OLD SOUTHENDIAN ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of Thursday, 5th November 2026

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2nd November 2026

Notice of the 2026Annual General Meeting

To be held at

The Southendian Clubhouse, Garon Park, Southend on Sea, Essex

On Thursday, 5th November 2026 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 6th November 2025
   Available as circulated with this Agenda and at 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 31st March 2026

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
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1st August 2026

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Old Southendian Association held at The Southendian Club, Garon Park, Southend on Sea, Essex on Thursday, 6th November 2025 commencing at 7.47 pm.

Those Present:

Andy Crow (in the Chair)	Ken Carter	Kate Cooper	Gemma Fletcher
Ian Fulton	Daniel Garside	Sam Hodgson	Callum Hynes
Geoff Kittle	Sara Linney	Joseph Madren	Edward Marron
Geoff May	Clive Shiret	Chris Sorrell	Keith Spenceley
Joseph Zammit			

Item	***Minute***
1.0	**Apologies for Absence** had been received from Karl Anderson, Alex Cass, Jim Harrington, Paul Hudson, Claire Kirkland, Kevin Leigh, Nick Robins, Sophie Thickbroom and Rachel Worth.
2.0	**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 6th November 2024:** The Minutes were accepted unanimously on a proposal by Clive Shiret, seconded by Kate Cooper and signed by the Chairman.
3.0	**Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 8th November 2023:** There were none.
4.0	**Chairman's Report:** Andy Crow's report had been circulated prior to the meeting.
4.1	He reported on another successful year for the Association, thanking its members and staff of the School staff for their continued support and efforts in promoting the Association. He highlighted the Association's attendance at many School events and its ongoing support for pupils through the university scholarship scheme and both lower and upper School prizegivings.
4.2	The formation of the Southend High School for Boys Charitable Trust had been a major focus, with approximately £120,000 raised and over 120 members joining The 2025 Society. The Association had also welcomed a record 81 new members from the previous year's leavers.
4.3	Andy noted two particular highlights of the past year, the publication of the first *The Old Southendian* Magazine in six years, and the Dinner Dance in July, which raised £13,000 for the Charitable Trust. The success of the musical performances at the Dinner Dance had led to the formation of a new OSA Big Band Society who will play at future events
4.4	The Associated Clubs and Societies continued to thrive, with successful activities reported by the Cricket and Football Clubs, Bowls Circle, Golf Society and Organ Society. The Chairman emphasised the importance of encouraging current pupils to join these groups to maintain lasting friendships and links with the Association.
4.5	Andy congratulated President Clive Shiret on a successful year and thanked Chris Sorrell and the Events Committee for their work in organising the Association's events. He concluded by thanking everyone who had supported the Association during the year and expressed confidence in its continued growth.
5.0	**Treasurer's Report and Presentation of the Audited Accounts to 31st March 2025:** Dan Garside's report and the accounts had been circulated before the meeting. He reported a surplus of £1,789 and reserves of £53,443, a reduction in the annual surplus of £3,226 compared with the previous year. The principal movements arose from increased awareness campaign costs and donations to the School, partly offset by increased income and reduced insurance costs. He noted that subsequent donations to the SHSB Charitable Trust and the cost of reissuing *The Old Southendian* Magazine would reduce reserves by approximately £13,000. He thanked Richard Medcalf for his service in managing the Association's second account and welcomed Lucy Glover as his successor.

