



OLD SOUTHENDIAN ASSOCIATION

**Reports of the Executive Committee
and
The Audited Accounts of the Association
presented at
The Annual General Meeting
held at
The Southendian Club, Garon Park,
Southend on Sea, Essex
on
Wednesday, 6th November 2019**

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3rd November 2019

Chairman's report

I have been in the role of chairman for 12 years now and I have been reflecting on whether to stand for re-election for another 3 year slot or leave the work of change to others. I must say I felt a little jaded when our follow up Archive application to the heritage lottery was rejected, but I have been spending inordinate amounts of time pushing the Garon Park project and needed to reset.

I am pleased to report that the Garon Park project has received significant funding from: the Premier League and FA Facilities Fund; The Big Lottery; Veolia; and several Association Members. We have raised in excess of £1.2m to build a new 3G football pitch and a Wellbeing Trail aimed at providing sport, health and wellbeing to the local community.

I have put myself up for a final 3 year term, but with very specific aims, to: refresh the membership process of students joining; work with the School to provide an Association supported Wellbeing Garden for the current students to have an area to be able to take time out to reflect in a natural environment to help with some of the mental health issues which surround today's youth; and have another go at raising funds to move the Archive into its next phase. In addition, if I am voted back to the role I have asked the Executive to appoint a deputy so we have continuity.

I take pride in the structural remodelling that I have achieved in my time in the role to date, focusing the Association's attention on being able to provide resources for the School's students to widen their experience and knowledge with our bursary programme, the outcomes of which you have been able to read about in the last few magazines.

We have strengthened the ties of Members to the School and within the School Alumni and grown membership numbers which make our programmes financially sustainable. None of this could have been achieved without the efforts of the members of each of our committees, clubs, and affiliated clubs, each of whom volunteers their time and effort in pursuit of our common goal, to sustaining friendships. I mention Martin Stansfield especially here and look forward to his continued leadership in the School Liaison role, deploying the exciting new initiative currently being planned.

The School itself continues to perform in an exceptional manner and has been in a constant state of change to ensure it can live within its means. We are hopeful that the past few years of financial challenges will soon be relieved with a new deal for education.

I thank you for your time and continued support, as in every year of my tenure, and urge you to consider and support the fund raising proposition we shall soon be sending, to help install the Wellbeing Garden and make a real difference to the daily lives of students.

Clive Shiret (Athens, 1973-1975)

TREASURERS REPORT

TO THE OLD SOUTHENDIAN ASSOCIATION

The 31st March 2019 accounts, shown opposite, show a net reduction in funds of £5,687 (2018: £2,534) for the year then ended. This was expected as the executive has continued with its pledge to use some of the OSA's brought forward surplus resources to fund the additional sponsorship of SHSB activities. This means that as at 31st March 2019 the net assets of the OSA stood at £33,323 (2018: £39,010).

Please note that our standing order collection for annual membership has grown from £5,540 to £5,770 (4% up). This reflects the continued hard work of many Old Boys but not least Chris Sorrell who has continued to ensure our membership grows year on year. Life Member Donations in the year remain strong with £2,480 (2018: £2,570) being collected via annual standing order and additional life member donations of £528 (2018: £60). On behalf of all Old Southendians I thank those of you that have kindly donated funds during the year, and remind those of you that your continuing support in this area is necessary for the Executive Committee to continue to deliver more and varied support to the School, such as various bursary programs which we have been able to sponsor during the year. These donations also continue to assist the OSA to produce an annual magazine which still has a net cost (see below) even after advertising revenue is accounted for.

The revenue we generate from new and existing members allows the executive to increase the OSA's sponsorship program of school based activities which enriches the lives of students within the School. You will see that the accounts show £5,595 of sponsorship in 2019 (2018: £5,105) and I am delighted to say that we have continued to support the school around the same level in the 2020 year already. Please help this initiative by encouraging old school friends and contacts to join up if you are aware that they are not already a member.

In relation to the magazine I must thank those Old Boys and their businesses that continue to support us year in year out. We are always looking for more however so if you are able to support the production of the magazine whilst also getting a key business message out to our readership, please contact Chris Sorrell for more details. Advertising revenue for the year amounted to £2,300 (2018: £2,700) with printing costs of £2,820 (2018: £2,820 (which is heavily discounted) plus £2,143 (2018: £1,312) of postage costs, meaning the magazine has cost the association £2,663 (2018:£1,432 2017:£2,269) to produce (see comment above re value of life member donations). Costs are further reduced via the great deal of time provided for free by everyone involved with the magazine's publication and packaging.

Our functions remain well attended and an important part of fulfilling the objectives of the Association (which is above all to sustain friendships). I would point out that the Association has been required to purchase cover for public liability insurance in recent years £723 (2018:£703), as sadly with the risks of personal injury claims this has forced the hand of the executive to ensure appropriate insurance cover is in place to protect the association and its executive officers. I would obviously like to thank those members who have been both instrumental in the running of the functions as well as presenting detailed financial reconciliations, which make my life much easier!

The result for the year as mentioned is a net decrease in funds of £5,687. This represents an increase from last year's deficit position of £3,153. A summary of the main movements are included below: -

- Income, excluding magazine revenue, up £445
- Printing, postage & stationery up £187, largely due to renovations made (£192) to the OSA presidents board in place at SHSB.
- Magazine net production costs up £1,231 due to reduced income (£400) and higher postage costs (£831).
- Funds sent to SHSB up £2,175 (inclusive of the Archive Project)
- Above movements account for £3,148 of the £3,153 increase in the deficit.

Sundry Debtors include £2,550 (2018: £2,550) of magazine revenue, that relates to the 2018 edition. Please note that this has all been collected during the year to 31st March 2020. Debtors also include an amount of £2,500 in respect of the London Dinner held in September 2019. It is our expectation, based on the outcome of a very successful 2019 London Dinner and the bookings for the Annual Reunion Dinner on 9th November 2019, that the functions account should at least breakeven in the year to 31st March 2020.

It should be noted that our Sundry Creditor total for the year of £7,356 is quite high. As the 2018 magazine was not produced until summer 2019 I have therefore accrued the costs of £4,963 into these accounts alongside an accrual for £1,960 in relation to the donation made to the school in respect of the 2018/19 prize fund. These represent the material amounts held within the Sundry Creditor total.

No corporation tax is again due for the 31st March 2019 year end, as a result of the tax pertaining to interest receipts being lower than the £100 de-minimus threshold granted by HMRC.

The association accounts are therefore in good health and the executive committee are pleased to report the additional support being provided to the school alongside the core activities of the Association. We would be very much like to work with the school on other projects, particular at a time when funding budgets are constrained, and therefore remind all members that their continued support not only benefits the OSA but also those currently attending our great school.

Finally I must give my thanks to Richard Medcalf for his continued work on the pre-paid scheme and No2 account. His hard work is much appreciated.

Warm Regards

Dan Garside (Tuscany 1988-1995)

OLD SOUTHENDIAN ASSOCIATION
ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2019

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2019

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 2019 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 2019

| | Year ended 31/03/2019 | | Year ended 31/03/2018 | |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| INCOME FROM SUBSCRIPTIONS | | | | |
| Life subscriptions | 280 | | 330 | |
| Annual subscriptions | <u>5,770</u> | | <u>5,540</u> | |
| | | 6,050 | | 5,870 |
| INTEREST RECEIVED | | | | |
| National savings income bonds | | 266 | | 213 |
| OTHER INCOME | | | | |
| Magazine revenue | 2,300 | | 2,700 | |
| (Deficit) on necktie/scarf sales/cuff links | -478 | | -336 | |
| Life member donations | 3,008 | | 2,630 | |
| Sundry donations | 15 | | 20 | |
| (Deficit) on social functions (note 2) | <u>-812</u> | | <u>-793</u> | |
| | | <u>4,033</u> | | <u>4,221</u> |
| | | 10,349 | | 10,304 |
| LESS: EXPENDITURE | | | | |
| Publication of magazine | 4,963 | | 4,132 | |
| Printing, postage & stationery | 638 | | 451 | |
| SHSB sponsorship (note 3) | 5,595 | | 5,105 | |
| SHSB archive project contribution | 1,691 | | 0 | |
| SHSB trophies and prizes | 1,960 | | 1,966 | |
| Awareness campaign associated costs | 452 | | 467 | |
| OSA public liability insurance premium | 723 | | 703 | |
| Domain registration costs | <u>14</u> | | <u>14</u> | |
| | | <u>16,036</u> | | <u>12,838</u> |
| (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR | | <u><u>-5,687</u></u> | | <u><u>-2,534</u></u> |

OLD SOUTHEASTIAN ASSOCIATION

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST MARCH 2019

| | 31/03/2019 | | 31/03/2018 | |
|---|------------|--------|------------|--------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| INVESTMENT | | | | |
| National savings income bonds | | 25,000 | | 25,000 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | |
| Stock in hand, at cost | 3,923 | | 5,283 | |
| Sundry debtors | 5,061 | | 4,456 | |
| | | 8,984 | | 9,739 |
| BANK BALANCES | | | | |
| T.S.B. current accounts | | 6,695 | | 6,604 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 40,679 | | 41,343 |
| LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | | |
| Sundry creditors | | -7,356 | | -2,333 |
| NET ASSETS | | 33,323 | | 39,010 |
| REPRESENTING: | | | | |
| ACCUMULATED FUNDS | | | | |
| General income and expenditure account (note 1) | | 33,323 | | 39,010 |

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 2019

1. GENERAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

| | 2019 £ | 2018 £ |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Balance brought forward at 1st April 2018 | 39,010 | 41,544 |
| (Deficit) for the year | -5,687 | -2,534 |
| Balance carried forward at 31st March 2019 | <u>33,323</u> | <u>39,010</u> |

2. (DEFICIT) ON SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

| | London Dinner £ | Reunion Dinner £ | Spring Lunch £ | Autumn Lunch £ | Chinese Meal £ | TOTAL £ |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Income | 4,890 | 8,131 | 936 | 538 | 0 | 14,495 |
| Expenditure | 5,457 | 8,377 | 936 | 537 | 0 | 15,307 |
| Net (Deficit)/Surplus | <u>-567</u> | <u>-246</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>-812</u> |
| 2018 | <u>-378</u> | <u>-415</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>-793</u> |

3. SHSB SPONSORSHIP

| | 2019 £ | 2018 £ |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Sixth form - EPQ Courses (inc stress reduction, yoga etc) | 2,000 | 1,755 |
| English - Creative writing & Bookstart | 400 | 250 |
| Music - Organ Music and Bursary | 900 | 1,000 |
| PE - PE Kit and Netball equipment | 1,250 | 1,000 |
| RS - Guest speaker on Islam | 0 | 350 |
| Economics - Library books | 250 | 0 |
| Drama - Model Stage | 345 | 250 |
| PSHE - Association membership | 0 | 200 |
| Geography - Weather station | 0 | 300 |
| Design & Technology - Robot kits | 350 | 0 |
| Special needs - Lego Kits | 100 | 0 |
| | <u>5,595</u> | <u>5,105</u> |

OSA funding at SHSB 2018-19

As in previous years the OSA has contributed funds to various departments at the school to help pay for items that they would otherwise be unable to acquire.

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|---|------------------|
| Sixth Form EPQ | £2,000.00 |
| Sixth Form Netball nets | £250.00 |
| Sixth Form Charity Week | £250.00 |
| History Trip | £250.00 |
| Business Studies Revision guides | £250.00 |
| Drama Lighting desk | £500.00 |
| Art DSLR cameras | £500.00 |
| Economics | £250.00 |
| Music organ sheet music paid for by OSSOS | £100.00 |
| Contribution to a Y12 evening for prospective newcomers to the school. | £100.00 |
| Book Trust Year 7 | £200.00 |
| Veterans Lunch | £200.00 |
| TOTAL | £4,850.00 |

Below are the reports from the various departments receiving funds this year.

From Andy Sanders - History

The SHSB history department is taking two large trips to the National Army Museum in Kensington; involving 102 Year 11's on 6/11/19 and 136 Y9's on 20/11/19.

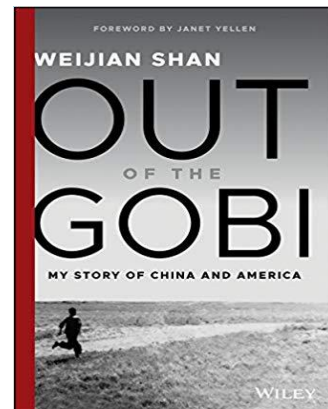
Whilst the museum itself is free, the cost of coaches to take us there will cost each pupil between £15-18. Each cohort of students has a number of students for whom the requested 'financial contribution' (schools may not now ask for direct payment) may be tricky, as they are receiving free school meals and/or on the school's PPI list (coming from homes with restricted finance).

There are also occasionally some parents who simply do not contribute to trips for other unknown reasons; so to avoid the trip being prohibitively expensive for a number of students, the OSA kindly granted a sum of money which will be used to offset the cost of the trip to students.

From Warren Symes – Economics

With the funding that the Economics Department received from the OSA, I purchased thirty new books for the Library. I spoke with colleagues and students, and compiled a booklist that would best meet the needs of our students.

With the ongoing trade war between the USA and China, I bought a number of books on free trade and protectionism. For example, *What's Wrong with Protectionism: Answering Common Objections to Free Trade*, by Pierre Lemieux and *Free Trade and Prosperity: How Openness Helps the Developing Countries Grow Richer and Combat Poverty*, by Arvind Panagariya. Another book I bought, that I read over the summer holidays, was: *Out of the Gobi: My Story of China and America*, by Weijian Shan. It is a fascinating and powerful memoir and has been described as, "One of the most important books on China of our time, one with the potential to reshape how Americans view China, and how the Chinese view life in America" (Janet Yellen).



Students have already referenced a number of the books purchased with OSA funding in their Personal Statements for their University applications. Also, teachers will be able to direct students to specific texts as they progress through the A-Level course. Sincere thanks to the OSA for providing funding to enable students to access such valuable resources.

School Organ

With the funding I received from OSOS, I purchased some sheet music and a number of CDs for those students that play the School Organ.

I bought a copy of *The Eight Short Preludes and Fugues* by J.S. Bach. These pieces are a rite of passage for every organist- I remember spending hours learning them when I was at school. On behalf of the students, and myself, thank you to the OSA for supporting the School Organ Society.



*School Organist
Ben Perryman*

From Jessika Lovelock - Drama

Due to the successful bid, kindly awarded by the Old Southendian Association, the Drama Department at Southend High School for Boys have purchased a new educational resource, its very own Professional DMX Lighting Desk.

Having a permanent Lighting Desk in The Frampton Theatre will now allow Drama students of all Key Stages to not only gain practical knowledge of how Stages are lit in professional working theatres, but allows GCSE and A level Drama students to plan the Lighting states for their own examination performances.

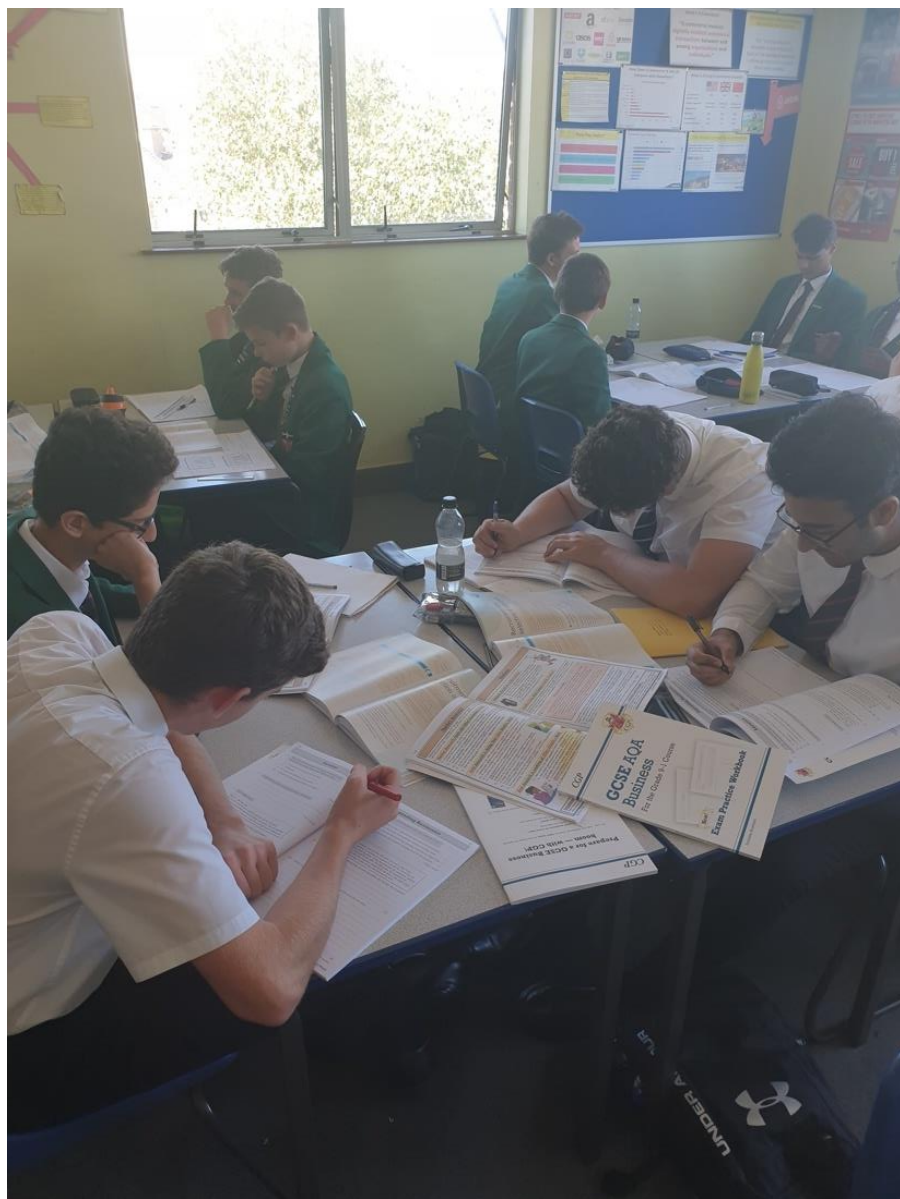
Previously, the Drama Department were sharing one Lighting Desk with the AV Team, who used the desk on a daily basis for assemblies and other events in the school's Main Hall. This proved very difficult during periods of performance examinations, as the AV Team had to move the Desk between venues and it wasn't always available for Drama students to rehearse with. Now, thanks to the generous funding from the OSA, this problem has been eliminated and has even allowed the Drama team to develop selected Schemes of Work to ensure all students gain a theoretical and practical knowledge of all technical working aspects of the Theatre.

