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A Message from the OFA President

Welcome to the Old Foleyans

The main object of The Old Foleyans' Association is to further the good fellowship that exists between former pupils of our unique old school, and through financial aid to be able to meet the requests for monetary support from the Headmaster towards various school needs and activities. Over the years this monetary support has provided for:



- All major overseas sporting tours
- A bowling machine for indoor cricket
- SCUBA diving equipment
- Refurbishment of the School's Great Hall, Staff Common Room and the Sixth Form Centre
- Yearly fee payments to keep a student at the school
- Substantial financial help for the Business and Enterprise Scheme
- A sailing dinghy
- The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme
- Visits by the CBSO to the school music centre
- The Chris Potter Bursary Fund to provide financial assistance for a student to attend the school
- Donations to support the Music Department
- Specialist equipment for the Medical Centre

The President's insignia was presented to the Association by W R 'Spud' Bartlett, the President in 1967 at the time of the school's tercentenary, and bears the name of every successive occupant of the office since.
I am very proud of this historic institution and it's traditions, though I am aware that we must not allow tradition to stop the school moving forward. It is an honour to still be affiliated so closely with the school.

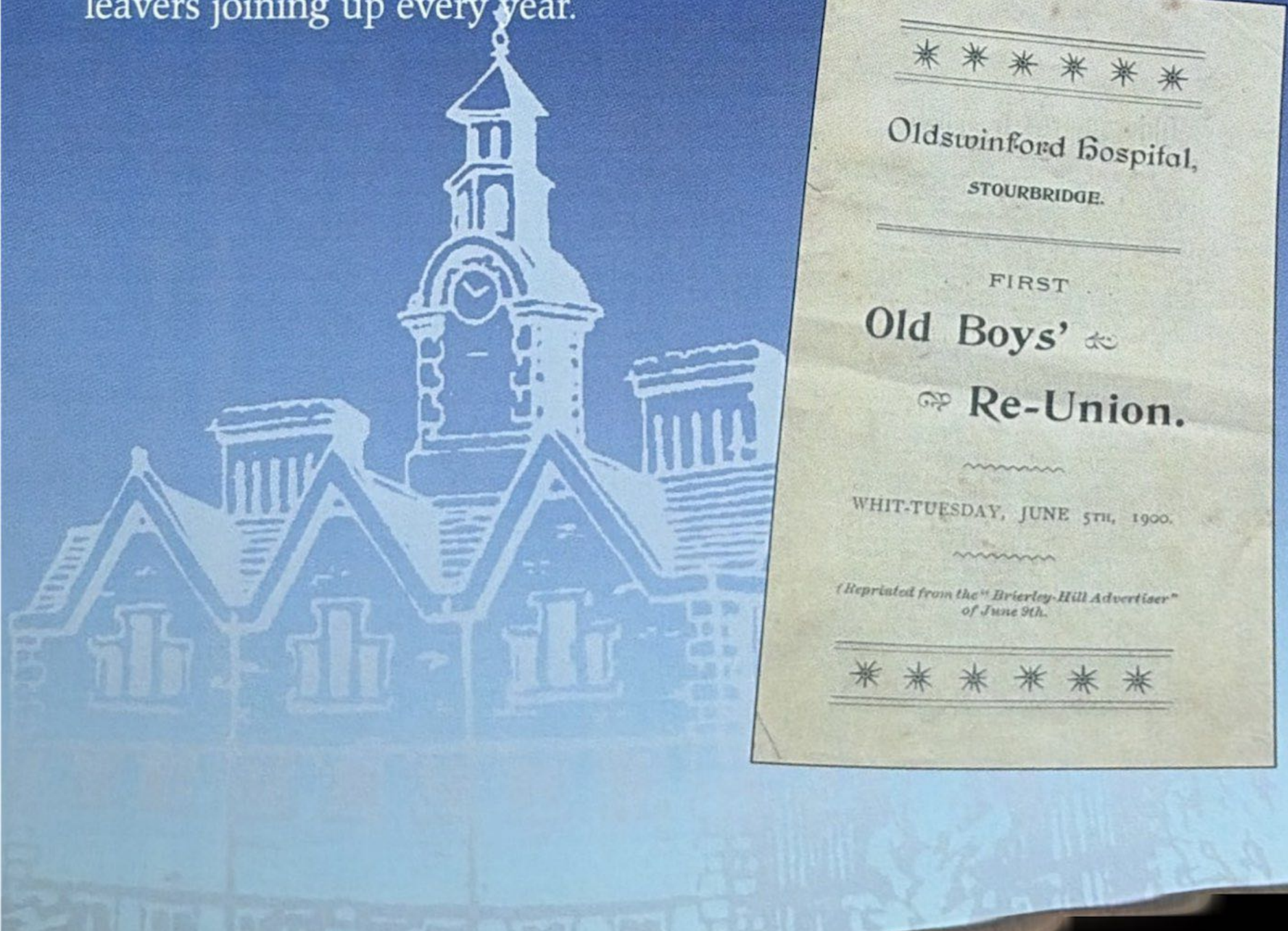
President Maurice D M Evans, Lyttleton House, 1938-1943

About the School & OFA

Old Swinford Hospital admitted the first boys in 1670, three years after it was commissioned by the founder, Thomas Foley in 1667. Foley, a local wealthy businessman, was inspired by a sermon of Richard Baxter (a preacher and contemporary) to set up an institution to educate local poor boys so that when they left they could follow a profession as an apprentice. The 'Hospital', as it is known, originally only admitted a small number of students, around sixty, but now numbers have grown to approximately 640, admitting local day pupils as well as boarders from all over the globe. Both sports-wise and academically the school has an excellent record of success, and we continue to produce extremely good GCSE & A Level exam results, well above the national averages.

The first registered reunion of 'Old Boys' of Old Swinford Hospital was on 5th June 1900. There may have been earlier reunions, possibly in 1867 to mark the bi-centenary of the school, when medals were issued, but unfortunately any record has since been lost.

From it's humble beginnings, the paid-up membership of the OFA is now over 1500 members, with scores of school leavers joining up every year.



Oldswinford Hospital,

STOURBRIDGE.

FIRST

Old Boys'

Re-Union.

WHIT-TUESDAY, JUNE 5TH, 1900.

(Reprinted from the "Brierley-Hill Advertiser" of June 9th.

CONTACT

NETWORKS

Over the past few years, the OFA has come to notice the greatness of one website in particular for the tracking down of old school friends. The site, FriendsReunited.com allows visitors to register as an ex-pupil of their school and get in contact with classmates. To register is free, but to access the contact details of other registered users, you are required to pay a subscription fee. However, we believe this is a truly brilliant resource, and would encourage all Old Foleyans to register in the Old Swinford Hospital section.

Alternatively, other services such as Facebook allow ex-classmates to form groups and keep in touch from they day they leave the school. There are already several Old Swinford groups in operation.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Maurice Evans - President
The president, Maurice Evans has had a very long standing career with the school. In attendance between 1938 - 1943, 2008 marks the 70th anniversary of his association with the school. A retired farmer, Maurice now dedicates much of his time to the benefit of the Old Foleyans and the school.

David Walker - Senior Vice President
Professor David Walker was at the school between the years 1953 - 1960 and was a member of Foster House. He currently works at The Birmingham Business School, which is part of Birmingham University.

Steve Taylor - Secretary
At Old Swinford Hospital until 1981 as a member of Chance House, then 4 years at Stourbridge Art College. A committee member for over 15 years.

Rob Franks - Treasurer
Rob attended the school between 1954 & 1960 as a member of Foley House and when he left, became a certified accountant.

Paul Goode - School Staff Representative
Housemaster of Foley House since 1998 and is currently Director of Boarding, Paul is serving on the OFA committee as the School Staff Representative.

Peter Jones - Ex-Officio Member (Headmaster)
Peter took up the post of Headmaster of Old Swinford Hospital in 2007, 19 years after his arrival in 1988. He was previously Head of Sport, Director of Rugby and the Deputy Headmaster prior to his most recent appointment.

David Edwards
David attended the school as a member of Stone House until 1975 and has been on the committee for 15 years.

John Partridge
John attended the school until 1978 as a member of Stone House. He has been sitting on the committee for over 25 years.

George Partridge
John's older brother, George, left Old Swinford three years earlier in 1975 having also been a member of Stone house.

