



The Old Johannian Newsheet (2006)

Hello fellow OJ's. The purpose of this newsheet is to bridge the gap between the two bulletins that are published in the early spring and early winter. It is timed to give a brief résumé of the last annual dinner, the college exam results and the impending annual OJ golf tournament.

So this is the 2006 newsheet. Any comments you might have, or contributions for the next bulletin, please send them to me at sbart@waitrose.com or at our main contact address at:-

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The Annual Dinner

It was our first time at the new venue of the Royal sailors' home club in Queen street. It was an experiment borne of necessity. Fate sometimes has the happy habit of pushing us where we need to go, even if we don't realise it at the time. It certainly appeared to be a success judging by the noise and expressions of the participants. It was a fair turnout of 91 and the dining hall was comfortably filled.

Mass was held at the College and transport to and from the College

was laid on, so that parking in the College area would be practical and convenient. There were about 30 at Mass including about 15 OJ's.

the usual format of meeting in the bar area and generally renewing old acquaintances started the evening. Somehow the fact that we weren't in the OJ bar was lost in the moment and the social aspect launched itself unimpeded. The AGM was the first formal activity, held in a side room off the main dining area. The meal was preceded with the entry of the Chairman and guest of honour, Brother Matthew with a welcome from the

chairman and grace was said by Father O'Donohue

The meal was enjoyable and we were all looked after well by the club staff.

The date for next year is already set as Saturday 28th April 2007.

Tickets will be in the region of £30. Please make a note in your diaries. The next annual diner is our run-up to the OJA grand centenary dinner we are hoping to hold at the Portsmouth Guildhall in 2008, however it all depends on the support we will anticipate nearer the time.

Centennial sports tour 2008

To celebrate the college centenary in 2008, a Centennial sports tour is being organised. The fund raising has started already. The general manager of Marriot hotels south (Steve Grant) is a parent and already providing a great deal of support. See the enclosed details about the fun night. The Royal Navy, through Rear-Admiral Alan Massey and Captain Tim Frazer (Illustrious) are also supporting the tour. Also a reminder that there will be a firework night at the Farlington fields with the fireworks supplied at cost.

Please try and support this event as the proceeds will go to the tour fund.

The Hong Kong connection

There are many OJ's that are living in Hong Kong. Steve Bedingham is trying to set up a Hong Kong dinner, and a friendship group.

Contact Steve at:-

02392 815118 / 07968 715074

stevebedingham@hotmail.com

The silver group

The Silver group is an initiative that has been taken up by Brian Saunders and

Jacqui Darby. It is intended that it will tap into the vast resource of OJ's and college friends who could be called upon to provide speakers or offer work experience to SJC pupils.

We know that there are some of you OJ's out there who have shown an interest in an initiative like this in the past. Now is your chance to give something to the new generations at the SJC.

If you are able to help the 6th formers through the silver group, contact Brian or Jacqui at :-

02392 815118

jacqd@stjohnscollege.co.uk

The 23rd OJ Annual Golf tournament

This year it is being held on the **19th October.**

Teeing off 10:00 - 12:00 am

As always the venue is the:-

Waterlooville golf club.

Cherry tree avenue

Cowplains Hampshire

PO8 8AP

02392 263388

www.waterloovillegolfclub.co.uk

The final entry date is

7th October

The competition is Stableford with full handicap.

The prices are as follows:-

Seniors (over 21) £30

(Deduct £20 if a WGC member)

Juniors (18-21) £20

College students £12

Non-player (Dining only) £6.50

(Non-playing guests, friends and spouses are welcome)

Cheques made payable to:-

"Old Johannian Association"

All entries please to:-

Brother David

3 Nelson road

Southsea,

Hampshire

PO5 2AR

02392 863036

Forms are preferable but if you are making a late entry

(we always try and accommodate all late entries which are welcome)

The information needed is

Contact information

(Name/Tel. No./address)

Playing partner preferences

Preferred starting time

(Early/late/indifferent)

Official handicap

(If any)

Age group

(SJC student/18-21/22-60/>60)

Do you need directions?

