



# The Old Priorian Association

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## From The President, OPA

Dear Members,

As the long-awaited rays of summer sun usher out a seemingly endless winter and the Icelandic volcanic ash clouds finally dissipate, I am very pleased to introduce you to the Association's 2010 Spring/Summer Newsletter.

Having lost my voice on the day of this year's President's Dinner in March, I was unable to thank those who attended in person for making it such a wonderful evening, especially our guest speaker Peter Halsall. May I therefore take this opportunity to convey my sincere thanks to everyone involved - organisers and guests alike - for helping to create such a fantastic atmosphere. Later in the newsletter you can read more and see

some photos taken on the evening - courtesy of Marek Nalewajko. I do hope to see many of you again next year and I look forward to announcing our 2011 guest speaker in due course. In the meantime do put the date in your diaries now - Thursday 31st March 2011, 7.00pm at the Royal Over-Seas League.

Speaking of future events, just a quick reminder about a few more dates for your diaries: Firstly, two of our annual sporting events at the School playing fields in Perivale, namely the St Benedict's School v. Old Priorians Cricket Club match on Sunday 4th July 2010 and the Old Priorian Rugby Football Club (OPRFC) Rugby 7s Tournament on Sunday 12th September 2010. Also, the Annual General Meeting of The Old Priorian Association incorporating our Annual Mass of Remembrance and lunch will be held

this year on Saturday 13th November 2010 with the Mass being said in the new Cloisters Chapel in the School.

Finally, I'd like to appeal to any golfers who would like to help us to put together this year's Priorian Golf Day. Recently this event has been hosted at The Buckinghamshire Golf Club in Denham and the Royal Mid-Surrey Golf Club in Richmond. We're very keen to keep this annual event going and would love to hear from you with feedback on previous events or suggestions for future ones.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter and I encourage you to keep sending in your news, stories and photos. Have a great summer!

*Paul Fagan (OP 1991)*

*President, The Old Priorian Association*

## OPA AGM November 2009

The Annual General Meeting of the Old Priorian Association was held on Saturday 7th November 2009 in the Benet Club beside the Abbey. Seventeen members were present (with apologies from a further eleven) to hear the Annual reports of the Association and to vote in Officers and Council members for the forthcoming year. Our three standing officers, President Paul Fagan (1991), Secretary Lewis Hill (1975) and Treasurer Michael Ainslie (1980) were duly re-elected. The five current members of Council were re-elected, together with Edward Conway (2005), standing for the first time. There are eight ex-officio members of Council who are appointed by the various bodies of the family of St Benedict's at Ealing; these eight are re-affirmed but not voted upon.

Following the AGM and being joined by another twelve guests (including four CCF Cadets from the School),

Dom Thomas Stapleford, the OPA Chaplain celebrated the Annual Memorial Mass for us in the New Chapel in the Abbey, at which our President, Paul Fagan laid a wreath *In Remembrance*. At this Mass we especially remember, not only those Old Priorians who gave their lives in war, but also all OPs who have died in the last year.

After Mass we adjourned for an excellent lunch in the Benet Bar, enjoyed by all. At lunch it was particularly pleasing to welcome Cherry-Willow Pauls who for many years has been the organist at our Annual Mass; our thanks must go to her, to Giovanni Persano, Manager of the Benet Club and his staff for providing the



*Joe Kearns (1950) and Richard Baker (1959) at work*

facilities for hosting the AGM and lunch and not least to Concetta Vager who prepared the lunch.

*Richard Baker (1959)  
Assistant Administrator, OPA*

*The Old Priorian Newsletter always welcomes contributions from Old Boys and Girls about their experiences at the School, life after school and details of reunions. Please contact the Editor, Mary Keal c/o The Old Priorian Association, St Benedict's School, 54 Eaton Rise, Ealing, London W5 2ES*

## A Right Royal Reunion

On the evening of Friday 11th December 2009, the pavements surrounding The Royal Oak in Regency Street SW1 were cracking under the weight of numerous zimmer frames, and the manic cackles of many contented elderly imbibers could be heard emanating from within. Yes, Dominic Ingram's pub was playing host to a grand reunion of miscreants and n'er do wells from the St Benedict's Class of 1970.

