

Dec 2014 eNews

Dear Ols,

Christmas. Unlike many shops and web-retail outlets, the OI Club has waited until December to mention this hugely important event. Christmas brings joy to many, others groan, and yet the significance to all of us is undeniably important. It will be forever so.

The Club's AGM and Ipswich Dinner, both at the school, take place just before Christmas, [on 13 December 2014](#). The first is not a formality and is a necessary forum in the management of your Club. The second is fun. This year, following the custom set at the last few dinners, the school Sixth Form Heads of School and Heads of Houses will be joining us as guests of the Club. They are looking forward to it. Let's make sure their impression of the Club is good, made up of friendly people who support each other, with a common bond, and welcoming to (almost) new members. Please join us at the dinner (see below) and chat to Ols and our guests.

Since I last wrote many OIs (actually a very large number) have joined together for a Remembrance Service in chapel, with the school and CCF. It was standing room only. This year, the list of OIs who gave their lives in the so called Great War was read by the Headmaster. How many there were!

Later in November Andrew Leach, the just retired Director of Music at Ipswich School, gave a piano recital as the 2014 OI President's Event. Andrew was magnificent. Those present knew it was a special evening.

I hope to see many of you at the AGM and Ipswich Dinner and then again in 2015. The programme is largely set and you will, I think, find activities to engage you.

And back to where we started. Christmas. Best wishes for a truly happy celebration of the most important birthday ever.

Kind Regards  
Guy Main  
OI Club Chairman

**Recent events**  
**Ipswich School and OIs remember those who died**

The annual Remembrance Day service took place on Sunday 9 November – a particularly special occasion this year as it commemorated the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Ipswich School Combined Cadet Force (CCF) as well as the start of World War One a hundred years ago, in which a total of 414 Ipswich School pupils fought.

Old Ipswichians and current Cadets and their families took part in the evening service in the School Chapel. Headmaster Nicholas Weaver read out the names of those 71 pupils who died in World War One before the trumpeters Ollie Ward, Thomas Mottershead and Toby Phillips played the Last Post and Reveille either side of the minute's silence in tribute.

Members of the CCF took part in the service with Juliet Farley reading a lesson and James Burn acting as wreath bearer. Chairman of the OI Club, Guy Main also read a lesson, whilst the Wreath of Remembrance was laid by Vice President, Bob Clayton on behalf of the Old Ipswichians. Rev Paul Hamlet, former chaplain and CCF padre gave the sermon.



The service also saw the presentation of a new CCF flag, carried by Oliver King. This is the first time that the Ipswich School CCF has had a flag in its 125 year history.

Many thanks also to the Chapel Choir, Mr Parry and Mrs Lockyer for their musical contributions, and to all those who attended the service to pay tribute to those who died.

## **OI President's Event**

### **Piano Recital by Andrew Leach**

**Sunday 22 November**



Despite the awful weather, there was a good turnout for this year's OI President's event – a piano recital by former Director of Music Andrew Leach. Putting their umbrellas and raincoats aside, visitors were warmly welcomed to the event with a 'sparkling' reception in Little School, enjoying the opportunity to chat over a glass of Prosecco. Then it was in to Great School for the main event – and what a treat!

The music was chosen by Andrew Leach with the wonderful Steinway grand piano very much in mind. The first half began with music associated with Italy, celebrating the fact that OI president, Trevor Woods, lives there and was a key player in the arrangements for the Chapel Choir tour to Tuscany and Umbria in October 2013. Music by Liszt and Chopin warmed the soul and showed off the great musicality of both the piano and the pianist. The second half featured music by two Old Ipswichians, David Sawer and Sebastian Black, plus a number of Gershwin songs amongst others.

Once the applause had died down, the audience moved back to Little School to enjoy a warming buffet supper of taster bowls with Thai chicken curry on basmati rice, Lamb Kleftico on roasted potatoes and Bangers and champ mash with red onion chutney. All followed with a selection of sweet items on platters.

OI President Trevor Woods said: "I am most grateful for the support we received from those attending this Event, and for the generous donations received for the New Music School Fund. Andrew Leach demonstrated what a great pianist can achieve on our wonderful Steinway concert grand piano. A truly brilliant piano recital, for which he has my sincere thanks."

The evening was raising money for the New Music School Campaign. Generous donations from those attending amounted to a fabulous £927.50, with gift aid yet to be added, so many thanks to everyone who contributed.



## **Forthcoming Events**

### **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

School v OI Fives - We were pleased that last year the OIs gained revenge for the unprecedented defeat by the school the year before. Hopefully this year will prove a close encounter and, as is always the case, good fun. Start time is 10.30am and anyone is welcome to come and watch.

If any OIs would like to play (we can tailor the teams to match ability if you haven't played for a while) please contact Peter Boughton on [pvb@ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:pvb@ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk). There will be mix up fives following the after match lunch in the pavilion and all are welcome to drop in, either to have a knock or just for a chat.

AGM. 6.30pm Little School

Ipswich Dinner. 7.00pm for 7.30pm Great School. There's still time to book your ticket, full details for booking your seat can be found on the attached invite. We look forward to welcoming many of you back to school.

### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Christmas Drinks – First 5 years out reunion**

The traditional Christmas Drinks reunion takes place on Thursday 18 December, from 7.30-9.30pm in the Sixth Form Centre. This event is open to all leavers from 2009-2014 and current staff and OI Club members are also welcome to attend, to celebrate the start of the festive season. Drinks will be free and nibbles will be served! Parking is available in the main Henley Road car park; there's no need to book to attend – just come along on the evening. We look forward to seeing you!

