



Old Edwardians Association
Sheffield

September Newsletter 2025



Obituaries

John Richardson 1960-67

We recently reported on the death of John Richardson on 17th July. Don Nicolson (1959-66) has kindly given us some interesting background for John...

A keen footballer and cricketer, John went on to Gonville and Caius College Cambridge where he won a Blue in Association Football. Don was actually in attendance at the match in question at Wembley and has sent us a copy of the programme of the day. You will also note Michael Woskow (1959-66) also played in the match for Oxford! Don has also sent us a photo of John in the first year class photo of 1(1) from 1960. Let us know if you spot yourself!!

John was a stalwart of OEs cricket in the 1970s and also regularly attended the annual dinner.

[Click here for Oxford v Cambridge 1968](#)

[Click here for 1960 1\(1\) Class Photo](#)

Prof. Ian Fells CBE 1941-50

We are sad to report the death of Ian Fells on 20th August 2025. Ian died quite suddenly after no long period of illness. Ian started in the junior school in 1941 and left in 1950 to do National Service in the Royal Signals at Catterick.

Service will take place on Friday 19th September 2025 at 11.15am at Northumberland Woodland Burial & Crematorium Wood, Felton, Northumberland NE65 9QJ.

Funeral directors: www.williampurves.co.uk Morpeth Road, Ashington NE63 8PR

Many thanks to Bill Ferguson (1944-50) for the news.

Tony Ollerenshaw 1951-56

Tony was an innovator in the steel industry working for Davy McKee in Sheffield and worldwide establishing, among others, several steel furnaces on the Indian sub-continent. A very capable cricketer who represented both the OEs and Sheffield United CC as wicketkeeper batsman.

Tony was a contemporary of Association stalwart Brian Hall, whom we thank for the news.

Professor Paul Willner 1962-66

Clinical Psychologist, teacher, clinician, brilliant writer and tireless campaigner died recently. Thanks to Don Nicolson for the news and for these 2 links with highly interesting obituaries to Paul.

https://journals.lww.com/behaviouralpharm/fulltext/2024/02000/paul_willner_obituary.1.aspx

<https://yorkshirebylines.co.uk/opinion/remembering-paul-willner/>

John Cornwell Sports Hall

The unveiling ceremony took place at the Lower School Sports Hall on 11th June 2025. It was a wonderful and significant event for the school to continue the legacy of John

Cornwell. Linda Gooden, Headteacher, was delighted to welcome John's family, friends and distinguished guests including former Headteachers, Michael Lewis and Bev Jackson.

Linda also announced an annual prize to continue John's legacy - The Sheffield Royal Grammar School and John Cornwell Prize for History.

The full story of John's achievements as governor and historian of the school, and photos, can be found in the latest school newsletter, link below, page 54

Flight From Prague

A reminder for Michael Lewis' new book launch at the school on Friday 19th September 2025.

[Click Here for Flight from Prague](#)

Contact Details Request

Thanks to all those who have taken the trouble to reply to update their contact details. We can only keep the database up to date with your help. Many people, sadly, will no longer be with us of course, yet there are many who change e mail and forget to let us know and a plethora of other reasons.

We're also trying to get year groups together to communicate with each other and renew friendships etc but we have so many names with no school years. You'll find listings by year groups now on the website so please check it out and if you can help with any names/years/email/ it would be greatly appreciated.

Membership

I'm pleased to report since our August newsletter we have had a mini-surge in new members' subscriptions. Thanks to all those who have paid their subs. This will help us greatly as we move forward with our meeting with the school to discuss plans for donations/awards.

The door is not closed though! Room for many more of you!

[Click here for membership](#)

Dinner

Details as previously announced:

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

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

Congratulations to Dave Plews, first on the list and fully paid!! Thank you, Dave!

We look forward to welcoming many more guests next year with the much requested change of timing. Let us know as soon as you can if you will be coming. Please also let me know if you want to contact fellow year members to organise old friends groups. Check the members lists on the website and I'll do the facilitating.

[Click her for dinner link](#)

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Distinguished Alumni

We have also had several new suggestions to add to our lists. Thanks very much to those have sent us those ever interesting requests. We will be updating the website listing in due course.

Final thought

Who would ever have thought there would be so much going on with the OEs!! Long may it continue!!

Thanks to you all

Pete Kersh

Check out our new website
www.old-edwardians-sheffield.com

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