Dom's place was the ideal venue. Small enough for a homely inviting atmosphere, and yet central enough to entice Old Priorians from all parts of London and the Home Counties. And it does sell remarkably good beer ...

Those in attendance included our genial host, Dom Ingram, Dai Morgan, Mike Tedeschi, Pat Foy, Dante Mansi, Danny Gazzi, Graham Burton, John Vanek,

Bernard Peel, Gary Daluz, Pete Coleman, Mark Tymienieski, Graham Balfour, Bernard (Bugs) Gaynor and yours truly, Stuart Honey. There were probably others, and I sincerely apologise if I've left them out. I blame Dom's shandy!

A great time was had by all, and, in some cases, quite an emotional one. In a lot of cases it had been over 30 years since they had seen one another - a lifetime in fact.

Dai Morgan had recently retired from the Royal Navy, where he had reached the dizzy heights of Captain, and we all remembered that this had been his ambition while he was still at school. Mark Tymienieski regaled us with action stories from his cloak and dagger past, and we all lost ourselves in reminiscences of life at St Benedict's all those years ago.

Someone mentioned that it was 40 years to the day when some of the assembled

group had gone on a Caribbean Cruise with the school. This brought back many long forgotten memories of teenage debauchery. Pat Foy apparently met a girl on the boat, subsequently lost touch, then met again by accident some 30 years later and ended up marrying her.

We do plan to organise many more of these reunions, so if anyone else would like to be included please contact me - my email address is: [shdesign@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:shdesign@blueyonder.co.uk) or contact the OPA.

One last thing that I mustn't forget is that we were very grateful to Margaret and Richard at the OPA for helping us organise this event, and even more grateful for the very generous contribution to the significant cost of the constant (and very necessary) lubrication of our throats - Unexpected, but very, very welcome.

*Stuart Honey (OP 1970)*



*Forty Years on...*



*...and still standing*

## St Benedict's Leavers 2008 Christmas get-together

In early January 2010, the 2008 school leavers had a reunion funded by the OPA. It was a great chance to catch up with old school mates, some of whom I personally had not seen since we left school. The night of the event was a cold, wintery evening and due to the icy roads and conditions, many trains were no longer running and driving was unsafe. Unsurprisingly we had reserved an area in 'The Haven', a pub just opposite Haven Green, in an attempt to make it easier for people to attend bearing in mind its proximity to the school. The plan was to spend the evening in the Haven and then head on to the infamous Redback for anyone that

wanted to continue the night. It was an overwhelming turnout regardless of the conditions and reflected not just on our year's friendship but also on the whole Bennie's ethos. The overall count in the Haven was 46 with many more getting in contact to let us know they could not make it but wishing us well. With the evening ending, those that wanted to continue their night headed to the Redback. This turned out to be most of us and was nice to see that everyone was enjoying the night and didn't want to go home just yet. The icy pavements proved tricky upon leaving the club and I think it is fair to say the majority of us fell over in the short distance it took us to walk to

the kebab shop. Overall, it was a great night and everyone I have spoken to said they thoroughly enjoyed it and would love to do something like that again. To get 46 of our year to a reunion nearly two years after we had left school says a lot about the school itself and one which I'm very proud to be a part of. I know I speak on behalf of everyone that attended in saying thank you so much to the OPA for funding this event. Not only did we have a great time, but it has also acted as a springboard for us to organise similar events like it in the future.

*Michael Simpson (OP 2008)*



## OPA President's Dinner 2010

This year's President's Dinner took place on Thursday 18th March in the customary venue of the Royal Overseas League in Piccadilly. 124 Old Priorians, members of the OPA Council and guests enjoyed a sparkling aperitif before tucking into a three course meal followed by coffee and liqueurs. The highlight of the evening was a very well

received speech from Mr Peter Halsall, who is stepping down after 34 years at St Benedict's. The Headmaster, Mr Christopher Cleugh, gave the latest news from the School, including the fact that an Appeal for Bursary funds has been launched to help as many children as possible enjoy a St Benedict's education. The OPA President, Mr Paul Fagan, had

lost his voice so was unable to speak but the formalities of the evening were more than capably carried out by Mr Richard Baker, acting as MC. A late bar ensured that there was plenty of time to catch up with friends and acquaintances and it was generally agreed that a good time was had by all.

*Catherine de Cintra (Bursar)*



*President's Dinner 2010*



*Peter Halsall*



*The Younger Generations*

## OPRFC 2009-10

The Old Priorian Rugby Club started its second season in September 2009, keen to build upon last year's great start and the narrow 16-11 loss in the Middlesex Bowl Final to Teddington. Our first season in league rugby saw us enter Herts/Middlesex 2, a programme that would leave little time for the exciting friendlies we had played last year - however our matches against higher placed opposition would come in time. A good pre-season with tough fixtures against Staines (London 1), Imperial Medicals (London 2) and Old Hamptonians (London 3) meant we were ready for the league campaign, kicking off with convincing victories, Quintin (73-10) and Old Isleworthians (43-14). Unfortunately the latter fixture was to cause two long term injuries with neither Danny Farren nor Ricky Martin to feature again this season, both of whom had played a crucial role in 2008-09. The first tough test came in a friendly against Battersea Ironsides, a strong team with a good forward pack and a destructive flanker. Fortunately Tom Wade's individual try was the difference in a 13-12 victory. For the next few weeks we carried on in a similar manner, not performing to the best of our ability but getting the results. A superb defensive display led to a 19-10 win at Hackney in a game where we hardly saw the ball. A small pitch and poor conditions meant for a scrappy match which was saved for us by a try from prolific winger Seb Oddi.



*Martin Borthwick, Captain, receiving the Middlesex Bowl Trophy*

It was becoming apparent that the league was a two horse race between ourselves and H.A.C. On the 28th November we travelled to their grounds in Moorgate (apparently the second most expensive rugby real estate in the world!) needing to step up our performance and deliver another victory. The game was tense but our forwards started to dominate both at the line-out and the scrum. The pressure told and Aristide Goualin kicked five penalties to give us a good lead. The exceptional

Dave Haston confirmed the 20-5 victory with a try near the end. A fantastic performance and a huge result. All eyes were now on the return fixture in March. We pushed on with a scrappy win over Belsize Park 21-6 and further, more convincing league wins in the weeks after Christmas (whenever the fields weren't covered in snow!). Hackney again caused us problems in the return fixture in February but we survived their insistence on kicking with tries from Edd Conway (2), Matt Dever





*Winning Team with the Bowl Trophy*

(2) and Sean O'Connell. Both still at school Matt and Sean showed their quality this season for the OPs. The return H.A.C. fixture was soon upon us on the 6th March. After a morning and afternoon of Junior School 7s there was a good crowd for a fixture that will undoubtedly be repeated in much higher leagues than this. H.A.C. had a few new faces and both sides put 100% into a tight game that never opened up. The opposition worked a nice try to score on the stroke of half-time and that proved to be enough as we lost 8-6. This was the first home defeat since the club's inception and was a painful loss, one that would cost us the league title on points difference. We pushed on and won our remaining games, Seb Oddi scoring 7 in our last three league games alone and taking his season total to an incredible 27. Fortunately, despite coming second we were still promoted and are looking forward to gaining some revenge against H.A.C. in Herts/Middlesex 1 next season.

### **OPRFC Middlesex Bowl Champions 2009-10**

We kicked off our Middlesex Bowl campaign with a 30-24 victory over Saracens Amateurs in February. Having lost in the Final last year we were eager to go one step further but the trophy at times took second place in our minds due to our focus on the tussle with H.A.C. in the league. On the day an OP U23 side took to the pitch and played some outstanding running rugby, orchestrated by the mercurial Jack Dever at 10. Saul Gerald, Jono Moore, Joe Wellings, David Wilkie and Matt Dever

made their OP debuts only a couple of weeks after their school First XV Daily Mail campaign had ended at the hands of eventual champions Whitgift. The latter three all scored debut tries to help wrap up the win whilst all were impressive. Little did we know how important the Upper 6 cohort would become in the following Bowl matches. With the league campaign over we headed to Chiswick (London 2) on 17th April with a tough task ahead. Not only were Chiswick a good side, more than comfortable in London 2, but the season had taken its toll and we entered the game without key players in Stokes,



*Dave and Andrew Haston,  
Players of the Season*

Maynard, Davis, Haxby and Blom. It was time for a young squad to step up. Soon enough into the game we knew that we had the quality to win, but grinding out the result was to be a tough proposition. Down 8-3 at half-time we clawed our way back into the game with school players Ross McIntosh and David Wilkie combining well to put the latter over in the corner. A fantastic counter attack then saw the Dever brothers, Matt and Jack, run the ball from deep. Combining with Edd Conway and Will Clarke, Jack Dever was soon racing 30m to score under the posts. Chiswick regained a 16-15 lead with minutes to go but the OPs kept pushing and the pressure told following excellent work by Farren, McCulloch and Sam Wellings and we were awarded a penalty with 45 seconds remaining. Edd Conway kicked the points and the OPs were into the final.

Another game against London 2 opposition saw the OPs travel to the Linford Christie Stadium to face a big, abrasive London Nigerian side smarting from their relegation to London 3. Our first half was superb. Despite going briefly behind, Andrew Wilkie scored from a line-out drive, Huw Jones scored following an exceptional kick and chase by David Wilkie and then Matt Dever read the opposition fly-half superbly to intercept and race 60m to give us a 22-11 lead. We knew that London Nigerian would come back at us strongly and they came out firing, keeping the ball tight and gaining ground with strong runners. We also failed to keep playing and turned the ball over scappily on numerous occasions. They kept the scoreboard ticking over and the finale was tense. We headed into the final few minutes with a 25-21 lead, battling to stay in front. The momentum swung one last time thanks to an impeccable hit by Ross McIntosh which allowed us to turn over the ball. Soon enough the final whistle went and we had hung on for a big victory. Alex Wightman was named Man of the Match following an incredible grafting performance at 7, making countless tackles and playing a huge role in the win. Now for London 1 which started in September and the RFU Junior Vase Trophy which has its Final at Twickenham - the wheels are already in motion to try and give us the best chance possible of being there!

### **2009-10 Awards**

Most Improved Player: Ben Horan  
 Man of Steel: Rasheed Alawiye  
 Players Player: Dave Haston  
 Player of the Season: Andrew Haston

*Edd Conway (OP 2004)*



## Joe Simpson returns to St Benedict's School

Rugby player Joe Simpson (OP 2006), Wasps and England Saxons scrum half, returned to his old school St Benedict's, Ealing on Wednesday 21st April 2010. It was a special occasion as Joe was presenting to the School £1,000 worth of sports kit, generously donated by Amlin, the specialist insurers who sponsor the European Challenge Cup.

Joe had been nominated as Amlin Man of the Match during Wasps 13-3 away victory against Bayonne in the pool stage fixture on 17th December 2009 and had chosen St Benedict's School to be the beneficiary of the kit and equipment donation.

At the morning assembly he spoke of his passion for rugby and of his hopes for this season. Wasps are very much in line for a top four finish and a place in the title play-offs. Later, in the Sports Hall, he offered coaching tips to Year 11 and Year 6 pupils, as they used the donated equipment for the first time.

Joe remembers his time at St Benedict's fondly. Asked about his best rugby memory from his schooldays, he recalled



*Chris Cleugh (Headmaster), Joe Simpson and Martin Knights (Director of Sport)*

the game against Whitgift School, Croydon when his brother Michael gave him the pass which allowed him to make the winning score.

