

PPSA Newsletter

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The Past Pupils and Staff Association seen many new faces over the past 4 months at the autumn events. Now we are looking forward to events in the spring and hope they will attract as wide a range of membership attendance.

At the lunch on 7th November, members dined in the recently converted dining areas and were amazed at the quality of provision the school has now made for its students. They were treated to a tour of the ground floor areas by Lawrence Wright, the school's business manager, which included the new music room and assembly hall provided for the Junior department. With work continuing in the upper floors of the building, many will be returning to gain a sight of those new facilities too.

Christmas Carols by candlelight was an intimate affair held in the chapel. These events hosted past pupils from the 1920s to those who had more recently left in 2003. Photos from both events can be seen on the school website, on the PPSA section.

Fiddler on the Roof – Thursday 25th February

In February we are hosting a pre-show reception for all Past Pupils & Staff who buy tickets for the show. This will be the opportunity for friends to meet and catch up with each other's news before the show. Tickets can be ordered when booking your show tickets and will cost £2.50 each, £2.00 for life members.

The reception will begin at 6.30pm and the show starts at 7.30pm. Watch out for information regarding the purchase of tickets, you can pre-book your tickets through the PPSA by contacting Katy Hanby on Katy.Hanby@olcs.leics.sch.uk, or by posting a cheque for the attention of Katy Hanby to the School, made payable to OLCS. Please enclose your full address should you wish for tickets to be posted out to you.



Fiddler on the Roof will run from Thursday 25th February until Saturday 27th February, our reception event will be for those purchasing tickets for the performance on Thursday 25th only. **Book your tickets before the 19th February to avoid disappointment!**

Chapel Changes!

The beautiful Chapel in the Convent is regularly used in school as the location for assemblies, liturgies and many years of Nativity Plays. Sadly, a number of years ago the Pews were removed by the Sisters. Since then, the Chapel has used temporary furniture and a mismatch of school chairs.

The school is now looking to raise enough money to restore the Chapel, but this time with chairs. Individual chairs allow for greater flexibility for the Chapel to be used more frequently and for a variety of events.

We will soon be offering members the opportunity to Sponsor A Chair. If you used to scratch your name into the desks, this could be the perfect opportunity to have your very own, personalised chair! You can club together for a chair or even a chair for a family of Alumni. Keep an eye out for further PPSA mail, and check the website for more details!

Past Pupils and Staff Association AGM

Traditionally this event takes place on the first Sunday after Easter, but as the school will still be closed for the Easter holidays it will take place on: **Sunday 11th April**. We are planning something special for this event, so keep an eye on our website and look out for more information.

Where are they Now?

Louise Amor - nee Oddie (1960 – 1973)

Louise has written a book about her time at the school. It is a fascinating insight into the feelings of a young child when she first went to school, but when she talks of scrambling to her feet when the headmistress enters the room, and her first meeting with Sr Angela, we can all raise a smile of recognition. The proceeds for the book all go to the LOROS Hospice. If you would like a copy they are available now in LOROS Shops. Alternatively, you may send a cheque for £5.00 made payable to LOROS, for the attention of Rowena Gibbons. Books can be posted out, or collected from LOROS and the Convent

Joanna Dufty – nee Hopkins (1985 – 1992)

Joanna studied at New College, Durham and went on to complete a Postgraduate qualification in HR at De Montfort University. She is a Member of the Chartered Institute of Personnel & Development.

Joanna is married to Pete with a 14 month old daughter, Molly Grace, and lives in Worcestershire. After a year of maternity leave she recently returned to work with DHL Supply Chain in the role of Head of Employee Engagement & Talent Management.

Joanne Parr (1987 - 1994)

Joanne is still figure skating and has persuaded her fiancee to join her in this activity. She is now a Chartered Marketer working in Kingston Upon Thames for a publishing company. Joanne is returning to the area in the summer to get married to Peter, she is expecting quite a few of her past school friends to join her on her special day.

Fiona Twigg (1995 - 2002)

After completing a law degree at the University of Exeter and the Legal Practice Course at the Oxford Institute of Legal Practice, Fiona is now qualified as a corporate lawyer at Weil, Gotshal & Manges in London working in the private equity practice.

Holly Sawford (1995 - 2002)

Holly achieved a 2:1 at Leeds University in The History of Art and then she gained a place on a Graduate Scheme with Barratt Developments PLC and now works for them as a Land Buyer. Her day to day role involves identifying and acquiring sites for development by liaising with agents and land owners and following sites through from offer to contract and site purchase. She lives in Nottingham.

Beth Widdowson (1990 – 2003)

Beth Widdowson attended the Convent School from the age of 3-16. She has now graduated from De Montfort University with a First Class Honors Degree in Fashion Retail Buying BA Hons. Since graduating, herself and her business partner obtained a highly coveted place on the Enterprise Inc Course at the Innovation Centre in partnership with De Montfort University. They have designed an online boutique with a handpicked collection of women's footwear www.kindredsole.com. Beth has not forgotten OLCS though, and recently led an assembly talking to the current students about University and Careers.

We would appreciate any news from you to share with other Past Pupils in our future editions, please e-mail your contributions to: Katy.Hanby@olcs.leics.sch.uk