



Old Ipswichian News

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OI 125th Sports Festival - Biggest Yet?

The OI Club's annual Sports Festival, in the year of the 125th Anniversary of the Club, was held on 5th April in some very welcome spring sunshine, at the school's Rushmere Sports Centre. With 6 hockey teams, 2 netball teams and an unprecedented 18 five-a-side football teams, all participation records were broken.

On the hockey side, competition kicked off in style with a high octane ladies School versus OI clash. Quality play and some furious goal action kept the spectators highly entertained, with the OIs holding out for a 7-5 victory. Two similarly close fought School versus OI men's hockey matches followed. Whilst a desire to win was very evident from all teams and some open and fast-flowing play was demonstrated, some robust defending and goal-keeping the number of goals was kept down. Additional entertainment was provided by some sibling rivalry across the School versus OI divide. The victory honours were reversed from the girls match, with the School 1st XI winning 3-2 and the 2nd XI 2-1.

Football for the first time included a separate U15s tournament for the school players. For many this was their first experience of one of the OI Club's events, and we hope we gave them



and their parents some idea of the OI Club's activities and friendliness. In this tournament, rigorously refereed by the familiar face of Bob Clayton, the OI Club president elect, the U12s earned a very well deserved win, after a penalty shoot-out, against their more senior (and it has to be said much larger!) rivals.

The senior tournament, with a total of 11 teams, started at 10am on the indoor pitch and then progressed outside once the hockey finished. The versatility of the state of the art facilities at Rushmere was used to the full, with one Olympic size hockey pitch becoming 2 five a side football pitches in a couple of minutes. Teams were split into 3 pools with pool winners and 1 runner up progressing to the semi finals. At the semi final stage the final outcome was finely balanced with 2 School teams and 2 OI teams. Bragging rights eventually fell to the OIs with 'Shostuds' winning yet another tight final 2-1.

Netball took place just before lunch with the OI ladies taking on the school first team.

This was a hugely entertaining match, played in a great spirit and with smiles on the players' faces throughout. The wisdom from the side line was that the OIs, who started well, would soon tire due to the pace of the game. Whilst both teams were slick and moved the ball well, when they decided to go for it the OIs passed the ball from one end of the court to the other with great speed and plenty of control.

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A message from the Chairman

Guy Main

We are 125! You will, I hope, not have missed that the OI Club was formed 125 years ago.

We have of course been looking forward to celebrating this for the last couple of years. Whilst it is good to look back and remember those who set-up the Club and celebrate its many achievements, which we have done in style, it is now important to look ahead.

The OI Club is about people. For 125 years individual OIs of all generations have given their friendship and support to each other as well as the school. The personal aspect is key: the Club would have little value without it.

We have celebrated the Club's 125th anniversary in two main ways: the Gaudy on 28 June, and the OI 125th Anniversary Appeal. The Gaudy has been and gone, and was much enjoyed by hundreds of people. The good news is that the opportunity still exists to be part of the appeal.

Here's to the next 125 years!



OI 125th Sports Festival continued...

The game was tight with rarely more than a couple of goals separating the teams throughout the match. A little way into the final quarter, however, the OIs had established a 3 goal lead. The school were not happy about this and upped their game, or perhaps the OIs finally tired just a little. At the final whistle the school were ahead, beating the OIs 22-21.

An OI event would not be the same without a chance to chat, eat and drink. A strong feature of the 2014 Sports Festival was the mixing of all spectators and competitors alike, and the lively conversation.



Presentations were split into a lunchtime event for the Hockey and Netball plus a later presentation for the Football. We were delighted that the school's Senior Deputy Head, Darren Ayling, presented the prizes. Darren has been supportive of the Club in his 13 years at the school and left in August, with our thanks for his support. There was also a special presentation by Mr and Mrs Lethbridge to the winning men's School Hockey 1st XI of the trophy donated by them in memory of their son

Thomas, who attended the school from 1996 – 2003.

The football prizes were presented by Graham Papenfus, the school's Development Director. This was his last event at the school. Graham has been a great friend to the Club.

Thanks for such an enjoyable day go to the OI organisers, the school for making the facilities available and also to the large number of school staff who helped out. Without them the day would not have been possible.

