



Old Edwardians' Association
Sheffield

Survey Results



Dear All

It's been a couple of months since we did the survey and time for us to bring you up to date with findings and plans going forward.

Here is a summary:

1. A resounding majority favoured continuing with a dinner in Sheffield.
2. All those who attended this year's dinner at Bramall Lane thought it was a success.
3. A resounding majority felt a change of timing away from Easter would be preferable.

Additional comments worth noting:

1. To help fund raising, annual subs should be increased as they have stood at £5 since time immemorial!
2. Requests for alumni lists to be available for individuals to work on old friends to drum up further support for the dinner and other general Association activities.
3. Requests for the dinner to be attended by the Head and representatives from the 6th Form to present brief summaries of successes, obituaries etc in the previous year.
4. Questions raised on attracting younger members for the future of the Association? Deeper engagement with the school to help through this difficult area.

Action Plan

The committee has taken on board all the comments and is now working on the following points:

1. New date for the dinner - Friday 6th March.
2. We have provisionally had an ok from Bramall Lane for this date. The 1889 Suite on Cherry St is a good option as this is right next door to the new DoubleTree Hotel. (Several of us stayed there in April and it is a very nice and reasonably priced hotel).
3. We now have an noticeboard in the school vestibule (see photo above) to advertise, inform and show recent donations. Closer detail of the slides is attached below.
4. Subject to GDPR regulations, we will find a way to publish names in point 2 above, by year, of all those we have currently on our mailing database.
5. Points 3 and 4 above will be addressed at a planned meeting with Head, Linda Gooden. Unfortunately, this will not now take place until September. This meeting will explore:
 - a. Deeper engagement by both the School and the Association.
 - b. Encourage the school to appoint a single point of contact, potentially, Head of 6th Form to give us more focus and presence in school
 - c. Ensure school leavers receive info re OEs when they leave.
 - d. Point of contact with governors.
 - e. Representation at annual dinner – Head and 6th Form.
 - f. Ideas for future donations.

We would be delighted to receive any further comments or suggestions.

Chris Hanwell

At this point, we would like to advise that Chris Hanwell is stepping down from his role on the committee and we, John, Keith and I, would like to take this opportunity to thank Chris for all his efforts over the past nine years and he has assured me that he will see everyone as usual at annual dinners in the future!

Following this, of course, we'd like to ask if anyone is interested in getting involved and helping us on the committee? We'd love to hear from you!

In the meantime, many thanks to all those who continue to support the Association either through annual subs, attending the dinner, responding to surveys and giving us feedback etc. We are profoundly grateful.

Sincerely

John, Pete and Keith.

Attachments below:

5 slides from School Noticeboard



OLD EDWARDIANS' ASSOCIATION

Donations



Restoration of the King Edward VII painting in the vestibule - c£10k

New dedicated OEA news cabinet in the vestibule



Trophy Cabinet – antique sports trophies restored and refurbished by John Cornwell



OLD EDWARDIANS' ASSOCIATION

Donations



Chess Club – purchase of all equipment needed to support a very serious club!

Royal British Legion – donation to Memorial to Robert Griffin RIP – OE and Falklands veteran



Defibrillators at both Darwin Lane and Glossop Road buildings



OLD EDWARDIANS' ASSOCIATION

Student Prizes

- Year 11 – 4 annual prizes of £50 for excelling students
- Post 16 – 3 annual prizes of £25 for those students with most ambassador credits
- Annual Book Prize of £100
- Art Department – display boards
- Stop Press
- New annual prize - fully funded study trip to Germany



OLD EDWARDIANS' ASSOCIATION

Come and join the Association! Open to all alumni and staff of King Edward VII School

The Association works very closely with the school to support its aims and ambitions, to keep alive the spirit of the long history of the school, the achievements of past students of which it is hugely proud, and to help in anyway it can to foster continued successes in the future

All funds raised by the Association go to support the school and present-day students. Check out some of the recent donations made on the noticeboard.

Find more information on our new website. We'd love to get recent leavers to join and help us move into the future!!

www.old-Edwardians-Sheffield.com

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OLD EDWARDIANS' ASSOCIATION

Message from President, John Parr

Hello everyone

The Association has a long history going back over 100 years and it was an old first world war veteran Major Robert Skeggs who was instrumental in the formation of the Old Edwardians' Association, enabling former students to work with the School to address and support the needs of future.

I am a firm believer that all students owe a huge debt of gratitude to the School for the time and commitment invested in us by those who have guided us through our period of education, no matter how successful or otherwise that may have been.

It is really important that the challenges that the School faces today should be supported by those who have benefited from its nurturing, recognising the aims of the original founders all those years ago.

The Association exists to do just that, and I would encourage you to add your support by becoming a member.

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

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