



Old Pauline Club

Keeping in touch

OP Club – eNewsletter April 2015



Welcome to the April issue of the Old Pauline Club's eNewsletter keeping you in touch with news of Old Paulines and the School.

Diary Dates

25 April

Earliest Vintage Luncheon, St Paul's School

2 May

10 Year Reunion, Rutland Arms, Hammersmith

7 May

Wessex Branch, The Langton Arms, Blandford

12 June

20 Year Reunion, Rutland Arms, Hammersmith

2 July

Annual General Meeting followed by the Annual Dinner.

Events

Planned Events

Earliest Vintage Luncheon – Saturday, 25 April

Final call if you wish to book for this very popular biennial event at the School, with a reception at noon. Open to all OPs who left the School in 1965 or earlier, numbers are now well over 100. Click [here](#) for a booking and payment form, or contact Katia Paye on 020 8746 5339 or payek@stpaulsschool.org.uk.

10 Year Reunion – Saturday, 2 May

Final reminder for the reunion for the 2005 leavers to be held in the Rutland Arms (across the river from the School) from 6.30pm. The Club has booked the upstairs bar and finger food will be available. Please email Alexander Tsavlis (2000-05) at alexandertsavlis@me.com or Katia Paye at the Old Pauline Club to let us know you are coming so we have an idea of how much food we need to order. If any of you would like a tour of the new Science Block and Drama Centre at the School beforehand, meeting at 5.45pm at Reception, please also inform Katia Paye (020 8746 5339; payek@stpaulsschool.org.uk) in good time (if only so that we don't start without you).

20 Year Reunion – Friday, 12 June

There is an optional tour of the new additions to the School from 5.45pm, meeting at Reception, and then a brisk walk over the bridge for 6.30pm at The Rutland Arms in Hammersmith, where the OP Club have reserved the upstairs bar. Those interested in attending, please email Tom Adeyoola (1990-95) at tomadeyoola@googlemail.com or Katia Paye at the Old Pauline Club to let us know you are coming so we have an idea of how much food we need to order. Please inform Katia Paye (020 8746 5339; payek@stpaulsschool.org.uk) if you will be joining the tour (if only so that we don't start without you).

Annual General Meeting followed by the Annual Dinner - Thursday, 2 July

Please save the date for this year's AGM and Dinner at the School. The speaker at dinner will be **Sir Mark Walport** FRS,FRCP,FRCPPath,FMedSci (1966-70), the Government Chief Scientific Adviser in the United Kingdom. We will open to take bookings in the May eNews Bulletin.

Branches

Planned Events

Wessex Branch Lunch – Thursday, 7 May

The next meeting of the Wessex Branch will take place at 12.15pm for 1.00pm at The Langton Arms, Tarrant Monkton, Blandford DT11 8RX. The guest speaker will be **Simon Bishop (1962-65)**, Editor of the Old Pauline News. Contact the Club on 020 8746 5339 for the further details.

USA:

New York - Thursday, 21 May

The next New York event will be a lunch on Thursday, 21 May, just before the Memorial Day holiday and the unofficial start of summer, followed by a cabana party in early June to be hosted by Paulina, Tamora Rush-Kellett, on her rooftop. Please mark your diaries for the lunch; more details in the early May OP eNewsletter.

Previous Events

Australia:

Melbourne OP Dinner – Thursday, 26 March

The OP Victorian branch in Australia held a reunion at the historic Melbourne Club on 26 March. Local and visiting OPs attended, with vintages spanning 40 years ranging from 1955 through to 1995. Given the turnout, another event will be held in 6-12 months at the same venue. Please contact Tristan Kitchener (tristan@kitchenerpartners.com.au) if you would like your name added to the list. Pictured below (left to right) are: **Jon Ma (1986-91)**, **Tej P S Sood (1993-95)**, **Freddie Blencke (1986-91)**, **Michael Dunn (1958-62)**, **Tristan Kitchener (1986-91)**, **Stephen O'Brien (1967-71)**, **Justin Corfield (1980-84)** and **John Salmons (1953-57)**. **Paul Wheeler (1950-55)** departed early.



