



Dear Old Ipswichian

Next Saturday, 28 June, the Gaudy to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the founding of the OI Club takes place on the playing field at Ipswich School. We have billed this as “the event of the year”, and we hope it will prove to be so. I hope you are joining us.

In addition to food and drink, various activities are on offer, for all ages. In addition, a school v county cricket match is due to take place, starting at 11:30am. A steel band will play for most of the afternoon, and the school Big Band will entertain us during the early evening. Fuller details are below.

This is an event for OIs of all generations, and their families. We have sold many tickets in advance, and this has helped us plan to have enough, but not too much, food and drink available. There will be some tickets “on the door”, and so it is not too late to plan to join the party.

Do make a weekend of it and support the OI cricket team in the match against the school on Friday 27. And the school Soiree takes place on Sunday 29, at 6:30pm.

The next “big” event, after the summer, is on 7 September, when the OI Rugby Sevens tournament takes place. Please note and support this new date. We are returning to Notcutts (the old Top Field) this year, where a refurbished and extended pavilion will be ready for us.

The Club is active, and events for the rest of the year are already planned, some of which are listed below. Your committee is working on ways to further improve communications, assistance with careers, and well as other projects.

I hope to see you next Saturday, or soon at some other event.

Kind Regards
Guy Main

Upcoming Events:

OI v School Cricket – Friday 27th June

The OIs take on the School team once again in what we expect to be a great afternoon of cricket. OIs will meet at 11.00 in the pavilion for bacon butties with the game starting shortly after at 11.30. All OIs are welcome to come along and watch the game. The bar will be open and hopefully the sun will be shining.

OI 125th Anniversary Gaudy – Saturday 28th June

This one-off event – well, the OI Club will never again be 125 years old – takes place during the afternoon and evening of 28 June, on the school field, centred near the pavilion. OIs and their families are warmly invited. There will be food (included in the ticket price), drink (a nominal charge for alcoholic beverages), cricket to watch, a steel band to entertain us during the afternoon, and the school's Big Band to delight us during the early evening.

Activities including a treasure hunt, coconut shy, garden games, facepainting and bouncy castle will be on offer. Some tours of the school will be available.

The school Archivist, Melissa Joralemon, has put together a fascinating collection which may be viewed in the pavilion. OI merchandise will also be on display as, we hope, will be the model of the new music school which will be partly funded by the OI 125th Anniversary Appeal.

To ensure sufficient refreshments, we prefer to sell tickets in advance. Please order yours now from Jack Devlin on oievents@ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk or 01473 298961. They are £5 each and include food, with under 18s free. There will be tickets available on the day, but please let us know if you think you will be joining the event of the year.

Rugby Sevens – Sunday 7th September

Plans are advanced for this year's Rugby Sevens Tournament, which returns to Notcutts after a year away and thus giving OIs a chance to see the recently redeveloped pavilion as well as to play on familiar pitches. We aim to build on the success of last year's tournament by having even more teams take part. We are also exploring interest in a ladies' touch rugby match. If you would be interested in playing or entering a team in either the boys or ladies' competition, please email oisports@ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk . As always, early expressions of interest is a great help to the organisers.

There will be food and drinks available after the matches, and spectators are encouraged.



Drinks in the City – Friday 3rd October – Save the date!

The next Drinks in the City event takes place in early October. More information and the central London venue will be publicised nearer the time. It will no doubt follow on from the successes of previous Drinks in the City evenings, with good conversation from many generations of OIs and initial food and drinks provided by the Club.

Big Band Night at the Ipswich School Festival of Music – Tuesday 7th October

The OI club is sponsoring the final night at this year's Festival of Music and consequently has 18 tickets to give away to OIs, on a first come, first served basis. The school's Big Band and the IMU Big Band will be performing. Please email oievents@ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk or call 01473 298961 to put your name down for a ticket. Alternatively, tickets may be purchased through the Ipswich Regent www.ipswichregent.com or 01473 433100.

OIs and their guests will have a chance to meet before the concert for a drinks and canapes reception in the pavilion from 6.30pm.

An Important Request

It is not unknown for OIs to spend time together, particularly after an event at school. A number of local venues and hostelries will recognise OIs, perhaps by knowing them from previous visits or perhaps by the conversation. Groups of younger OIs are more likely to be recognised in and around Ipswich. Please at all times conduct yourselves in a manner that you would not, under any circumstances and in front of anyone, be ashamed of. You can imagine why I have written this: please be advised and act appropriately.

Other News:

Eddy Alcock (OI 1949-1954) Receives OBE

Recent former President of the OI Club, Eddy Alcock was awarded an OBE earlier in the month. From an article in the EADT:

“Eddy Alcock, 76, from Debenham, has received an OBE for public and voluntary service.

The former Suffolk County Council chairman has worked for decades supporting community groups including the village’s youth club and the Rotary Club of High Suffolk. He said: “I don’t believe that anybody who chooses to give any sort of service to the community has any expectation of receiving any form of recognition. I feel greatly honored therefore to be a recipient of this award and very grateful to those who have considered me to be worthy of it.”

He was a retained firefighter for 10 years, becoming president of the Retained Firefighters’ Union in 1981.

Helping at Debenham’s leisure center he contributed to raising £1.25million for new and improvements to facilities.”

The full article can be found at

http://www.eadt.co.uk/news/suffolk_community_champions_honoured_on_queen_s_birthday_list_1_3642567

Email addresses for OIs

As time moves on the Club is delivering more and more of our invitations and correspondence through the digital sphere, to cut down on environmental and financial cost. Unfortunately, we do not have email addresses for all OIs.

If you are in contact OIs who may or do not receive emails, please ask them to contact the Club by email! at jcd@ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk with their name and years at school. We would hate anyone to miss out.

OI Club Merchandising

The new OI Club merchandise is available, as are the four special 125th Anniversary items. Please contact Coes <http://www.coes.co.uk/Static/lpswich> who have been very helpful in putting these items together and would be delighted to assist you.

Correction of error in this year's OI Journal

The photo on page 33 of the 2014 OI Journal purports to show Prep A2 in 1954. In fact, it shows Prep A1 in 1951 (the same photo appears, correctly captioned, on page 23).

The photo of Prep A2 that should have been printed on page 33 is the following. Our apologies to Stuart Grimwade ('50 - '62), who submitted the photo, and to all his fellow Prep A2 alumni.



*Standing: M.F.C. Serjeant, A. Green, D.J. Mainwaring, G.P. Davey, K.P. Shropshire, F.J. Steward, I.R. Macro,
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Kneeling/Sitting: R.L. Pennell, J.F. Clements, D.P. Buck, R.C. Morgan, N.M. Pratt, M.W. Bolton, N.R. Cracknell
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Kind regards

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