	The Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025 were adopted on a proposal by Kate Cooper, seconded by Joe Zammit.
6.0	**Report of Sub Committees, the School, the Clubs and the Affiliated Organisations:** The following reports had been circulated prior to the meeting:
6.1	**The Registrar** Geoff May reported that the Association had 2,513 active full and annual members as at 1st November 2025. Following distribution of *The Old Southendian M*agazine in August, many changes of address and notifications of deceased members had been received, and the membership database was being updated accordingly. Geoff noted the importance of maintaining accurate contact details, particularly if future magazines were distributed electronically, and thanked Joe Zammit for his substantial assistance with updating the database and supporting the return of The Old Southendian Magazine.
6.2	**The Headteacher** Rachel Worth reported a successful year for the School, with excellent GCSE and A-level results and achievements across debating, science, music, sport and the arts. Highlights included national debating success, participation in the National Science Conference, educational visits, and the athletics teams reaching the National Finals for the 27th consecutive year, with the junior team finishing second nationally. The report also noted a successful programme of music and drama events, the School Big Band's performance at the Association's Dinner Dance, and a cultural exchange with Shanghai. Rachel thanked the Association for its continued support, including sponsorship of prize books for the School's Prizegivings.
6.3	**Old Southendian Bowls Circle** Ian Fulton reported on an excellent summer season for the Circle, winning 17 of its 20 fixtures and achieving a record overall shot count of 1,317 for and 934 against. The Circle secured notable wins against Fairwood, South Benfleet and Shoebury, while Chris Johnson, Keith Francis and Chris Sorrell achieved a hot shot against Castle Point. A total of 32 members played during the season, and members and partners also enjoyed a successful pre-season lunch. The winter indoor fixtures had resulted in three wins from five matches, including a hot shot against Southend. Thanks were expressed to Robey Wright for organising the indoor programme. While the results were excellent, the main priority remained enjoying the game and maintaining the good relationships with opposing clubs.
6.4	**Old Southendian Golf Circle** Steve Clarke reported increased attendance at all four of the Circle's 2025 events, with two attracting more than 30 participants. The selection of courses and efforts to encourage younger members had helped improve participation, and the Circle hoped to build on this in 2026. Its working fund stood at approximately £1,100 at year-end, supporting advance bookings and trophies. Thanks to generous donations, the Circle now had trophies for every event, with engravings up to date. Changes to the event format introduced during 2025 had been well received and would continue to be reviewed. The Circle thanked Steve Jennings for his captaincy in 2025, welcomed Karl Wingfield as Captain for 2026 and Paul Husselbee for 2027, and looked forward to its 2026 tour in Warwickshire**.**
6.5	**Old Southendian Football Club** Nick Robins reported another successful season in 2024/25. The First XI finished runners-up in the Essex Olympian League for the second consecutive year, the Reserves achieved their joint-highest league finish, and the re-established A Team enjoyed a strong first season. Clare Potter became the Club's first female manager, jointly managing the A Team with Garry Poulton. The Veterans' section also had a successful season, winning the Charity A Cup, securing promotion for the Reserves and entering the new Over-50s division. The Club continued to field three Saturday men's teams and three Sunday Veterans' teams, alongside a well-supported social programme. Its 125th anniversary was celebrated with a dinner dance attended by 160 people. The hoped-for move to the Thurlow Nunn League was delayed by planning issues and timing, although the Club remained hopeful of achieving this in the future.

Old Southendian Organ Society

6.6 Joe Zammit confirmed that the Society's report in *The Old Southendian* 2025 covered the Society's events and activities since the previous magazine. Since publication, the Society had presented a concert featuring Saint-Saëns's Organ Symphony performed with the Southend Symphony Orchestra and organist Roderick Elms. Future events included participation in the Charitable Trust's Musical Marathon in December 2025 and an open organ morning followed by a showcase concert in February 2026. Joe thanked the Society's supporters and encouraged members to look out for details of future events.

The following report was tabled at the meeting

Old Southendian & Southchurch Cricket Club.

6.7 Woody Marron reported on a season of consolidation for the Cricket Club following its most successful year to date. The newly promoted 1st XI finished a respectable fifth in Division One, while the 3rd XI secured fourth place in Division Two. The 2nd, 4th and 5th XIs faced more difficult seasons, but the reintroduction of the 6th XI for the first time since 2016 meant the Club was able to field up to six teams on Saturdays. Youth cricket continued to thrive, with the U17s winning their league, the U19s finishing second and reaching a T20 quarter-final, and the U13s and U11s both finishing second in their leagues and reaching cup finals. A significant milestone was the formation of the Club's first women's team, *The Seagals.* Woody emphasised that, despite fewer senior team successes than in 2024, the Club was well placed for future growth, and he thanked the many volunteers and coaches who contributed to its continued development.

