

YOUR INVITATION TO

**FRIENDS AND FAMILIES DAY
AND THE OLD SCHOLARS'
ANNUAL REUNION AND DINNER
10th MAY 2014**

**FRIENDS' SCHOOL SAFFRON WALDEN
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Dear Old Scholar,

We are writing to invite you to attend our Annual Reunion at School on Saturday 10th May 2014.

As in previous years this coincides with the School's Friends and Families Day, and is an excellent opportunity to visit the School and also to meet up with old friends. You are most welcome to come along at any time during the day but the Old Scholar events take place in the afternoon and evening. Please see the attached programme for the day. Our main meeting point will be the Library, although the front lawn and around the cricket pitch are also very popular, but please remember to sign in in the library and to wear the badge provided.

We respect the privacy of the boarders but if you would like to see around your old boarding areas then this will be possible at 1.45pm. Many will wish to watch the Old Scholars v the School cricket match, and there will be refreshments in the Assembly Hall or on the front lawn at various times during the afternoon. This year there is also a chance to see around our Archives' Room between 2 and 3pm. We would encourage as many as possible to support the AGM in the Library at 3.30pm which should last no longer than an hour. The Reunion Dinner has been very popular in recent years, but places at £25 per head (including wine and soft drinks), need to be reserved in advance, and by Wednesday 23rd April – see enclosed menu and order form. Please apply early as places are limited.

We very much look forward to having as many Old Scholars back as possible and in particular those from the 1972 and 1982 year groups, ie those turning 60, and 50! If you are in these year groups please get in touch with your old class mates and help us make it a night to remember. See the website for more information.

Please do also read the information on our website www.oldscholars.com about recent changes to the subscription arrangements and how we can continue to support the Association and the School through donations. Both need our continuing support.

We are hoping to launch our new website by the end of the year and would like to make greater use of the website and email to keep you informed of future events and newsletters. If you would prefer to receive hard copies then please let Stefanie Godfrey know.

We very much hope to see you at School on Saturday 10th May.

Best wishes,

Clare Thompson (Parry)
President 2013 to 2014

Biddy Vousden (Davey)
President 2014 to 2015

Old Scholars' Reunion Saturday 10th May 2014

We share our May Reunion with the School's 'Friends and Families Day'.

Programme for the Day

The morning events are very much school orientated but Old Scholars are most welcome.

The Library will be available as a meeting area for Old Scholars throughout the day. Please sign the visitors' book here and pick up a badge.

10.00 Meeting for Worship in the Music School.

10.30 Tea and coffee available in the Assembly Hall.

11.00 Assembly in the Sports Hall including music, speeches and presentation of awards.

12.45 Lunch. Bring a picnic to have on the field, or in the dining hall and sports hall if wet. There will also be a light BBQ on the field. Alternatively, a wide range of food is available in local pubs and restaurants.

1.30 to 2.30 Activities and Displays in Departments. You are most welcome – a chance also to see our new Junior School buildings.

1.45 to 2.15 Tours of the boarding houses. (This will be the only time when it will be possible to see around the boarding houses. Please assemble at entrances to boarding houses at 1.45)

1.30 Old Scholars' cricket match v the School - all afternoon. **Please contact Nick Batcheler nickbatcheler@friends.org.uk or tel 07717 281 912 if you would like to take part. We were short of OS players last year!**

2.30 Junior School 'Big Song and Dance around the Maypole' on the grass tennis courts or in the Watson Hall if wet.

2.00 – 3.00 A chance to visit the Archives' Room (at west/girls' end of Centre Corridor).

2.45 - 3.30 Vintage Café - join our students for tea and cakes in the Assembly Hall.

3.30 to 4.30 AGM for the Old Scholars' Association in the Library, at which Biddy Vousden (Davey) will take over the Presidency from Clare Thompson (Parry). Please see agenda overleaf – minutes of the last meeting are on the website.

4.00 to 6.00 Old Scholars' tea in the Assembly Hall or on the front lawn if fine.

6.00 for 6.30 until 10.30. Old Scholars' Dinner in the Dining Hall. This dinner has been very popular in recent years and is good value at £25 per head, including wine and soft drinks. Places need to be reserved in advance by returning the completed slip indicating menu choice, together with a cheque, to Stefanie Godfrey at Friends' School by Wednesday 23rd April at the latest. **Numbers are limited and places will be reserved on a first come basis, so get your order in early.** In particular we hope that many of the 1982 and 1972 Year Groups will be at this dinner, but all Year Groups are most welcome.

Please remember that the whole of the School Campus is a non-smoking site.

All of this information, and more, is available on the Old Scholars' website at www.oldscholars.com

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You are warmly invited to attend our

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

on Saturday 10th May 2014 at 3.30pm in the Library

A G E N D A

1. Notice convening the meeting
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes of last AGM Meeting held on 11 May 2013 (These are on the website)
4. Matters Arising
5. Obituaries
6. Reports from Officers
 - a) Chair
 - b) Treasurer
 - c) Old Scholar School Governor
 - d) Head's Report for 2013/14
 - e) Archivist
7. AOB (Please let Nigel McTear know in advance if there are any items you would like to raise)
8. Handover of Presidency to Biddy Vousden (Davey) Year Group 1972
9. Date of Next Meeting - Saturday 9th May 2015 at 3.30pm.

Nigel McTear

Chairperson

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Date for your Dairies

Our next Reunion will be on Saturday 9th May 2015 when we will be particularly encouraging those in the 1973 and 1983 Year Groups to return. See you then.