



Old Edwardians Association
Sheffield

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Membership

Welcome to new members and many thanks for your subscriptions:

Des Perks (1968-75)

John Holmes (1969-76)

and many thanks, of course, to our regular subscribers.

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

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

The school has 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, and speaker on all things Edwardian.

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

If anyone is interesting please drop John Parr a note. He will be delighted to talk it though.

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Members' Stories - David Benyon

We are delighted to have received an email from one of our oldest members who wanted to give his story as a matter of interest to other members. It's worthwhile printing as I'm sure it will spark interest and recall memories for many.

David Benyon 1943-52 writes:

As one of your oldest members (KES 1943 - 1952), I am writing to thank and congratulate you for restoring and invigorating the Association. Your website and newsletters now present us with comprehensive information about School and Association affairs, past and present, and the reinstatement of the Annual Dinner is proving to be very successful. I have spoken at the dinner in the distant (Nether Edge) past, and I was encouraged by my old friend, Brian Hall, to attend this year but, living in Hertfordshire at the age of 92, this proved too much of a challenge - I'll try harder next time!

As a veteran member, I am fascinated to read about the lives and activities of former pupils and I wondered whether a brief personal history might be of interest to any who remember me, as follows::

David WS Beynon MA (Cantab). KES 1943-52 (Elder brother of the late Gareth PJ Beynon, also at KES 1947-56

Keen sportsman, represented school in cricket, football and cross country. KES (mainly under AW Barton as Headmaster) followed by National Service (RA), Natural Sciences degree at Trinity Hall, Cambridge. Career in industry with continuing involvement in cricket, including the following posts:

Chairman: ICI Europe

President : Association of European Polymer Manufacturers

President : British Plastics Federation

Master : Worshipful Company of Horners

Visiting Professor : University of Hertfordshire

President : Hertfordshire County Cricket Association.

I apologise for what you may rightly consider to be self advertisement but, at the age of 92, it is merely intended as information of possible interest.

A huge thank you David for sending this to us. We greatly appreciate your unwavering support for the school and the Association, and for your kind comments!

Distinguished Alumni

Vivian Simpson

Richard Crooks (1967- 74) has very kindly suggested a new addition for our distinguished alumni page - Vivian Simpson 1883-1918.

Richard recently came across details of Vivian Simpson in a Sheffield Wednesday v Charlton Athletic programme dated 01/11/14.

- * Educated at Wesley College
- * Played for Sheffield Wednesday in their FA Cup winning (1907) and First Division championship winning seasons (1901/02)
- * First man to enroll in the Sheffield City Battalion (1914)
- * Awarded Military Cross in 1917
- * Killed in France in 1918

A very worthy and notable addition to our listing!

Many thanks Richard.

Warren Perks

Thanks also go to Phil Bramwell (1967-74) for proposing Warren Perks (1968-75).

Warren had an illustrious career as a Consultant Physician and Medical Educator and I'm pleased to say he attended this year's annual dinner for the first time with his brother Des (1968-75).

Thanks to Phil Bramwell (1968-74) who has provided an excellent appraisal of Warren's achievements here:

https://2d181756-0a9b-4110-bd39-941cac475bda.filesusr.com/ugd/4607ad_22aa06d6d47a47faad7790666c5d9ba4.pdf

Both gentlemen have now been added to our Distinguished Alumni list on the website.

Old Edwardian rows across the Atlantic!

Richard Larking 1979-83 completed this amazing 3000 mile journey in January with partner David Knaggs in 46 days landing in Antigua.

For full details and story please click here:

<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/david-parkin-goes-all-vinnie-jones-david-parkin-fhhpe>

Many congratulations Richard on a tremendous effort!!

First Girls at King Edwards!

Many thanks to Dr Alison Manion, nee Cartland, who has contacted us from Victoria, Australia. Alison was one of the first tranche of 13 girls admitted to the school sixth form in 1969-70. She is looking to contact any of the other girls from that historic year who may have any photos or memories of their time at school.

If anyone would like to contact Alison please drop her a line at:

alison.manion83@gmail.com

Obituary

William (Bill) Bailey (1959-66)

Bill sadly died in April at home in Kilcascan Castle in County Cork. Old Edwardian and former student at Birmingham university. Bill was remembered by Don Nicolson. Many thanks

Help with Contacts

Many thanks to those of you who continue to take the time and trouble to advise us of email changes. 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 with any info you may have to:

info@old-edwardians-sheffield.com

Many thanks!

FINAL THOUGHT

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

Miss any newsletters or want to look back over recent ones?

Then check on the website. All newsletters and other mailings are logged on the 'News' page of the website for you to browse through at your leisure.

Click here www.old-Edwardians-sheffield.com/blog

Many thanks

Pete Kersh

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