USA: New York

New York Club Lunch – Tuesday, 31 March

Eleven Old Paulines, Paulinas and former members of SPS staff, local and travelling from the UK, met for the buffet lunch in the distinguished Dwight dining room at the University Club on Tuesday, 31 March. With Spring having (finally) sprung in New York, and the last of the snows recently melted, conversations turned to the forthcoming summer activities and plans. Old Paulines present were **Barr Even (2002-07), Ed Pomeroy (1946-51), Tommy Stadlen (2002-05), Simon Strauss (1968-73)**; former SPS teachers **Christina von Loeper** and **David Feinburg** also joined the group.

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Other Events

Book Slam - 30 April



Patrick Neate's (1984-89) latest Book Slam is happening on Thursday, 30 April at the Clapham Grand. Tickets sell out fast so you are advised to book asap.

The Clapham Grand, 21-25 St. John's Hill London SW11 1TT

Tickets: £6 in advance/£8 on the door.

Doors open at 6.30p.m. for a 7.30pm start.

www.bookslam.com.

Old Pauline News

New World Record



Charles Eugster (right) prepares for his record breaking attempt with BBC presenter Mike Bushell

Charles Eugster (1933-38), aged 95, has set a new world record time of 55.48 seconds for the 200 metres for his age group, beating the previous record by 2.4 seconds at the recent Indoor British Masters held at Lea Valley. Charles began to compete in track and field a decade ago after he found he was losing muscle and gaining weight. "At 85 I had a crisis. I looked at myself in the mirror one day, and saw an old man. I was overweight, my posture was terrible and there was skin hanging off me where muscle used to be. I looked like a wreck. I started to consider the fact that I was probably going to die soon. I knew I was supposed to slow down, but I'm vain. I'm not chasing youthfulness. I'm chasing health. People have been brainwashed to think that after you're 65, you're finished. We're told that old age is a continuous state of decline, and that we should stop working, slow down and prepare to die. I disagree."

Faithful servant



David Rollitt touching down for England against France at Twickenham 1969

St Paul's School is welcoming back **David Rollitt**, who is doing paternity cover for Dominic Rowland. David is probably the oldest ex-member of staff to return to SPS to teach. He has been covering sabbaticals for staff since his retirement in 2003. He started as an Assistant Master at the School in 1977. As an international rugby player, in 1969 David famously played for England against France scoring the opening try in a 22-8 victory at Twickenham. His overall game was described by the Daily Mail as 'a display of very real stature'. His son **Eben Rollitt (1986-91)** is now based in Dubai and is point of contact for OPs in the Middle East.

Marathon in Wellies



Robin Hobson gets ready for his marathon run in wellies

Robin Hobson (1967-72) is running the London Marathon in wellies to raise money for the second phase of development at East Clayton farm. The farm received a charity entry and, as the Chair of Trustees, Robin saw it as a good opportunity to fund raise. A £2 million first phase of development saw outbuildings at the farm converted into independent living units for profoundly disabled young adults, and the restoration and conversation of the farmhouse to provide training for unemployed young adults.

Now Robin is looking to raise £200,000 to develop the farmland to allow visitors and other groups to use the 120-acre farm; convert a dilapidated barn into a community room with toilet facilities; and to construct wheelchair accessible farm and garden activities for the use of residents and visitor groups.

If you would like to support this project in any way please go to www.eastclaytonfarm.org.uk for further information. You can donate to Lorica Trust by going to: my.give.net/lorica. "Why in Wellington Boots? I have never possessed any running shoes, but do have wellington boots and since it is a farm project this seemed appropriate!" Robin's marathon aims are not to come first or last, but to still be able to walk at the end of it and to use it as an excuse to unashamedly ask for as much money as possible to support this unique and amazing farm project!!"

Share your news and update your details

We would love to know what you've been doing, if you've married recently, welcomed a baby into your family or if you would simply like to share some good news. If you have moved or changed your contact details please get in touch by responding to opcadmin@stpaulsschool.org.uk or call 020 8746 5339.

OP Sports

OP Cricket Club

The OPCC Season starts on Saturday, 2 May and continues through to early September. We will have nets in the Sports Hall at SPS on 19 and 26 April from 11am-1pm. All welcome. If you would like to get involved with OPCC as a player, umpire or scorer, or if you would like to be kept up to date with our results via our newsletter and match reports, please contact **Alex Duncan** at alex.duncan@ipreo.com.

Football

Congratulations to **Preye Koroye-Crooks (2017-12)** who has been awarded his Blue in Association Football at Cambridge and played as a defender in the varsity match on 8 March. Scores were level at 1-1 at full time and Oxford went on to win 6-5 on a penalty shoot-out.