Don't forget to pay!!!!

We look forward to seeing you.

College news

Public Examinations Summer 2006

At Advanced Level, St John's once again achieved the near 100% pass rate which has now become the norm, whilst also increasing the proportion of higher grades and so the average points tally for each student. 49% of all results were at A and B grades, and 77% at A-C. These excellent results meant that students secured the university places of their choice – and also that the College moved firmly into the upper reaches of national tables.

At GCSE level, yet again the overall

pass rate approach 90%, with the overall points per candidate exceeding 50 – the equivalent of 7 A grades. Special congratulations go to:-

Harry Snell, Sarah Clifford, Amy Banting, Hadleigh Sanchez-Harrison, Alice Brindley and Natalie Cush all of whom gained A* or A in at least nine subjects.

Remembrance Assembly

The College once again invites past pupils to attend the annual Remembrance Assembly, which will be held in the Sports Hall on

**Friday 10th November 2006
11:00am**

Any OJ interested in attending should

contact the School Office on 02392 815118 for further information.

College Centenary

The academic year 2008/2009 will mark the centenary of the foundation of the College. This is to be celebrated by a number of important events. In view of the significance of this anniversary the Headmaster invites all former pupils who wish to be kept informed of ongoing preparations and forthcoming events to forward contact details to The Headmaster's PA,
St John's College, Grove Road South, Southsea, Hampshire PO5 3QW, e-mail: lkemp@stjohnscollege.co.uk

Not an OJA member!!!!

You may have received this newsletter even though you are not a member of the OJA (never have been or not any more) Please excuse the intrusion, if that is what it is, to you. We've got a lot of names of OJ's from many eras on our records who are not members. We are also receiving more and more requests from OJ's to get in touch with others from their era. It might just be that you haven't considered being an OJA member for some time. We're pushing slowly ahead with what we can offer, and the main thing is connecting OJ's to each other. The annual fee is a modest £10 so why not think about joining? If you want a membership form, either write to Tony Baker (address on the front) or e-mail me at sbart@waitrose.com.

"New leaver" members

As you may know, we are now including new leavers into OJA membership for 4 years from the date of leaving St. John's. This gives them the opportunity to become and remain members of the OJA during their "poor" student days and a year's grace after they leave, or for a gap year. The cost to the OJA is the

cost of the newsletters and bulletins. The benefit is to be able to remain in contact with the younger OJ's.

New leaver notice

In the chaos that inevitably ensues for the few years after leaving St. John's, many of you will undoubtedly change your contact details. It would be of great help if you could e-mail

your latest contact details to sbart@waitrose.com

It will help us to keep up to date with where you are, and be able to inform you of any meet ups that might be going on such as the pre-Christmas one that has become a regular occasion. It will also help us to help you to keep in contact with your fellow OJ's.

The OJA Committee election results for 2006/07

All the committee candidates were re-elected unanimously by the members present and comprise of:-

POST	NOMINEE	PROPOSED	SECONDED	NOTES
Chairman	A J Baker	S Bartkowiak	P Lane	
Honorary secretary	S Bartkowiak	A J Baker	D Harris	Stefan Bartkowiak is willing to stand as there is a synergy with the role of Bulletin editor. This is did not include taking minutes.
Honorary treasurer	Vacant			Whilst not wishing to adopt the post formally (because of business commitments) Steve Pitt is prepared to provide a watching brief.
Membership secretary	Vacant			There was no candidate. A watching brief was being held by S Bartkowiak
Editor	S Bartkowiak	S Pitt	T Clark	
De La Salle Liaison	Brother David O'Neil	D Harris	C Hoar	This new post was created after the Committee recognised the importance of formally maintaining links between the OJA and the De La Salle com-
Ordinary members	P. Lane Ann-Marie Keogh-Swindells J. Cooper T Clark C Bartkowiak J Goehlert D Harris M Osgood C Hoar			Having signified their agreement, these committee members were willing to stand for re-election at this AGM