OI Club says farewell to key Ipswich School staff

GRAHAM PAPENFUS

Graham Papenfus stepped down as Director of Development earlier this year, moving to Dean Close School in Cheltenham.

Graham has been a great friend to the Club over his nine years at Ipswich School, helping to expand the reunions and events we have been able to offer OIs. A keen sportsman, Graham enjoyed golf days, cricket and rugby with the OI Club, and worked with members locally, nationally and internationally to bring together Old Ipswichians for social events and more.

The OI Club said a fond farewell to Graham at the Sports Festival at Rushmere, and thanked him for his work on behalf of OIs across the globe. The Club presented him with tickets to see the England v India cricket test match at the Oval, and a 125th Anniversary cap which, it is hoped, he will wear with pride at Dean Close sporting events!



ANDREW LEACH

The finale of Andrew Leach's retirement as Director of Music at the end of last term's Chapel Choir reunion was surely the 'best kept secret'.

A number of OIs joined the current Chapel Choir in the Chapel to start the evening with some rousing singing, including excerpts from Britten's St Nicolas. This was followed by a wonderful meal in Great School, presentations to Andrew, and speeches by OI and professional singer Richard Wilson, and Ian Galbraith. The evening finished as it began, in song. The massed voices of choristers past and present gathered around the Steinway grand piano, raised the roof of Great School with the spirituals, amazing parents who had arrived to meet their children.

So many of the OIs said how much they enjoyed coming back to sing and how much they would like to do it again. It was lovely to see the camaraderie between singers. We wish Andrew all the best for his retirement; and of course look forward to welcoming him back to play at the OI President's event in November. More details on the back page.



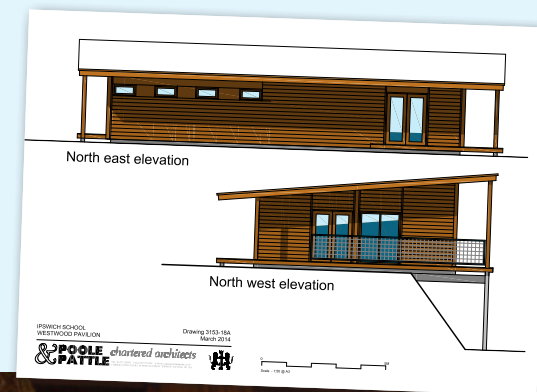
Lingwood Pavilion planned for Westwood

Nigel Lingwood (66-77) was a keen hockey player at School, playing for the first XI, as well as representing Suffolk and Eastern Counties. He has most generously provided the funding for a pavilion at Westwood.

No doubt there will be many OIs who, like Nigel, remember the red clay hockey pitch (so-called all-weather) at Westwood with mixed emotions. Nigel recalls the lack of accessible lavatories, shelter or catering facilities, detracting from what should have been a splendid location for sport. In marking the OI 125th Anniversary Appeal Nigel was pleased to have an opportunity to support an initiative that would ensure that sport at Westwood in the 21st century would have appropriate facilities.

The pavilion will include two changing rooms, toilets and showers, kitchen, viewing / dining area and a balcony looking over the pitch. Situated at the lower end of Westwood lawn, the pavilion will project three metres over the edge of the lawn, supported by pillars.

Nigel said: "This project has attracted me as I was very keen on all sport at school, but particularly hockey. I recall many highly competitive, but very enjoyable games of hockey at Westwood and I think I may have played some tennis matches there too." Headmaster Nicholas Weaver commented: "The school always has a list of things it would like to do or have but which have to wait their turn for funding. Nigel's very generous gift to the school has provided us with the opportunity for greatly improved facilities and without his kindness these would have had to wait some years."



The new building will be known as the 'Lingwood Pavilion', to recognise not only Nigel's time at school but also that of his brother William (71-82) who was also a keen sportsman at school.

The plans are currently with Ipswich Borough Council for approval with the expectation that work will commence early in September.



The Cyril Perkins Pavilion

The school, OI Club and Suffolk County Cricket Association joined together on Saturday 28 June during the 125th Anniversary Gaudy for the dedication and naming of the school cricket pavilion in memory of Cyril Perkins.