School News and Events

Careers Fair



The staff of the Careers and Universities department would like to thank all the Old Paulines and their

contacts who gave their time to take part in the Careers Fair held in the Atrium at the School on the afternoon of 24 March. Judging from the feedback about the day, pupils found the event very useful and informative and were really appreciative to have the opportunity to discover more about career options. Old Paulines, too, enjoyed the day, commenting: "It was good to have the opportunity to meet with OPs and staff over lunch and be of help to some of the boys". "Apart from being able to talk to the boys about their interests and aspirations, it was interesting to see how things evolve in the school. The new buildings were looking great"; "It was a pleasure to be invited back and speak to some very well informed and articulate Paulines. It is really encouraging to see how well the school is doing and the calibre of pupils reflects this." The Careers Fair is a biennial event and the next one will take place in Spring 2017.

St Paul's School Achievements

St Paul's **squash** team won the Roehampton Independent Schools' Trophy for the second year running beating Eton in the final.

From over 600 schools which had entered, the SPS two-man **debating** team reached the finals of the Oxford Schools' debating competition and were runners up to Dulwich College.

In their best results to date, the U16 and U19 **water polo** teams collected bronze and silver medals, respectively, in the English Schools' Plate finals.

In **rowing**, the Junior 16A VIII won the Reading Head early in March and, at the Schools' Head on 16 March, the 1st VIII came second to Westminster by three seconds. The Junior 16s also finished second to Westminster and the Junior 15s won and retained their headship. The School crews won the overall trophy as a result of the sum of the three fastest crews, beating Eton by six seconds. Visit <http://www.stpaulsschool.org.uk/news> for more School news.

Significant Birthdays

90:

Somper, Kenneth L
Thorn, John L

80:

Draisey, Michael H

70:

Barrett, Christopher D
Boyland, Brian R
Challis, David C
Dick, Douglas R
Fine, Robert D
Gooud, Nicholas R
Lacey, Peter E
McPherson, Ian D
Rudd, Michael J
Winston, Anthony E

50:

Alphey, James R
Chatterjee, Obhijit
Fetherstonhaugh, Tristram M
Frangos, Marcus J
Giles, Thomas L
Hampson, Harold A
Jacobs, Michael K
Klotz, Michael J

Montgomery, Andrew D
Parish, David F
Wilford, Francis H
Xilas, Elias M

21:

Anjum, Hashim N
Armitage, James A
Bridle, Alexander M
Clare, Oliver J
Dawson, Archie W
Eckl, Alexander K
Estreich, Daniel L
Gresty, James M
Janssens, Andrew P
Mahurkar, Malhar
McGowan, Jonah G
Musson, John D
Pelham, George M
Prince, Sri R
Sandelson, Joel A
Young, Jonathan S

In Memoriam

It is with much regret that we notify the deaths of the following Old Paulines. Our sympathy goes to their families and friends.

Robert T Streit (1948-53) – 8 February 2015
David J Trimby (1956-59) – 10 February 2015
Lee Morris (Honorary Member) – 1 April 2015

We are very sorry to announce that Lee Morris, who has been Services Supervisor at the School for 18 years, died on 1 April, aged 54. Lee was an Honorary Member of the Club and played a large part behind the scenes in making the arrangements for our events and meetings, often coping with late ideas for changes of layout and always cheerful. He was a great friend to the Club and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Obituaries are published in the Old Pauline News magazine. Please submit tributes or personal memories to opcadmin@stpaulsschool.org.uk.

Keeping in Touch - visit our new website

We encourage you to visit the new Old Pauline Club website at <https://opclub.stpaulsschool.org.uk>. We will soon be inviting you to log on and register and join our thriving online community. Joining is easy and gives you the opportunity to contact OPs through the Club's directory, promote your business through the Old Pauline Business Network, become a mentor or leave messages for other OPs on the bulletin board.

Social Networking



LinkedIn

You can also join the Old Pauline LinkedIn group, where there is currently an active group with nearly 1,000 members. Join the OP group of over 300 active members by clicking [here](#).



Facebook

The OP Club has a new Facebook page. Click [here](#) to join the Group and keep up to date with the latest events.



Twitter

Follow us on Twitter by clicking [here](#).

Feedback on this bulletin is welcomed. Click [here](#) to reply.

With very best wishes

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