

OP Club Annual Dinner 2009

Date: Saturday 12 December

Time: 18:45 for 19:30h

Place: PGS Dining Hall, David Bawtree Building

Cost: £30.00

Dress: Dark Lounge Suit or Dinner Jacket

Traditional Christmas fare will be served by the School caterers (who provided so very well for us last year). A professional bar will be available for pre- and post-dinner drinks and wine for the meal will be sold by Mike Peters in the Dining Hall.

The 2009 Dinner will be a commemoration of the life of Roger Harris and Iris Harris and her family will be the Honoured Guests of the Club. The Club will be delighted to welcome members' guests.

Early reservation is recommended as demand is anticipated to exceed capacity. This must be made to Gareth Perry, as outlined below, before **Friday 4th December**.

Once again we plan to have individual table of eight diners. This, as well as creating a less formal atmosphere, enables OPs to converse more easily with a greater number of friends than in the traditional arrangement. OPs are asked, on making their reservation, to stipulate the names of others with whom they would like to share a table. **Why not indeed invite seven friends and make up a table?** In the absence of specific requests, an attempt will be made to form groupings according to vintages.

As usual during the day the School will host sports fixtures against OP teams in Women's hockey (11:30h), Men's hockey (14:00h) and Rugby (14:30h) at Hilsea. We would be delighted to see any OPs who would like to come along and support the teams.

Please complete and return to **Gareth Perry, 34 Marine Court, Southsea, PO4 9QU** and enclose a stamped, addressed envelope if acknowledgement of receipt of cheque is required.

Name: _____ Years at School: _____

Contact tel. no.: _____ E-mail: _____

I should like to reserve _____ places at the OP Club 2009 Annual Dinner.

I shall require _____ vegetarian meals (please indicate number).

Names of those I should like to sit with: _____

I enclose a cheque for £ _____ (payable to 'Old Portmuthian Club')

Signed: _____

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Roger Harris Appeal

Firstly may I thank all of you who have responded so positively to our climbing wall appeal to celebrate the life of Roger Harris and his contribution to both life at PGS and the OP Club. Could I also reiterate our appeal to those of you who have not yet contributed. We are looking to raise a very significant part of the £50,000 that is needed to fund the climbing wall. So, if Roger had some influence on your time at the school or with the OP Club, then this would be a very worthwhile way of acknowledgement. Donations can be made by sending a cheque, made payable to the 'Old Portmuthian Charity', to *Barry Easton, 7 Spindrift Mews, Bosham, PO18 8LW*. Or you could logon to our section of the Just Giving web site at www.justgiving.com/oldportmuthian/ and donate online.

Reminiscences

We are looking to produce a booklet of reminiscences of Roger to present to Iris and the family. If you have any memories or anecdotes that you would be willing to share then please e-mail them to barryeaston@googlemail.com or send them to Barry Easton at the above address.

Your News

As we move into this exciting new phase for the Club with the launch of the OPUS magazine, please could I put out an appeal for OPs to send in a short (or long) passage about their current or past activities and any family news. OPs enjoy reading about their contemporaries, so please e-mail your news to development@pgs.org.uk or send to the *The Development Office, The Portsmouth Grammar School, High Street, Portsmouth, PO1 2LN*.

AGM

Please note that the OP Club AGM this year will be held on the **19th February 2010** as the Club is hosting a talk by Ed Richards on the 26th February. You are most welcome to attend both events, so please do put the dates in your diary.

OP Club Guest Speaker: Ed Richards

We are delighted that Ed Richards (OP and Chief Executive Officer, Ofcom) has been able to accept our invitation to make the third presentation in our series of Guest Speaker talks. He will be with us on **Friday 26th February 2010 at 7.30pm**. More details will follow, but please put this date in your diary.