7.0 The Election of Officers, the Executive Committee and the Honorary Auditor:

7.1 The meeting approved the appointment of the following Officers:

Chairman* (of the Executive Committee – serving until the 2028 AGM) Andy Crow

President* *(with effect from 1st January 2025 and to serve until 31st December 2025)** Clive Shiret

Immediate Past President* *(to serve until 31st December 2025)* Jim Harrington

President Designate* *(with effect from 1st January 2025 and to serve until 31st December 2025)* Nick Robins

President* *(with effect from 1st January 2026 and to serve until 31st December 2026)* Nick Robins

Immediate Past President* *(with effect from 1st January 2026 and to serve until 31st December 2026)* Clive Shiret

7.2 The Executive Committee proposed that the President Designate of the Association* with effect from 1st January 2026 (to serve until 31st December 2026) and therefore its President in 2027 be Paul Richards. Further, the Executive Committee proposed that the President Designate of the Association* with effect from 1st January 2027 (to serve until 31st December 2027) and therefore its President in 2028 be Robin Bevan.

Both these proposals were carried unanimously by the meeting.

7.3 The following Officers had 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

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

7.4 The following were elected *en bloc* to the Executive Committee to serve until the 2026 AGM:

Karl Anderson	Ken Carter	Kate Cooper
Gemma Fletcher	Will Green	Sam Hodgson
Callum Hynes	Geoff Kittle	Sara Linney
Joseph Madren	Sophie Thickbroom	Joe Zammit

7.5	Executive Committee representatives from the Affiliated Organisations and Clubs were advised as:	
	Old Southendian & Southchurch Cricket Club	Edward Marron
	Old Southendian Football Club	John Roy
	Old Southendian Hockey Club	Jack Stevenson
	Old Southendian Organ Society	Joe Zammit
	Old Southendian Bowls Circle	Ian Fulton
	Old Southendian Golf Circle	Steve Clarke
7.6	A partner of Azets, Julian Golding, has agreed to continue as Honorary Auditor.	
8.0	**Date of the next Annual General Meeting:**	
	The meeting agreed that the 2026 Annual General Meeting should be held at The Southendian Club, Garon Park, Southend on Sea on Thursday, 5th November 2026, commencing at 7.45 pm.	
9.0	**Any Other Competent Business:**	
9.1	There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.08 pm.	

Keith Spenceley, General Secretary.
30th January 2026

Agenda Item 4 – Chairman's Report

This year has once again seen a huge amount of effort put in by many members of the Committee and many OSA members.

I have been honoured to have attended many events at the School along with many other OSA members. These include the Remembrance Service, Prizegiving for both the lower and upper School and the Spring Concert.

We have gained numerous new members from last year's leavers with the possibility of more joining when we attend the Leavers event in December. This is down to a huge effort by all OSA volunteers involved and also the enthusiasm of Mrs Worth and Alex Cass in promoting the Association.

We continue to assist the School with their Scholarship scheme with further donors coming forward to support selected students with book purchases in their first year at university. We also funded all prizegiving books, 6th form pizza and afternoon tea events and a prefects' team bonding event. We have continued to support the Charitable Trust as much as possible.

The OSA Magazine was again published and was probably even better than last year. The content was superb, and I would like to thank all contributors. The magazine itself wouldn't have happened without the hard work of many, but I would particularly like to thank Joe Zammit, Chris Sorrell, Geoff May, Ken Carter and Kate Cooper for their hard work. As well as the 16 volunteer "posties" who delivered hard copies around Southend, we also had another 6 "envelope fillers" which lightened the load. A truly great team performance.

We held the OSA Music Night in July. It was another great night of musical performances by former pupils and the school Big Band and raised over £6,500 for the Charitable Trust. The OSA Big Band now practise and perform regularly and the event has become an annual event for the diary. The wine tasting evenings are proving to be very popular and are a firm fixture for the foreseeable future.

