

OLD PALMERIANS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2017

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Dear Member

Welcome to the 2017 autumn newsletter. The Committee hope you are well and have had an enjoyable summer. Listed below are the dates for the annual forthcoming events, some of which we hope you will find interesting and will be able to attend, **all the events need more support.**

The Committee is sorry to report that the publication of this year's edition of the "Old Palmerian magazine has been unavoidably delayed. Copies will be sent out with the February Newsletter.

It is with much sadness that we have to report the death of our Secretary/Minuting Secretary Jackie Tidman. Jackie died on 5th June last in Basildon Hospital. After serving as Staff Representative for a number of years, Jackie was elected on to the Committee at the 2008 AGM and took on the post of Secretary which she held until her death. She was a most conscientious and efficient member of the Committee and will be greatly missed.

With Jackie's death the Executive Committee are in urgent need of a Secretary/Minuting Secretary. The Committee meet on the second Tuesday of each month, apart from January, and August at Palmer's College. The AGM is held on the second Tuesday of November each year. If you feel you would like to help, please contact Ruth Hunwick on RHunwick@palmers.ac.uk

ANNUAL FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FOUNDER'S DAY SERVICE – The Service will be held on Sunday 5 November 2017 at 4.00pm in Grays Parish Church, with the Rector, the Reverend Darren Barlow, officiating. The guest preacher will be Wendy Shead (Mrs Mott) (1970 – 1978).

Margaret Nathan will again assemble and administer the choir, and she would be very pleased to hear from any other Old Palmerian singers from both Schools and College, or any non-members who would like to be involved in the Founder's Day Service. Please contact her on nathanmargaret@yahoo.co.uk or 01375 375500. Rehearsals will start at 1.30pm at the church on the day and light refreshments will be available for the choir beforehand.

The **OLD BOYS' ANNUAL DINNER** will be held at Orsett Hall, on Friday 20 April 2018. Full details will be in the February 2018 Newsletter.

The **FOUNDER'S DAY REUNION LUNCH**. A lunch instead of an evening dinner was tried last year and it proved successful. Therefore our Vice- Chair, Jill Snelling (Founder's Day Dinner Organiser) has arranged a lunch in the Restaurant of the **Park Inn, North Stifford**, on Sunday 5 November 2017, at 12 noon for 12.30pm. This will give members time to attend the Founders Day Service at Grays Parish Church starting at 4.00pm.

We are pleased to announce that this year we are joining forces with a group of Ladies, all ex Palmer's Girls School pupils, who always meet for lunch on that Sunday. We are sure it will make for a most convivial occasion.

Please find the details of the lunch and a reservation slip on a separate sheet. If you would like to attend this event, please send the completed slip together with a cheque to Jill Snelling at the address stated by **Friday 27 October 2017.**

The Park Inn can be found in the High Road, North Stifford, Nr Grays, Essex RM16 5UE - tel: 01708 719988.

The **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** will be held on Tuesday **14** November 2017 at 7.30 pm in Room A7 at Palmer's College. Nominations for election to the Executive Committee may be given to the Chairman, John Sach on johnvsach@talktalk.net AT ANY TIME UP TO THE OPENING OF THE MEETING. The present membership of the Committee is set out overleaf together with the agenda. All officers (apart from the Staff Representative) and the members indicated by an asterisk retire at the Annual General Meeting, but are eligible for re-election.

<u>Officers</u>	Chairman	John Sach	<u>Members</u>	Scott Freeland
	Vice Chairman	Jill Snelling		Steve Foreman*
	Treasurer	Brett Goodyear		John Goodwin
	Registration Secretary	Ruth Hunwick		Ian Gilling
	Contact Secretary	Barbara Kirkcaldy		Jean Jones
	Secretary/			Roger Key*
	Minuting Secretary	Post Vacant		Mike Smith
	Immediate Past Chairman/	Jill Snelling		

Committee member **Ian Gilling** has been 'acting Staff Rep' due to **Tracy Wingrove** leaving the College.

OLD PALMERIANS' ASSOCIATION

The **Annual General Meeting** will be held on Tuesday 14 November 2017 at 7.30pm in Room A7 at Palmer's College, Grays.

AGENDA

- 18/01 Apologies for absence
- 18/02 To approve the Minutes of the AGM held on 8 November 2016 (copies available at the Meeting)
- 18/03 Matters arising from the Minutes
- 18/04 To receive the Chairman's Report
- 18/05 To receive and approve the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2017
- 18/06 To approve the Annual Subscription for the year commencing 1 September 2018
- 18/07 To receive the Registration Report
- 18/08 To receive the Report on the Sports Hall
- 18/09 To receive the Report from the Golfing Society 2016
- 18/10 To elect Officers for the year 2017-2018
- 18/11 To elect Committee Members for the year 2017-2018
- 18/12 To elect the President for the year 2017-2018
- 18/13 Any other business

DONATION OF SEAT AND TREE In the autumn of 2016 the Student Executive Committee were approached by the Association asking if they could help by providing funds for the purchase of a piece equipment that would be useful to the students generally.

The Students came up with the idea of a circular seat and tree to be sited adjacent to the out-door table tennis tables at the west end of the College site.

This request was agreed by the Executive Committee and the purchase of a suitable tree and circular teak seat, appropriately engraved, was set in motion. The tree (hawthorn) was planted in late March. Estates Manager, Nick Turner and his team then created a circular base around the tree using block pavers and then anchored the seat down onto the blocks. In June a presentation ceremony was held at which John Sach, Association Chairman, formally presented the seat and tree to the students.

OLD PALMERIANS' TIES

If you have lost or mislaid your Old Palmerians' tie, or if you still have one and it is looking rather dog-eared and is not a fashionable shape, you can purchase one by sending a cheque for £11 made payable to **OLD PALMERIANS' ASSOCIATION** (in **capitals** please) together with your address to: John Sach, 19 Gilmour Rise, Billericay CM12 9NB, or contact him on 01277 623606 if you have any queries.

"300 YEARS OF PALMER'S"

If you would like to have further copies of the anniversary book, they are available at £5 each, including postage and packing. Please contact RHunwick@Palmers.ac.uk to order your copy.

Best wishes to you all from the Committee.
October 2017

**OLD PALMERIANS' ASSOCIATION
FOUNDER'S DAY REUNION LUNCH**

Venue: **Park Inn**
Date: **Sunday 5 November 2017**
Time: **12 for 12.30pm**
Location: **Restaurant**
Price: **£18 per head for 3-courses**

SET MENU

Menu choices can be made on the day. If we have sufficient numbers the restaurant will run a carvery. However, as this is dependent on numbers it cannot be guaranteed. Please note coffee and mints are not included in the price.

Special Diet – please advise if you have any special dietary requirements

I enclose a cheque for £..... for place(s) at £18.00 per head

Cheques made payable to the **OLD PALMERIANS' ASSOCIATION** (in **CAPITALS** please)

Name Address

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Your booking will be confirmed by telephone, so please supply a contact telephone number

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(Signed) At Palmer's from to

TO: Ms Jill Snelling, 27 Elm Drive, Rayleigh, Essex SS6 8AB by Friday 27 October 2017