

## OLD PALMERIANS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2018

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Dear Member

Welcome to the February 2018 newsletter. The Committee trust you had an enjoyable Christmas and we wish you a happy and healthy New Year. It is hoped that you will find something of interest in this newsletter and the accompanying latest edition of the "Old Palmerian" magazine. A huge vote of thanks to our Registration Secretary, Ruth Hunwick, for compiling and editing the magazine, it is quite some task.

The Executive Committee are still in urgent need of a Secretary/Minuting Secretary due to the death of Jackie Tidman last June. The Committee meet on the second Tuesday of each month, apart from January and August, at Palmer's College. The AGM is held on the second Tuesday of November each year. If you feel you would like to help, please contact Ruth Hunwick on [RHunwick@palmers.ac.uk](mailto:RHunwick@palmers.ac.uk)

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Old Boys' Annual Dinner** – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018, 7.30 pm for 8 pm, Orsett Hall Hotel.  
(Full details and application form for male OPs enclosed)

**Founder's Day Service** – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 4.00 pm, Grays Parish Church.

**Founder's Day Reunion Lunch** – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018, 12 noon for 12.30.  
Venue: Park Inn, North Stifford.

**Annual General Meeting** – Tuesday 12 November 2018 at 7.30 pm, Palmer's College.

### Annual General Meeting November 2017

The AGM took place at Palmer's College on Tuesday 14th November 2017 at 7.30 pm. In attendance was the Executive Committee. The agenda for the meeting, circulated to members in the October 2017 Newsletter, was followed. Under items 10 & 11, the following Officers and Members of the Executive Committee were re-elected for the year 2017-18. Under item 12, Dan Pearson, the new Principal and Chief Executive of the merged Colleges (Seevic, Benfleet, & Palmer's) was elected as President for the same period.

<b>Chairman</b>	Jill Snelling	1980 - 83
<b>Vice Chairman</b>	Mike Smith	1950 - 57
<b>Treasurer</b>	Brett Goodyear	1954 – 61
<b>Registration Secretary</b>	Ruth Hunwick (née Kempley)	1958 – 65
<b>Secretary/Minuting Secretary</b>	Position vacant	
<b>Contact Secretary</b>	Barbara Kirkcaldy (née Greig)	1948 – 53

### Committee Members –

Steve Foreman	1947 – 54
Scott Freeland	1989 – 92
Ian Gilling	1989 – 92
John Goodwin	1954 – 62
Jean Jones (née Tooley)	1951 – 57
Roger Key	1970 – 77

**Staff Representative** – Ian Gilling

**Immediate Past Chairman** – John Sach

### Palmer's 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book

Copies of this book, priced at £5 which includes postage and packing, can be obtained from Ruth Hunwick at – 30 Bradleigh Avenue, Grays, Essex RM17 5XD. Please include your name and address and a cheque made payable to the 'Old Palmerians' Association' (Please print.)

## **Palmer's College Prize-winners 2017**

The Palmer's College Annual Prize-giving Ceremony was held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at the Civic Hall in Grays. The event was attended by a number of local dignitaries including Mayor Cllr Tunde Ojetola, sponsors, staff and friends of the College and the families of the prize winners. The majority of the prizes are donated by the William Palmer Educational Trust, who generously gives financial help each year to the students as well as prize money. All other prizes are donated by local businesses and individuals.

On arrival, guests were entertained with a musical presentation by the BTEC Performing Arts students. Dan Pearson, the new Principal, then offered a general welcome and invited Brian Little, Chairman of the Trust, to talk about the history and the work of the Trust. Mr Pearson then introduced our guest speaker for the evening, **Amy Kean**. Amy, a former Palmer's College student, (1997 – 1999) is now Vice President of Strategy and Planning for Beamy, an in-house agency that sits within the big beauty powerhouse, Coty. Coty own brands worldwide such as Rimmel, Cover Girl and Max Factor. Amy gave a very lively account of her time at Palmer's and later at the University of Bath where she obtained a BSC in Sociology and Psychology; she then presented the prize winners with their certificates.

Chairman, John Sach, represented the Association at the Ceremony and met **Ellen Ballard**, one of the winners of the Old Palmerians' Association prize of £100. Ellen is currently studying Event Management at The University of Manchester. **Edward Walls**, our other prize winner, was unable to attend the ceremony.

Please visit the Palmer's College website [www.palmers.ac.uk](http://www.palmers.ac.uk) 'Latest News' section if you would like to read more about the prize giving ceremony and see photographs of the event.

### **Old Palmerians' Ties**

Members can purchase a tie by sending a cheque for £11 made payable to: '**Old Palmerians' Association**' (capitals please) together with your address to:- John Sach, 19 Gilmour Rise, Billericay CM12 9NB, or contact him on 01277 623606 if you have any queries.

### **Old Palmerians' Website**

Please continue to click onto the OPA Website ([www.oldpalmerians.co.uk](http://www.oldpalmerians.co.uk)) for the latest news which Mike Yates, our webmaster, keeps up to date with new contributions received from Old Palmerians'.