The Associated Clubs and Societies continue to flourish, with the Cricket and Football Clubs having successful seasons. The Bowls Circle had a great year, and the Golf Society saw record numbers in attendance, with many new members playing. As always, the Organ Society events were attended in great numbers, and its support continues to grow.

I feel it's important that, as an Association, we continue to encourage the current students to join all our clubs and societies so that they can maintain bonds and friendships that will last forever.

I would like to congratulate Nick Robins on his year as President which saw all his events very well attended. Nick was able to attend matches and socials put on by each of the sports clubs plus several school events.

Chris Sorrell and the Events Committee has, as always, worked tirelessly behind the scenes and have helped arrange our usual diary of great events. In particular, Sam Hodgson managed to arrange a very successful London Dinner despite several last minute changes thrown at him by the venue.

Finally, I would like to thank all those people that have gone out of their way to help me and the Association this year and I'm sure 2027 will be equally successful.

Andrew Crow (Athens, 1974-1981)
Chairman, The Old Southendian Association

Agenda Item 5 – Presentation of the Audited Accounts for the financial year ended 31st March 2026

I have pleasure in providing the OSA annual accounts for the year ended 31st March 2026 and now summarise the key items and movements from the prior year.

The result for the year is a deficit of (£6,120) (2025: Surplus £1,789) which takes our reserves from £53,443 to £47,323. This represents a comparative movement of (£7,909) and I summarise the material reasons for this below:

- £794 overall increase in income – largely driven by an increase in annual subscribers.
- (£139) increase in OSA Awareness Campaign costs – We continued to support a pizza "OSA Awareness" event, ladies' afternoon tea and a prefects "thank you" evening.
- (£5,642) increase in donations made to SHSB – A standalone £10,000 made to the SHSB Charitable Trust.
- (£2,804) costs of production and distribution of the magazine
- (£118) other cost increases
- Total of above items £7,909

Included with our reserves of £47,323, a total of £45,902 is held in liquid funds, £2,513 is held in stock of ties/neck scarves/cufflinks/presidents' medals and £1,092 represents our creditors as at the yearend date. The creditors include amounts funds received in advance for events, subscriptions and donations.

Our reserve levels are reviewed annually to ensure that they remain appropriate for the activities of the OSA. Primarily reserves are kept to ensure we have enough operational funding. As operating costs remain very low, it is also recognised that we hold funds that allow us to assist the School when there are specific projects they cannot fund internally. You will therefore note that the donation to the SHSB Charitable Trust during the year of £10,000 represents the recognition that we were able to extend our support the School during the year. We have also absorbed the costs of the OSA magazine (2025 edition) of £2,804.

Our deficit for the year was therefore planned and manageable. Without our donation to the Charitable Trust, we would have made a surplus of £3,880 over and above our operating costs.

My thanks go to Lucy Glover for looking after the no2 account and for Joe Zammit in administering the GoCardless scheme.

It continues to be my great honour and pleasure to hold the treasurer's role for this great organisation.

Dan Garside FCCA (Tuscany, 1988-1995)
Honorary Treasurer, The Old Southendian Association

OLD SOUTHENDIAN ASSOCIATION

ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

OLD SOUTHENDIAN ASSOCIATION

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

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 2026 have been prepared from the books, vouchers, bank statements and other infromation 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 2026

