

Old Bordenian Association – Annual General Meeting

**To be held online via Zoom (registration in advance required – email
admin@oldbordenians.co.uk for details)**

Thursday 7th September 2022 @ 18:30

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last meeting held 19th June 2023 (see minutes and separate Action Log attached)
3. Election of Officers and Committee (proposal document attached)
4. School update
5. Reports from Officers
 - a. Treasurer report
 - b. Communications report
 - c. Membership report
 - d. Football report
 - e. Dinner update
6. Meeting / dinner dates for the forthcoming year
7. Any other business

Mark Bailey
Chair

31st August 2023

OBA AGM 2023 - Communications update

Our communications with the membership during since the last AGM are summarised in this Paper.

Website

In recent years we have noted at AGMs that we would need to take a new direction with the OBA website due to its age and hosting on the School's servers. Following meetings earlier this year a project was kicked off with the support of Mark Sayer and Dave Bowra to look at options for change. Dave was not able to continue supporting the work so the vast majority of the work has been ably executed by Mark Sayer. Annexed to this paper is a summary of that work which Mark Sayer can introduce at the AGM.

During the year we posted around 17 articles and notices on the website. The most actively 'hit' articles are listed below:

- Dave Jenkins Obituaries and Tributes – between three articles, 1621 views
- Jonny Webb Obit - 657
- Article on Exams in the 1950s (Dennis Fowle) - 330
- John Allard Obit - 273

We continue to see new and interesting content. Our membership was emailed in spring to seek articles but failed to produce any completed articles. Suggestions are always welcome on how to generate more articles from OBA members, else we continue to have over half of our content being made up of obituaries.

Contacting OBs

We have been using Mailchimp mailing system since 2021 to contact OBs with notices and direct them with articles on the website. This application also facilitates members to update details and new members to register. The Mailchimp system has 339 contacts – up from 327 last year.

Social Media

There are Old Bordenian sites on Facebook (331 members – although not necessarily OBs), LinkedIn (159 members).

Chris Terry

Old Bordenians Association AGM 2023 – Membership report

I continue to update the Excel database of Old Bordenians and staff to record contact details, years at the School, and any annual donations. Since the last AGM the latest Barclays bank statements show that we have 279 members who are making an annual donation by way of 272 standing orders and 7 Paypal payments.

Seven members have not renewed their donations (5 standing orders and 2 Paypal). This is actually fewer non-renewals than in previous years when we have had more, and in some cases far more.

The vast number of annual donations continue at £10 – a figure which has not changed for many years – but a few have taken it upon themselves to increase their standing orders.

Since the last AGM we have also been contacted by 27 Old Bordenians via the Mailchimp mailing system and I have added their details to the database; a couple of those are previously “lapsed members” who have now reacquainted themselves with the OBA.

Since we started to use the Mailchimp tool, I have added 74 new contacts to the database and we hope many will donate to the OBA. When OBs contact us through Mailchimp they are asked whether or not they would consider donating and we have prepared a letter to send to those who have agreed to donate and a second letter to those who said that they were not yet ready to make a donation.

The Mailchimp system actually has 352 contacts which will include many of the contacts already on the Excel database and probably a few that are not listed as current donors, but we will have email address for all of them and so we can issue the letters as appropriate.

Since the last AGM the OBA has been notified of the death of the following Old Bordenians.

- Ronald Swan, who attended the School between 1936 and 1941.
- John Allard 1938 – 1945
- Ken George who also attended from 1938 – 1945
- Ted Hobday who left the School in 1946
- John Godfrey 1945 – 1951
- David Jenkins 1973 – 1978. David went on to become a member of staff.
- John Hearn who joined the School as a staff member in 1968
- Jonny Webb 1990 – 1995.

The Obituaries and Tributes link on the OBA website has more information.

Keith Shea
Membership Secretary
HonMemSec@OldBordenians.com

Old Bordenians Association AGM 2023 – Football report

As feared in the football report attached to last year's AGM, the lack of a suitable indoor venue meant that the Sittingbourne Indoor five-a-side League 22/23 campaign was abandoned. The League hasn't restarted since it was curtailed by Covid in 2020 but it does mean that The Old Bordenians remain champions.