Southend High School for Boys thanks the Old Southendian Association for this beautiful gift aid, giving our students new educational opportunities.



From Laura March – Business Studies

Our pupils really appreciate the extra support at mentoring workshops during Monday lunchtime. The revision guides and workbooks have enabled pupils to recall and retain key information across the course, exposing them to regular retrieval practice. This is hugely beneficial given the new rigorous specifications that are content heavy. We believe this has helped us to secure our fantastic results last year - our percentage of 9 to 7 was 57.4%, which has significantly increased from 35.7% in 2018.



From Dan Smith – Art

The following equipment has been secured and is already being used within the Art department:

5 x DSLRs, 5 x tripods, 5 x carry cases, 5 x memory cards, 5 x USB cables, 1x Studio backdrop, 1 x alternative backdrop set and 4 x studio lights.

We were fortunate enough to have a few other areas of the school add to the donation (inc. the 6th Form budget) as well as 2 donations from students who won prizes in the Jack Petchey awards!

We now have a fully functioning photography studio set up in the Art Dept gallery space (W15.)

Students who stand to benefit include:

- Pupil Premium students (those unable to access this kind of equipment at home.)
- 6th Form students studying Photography during Wednesday afternoon activities sessions.
- Lower school students who join the "Photography Club"
- Lower ability Middle school students who study Art.
- Lower school students who work for the new school magazine "AKA the Official School Photographers"
- Any other student who wishes to use the equipment.

Many thanks again for your help in bringing the department into the 21st Century!



From Charlie Foley – Sixth Form

Thanks to the funding from the OSA, we have been able to have a regulation size netball court marked out on the school site, and new posts and equipment provided for the team. This year more than ever we have a group of committed, talented students who are keen to establish a competitive netball team for the first time at SHSB. Lynn Peek has kindly volunteered to coach the team, and Mr Thomas is setting up regular fixtures against local schools. For some students taking A Level PE, this provides them with a valuable opportunity to use netball as the competitive practical element of their course - all thanks to the OSA."

"This year for the first time SHSB sixth form ran a 'meet and greet' evening for prospective Year 12 students and their parents, giving them a chance to interact with current students, teachers and future classmates whilst experiencing the sixth form centre. Various clubs and societies were on display to give students a glimpse into the kind of activities they would be able to undertake. The evening was complemented by music from one of the school bands, and with Fairtrade food and trip, paid for in part by a generous donation from the OSA. This year saw an uptake of offers from external candidates of almost 50%, compared to the previous year's uptake of around 33%. This improvement in filling places can be attributed in part to the success of events such as this."





From Karen Bainbridge - Library

Each year to promote reading within school, the school subscribes to a scheme that provides books for the new year 7 intake. This is done with support from the OSA, Parent Association and some school funds. Students are allowed to choose a free book in the first half term with the hope that this will encourage them to keep reading, particularly promoting reading for pleasure. The children are extremely excited about choosing a book to keep and love coming to the library to collect their books. This is an invaluable opportunity for students and is very popular.

Sometimes, under the pressure of examinations, career aspirations and university entrance we can all lose sight of the wider, and arguably more important, purposes or values of education. Several years ago – with parents, governors, staff and students – we developed a coherent statement of our educational intent. Former pupils may want to reflect on the extent to which their time in school did, or did not, serve to meet these aspirations!

Pupils spend seven years at Southend High School for Boys: the influence of the school across that time can be significant in determining the life trajectory for each individual.

Our vision is to set them on the path towards young adulthood with the highest aspirations and equipped to make a positive and worthwhile contribution to society – often in the role of leaders.

Our responsibility extends beyond the necessary, but limited, confines of examination preparation, behaviour management and tutorial administration.

Pupils learn what we teach, but more significantly they learn by how we teach.

The extent to which they are **skilled** for **practical** adult life is very obviously in our hands; as is the degree to which they develop a sense of **moral purpose** for their public and private conduct in society.

Our actions demonstrate that high self-esteem is not a consequence of high performance but of knowing what it means to have been 'at your best' through effort – we help to shape the choices and attitudes that make for the **happy life**. The opportunities and enthusiasm, within and beyond the classroom, induct our pupils into the **fulfilled life**.

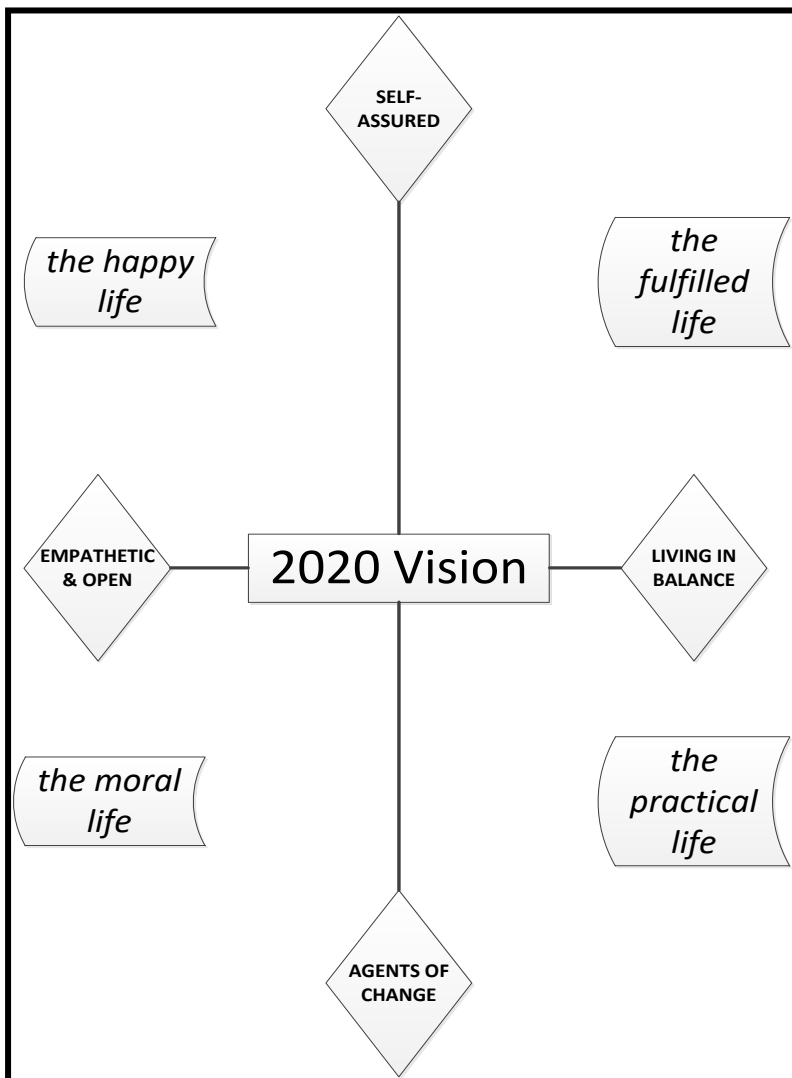
The contented, **happy**, young adult who is living a **fulfilled life** will visibly demonstrate **self-assurance**.

Those who are skilled for the **practical life** and rich in wider cultural, social and personal experience can be seen to **live in balance**.

