



Old Ipswichian News

The newsletter of the Old Ipswichian Club

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Successful President's event helps charity

The President's Event this year took place on Friday 16 October, and was a wine and food tasting evening. Apart from sharing good company, wine and food the evening raised funds for Alzheimer's research. Over sixty OIs attended the evening generating in excess of £1000 towards this very worthwhile charity.



A message from the Chairman

Guy Main

We all have choices to make in life. We all have opportunities too. Sometimes the opportunities and choices seem vast and at other times, perhaps depending on our situation and circumstances, they can seem limited.

As I hope you will have noticed, your committee does not simply repeat a well worn programme, year in, year out. Of course, key events in the diary remain, with revisions to keep them fresh. Your committee makes and takes opportunities and exercises choices on behalf of the members of the Club. We always aim to be appealing (in the sense that we hope OIs will wish to take advantage of what the Club offers) as well as relevant. In this OI News you will read of well supported events and activities. And for the future, new ideas are in place. I hope you will participate in these new initiatives in due course.

This edition of the OI News contains a supplement in tribute to the late Dr John Blatchly, former headmaster of Ipswich School, archivist, musician, historian and, above all, friend. John, who died in September 2015, was in my view a visionary headmaster with a large number of interests and an extraordinary passion for them. He had a huge enthusiasm for people and life. I have heard many stories of John in recent months of which the most striking are the reports of wise words and encouragement proffered, quietly and without fuss, at just the right time to numerous students and OIs. John was a great friend of the OI Club and, indeed, was President in 2011.

Outside a tight circle, most of us may not leave a (non financial) legacy. John has, because he made a direct impact in many people's lives. Perhaps teachers are able to do this more than others, never-the-less, John stands out. I doubt John was seeking to leave a legacy: he has done so above all by quietly noting and helping others. His enthusiasm helped. What a model for us all.

The whole evening was a great success with food and wine from four different European countries, England, Spain, Italy and France. The food was prepared by OI Jon Marriott's Bouquet Garni catering company. They presented very tasty food which complimented all the wines on offer.

OI Simon Gotelee represented the Wine Company at Colchester and described the wines as they were served. Generous gifts were donated towards the raffle from many local businesses which, again, generated money towards the charity.

I would personally like to thank all who attended as I believe a good night was had by all (I agree – OI Chairman). I also appreciate all the help and support provided by Vicki Spray and Lindy Hacker in the Foundation department.

Bob Clayton, OI President 2015

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Former OI Club Presidents' Lunch



At the invitation of the Headmaster and the Chairman of the Governors, a group of past Old Ipswichian Club Presidents met for lunch on Friday 19 June 2015.

We congregated in the Pavilion, and after introductions and coffee, we donned hard hats and high visibility jackets for a tour of the new Music School, which was under construction. This visit was extremely interesting, especially as we were able to see the length to which the constructors were going to ensure maximum soundproofing of each room and the building as a whole.

Following this, we made our way to the new Prep, across the road from the Great School, for an eye opening glimpse of how things have moved on - I never came across the Period Table when I was in the Prep!

After visiting the Art exhibition, which was in the premises that had just been acquired on the corner of Henley Road and Ivory Street, we took lunch in the Headmaster's Study. In my day this was the Holden library, where I spent most of my Private Study periods.

An excellent lunch was preceded by a short recital by the choir which included singing the Grace. Lunch over, we all piled into a minibus and headed for the Rushmere Sports Ground, here we viewed the premises, sports hall and the new hockey pitches. Then it was back to School to watch the School v OI cricket match, and of course tea!

Never has there been such a gathering of so many ex-Presidents of the OI Club, and so ended an excellent day.

John Skeates, ex-OI Club President, 1953-64

Leavers' Service and Reception

In a change from recent practice the school's Speech Day was held on the last day of the school year, Friday 3rd July 2015. The annual Graduation Service for those leaving the school took place in the School Chapel, following on from the main Speech Day event.

Afterwards there was a reception of "strawberries and fizz" on the School Field, making use of the marquee that had seen the Speech Day event.

The school and the Club jointly hosted the Graduation Service and reception as a mark of the pupils' shift from pupils to OIs. As a token of the change in status, each school leaver is presented with an OI pin badge as they leave the chapel. Guy Main and Sally Webber were delighted to present the pins and meet so many new OIs at the reception.

