



## OLD SOUTHENDIAN ASSOCIATION

### The Annual General Meeting of Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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**General Secretary**  
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**9<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

## **Notice of the Annual General Meeting**

**To be held at**

**The Southendian Club, Garon Park, Southend on Sea, Essex**

(with remote access available via *Google Meet* – see below)

**On Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.45 pm**

**All Members are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting, to contribute to the affairs of the Association and introduce new ideas for consideration by the Executive Committee**

### **AGENDA**

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020  
*Available as circulated with this Agenda and at [www.oldsouthendianassociation.org/news](http://www.oldsouthendianassociation.org/news)*
3. Any Matters Arising
4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasurer's Report, and presentation of the Audited Accounts for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021
6. Reports of Sub Committees, the School, OSA Clubs and the Affiliated Organisations
7. The Election of Officers, the Executive Committee and the Honorary Auditor
8. Date of the next Annual General Meeting
9. Any other competent business

Notice of apologies for absence for recording in the Minutes may be sent to:

**Keith Spenceley, General Secretary**

**Email:** [secretary@oldsouthendianassociation.org](mailto:secretary@oldsouthendianassociation.org)

**29<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

Remote access to the Meeting will be available via the *Google Meet* video-communication service. The simple instructions are as follows:

- Follow this link on your computer or laptop: <https://meet.google.com/gaw-hohf-fiv>
- Enter your name when prompted to be accepted into the meeting.
- You can also join the meeting by telephone. Dial +44 20 3937 0408 and enter the PIN: 314890857.
- Members overseas can also refer to the following link for more telephone numbers:  
<https://tel.meet/gaw-hohf-fiv?pin=6339838929163> .
- Please contact [josephezammit@gmail.com](mailto:josephezammit@gmail.com) if you have any queries.

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Old Southendian Association**  
**held via Google Meet**  
**on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020 commencing at 7.47 pm.**

*Those Present:*

Clive Shiret (Chair)	Mike Bambrook	Tony Barrett	Ken Carter
Alex Cass	Kate Cooper	Andy Crow	Daniel Garside
Rick Gill	Graham Glover	Norman Holden	Russ Johnson
Trevor Johnson	Geoffrey Kittle	Kevin Leigh	Richard Maddison
Geoffrey May	Keith Spenceley	Martin Stansfield	David Townend
Joseph Zammit			

