

The Old Royals' Association



ORA NEWSLETTER



**Brian Kingshott
1939-2016**

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

It was with great sadness that I learned of the death of Brian Kingshott. I am not going to tell his story, partly because he told it himself in his final newsletter last summer, and because I only knew him for a small part of the 50 years he gave to The School and the Association. He taught me when he first arrived, and although I had seen him over the years, it was only when I joined the management committee on my retirement that I began to get to know him better. When I agreed last year to take on editing this newsletter I knew I would be able to seek his advice. His depth of knowledge of matters 'Ophney' acquired over so many years will be greatly missed. I much enjoyed talking to him over a drink in the Goldthorn after Committee meetings, when he could be drawn on matters past, but only so far, as he clearly still felt that duty of discretion that a Schoolmaster needs still applied. I think the best tribute I can pay him is to say that he was the complete Schoolmaster.

Nigel Green

FOUNDER'S DAY 2016
Saturday, 16th April
11.00am Chapel Service
12.30 pm Lunch
2.00pm Annual General Meeting
3.00pm Football v The School

Football

Old Royals' Association XI v Royal School 1st XI

Saturday 16th April 2016

If you are interested in playing football for a representative Old Royals football team against the School 1st XI on the afternoon of Founders Day, Saturday 16th April, please contact Martin White at martin@martinwhite.plus.com or at 01494-689952/07973-801015.

Brian Kingshott

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Brian Kingshott. Brian died on the 9th of January 2016, and his funeral was held at his village Church of St. Edward's in Hopton Castle Shropshire.

A memorial service will be held in the School Chapel on Friday 15th April at 6.30pm, in order to celebrate his life, especially his 50 years of loyal service to the School and the ORA. This will be followed by refreshments in the Victoria Hall. Please contact Martin White if you wish to attend, so he can inform the School of numbers.

Old Royals' Association Membership

The Association is very grateful to those Old Royals who have taken out an annual subscription to the ORA by annual standing order payment. However, the brutal reality is that nine out of ten Old Royals receiving this Newsletter, whether in the UK or overseas, currently do not subscribe to the Association.

If that includes you, the Association would urge you to consider taking out a subscription. At £15 per annum, the cost is just four pence per day and is relatively modest compared to other alumni associations, membership bodies or charitable organisations. To become a subscribing ORA member or to increase your existing standing order payment to £15 per annum, simply:

- Download a membership application form/standing order mandate from the ORA website (www.oldroyalsassociation.co.uk), print, complete, sign and return it to Martin White; or
- Contact Martin to obtain a membership application form/standing order mandate (contact details on the back of this Newsletter)

As a key stakeholder, ORA is eager to ensure that it continues to play an active and vibrant role within the School community, partly through offering financial and other support for specific projects, for the benefit of current and future generations of pupils. Clearly, the more subscribing members the Association has, the more good causes the ORA can support. Your Association needs you !

Martin White, Honorary Treasurer

THE OLD ROYALS ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Members will be held on Saturday 16th April 2016 at 2.00 pm, in The Queen Victoria Hall, The Royal School Wolverhampton, Penn Road, Wolverhampton, WV3 0EG

Agenda

Apologies

Subscription to the School

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 13th June 2015

Matters arising from the Minutes

Annual Accounts/Hon Treasurer's Report

(Copies of accounts will be available at the meeting and can be supplied on request)

Report of the Management Committee

Management Committee Elections.

Election of President 2016/17

Any other business.

Under Rule 12b(iv) members should advise the Hon. Secretary no later than 14 days prior to the meeting of matters they wish to raise . Under Rule 12b(v) any other business not conforming may only be discussed at the discretion of the President

March 2016

M.D. Masters

Management Committee Chairman

The Old Royals' Association

Annual General Meeting on Saturday, 13th June 2015 at 2.00pm in the Queen Victoria Hall

MINUTES

Present

Members:

N Green, B Kingshott, , M. Masters, M. George, M. White, A. Bagnall, Mrs H. Hall, David Lutwyche, R. Tilley, V. Fletcher, B.R. Oldham, V Fletcher, P Ward, R. Etheridge, N Woods, S, Holland-Rhymes, D.A Morgan, S. Gettings, S McIntosh. P. Ward.

Guests:-

Mark Heywood, (Headmaster), Mrs E. Masters, Mrs T Oldham. N. Webster, P. Hill, S. Morgan, Jaemi Hodgson,

The Chairman Mike Masters advised that notification of this meeting was circulated late due to circumstances beyond the control of the Management Committee. It was approved that the meeting should still go ahead proposed by N Green and seconded by B Oldham

1. Apologies

F. Nelson, D. Craig, P. Gibbs, J. Bevan, W. Petts,

2. Subscription to the School

The President presented 2 cheques to the School being £550 as the Subscription to the School and £150 as a contribution towards the prizes. The cheques were accepted by Mark Heywood (Headmaster) on behalf of the School. They were received with thanks.

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the 2014 AGM had been circulated in the May issue of the Newsletter. They were accepted unanimously as a true record – proposed by Sarah Holland-Rhymes and seconded by Andrew Bagnall.