The sun shone, the food fortified parents, new OIs and staff alike, and the celebratory fizz marked reaching one milestone and setting off towards the next.



The Ipswichian

The school's annual magazine, The Ipswichian, is out now, containing details of school events, achievements, trips, activities and sporting successes during the 2014-2015 school year.

If any OIs would like a copy, please contact Lindy Hacker via email: lxh@ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk



Holly Road Boulevard – the Old Ipswichian Walk

To complete the OIs' 125th Anniversary fundraising campaign it was decided to invite former students to sponsor a stone paviour, engraved with their name and years at the school.

These will be set in the path alongside the cricket field and parallel to Holly Road, leading to the flagship new Music School building.

The idea has caught on well with over 70 stones so far sponsored and more being ordered each week.

Peter Boughton, Foundation Director

OIs enjoy Chapel Choir entertainment at New York Dinner

My wife and I were delighted to hear that the Ipswich School Chapel Choir was coming to New York City. Truly a first for the School's choir and a delight for me, having lived in New York City for 35 years and seen little Ipswich School activity or OI activity this side of the Atlantic.

We were able to attend one of their concerts at St Bartholomew's Church. "St. Bart's" as it is known locally, is a famous Episcopal church on Park Ave. in the heart of mid-town Manhattan. The choir sang during the Eucharist service at 6pm. The local congregation and the presiding minister gave the school choir a warm welcome and a standing ovation at the end of the service.

Later the same evening, the School hosted a dinner at the Penn Club for School parents and staff and kindly invited OI's to join as well. It was a pleasure to meet the Headmaster, Guy Main and Sally Webber. Several other OI's from the New York area attended as well as some parents who had taken advantage of the School Choir tour to come to New York during half term.

The evening turned out to be a wonderful opportunity to hear about the current activities at the School from the Headmaster as well as relive memories about my time at the school in the 1960's. Having been fed delightful food and excellent wine, the highlight of the evening was the re-appearance of the school Chapel Choir who performed four songs for the dinner guests.

Ably led by Director of Music Sion Parry, the children sang their hearts out for us, a clear sign that they had thoroughly



enjoyed every aspect of the stay in New York City.

A big thank you from this New York based OI to everyone involved in making the Ipswich School Chapel Choir tour such a success.

Alastair Merrick (OI 1962 - 1971)

Old Ipswichians and School honour those who fought

The annual Remembrance Day service took place on Sunday 8 November 2015, the third Sunday before Advent. On display was a collection of ceramic poppies from the Tower of London installation which had generously been loaned for the occasion by staff and connections to the school.

Old Ipswichians and current Cadets and their families took part in the evening service in the School Chapel.

Trumpeters Toby Phillips and Johnny Stewart played the Last



Post and Reveille either side of the minute's silence in tribute. John Caudle, an Old Ipswichian, read the first lesson and the

Wreath of Remembrance was laid by Bob Clayton on behalf of the Old Ipswichians.

Members of the CCF took part in the service with Michael Hamilton bearing the flag and Cadet Toby Hudson read the second lesson. Revd Holly Crompton-Battersby gave the sermon about the meaning of the poppy. The retiring collection was in support of the Red Cross.

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.



OIs enjoy Summer Lunch

What used to be the Diamond Lunch has become the Summer Lunch. This incorporated the celebrations of the Class of 65 - see report later in this OI News. OIs who left the school at least 50 years ago, plus their partners, toured parts of the school and lunched together. This is always a convivial and enthusiastic gathering, made more so by a special archives display arranged and hosted by Melissa Joralemon, Leigh Belcham and Jill Belcham. This was very well received: our thanks to the three of them.

The Chairman of the school governors, the Headmaster and the Club Chairman spoke, and the event was enjoyed by all.



OI President's Event



Photos from the OI President's Event, held on Friday 16 October 2015



Circa 1399

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A tribute to Professor JM Blatchly MBE, PhD, LittD, FSA 1932 - 2015

A Personal Tribute by Nicholas Allen,
Headmaster, Ipswich Preparatory School,
1987 - 1994 and Revd David Warnes,
Third Master, Chaplain and Head of
History, Ipswich School 1980 - 2010

John Blatchly died on 3 September 2015 at the age of 82 after a short illness. He had led a rich life in which idleness played no part. His many interests and enthusiasms crossed the disciplines of art and science and included, chemistry, music, history, the Church of England, ecclesiastical architecture and ex libris (the study of bookplates, ancient and modern), to name but a few.