	Year ended 31/03/2026		Year ended 31/03/2025	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM SUBSCRIPTIONS				
Life subscriptions	30		50	
Annual subscriptions	7,280		6,460	
		7,310		6,510
INTEREST RECEIVED				
National savings income bonds		811		933
OTHER INCOME				
(Deficit) on necktie/scarf sales/cuff links	-368		-480	
Life member donations	2,060		2,120	
Sundry Donations	100		0	
(Deficit) on social functions (note 2)	-108		-72	
		1,684		1,568
		9,805		9,011
LESS: EXPENDITURE				
Printing, postage & stationery (inc President's Board)	115		65	
Magazine distribution costs	2,804		0	
SHSB trophies and prizes	0		1,210	
Awareness campaign associated costs - Pizza Lunch	1,044		949	
Awareness campaign associated costs - Afternoon Tea	436		443	
Awareness campaign associated costs - Prefect Event	1,016		965	
OSA public liability insurance premium	426		336	
Book purchases on behalf of SHSB	0		3,148	
Donation to SHSB Charitable Trust	10,000		0	
Chairpersons Medal award	0		47	
Transaction fees	49		24	
Domain registration and hosting costs	35		35	
		15,925		7,222
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		-6,120		1,789

OLD SOUTHENDIAN ASSOCIATION

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST MARCH 2026

	31/03/2026		31/03/2025	
	£	£	£	£
INVESTMENT				
National savings income bonds		25,000		25,000
CURRENT ASSETS				
Stock in hand, at cost	2,513		3,217	
		2,513		3,217
BANK BALANCES				
T.S.B. current accounts		20,902		27,313
TOTAL ASSETS		48,415		55,530
LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Sundry creditors		-1,092		-2,087
NET ASSETS		47,323		53,443
REPRESENTING:				
ACCUMULATED FUNDS				
General income and expenditure account (note 1)		47,323		53,443

Signed by:

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D. Garside - Treasurer

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A Crow - Chairman

Agenda Item 6.1 – The Southend High School for Boys Charitable Trust

During the last 18 months, since the official launch event of the Trust in April 2025, we have been pleased to see much enthusiasm and support from parents, students, staff, Old Southendians, governors, business owners, friends of the School and others who, together, have now raised over £300,000 and provided in-kind contributions to the Trust and School through a variety of fundraisers, individual one-off donations, match-funding, payroll giving, membership of The 2025 Society (contributing £20.25 or more a month), other regular giving, volunteering, sponsored activities, professional expertise, and more. On behalf of the Trustees and the School, thank you to the Old Southendian Association and to many alumni for your generosity and significant part of this story.

Your support has enabled improvements across the School estate in the Food Technology facilities, Science labs, Wi-Fi provision for sixth formers, redecoration of the west end corridors, beehive improvements, fire and other compliance upgrades, sports facilities and equipment, and more. We look forward to sharing the impact of your donations as we approve further projects in the coming year.

Our combined achievement has come through the overwhelming good spirit and determination that is core to the School's ethos, with many memories made and much fun had during charity walks, musical marathons, breaking world records in marbles, completing half marathons, enjoying our talented SHSB and OSA Big Bands, and more... More of this ethos and sense of community may be found in *The Old Southendian* magazine reports from the summer.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed in so many ways to these endeavours. There is a huge amount of support across the Association, and we look forward to developing this further. We are delighted to note a particularly strong start to our fundraising total for 2026-27 which currently stands at over £82,000 of our £150,000 target for the year. We are grateful for the combined efforts of our existing regular donors, new donors through the start of term, and in particular a major donation from an individual this term, which together provides us with great confidence for the year ahead - though there is still much to do to achieve our targets and sustain the world-class education and wider opportunities the School continues to offer.

If you haven't already done so, please consider joining us and contribute in whatever way you can - a one off gift, a regular donation with gift aid, or indeed your valuable expertise, help and ideas make all the difference.

We are especially grateful for the efforts of Andy Crow and team, as the Association presents another Festival of Music fundraiser at The Boundary on Friday 2nd July 2027 in support of the Trust, and we look forward to seeing many Old Southendians then!

Joseph Zammit (Tuscany, 2004-2011)
Trustee, SHSB Charitable Trust
www.shsbcharitabletrust.org

Agenda Item 6.2 - Report on the activities of the Bowls Circle

The Bowls Circle celebrated its 50th anniversary this year and we enjoyed another very successful summer season. Whilst we had our now customary 20-weekly fixtures arranged, our match against Rochford in late June was cancelled because of the heat wave that ravaged us. Of the 19 matches that we did play, we won 14 and lost 5. Across the season, we won on 39 rinks and lost on 29. Our overall shot count was 1,100 for and 926 against. Not as stunning a set of figures as last season's record breaking 17 wins and 3 losses, but pretty brilliant all the same.