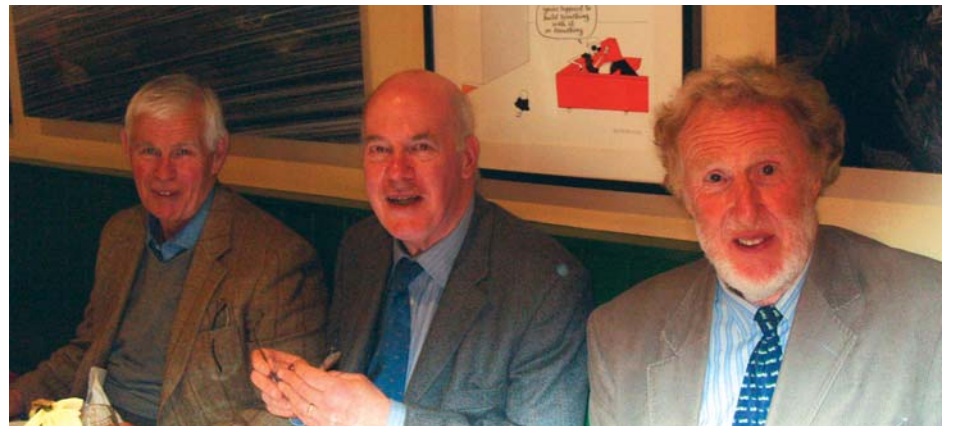
Joe left St Benedict's with outstanding A level results which secured him a place

at the London School of Economics. He provides an excellent role model for pupils with sporting ambitions, as he was able to successfully combine high sporting achievement with academic success.

## The Late Fifties Gather Again – A Reunion Lunch

“Three score years and ten” seems rather relevant to most of those who gathered once again in London for our biannual lunch reunion. And yet in spite of the advancing years we manage to battle with the weather and the transport systems (from all parts of the country) to get there. In fact the weather on 21st April was that of a glorious spring morning unclouded by the “Icelandic Ash” that had prevented two of our most regular attendees being with us - Michael Rapazzini (1957) who invariably flies over from his home in Milan was grounded as was Anthony Phillips (1958) grounded in Israel trying to get home after a holiday.

Fifteen of us met at 12.30pm, sitting down to lunch at 1.00pm and rising from table at 4.00pm. The timings speak for themselves; three and a half hours of good food, good wine and most importantly of all, good company, just flew by. It's surprising how much news there is (both past and present!) to catch up on in spite of the fact that most of us meet at least twice a year. Photographs and copies of The Priorian from the past are produced and “argued over” in the nicest way! I think we all find that these occasions are something to which we eagerly look forward.



*Maurice Mulcahy, Anthony Baker and John Lindley*



*Fifty Years on and now sitting!*



For the record the following gathered:

Ian Blackaller (1954), Peter Bingham-Daly (1955), Dick Quinton (1955), Tony Sparks (1955), Bernard Stutt (1955), Mike Henderson (1956), Kevin Hannigan (1957), David Randell (1957), Anthony Baker (1958), Tony Brunning (1958), John Maguire (1958), Maurice Mulcahy (1958), Richard Baker (1959), John Lindley (1959) and Brian Taylor (1960)

Our next gathering is planned for November 2010; perhaps we should look to expanding the “early 60s vintage” - if you are from those years why not consider coming along?



*Tony Brunning, David Randell and Ian Blackaller*

Full details can be obtained from Ian Blackaller who so ably organises these get-togethers and to whom we all extend

our thanks; he can be contacted at: [blackaller@iblackaller.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:blackaller@iblackaller.freeserve.co.uk)

*Richard Baker (OP 1959)*

## School View and Lunch



*School Lunch!*

In each of the past two years we have held a very successful “five year reunion” lunch at Perivale at which many Old Priorians and their partners expressed pleasure in meeting up again and seeing the developments that have taken place at the playing fields. This year we decided on developing this idea and so organised our first School View and Lunch. Now we felt that many, from all vintages, might appreciate the opportunity to come back to “Ealing” and see “what has changed” at the School since they left; there was to be an additional “first” as well - Council decided that the event was to be

advertised by email and word of mouth only and not circulated to all our members by post. So it was that on Sunday 9th May 2010 St Benedict's School welcomed back just over twenty Old Priorians - together with their partners and other guests we formed a group of forty.