John was many things in his life: devoted husband, father and grandfather; good friend to many; mentor and example to many more; a gifted teacher and a headmaster who inspired loyalty and hard work in those privileged to work closely with him, and not a little awe in those whose professional dedication and appetite for work did not match his own. To this list could be added his skills as an oboist of professional standard, choral and orchestral conductor, singer, actor and, above all, prolific author. Polymath is a word hardly strong and rich enough in meaning to describe John's range of interests and his profound understanding and knowledge of many of life's finer things.

John was, without question, an intellectual of the highest intelligence. A product of the grammar school system (where one of his contemporaries at Sutton Grammar School was Dr David Bellamy), Christ's College, Cambridge, where he read for the Natural Sciences Tripos, was followed by National Service as an Instructor Lieutenant in the Royal



Navy at HMS Ganges, an opportunity which fuelled his enthusiasm for and growing love of Suffolk and its historic county town, Ipswich. At HMS Ganges he was unafraid to climb the mast and to stand on the 'button' at its top. Young seamen were taken to concerts in the Corn Exchange to broaden their cultural experience, though John was not so naive as to think that all of those in the concert party devoted their attention solely to the music when the other attractions of the town were made accessible on Sunday afternoons.

John's civilian teaching career began at the King's School, Bruton, where he was Head of Science. He then moved to Eastbourne College, where he also served as Acting Director of Music during an interregnum. It was during his years there that, in 1965, he became the first chemist to be awarded



a Cambridge PhD on submission of a dozen publications of original work in organic chemistry carried out with the assistance of his sixth form students. He was soon promoted to be Head of Chemistry at Charterhouse where he came under the influence of Oliver Van Oss, one of the outstanding headmasters of his generation.

In 1972, John became Headmaster of Ipswich School. John's 21 year tenure was characterised by a significant rise in the school's status, academic focus, cultural breadth and richness of opportunity for generations of pupils. Headmasters are often remembered by their building works, but in John's case, his contribution to the building stock of Ipswich School, while significant, forms only a small part of his legacy. His sketch provided the inspiration for the school's octagonal library, built on stilts to provide a useful sheltered space beneath. The library was enhanced, at John's insistence, by stained glass windows commissioned from John Piper. A sports hall and a laboratory block, later named the Blatchly Laboratories, were to follow, together with a major refurbishment of the Great School and the building of the new Little School. The school took its first step towards co-education with the admission of girls to the sixth form, and the far-sighted purchase by the school governors of part of the site of the former Anglesea Road Hospital made possible the move to full co-education under his successor, Ian Galbraith, and the construction of modern buildings to house the Nursery, Pre-preparatory and Preparatory Schools.

At the centre of the school was the Headmaster's Study, lined with the ancient volumes of The Old Town Library, founded in the 17th Century by one of John's predecessors and which in the 1980s John had found languishing in a strong room beneath the Borough Library. This collection of rare books was lovingly catalogued by John in one of his many publications, and made fully accessible to scholars from around the world.

John never ceased teaching and always took a Year 7 chemistry class each of which would be thrilled by his spectacular practical demonstrations: a gas and air explosion which fired a tin lid at great speed without warning up to the ceiling being a particular favourite. The pupil quick enough to catch the lid before it hit the floor was recommended to the cricket master as a potential slip fielder in the First XI. Each Sunday evening in term time, the most talented musicians in the school gathered in the Blatchlys' drawing room to rehearse baroque chamber music to be

We owe John a huge debt of gratitude for all that he did for Ipswich School, and indeed, Ipswich. His wisdom as a Headmaster, his extensive knowledge as our Archivist Emeritus and his unbridled enthusiasm for life will live long in all of our memories.

Nicholas Weaver, Headmaster



Above: With the Duke of Edinburgh on his visit to open the Leggett Technical Studies Centre in 1973

performed under John's baton in a concert in an historic church towards the end of term. He took a lively interest in school sport and was an enthusiastic and regular presence on the boundary and the touchline. Never bored himself, he found boredom in other people incomprehensible and once, in a school assembly, threatened to impose a 50p fine on any pupil who was overheard saying that he or she was bored.