Entering adult life with a clear sense of **moral purpose** and equipped to act, we see our students

maturing to be **agents of change** within society.

But also open to change and open to others – **empathetic** – as the values of *personal morality* and social justice blend with the tools that give access to sustained *happiness*.



This report from the school year 2018/19 will hopefully serve to illustrate a number of ways in which we see this vision unfolding.

As the Summer holiday came to an end, **we celebrated the overall achievement of students in the external examination results. In a year in which we had record-breaking A-level results (ahead of many competitor schools); we also retained our position with some of the strongest GCSE results in South Essex.**

At A-level (A2) it has been another very impressive year, with four in every five (80%) of grades at B or better – *beating our records from each of the last four years!* Over half of all A2 results (52%) at A or A* – *our best ever!* Ninety-two of the relatively new A* grades have been awarded to our Year 13 students – one out of every six (17%) of the grades obtained – *more than any year before!* Fifty students have achieved 3 or more grade As at A-level – *more than our best ever!* Eight students emerged with three A* grades and one with an astonishing four A*!

The introduction of the next wave of new GCSEs provided a genuine challenge for our students. The boys responded impressively with two thirds (65%) of all grades at 7 or better. Strong performances secured 265 of the prestigious grade 9s – *almost a quarter of all the results obtained.* Twenty of our most consistent performers gained 9 or more A* equivalent grades. There was one remarkable individual achievement: ten grade 9s and two A*s – twelve grades at the highest possible level for one pupil!



As a school we are very active in raising funds for our own benefit, but pupils and families continue to show great generosity at Harvest time too. This year's collection took **our total donations to HARP to a total of more than 27,500 items for the homeless.** Several years ago the community at SHSB was set a challenge of bringing a items into school for the harvest assembly. As the homeless people become more widely understood, pupils have responded. These donations reflect well commitment to HARP – a local charity providing advice to the homeless of Southend.



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SHSB celebrated its annual charity week in style with over 30 different events across the week. Staff and students participated in events as diverse as eating competitions, film showings, quiz nights and sports matches, and in doing so raised over £11,200 – a record amount. This money will be divided equally between South East and Central Essex Mind, and UNICEF. The school expressed thanks to all students and parents who contributed to charity week, and we are looking forward to raising even more money next year.



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|--|-------------------------|---------|--|--|
|  | Charity Week 2019 | £11,200 |  | <i>“Thank you for all your support!”</i> |
|--|-------------------------|---------|--|--|

It was exciting to hear news from

last year of the designation of India’s first Fairtrade School and to discover, in the report, the role played by SHSB in supporting their development towards this award. Follow the link to find out more!



[India's First Fairtrade School! | Fairtrade Schools](#)

16th August, 2018. India’s First Fairtrade School! We are so excited that the first Fairtrade School in India was announced this week! Lots of events are planned at Vidyashilp Academy in Bangalore as they become India’s first Fairtrade School.

Meanwhile a number of our pupils have been excelling in activities beyond the school which deserve congratulation and a public mention.

Hudson Lawrence competed in the ESSA schools trials for diving. He came 2nd gaining both the Silver Medal and a new PB of 265 points in the 3 metre board (obtaining 57 points in one dive). He went on to represent Southend High School for Boys at the national finals in Stratford in December.

Zac Finnie became our second-ever karate world champion. Zac in his individual kata completion and became world champion gold in individual kumite (fighting). The competition was by 41 countries and had over 2280 entrants. Zac subsequently the Southend Activity Award (what used to be Southend sports for young sports personality of the year!



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Also to note, following his impressive season – European 110m Hurdle champion – **Sam Bennett** was awarded the national U18 athlete of the year. He collected the title at the Ricoh Arena in Coventry, funded and supported in memory of the legendary Ron Pickering.



International Gold medallist – Kenneth Ikeji – representing England at the Home Nations championships

The school marked the annual day of remembrance, with a formal service with music and reflection in the morning; together with a shortened version for Years 7-9 in the afternoon. A particular emphasis was laid upon the 100th anniversary of the 1918 armistice.

The reading below was delivered by the President of the Old Southendian Association.



I do not know your name

*I do not know your name, but I know you died
I do not know from where you came, but I know you died*

*Your uniform, branch of service, it matters not to me
Whether Volunteer or Conscript, or how it came to be
That politicians' failures, or some power-mad ambition
Brought you too soon to your death, in the name of any nation*

*You saw, you felt, you knew full well, as friend and foe were taken
By bloody death, that your life too, was forfeit and forsaken
Yet on you went and fought and died, in your close and private hell
For Mate or Pal or Regiment and memories never to tell*

*It was for each other, through shot and shell, the madness you endured
Side by side, through wound and pain, and comradeship assured
No family ties, or bloodline link, could match that bond of friend
Who shared the horror and kept on going, at last until the end*

*We cannot know, we were not there, it's beyond our comprehension
To know the toll that battle brings, of resolute intention
To carry on, day by day, for all you loved and hoped for
To live in peace a happy life, away from bloody war*

*For far too many, no long life ahead, free of struggle and pain and the gun
And we must remember the price that was paid, by each and every one
Regardless of views, opinions aside, no matter how each of us sees it
They were there and I cannot forget, even though I did not live it*

*I do not know your name, but I know you died
I do not know from where you came, but I know you died.*

Each year, we read a page from the memorial books: one list of names from World War I and another selection from World War II. The lives of those we remember are made all the more real when we know something of their time at school, their home address, and – sadly – their cause of death.

Amongst those remembered this year were:

Able Seaman Sidney Arthur Roberts

Nelson Battalion Royal Naval Division

Died 13 July 1915, aged 23

Shorefield Road, Westcliff on Sea

Sidney's fate was closely linked to that of his school friend Kenneth Vidler with whom he joined the school, enlisted, and died in the ill-fated Gallipoli campaign. He was a keen footballer playing for the school, the Westcliff Institute and for West Norwood. Two days after he was killed, and before his parents had even been informed of his death, two letters from him were published in the Southend Standard describing the campaign:

'I occasionally see a Johnny Turk trying to snipe someone. As I wrote the last word the dirt from a bullet striking the top of the trench has gone into my tea whilst a monster shell burst overhead'. Days later he was seen to be shot in the shoulder and with a broken leg: stretcher bearers were sent for but fighting was so intense that his body was never found.

Laboratory Technician Philip James Sayers

British Explosives Syndicate

Died 10 May 1916, aged 21

57 Stromness Place, Southchurch

Philip attended Science Evening classes at the school and, by the time he was 16, was working there as a Laboratory Technician. His death is not counted on the nation's roll of honour as he was a civilian working in the explosives factory in Pitsea. In this explosion an assistant technician was killed instantly but Philip died of shock and burns later in the day. The official investigation supposes someone dropped a test tube, but that is probably a contemporary story to cover up how many accidents were happening in explosives factories due to an unstable batch of gun cotton that was around at that time.

Second Lieutenant Harold George Scott

52 Squadron RAF (Also Essex Regiment and Ox and Bucks Light Infantry)

Died 30 July 1918, aged 24

'Braemar', 110 South Avenue, Southend on Sea






On leaving school in 1908 Harold began training as an architect. He volunteered at the outbreak of war, serving in 1915 in Gallipoli as a private in the Essex Regiment, and was wounded twice. He was later given a commission in the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, but then volunteered for the Royal Flying Corps after Southend was bombed on 12 August 1917. He remarkably survived four years before being declared 'missing presumed dead' whilst flying over the Somme area on 30 July 1918. He was an observer on a RE8 taking part in a bombing raid over Martinputsch. The roll of the newly formed RAF had recently changed from being almost entirely reconnaissance, to one of bombing the retreating enemy and destroying their ammunition dumps and supply lines. German fighter pilots were fighting very hard to defend those lines and dumps and four planes from 52 Squadron were lost that day.

After thirteen years of reporting news to parents with a fortnightly Parent Bulletins, which have also been available on the school website, we have made a considered and appropriate decision to place news about the life of the school into the wider public domain: our adventures, our successes, charity events, extra-curricular activities, school performances, notable endeavours ...

This allows all our parents to continue to see these vital aspects of our news; but it also makes it much more readily accessible to current pupils, to prospective pupil applicants and their parents, to the thousands of former students who hold the school in great affection and continue to be immensely supportive, and to the wider Southend community. It's time to follow us!

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The school is thriving: it is larger than ever, more popular than ever and delivering an education and experiences that are consistently amongst the best in the country. Many former students find themselves puzzled and dismayed by the way in which the school has been treated under successive funding regimes.