Karl Daniels, Chairman of Governors and a former cricket pupil of Cyril's, led the tributes. He recalled that Cyril was the consummate professional, playing for Suffolk from 1939 to 1967 and taking a record 779 wickets – the next highest being 431. "I first saw Cyril playing for the staff against the 1st XI" Karl recalled, "What I remember is that he hit a six through the pavilion window".

Cyril, who was included in the Minor Counties 'Team of the Century' in 2000, became the school's cricket coach and groundsman in 1946. He continued to inspire and encourage generations of Ipswich School cricketers, of all levels of ability, until his retirement in 1977. His patience, good humour and courteous sportsmanship, added to his skill as a bowler, made him universally respected and admired.



OI 125th Anniversary Gaudy - celebrating in style!

The OI 125th Anniversary Gaudy - the event of the year - took place on Saturday 28 June and was a triumph. During the build-up the organising committee become increasingly apprehensive about the weather, but despite some heavy rain at lunchtime it held off for the afternoon's celebrations.

During the course of the day some 400 or so people attended the Gaudy, including OIs, Upper Sixth Leavers and teachers and many other people who wished to celebrate the Club's anniversary. What a turnout! Here we bring you some snapshots of the day's events.



Over 150 enjoyed the Diamond Lunch, which was for those who left the school before 1964. This was a huge number: the elbow room was limited, and if the room had been bigger we would have been able to accommodate more who wanted to join the party.



A Suffolk girls v school U12 boys cricket match on the school field provided quality entertainment in the morning and early afternoon. A brilliant steel band played all afternoon and, as the cricket ended, various games, activities and other entertainment took over. Painted faces were not the preserve of pre-teens, and the coconut shy with pictures of headmasters on the targets was popular, as was the cream tea.



After some short speeches the school Big Band played two long sets and delighted everyone, as always. They provoked several of the older OIs to dance on the school field. Children made use of the bouncy castle, and there was excellent conversation amongst OIs around the much appreciated bar. The two archives displays, in the pavilion and the archives room, were popular and very busy. The catering was superb and many OIs commented on the standard of the cream teas and hog roast offered.



The consensus was that this was a brilliant day. Many thanks to all OIs who attended and supported the Gaudy. Special thanks to the core team who planned and did the organisational work, and for those who helped in advance and on the day.

Roll on the next 125 years!

OI Sporting Events

OI v School Cricket – Friday 27 June

In the annual cricket match between the school and the Old Ipswichians, the OIs batted first. They declared on 223 for the loss of 9 wickets. For the OIs, James Wheaton scored 66 and Ian Swallow 49 whilst Ollie Bocking claimed 5 wickets for the school. In reply James Hodgkinson(80), and Ben Parker(46) shared a century opening partnership. A flurry of wickets put the school under pressure, but an extremely well paced innings of 62 by Rob Wilson secured victory for the school by 3 wickets.



Cross Country - OI v School – Saturday 1 March



Another great turn out this year from the OIs and supporters for the Fynn Valley race. The OIs were victorious with Jordan Ali (complete with shoes – unlike last year) finishing first. The OIs put in an excellent team performance and so retained the Cross Country shield for another year. Although one OI was disappointed by the lack of a run through the River Fynn, the recent rain made the terrain more difficult than expected, and everyone greatly

appreciated the post race curry and drinks.

OI Golf: Stowmarket – Thursday 13 March; Woodbridge – Thursday 15 May

Barry Squirrel hosted a very enjoyable OI golf meeting at the Stowmarket Golf Club on Thursday 13th March. Bryan Caley assembled 11 golfers with Barry winning on a count back from Jerry Ormes and, in third place a further shot back, David Rowledge. Our thanks to Barry, Bryan and David Rowledge (who provided the bottles of wine for the winners) for another fantastic OI golf meeting.