However, there are a couple of possibilities with two new sports halls opening this year, so we're hopeful that the league's fortunes will change.

However, there is some action to report. The annual OB Football Reunion did take place on 3rd July at the UK Paper Sports Pavilion (now called the Appleyard Sports Bar) in Gore Court Road, Sittingbourne.

Yes the action was overwhelmingly confined to the lifting of pints and the lifting back to their feet of the front row in the photo below, but the flawed memories of outstanding goals, exceptional passages of play and goalmouth heroics kept us entertained.

The reunion has been held annually for many years by members of the successful 70s and early 80s Old Bordenians Football Club which played in the Premier Division of the Medway Area Sunday League. Members of the less successful 2nd team (The "Stiffs) also attend.

Thanks to Alan Snelling for organising the event this year and every year and hopefully a few more of the players will come along in 2024.

As we noted in the Football Club's comprehensive article in the final Maroon published in 2009, we do encourage everyone who played for, or had involvement with the Club, to send in your memories and photos and, if it suitable to publish, we will put them onto the OBA website.

If anyone would like to explore setting up a new OBA football team (eleven or five a side team) do let me know. It would be great to see full heads of non-grey hair back in an Old Bordenians football kit.

Here is the 2023 OBA Football Club reunion photo, taken before the spirits were broken out, in which we recreate one of our more innovative defensive walls. We didn't quite have a full team but we still managed to frighten away the other customers!



Back row L – R: Andy Bushell, Cliff Cork, Mick Pack, Jamie Henley, Alan Snelling and Lee Orgill.
Front row L-R: Keith Shea, Peter Lusted, Colin Hills and Sos Ferrar.

Keith Shea
OBA Football Secretary
HonMemSec@OldBordenians.com

**Minutes of the Old Bordenian Association Committee Meeting held via Zoom on
Monday 19th June 2023**

Members present: Mark Bailey (chair), Peter Dyson, Mark Sayer, Chris Terry, Donal Watkin, Keith Shea, Guy Lefroy, John Gibbard

Apologies for absence: David Palmer

1. Finance update

DW provided an update to finances showing an increase in donations for the YTD, largely due to the donations of one individual.

It was agreed that the financial commitment for the 4 annual payments to the school for the minibus had been met. Any further payments would require a new proposal and agreement at the AGM

P&L (as at 18 June 23)

	1 Aug 2022 - 18 Jun 23	1 Aug 2021-31 Jul 22
	£	£
Income		
Donations	5,032.33	3,042.00
Annual Dinner Surplus		496.00
Book Sales		-
Tie Sales		-
Total:	5,032.33	3,538.00
Expenditure		
Minibus Contribution	4,000.00	-
Cricket Bat	-	-
Mailshot (BGS)	-	-
Paypal Fees	-	33.00
BGS staff pastries	-	183
Donation to BGS	-	500
OBA website	-	126
Total:	4,000.00	842.00

Net Surplus	<u>1,032.33</u>	<u>2,696.00</u>
 Balance Sheet (as at 22 Nov)		
	£	
Opening Bank balance 1 Aug 22	13,363.56	
Surplus for ytd:	1,032.33	
Total (ytd):	<u>14,395.89</u>	
Closing Bank Balance (18 Nov 22):	14,346.83	
Closing Paypal Balance (18 Nov 22):	49.06	
Total Balances:	<u>14,395.89</u>	

NB: 2 x £1,000 donations - Jeremy Hipkins

Outstanding BGS Donation - £4,000

DW also raised his involvement with the school in his role of the Careers Link officer and discussion was held around the potential for OBA support, both financial to support visits to jobs fairs and practical in terms of work and interview experience. There was a positive response to this, with views expressed that this would support our drive to recruit new leavers and our visibility and relevance to the current students. It was agreed that DW would contact the school to confirm our willingness to support with remote interviews and to request a brief proposal for funding requirements to be discussed at the AGM.