4. Matters Arising

There were none

6. Annual Accounts

The Hon Treasurer, Martin White, circulated the annual accounts and explained the salient points. Accounts are available on request. The accounts were approved by the meeting – proposed by Margaret George, seconded by Barry Oldham and unanimously agreed. Martin White was thanked for his efforts.

7. Report of the Management Committee

The Chairman Mike Masters read his report to the Meeting and this will be incorporated in the October Newsletter and is also available on request.

8. Management Committee Elections

There are 3 vacancies on the committee not including retiring members Martin White and Mike Masters who have indicated they are willing to stand for re-election. Brian Kingshott retired from the Committee. Martin White and Mike Masters were duly elected and there were no further nominees.

9. Election of President 2015-2016

The Management Committee has proposed the election of Nigel Green as President of the Association 2015-2016. This was carried unanimously by the Meeting. Sarah Holland-Rhymes will continue as Vice-President.

10. Any Other Business

It was agreed that the delayed dispatch of the most recent Newsletter was unfortunate making attendance difficult for some members. Every effort will be made to avoid this in future years.

The new chalice and patten for the Chapel has been donated by David Ingram in memory of his late mother Jesse and late brother John who was an ardent supporter of the School and a Past President of ORA. Rev Philip Atkinson, former Chaplain and Mrs Atkinson will present a polished lead crystal cruet

A safe will be provided to keep the above items secure in the Chapel, possibly near the altar.

A cut glass tankard was presented to Brian Kingshott to commemorate his long service on the committee. This was received with thanks.

The Meeting was closed at 2.40 pm.

ORA Medal Winner: Simon Davis

In the fourth of a series of articles featuring ORA Medal Winners, we catch up with former ORA Management Committee member Simon Davis:

In what year were you awarded your ORA medal ? May 1981

How many years did you spend at RWS ? September 1967 to May 1981

When did you last visit RWS ? Founder's Day 2014

Are you in touch with your any of your RWS contemporaries ? Yes, I maintain contact with Martin White, Simon Farrell, and have recently met up with Dave Barton. I also saw Stuart Gettings at Sainsburys petrol station sometime ago. My son also cuts the hair of a number of Old Royals! And I also keep in contact with my brother Toby.

Where do you keep your ORA medal ? Around my neck!

What does the ORA medal award mean to you ? Quite a lot! I regularly polish it, even though I have tried to have it valued just in case!

Who was your favourite teacher at RWS ? The Reverend Fred Pearce. He not only taught me to enjoy reading the Bible and the Book of Common Prayer (1662 version obviously!) but also to appreciate the Church of England

What are your fondest memories of your time at RWS ? Most memorable moment in 14 years was in May 1980 upon my return from an interview at Oxford (which I failed), I was confronted by Headmaster Raymond Hawkins on discovery of the "slate" in the tuck shop. I am still living with the fallout!

Who was/were your closest friend(s) at RWS ? I would say, Simon 'Lil' Norman, Dave Butler, Alistair Barnett and Richard Bowyer!

What are you up to these days? Currently I'm a detective in the West Midlands Police!



Simon in days gone by.
(Don't let any of his present clients see this, it would probably breach their human rights!)



Simon (R) with Simon Farrell in more recent times.

NEWS OF OLD ROYALS

Following Douglas Craig's appeal in the last newsletter I am pleased to say that I have been able to pass on details of Paul Sellers, and also of Marrwen Philips (née Cahoun) who also worked at Stourbridge Grammar..

I was delighted to have a long talk with Walter Thompson after the Remembrance service in November. Walter was a junior contemporary of Michael Kidson, whose death we reported in the last news letter. He recalls that nobody ever quite knew what Michael was going to say next..

I had a nice letter from Jo Belam (née Knight) 1947-52, to say how much she enjoyed Stuart Mackintosh's article . In particular she mentioned how a glance from the formidable Miss Wright would have blown you over the clock tower, and to point out that choirboys wear surplices rather than surpluses.

I am sorry to report the death of John David Harris on February 3rd this year. He started in 1940 and he became friends with Jim Simmonds and Leslie (second name unknown to John's widow, June.) Their favourite sports were Football and boxing, with John judged best in School in 1944.

Old Royals' Association Cricket Match Sunday 5th June 2016

Arrangements have been made for a representative Old Royals' Association XI to play a friendly cricket fixture on Sunday 5th June against the Butler XI (www.butlerxicc.com), a no-madic team, originally comprised of BBC journalists, run by Old Royal David Nicholson.

The venue for the fixture is the picturesque setting of Charlbury Cricket Club (<http://www.charlburycricketclub.com>), Oxfordshire, a short drive from Blenheim Palace. The central location will hopefully appeal to Old Royals across the country. Charlbury station is on the London to Worcester line, so there are direct train services from both London Paddington and from Worcester.

Hopefully good weather will encourage partners, children, friends and non-cricketing Old Royals to picnic ahead of a 14:00 start to the match.

If you are interested in playing, please contact Martin White at martin@martinwhite.plus.com or at 01494-689952/07973-801015.



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