The teams that beat us in 2025 were Belfairs and Bournemouth Park twice. The good news is that we managed to reverse all three of those results from last year. The bad news is that we found five new teams to lose against in 2026! We lost our first match of the season to Belfairs (on rinks by 1-3 and on shots by a pretty big 46-80 margin). We also lost our third match, this time at Hockley (again on rinks by 1-3 and on shots by 51-63), so a slow start to the season. Our next defeat didn't come until match 10 against Essex County (where we drew 2-2 on rinks but lost very narrowly on shots by 49-51). Towards the end of the season, we lost two on the trot, against Shoebury Park (on rinks by 1-2 but lost big on shots by 42-61) and at Rayleigh (on rinks by 1-3 and narrowly on shots by 71-73).

As well as some close losses, we also had some close wins. We were level 2-2 on rinks with White Hall but won on shots by 65-61. Our 'revenge' against Belfairs was also a 2-2 draw on rinks, but we just won it on shots by 64-61. Our tightest win was an epic in our penultimate match against Southchurch Park, where we actually lost on rinks 1-3 but won overall because we were ahead on shots (just!) by 52-51! Unusually (I think), we drew six of our matches 2-2 on rinks this year. Of those six, we lost the one against Essex County on shot difference but won the other 5 on shot difference. A reminder to keep pushing right to the end!

We certainly had a lot of weather 'stuff' going on this year. As mentioned, Rochford called off our game in late June because of the heat. We got a bit more used to this year's exceptional heat after that and started to adapt to the conditions by taking lots of water breaks and sometimes shortening matches. The matches against Essex County and Chalkwell were both reduced in length due to the heat. The game at Thorpe Bay was probably the strangest, in that we agreed to reduce it to 16-ends because of the heat but ended up with most rinks playing less than that because of torrential rain. Early in the season, the match at Southend also started late due to a downpour and was cut short because of a hailstorm.

We had 35 members play for us this summer season. That included newbies Sally Meredith, Louise Moring, Jill Healy and Denis Cruse. Members and partners turned up in record numbers to enjoy our pre-season lunch at the Anchor in Canewdon at the end of April.

Over the winter of 2025/26, Robey Wright organised 5 indoor fixtures. We won 3 and lost 2 of those matches. On rinks we won by 12 to 5 and on shot count by 316 to 244. Huge thanks to Robey for his efforts. We are already off to a good start for the 2026/27 winter season with a win over Southend BC, 3-0 on rinks and 64-26 on shots.

We have been lucky enough to enjoy the generosity and great hospitality of all the clubs that we play, and we have eaten lots of great cake.

New members are always welcome. If anyone is interested in playing for the Circle, please email me at ianfulton@sky.com.

Ian Fulton (Tuscany, 1967-74)
Match Secretary, Old Southendian Bowls Circle

Agenda Item 6.3 – Report on the activities of the Golf Circle

It was another successful year for the OSGC and our 2026 Captain, Karl Wingfield.

The usual four golfing events were held with attendance of between 20 and 31 members at all meetings. Once again, we added new members to the society so the OSGC membership is slowly growing.

The majority of the trophies have now been refurbished over the past 3 years and some new trophies have been and are being added. As such, we are building a full complement of trophies to match the competitions on offer.

The annual Golf Tour was in May this year and attended by the usual hard core of members. Dave Webb runs this four-day event, planning the hotel and golf courses. It is a great effort by Dave and his call for more OSGC members to attend is very slowly gaining momentum.

2026 saw the re-start of the Annual OSGC vs SHSB match. It was a great afternoon of golf between the Old Boys and the School Boys with the School's Headteacher there to cheer home the sides at the later stages. Somehow, the Millenium trophy was found at THGC and awarded this year to OSGC. Everyone is looking forward to 2027.