As your Headteacher, and with the support of school's Governing Body, I consider it my professional and public duty to speak out on issues that have a significant bearing on the quality of education and care that we are able to provide. OSA members can be reassured that this is done *only after* having sought, to no avail, to address the issues through correspondence and meetings *and also* that it is done without any party political alignment. On

the last Friday in September 2018, I joined with almost 2000 other school leaders – the largest ever gathering of England’s headteachers – for the lobby in Parliament Square. Our collective voice needs to be heard. As some former students will also be aware I also took up an invitation to be part of a panel live on BBC2 that morning.

I was asked beforehand to give a reason why I was attending the lobby. This is what I wrote, *“Every year since 2012, at Southend High School for Boys, our school income has been reduced. Every year, costs have risen. We’ve exhausted every possible efficiency measure. We’ve campaigned every way we know. Our expert voice is still not being heard. As Headteachers, we have a public duty to let it be known when school funding is being cut so severely. Children in every school across the country are feeling the consequences. It’s time we were listened to.”*

Southend High School for Boys – *funding briefing*

School funding continues to attract national media coverage. There are several key messages:

- “the finances of very low-funded schools are [still] insufficient to provide the service that your child needs”
- “parents and carers need to be clear that schools in very similar socio-economic areas will continue to have entirely different levels of funding”
- “the new formula will improve funding for schools that are currently the worst off”, but
- “Local Authorities use different formulas to distribute funding in their area. For example, a secondary school pupil with low previous results would attract £2,000 in extra funding in Birmingham, compared with just £36 in Darlington”, and
- “school[s] in ... Crawley or a tough part of Barnsley will receive millions of pounds less than schools from similar socioeconomic areas in London or Manchester”

The comparable statistics make for stark reading, “a secondary school in York would get an average of £4,700 per pupil in 2018-19, compared with £6,450 for a pupil in Greenwich, London – nearly £2.5m a year less for a school with 1,400 students. Second worst off among secondary schools were those in Barnsley, where schools get an average of £4,729 per pupil, followed by Leicester, with £4,730”.

The variations are highly significant, but so is the fact that these are averages. The differences *between* local schools remain substantial and indefensible. The data for Southend High School for Boys is so dramatic that many supporters of the school respond in disbelief.

- every year since 2012 our 'per pupil' income has been reduced:

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| 2012/13 | £ | 4,958 |
| 2013/14 | £ | 4,775 |
| 2014/15 | £ | 4,718 |
| 2015/16 | £ | 4,688 |
| 2016/17 | £ | 4,587 |
| 2017/18 | £ | 4,562 |

- taking into account inflation, the school has been expected to sustain the equivalent of £1 million in annual revenue cuts;
- even with the new formula, by 2019/20 our income will still be below the level it was in 2012.

Class sizes have increased. Contact time with teachers, for the Sixth Form, has decreased. The school has grown from 950 pupils to 1300 with almost no increase in staffing.

Our arguments have been very clear: *you cannot continue to take money from the least well-funded schools and expect them to absorb those reductions indefinitely.* The solution is fairer redistribution or increased levels of public expenditure.

Last year, I wrote that, ***"We are meeting with representatives of the Local Authority and national Government. For as long as our arguments are being heard, we will continue to campaign quietly."*** The quiet phase is over. ***"It is absurd that one of the country's most successful schools, delivering one of the most financially efficient public services, is on the cusp of viability. ...*** Lessons, teachers, welfare provision, resources and administrative staff should all be funded equitably from the public purse.

Robin M. Bevan
October 2018

It is worth noting, that the announcement in September 2019 of £14bn additional funding in schools will raise the per pupil income at Southend High School for Boys to £5000 per pupil: only £42 more than it was eight years ago. The increase in funding is welcomed, but it is hardly a matter of celebration when that increase is below the rate at which costs are rising.

Across the school year, our values and vision are reflected in the messages that are presented in school assemblies: some of which are presented here.

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| <p>Assembly themes</p> <p><i>“Our success depends far more on the level of effort we put into our endeavours than any other factor.”</i></p> <p>2nd May</p> <p>SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS</p> | <p>Assembly themes</p> <p><i>“Lives of great men all remind us, we can make our lives sublime, and, departing, leave behind us, footprints on the sands of time.”</i></p> <p>(H.D. Longfellow)</p> <p>10th January</p> <p>SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS</p> |
| <p>Assembly themes</p> <p><i>“The test of [our] education is what we choose to do when we are not required to be doing anything ...”</i></p> <p>30th April</p> <p>[from Arthur Rowntree: 1922]</p> <p>SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS</p> | <p>Assembly themes</p> <p><i>“Fake News or Real News?”</i></p> <p>How do we each make sure that our views are informed by reliable news? And the stories we share are real?</p> <p>5th February</p> <p>SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS</p> |
| <p>Assembly themes</p> <p><i>“Nobody has achieved anything worthwhile without failing greatly and making mistakes on the way: view every mistake as an opportunity to re-evaluate and improve ...”</i></p> <p>6th January</p> <p>SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS</p> | <p>Assembly themes</p> <p>Do your actions reflect your values? What is your life saying to others?</p> <p><i>“Let your life speak.”</i></p> <p>(Quaker: Advice & Queries)</p> <p>22nd January</p> <p>SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS</p> |

Assembly themes

“Across the last ten days, four former pupils played for their teams in the English FA. We may not all set our sights on being a footballer, but what might we each achieve at our best ...”

26th March



Emile Acquah – Sparta – 2017 leaver
made professional debut for Southend United
vs Peterborough United

Noah Chilvers – Athens – 2017 leaver
made professional debut for Colchester
United vs Newport County



Morgan Fox – Athens – 2010 leaver
170 professional football appearances for
Charlton and Sheffield Wednesday

Josh Rees – Troy – 2010 leaver
60 professional football appearances for
Bromley and Gillingham

Valedictories: The end of a school year always, invariably, brings a number of staff departures. The extent to which the success of a school depends on the qualities and dedication of its employees is obvious: sometimes, however, it is only at the point of saying 'good bye' that we find ourselves fully able to make this connection, and express our gratitude and appreciation.

First, I would like to extend thanks to **Mrs Leoi** (finance), **Mrs Holland** (History) and **Mr Monk** (English), each of whom has brought energy, commitment and expertise to their temporary roles. We welcome back **Mrs Howley** and **Mrs Foley** from maternity leave.

Two colleagues joined us in 2017 and have served two full years at the school: **Mr Medlock** (PE) and **Mrs Garcia** (Leader of Spanish). Both are moving on to similar roles in schools in new locations and with new possibilities; we thank them both for their sustained professionalism and know how many pupils have benefitted from their superb contributions.

We also offer grateful thanks and best wishes to two members of our support staff team, who over a number of years, have afforded expert assistance in their specialised areas. **Mr Reilly** moves on from his role as an IT support technician to work with a major recruitment company. **Mrs Hathaway** takes a step forwards from her role as a Learning Support Assistant to undertake teacher training.

Finally, we say 'goodbye' to two of our science teachers. **Mrs Coyte** has taught countless Biology classes across her two decades in the school: her insights and knowledge have aided a plethora of students to progress onwards, for example, into undergraduate study with confidence and understanding. We thank her, additionally and especially, for her work in promoting and securing for the school, the Healthy Schools Award. Meanwhile, **Miss Partridge** moves onwards from her leadership of our Physics department having given dedicated and commendable service: not only in the teaching and development of her subject, but also in establishing and sustaining our Duke of Edinburgh Award provision. Her 'voluntary' contributions, offered without any expectation of reward or recognition, have been transformational for many pupils at the school.

The school is pleased to have recruited teacher replacements in each of these subject areas: we will begin the new year fully-staffed.

School Sports and House Competition Report

Cross-Country

Once again a good effort by all pupils, allowing the school to win the overall trophy for 2018. This means we have now won this trophy for an incredible 37 consecutive years.

The English Schools Cross-Country Cup Final, for the best 27 teams in the country, was held this year at Woodbridge in Suffolk over a brutal and holly course. The junior boys' team gained an excellent finish coming 7th out of the 27 schools in their age group and the Intermediate boys' team came a superb 15th beating their expected place by 6 positions. Joe Muller from year 10 has now competed in 3 National cross country finals.

HOUSE CHAMPIONS – TROY

Football

A good, sporting competition was held in October. As always a massive thank you to the AS PE students, who gave up their study periods to officiate the matches.

Another good season of school football underlining the breadth and quality of the sport provided at SHSB. The 1st X1 narrowly lost their Essex cup semi-final on Penalties, whilst four age groups years 7, 9, 10 and 11 reached their Borough finals with the years 9 and 10 becoming Borough Champions.

The South East Essex cup which includes teams from Castle Point saw 2 of our teams; years 8 and 11 in the finals, winning 2-1 and 3-2 respectively.