<b>Item</b>	<b>Minute</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> had been received from Robin Bevan, John Goodman, Ian Grimes, Claire Kirkland, James Masson, Richard Medcalf, Chris Sorrell, David Tanton and Graham Winckless.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019 :</b> The Minutes were approved on a proposal by Joseph Zammit, seconded by Graham Glover and signed by the Chairman.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019:</b> There were none.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Chairman's Report:</b>
4.1	Clive Shiret commented that no-one could have imagined the worldwide turmoil caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. Not surprisingly, Association business had taken a back seat.
4.2	The circumstances had however led to technological advances in the membership system thanks to Joseph Zammit and had enabled members around the world to participate in the online "Chin Wags" thanks to Andy Crow.
4.3	Since Chris Sorrell had now retired, it was to be hoped that plans could be put in place to publish the Magazine again on a regular basis.
4.4	The Association had maintained several funding commitments to the School, including the annual sponsorship of the majority of prizes awarded at the Senior Prizegiving.
4.5	Clive was pleased to see many members making a difference to their communities, not least at Garon Park where the community has been able to take part in volunteering, sports and wellbeing activities even during these unsettled times.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report and Presentation of the Audited Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020:</b>
5.1	Dan Garside reported on the financial position of the Association and noted that the Accounts to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020 had not been impacted by the effects of the pandemic. They showed a small surplus of £128, mainly due to the absence of the Magazine. The Association was still carrying some £33,000 of reserve funds, principally in National Income Bonds. All in all, the Association's funds were in good shape.
5.2	Whereas there had not been any grants to individual School departments this year, there were costs in the accounts relating to professional fees for the proposed 125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Wellbeing Garden. This project would be the focus of the Association's resources for the next two years.
5.3	Dan confirmed that a tie or a scarf was given to each new member and this was a cost to the Association.
5.4	The Accounts for the year ended 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020 were adopted on a proposal by Joseph Zammit, seconded by Geoffrey May.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Minute</b>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Report of Sub Committees, the School, the Clubs and the Affiliated Organisations:</b>
6.1	The Reports had all been circulated and were available on the website. The following additional matters were reported.
6.2	<i>Membership Database:</i> Geoffrey May reported that the total membership remained static with some new members joining and others passing away. Once such recently deceased member was Geoff Bromley who had been very active in the Bowls Circle.
6.3	<i>Organ Society:</i> Joseph Zammit advised that the only “live” event in the year was the very successful <i>Cantare</i> concert in December 2019. All other events had had to be postponed. The AGM was held remotely and was attended by several members from overseas. Students were continuing to learn the organ and Warren Symes had made a series of live recordings that were being released via social media. The latest of these was Elgar’s <i>Nimrod</i> released on this Remembrance Day. Joseph thanked the School for its support with such endeavours.
6.4	<i>Cricket:</i> Chris Sorrell had asked that a piece be added to his report highlighting the work of the Club’s Executive Committee in getting some cricket played, especially Henry Williams and Sam Hodgson, who planned and ran the Covid-secure net sessions that were allowed before the truncated season started.
<b>7.0</b>	<b>A Proposal to approve revised Rules of the Association and revised Standing Orders of the Executive Committee and Sub-Committees:</b>
7.1	Kevin Leigh explained that this proposal was not in any way controversial but was brought about by a need to update the Rules and Standing Orders to enable the Association to take payments by more modern methods and to deal with some of the oddities thrown up by the pandemic. In making these changes, Kevin had taken the opportunity to tidy up the documents into a more consistent form.
7.2	The changes to the Rules were as follows: Rule 4. The addition of the words “or such other period as the AGM shall agree”. Rule 7 c) The addition of the words “or any such other suitable bank transfer or payment as from time to time deemed acceptable by the Executive Committee”. Rule 12. The addition of the words “The AGM can be held remotely and any voting can also be done remotely.”
7.3	David Townend asked whether the word “brethren” in Rule 2e remained an appropriate term and suggested the term “member”. Geoffrey May stated that the Association had helped non-members in the past and Kevin suggested that “brethren” be replaced with “people” which would cover all eventualities. However, this would need to be the subject of another proposal at a future date and Clive suggested it be “kicked back” to the 2021 AGM.
7.4	The changes to the Standing Orders were as follows: SO 1. A recasting of the Order for clarity to include the Membership of the Executive Committee, “namely the Chairman, President, Headteacher of the School, Immediate Past President, President Designate, Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar, Legal Adviser and Publications Officer, and not more than 12 elected members, two of whom shall preferably have left School in the previous year.” SO 3 c) The addition of the words, “Any business of the Executive Committee may be conducted remotely including by email.” SO 3 d) The addition of the words, “In the case of any business conducted remotely including by email voting can also be by email.”
7.4	The revisions were carried on a proposal by David Townend, seconded by Geoffrey May.