As always, OSGC is about fun golf and camaraderie.

Steve Clarke (Tuscany, 1977–1982)
Secretary, The Old Southendian Golf Circle

Agenda Item 6.4 – Report on the activities of the Old Southendian & Southchurch Cricket Club

The 2026 season was another tale of success for OS&SCC, measured not only in terms of achievement on the pitch, but - perhaps more importantly - consistent attendance and commitment at all levels.

The 1st XI, captained by Max Craddock, secured a fifth-placed finish in Essex Division 1, which represented their joint-highest finish in league cricket history. With the vast majority of players having come through - or still participating in - OS&SCC's youth pathway, this was a particularly proud achievement, with the side also bolstered by shrewd recruitment elsewhere.

The 2nd and 3rd XIs, captained by Sam Hodgson and Chris Pastfield respectively, both secured promotion in their respective leagues. Having come straight back down last season following promotion in 2024, the 2nd XI again reigned champions of Division 2, whilst the 3rd XI secured a second place finish, which comes in only their second successive season in Division 2.

The 4th XI, led by the returning Nathan Linfield, were unlucky to miss out on promotion by only four points, whilst Rob Garwood's 5th XI were - as ever - consistently playing games and affording opportunities to youngsters making their first waves in men's competitive cricket. Similarly, Mike Perry's 6th XI were able to field a side for ten games this season, showing the strength in numbers that OS&SCC can boast.

Perhaps the greatest success story of the season, however, was the *Seagals*, operating under the stewardship of Darren Batt (recently crowned OS&SCC 'Clubman of the Year' at our annual end of season awards). In only their second season since inception, the *Seagals* amassed an impressive ten wins from 21 games, with new players (both to the Club, and sometimes the sport entirely) springing up every few weeks. A positive indication of the growing popularity of the women's game, no doubt, but also of the strong reputation that the *Seagals* are building for themselves locally.

At a youth level, the U19s secured yet another league victory, whilst the U15s reached the semi-final of their cup competition. Strong league finishes were also had by the U17s and U15s, and the U11 and U13 sides provided a great springboard for new entrants to the sport. Arguably the most impressive stat (gleaned from the Chairman's end of season musings) is that over 90 players represented the Club across the various youth teams, with eleven representing either the Southeast District or County at some point during the season.

Finally, the Club's annual tour to Sussex saw mixed results on the field, but a fantastic time was had by all attendees, spoiled only by its coincidence with England's disappointing exit from the FIFA World Cup. Numbers for tour continue to hold strong, and our regular opponents are ever-gracious hosts, who are ever-grateful for the sizeable bar tabs. The season was capped off on 24 October with Awards Night, hosted at the Essex Bowls Club, and it was fantastic to see the lion's share of awards - even at a senior level - dished out to deserving youngsters.

I mused in last year's report that OS&SCC was "fast becoming the most sought-out club in Essex", and I don't think any of the above proves otherwise. The club's success and survival is entirely reliant on the time committed by others, and - to name but a few - the likes of Chris Sorrell, Sam Hodgson, Max Craddock, Andy McGarry, Henry Williams, Matt Darvill, Darren Batt and - of course - Keith Spenceley - all deserve enormous thanks for their tireless work in keeping the wheels turning and the scores coming.

A good year indeed for the Old Boys.

Edward "Woody" Marron (Sparta, 2012-2019)

Agenda Item 6.5 – Report on the activities of the Old Southendian Football Club

2025/26 marked another successful season for the Football Club. Whilst our Saturday 1st Team were unfortunately unable to match their very impressive back-to-back league finishes, they ended the season in seventh place, very respectable in a highly competitive Essex Olympian Premier Division, with only 10 points separating the third and ninth placed teams. This season also marked the end of Altan Ali's five-year tenure as manager, a highly successful period for the 1st team, with Altan recording an impressive 75 wins across his 136 matches. As we have moved into the 2026/27 season, Wayne Seal has taken the helm as new 1st Team manager.