The second meeting of the season took place at Woodbridge in glorious, start to finish sunshine, and some fairly respectable golf was played in a light hearted encounter. Nigel Farthing had requested to tee off last and on arrival panicked when he found no OIs on the putting green. He set off to the third green and found our first group who pointed him back down the field saying that his playing partners must have been asked to start to free the tee. This route took him all the way back to the clubhouse where he found Hughes, Rowledge and Walker waiting in the bar – schoolboy error. The result was a win for Sam Walker (38 points), with Shyam Patel 2nd (37) and Bryan Caley 3rd (34). There are rumours that Sam had been seen playing a round on the course the same morning as the competition and as such confirmation of the result awaits the findings of the steward's enquiry and the committee's final ruling.

Thanks to David Rowledge and Alchemy Wines for providing the prizes on the day. Those in attendance were: David Cordle, John Edwards, David Rowledge, Nigel Farthing, Shyam Patel, David Hacker, Sam Walker, Warwick Dunnett, Simon Hughes, Chris Swallow, Bryan Caley. Please email Bryan Caley: caley@ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk if you'd like to come along to an OI Golf meet. You will be most welcome.

OI Club Merchandise

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

Reunions

Leeds University – Saturday 8 Feb

This year's first University reunion took place in Leeds on a bustling Saturday night. Around a dozen OIs met in a bar on Call Lane and the evening went on until late. One of the attendees, Greg Woodley, reports: 'After the success of the previous year's event, a group of OIs met for drinks in Leeds City Centre. The event was held at Jake's Bar where OIs who were at different stages of their degrees had the opportunity to meet and catch up with each other. The evening had a great atmosphere and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended.'

Drinks in the City – Friday 7 March

A joy and challenge of OI Drinks in the City is that we never know precisely who will turn up. On this occasion, during the course of the evening, over 50 OIs did, spilling out of the reserved area of Balls Brothers in Bury Court to take over a rather larger section of the venue. As always, we were pleased to welcome OIs who had not been to Drinks in the City before, as well as (several) who had. Your Chairman was pleased (and not really embarrassed) to have a long conversation with an OI whose mother had taught him before she was married. OIs are a convivial lot: happy to talk, share stories and impart ideas and encouragement. Some stayed for an hour or two, many for longer, with groups eventually heading off to local restaurants. The feedback from the event has been only positive

Nottingham University – Friday 21 March

A reunion was held at the Pitcher and Piano in Nottingham on the evening of 21st March for those at Nottingham University, and others nearby. We hit double figures with ten OIs enjoying the evening.

Congratulations!

The OI Club congratulate OI Eddy Alcock, former Club President, on his OBE which was awarded in the Queen's Birthday Honours in June.

We'll bring you more information about Eddy and his award in the OI Journal, out next year.

The London Dinner

The OIs returned, after a gap of several years, to the East India Club in St James' for the 125th Anniversary London Dinner on Wednesday 30th April. The Club, the East India one, has been partly refurbished and also decorated since we were last there, and this has improved it hugely. We may go back again!

We were pleased that OIs who had not previously been to a London Dinner joined some of those whose faces are quite familiar. All said it was a good evening. The food was notable for its excellence - we don't say that every year - and the evening ran smoothly. This was, of course, once again due to the efforts of the London Secretary James Mansfield (assisted by Lindy Hacker), who works hard to make the London Dinner the success it is.

The President oversaw proceedings and spoke warmly about the OI Club. His guest speaker, Dr John Blatchly (former Headmaster), gave an entertaining talk on the origins of the OI Club, its early dinners, and some of the excitements during its history. The current Headmaster, Nicholas Weaver, brought us up to date on developments at school, and explained the central role of the pastoral care of pupils.

Discussions after dinner lasted more than a short while; OIs like being together!



CCF 125th Anniversary Dinner

On Thursday 1st May cadets and staff from the schools CCF, past and present, came together to celebrate its formation, in 1889. You will have noticed that both the CCF and the OI Club celebrate their 125th Anniversary this year. And almost exactly 125 people were present. Everyone who came, several from overseas, harboured a fondness for the CCF. It was also a great excuse to break out the formal attire.

The evening started with a reception in the Loggia for drinks, conversation and the unveiling, by Headmaster Nicholas Weaver, of the new honours board for The E.S. Bantoft Sword. Then, with dinner beckoning, we moved to the Great School, where boards full of photos of both recent and past cadets impressed due to the range of history, activities and era's displayed. Some of these caused great humour as memories were jolted and anecdotes retold. During dinner an impressive collection of 300 photographs were projected onto a large screen. The vast range of photos demonstrated how much care and attention had gone into this event; they focused on the people who had gathered. After the slideshow we were delighted to then have the opportunity to watch some old footage from the archives of past CCF field days, with cadets practicing their drills and demonstrating their pride and enjoyment of being part of the CCF.

After the delicious three course meal and interesting conversation, we were delighted to have two speeches. First, from by Dr John Blatchly (Headmaster 1972-1993), who told stories about his experiences as both headmaster and whilst teaching at HMS Ganges, along with a history of the school and its role during the wars. Then we had an enlightening speech from Lt Colonel (Ret) John Le Mare, the contingent commander for 16 years at the school.

After a well executed and, eventually, organised photo containing all the guests on the stage in the Great School, the OIs, staff and pupils mingled with other tables to catch up and to have photos taken with their fellow cadets.

Special thanks to Richard Welbourne for organising the event, along with all the members of staff both past and present who have made the CCF an institution at the school. It is still loved, 125 years after its conception.



Twelve Fives equals Sport Relief funds



OIs Gareth Hoskins (84-91) and Alex Yusaf (00-07) helped North Oxford Fives Club raise nearly £2,000 for Sport Relief earlier in the year. The idea of playing on as many courts as possible in one day had been discussed in NOEFC circles for some time, resulting in a plan that saw 12 players attempt to play a game of Fives at 12 different venues all in one day, taking in Oxford, Newbury, Ludgrove, Eton, Harrow, Highgate, Queen Elizabeth's Barnet, Mill Hill, Aldenham, Berkhamsted and RGS High Wycombe, before finishing back in Oxford. Remarkably, the standard of Fives in the final round of games was extremely high and every point was still being fought for, and the final winner of the final game was struck by Alex Yusaf at 11:05pm.



Forthcoming 2014 events and reunions

November

Sun 9 Nov: Remembrance Service, Chapel

Sun 23 Nov: President's Event – Piano
Recital by Andrew Leach, Great School

December

Sat 13 Dec: OI v School Fives match,
School Fives Court

Sat 13 Dec: AGM – 6.30pm, Little School

Sat 13 Dec: Ipswich Dinner – 7pm for
7.30pm, Great School

Thurs 18 Dec: First Reunion – 'first five
years out', Sixth Form Centre

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 2013-2014 school year.



If an OI would like a copy, please contact Lindy Hacker, the school's Development Manager, at lxh@ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk

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OI President's Event

Piano Recital by Andrew Leach
Sunday 23 November 2014



About the Recital

Andrew Leach, Director of Music at Ipswich School from September 1994 until August this year, is delighted to have been asked to give a piano recital as part of this year's OI President's Event. The recital will be given on the superb Steinway grand piano, which was generously funded in 2011 by the Wolfson Foundation and OI president Trevor Woods and his late wife Mary, to whom the school is enormously grateful.

The programme will include 'classics' by Chopin, Liszt and Debussy as well as music composed by two Old Ipswichians and a selection of more popular, jazzy items by composers including Gershwin. There will be music inspired by Italy and pieces inspired by Poland, bringing back memories of two wonderful choir tours in which Trevor Woods played an important part.

Event Timings

5pm 'Sparkling' Reception in Little School

5.30pm Concert begins in Great School

6.10pm Interval (20 mins)

7.15pm (approx) Concert finishes with a buffet supper in Little School

How to Book

Whilst this fabulous evening is free to attend we hope that those attending will show their appreciation by giving a donation to the New Music School Fund. This can be done either on the evening when leaving Great School or in advance.

A ticket is required for entry – please book early to avoid disappointment. Contact **Lindy Hacker** on 01473 298961 or lxh@ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk



125th Anniversary Appeal Update

Well, we are not yet at our target of one million pounds, to go towards the new music school, bursaries and sport. But we are getting closer.

We are not at present in a position to give a fuller report, and aim to do so in the next OI News. Please contact Peter Boughton, Foundation Director (pvb@ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk) if you would like to be part of this project.