As Headmaster, John was happy to put his trust in others and was a most effective delegator; once a responsibility had been passed on, he did not interfere, but was always ready with sage advice when asked. John was instrumental in advancing the careers of younger staff who showed promise. He taught them many good habits: the frequent thanking and praise of colleagues, in writing, for services rendered; the prompt reply to questions asked and memos sent (before the days of email) and enthusiasm for and encouragement of good ideas. Many went on to become heads themselves. He had a great knowledge and understanding of his pupils and a driving ambition for their progress and success. Few colleagues will forget John's energetic chairing of the monthly meeting at which each pupil's effort and achievement were regularly reviewed, a gathering characterised by John's acerbic but nevertheless sympathetic comments.

John played his part too in the wider field of education. Through the project 'Education 2000' in the 1980s and 1990s,

he worked hard to bring maintained and independent schools in Ipswich closer together through the sharing of expertise and building of relationships between the heads of the fifteen or so schools involved. Within HMC, he was a leading light of the East Anglian Division and for many years edited HMC's journal, 'Conference and Common Room', a publication renowned for being both informative, learned and amusing. He was made an Honorary Life Member of HMC for his dedicated service as Treasurer, supporting three successive chairmen. John was energetically involved in the early work of the Independent Schools Inspectorate, leading many inspections both as a serving head and in the early years of his retirement. His inspection reports were always a joy to read and were characterised by their vivid language before 'educational bleak-speak' drowned out individuality. "If punctuality is the courtesy of kings, there's not much royalty at School X" was one remark that made it to the final draft of one his inspection reports.

In retirement, John continued to contribute to the educational scene through his work as a governor at Oakham, Norwich, Chigwell and the British School in Paris. He had long been involved in the Suffolk Institute of Archaeology and History, whose President he was, the Suffolk Records Society, which he chaired for a quarter of a century, and the Ipswich Historic Churches Trust, which he also chaired. His encouragement of young scholars, together with his own extensive publications led to him being appointed as a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries. In retirement his attention became increasingly focused on local history and higher education. In 1993 he was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters by the University of East Anglia for services to history and education in the region, and for six years he chaired the advisory committee of the Centre for East Anglian Studies at that university. He was a Research Associate of the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography and contributed many articles to the latest edition of that publication. He served as President of the Bookplate Society and was designated as Udo Ivask Laureate and

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Guy Main, OI Chairman

Medallist of the International Federation of Ex Libris Societies for outstanding contributions to bookplate scholarship.

John was appointed MBE for services to local history and his work with the Heritage Lottery Fund in the East of England. His enthusiasm and abilities as a fund-raiser played a considerable part in the commissioning of a statue of Cardinal Wolsey, Ipswich's and Ipswich School's most famous son, now situated close to site of the great man's birthplace. He worked closely with the distinguished sculptor David Annand to bring this project to fruition in 2011.

From its inception, John was a strong supporter and advocate of University Campus Suffolk and, in particular, of the History department, to whose staff and students he made himself generously available. He was delighted to be elected as Honorary Wolsey Professor and Visiting Professor of History and to welcome distinguished scholars and musicians, some of whom were his former pupils or protégés, to deliver the annual Wolsey Lecture.

Throughout John's long and energetic career, he was loyally supported by his devoted wife, Pam, who herself contributed



Right: With the Princess Royal on her visit in 1990



an enormous amount to the school and wider community, particularly through her work as a JP on the Ipswich Bench. John and Pam's daughter Janet lives and works in Ipswich and their son Mark is a musician and housemaster at Charterhouse.

John enjoyed the finer things in life: opera, chamber music and the theatre; cultivating the great and good to the benefit of Ipswich School; good food and fine wines (ABC - Anything But Chardonnay); the company of family and friends; holidays in Crete and, latterly, some adventurous cruises in the Mediterranean and the Baltic.