<b>8.0</b>	<b>A Proposal that the terms of office of the current President, Immediate Past President and President Designate shall continue for a further year from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021:</b>																		
8.1	Clive confirmed that the three people that this affected were supportive of this proposal due to the circumstances of the Covid 19 pandemic.																		
8.2	The proposal was carried on a proposal by Kate Cooper, seconded by Graham Glover.																		
<b>8.0</b>	<b>The Election of Officers, the Executive Committee and the Honorary Auditor:</b>																		
8.1	<p>The Meeting approved the appointment of the following Officers:</p> <table> <tr> <td># Chairman (of the Executive Committee)*</td><td>Clive Shiret</td></tr> <tr> <td>President (with effect from 01 January 2020 and to serve until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021)*</td><td>Andy Crow</td></tr> <tr> <td>Immediate Past President (to serve until 31 December 2021)*</td><td>Chris Sorrell</td></tr> <tr> <td>President Designate (with effect from 01 January 2020 and to serve until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021)*</td><td>Keith Spenceley</td></tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer*</td><td>Dan Garside</td></tr> <tr> <td>Secretary*</td><td>Keith Spenceley</td></tr> <tr> <td>Registrar*</td><td>Geoffrey May</td></tr> <tr> <td>Legal Adviser*</td><td>Kevin Leigh</td></tr> <tr> <td>Publications Officer*</td><td>Chris Sorrell</td></tr> </table> <p># serving as Executive Committee Chairman from the 2019 AGM until the 2022 AGM.</p>	# Chairman (of the Executive Committee)*	Clive Shiret	President (with effect from 01 January 2020 and to serve until 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2021)*	Andy Crow	Immediate Past President (to serve until 31 December 2021)*	Chris Sorrell	President Designate (with effect from 01 January 2020 and to serve until 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2021)*	Keith Spenceley	Treasurer*	Dan Garside	Secretary*	Keith Spenceley	Registrar*	Geoffrey May	Legal Adviser*	Kevin Leigh	Publications Officer*	Chris Sorrell
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8.2	<p>In addition to the Officers marked*, all of whom are ex officio, the following were elected to the Executive Committee until the 2021 AGM: Ken Carter, Kate Cooper, Simon Darby, Graham Glover, Geoff Kittle, Kerry Martin, Martin Stansfield and Joe Zammit.</p> <p>Clive commented that Martin Stansfield, although remaining as a member of the Executive Committee, was standing down from his role on the Events Committee and as the School Liaison Representative. Clive thanked Martin for his years of service not only to the school, but also to the Association in a number of roles.</p>																		
8.3	The preceding appointments were approved on a proposal by Richard Maddison, seconded by Kate Cooper.																		
8.4	<p>Executive Committee representatives from the Affiliated Organisations and Clubs are advised as:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Cricket Club - Chris Sorrell</td><td>Football Club - Clive Shiret</td></tr> <tr> <td>Hockey Club - Andy Smithson</td><td>Organ Society - Joe Zammit</td></tr> <tr> <td>Golf Circle – Graham Winckless</td><td>Bowls Circle – Trevor Johnson</td></tr> </table>	Cricket Club - Chris Sorrell	Football Club - Clive Shiret	Hockey Club - Andy Smithson	Organ Society - Joe Zammit	Golf Circle – Graham Winckless	Bowls Circle – Trevor Johnson												
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8.5	Paul East of Wilkins Kennedy has agreed to continue as Honorary Auditor.																		
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Date of the next Annual General Meeting:</b>																		
	The Meeting agreed that the 2021 Annual General Meeting should be held at The Southendian Club, Garon Park, Southend on Sea on Wednesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2021, commencing at 7.45 pm.																		
<b>10.0</b>	<b>Any Other Competent Business:</b>																		
10.1	Joseph Zammit suggested that, assuming that the 2021 AGM would be held “in person”, dial in capability could be made available for those not able to attend the actual meeting. This was considered an excellent idea.																		
10.2	Clive thanked Joseph Zammit for all his efforts in updating the Association’s website and for arranging the technology for this meeting and Andy Crow for his excellent “Chin Wag” initiative.																		
10.3	There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.41 pm.																		

**Keith Spenceley, General Secretary.**  
**30<sup>th</sup> November 2020.**

#### **Agenda Item 4 – Chairman’s Report**

As your Chairman and as a Director/Trustee of several other not for profit organisations, 2021 has seen a constant ‘shuffling of the deck’ and ‘what if’ scenarios taking shape and then fading into the general Covid-19 malaise across all sectors.

The positive OSA events of 2021 were: a successful application, with 70 + school leavers applying to sign up for the Association; some very good ‘Chin Wag’ sessions organised by Andy Crow; a successful Autumn Lunch; and the prospect of the Reunion Dinner and AGM.

The spectre of Covid-19 however is not far away, but I get the feeling we are inching our way to some sort of new normality.

Mental Health is a very real factor overall and I think many of our members are suffering to a greater or lesser degree and I would point you to the OSA website where practical advice and help is available to our members. We also have access to actual wellbeing facilities at Wellbeing at Garon Park, including a community shed, where members can revive their mental and physical health [www.wellbeingatgaronpark.com](http://www.wellbeingatgaronpark.com).

