

# OLD HUISH ASSOCIATION

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Dear Member

It is my pleasure to inform you of our two usual Spring events and also to let you about an important decision the Committee has taken regarding the future of the OHA.

## **SPRING LUNCH**

Our traditional Spring Lunch will be held at Oake Manor Golf Club on **FRIDAY 17 APRIL** at 12 noon. The lunch comprises a two course carvery plus tea/coffee. For those of you who have attended in the past you will know that the meal is always excellent and it is a very convivial occasion. Last year over 30 members attended and it would be wonderful if we can beat that figure this year. The cost per head is £18.95. Please send a cheque payable to the OLD HUISH ASSOCIATION at the address shown above by no later than the 10 April.

If you wish to pay by bank transfer then the OHA bank details are as follows:-

NAME OF ACCOUNT:- Old Huish Association

BANK:- Lloyds

SORT CODE:- 30-98-45

ACCOUNT NUMBER:- 00251226

If you pay by this method please let me know you have done so in order that I have an idea of numbers. You can write to me at the above address; phone me on 01823 283487 or email me at [oldhuish@outlook.com](mailto:oldhuish@outlook.com)

At the lunch there will be a raffle in aid of the College Student Bursary. If you are attending the lunch and wish to give a prize for the raffle that would be much appreciated. For those unable to attend a donation would be most welcome.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

This year's Annual General Meeting of the OHA will be held in the Redwood Suite at Richard Huish College, South Road, Taunton TA1 3DZ on Wednesday 6 May at 7.15pm. The meeting does not go on too long and gives members a chance to ask questions about the OHA. Tea and coffee will be provided.

## **THE FUTURE OF THE OHA**

I regret to inform you that for the second successive year the Annual Dinner did not take place. The venue was booked and, as you know, details of the event were sent out to members. Unfortunately not enough acceptances were received to make the event viable and as a result it had to be cancelled. A great deal of work goes into organizing the Dinner and, as you will appreciate, it is very disappointing when the event does not take place because of insufficient support.

The Committee feel that if this year's Spring Lunch is not sufficiently well supported then the future of the OHA is seriously at risk and the question of winding up the Association will be on the agenda for discussion at the AGM. For this reason the AGM this year is being held after the Spring Lunch in case it is necessary for us to consider disbanding. Such a decision would need to be taken, the Committee feel, by the membership as a whole at an AGM. After being in existence for over 100 years this would be a great shame but there is little point in carrying on if the support is not there.

Membership of the OHA is open not only to former pupils when it was a Grammar School but also to former students of Richard Huish College so if you know of anyone with a connection to the School/College who would like to join the OHA please ask them to contact me. There is a one-off subscription payment of £10.

I am afraid the method of keeping in touch with members of the OHA by post is no longer sustainable. For many years paper, printing and postage costs have been met by the generosity of Porter Dodson Solicitors (my old firm) but I do not feel this arrangement can continue. For that reason this will be the last communication you will receive from the OHA by post. In future we will contact members by email. This is a quicker, cheaper and more convenient method of communication.

If, therefore, you wish to remain in contact with the OHA please let me have your name and email address.

The Committee is doing its best to recruit new members particularly former students of the College and to keep the OHA going but it is only fair to say that our future is uncertain. A good turnout at the Spring Lunch would certainly help matters.

Kind regards

Nick Williams

Chair OHA