Central to John's life was his religion. A devout Anglican who found solace in the dignity of the traditional liturgy, for many years he attended Ipswich's civic church, St Mary-le-Tower. He was very supportive of a succession of incumbents, and delighted when they achieved preferment. His faith and trust in God brought him comfort always and especially at the end of his life and in his final illness. He did not fear death. Shortly before he was overcome by his final illness, John asked to be driven into Ipswich so that he could photograph some architectural details of the Captains' Houses for what he must have known would be his final weekly article for The East Anglian Daily Times. "I don't like to let anyone down," he remarked, despite the fatigue and physical weakness brought on by his condition. The article, and its accompanying photographs, reached the paper well before the final deadline, as was only to be expected.



Above: John at a community event. Below: The unveiling of the statue of Thomas Wolsey in Ipswich in 2011



Summer Lunch sees a true re-union!

The prospect of meeting former class mates whom you last saw 50 years ago is, quite honestly a somewhat daunting one; will you recognise faces, voices, tones or 'distinguishing features'? 50 years isn't like 10 or even 20 years, as it's getting on for a lifetime!

It was back last year that I had the good fortune to witness the leavers of 1964 meeting again, at a day on School Field, and they seemed to get on well, no long quarrels surfaced, no blood spilt, lots of smiling faces and laughter - would the 1965 leavers group be similar?

The planning for us started way back in dreary January, courtesy of Lindy Hacker, when we realised that the School records were regrettably incomplete, and somewhat inaccurate to boot. However through the magic of emails and enquiries around, lofts were searched and a list of pupils was found who formed the 1965 leavers group. (Some may remember the blue covered termly lists of everyone in every year, giving lots of essential information).

The decision was reached that an outreach was required, thus a tightly written article was prepared and submitted to the East Anglian, plus photo of John Rendle and myself, which magically appeared just 3 weeks before the re-union, together with a 'paid notice' asking (begging!) year group ex pupils to make themselves known to the OI Club. Word spread and the great day came. Who would come? We only knew of just four probables.



Guests at the 50th anniversary table



Michael Warner and John Rendle appeal for classmates to join the reunion

Coffee time in the Masters Common Room; firstly John Jewhurst over from Norway; then Nigel Mayhew together with Stephen Harvey; John Rendle; Trevor Clarke, famous for his cinema; Neville Pearce; Duncan Wells; Clinton Hall; and myself. Conversation soon flowed, the punishment book poured over (with many exclamations), people identified in photographs; and if there were any doubts or 'spooks in the woodwork' worried about beforehand, they were soon dispelled at that early point.

Most of us joined the first group tour of the school, many having not been back in 50 years; is this where the rabbits were kept for biology?; is this REALLY the same swimming pool? And amazement at the scale and size of the new indoor sports hall, and other facilities.

We then enjoyed a wonderful lunch in the Dining Hall, at our own special table, before informally chatting for an hour or so near the old 'Manual', enjoying rare sunshine. We have swapped emails, wanting to trace and build up the network, and have even more of us next year. We truly had a great time, so please get in touch, keep in contact, and watch out for a reunion event next June.

And thank you to the School, Lindy and Vicki, for all your hospitality and help. Be back soon!

Michael Warner (OI 1953 - 1965)



OI Sporting Events

School v MCC cricket

This match, held on Tuesday 19 May at the school, is always popular, but this year it was even more notable because the MCC team included seven Old Ipswichians, which is believed to be a record. Along with skipper Chris Swallow the other OIs playing were Hugh Thomas, Ian Swallow, Sasha Ward, Alistair Douglas, Oliver Magnus and Martin Holland.

Usually the game is an all-day 'declaration' game but this year, due to clashing with exams, an afternoon game of 40 overs per side was played. The MCC reached 187 for 6 off its 40 overs with J Barnett top scoring with an unbeaten 100. C Head and B Parker took two wickets apiece for the school. When the school batted, runs proved much harder to score especially after the talented Cam

Rule was out for a quick fire 39. The school were eventually all out for 108 with S Pace to the fore with an unorthodox and entertaining 25. Ward, Crace, Ranawat and Thomas all took two wickets each for the MCC.

Old Ipswichians have always been very active in both playing and administrating for the MCC particularly with regard to the many games in Suffolk. For as long as anyone can remember one of the annual schools games has been against Ipswich School.

The MCC players commented very positively on how well the school hosted them with the food (thanks to the school catering team) and the wicket (thanks to Head Groundsman Martyn Cull and his team) getting particularly 'rave reviews'.



