

The Old Ipswichian Club March 2016 eNews



Dear OI,

Last night as I headed home, still in daylight at 6:15, it began to feel like Spring is finally around the corner. Temperatures still are a little on the 'challenging' side, but nevertheless, it can't be too many weekends into the future before we can all drag the bbq out at the weekend!

This eNews gives important information for the London Dinner and the OI Sports Festival. Please do get in touch if you'd like to attend either of these events – I hope you will!

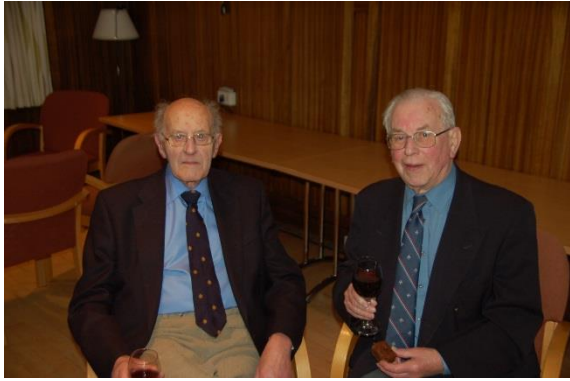
With best wishes for a restful Easter

Sally Webber
OI Chairman

Recent Events

New Year Gathering – Friday 22nd January 2016

A chilly evening in January saw a good group of OI's gather in the Pavilion for drinks and nibbles to catch up and enjoy reminiscing. It was a very enjoyable evening!



OI v School Cross Country – Saturday 12th March 2016

The OI v School Cross Country race took place on Saturday 12th March at Sunny Farm, Fynn Valley and this year it felt bigger than ever, with school's competing against Ipswich School bringing full sized coaches. Organised by Alistair Dick, the OI Club had a very respectable band of 11 runners and along with our spectators and dogs, we made quite a crowd! Our team did us proud and we successfully defended our crown. Afterwards, the spectators and runners met back at school for a curry and refreshments in the dining hall. A screen had been set up by the school so viewing of the England Rugby match could be enjoyed by all.



James Eve, the winning OI, receiving the shield from Nicholas Weaver the Headmaster



Nick Weaver presenting Alistair Dick with the Winners Shield after the OI Club successfully defended their title.

Forthcoming Events

OI Club London Dinner – The Oxford and Cambridge Club, Friday 15th April

This year the Club's annual London Dinner is taking place at the Oxford and Cambridge Club in Pall Mall. Places are going very fast so we would suggest that you book early to avoid disappointment. At the time of sending this, there are 10 seats left. Bookings will be taken on a first come first served basis. Full details for the evening and a booking form can be found on the OI website, follow the link below and use the booking form to reserve your place now.

<http://www.ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk/old-ipswichians/events-and-reunions/forthcoming-events.aspx>

If there is enough demand we are offering to run a minibus service from School. Seats cost £20 for a return journey. If you would like to book your seat, please phone Vicki on 01473 298964. Seats need to be booked and paid for by Monday 11th April.

The OI Sports Festival – Sunday 17th April

The ever popular annual OI Sports Festival is taking place on Sunday 17th April at the school's sports centre, Rushmere. Competitive matches will be played against the school in hockey and netball and there will be a 5-a-side football tournament running alongside. The day will start with registration at 10am, with matches being played from 10.30 until around 2.30pm. If you would like to take part, please contact oisports@ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk. At present we are allowing for 8 football teams, on a first come first served basis, so if you would like to enter a team, book early.

Food and refreshments will be available throughout the day and everyone is welcome, spectators and players alike.

The OI Summer Lunch – Saturday 11th June 2016

We are very pleased to announce that the annual Summer Lunch is taking place on Saturday 11th June 2016. This event is **open to all OIs who left school 1966 or earlier**. Spouses and partners are very welcome. Lunch will be served in both dining halls of the school and we will be having an archive display in the staff and quiet rooms for you to enjoy. Invites with full details will be sent out shortly but in the meantime put the date in your diary and contact your friends and peers. We look forward to welcoming many of you back to this very popular lunch.

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Nick Freestone (OI 2003-2010), organ scholar at St Albans Cathedral, stunned millions with his version of David Bowie's 'Life on Mars' which he played as a tribute to the singer, after his death in January.

The Cathedral put the video on Facebook which then went viral. If you didn't catch this and would like to see, follow the link below:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-beds-bucks-herts-35292968>

School News

School Former Staff Reunion – Saturday 21st May, in the School Dining Hall

The school is holding its annual Former Staff Reunion on Saturday 21st May. Guests will meet in the staff room and then move to the dining hall for a buffet lunch. Invites will be sent out in the next couple of weeks but if for some reason you do not hear from school, please get in touch with Lindy Hacker through lxh@ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk. The school wants to get in touch with as many former staff as possible, so please pass this on to other previous staff members if you feel we may not reach them.

Steve Godfrey, Westwood Housemaster is leaving!

Steve Godfrey, who has been housemaster at Westwood for 17 years is stepping down at the end of this summer term. If you were part of the house over this time we would love to hear from you with your memories and stories. If you have any photos, with dates and events that you would like to share, please send those through too so we can put them together in a booklet for him. Send any contributions to Lindy Hacker at the above email address. Many thanks!

Kind regards,

Sally Webber

OI Chairman

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