Eric Hickman
Eric worked as a Health and Safety Officer for Birmingham City Council until he retired a number of years ago. He left the school in 1959, and was in Dudley House for the duration of his school career.

John Whiting
John attended the school between 1957 - 1961 as a member of Dudley House and also has sent two sons through Old Swinford. His daughter also now works at the school as Head of the Art Department. John has sat on the committee for over 20 years and works in the construction industry.

Linda Williams
Clerk to the Committee

Sixth Form Representatives
A female and male student spend 1 year on the committee as representatives for the sixth form.

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Events

The Old Foleyans' Association hold various events throughout the year. Please check the website (www.old-swinford.dudley.sch.uk/ofa) for confirmation of dates & venues.











Dates for Your Diary...

LEAVERS' PARTY
Friday 28th May 2010

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
8.00pm 21st June 2010

GREAT WITLEY CAROL SERVICE
6.30pm 4th December 2010

ANNUAL DINNER
7.30pm 9th April 2011

Annual Dinner Enquiry Form - 9th April 2011

Please send details of the Old Foleyans' Annual Dinner. Details also available in the Foleyan magazine and on the OFA website.
7.00 for 7.30pm, Black Tie/Lounge Suit. Please state any special dietary requirements.

Name _____ Year Left_____ No. of Tickets_____

Address _____

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_____ Postcode_____

When ordering multiple tickets please supply names and year of leaving OSH on separate list.
Cheques/Postal Orders made payable to Old Foleyans' Association.
No tickets available on the door. Please post your booking to:
Rob Franks, 58 Corser Street, Oldswinford, Stourbridge, West Midlands DY8 2DQ. Tel: 01384 374396
Please enclose a stamped self addressed envelope for your ticket(s) to be posted to you.

MEMBERSHIP - BECOME A MEMBER OF THE OLD FOLEYANS' ASSOCIATION

Reap the advantages of subscribing to the OFA. For a one off payment you can subscribe for life membership to the association and benefit from the many events and connections you can establish (or re-establish) with other former pupils from Old Swinford Hospital. The only criteria being that you once attended the school.

What You Get by Subscribing:

- Lifelong membership to the OFA
- Annual copy of the combined 'Old Foleyan' and school magazine 'The Foleyan'
- Invitations to the Old Foleyans' annual dinner and other regional events
- Invitations to many sporting events including old boy rugby and cricket matches in which you can participate if you so wish
- Invitations to Old Foleyan days where you can come and have a look around the school, see what has changed and meet other former pupils.
- Expanded contact to Old Foleyans of the school through the extensive membership database
- Invitations to the Annual Carol Service held at Witley Church, once part of the ancestral home of our founder, Thomas Foley.

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION & CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please use the following form for change of address or to become a member. Only life membership is available at £100.00. Please make cheque/postal orders payable to The Old Foleyans' Association.
Please post to: Steve Taylor, Secretary, Old Foleyans' Association, 55 Lightwoods Road, Pedmore, Stourbridge, West Midlands DY9 0TR.

Surname _____ Title _____

Forenames _____

Address _____

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_____ Postcode _____

Home/Mobile Telephone (optional) _____

E-mail address _____

House _____ Year Started _____ Year Left _____

Upper Sixth Year ☐ Full Boarder ☐ Weekly Boarder ☐ Day Student ☐

Memorabilia



Rugby Shirt



Hoodie



Tie

Bow Tie



Centenary Print (unframed)



Old Foleyans
Remembered WW1 and WW2



Scarf

Memorabilia Order Form

Item	Quantity	Price	Amount
Life Membership		£100	
OFA Tie		£14	
OFA Silk Tie		£20	
OFA Bow Tie		£12	
OFA Scarf		£10	
OFA Rugby Shirt Mens Chest Size ☐		£35	
OFA Rugby Shirt Ladies 34"☐ 36"☐ 38"☐ 40"☐		£35	
Old Foleyans Hoodie		£20	
Old Foleyans Remembered WW1 & WW2		£5	
OFA Print (unframed 720mm x 460mm)		£30	
TOTAL (The above prices include postage & packing within the UK)			

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All items will be available at The Leavers' Party - cash or cheque only. Items ordered by post can be collected from reception at school or posted by return **(please supply name and delivery address).**



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