

Dear Member

Welcome to the February 2011 Newsletter. The Committee would like to wish you (rather belatedly) a happy, healthy and successful New Year. In the newsletter are items, together with a list of the Association's events for the year which we hope you will find interesting. We also hope that as many members as possible will be able to attend some of these events, especially the Founder's Day Reunion Dinner.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 2010

The AGM took place in November last year at Palmer's College. The agenda for the meeting, (previously circulated to members in the October Newsletter) was followed. Under items 10 & 11, the following Officers and Members of the Executive Committee were elected for the year 2010-2011. Under item 12, Mr Mark Vinall, College Principal, was elected to continue as President (subject to him agreeing) for the same period.

Chairman		Mr Brett Goodyear	1954-61
Vice Chairman		Mr Neil Beaumont	1961-68
Secretary		Mrs Jackie Tidman	1972-07
Treasurer		Mr Brett Goodyear	1954-61
Registration Secretary		Mrs Ruth Hunwick (née Kempley)	1958-65
Contact Secretary		Mrs Barbara Kirkcaldy (née Greig)	1948-53
Minuting Secretary		Mrs Jackie Tidman	1972-07

Committee Members –

Mr John Goodwin	1954-62	Mr Roger Key	1970-77
Mr John Sach	1959-94	Mrs Jean Jones (née Tooley)	1951-57
Mr Frank Smith	1966-07	Mr Mike Smith	1950-57
Two vacancies			

Immediate Past Chairman		Ms Jill Snelling	1980-83
Staff Representative		Mrs Tracy Wingrove	

PLEASE NOTE – There are currently two vacancies on the Executive Committee. Volunteers are desperately needed to help in the running of the Association. The Committee meet on the second Tuesday of each month, except in August, at Palmer's College. If there are any members, or past members of the Committee who feel they would like to join/rejoin us they would be made most welcome. Please contact the Secretary on 01708 853116, or email jackietidman@hotmail.co.uk, for further information.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Old Boys' Dinner** – Friday 8 April 2011, 7.30pm for 8.00pm, Orsett Hall Hotel
(Letter and application form for male OPs enclosed)
- Founder's Day Service** - Sunday 6 November 2011 at 4pm, Grays Parish Church
- Annual General Meeting** - Tuesday 8 November 2011 at 8pm, Palmer's College
- Founder's Day Reunion Dinner** – 12 November 2011 at 7pm for 8pm at the Thurrock Hotel

THE FOUNDER'S DAY REUNION DINNER

A very pleasant evening was had by those who attended the dinner held on Saturday 6 November 2010 at the Thurrock Hotel. The guests liked the new venue and enjoyed the food very much, so much so that the Committee has decided to hold this year's Founder's Day dinner at the same venue on 12 November, at a cost of £20 per head. Please make every effort to attend if you can and take this opportunity to meet up with old friends and classmates whilst enjoying a pleasant evening and good food offered by the Thurrock Hotel. More details will be given in the October 2011 Newsletter.

FOUNDER'S DAY SERVICE

The Founder's Day Service was held at Grays Parish Church on 7 November 2010. The congregation was welcomed by the Rev'd Darren Barlow and the guest preacher was a former Palmer's pupil, the Rev'd Canon Jane Clay MBE, Prison Chaplain of HMP New Hall. The OPs Choir took part and once again their singing and music was excellent. Our thanks go to all those who took part and gave their help with the arrangements to make the Service so enjoyable.

"OLD PALMERIAN" MAGAZINE

The "Old Palmerian" magazine is due to be sent out to all members in the autumn. We have started collecting material for this issue and would welcome news, articles, or comments on last year's magazine. Please send contributions to Mrs Ruth Hunwick either by email RHunwick@Palmers.ac.uk, or write to her at 30 Bradleigh Avenue, Grays, Essex RM17 5XD.

PALMER'S COLLEGE PRIZEWINNERS

Palmer's College students celebrated their outstanding achievements at the annual Prize-giving Ceremony held on Friday 12 November 2010 at the Civic Hall in Grays. This was the first time that the event was held outside the college and was attended by over 500 people, including 177 of the 280 prize-winners who succeeded in last year's examinations and received prizes, the vast majority of them being donated by the William Palmer Educational Trust, with others coming from businesses and individuals. The evening was a great success and was attended by Brett Goodyear, Vice Chairman of the Association, who saw the prize of £100 each donated by the OPA presented to last year's successful students.

Please look on the OPA website (www.oldpalmerians.co.uk) for details of those students who were awarded various prizes for their achievements.

The Committee would like to end this Newsletter by thanking all members for their continued support and interest over the past year, with the fervent hope that the name of Palmer's will still continue to grow from strength to strength over the coming years.

THE MEN'S THURROCK PROBUS CLUB

This club meets on the first Tuesday of each month at The Thurrock Masonic Hall, Lenthall Avenue, Grays for a lunch and a talk by a visiting speaker. It is holding a buffet lunch on Tuesday 1st March, inviting anybody who might be interested in joining as a member to come along and see what they are all about. On this occasion, instead of a speaker, one of their members, who is a member of the Magic Circle, will entertain them with a talk and a demonstration on 'The Art of Magic'.

Members start to meet at about 12.00 pm to sit down to lunch at 1.00pm. Any male member interested should contact **Trevor Peters** on 01375 380296 or trevorpeters.mawr@gmail.com by 25 February.