



Old Edwardians Association
Sheffield

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ANNUAL DINNER 2026

""CHANGE OF SUITE"" see below

**The date is closing in on us! Please get your bookings in now
for the Annual Dinner!**

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

Reservation details are on the website. [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!

MEMBERS LISTS are available on the website if you are looking for old classmates to join you.

Click here [Membership page](#) Hover your mouse over the "Membership " icon and you will see a drop down list of year groups. Let me know and I'll put you in contact.

****CHANGE OF SUITE****

THE DINNER WILL BE HELD IN THE "TONY CURRIE SUITE" ENTRANCE VIA RECEPTION ON JOHN ST

**Friday 13th March 2026
Tony Currie Suite
Sheffield United FC
John St S2 4SU**

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

Obituaries

Mike Lee 1944-53 died 06/03/24

Tony Vincent 1944-53 died 31/08/22

Al Binks 1944-53 died 03/23

David Bullard 1949-53 died 13/08/24

Many thanks to W Frank Bland (44-53) for the above sad news . Frank writes...*"The majority of the 1953 Science VI leavers have maintained contact over the years and as a result I am able to advise of four members who have died. The remaining four members David Kirkman, Ian Bronks, Mike Drake and I remain extant."*

Roger Laughton 1953-60 died 2025

Deputy Head Boy, son of Professor Eric Laughton (1911-88) who numbers among our distinguished alumni.

Thanks for Michael Lodge (1953-60) for this news.

Paul Knight 1965-72 died 2018

Thanks to John Robins (1965-72) for this news.

Stewart Redfern 1936-41

"We've had a lovely and highly interesting obituary from Stewart's son Clive Redfern (1967-73)...

"My old man passed away in 2025, aged 100, so I thought I'd enclose dates he was at King Ted's, and some interesting stuff about our old school and the war years. I also have some memorabilia which the school archivist may appreciate, so maybe if you put me in touch I could see what we've discovered in the old family home that might be of interest?"

Stewart Ivan Redfern was born in the town centre on Burgess Street (about where the Radisson Blu is now). He was at King Ted's from 1936-41 as a scholarship boy. It was a Public School and Grammar School at the time, but allowed (he understood) a 25% intake of those who had passed a Scholarship Entrance Exam. (Dad told me that Scholarship boys were bullied and "taxed" as they were smarter – you may not want to repeat that in our current world)

He told me he was sitting in the gym in 1940, taking his School Certificate of Oxford and Cambridge Board when the Dunkirk evacuation was in progress.

Apparently, many of the ground floor classrooms were for those of his teachers who had been injured in WW1 and could not tackle the staircases. There was an underground bunker under the close in the event of an air-raid, accessible from school (he thought, as a 99 year old)

He lived off Abbeydale Road, on a street (now gone) called Arthur Road. This was hit during the Blitz, though it missed his home, hitting instead neighbour Mrs Banks' with incendiaries. He was returning from Highfields library in pitch black-out darkness to find a blazing street, with neighbours helping with buckets of sand and water. Toddler Gordon survived to later play in goal for England.

He joined the ATC, manning Anti-Aircraft guns at Shirecliffe, got a first job filling hand grenades with fuses at Sheffield University on behalf of the Royal Ordnance Factory, and joined the RAF in 1943 as a Pilot/Navigator/Bomber, learnt to fly Tiger Moths, and was due to be a Bomb-Aimer when the war finished. Corporal Redfern then taught Radar at RAF Yatesbury until he left the RAF after 5 years in 1948.

He never threw anything away, so there are KES mags, school text books, his exercise books (!) etc etc. that we are discovering."

Thank you Clive - a great story of school and local interest.

Roger Moore 1934-2026 died 23rd January

Roger read mining engineering at Sheffield University where he was a member of the water polo team. He continued his studies undertaking a Masters in Engineering with a thesis on, "The measurement of ground movements in bord and pillar workings". This led to a career in stress engineering investigating various structures such as the Tinsley Viaduct and the Humber Bridge. He worked on Sydney Opera House and machinery such as Concorde, the Harrier jump jet and Rolls Royce cars and engines. He was especially proud of the work he did on the Channel Tunnel.

He played cricket for the Old Edwardians and for local cricket clubs wherever he lived, finally Austwick in North Yorkshire where he loved growing fruit and vegetables in his garden and hiking in the hills.

He married Ann and had three children, David, Jacqueline and Peter.

Many thanks to Michael Crawford (1964-70), Roger's nephew, for the sad news.

Membership

Welcome to new members and many thanks for your subscriptions.

John Little (67-74)

John Robins (65-72)

Pat Hutchinson (76-03) Head of Languages

Ian Neary (62-68)

David Sidery (58-65)

Your subscriptions, however big or small, are hugely important to the Association and to the School.

2025 saw a bumper year for membership subscriptions. We counted 22 new members and have almost doubled the money in annual fees we have ever raised. We were also delighted to have received a significant individual donation from an OE now based in the USA for which we are tremendously grateful.

It's easy to subscribe and is only £10 min. – [CLICK HERE](#) for the website page with application form and bank details for your standing order!

Archivist

Reading Clive Redfern's obituary of his dad, Stewart above has prompted us to look for an archivist. John Parr is in contact with the school and Clive to ensure that all Stewart's memorabilia is not lost. The school had an enormous archive full of all sorts of wonderful things and this used to be looked after by our famous OE John Cornwell, historian, governor, writer, speaker on all things Edwardian.

Following John's death in 2024 we thought it was time to see if we can a new archivist to take over the role and take care of Stewart's and the rest of the archive!!

If anyone is interesting please drop John Parr a note. He will be delighted to talk though it president@old-edwardians-sheffield.com

Help with Contacts

Many thanks to those of you who took the time and trouble to advise us of email changes following last months request. It is most appreciated!

Our database is a live beast and we depend on you to keep us updated. Now that we have regular newsletters and communications it's even more important. We don't want anyone to miss out on news.

Any time, just send a note to info@old-edwardians-sheffield.com with any info you may have.

Many thanks!

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

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