We will shortly be publishing details of how we aim to bring an annual magazine to the membership, including a report on how the School is coping and what the future holds.

In this report I would like to send special thanks to Graham Glover, who is stepping down from his executive committee position, for his years of service on the Executive, where he presided over a very successful run of London Dinners and of course his successful year as President of the Association.

I have decided this year will be my last as Chairman as I have been at it for 15 years and believe ‘new blood’ is required to lead the Association forward. I will still be available for the Executive if selected and if required, I will push forward with the Glade wellbeing garden at the School and the School Archive projects.

I would urge some of our younger members to step forward to help move this great Association forward with vim and vigour.

**Clive Shiret (Athens 1973-1975)**

#### **Agenda Item 5 – Presentation of the Audited Accounts for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

Please see the accounts set out on the following 5 pages

**Dan Garside, Treasurer (Tuscany 1988-1995)**

**OLD SOUTHENDIAN ASSOCIATION**  
**ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

**OLD SOUTHENDIAN ASSOCIATION**

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

**TO THE MEMBERS OF THE OLD SOUTHENDIAN ASSOCIATION**

We can confirm that the accompanying Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Account and Notes thereto in respect of the year ended 31st March 2021 have been prepared from the books, vouchers, bank statements and other information made available to us by the Treasurer and are in accordance therewith.

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**OLD SOUTHENDIAN ASSOCIATION****GENERAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

	Year ended 31/03/2021		Year ended 31/03/2020	
	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME FROM SUBSCRIPTIONS</b>				
Life subscriptions	0		300	
Annual subscriptions	<u>5,350</u>		<u>6,190</u>	
		5,350		6,490
<b>INTEREST RECEIVED</b>				
National savings income bonds		209		288
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>				
Magazine revenue	0		0	
(Deficit) on necktie/scarf sales/cuff links	-275		-384	
Life member donations	2,420		2,955	
Sundry donations	120		84	
(Deficit)/Surplus on social functions (note 2)	<u>-106</u>		<u>540</u>	
		<u>2,159</u>		<u>3,195</u>
		7,718		9,973
<b>LESS: EXPENDITURE</b>				
Publication of magazine	0		0	
Printing, postage & stationery	3		241	
SHSB sponsorship (note 3)	0		4,850	
SHSB archive project contribution	0		0	
SHSB trophies and prizes	0		1,742	
SHSB wellbeing garden project	150		1,486	
Awareness campaign associated costs	0		705	
OSA public liability insurance premium	796		746	
Domain registration and hosting costs	<u>83</u>		<u>75</u>	
		<u>1,032</u>		<u>9,845</u>
<b>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<u><u>6,686</u></u>		<u><u>128</u></u>

**OLD SOUTHENDIAN ASSOCIATION**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31ST MARCH 2021**

	<b>31/03/2021</b>		<b>31/03/2020</b>	
	£	£	£	£
<b>INVESTMENT</b>				
National savings income bonds		25,000		25,000
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Stock in hand, at cost	2,987		3,262	
Sundry debtors	<u>500</u>		<u>511</u>	
		3,487		3,773
<b>BANK BALANCES</b>				
T.S.B. current accounts		<u>11,934</u>		<u>6,722</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		40,421		35,495
<b>LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
Sundry creditors		<u>-284</u>		<u>-2,044</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>40,137</u>		<u>33,451</u>
<b>REPRESENTING:</b>				
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>				
General income and expenditure account (note 1)		<u>40,137</u>		<u>33,451</u>

Signed by:

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**D. Garside - Treasurer**

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**C Shiret - Chairman**

## OLD SOUTHENDIAN ASSOCIATION

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

#### 1. GENERAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	2021 £	2020 £
Balance brought forward at 1st April 2020	33,451	33,323
Surplus for the year	6,686	128
Balance carried forward at 31st March 2021	<u>40,137</u>	<u>33,451</u>

#### 2. (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS ON SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

	London Dinner £	Reunion Dinner £	Spring Lunch £	Autumn Lunch £	TOTAL £
Income	0	0	0	0	0
Expenditure	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>106</u>
Net (Deficit)/Surplus	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-106</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-106</u>
2020	<u>-214</u>	<u>754</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>540</u>

