

OLD PALMERIANS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2024
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Dear Member

Welcome to our latest newsletter, the Committee hopes you are keeping well. Firstly, please accept our apologies if you are receiving this newsletter in error. Unfortunately, our membership database became corrupted and the backup, which we are now using, did not have the recent changes recorded in it.

Please see below for important information regarding **Subscriptions**. Also, we would like to remind members that they can opt to receive newsletters via email. If you wish to choose this option, please contact jill.snelling@uspcollege.ac.uk .

Listed below are the dates for the annual forthcoming events and we hope you can attend, **both events need your support**.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Founder's Day Service – Sunday 3rd November 2024 at 4.00 pm, Grays Parish Church.

Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 12th November 2024 at 7.30 pm, USP College Palmer's Campus.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 2023

The AGM took place at USP College Palmer's Campus on Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 7.30 pm. The agenda for the meeting, circulated to members in the October 2023 Newsletter, was followed. Under items 9 & 10, the following Officers and Members of the Executive Committee were elected.

Chairman	Jill Snelling	1980 - 83
Vice Chairman	Jean Jones (née Tooley)	1951 – 57
Treasurer	Brett Goodyear	1954 – 61
Vice Treasurer	Ross Brown	
Registration Secretary	Ruth Hunwick (née Kempley)	1958 – 65
Secretary	Position vacant	

Committee Members –

David Simpkins	Roger Mullender	1953 - 59
Steven Arnold 1988 – 90	Neil Beaumont	1961 - 67

Staff Representative – Tracy Wingrove
Immediate Past Chairman – Mike Smith

There were several changes proposed to the Constitution, under item 8, to reduce the quorums required for Executive Committee meetings, the AGM and Special Meetings. This year the AGM had a quorum and all proposed changes were agreed.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Following the AGM in November 2023, it was agreed that **subscriptions would be £0 for the year 2024/25** i.e. subscriptions that fall due in September 2024. Please remember to contact your bank to cancel any standing orders etc. Subscriptions will be reviewed again at the 2024 AGM.

FUTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION

The future of the Association was discussed at the AGM and it was agreed that, as the membership and Committee ages, it is going to become more difficult to run the Association, particularly in its current format. The Committee is exploring several ideas, raised at the AGM and subsequent Committee meetings, which, we hope, will provide the Association with a future for a number of years yet, albeit in a different format. More information to follow.

Founder's Day Service 2023

Due to repair work being carried out at Grays Parish Church, the service was held in St Mary's Church, Little Thurrock. This was the last service with the Rector, the Reverend Darren Barlow, officiating. Darren has now left Thurrock, for pastures new, and we would like to thank him for his help over the years and wish him all the best in his new parish.

USP College Palmer's Campus Prize-winners 2023

The Annual Prize-giving Ceremony was held September 2023 at the Orsett Hall. The event was attended by a number of local dignitaries, sponsors, staff and friends of the College, and the families of the prize winners. Chairman, Jill Snelling, represented the Association at the Ceremony. The ceremony last year was cancelled due to the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, so the event this year included prize winners from both 2022 and 2023. The 2023 winner of the Old Palmerians' Association Prize for Outstanding Achievement and/or Commitment on an Accredited Course or the Extended Project was **Abbie Dean**. There were no nominations for the prizes in 2022.

Old Palmerians' Website

Please continue to click onto the OPA website (www.oldpalmerians.co.uk) for the latest news.

Old Palmerians' Golfing Society

It is the Committee's understanding that the Golfing Society has sadly folded. We would be like to know if there are any members interested in joining a new society if one were to be set up. Please email or write, using the contact information shown at the bottom of the newsletter.

Old Boys Annual Dinner

Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there has not been an Old Boys Dinner since 2019. We are looking to relaunch the event, if there are enough Old Boys interested, and would like to hear from you. Please see contact information below.

Contact Information

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Best wishes to you all from the Committee.
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