The 10.30am Mass in the Abbey Church, whilst not forming a formal part of the occasion, was attended by many. All then congregated in the Cloisters of the School, a fine setting for welcome drinks. In a few words of welcome, Chris Cleugh, the Headmaster reminded us that OPs and their families never really

leave St Benedict's, but always remain as part of the Community and Benedictine family at Ealing. He also mentioned that after lunch we would see much of the “bricks and mortar” development that had taken place in the years since we had left. The School had just launched a Bursary Appeal, designed not for “buildings”, but for building future generations of OPs by giving the opportunity of the education provided at Ealing to boys and girls who perhaps would not in the normal course of events, be able to afford it. There followed a splendid two course lunch (including “seconds” - just like the old

days of school lunches!) with wine, served in the Cloisters Hall.

The day concluded with a grand tour of the School, most ably guided by Marek Nalewajko who for many years had taught Maths at St Benedict's, but who since September 2008 has been the Marketing Director of the School. This gave all an occasion to see and admire the new buildings and facilities that had not existed in their time here and also to reminisce about the "good old days"; with Old Priorians ranging in vintage from 1950 to 1991 there were many memories to share and compare.

This was a most memorable day and it is hoped that the event will become a regular feature on the Old Priorian and School calendars. Many thanks are due to Catherine de Cintra, Bursar and Richard Baker (1959), Assistant Administrator OPA for organising this successful event. To those OPs who have left St Benedict's in more recent years, perhaps there would not be so much "new" to see at such an event, but we are sure there would be something! - perhaps for the next time you might try to arrange a group and come along to meet some of the older generations of OPs who have passed through the "corridors at St Benedict's School" in the space of the last one hundred and eight years!



Richard Baker (1959), Peter Webb (1976) and Chrissie Webb



Peter Acres (1967) and Basil Nickerson (Staff 1956-1994)

## Births, Marriages and Deaths September 2009 – May 2010

### Births

None to report

### Marriages

18 Nov 09: Andy Oliver (1989) to Elsa Villanueva, of San Diego, California; Married in Bali, Indonesia

### Deaths

29 Sep 09: Neil Francis Clune, Aged 68; brother of John (1957) and Martin, RIP (1958)

28 Oct 09: Richard Dreaper (1946),

Aged 80

1 Nov 09: (Christopher) John Clifford (1949), Aged 77

29 Nov 09: Maurice Sauven (1940), Aged 87; Father of Paul (1968), David (1971), John (1972), Elizabeth (1974), Frances (1981) and Robert (1981)

27 Dec 09: Denis Flach (1949), Aged 77; Brother of Lawrence (1954)

2 Jan 10: Brian Patrick Kennedy (1976), Aged 51; Brother of Donald (1974)

4 Jan 10: Tony Walsh (1945); Brother of

Peter (1946) and William, RIP (1947)

9 Jan 10: John Charles Thomas (1948), Aged 77

Jan 10: Geoffrey Michael Acres (1965), Aged 62; Brother of Peter (1967)

10 Feb 10: Julian Singer (Staff 1996 - 2004), Aged 59

25 Apr 10: Ken Connolly (Staff 1953 - 1965), Aged 85

12 May 10: Damian Bugeja (1977), Aged 50; Brother of Mark (1978) and Philip (1979)

## Who has been in touch with us recently...?

Over the last few months the following OPs have been in contact with the Association, mainly via the "Where Are You Now?" and "Find a Classmate" sections of our website:

1945 John Caneparo – Herts  
1952 Ian Sayer – South Africa  
1952 Patrick Smith-Taylor – Sussex  
1955 Peter Bingham-Daly – Middx  
1955 Vancourt Lyon – Devon  
1960 Charles Tucker – Norfolk  
1960 Gordon Wilson – Hants

1968 John Redknap – Vale of Glamorgan  
1968 Peter Webb – Bucks  
1969 Bernard Gaynor – Hants  
1969 Jim Russell – Cannes, France  
1970 Dai Morgan – Hants  
1973 Simon Barry – Cape Town, South Africa  
1978 James Welch – London  
1980 Eric Bazil – New Hampshire, USA  
1980 Peter Ward – Sydney, Australia  
1981 Mark Dale – France  
1985 Jason Gallop – Vancouver, Canada