#### 3. SHSB SPONSORSHIP

	2021 £	2020 £
Sixth form - EPQ Courses (inc stress reduction, yoga etc)	0	2,000
Music - Organ Music and Bursary	0	200
PE - Netball equipment	0	250
Art DSLR	0	500
Economics - Library books	0	250
Drama - Lighting	0	500
History Trip	0	250
Charity week	0	250
Business Studies	0	250
Y7 Book trust	0	200
Veterans Lunch	0	200
	<u>0</u>	<u>4,850</u>

## Agenda Item 6.1 – Report from the School

At Southend High School for Boys, talent is nurtured and learning is valued. Challenge is welcomed, participation is expected and achievement is prized. This ethos is carried through all that the Academy Trust seeks to achieve and helps maintain a balance between academic performance and other aspects of school life.

The 2020/21 academic and financial year became the year in which everyone had anticipated a resurgence following the challenges of Covid; but which proved to be even more disrupted than 2019/20. Although this is very much the lead story, it masks another exceptional year of activity, delivery and outcomes for the whole school team.

Partial on-site delivery of face-to-face education, in full classes, had resumed towards the end of 2019/20. The Department for Education, in conjunction with Public Health (England), produced detailed guidance regarding the return to school in September 2020. Physical mixing and social interaction between pupil groups were to be limited; rooms had to be well-ventilated and the sharing of spaces and equipment constrained; extra-curricular activities – including competitive sport, trips, music and drama – were all suspended.

SHSB responded with an innovative and hugely successful revised timetable model, with each class having only two lessons each day (of 150 minutes duration). Pupils were assigned to their 'year group bubbles': each with designated social spaces for segregated break and lunch times. The end of day departure times were staggered. *Every pupil received their full timetabled education – in the right specialist rooms for each subject, with the right teacher – for every day that they were on site.*

Cleaning and hygiene routines were heightened. In line with the established protocols, pupils and staff who were found to be positive for Covid were required to isolate, at home, for ten days; as were all their 'close contacts'. Realistically, this meant that whole classes were removed from school – in a bid to limit viral transmission – for up to two weeks at a time. All pupils, for every lesson, learning from home were afforded access to relevant resources, activities and/or interactive 'streamed' lesson material.

Provision was sustained in this way throughout the Autumn and into the Winter. However, in the weeks preceding Christmas, several hundred pupils and one third of the staff were required to isolate: the transition to providing online learning alongside classroom teaching was inevitable and smooth.

Recognising the likelihood of increased infection rates in January; in collaboration with other local secondary schools (on the basis of common geographically dispersed intakes), SHSB determined that the first week of the Spring Term would be entirely delivered by 'remote provision'. In hindsight this positioned by the school exceptionally well, when the national school closure announcement followed on the evening of the first day of term in January.

Throughout this second national lockdown for schools (the third for the wider public), every pupil was provided – according to the established timetable – with relevant, engaging and varied learning tasks, activities or taught lesson components. On-site provision was sustained for our more vulnerable pupils, those with SEND and/or individuals facing particular challenges; as well as the children of 'key workers'. The hybrid approach, combining live, recorded and screen-based tasks, was very well-received and commended in national reportage.

In conjunction with Public Health (Southend), the school organised and hosted a phased return of all pupils to the classroom by Easter 2021. Every pupil was invited to complete two successive 'instructive' lateral-flow tests, before lessons resumed; after which, home-testing became a routine feature of school life.

Easter provided a helpful ‘fire break’ to limit viral transmission, but coincided with the extraordinary educational and administrative efforts associated with determining almost 4000 Teacher Assessed Grades as a result of exam suspension. Every grade had to be approved at teacher level, subject level and school level. Every grade was supported by a collated portfolio of pupil work that had to be brought together, in a central location, ready for the mid-Summer results and appeals processes.

In the absence of examinations, lessons continued for Year 11 and Year 13 well-beyond the normal revision departure dates. Year 11, in particular, were invited to engage in an extended group project task entitled ‘Lessons from Covid’ – every submission was designed to draw on at least three different subject disciplines. Examples included insights from science, economics, history ... whilst others were presented in Spanish, with original musical compositions, or film production.

