



Old Edwardians

An invitation to dinner...

Chris Mower (1967-74) will be our guest speaker for the forth coming Annual Dinner. Chris is well known to many Old Edwardians who attend the dinners, as he has been such a very regular attendee himself.

After leaving King Edwards in 1974, Chris worked for 5 years in Hospital Management before joining the Financial Services Industry, initially as a Financial Adviser. He then moved into a management role and, at the age of 36 Chris was appointed Operations Director of Abbey Life, responsible for over 700 Financial Advisers and 55 Managers. He left this role after 7 years and set up as an IFA (Independent Financial Adviser). He now lives in Poole, Dorset still dispensing financial

advice to private and corporate clients.

For many years, Chris was heavily involved with the Old Edwardians before his career took him South, playing for both the Cricket and Football O.E Teams. He has only missed one O.E. Dinner in the 35 years since leaving the School. (He will therefore have no excuse for producing a disappointing speech since he has experienced so many to learn from!)

Chris is a "Barker" for the Variety Club of Grea Britain and over the years, he has become a much sought after Conference and after-Dinner Speaker.

Chris is married, and has 2 children aged 15 and 18. He is a single figure handicap golfer, he plays the piano, and he enjoys skiing and racing yachts. A passionate supporter of Sheffield Wednesday he will be suffering like many others the club's privations in the Championship.



Chris Mower

2009 OEA Dinner Ticket Orders Maundy Thursday, 9 April 2008.

This year's dinner will again take place at Baldwin's Omega on Psalter Lane and tickets can be ordered by completing the form enclosed with this newsletter and attaching a cheque. (Booking is also available via the website) As will be noted elsewhere in this newsletter, dinner places are limited and Old Eds are asked to return their booking as soon as possible.

Anniversary tables will be arranged according to demand. Anyone else wishing to arrange their own group should ensure their wishes are identified on the application. Any further arrangements can be made by contacting

Don Nicolson via membership, on www.olderdwardians.org.uk

Old Eds Speech Day Prize

The Old Edwardians Final Year prize was this year presented by Old Edwardians President John Phillips to two students rather than one as the students who both made the most

significant all round contribution to the school. The prize was shared between Emma Corker and Shaska Khosa Hulait.

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New Head Appointment

The Old Edwardians Association are delighted to welcome Mrs Beverley Jackson to the role of Head Teacher at King Edward VII School.

Beverley joined the school in September after the retirement of Michael Lewis as reviewed in last year's OE Magazine.

After a protracted selection process involving 12 candidates, Beverley accepted the appointment and in doing so broke a chain of all-male list of Heads going back to the foundation of Sheffield Royal Grammar School some 404 years ago.

Beverley is a Sheffielder born and bred. She attended Earl Marshall School in Fir Vale, taking a Bachelor degree at Sheffield

Polytechnic, followed by a Masters at Sheffield University and an NPQH at the Open University. She lives in Sheffield with her husband Bryan, also a teacher.

She worked briefly in Sheffield but has worked in Doncaster since 1983:

1983-1992 - Campsmount School

1992-2003 - Don Valley High School - initially as Senior Teacher and for the last 5 years as Assistant Head

2003-2008 - Joined Hall Cross School, initially as deputy head but since 2006 as Associate Head

Hall Cross School has 2,200 students including 450 in the 6th form. It is a split site - the Upper School site (parts of which are listed) was Doncaster Grammar School (and

there is an 'Old Danensians' Association). The school has just been named as one of the top 100 improved schools in the country.

For those wondering whether there is already a discernible difference in the school as a result of the change, OE can report that there are items of school regalia, silver and historical artefacts in the display boxes on the assembly hall walls opposite the foyer. This is an innovation, though 70s students will remember that the silver resided there in those days.



and the achievements of younger OE's 'Britain's Got Talent' Sophie Mei

Old Edwardian Sophie Mei Shimmeys through into the national arena.

