



Dear Ol's

Various Ol events are taking place in the next few weeks, in London and Ipswich. Do come. Details are set out in brief below. Your President, Bob Clayton, will be in familiar surroundings, and garb, at the Ol Sports Festival on 29 March and, in different attire, will be presiding at the London Dinner on 22 April. Please do support him at these events, as well as at others.

We have, from time to time, explained that that Club communicates more and more by digital media. Email is key for us at present, so please check with Ols that you know that they also have received this eNews. If not, perhaps the email address we have for them is out of date. Do encourage them to let us have their current one.

As I wrote in January, the officers and committee of the Ol Club work to keep the Club relevant and to improve the offering. We do so in a world which remains a challenging place, both on a global and local scale. We trust, though, that the events we arrange are varied, appealing and (where there is a cost) good value.

I hope to see many of you during the next few weeks.

Kind regards
Guy Main
Ol Club Chairman

Recent Events

New Year Social – Friday 23rd January in the Pavilion

Many OIs from all generations enjoyed this annual event in the relaxed atmosphere of the pavilion with our new President, Bob Clayton, serving behind the bar. A role that seemed very natural! With Christmas over and the New Year underway, it was a good opportunity for the school and the OI Club to mix and catch up.



Benefactors Evensong – Sunday 8th February

The service brought together many who have contributed in various ways to the life and growth of Ipswich School, and was an opportunity to thank God for the school's positive influence in the lives of countless young people.

The choir's singing was to its usual high standard, and included a solo by Emily Gorham. The Chaplain, Andrew Winter preached and the lessons were read by Angus Livingstone a current pupil and OI, Leigh Belcham. The Introit was composed by a Year 11 pupil, Grace Aggett.

The evening concluded with a buffet supper in the dining hall, and words of appreciation by the headmaster, Nicholas Weaver. A good evening, enjoyed by everyone.

Forthcoming Events

Drinks in the City – Friday 6th March at 6pm at the Water Poet, 9-11 Folgate Street, Spitalfields, London, E1 6BX. Drinks and some nibbles will be provided early on in the evening. Join us for the evening or just pop in for a quick drink. Everyone is welcome, it's a great way to start your weekend!



Cross Country – Saturday 7th March at Fynn Valley with a 2pm meet. Everyone is invited to join in! Spectators are also very welcome. One of these will be the Chairman, still saying that he is unable to run due to a slow recovery from a running injury! After the run we return to school where showers are available and drinks and a curry are served in the Dining Hall.

For full details or to take part, please contact Alistair Dick through alistairdick120@gmail.com

OI Golf – Stowmarket. Thursday 12th March at Stowmarket Golf Club with a 1pm tee time. If you would like further information or to take part, contact Brian Caley through caley@ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk

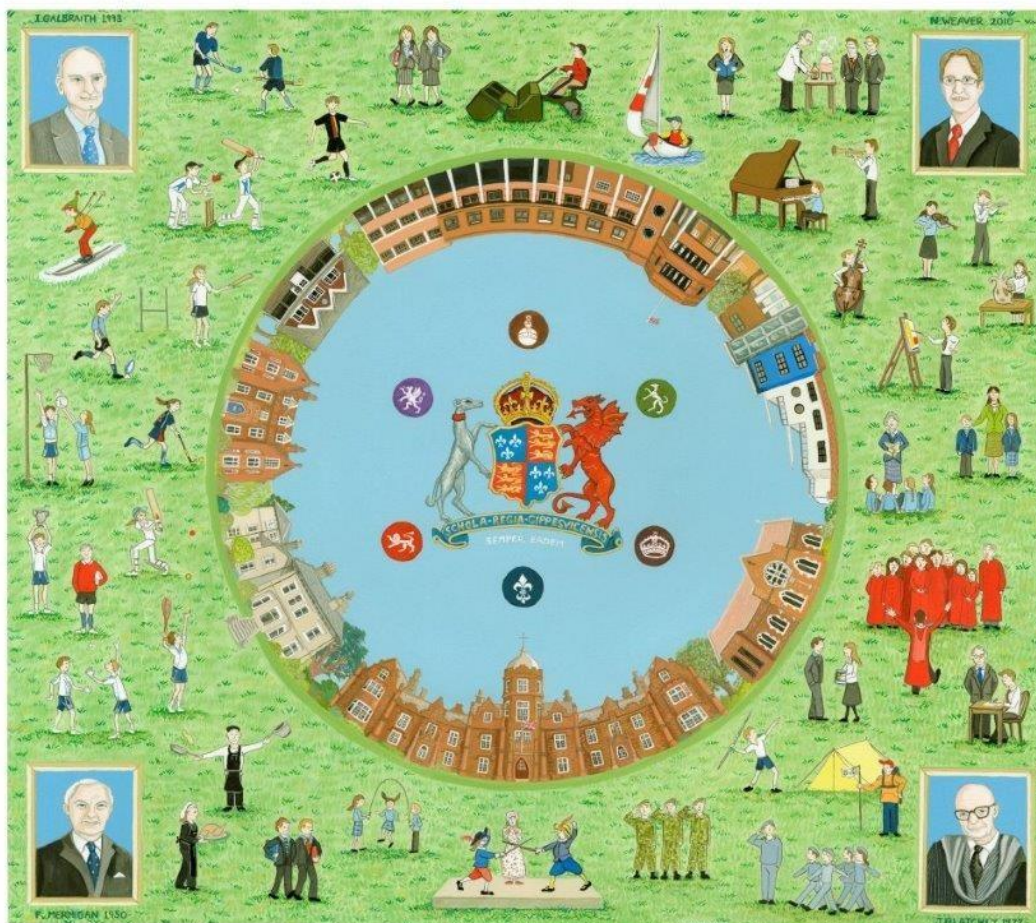
Opening of Ipswich School Sports Centre – Rushmere. Friday 13th March. The School has a full programme of events to celebrate the opening of this fabulous facility. It is a ticket only event and we are able to offer a few on a first come first served basis. If you would like to find out more, contact Lindy Hacker through lxh@ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk or 01473 298961 .

London Dinner – Wednesday 22nd April at the East India Club, St James's Square, London. Full details are being finalised and will be available shortly. Please book the date.

Other News

Commemorative painting (well, a copy) can be yours...

A highly individual painting of Ipswich School was commissioned by the OI Club to celebrate its 125th Anniversary. The painting was created by local artist Lorna Maxwell, author of the Amazing ABC Adventures, and prints are now available to buy, sized at 51cm x 40cm.



Proceeds from the Giclee Prints (a high quality print) will go towards the OI Club's 125th Anniversary Appeal, which will help fund the new music school, sports equipment and bursaries.

Rolled and tubed prints cost just £45 each. Prints in a classic frame (brown with gold line) cost £100 each (with around 2 weeks lead time). They may be ordered from the Development Office either by email to Lindy Hacker (lxh@ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk) or by calling her on 01473 298961. Payment, in advance, by cash or cheque (payable to The

Old Ipswichian Club). What a great way to enjoy memories of life at Ipswich School as well as help give future pupils even better facilities and opportunities.

Social Media and Contact Details

Have you joined the OI Club pages on Facebook and LinkedIn? Do you follow the OI Club on Twitter? Please do. And most important, please ensure that we have correct and current email address for you and for as many OIs as you can check with. Fewer communications will be sent by post, so please confirm current email addresses to oldipswichians@ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk