



Dear Ols,

On a beautiful early autumn day at the start of September I was talking to a number Ols, current pupils and staff at Notcutts (the old Top Field) whilst watching the OI Rugby 7's tournament. What a great event: sport played in the right spirit and good conversations throughout the day. A feature was the participation of many from across the School and OI community: a good thing, to be developed and encouraged.

A couple of months earlier I was in a similar situation, watching the OI v School cricket match on the School field. The game was competitive and enjoyable, with pupils and Ols of different generations watching and chatting. The way the matches were played and the easy and ready conversations at both events held to demonstrate to current pupils (and parents) that the Club is a worthwhile organisation to be involved in - as if there could be any doubt.

At several OI sports events each year OIs compete with or against current pupils. Senior members of the 6th form join us at the Ipswich Dinner. For the last few years the School has kindly invited me to speak to the 6th form pupils and at the School's new parents evening, and on every occasion I have been delighted to explain the value of the Club. I know from both pupils and non OI parents alike that the profile of the Club and the opportunities it affords on a number of levels are more fully appreciated these days. Let's hope so.

The next few months are again busy, with a number of different Club events. I will be at many of them and I hope you will join me at some of them. I commend to you especially the President's Event and the Ipswich Dinner

Kind Regards

Guy Main

OI Club Chairman

Recent Events

Leavers Service and Reception – Friday 3rd July

In a change from recent practice the School held their Speech Day on the last day of the School year, Friday 3rd July 2015. Shortly after the speeches the Graduation Service for those leaving the School took place in the School chapel, followed by a reception of "strawberries and fizz" on the School field. The School and the Club jointly host the latter event 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 on towards the next.



OI Golf Reports - from Bryan Caley

Purdis Match - Thursday July 2nd 2015

On a hot and humid day 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.

OI 1 v School 2

Patten & Edmond beat Caley & Patel 5 & 4

Gale & Jones beat Cordle & Hunt 2 & 1

Weston & Squirrell beat Williamson & Goodarzi 2 & 1

OI's; 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 - 13th August 2015

Whilst a good time was had by those attending, the turnout was disappointing. As a result the AGM of the Gold Society could not be held. Peter Hatcher won the day on 36 points.

Playing: D.Cordle, P.Hatcher, B.Suirrell, T.Tyrell

Rugby 7's – Sunday 6th September.

The OI Touch Rugby 7's tournament was held this year on Sunday 6th 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 7's 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 2 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.



Opening Match of the RWC 2015 - Friday 18 September

Around 75 OIs, School staff, pupils and parents watched the opening game of RWC2015 at the School's Rushmere Sports Centre. 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

Drinks in the City – Friday 2nd October

Last Friday, 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



OI Jazz Night at Ipswich School Music Festival – Friday 2nd October

This year the OI Club is 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 jazz club styled concert in Great School, with wine and nibbles on tables to help the evening along, was popular. The music was wonderful and enjoyed by the full house, including a strong representation of OIs.

Guy Main

Forthcoming dates

Bob Clayton's Presidents Event – Friday 16th October

The President's Event this year is a wine tasting and food evening to raise funds for Alzheimer's research. There will be a variety of foods to complement the wines from different countries. Bouquest Garni catering company will be preparing the food and the Colchester Wine Company supplying and describing the wines. Wines may be purchased on the night and a cash bar will also be available.

This promises to be a fun evening and one that we hope will be a sell-out. All the money generated will go towards a very worthwhile local Alzheimer's research charity. Tickets are priced at £20 each. Please put the date in your diary and support your hard working and renowned President, Bob Clayton. Please book your ticket from Vicki Spray at oievents@ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk

New York Dinner – Wednesday 21st October

The School choir – which is very fine - is touring New York in mid October, during the School's half term. They are performing at a number of venues. The Headmaster is hosting a dinner at the prestigious Penn Club, New York, on Wednesday 21st October, following the Choir's performance earlier that evening at St Bartholomew's Episcopal Church. The Headmaster has issued an invitation to all OIs who wish to attend. A number of OIs have already booked to attend (pre dinner drinks, three course dinner, £75 per head) and there is room for more. Please join us. The OI Club Chairman will be there. Please contact Lindy Hacker lxh@ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk for further information.

Remembrance Service – Sunday 8th November

Please join us for the annual Remembrance Service with the School and CCF on Sunday 8th November. The service starts at 6.30pm but we would suggest you arrive in good time as, based on the last few years, the chapel will be full which is, of course, marvellous. Parking is available in the School car park off Henley Road (the entrance

beside the red letter box). Refreshments will be available in the Dining Hall after the service and everyone is welcome.

First Five Year's out reunion – Wednesday 16th December – Sixth Form Centre

This popular annual event is 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. Details will also be on the OI Facebook page and we look forward to welcoming many of you back. Please let us know through at 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 – Saturday 19th December

This will take place in the morning on Saturday 19 December. Spectators are welcome, and some of the games in recent years have been tight and compelling viewing. More details of timings will follow. If you are a Fives player please ensure we know this by confirming with a short email to oisports@ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk

OI Club AGM & Ipswich Dinner – Saturday 19th December

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. Full details for these two events have been sent to you as part of our recent mailing but if you need further details, please contact Vicki Spray through the OI Events address below.

Provisional Dates for OI Golf Meetings in 2016

March – Stowmarket
May - Woodbridge
July – Purdis

Information and Details

We do not have email addresses for all OIs. Please will you forward this eNews to other OIs who you know or believe may not be in touch with the Club. Please ask them to let us have their email address by sending a message to oldipswichians@ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk or by calling Vicki Spray on 01473 298964.

The School's Ipswichian magazine is available now, and a copy is available to those OIs who wish to read it. If you would like one please send an email to Lindy Hacker at lxh@ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk

Other News.

OI Journal

The OI Journal should have landed on your doormat within the last few weeks. If it hasn't, we do not have your up to date address. In this eventuality please send an email with your address and other details to oldipswichians@ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk

The OI Journal is a very fine read. The OI Editor, Clare Lock, has worked hard and for many hours to produce what is a great magazine. And this is her first as Editor. We are all immensely grateful to Clare for her hours of work, and for producing such an interesting, well presented Journal.

John Blatchly

You should have received an email informing you of the sad news that Dr John Blatchly, Headmaster of Ipswich School from 1972 until 1993, died on 3rd September. Many, many tributes have been received by the Club, and we will be marking John's memory in a future publication.

Rosemary Le Mare

Further sad news was emailed to OIs to report that Rosemary Le Mare died on 9th September. Rosemary was at School from 1962 to 2011 and had a big impact on many generations of OIs.

As is usual practise, we would like to place an obituary for Rosemary in the next OI Journal.

125th Anniversary Appeal

As you will (I hope) have seen from my letter send with the OI Journal, we are closing the OI Club's 125th Anniversary Appeal. The target, almost three years ago, was to raise £1,000,000 towards bursaries, school sport and to assist with the funding of the new music block at school. To those OI's who have donated, thank you. We have not (yet) hit the target and the present total is around £870,000. We know there is a further large donation to come. In addition to this if all OIs buy a paviour – see below, the target will be reached.

Pavours

Also with the OI Journal was an invitation to every OI to buy a paviour, made from Blue Pearl granite and measuring 200 x 100 mm, to commemorate their time at Ipswich School. A gift of £125 will be acknowledged by provision of an engraved paviour, with all funds (less the cost of the stone and engraving, c.£25), going to the OI 125th Anniversary Appeal (£131.25 with gift aid).



Thank you to those dozens of OIs who have already sponsored a paviour. To sponsor yours, please contact Peter Boughton at pvb@ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk

