

# NOVEMBER 2008 NEWSLETTER

## Annual Dinner

Date: Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Timings: 1845 for 1915

Place: At School in the Dining Hall of the David Bawtree Building

Cost: £29 per person

Dress: Dark Lounge Suit or Dinner Jacket

Traditional Christmas fare will be served by the School caterers (who provided last years superb meal). 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.

It is anticipated that the guest speaker this year will be Tony Evans who as Headmaster from 83-97 guided the school through the co-education transformation. The Club will be delighted to welcome members' guests.

Early reservation is recommended and must be before **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December** as the caterers need to know numbers by then. Queries about arrangements should be made to *Gareth Perry, on 023 92734606*.

Once again we plan to have individual tables of eight diners. This, as well as creating a less formal atmosphere, should enable OPs to converse more easily with a greater number of friends than in the hitherto traditional arrangement.

OPs are asked, therefore, to stipulate, on making their reservation, 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, RHGW will, as ever, attempt to form groupings according to vintages.

## Sports Fixtures

On the same day there will be sporting events between past pupils and the present School teams in Men's Hockey and Rugby. If you would like to play in these games let *the Hon.Sec.* know and he will pass it on to those organising the teams.

If you have any questions please email *Barry Easton: [barryeaston@btinternet.com](mailto:barryeaston@btinternet.com)*.

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Please tear off 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. \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

I should like to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places at the 2008 Annual Dinner

I shall require \_\_\_\_\_ vegetarian meals (please indicate number)

Names of thoes you would like to sit with;

I enclose a cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_ (payable to 'Old Portsmouth Club')

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

## Former PGS Staff

Unfortunately the Club has lost contact with several former members of staff, who have either retired or moved to other posts. If you know the whereabouts of any former staff, please get in touch with Barry Easton, the OP Club Hon Secretary, at 7 Spindrift Mews, Bosham, West Sussex, PO18 8LW. Tel: 01243 576528, Mobile 07802824722, E mail [barryeaston@btinternet.com](mailto:barryeaston@btinternet.com) Any help will be greatly appreciated.

## Golf Society

It is proposed to start a PGS Golf Society, with the object of attracting O.P. golfers of all ages and abilities to play a few times a year at venues in the Hampshire, W. Sussex and Dorset areas. The exact form of the Society will be the choice of it's founding members.

Any interested O.P. should contact John Bartle on 023 9275 4483 or alternatively [j.bartle@btconnect.com](mailto:j.bartle@btconnect.com)

## CD Featuring the School Chamber Choir

The launch of a Remembrance CD took place in the Imperial War Museum in London on 10<sup>th</sup> October. It is entitled *A Song More Silent* and consists of four works specially commissioned and composed for these occasions by Sally Beamish, Cecilia McDowall, Tarik O'Regan and Lynne Plowman.. It features the PGS Chamber Choir and the London Mozart Players conducted by Nicolae Moldoveanu and is available on line from [www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk) or [www.hmv.co.uk](http://www.hmv.co.uk) .

## Sports Hall

All OPs have social membership of the Sports Hall and therefore are able to make use of the bar. The Sports Hall is open on weekdays from about 5.30pm and at weekends. OPs enjoy special discounted rates for the Fitness Suite and for playing Squash as follows.

Fitness Suite	£10 per month rather than £15
Squash	£5.25 per month

Please arrange at the Sports Hall during opening hours or contact Brian Robertson, the Sports Hall Manager, on 023 9236 4252 (e-mail [b.robertson@pgs.org.uk](mailto:b.robertson@pgs.org.uk))

## A must for every Old Portmuthian bookshelf!

*An Independent Vision – A History of the Portsmouth Grammar School*  
By Nigel Watson

Meticulously researched and beautifully photographed, the new hardback School history is, in the words of publisher James & James, quite simply the finest they have ever undertaken. Full of anecdotes and reminiscences from past pupils and staff, this is the definitive record and keepsake for anyone with a connection to PGS.

"The RAF section had what looked like a garden shed at the Hilsea playing fields. From this emerged the fuselage of a very small glider...the whole contraption seemed to be wound up on an elastic band...The terrified cadet sitting in the cockpit was supposed to experience a 'sense of flight'"

*Lance Brett, PGS 1950-54*

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