HOUSE CHAMPIONS – TROY

Hockey/Rugby

After the house 2 hour blocks of these sports the following scores were achieved. Year 7 overall winners were Troy, year 8 overall winners were Troy, year 9 overall winners were Athens, year 10 was a triple tie between Tuscany, Athens and Sparta, and year 11/6th form overall winners were Sparta.

HOUSE CHAMPIONS – ATHENS

One of the stand out successes this term has been the achievement of the year 10/11 hockey team reaching the National Hockey Finals at the Olympic park hockey centre.

This involved 2 local and then 2 regional rounds in Norwich of progressive winners culminating in a 4 team National play off final. They took on the North, South and West winners.

Basketball

This took place at Lunchtimes over a two-week period in a Knock -Out format

HOUSE CHAMPIONS – SPARTA

The school entered two competitions this year. The Borough Cup Competitions and the Essex cup at all age levels. In the Essex cup where all age groups played, the stand out teams were the year 7, year 8 and the 6th form. They all reached the Essex cup semi-finals with the Yr. 8 team winning the Borough cup final.

A big thank you here to the efforts and application of Mr Marday, who coached and trained the team in early morning starts and on Saturdays to the standards required for success.

Badminton

This was played at lunchtimes over the course of a week.

HOUSE CHAMPIONS - TROY

Congratulations to the KS3 and KS4 teams of 4 players who made it to the East Region Play offs of the National Badminton competition in Cambridge with the KS3 team winning bronze medals in 3rd and the KS4 team coming 4th.

Music

This was played to full houses in the Music Rehearsal area over 2 weeks resulting in a best musician final in the main hall.

HOUSE CHAMPIONS - TROY

Cricket

A superb year for all the age groups. Year 7 won the Borough Cup and league, the year 8 team won the league, the year 9 team won the league and the year 10 team finished off the successes by also winning their borough league.

HOUSE CHAMPIONS – ATHENS

Athletics

A superb performance of track and field athletics saw the school win for the 38th year in a row. The school scored over 700pts in coming first and the winning margin was over 200 points.

This has been another successful year for athletics in the schools strong tradition in this discipline. The Junior and Intermediate Teams reached the National Schools Cup Final in Chelmsford for the 24th successive year. Here they achieved a superb set of results. The Junior Boys age group (Years 7-8) were placed 4th and the Intermediate Boys (Years 9-10) were placed 3rd.



*Medallists Glen Morris, Noah Wooding
and Freddie Khan*

Aaron Samuel from year 11 was awarded an international vest for the 1500m steeplechase with a time of 4m.20.3s – (the fastest time in the U.K this season) winning 1st place and a gold medal and was therefore selected to represent his country on Saturday 20 July in Swansea in the home international track and field competition. The international team is selected from Intermediate boys and girls winners in yr. 10/11 only.



HOUSE CHAMPIONS - ATHENS

The Cock House results for 2019

4th – TUSCANY 799pts

3rd – SPARTA 808pts

2nd – ATHENS 903pts

1st – TROY 941.5pts

The Old Southendian Bowls Circle

I am delighted to report that this season has been very successful with results being the best for four years. As per last year we arranged sixteen matches and results were as follows:

Matches 16: Won 11, Lost 3, Rained off 2.

Rinks Won: 33, Lost 21.

Total shots: For 938, Against 834.

Matches won were those against Fairwood, Chalkwell, Shoebury, Eastwood, Thorpe Bay, Rochford, Essex County, South Benfleet, Great Wakering, Bournemouth Park (Triples Fixture) and Southchurch. Those lost were against Bournemouth Park (Rinks Fixture), Hockley and Rayleigh. Fixtures at Whitehall and Prittlewell were rained off.

Most matches were played as triples (3 woods) with only the Thorpe Bay and the first Bournemouth Park ones played as rinks (4 woods). Again, most were tightly contested. Our best results were at Eastwood (3-0), South Benfleet (4-0), our worst at Bournemouth Park losing 0-4, the least said! Our overall shot count was again extremely positive, reflecting on our ability to score well in all matches.

Very encouragingly this year we overturned our 0-4 loss at Chalkwell in 2018 to win 3-1! Hockley certainly seem to be our bogey team, we have lost to them in every one of the 3 years we have played this fixture. But at least this year we fought tigerishly to only lose by 4 shots overall after drawing 2-2 on rinks. Hopefully we can manage to win here next year.

A very notable event occurred at South Benfleet when our team of Chris Johnson, Keith Francis and Ian Fulcher achieved a 9 shot hotshot on one end. This I think may be the first time a 9 hotshot has happened in the Circle's history. Well done to you all for creating Old Boys' history.

Once again, I have been delighted with the excellent support received from the members to ensure that full teams were fielded on all occasions. Slight problems were experienced at Rayleigh on the 11th September but with the Association's President Chris Sorrell taking coaching lessons from Graham Evans and agreeing to play his first ever match, we had a full complement. Many thanks to you both for all your efforts and for drawing on your rink.

During the season 35 individuals represented the Circle, this included new members Terry Andrews, Chris Argent, Bill Chandler, Keith and Elaine Francis, Gail Innes, Suzanne Zammit and Chris Sorrell. With Suzanne playing for the Circle, I succeeded in my final aim of 'signing up' the first female Old Southendian for Boys member. Thank you one and all for your tremendous support, many agreeing to make themselves available at short notice to play following late call offs.

Unfortunately we said goodbye to Joan and Ron Windebank owing to health difficulties. Ron had been an extremely long and loyal supporter of the Circle and I was very sorry to see him and his wife Joan 'retire'. Thank you both for all you have done for us over the years.

Well that's a very successful season over and done with, well done to you all. Subject to enough support I will organise a pre 2020 get together similar to this year's first such successful function at the Royal Oak in Stambridge.

Remember if you are an Old Boy who plays Bowls and would like to play for the Circle, if even for one or two matches, please contact me to discuss. My e-mail details are trevand2004@yahoo.co.uk or phone number 01702 526682. Lastly, good luck to Martin Harvey with the fixtures he has organised during the winter for the members at Southend's indoor rink.

Trevor Johnson (Troy, 1956-1963) Match Secretary

The Old Southendian Golf Circle

Another excellent year for the society with both the weather, looking kindly on the regular five events that were held, and an ever increasing level of support from the members. Our Captain for the year, the ever spritely John French, led us off at Felixstowe Golf club for the opening event of the year. Felixstowe GC is a links course bounded by the North Sea and the river Deben; consequently it is very open and often exposed to strong winds. We were not to be disappointed, a stiff North Easterly not only provided a challenge for shots into the wind but it was distinctly cooler. The main event of the day for the Mrs. W A Jones Rose Bowl was won by Robert Osborne with a very creditable 35 points on a difficult day. The event enabled us to remember past members Gordon Fyvie and Binnie Sammon no longer able to join us.

Having enjoyed touring in France for the previous 4 years it was decided to try touring this side of the English Channel. So in May a dozen of the Society's finest embarked on a tour of courses based around the Bournemouth area. Our itinerary took in Crane Valley, Isle of Purbeck, Knighton Heath and finished up at Brokenhurst Manor. All excellent courses but a couple had suffered from the particularly dry conditions earlier in the year.

Our guest day was held at the ever popular destination of Toot Hill Golf Club – a picturesque course set in quiet countryside just North of Brentwood. 24 Members and their guests enjoyed a splendid day's golf and fine fodder. The afternoon better ball was won by Brian Kreyling and Mark Barnes with a storming 46 points some 4 points better than second place.

Our third day out (the summer meeting) took us to Clacton Golf Club, a challenging course situated next to the coast. Our summer meeting has become the society's premier event focused on our only medal round in the season with trophies for best Gross and best Net. The previous day temperatures had soared to 39 degrees but fortunately we had a cooler, not quite so draining day. The winners of the two main trophies were Dick Clarke for the best Gross and brother Kim Clarke for the best Net.

The final outing was to Warley Park Golf Club another course not too far from Brentwood. For anyone who thinks of Essex as flat then maybe have a round at Warley Park. Our last event always has a large number of trophies/prizes to be won. Perhaps most importantly is the result of the Cock House championship won this year by Troy closely followed by Sparta, then Athens and Tuscany. The main trophies of the Day went to Jerry Burrows for the Mac Price Golfer of the Year and Ron Dudley Memorial. The 70s Captains Trophies were won by Dick Clarke and John Avery.

In closing the season John French thanked Graham Winckless once again for his sterling efforts in booking and organising the year and to John Blackmore for his continual support with the scoring. Next Year's Captain is John Welsford, we look forward to playing his home course of Lamberhurst GC next year as well as the prestigious Royal Blackheath whose Captain will be Alastair Macfarlane. John Welsford has asked Jim Harrington to be his vice captain for the coming year. As ever please do let Graham Winckless know if you would like to attend one or more of the society days out, new members always welcome.