As the year came to an end, restrictions were sufficiently lifted to enable year group assemblies, a Sports Day (with no parental spectators) and the resumption of a limited number of inter-school sports fixtures.

Results days in the Summer brought the expected levels of success (and some limited disappointment): the school’s results were produced with absolute integrity and aligned to expected outcomes, based on previous grade distributions. The national picture revealed, in comparison, that a significant minority of schools had been allowed to award inflated grades distorting the true accomplishments of the year group. Appeals and reviews occupied a considerable portion of the Summer holiday.

The successes of the school should not be under-estimated across the most challenging of years: the contribution of an exceptionally skilled, professional and stable staff warrant particular note. It is also worth highlighting that the school continues to deliver exceptional value for money: with outstanding levels of pupil progress, pupil participation, and pupil outcomes on a minimal per-pupil budget provision. Indeed, the school’s reputation on issues related to SEND, pedagogy, research, financial management, staff retention and provision for the ‘most able’ have all been highlighted in national media, specialist press or national conferences in the last year.

Looking ahead, the school will be focussed on developing pedagogic expertise even further alongside a ‘recovery curriculum’ that is principally focussed on renewing extra-curricular engagement. Premises development will continue with more permanent ‘sheltered’ outside space for pupils at breaks and lunchtimes (a lesson from Covid); a new food servery kiosk to extend the catering offer for pupils; and the adaptation of the East End of the building to incorporate a new Autism Resource Base. The school was delighted to secure confirmation from the Department for Education, with full support of the Local Authority, and resounding encouragement from a public consultation, that we will be opening a dedicated on-site facility for autistic pupils (diagnosed and in receipt of an EHCP) to access our mainstream curriculum with professional and focussed support. The ARB is set to be open within twelve months.

**Robin M. Bevan, Headteacher**

## **Agenda Item 6.2 – Bowls Circle Report**

Despite Covid19's best efforts to try and play havoc with 2021's season's activities, it was wonderful we managed to play all the 19 arranged fixtures. Even the weather 'played ball' with no fixture affected by rain.

The season was a successful one, with 13 matches won and 6 lost. We won 46 1/2 ends against 21 1/2 and scored 1219 shots against 953. We had notable successes at several Clubs by winning all rinks, namely Southend, Hockley, White Hall, Chalkwell, South Benfleet, and Rayleigh. On the losing front, the losses at Eastwood, Shoebury and Southchurch were disappointing as these have traditionally been matches we have won.

Over the season, a total of 28 members represented the Circle, with some playing a few matches, a significant number of others a high percentage. Fortunately over the whole season we were able to field full teams, on several occasions through members stepping in to cover late call offs. Much appreciated and a hearty thank you to those concerned.

The pre-season lunch could not take place owing to Covid restrictions. Hopefully this can be reinstated in April next year.

Fixtures for Summer 2022 are in the process of being arranged.

With winter indoor bowling now in place Martin Harvey has currently arranged a small number of matches the first of which at Southend was unfortunately lost.

Regrettably the season was overshadowed by the sad death of our dear loyal, long serving member, Graham Evans in September following his long battle with cancer, of which I never heard him complain. Even when undergoing treatment he regularly made himself available to play, despite undoubtedly being in considerable pain and discomfort.

Graham was an excellent bowler, readily giving advice and assistance to anybody who asked. He started playing for the Circle on 13th May 1988 and was one of our longest serving Members, instrumental in recruiting a number of our members. He will be sadly missed.