OI rower wins National Student Championships

Hannah Farley (OI 2005 - 2012), as part of the Oxford University Woman's Lightweight Rowing Club, won the gold medal in the Lightweight Eight at the British Universities Championships in May. Full details of this can be found through the link to the university's website below, where it also shows that she won silver medals in the lightweight coxless four and the coxless quad on the Nottingham course.

What an achievement!

www.ouwlr.org.uk/news/

Opening Match of the Rugby World Cup

Around 75 OIs, school staff, pupils and parents watched the opening game of RWC 2015 at the Ipswich School Sports Centre, Rushmere.

With anticipation of a home victory in the England v Fiji clash, plus the promise of a pie and a pint, the evening bode well. And we were not disappointed except, perhaps, by England's rather slow start to the tournament.

The screening of the match at Rushmere was a great success which we hope will be repeated.

Guy Main

OI Golf

OI Golf – 28 May 2015

The usual venue for this meet is Woodbridge but due to the low numbers and 3 out of the 4 players were members of Purdis Golf Club, the match was moved to Purdis. The final scores were: David Cordle - 32pts; Bryan Caley - 31pts; Tim Gregory - 31pts; John Edwards - 26pts.

Purdis Match - OIs v School

On a hot and humid day in July, the School took the honours winning 2 -1, with David Cordle gracious in defeat having shot a round of one under par. The pupils played well. Their handicaps are sure to fall when they settle down to play some regular golf.

It was good to see Richard King, Hamish Alexander and Andy Weston making long journeys to attend, and also good to see Ewan Dodds emerging from the bushes to the left of the 18th to finish his round. Pleasantries were exchanged in the clubhouse afterwards along with some almost civilised banter over a beer and a bite.

In the OI's Competition, David Cordle took the trophy with a marvellous 43 points. Tim Gregory was 2nd with 39 points and Barry Squirrell 3rd with 33 points.

Patten and Edmond beat Caley and Patel 5 and 4; Gale and Jones beat Cordle and Hunt 2 and 1; Weston and Squirrell beat Williamson and Goodarzi 2 and 1. The teams were: OIs - H Alexander, M Bolton, B Caley, D Cordle, E Dodds, T Gregory, M Hunt, W Izzard, R King, S Patel, D Richold, B Squirrell, T Tyrell, A Weston; School - A Patten, S Edmond, T Gale, W Jones, J Williams, R Goodarzi.

Fynn Valley

This event took place on 13 August. Whilst a good time was had by those attending, the turnout was disappointing. As a result the AGM of the Golf Society could not be held. Peter Hatcher won the day on 36 points. Playing: D Cordle, P Hatcher, B Squirrell, T Tyrell.

Bryan Caley

Rugby 7s Tournament

The OI Touch Rugby 7s tournament was held this year on Sunday 6 September at Notcutt's. As has been the case in recent years players and spectators were again greeted by beautiful late summer sunshine and pristine rugby pitches.

Unfortunately the more senior OI numbers were down slightly with a few last minute withdrawals due to family commitments. However, those that were able to make it combined with some of the more recent OI leavers to form two OI teams – the Wavey Sick 7s and Parry's. Making up a total of four teams were a very fit looking School team and a slightly less fit but enthusiastic looking staff team.

Following a similar pattern to past years, the OI's took a little time to find their form in the everyone plays everyone format. This just possibly may have been due to the relatively early start following in some instances a big Saturday night. The School in contrast were lively from the beginning and recorded two wins and a draw in their games. The staff team were assisted by a big (in number) subs bench (any partners in attendance being eligible) and the introduction of some special tournament rules (including the "no sprinting round Mrs Austin rule"). It couldn't have been only for these reasons that the staff provided such tough opposition to everyone else. They managed to remain unbeaten, with three draws. The end result was a well earned victory for the School.

Before retiring to the pavilion the tournament ended with a mass game for pretty much everyone in attendance who happened to be wearing trainers. Keith Fowles, the School's head of rugby, somehow managing to maintain some semblance of refereeing order amidst the chaos.

Proceedings finished with a beer and an excellent lasagne in the pavilion. Guy Main on behalf of the OIs thanked the School for hosting and running such an enjoyable event. Special thanks were made to Keith Fowles, plus Vicki Spray and Lindy Hacker, but also the other numerous members of staff who helped out. The OI rugby trophy was presented to Angus Livingstone of the School.