Kim Clarke (Troy, 1966-1973)

The Old Southendian Football Club

The football club had a good season with plenty of silverware gathered plus several promotions.

On Saturdays, the 1st team held on to their Premier Division place, finishing 11th out of 14. Having lost the first 6 games of the season and then their manager a few games later, the boys did a brilliant job battling it out and winning some tough games to ensure their status at our highest ever level. A bigger squad and a bit more luck would have seen us comfortably in mid-table and may be higher. Well done to Connor Lane and David Tubbs who took charge after a tricky start to the season.

The Reserves had a great season getting promoted to Division 2 as Champions as well as winning the Essex Junior Cup, the cup our first team won a number of years ago. This was Lee Warrington's fifth and final season in charge and what a way to bow out. A brilliant job by him and Mark Lupton, one that passed to the capable hands of the Manley brothers, Ben and David, for The Reserve's adventure in Division 2 for next season.

The A Team, or 3s, as they still like to be known, also had a good season, finishing 4th in Division 1 of the Borough Comb, another high for the Club. Andy Crow and James Elliot got a great squad together with a team spirit much like that of the Reserves. They also reached the final of the Chautard Cup, which they won 2-1 with goals from Harry Dacosta and Russ Judd. Thanks to a reorganisation of the Borough Combination League's structure, the 3s were actually promoted to the Premier Division for season 2019/20 and they have also entered the Essex Junior Trophy to add to having a crack at the Walton Cup.

The B Team had a mixed season finishing 9th out of 11 in Division 2. With 6 draws included in their results, a little more luck or a player or two more and who knows where they may have finished. No cups for Jose's Angels this season so John Roy has handed the overall charge to his assistant Tim Dennis while JR moves upstairs to Director of Football for the drawths next season.

The Sunday Vets 1st team had another good season having been promoted to Div 1 in the previous season. Finishing in a tactically astute 3rd place to avoid promotion (think back to the Sunday 1s back in the day!) they enjoyed 12 wins out of 16 and 4 losses. Unfortunately, once again due to a restructuring of the league, the Vets 1s are now playing the current season in the Premier Division.

Last but not least, Boo's Twos had a good season, finishing around halfway. Boo Becket also built a squad with excellent team spirit and enjoyed several good wins. With Boo stepping down and new management lined up immediately, the Vets Reserves should enjoy a competitive 2019/20 season in division 2 of the Sunday Vets League.

Overall the club had a great season on the footballing side, not just winning cups and promotions but being able to constantly field 6 teams week after week with hardly a hint of ever having to call off a game due to a lack of players. There was barely a whiff of a ringer either although there was one Vet's regular who will remain nameless but likes to wear the no.7 shirt. For season 2019/20, we have 3 teams playing in the Premier divisions of their respective leagues, the first time in the club's history I believe, plus 3 Saturday sides in Essex Cup action. We hope to enter the 1st XI in the FA Vase in the 2020/21 season provided we have the facilities to do so.

The 3G pitch is finally underway at Garons and thanks to Clive Shiret's patience and hard word work the club should be playing on the new all weather surface from January 2020. This will be a real boost to the club's ambitions to play to the very highest standard possible.

Financially, the club is in a great position. Playing football for the club is now cheaper than ever thanks to our very generous sponsors who have helped us fund kits, training, laundry and referees. Managers no longer have to collect money at the end of each game except in some cases to cover the cost of the ref at home games which takes a lot of pressure off them and allows them to concentrate on the football side of things. All of our events are well supported which is a real credit to the club and a massive boost in helping to raise money.

The Old Boys Football Club is in wonderful health at the moment both football-wise and financially. We are well supported both on and off the pitch with fantastic prospects for improvements to all the facilities if we can continue in the same vein. The Clubhouse is a very important part of this, so players and supporters staying around and using the bar after games is essential and supporting all events in the Clubhouse is too.

Lastly, we are hoping to improve the links with the school again and would like to arrange a get together with all the footballing pupils and teachers to tell them all about the club, it's history and also plans for the future, including the new 3G facility which will hopefully allow us to reinstate the annual School vs Old Boys match which has unfortunately been missing from the calendar over the last few years.

Nick Robins (Athens, 1978-1983) – Chairman

The Old Southendian Hockey Club

The past year has been a season to celebrate for the Old Southendian Hockey Club. We set up an additional ladies' side, taking them to three teams and we saw four of our nine teams promoted to higher divisions.

In 2021 the club will be celebrating its centenary, and to promote the club we commenced our fund raising for this remarkable achievement. We aim to raise £50,000 by the close of the 2020/21 season, and in addition we will be hosting a Centenary Ball, that we would like to hold at Warner's Bridge, we will keep you informed of these plans.

Following the progress made in 2017/18 season the Men's teams have gone to new heights this season, with three of the six teams achieving promotion. The 1s, under the leadership of Alfie Hibbard and the coaching of David Robeson gained promotion into Premier B after finishing second, missing out on top spot by just 1 point. The promotion was made harder following the restructure of the leagues by England Hockey as at one point it could have been just the winning side being promoted.

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Jack Stevenson and the 2nd XI have built on last season's success by gaining a second successive promotion and this time they were the league winners. This is a fantastic achievement from a young side and shows the strength and depth that the club now possess with many of the second team squad regularly supporting the first XI.

Another great example of our young talent was shown by the 4th XI, who, under new leadership from Noel Smith, also achieved promotion. All this success would not have been possible if it wasn't for the hard work from the captains, who work tirelessly to select the teams and make sure that our members all have a game week in week out.

I would like to recognise the fantastic job David Robeson (Robbo) has done with the Men's 1s and 2s this season. Robbo worked extremely hard within his role, and we owe a lot of our success to him. Sadly, Robbo won't be around next season to continue his fanatic work as he has moved to Gibraltar. On behalf of the club, we wish him all the best in the future.

The ladies' teams have had another successful season with the 1st XI, under the new captaincy of Emily Robinson, finishing mid-table following last year's promotion. Ros Jackson led the 2nd XI to a much deserved promotion after two seasons of finishing in the top three. This season they finished in second place, tightly behind London Royals. Congratulations go to the team for their hard work this season and a special mention to Chloe Foster who was the top goal scorer for the division.

In addition, we introduced a 3rd XI to the ladies side of the club and this was captained by newly recruited goalkeeper Evie Collins, who has the distinction of being the youngest ever OSHC captain at the age of 14. Although it was a tough season for this young team, they did a fantastic job to prove themselves as the up and coming team and we wish them all the best for next year.

Thanks must go to Dick Clarke, Kim Clarke, Trevor McCarthy, Sampi Mehta and Andy Clark for their hard work and perseverance coaching the ladies teams on a Tuesday evening!

We continue to have a strong youth training programme at the club and the introduction of the Ladies 3rd XI and strength of young players in the Men's 4s, 5s and 6s is a practical demonstration of this. We have to thank the many members of the club that put in a lot of hard work to ensure that this is something that continues.

Max Eyre has been OSHC Youth Coordinator for two seasons and has continued to make our mini hockey training and tournaments a great success. It is fantastic to see so many youngsters enjoying hockey on a Saturday morning. It is extremely important to continue to provide training for this age group as developing the skills of these young and talented players maintains the future of the club. The thanks must be extended

to all the volunteer coaches and parents who give up their own time to assist with the running of the training and tournaments. On behalf of the club, we are sad to see Max step down from her role this season but we are extremely grateful for the time that she has put into our youth development.

Ian Paterson continues to coach the Colts teams on a Thursday night and dedicating his weekends to travelling to tournaments county-wide and further. This coaching enables the development of our youth players who are routinely being selected in the higher elevens on a Saturday and at the end of season's awards it was an honour to present Ian with the Vaughan Copeland trophy that is awarded to the member who has gone above and beyond their "duties".

As always, it is not just what we see at training and on the pitch, but behind the scenes we have to thank the likes of Suzanne Armitage as fixtures Secretary and Brant Chapman as Umpire Liaison Officer. Without their tireless work, we would not have the Saturday hockey set-up that we so appreciate and look forward to. As a club we want to thank you for ensuring that we get to play each weekend. Additional thanks must go to the volunteers who umpire each week, both home and away games, and in some cases missing their own matches to cover the necessary umpiring slots, none of the games can be played without them.

Off of the pitch we continue to have a fantastic social scene. Thanks go to Chloe Foster and Amy Elvidge who have put on an array of events for us during the season which have been enjoyed by the club members and their guests. Following last year's success with the change of venue for the Dinner Dance, this was again held at the Arlington Ballroom. The photographs from the evening showed that all who attended looked to be having a very enjoyable time. The other organised events are hosted at the club house where we had BBQ, quiz nights and several themed party nights.