As for our Reserves, they managed to secure their best ever finish in the Essex Olympian Football League, ending the 2025/26 campaign in third position and 5 points clear of Hullbridge Sports Reserves in fourth. The Reserves looked set for a potentially title winning campaign but were unfortunately unable to maintain their momentum after Christmas, and lost ground on the league leaders in the second half of the season. A third-place finish was enough to be offered the chance of promotion to Div 1 but with a team of several young players and some new faces, the squad collectively decided to remain in Div 2 for the 2026/27 campaign. The Reserves have also seen a change of manager, with Garry Poulton moving from our A Team to take charge of the Reserves from this season.

The A Team finished ninth in the Essex Olympian Division Four South East, narrowly missing out on 8th position by just one point. In what was only their second season together as a group, this was a respectable finish for a relatively new team. The A Team have started the 2026/27 campaign brilliantly and currently sit in third position, looking to put pressure on the league leaders, Rochford Town, over the coming weeks. With Garry moving to the Reserves, Clare has taken on the role of A Team manager.

The Vets 1st Team ended the 2025/26 season fifth in the Premier Division, whilst the Vets Reserves ended a very successful campaign in second, during which they won an impressive 16 out of 18 games, and unfortunately missed out on clinching the Div 2 title on goal difference. In the second season of the Vets Over 50s division, the side finished in a respectable 3rd place on 25 points, setting the standard for the younger players coming through.

We would like to thank all outgoing players and coaches for their contributions to the club during their time at OSFC. Last season also marked the end of Nick Robins' tenure as Chairman. Nick oversaw an incredibly successful period for the club and on behalf of everyone involved in OSFC, we are incredibly grateful to Nick for his contributions during his time as Chairman. The club had the opportunity to thank Nick at the 2025/26 Club Supper, the same evening on which we were able to celebrate 125 years of OSFC. A fantastic celebration, during which photos from throughout the club's history and video messages from OSFC players past and present, were displayed to all in attendance.

The chairmanship now lies in the capable hands of Luke Stilwell and John Rees, who have taken on the roles of Co-Chairmen from the beginning of the 2026/27 campaign. OSFC is in a very strong position with Luke and John both keen to build on the successes of recent seasons. The new Club Constitution was recently voted through, setting the club up to become a Company Limited by Guarantee with Charitable Sports Club status, which is crucial for our progression as a club. A new app is also being developed, enabling members to access club news, bulletins and event information, whilst also hosting goals and appearances leaderboards, enabling past and present players to see their position in the rankings upon becoming members.

All are welcome to come over and support at Garons on a Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning, with the café and bar both open for refreshments during and after matches. Here's to another successful campaign for all six Old Boys teams!

Callum Hynes (Sparta, 2015-2022)

Agenda Item 6.6 – Report on the activities of the Old Southendian Organ Society

2025-2026 has been another exciting year for the Organ Society. A full summary through to the summer term was presented in *The Old Southendian* magazine this summer, and since then we have been delighted on a number of fronts:

- The Autumn term has started strongly with new members of the Organ Club, including those in year 7 and year 8 who give us confidence in a bright future for the school's much-loved traditions.
- We expanded our events programme with an additional "Showcase" concert in early October. This provided an opportunity for some of the Organ Club pupils to perform alongside other staff and Old Southendians in a friendly and appreciative environment.
- We have been planning for the coming year, with possible events to include a concert elsewhere in Southend during the Spring Term to share the talented musicianship enjoyed at our school-based events more widely, and a trip into London to see an organ recital in conjunction with the school's Organ Club towards the end of the academic year. More details will be announced in due course.

Do join us on Saturday 7th November at 2:30pm for a choral concert with *Gaudeamus*, as a prelude to the Association's Annual Reunion Dinner that evening. A wonderful mix of favourite choral music (with organ accompaniment, and also some *a cappella* items) and a few exciting organ solos await from our award-winning guests and Old Southendian organists.

Thank you to everyone for their continued support and interest, which allows us to sustain these opportunities, traditions, and our cherished War Memorial Organ for the next generation.

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