Sophie Mei born and brought up in Sheffield wowed Simon Cowell, Piers Morgan and Amanda Holden on national TV show Britain's Got Talent. They unanimously voted her through to the next round and since then her dancing feet have hardly touched the ground.

Early the next morning they flew her down to London to be interviewed by national newspapers. She then appeared live on GMTV's special bank Holiday Monday show.

In between studying for her University exams in Manchester and rehearsing for the next round of Britain's Got Talent she happily returns home to Sheffield to appear on Calendar news.

Old Edwardians who attended the 2006 Annual Dinner will no doubt feel shortchanged as this was the young lady named Sophie Slack speaking to us on behalf of the school!



Dear Old Edwardian

As 2009 gets underway, we welcome the new head teacher at the school Mrs Beverley Jackson and an introduction to her can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. We send Beverley our best wishes for a long and successful period of office at King Edwards.

Times are getting harder across world, particularly for retired people, and those leaving education and looking for their first employment. Both groups are members of this association and we wish you well.

The Annual dinner cost this year will be the same as the cost of last year's at £35, and £20 for those in full time education. Live music will not be running this year.

We are making an effort to cheer ourselves up this year with our choice of speaker. Further details about Chris Mower can be found in this newsletter but past dinner revellers will confirm that Chris is well able

to cheer the most morose amongst us and we look forward to a very entertaining evening.

Your association remains in good health, and the membership continues to grow at a good rate. This is why some of you have received a pdf of the newsletter via email, rather than the postal mailing. This has been done for us to manage costs and what has become a huge mailing list, but anyone finding difficulty with this arrangement can revert back to a postal version with a single reply email.

We ask that if you do intend to book for the Maundy Thursday dinner at Baldwin's Omega this year, please do not delay. I look forward



to seeing as many of you as possible in April.

John Phillips
Old Edwardians President

Last year's Dinner

Last Year's Old Edwardian's dinner was attended by 170 Old Edwardians stretching from the 17 year old 6th form speaker, to the late 80's seniority of a visiting Old Edwardian.

The key feature of the evening might have been Phil Bramwell 1968-75 who gave a stimulating illustrated talk about his role

within his high profile employer BAE Systems.

Instead, everyone present was visibly moved by the knowledge that Headteacher Michael Lewis was planning to retire later that year.

Michael provided a short talk reviewing the highlights of his 20 year role at the school

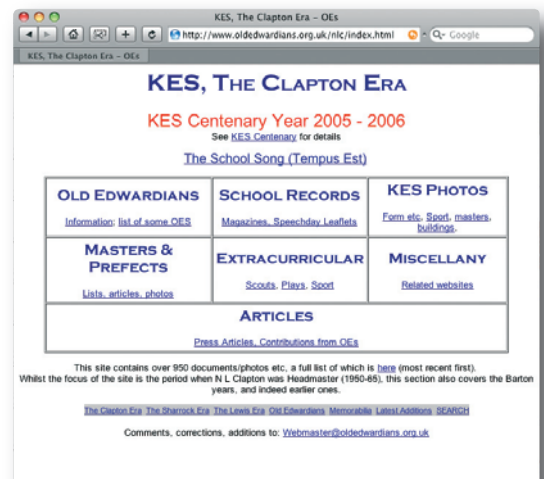
and was presented with a Sheffield pewter mug carrying the inscription "Michael Lewis Headteacher 1988 – 2008, Skilled stewardship during a period of change."

The entire room gave Michael a standing ovation on appreciation of his service to the school.

KES Archive Appeal

We are pleased to launch an appeal on behalf of John Cornwell, KES Governor and author of anniversary timed publication Kind Ted's. As that work involved working with many of the remaining documents and artefacts, John has since continued his assembly of the KES archives, and now puts out a general appeal for more. Letters, papers, artifacts, old maps or certificates, all are required to fill in knowledge gaps. If there are duplicates, these can be used in classes and displays at the school.