**Trevor Johnson, Match Secretary (Troy 1956-1963)**

### **Agenda Item 6.3 – Old Southendian & Southchurch Cricket Club**

After a heavily truncated 2020 season thanks to COVID-19, we were delighted to play a full and uninterrupted cricket season in 2021. The fact that the club was able to field five Saturday Hamro Foundation Essex League sides and one Sunday Warsop Stebbing League side, alongside youth sides at U13 & U15 age groups, was thanks in no small part to the tireless work of all of the Executive Committee, not least Chairman Chris Sorrell and Head of Youth Cricket Henry Williams. It is not an accident that we are currently one of (if not the...) largest and best represented clubs in the Southend area, but rather the product of hundreds of hours of volunteer work each season, without which the club simply would not be able to operate – thank you to all that help to make this happen.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI, playing in the lofty heights of Division One after promotion in 2019, endured a difficult season, ultimately finishing in 9<sup>th</sup> position and being relegated from an incredibly competitive league. Despite this, the shrewd captaincy of former Essex CCC man Andy McGarry alongside the runs and wickets of star player Ahmed Khawaja ensured that they finished with their heads held high, far closer to 8<sup>th</sup> position than to 10<sup>th</sup> and with plenty to build upon going into next season.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI were fighting for promotion for much of the season, before eventually running out of steam towards the back end of the year, coming home to finish in 6<sup>th</sup>. The fact that they were in the fight for so long was thanks in no small part to a division leading 647 runs from opening batsman Wajid Ahmad, and 28 hard fought wickets from bustling seamer Henry Williams. Both would play starring roles in a thrilling final game of the season, as a chanceless Ahmad 117 set a platform for Williams to hit the final ball of the game for 4 to chase a mammoth total of 266 away at Old Brentwoods. But perhaps even more pleasing than that victory was the emergence of 14 year old Essex Academy product Dylan Batt, who built upon a 1<sup>st</sup> XI debut in 2020 (aged just 13!) to become an established 2<sup>nd</sup> XI performer, taking home Player of the Year honours in the process.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI were equally competitive this season, and staged an unlikely charge for promotion that saw them finish in a more than respectable 5<sup>th</sup> place. A mixture of young up-and-comers and wise old heads made up Martin Paige's charges, as exciting U15 prospects Stanley Cornwell, Isaac Burgess, Callum Powrie and Ethan Richardson were ably guided by experienced campaigners Chris Sorrell, Chris Pastfield and Steve Tomlin (amongst others) in a development season that will no doubt prove invaluable to those youngsters in their future cricketing careers.

The 4<sup>th</sup> XI, once again under the tutelage of Mike Perry, enjoyed a much improved season, winning more games than they have done since 2017 on their way to a 6<sup>th</sup> placed finish. The wickets (23 no less) of 16 year old Alfie Jeeves provided the backbone for some strong team performances that were propped up by the runs of Phil Clark and vice-captain Chris Dove.

The 5<sup>th</sup> XI were capably led by Rob Garwood, who managed once again to foster a friendly and welcoming atmosphere (aided by the backdrop of the picturesque Shoebury Garrison Ground setting) for those just beginning their cricket journeys, as well as those in the twilight of their careers. Of the former group, both Charlie Woodbridge and Zach Manley showed promise, but it was a member of the latter group that stole the show and produced the performance of the season – Kev Pratt, once of England Over 70s, taking 7/54 on route to a resounding victory over local rivals Leigh-on-Sea.

The Sunday cricket renaissance continued this season, under the committed leadership of Henry Williams. A 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the competitive Warsop Stebbing Sunday League was just reward for a young and enthusiastic side that played an exciting, fearless brand of cricket. Sean Miller and Joe Madren were near ever-present in the side all season, and their runs and wickets respectively provided the freedom for several youth players to come into the side and make their adult open age debuts, which bodes well for next year and beyond.

After a brief hiatus, our 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tour to Sussex took place in 2021 and was fantastically well supported by both club stalwarts and youngsters alike. Defeats to Billingshurst, Horsham and Roffey did little to dampen the spirits of all those that spent the 3 days basking in the south coast sunshine, and there is already renewed talk of returning to an expanded 5 day tour next year. Cricket Week was also able to return this season, and once again proved popular with all that got involved – the highlight of which undoubtedly coming on the Friday, when the club took on a Chris Bunce Select XI comprised of many former players looking to roll back the years and relive (even if just for one afternoon!) past days gone by.

I'm sure it won't come as a surprise to any that COVID-19 has exacerbated the struggle of many local cricket clubs, with several former adversaries regrettably folding in 2021 due to declining participation numbers. Whilst we are incredibly thankful to be in a far better position, with over 75 people representing the club each week, it would be naïve to suggest that we are immune to such challenges. It is therefore imperative that we continue to attract new members, both playing and social, to come and enjoy the first class facilities that groundsman Philip Burton lovingly prepares, and the warm hospitality of the Garon Park clubhouse that Clive Shiret has created over the past 5 years. I hope that many of these potential new members can come by virtue of our proud links with SHSB, as they so frequently had done in the past. Lastly, our doors at Garon Park are always open throughout the summer, so please come down and enjoy a drink or three with some likeminded folk and a fair few Old Boys to boot – we'd be happy to have you!

**Sam Hodgson, Club Captain (Sparta, 2008-2015)**

#### **Agenda Item 6.4 – Organ Society Report**

The last year has been a challenging one for so many groups, however The Old Southendian Organ Society has sought to continue with its core objectives, adapting our approach to remain both active and safe.

We held our first online concert, with renowned local organist Richard Brasier taking to the console at Southend High School for Boys to present a pre-recorded programme of music as Christmas approached. This festive offering was appreciated by many supporters old and new.

Building on the success of the recordings of the organ released from May 2020, we released a further set with a new piece of music released every week, enhancing the audio-visual presentation with more camera angles and photography around the School. Our thanks to Warren Symes and friend of the Society, Craig McGarrigle, for their superb musical and technical contributions.

The Society has continued to support the School in keeping the organ in good condition, and has kept in touch with the resumption of lessons for students on the organ. A report by departing School Organist Emmanuel Oke was shared on our website and with our members in May 2021, and brought to life his journey into the "new normal". We're pleased to report that the good work of Warren Symes at the School continues in supporting this year's School Organist and other enthusiastic students. Our thanks to all our supporters for their encouragement and financial contributions which facilitate our work, and to the School too.

We look forward to welcoming an in-person audience to our Concert for Remembrance on Saturday 13th November 2021, 7:30pm - 8:30pm. It would be great to have plenty of Old Southendian support as normal: tickets are available in advance via [www.osos.org.uk/events](http://www.osos.org.uk/events) or on the door (cash only).

**Joseph Zammit, Publicity and Communications (Tuscany, 2004-2011)**



## Agenda Item 7 – The Election of Officers, the Executive Committee and the Honorary Auditor

*The present Officers of the Association are as follows:*

<b># Chairman (of the Executive Committee) *</b>	Clive Shiret
<b>President</b> (with effect from 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2020 and to serve until 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2021)*	Andy Crow
<b>Immediate Past President</b> (to serve until 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2021)*	Chris Sorrell
<b>President Designate</b> (with effect from 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2020 and to serve until 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2021)*	Keith Spenceley
<b>President</b> (with effect from 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2022 and to serve until 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022)*	Keith Spenceley
<b>Immediate Past President</b> (with effect from 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2022 and to serve until 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022)*	Andy Crow

*The Executive Committee makes the following proposal:*

<b>President Designate</b> (with effect from 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2022 and to serve until 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022)*	Daniel Garside
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*The following Officers have confirmed their willingness to continue to serve on the Executive Committee:*

Treasurer*	Dan Garside
Secretary*	Keith Spenceley
Registrar*	Geoff May
Legal Adviser*	Kevin Leigh
Publications Officer*	Chris Sorrell

# serving as Executive Committee Chairman from the 2019 AGM until the 2022 AGM.

{Officers marked \* are *ex officio* members of the Executive Committee.}

The following were elected as Members of the Executive Committee of the Association at the 2020 AGM and are all willing to stand for re-election:

Ken Carter	Kate Cooper	Simon Darby	Geoff Kittle
Martin Stansfield	Joe Zammit		

Executive Committee representatives from the Affiliated Organisations and Clubs are advised as:

Old Southendian & Southchurch Cricket Club	Chris Sorrell
Old Southendian Football Club	Clive Shiret
Old Southendian Hockey Club	Andy Smithson
Old Southendian Organ Society	Joe Zammit
Old Southendian Bowls Circle	Trevor Johnson
Old Southendian Golf Circle	Graham Winckless

A partner of Azets (formerly Wilkins Kennedy) will be asked to continue as Honorary Auditor.