos.com] and also a vintner in SE England.



Katherine Hazelton was involved in the diving at the London Olympics.

Sarah Goodman owns & runs a bookshop in Welwyn Garden City.



Lingerr Senghor having completed her degree from Carleton in Minnesota has moved to the University of Virginia to take her Masters in English Literature and also to do some teaching.

Daniel Carnell is a property consultant in Switzerland.



Rory Meldrum, as a keen photographer, submitted this image for the HT 2012 calendar but it was credited to Rory Meldrew!!
"I don't believe it!"

You can find out more by looking at the Alumni listings on the web site.

Entering into the Movember spirit



It would appear that sporting a moustache has been a long standing trend for these students (now alumni).

They are from L-R: Chris Gell, Irina Raileanu, Dominic Russ, Matt Record, Alec Lancaster, Chris Bob John, Jennie Peterson, Irina Raileanu, Nina Langford and Saad Mohammed.

Most of these are now 'connected'.

SAD NEWS



Many of you will have heard/read the sad news of the tragic death in October of Connor Geraghty [school celebration of his life on Nov 26th at RPS].An immensely popular and committed teacher who was adored by all his students.



Also in October we have all mourned the tragic death of one of our finest academic students, Matt Beggs. Matt was a sharp minded and keen scholar, highly competitive in everything he did; a champion chess player, outstanding Harpenden Hockey Club [HHC] goalkeeper and very popular with all that knew him.

Matt Beggs' old Oxford University hockey club mates are hosting a dinner in his memory on Saturday 26 January, with a series of matches the following day. They have invited HHC to participate in both. Harpenden Hockey Club is fielding a strong side and will be taking all members that knew Matt and 60-70 are expected to attend. The dinner will be held at St Hilda's College, Oxford.



Also in the same month, John Lee, the school caretaker from 1976 -2003 passed away peacefully in Watford General Hospital at the age of 69. He leaves his wife, Glenys, who was assistant caretaker at the same time, and sons, Charlie, Jason and John Jr.

Memory lane – Look familiar?



Mid 1990s Senior Management Team

Miss Margaret Clubley, Mr Tom Surtees, Mrs Sybil Favager, Mr Haydon Luke, Mr Mike Hoppe, Miss Linda Graham.

Finally, with Linda Graham leaving in July 2012, all have now retired from Roundwood Park and teaching.

Can you help?

In the past we have sent out 'help forms' and many of you have offered to help with careers, HE, work experience, education etc. and many have visited [i.e. Chris Benson] school to do so. We welcome any offers of help and guidance from our 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

By LinkedIn – Roundwood Park

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

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