ACTION DW

2. OBA Website

MS provided an update to the website situation and lay a clear path before the committee to migrate the website to a direct relationship for Presto for hosting. For a small fee (currently £36 pa) we would have independence from the school and more importantly, the ability to use current technology in the evolution of the site.

John Gibbard indicated his personal experience and skills in the UX and web arena, which was welcomed by the committee. He also offered to explore other alumni websites and suggested that we should explore the basics of the aims and objectives of the site before progressing with any changes.

MS proposed to undertake the migration, with dual running on school and direct hosting for a period (circa 9 months). He also kindly offered to fund the first year's cost. This was unanimously approved.

ACTION

MS to commence the migration and report back at the AGM

JG to explore other alumni websites and report back

3. Reunion Dinner

The 2022 Spring dinner was cancelled due to poor take up with only 4 weeks to go. It was agreed that rather than trying to push for a gathering in the Autumn, we would take the time to plan for a Spring 2024 event. Some discussion was had, with the conclusion that MB would circulate some ideas for further contributions by committee Members to allow an agreement, including a date, at the AGM.

ACTION – MB to circulate dinner options

The Meeting closed at 19:32.

Mark Bailey
Chair

PS I was subsequently contacted by the school re prize giving and a request for Peter to speak. This is now being organised.

Old Bordenian Association Action Log

No	Date	Action (and resolution/ update)	Action by	Date Closed
21	02/12/21	Keith Shea to get together with Chris Terry and Mark Sayer to identify a suitable way of adding a personal touch to those wanting to donate to the Association. <i>Keith Shea, Chris Terry and Mark Sayer to meet on 13/10/22 at 7:30 to agree the most appropriate way to welcome those donating to the Association (23/9/22)</i>)Keith has a draft and will circulate to MS and CT(19/6/23)	Keith Shea Chris Terry Mark Sayer	c/f
25	02/12/21	Donal Watkin would reach out to Ian Hazell's grandson who had said that he was hoping to arrange a reunion of his year at the 2022 dinner.	Donal Watkin	closed
26	02/12/21	Donal Watkin to revise the OBA Constitution in line with HMRC suggestions to enable the Association to qualify for Gift Aid. <i>A committee meeting will be convened in a couple of months to discuss a revised OBA constitution to enable the Association to qualify for Gift Aid. (23/9/22)</i>	Donal Watkin	c/f
27	02/12/21	School archives to be organised into a usable state, in conjunction with the School. <i>Tim Hewitt has carried out some work to organise the school archives. Mark Bailey to raise this at the next Trustees meeting. (23/9/22)</i>	Mark Bailey	c/f
28	23/09/22	A replacement OBA Secretary to be appointed. Held over to the AGM	Mark Bailey	f/f
31	18/11/22	Cricket bat award review with the Head	Donal Watkin	c/f
33	18/11/22	OBA Tie sales enquiry. KS will enquire as to tie location (19/6/23)	Chris Terry	c/f
37	18/11/22	Confirm with Keith Shea whether a Member is no longer making payments (notified in survey response)	Chris Terry	c/f
38	18/11/22	Contact the school, to inform them of our decision and to request that the current server remain operational while we build and transition.	Chris Terry	19/6/23
39	18/11/22	Provide wording to outline the technical requirement for a project manager and provide to CT.	Dave Bowra	19/6/23
40	18/11/22	CT to message the Membership requesting support in the form of funds and technical skills.	Chris Terry	19/6/23
41	19/6/23	DW to confirm the OBA willingness to support careers development with interview practice and to request a brief proposal for financial support for the AGM	Donal Watkin	
42	19/6/23	MS to implement the migration of the website to Presto directly rather than via the school.	Mark Sayer	
43	19/6/23	MB to circulate dinner options for contributions ahead of the AGM	Mark Bailey	7/23
44	19/6/23	JG will explore other alumni web sites and report back	John Gibbard	

Date of next meeting – AGM 7th September 0630 on Zoom