1985 Michael Woods – London  
1986 Mathew Calen – Leics  
1989 Alasdair Macdonald – Middx  
1989 Andy Oliver – Singapore  
1994 Stephen Fernando – UK  
1994 Padraig Macdaid – Surrey  
2002 Nicholas Robinson – Buenos Aires, Argentina  
2002 Clara Lane-Spollen (née Catherall) – London  
2004 Shane Roche – UK  
2004 Naomi Nye – London  
2006 Alice Mayne – London



## Dates for your Diaries

**D**iarise Now! - Full details will be published in our monthly email news and on our website:

OP Cricket Day: Sunday 4th July 2010

OP Rugby 7s Tournament: Sunday 12th September 2010

OPA AGM, Memorial Mass and Lunch: Saturday 13th November 2010

OPA Golf: It is likely that the Annual OPA Golf Day will not take place this year until the Autumn.

OPA Fencing: Last October the event

had to be cancelled because of lack of "participants". We do hope very much to keep this activity going, especially now that fencing is so strong a sport in the School. Please do let us know if you are interested in this Annual event which usually takes place in October.

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## Interested in organising a reunion...?

**R**eunions are now more popular than ever and remain a great way to meet up with old friends and rekindle school memories. There is useful advice online about how to make sure that your reunion is a success:

[http://theopa.org/annual\\_events/reunions](http://theopa.org/annual_events/reunions)

If you are interested in organising such a reunion then do please contact the OPA Office ([opa@stbenedicts.org.uk](mailto:opa@stbenedicts.org.uk)) with full details of your proposed plan as early

as possible as there may be a special subsidy available for your gathering to help with the costs.

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## School News and Headmasters' Newsletters

**A** number of the published documents of the School (eg Newsletters, The Priorian etc) are now available on the School Website via an eBook system; unlike some of the ebook systems available, the one used does not involve downloading any software to your computer so many of you may find this a much simpler method of viewing these

documents:

### Latest School News:

<http://www.stbenedicts.org.uk/index.php?cat=3>

### Newsletters:

The Headmasters' Latest Newsletters:  
[http://www.stbenedicts.org.uk/index.php?page\\_id=6](http://www.stbenedicts.org.uk/index.php?page_id=6)

### The Priorian:

The latest Edition No 137, 2009 (and some archived copy) can be viewed at:  
[http://www.stbenedicts.org.uk/index.php?page\\_id=26](http://www.stbenedicts.org.uk/index.php?page_id=26)

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## Email Addresses

**D**o please remember to keep us informed of any email changes and encourage OPs who may not be on our emailing list to let us have their

addresses. Please DO NOT send us listings from your own address books - Data Protection prevents us from using them; addition of an email address to our

database requires an email from the person concerned!

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## Don't Forget

**T**ell us where you are now by filling in a Where are you now? form online

at: [www.theopa.org/wayn/index.html](http://www.theopa.org/wayn/index.html)  
Or find old friends by submitting a Find

a Classmate form online at:  
[www.theopa.org/find\\_a\\_classmate/index.html](http://www.theopa.org/find_a_classmate/index.html)

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## Contact with other OPs

**T**he OPA Office is happy to act as a "Forwarding Agency" for email contact - If you wish to contact an OP whose email address you do not have then email us and we will forward your email address to the person concerned

(provided we have an email address for them!) saying that you wish to contact them by email; he or she is then free to contact you if they wish.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL NOT FORWARD EMAIL MESSAGES - WE WILL NOT ACT AS A THIRD PARTY EMAIL SOURCE!

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## WAYN – Where are you now?

**I**t would help us to maintain our database records accurately and it would help the Careers Department of the School, now run by Mrs Deborah Streatfield, if you would take a few minutes to visit the Website and complete the WAYN Form which can be accessed from the Button Link on the Portal Page. This applies especially to

those of you who have left School in the last few years and are now on the first rungs of the ladder in that great big working-world or still in further education; having said that, don't let us put the rather "Older OPs" off supplying their information - the occupation "Retired" can be just as useful, providing of course we know what field it is that

you have worked in!

All information supplied is treated with the confidentiality you would expect. Many thanks in anticipation of your help; the following link will take you straight there!

<http://www.theopa.org/wayn/index.html>