



Old Edwardians Association  
Sheffield

# December Newsletter 2025



## Annual Dinner 2026

**Time to get your bookings in for  
the Annual Dinner!!**

**Please note new date following survey results from May.**

**The 2026 dinner  
will be held once again at Bramall Lane on  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March.**

Following the results of the survey we carried out earlier in the year and a resounding vote in favour of a date away from the traditional Maundy Thursday, you will note we have taken your views on board and found a new date in March which we hope will make it easier for more OEs to attend.

Reservation details are on the website. Kindly [CLICK HERE](#) to make your reservations. It would help us enormously if you could book as early as possible so we can get an idea of numbers well in advance. Your cooperation is very much appreciated and, as ever, we look forward to seeing you there!

**Friday 13th March 2026**  
**1889 Suite**  
**Sheffield United FC**  
**Bramall Lane S2 4SU**

**Dress: Smart/Casual**  
**7.00 for 7.30pm**  
**Price: £45     Parking on Cherry St**

### Committee – Terry Sweet

I'm pleased to say Terry Sweet has now taken his place on the committee. Terry attended the school between 1970-75 and was a strong footballer and cricketer playing in both First XIs, remembering Alan Powell as a great coach!

Take a look at Terry's mini-biog by [CLICKING HERE](#). It's on the home page of the website.

### First XI Rugby 1973-75 Reunion

There was a reunion at the end of October of the First XV Rugby team from 1973-75 at Abbeydale Sports Club.

A great time was had by all, and we have a photo of the group below looking still in fine form!! The highlight of the lunch was a rendering of the School song – to the bemusement of visitors to Sheffield RUFC headquarters who didn't speak Latin!



*Left-right*     John Parr, Mark Eckersley, Phil Bramwell, Bob Payton-Greene, John Blackburn, Mick O'Connor (rugby master), Paul Warren, Stephen Joel, John Reid,

## OBITUARIES

### Barry Redfearn 1953-59

Barry died on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at his home in Douglas, Isle of Man.

Thanks to Don Nicolson for this news.

### John Shillito 1950-57

John died on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2025. John was Northern Schools Cross Country champion in 1956 and went on to become a renowned jazz trumpet musician based in Devon.



CROSS COUNTRY TEAM KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL, SHEFFIELD 1956

John Shillito 2<sup>nd</sup> left front row.

Thanks to Barry Darwin (1951-57) 1<sup>st</sup> left back row for this news.

## Membership

Welcome to new members and many thanks for your subscriptions:

Simon Hobson 1989-91  
Mark Edmonds 1981-87



A big thanks, also, to those long-standing members who have continued to renew their subscriptions again this year. I think we have sorted out some of the gremlins with the change of bank account and got everyone straightened out now. Thank you for your forbearance.

Your subscriptions, however big or small, are hugely important to the Association and to the School and I am pleased to report that we have had an excellent year in 2025 with subscriptions and donations.

It's easy to subscribe – [CLICK HERE](#) for the website page with application form and bank details for your standing order!

## Distinguished Alumni

This month we have added Alan Senior (1954-61) Professor Emeritus of Biochemistry at Rochester University, New York, to our distinguished alumni list thanks to a proposal from David Cook (1956-63). Thank you David.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the web page.

## Sponsorships & School Visits

Following John Parr's meeting with Linda Gooden at the school at the end of September we are delighted to announce we have agreed to sponsor a sixth form student to take part in the annual Berlin/Vienna residential visit, run by Eva Lamb which will take place in March 2026. This is now in addition to the 7 annual prize giving students we sponsor.

Linda was also very keen for us to advise that the school wishes to encourage more visits to the school by OEs and family etc. The school would be delighted to hear from anyone who wishes to visit, and they would look forward to arranging a tour for those who wish to avail themselves of this great opportunity. In the first instance, please contact Jo Jackson [jjackson15@kes.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:jjackson15@kes.sheffield.sch.uk). Don't forget to take some photos for our newsletter!!

## Final thought

Thanks to you all for reading the newsletter and for your comments.

Hope to see you all at the dinner in March - get your bookings in now!

Pete Kersh

Check out our new website

[www.old-edwardians-sheffield.com](http://www.old-edwardians-sheffield.com)

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