Following the end of the season we hosted the Club Supper in mid-April at our clubhouse at Warner's Bridge. Having the supper after the end of the season meant that we could set the clubroom up for the evening dinner as there was no hockey taking place during the day. The buffet style dinner was attended by the majority of the playing members and a number of VP's. The evening was very a resounding success and gave members a chance to catch up on the season.

On top of this, we have kicked off our Centenary Fundraising in preparation for our centenary season of 2021/22. This has seen us open a 100's club and also receive a number of generous donations.

The facilities at Warner's Bridge are some of the best in Essex and this has seen both East and Essex Hockey using our facilities. To allow us to rent our facilities, and to make sure that our members can enjoy the clubhouse, changing and pitch Phil Heritage gives a lot of his time to ensure that our facilities continue to look good after the renovations that took place a number of years ago. We bear the full cost of maintaining these facilities and one major cost incurred during the last year was the replacement of all the flood light bulbs at a cost in excess of £6,000. Our thanks to Dick Clarke for managing the club finances and allowing us to settle the day to day bills, and the extra costs that we incur in running the facility. Additional thanks to Steve Dove and Tony Barrett who continue to provide background support and guidance for the ongoing developments of our site.

Thank you to Andy Lewis and Amy Elvidge for the work they have done to promote the club, across multiple forms of social media and during the last season we also had regular press coverage from two local papers. All of this media promotion promotes the club image and we have gained several new members.

As ever, thanks must be expressed to all those who have not been mentioned, but have contributed to the running of the club and who volunteer significant amounts of their time to coach, captain, umpire, organise and administer the club and its affairs. We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone involved, without whom none of us would have the opportunity to play each week.

We hope that you will echo our thoughts, that another fantastic season has passed for OSHC and we continue to show our strengths for representing hockey in the local area. We have a fantastic foundation to continue building upon and with the continued support of members, families and friends, we look forward to welcoming our members, guests and friends to our facility at Warner's Park for another fantastic year ahead.



The Old Southendian Organ Society (OSOS)



AN UPDATE FOR 2019

It's been yet another exciting year in the life of the organ society - of which I hope to be able to convey some of the successes to you all. It should be said that (even if you've never played a musical note in your life) we have a now-established reputation for providing concerts for all to enjoy, so would be very pleased to see many of you at a future event. Read on to find out more...

The year began with the organ in use once more for the School's Service of Remembrance on Friday 8th November 2018. This was an important moment for many to hear again the memorial that was presented by the Old Southendians back in 1923 in fine voice following the rebuild through 2017-18. The organ led the assembled School community and visitors (many OSA members among them) in the singing of hymns (alongside the band), and also accompanied one of the School's choirs for a moving performance during the introit (which was the *Benedictus* from Karl Jenkins's *The Armed Man*). The service conveyed once more how fortunate students at the School continue to be in experiencing such skilled musical training through its choirs, bands and other teaching, and indeed simply to listen to such quality performances from peers and staff on a regular basis. This is due, of course, to the continual work of the music staff (under Peter Worth), and in particular for the organ thanks to Warren Symes.



Performers at **A Concert for Remembrance** - Friday 8th November 2018

The same evening, the Organ Society continued the theme with our *Concert for Remembrance*. This offered another showcase for students, staff, Old Southendians, and groups to provide a fitting evening of music. The evening began with OSOS Secretary Brian Fletcher at the console with the Karg-Elert *Nun dunket alle Gott*, and

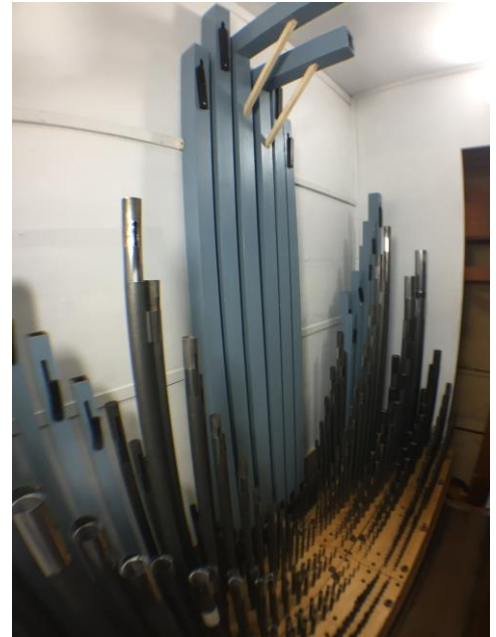
continued with contributions on euphonium, flute and violin from students Noah Sims, Monique Quevauvilliers, and George Farman respectively. It was brilliant to welcome back William Bonard on the piano, and also OSOS Chairman Gerald Usher who played John Fould's *Keltic Lament*. Gerald offered this as a tribute to Reginald Foxwell (music master from his schooldays), recalling how each Remembrance Reg would play this piece, which was (rather simply) announced by the Headmaster as "The Lament". Apparently it was only much more recently when Gerald heard the piece playing on the radio (set for multiple instruments, rather than organ, as per the original score) that he finally found out what the piece was! One of the stand-out performances of the evening came from local choir Voces Novae, led by Vikki and Warren Symes, and formed of both student voices from SHSB and SHSG with some more experienced friends. The choir's contributions included Walford Davies chant setting of Psalm 121 and Parry's *Crossing the Bar*. In addition to the music offered, English teacher Alex Cass, and student Olivia Curtis offered a poem each to suit the occasion (*The Sentry* by Wilfred Owen, and *MCMXIV* by Philip Larkin respectively). We were pleased to run this event with support from Southend-on-Sea Rotary Club - our thanks to them for offering a raffle and bringing along some new faces to join what was a very appreciative audience.



Performers at our concert at Holy Trinity Church, Rayleigh - Friday 8th November 2018

For our second event of the academic year, we went to Holy Trinity Church, Rayleigh, and were pleased to present another mixed evening of music in March. In addition to November's solo performers, we were delighted to be joined by students Olivia O'Keeffe (who played the *Allegro* from Vivaldi's *Violin Concerto in A minor*) and Sasha Sumption (who sang Howland's *Some things are meant to be*), Old Southendians Tim Fletcher (who performed *Hopelessly devoted to you* from the musical *Grease*), Samuel Willsmore (playing Darke's *Minatures for Oboe*, accompanied on the organ) and Joe Palmer (singing songs including Gershwin's *A Foggy Day in London Town*), and some friends from the wider Southend music scene (Karenza and Christopher Peugniez, performing on the flute and cello respectively). The concert was well received, in particular for its variety of styles and instruments, and supported both music at the church and OSOS funds.

In July we returned to SHSB for a special event with Old Southendian Jeremy Blandford. It was a treat to have his skilful touch at the console, with classics such as the Bach *Tocatta and Fugue in D minor* and the Introduction and Fugue from Reubke's *Sonate on the 94th Psalm* interspersed with both interesting insights into the music and its composer's world, and reminiscences of time spent when at the School. One of the insights given to the attendees was around Mozart's *Andante in F for mechanical organ*, which (as the name suggests!) was actually written not to have an organist play it. Such pieces allowed the composer to provide quite virtuosic passages, in the knowledge they were to be played by super-human musical clocks! Jeremy's registrations made good use of the extra stops provided in the rebuilt organ, and he seemed well at home back at the console once more! It was super to see many contemporaries come back especially for the concert - some travelling quite some distance, but with much good reward as a result.



A view inside half of the Swell box!

To follow the recital, refreshments were offered while successive groups of people were given an exclusive tour of the organ chamber. I had the pleasure of helping groups of about four navigate the fairly minimal floor space that is now left through the door off the main foyer leading to the organ's innards. Each group was talked through what there was to see (from massive 16 foot mitred pedal pipes, to tiny pipes the size of a pencil, plus all the electronics, air trunking, Swell box and more!) while Gerald Usher provided a increasing crescendo of music to demonstrate the organ at work (and almost deafen the tourists by the end!). Health and Safety naturally precluded tours of parts of the organ accessed by ladder, however photos were projected in the Main Hall of all aspects of the instrument for everyone to see.

So, with three events, and a continued encouraging following at concerts plus many kind members and donors helping to support the ongoing maintenance of the organ and the activities of the organ club at the school, it seems to have been yet another good year. Our thanks must go out to all our supporters for their contributions - each and every one of which makes a real difference.

Our next event will be a "showcase" of Southendian musical talent (both Old and New!) on Saturday 19th October 2019, starting 7pm. All are welcome to this and all future events - details of which are available at www.osos.org.uk/events ... You will also find full information on previous programmes, plus more information on our website about how to support the Society. We still have pipes in the organ that may be sponsored - possibly an interesting Christmas gift for the right person?!

As ever, please do get in contact whatever your interest in the organ - we would be pleased to hear from you! Our details and mailing list sign up are all online at www.osos.org.uk

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