Seven OIs cycle from London to Amsterdam



On Friday 12 June, Warwick and Tom Dunnett, along with five other Old Ipswichians - David Rowledge, Julian Pennington, Olly Magnus, Tim Hodgson, and Alastair Kerr - cycled 145 miles in two days, from London to Amsterdam in aid of Prostate Cancer UK. A link to the event can be found on the OI Facebook page: www.facebook.com/old.ipswichian Congratulations gentlemen!

The Great East Swim

Earlier this year, Tim Passmore set himself the challenge of getting fit and taking part in the Great East Swim. This he completed on Saturday 20 June. If you would like to find out more and possibly sponsor him for Suffolk Mind, details can be found through the following link:

www.charitychoice.co.uk/fundraiser/timpassmore/great-east-swim-2015

Can you help? Royal visit to Ipswich, 1961

If there are any OIs out there who went down to Portman Road to see the Queen or indeed anyone who remembers her visit and would be willing to share their memories, please get in touch with the Archives.

Next year is the 450th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth I's regranting of the charter issued to the school by her father, Henry VIII, five years after her visit in 1561. We are hoping to include some reminiscences of the 1961 visit of her namesake - and if possible - photographs - in the next Old Ipswichian Journal.

Please send your information and contact details to maaj@ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk or alternatively post to the school. Many, many thanks for your help.

Melissa Joralemon, School Archivist



Forthcoming 2015/2016 events and reunions

First Five Years Out Reunion – Weds 16 Dec

Open to all OIs who have left School in the last five years (2010 – 2015 leavers). Drinks and finger food are served in the Sixth Form Centre 7.30 – 9.30pm. Please email oievents@ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk if you plan to come along so we can make sure there is enough food and drink available.

OIs v School Fives Match – Sat 19 Dec

If you are a Fives player who would like to take part, please email oisports@ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk

OI Club AGM and Ipswich Dinner – Sat 19 Dec

Our annual AGM and Dinner take place this year on Saturday 19th December in Little School and Great School. Partners are very welcome to this lively and fun evening enjoyed by OIs of all ages. If you need more details please contact Vicki Spray: oievents@ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk

OI Golf

Provisional months for OI Golf events are:

- March – Stowmarket
- May - Woodbridge
- July – Purdis
- August - Fynn Valley

For more information about OI events and reunions, go to the events page on the OI website: www.ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk/oiclubevents

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Reunions and events

London Dinner

On 22 April we returned to the East India Club in St James Square for the London Dinner. As in 2014, we were treated extremely well. Dinner was delicious, and the venue was as bright this year as it had been dull a decade or so ago.

Your President, Bob Clayton, hosted an enthusiastic group of OIs. His guest speaker, Ray East, cricketer, groundsman and legend, entertained us all with appropriate stories of his cricketing life, as well as reminiscences of his time at Ipswich School. He was keen to mention that he had outlasted several headmasters, and he was pleased to toast the health of the OI Club.

The current Headmaster, Nick Weaver, responded and gave a report on events at the school. For many OIs, the evening continued after the formal event, with friendships enhanced or developed.

Drinks in the City

At the beginning of October, for my final Drinks in the City as Chairman, we returned to The Habit.

The venue may not be as trendy as the Water Poet, which we visited earlier in the year, but at The Habit we could hold conversations. That is, the music was quieter than at the previous venue and as OIs have a great deal of interest to talk about, it was a great choice.

For a dozen or so OIs who joined us, this was their first Drinks in the City: they said they would be back. Those familiar with the routine made them welcome, and an enjoyable time was shared. The last few of us left at closing time.

Guy Main

Ipswich School Festival of Music: Jazz Night



This year the OI Club sponsored a concert featuring the National Youth Jazz Orchestra and the Ipswich School Big Band, as part of the school's annual Music festival. The Friday night concert in Great School was styled as a jazz club, with round tables, complete with canapes, and a low lighting atmosphere. The evening was sold out and the music was wonderful and enjoyed by the full house, including a strong representation of OIs.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Enclosed with this publication is some important information about the data which the Old Ipswichian Club has about you.

Your Committee should be grateful if you would read the letter from the Club Chairman, and respond if necessary.

Many thanks

