



Old Edwardians Association
Sheffield

Newsletter July 2026



ANNUAL DINNER 2027

**We're delighted to announce that the 202 Annual Dinner
will be held once again at Bramall Lane on
Friday 19th March.**

Following the success of the last two years, it was an easy decision for us to continue in the Tony Currie Suite again next year.

Reservation details will go up shortly on the website but we wanted to get the date out to everyone as soon as possible so you can plan well in advance.

We look forward to seeing you there! Please tell all your friends and we hope for a great turn out!

**Friday 19th March 2027
1889 Suite
Sheffield United FC
Bramall Lane S2 4SU**

Dress: Smart/Casual
7.00 for 7.30pm
Price: £47.50
Parking on Cherry St



Retirement of Linda Gooden, Headteacher

The committee attended Linda's retirement event on Friday 10th July at the school.

It was a splendid and very fitting send off for Linda. There were several speeches of thanks including one by John Parr who gave a thoroughly heartwarming address thanking Linda for her great support for the Association and for her wide ranging success across the school's activities and in continuing so many of the school traditions in her 20 years at the school and with the last 10 as head.

A brief extract here for your pleasure..." Linda, under your leadership, our school has grown, not just in its academic achievements, but in its spirit. You have created an environment where every student feels valued and every teacher feels supported. You have not just managed this school but have retained the heartbeat of this school". Here, here!!

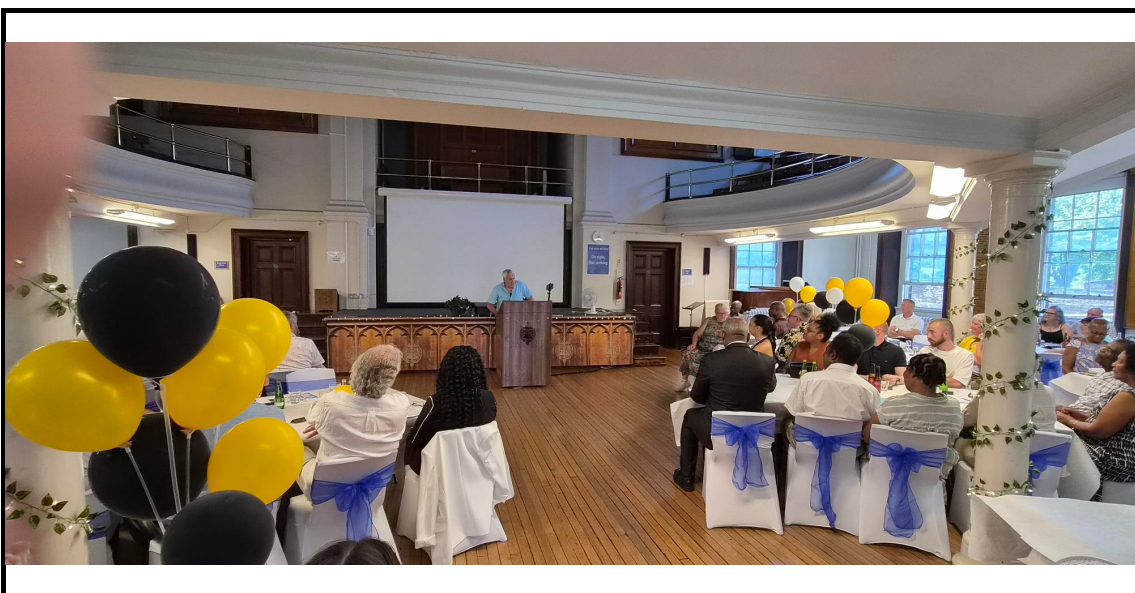
John duly presented an inscribed clock to Linda on behalf of the Association.

A lovely event laid on by the school with drinks and a great buffet.

Some photos of the event are attached.

We would like reiterate once again our thanks to Linda for her long years of service, and for her keen support and commitment to the Association and its ideals, highlighted at the recent annual dinner. We wish her all the very best in retirement.

Linda now, of course, becomes an official Old Edwardian. Welcome Linda! Looking forward to continuing to see you at the dinner!





For more photos of the event please [click here](#)

Open Morning at the School

Saturday 27th June 2026 10.00-13.00

Thanks to all those who attended the open morning on 27th June. Another lovely event which was enjoyed by all. Please see an official thank you from the school below.

Guided tours and presentations were given followed by drinks and buffet. Photos of the event attached below.

Linda Gooden addressed the invitees and suggested that this event may well become an annual event. I'm sure we would all welcome that and look forward to discussing and planning that with Louisa Warde, Linda's successor.

Clive Redfern (1967-73) laid out a super presentation of his father Stewart Redfern's (1936-41) memorabilia (see obituary February 2026 Newsletter) . Thanks to Clive for organising that - some really great stuff in there.

P.S. Clive - have you ever thought of becoming an archivist??





For more photos of the event please [click here](#).

Many thanks to Clive Redfern, Clive Porter (67-73) and Linda Gooden for these.

Obituaries

Ken Whittaker (1950s) died on 3rd May 2026

Thanks to Mike Drake (1950-52) for this.

Alan Jkinson (1945-53)

Lloyd Crofts (1964-71) died 5th January 2024

Alan K Wood (1964 - 71) died 29th October 2024

Brent Gathercole (1964 - 71) died 9th August 2020

All three were friends of Richard Lukey (64-71). Many thanks Richard, for letting us have this information.

See below: Alan Wood, second from right at the 2022 annual dinner with Richard Lukey second from left.



Membership

Welcome to new subscribing members:

John Benson-Smith	1971-75
Warren Perks	1961-69
Chris Harding	1968-74
Peter Jepson	1959-66
Mick Jepson	1964-71

and many thanks, of course, to all 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 through.

president@old-edwardians-sheffield.com

HELP WITH CONTACTS

Thanks to all those who responded to my recent mailing to those for whom we did not have information re years at school. Over 100 replied with updated information which is fantastic! This allows us to update members' lists by year on the website, Click below if anyone finds someone they wish to contact, then just let me know and I will facilitate it.

www.old-edwardians-sheffield.com/membership

Many thanks, also, to those of you who continue to take the time and trouble to advise us of email changes.

It is very highly 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!

Anytime, just send a note with any info you may have to me at:

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

Check out our new website

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