The archivist is occasionally consulted, and recently an enquirer from Magdalen College, Oxford, researching First World War soldier casualties, was supplied with details of Headboys in 1914 and 1915, Douglas Thornton and George Holmes, who both died in battle when First Lieutenants.



Obituaries

David Anderson

**D. Anderson, KES 1948-1955;
Head of Economics at KES 1967-
1995; died 11 Aug 2008.**

Richard Anderson (KES 1983-9) son of David, sent the following to the Association two days after David died;

Dad died after suffering from complications related to fibrosis of the lungs, a condition he had for some time but had not affected him to any great extent until recent months. Despite this, in his own inimitable style, it didn't stop him playing golf until less than two weeks before his passing. It has come as a shock to us all.

The shock it transpired, reverberated far and wide, as the man clearly touched the senses of a huge variety of people, many stretched across the world.

The OE website lists many of the responses received at the time, but the over arching theme of his life, was that he was a truly inspirational teacher and a friend to colleagues and students alike. He was a busy and an active representative of the school until the last and will be remembered for many years hence.

David was a keen sportsman at KES, playing football and tennis for the first teams. He was a prefect and went on to Leicester University

where he played for the 1st XI at football.

His first teaching post was at Henry Fanshawe School, Dronfield. He was appointed as Head of Economics at KES in 1967, to replace Trevor Nuttall (he also took over from TN as tennis coach, and bought his house). He retired in 1995 and has been a regular attendee at the Annual dinner. More comments and pictures both from school days and later can be found on the OE website. David will be greatly missed by all of his friends in the Association.



David Anderson, pictured right, at the occasion of the Centenary Book Launch outside the school.

John H Shaw

Death of top Ozone scientist

J. Shaw, KES 1936-1943.

SHEFFIELD-born scientist John Shaw, was one of the first to warn the world about dangers to the ozone layer, has died in the USA aged 83. Professor John Shaw was born in Page Hall and went to Firs Hill Infant and Juniors in Pitsmoor, before winning a scholarship to King Edward VII School.

He studied at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, taking a PhD, where he met his wife Betty, whom he married in 1949. Soon after the couple emigrated to Columbus,

Ohio, where he joined the physics department of Ohio State University and worked there until his retirement in 1988.

Professor Shaw organised a successful research mission which was carried out by astronauts aboard the space shuttle Orbiter and was named as one of the 400 most influential people in the USA. His sister Barbara Cahill, of Oughtibridge, said John was always immensely proud of his Sheffield roots. "He always said he came from Sheffield in England, never from Ohio where he lived for so many years."

Other OE's remembered - more details can be found on OE website

Oct 2008

Roy S Jessop, KES 1958-1965; died Oct 2008
at his home Quorn, Leicestershire

Sept 2008

David Bows, KES 1952-1959; died 10th July 2008 at his home in Herefordshire

Dr Gareth Beynon MA FRCP, KES 1949-1956; died 8 September 2008. Gareth had retired from his medical consultancy some years ago, and for the last two or three years had been in poor health. Gareth left KES in 1956 and after National Service followed his brother David to Trinity Hall, Cambridge to study medicine. He practised in London as a Consultant in geriatrics.

Raymond George Clarke, KES 1955-1960; died on 29 July 2008 after a long battle with a brain tumour. His funeral was very well attended, and a tribute to Ray was given by Errol Crowe, another OE.

May 2008

Barry Victor Lee (47-54) died on May 3rd 2008 after a long illness. For 40 years he worked at Swinden Labs., British Steel's research facility in Rotherham, until he took early retirement due to ill health. He had been living in Wickersley with his wife, Pat

March 2008

John (J E) Ashcroft (1955-62) died in March 2008. A keen athlete at school in 1962 he was swimming champion, captain of Cross Country and a member of the First 11 Football team.

January 2008

Peter Cowling (KES 1955-1963); died 5 Jan 2008 in Bradford, having suffered from cancer since early 2006



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