### **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>/ Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January. Fives Graves Cup**

One of the highlights of the Fives calendar, the Graves Cup, has been described by UK National Fives Champion Seb Cooley as the perfect fives tournament. Partly it is the interesting handicapping of pairs, mixing pupils, OIs, staff and guest players and partly it is the marvellous informal dinner on the Saturday night (open to all, not just players). Above all though it is the exemplary spirit in which the tournament is played which makes it so much fun. Again, if interested in playing or coming along, contact Peter Boughton on [pvb@ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:pvb@ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk).

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. Meet the Committee and former members of staff.** All other OIs are very welcome too! Come along to the cricket pavilion at school for some tasty nibbles and drinks and an opportunity to welcome in the New Year with fellow OIs.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February (or is this 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH?!).** Drinks in the City. Venue to be confirmed in the New Year

Future **BIG** dates to remember and make note of in your diary

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March.** The School's official opening of the **Ipswich School Sports Centre (Rushmere)** Full details will follow.

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March** – OI Sports Festival at Rushmere. This year we hope to play hockey, netball, football and tennis, so start to gather your team mates for what is always an amazing day.

## **Merchandising**

Remember the Club has produced a variety of commemorative items for its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary that would make the ideal Christmas gift. These can be bought through Coes from both their shop or on the website through the following link. <http://www.coesschoolwear.co.uk/> . Click on the school's coat of arms and into the Old Ipswichian Merchandise option.

## **125th appeal**

We are really pleased to announce that the Old Ipswichian 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Appeal total has reached a staggering £850,000, with pledges and donations. This is just £150,000 off our target of £1m. A huge achievement and a massive thank you to all those that have supported the Club with this endeavour. **\*\*\*\*\* ? Guy to add or amend?**

## **OI News and other Bits:**

### **OI Golf - Tuesday September 23rd - Runyard Trophy**

Teams from Framlingham, Greshams, Ipswich, Norwich, Woodbridge and a combined team from St Felix and RHS took part in the first playing of the "Runyard Trophy", Norfolk and Suffolk Old Boys and Girls golf Challenge at Woodbridge Golf Club. The teams consisted of six players playing for stableford points with all six scores to count. The players went out in mixed fourballs, that is to say four people from four different schools playing together. The weather held fine and it was a most pleasant afternoon with much banter swapped and no putts given.

As the groups came in and the scores went up, it proved home advantage was decisive, the OW's swept to a convincing victory to claim bragging rights and the inaugural win of the Runyard Trophy in the form of a silver claret jug.

The date for next year has been set for Tuesday September 22nd 2015 once again at Woodbridge GC.

Old Ipswichians were a creditable 2nd place the team consisting of Peter Miller, James Gardiner, Michael Hunt, Barry Squirrel, Bryan Caley and Ray Fenning.

Results;

Woodbridge 198

Ipswich 189

St Felix/RHS Holbrook 188

Framlingham 186

Norwich 174

Greshams 164.



Norman Mayhew, past captain and president of Woodbridge Golf Club playing the first shot of the tournament. (not an OI so not sure of you want to keep this in ????)

**The following report missed the deadline for the last OI News but we thought you would like to read to whet your appetite for next year's rugby 7's! Report by Ben Savory.**

'Cometh the day, after 5 years of OI Sevens absence, 7th September 2014 finally saw the reincarnation of one of the most anticipated OI events of the calendar returning to its hallowed turf of Notcutts.

In true OI Sevens rugby style, with a 10:30 meet time... there was barely anyone there. However, faith restored, with a planned kick off time of 11am, the following 2 hours saw some of the most electric champagne rugby that only the Fijians could appreciate.

With 2 teams from the current School 1st XV squad and OIs; Melvyn's Army, Hooters and Pulse, it proved to be a hotly contested set of matches. The 2 School teams showed some of the incredible handling, phase play and continuity installed in them by Ian Gall, only to be pipped at the post for the tournament by the reigning champions Hooters... with a token few members of team Pulse thrown in for good measure.

The final match threw the rule book away, with a 10v10, 1st XV boys vs OIs full pitch test match, which we could only consider as being a warm up for next year's World Cup, with the select OI team running out eventual winners by just 1 try.

A hugely successful day, with special thanks going to resident referees Tim Passmore and Paul Mather, for refereeing more matches each than any player was playing. The organisation behind it from Lindy Packer, Richard Hudson and Guy Main made it one to remember and just the start of things to come.

Next year sees the Rugby World Cup land on English soil, which is a great opportunity to get the rugby OI family back together and hold the biggest tournament to date. Details will follow in the near future.'

**A Plea from Archive Melissa Joralemon, the school Archivist. [1976 long school photo](#)**

A copy of the 1976 photo is waiting for the OI who requested it last June but unfortunately your name and address has come off. If you contact in the Archives at [maaj@ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:maaj@ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk) I will post it to you.

- We sometimes list OIs who have, during the year, collected their Gold Dof E Award - does the school have a list? ALASDAIR ROSS IS CHECKING BUT WE WON'T BE ABLE TO CONFIRM TILL MIDWEEK – have reminded but still waiting. The D of E website has not been updated. If the info comes through before I send the eNews out are you happy for me to add the list of names?

Kind Regards

Guy Main

Chairman

OI Club

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