



DEVELOPMENT & OA E-BULLETIN

APRIL 2011

HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

I've recently returned from a very brief trip to China, visiting Shanghai and Hong Kong, and whilst there took the opportunity to meet OAs living in both places. As always with OAs they were great company, and I spent two very enjoyable evenings.

Back at School we're very busy and meeting the challenges of incorporating St Hilda's School, Bushey into the Aldenham Foundation. I was delighted to receive so many positive messages of support following my email to OAs with the news. We have just appointed a new Headmistress at St Hilda's and we are looking forward to working with her and developing our relationship.

I will be writing to you soon with news of the next stage of Aldenham's development, which involves the conversion of the School Shop into a Sixth Form Centre and linking it across to the Music School (in the former Chapel/Gymnasium), creating extra teaching space and a music school extension. We will at last have the much needed easy and disabled access to the beautiful Wadell Recital Room on the first floor of the Music School, and we are looking forward to being able to invite more of you to concerts there.

Finally, plans are well in place for the OA trip to Ypres on 6th and 7th May. 20 OAs are joining the School CCF and Cantabile Choir for a Service in St George's Memorial Church to dedicate a plaque to Aldenham's war dead, and later on to lay wreaths at the Menin Gate Last Post Ceremony. The following day OAs will tour important battlefield sites before returning home. There are still a couple of places available on the bus leaving Aldenham at 8.00am on 6th May, so if you are interested please contact the Development Manager, Mrs Molly Barton, as soon as possible. mtb@aldenham.com

You are always welcome to come and visit the School. If you give the OA Office a bit of warning they will arrange a tour. I look forward to seeing many of you at OA Day on Sunday 26th June, which this year includes a Gaudy Reunion for Paull's House.

James Fowler
Headmaster

ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

We are once again delighted that the Annual Fund has been so generously supported by parents and OAs. The new pews are in the Chapel and were

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 6&7/05/11** OA Trip to Ypres
- 26/06/11** OA Day – incorporating Gaudy Reunion for Paull's House
- 29/06/11** Regional Lunch – Barford, Warwickshire
- 06/07/11** Richard Platt Society Lunch
- 06/07/11** John Dewes Cricket Match & Tea
- 08/07/11** Eros to Eros Run
- 08/07/11** Aldenham School Parents' Association Ball
- Late Sep/early Oct** Old Boys Teams Hockey Festival at Haileybury. Date to be announced.
- 18/11/11** OA Dinner at the School.

Full Calendar Details

<http://www.aldenham.com/publish/oldald/>



Tim Standbrook & Amy Yang with the Headmaster in Shanghai

blessed by the Bishop of St Albans on a recent visit. The recent GCSE exam plays and the annual Dance Show were enhanced by the use of our four new moving head lights, and the Prep School is making full use of its new keyboard. The CCF banners will be used and blessed as part of the Ypres Dedication Service. Click on the link for some pictures.

http://www.aldenham.com/publish/devel/ANNUAL_FUND_2010_11.php

The Annual Fund runs from 1 September 2010 until 31 August 2011, so if you are still considering making a donation there is plenty of time. Not only would it be marvellous to be able to purchase all the items in this year's appeal but also importantly to offer another bursary for an Aldenham pupil.

OA DAY – SUNDAY 26TH JUNE 2011

All OAs are invited to visit the School on OA Day which includes a Chapel Service, reception and lunch. This year the day will focus on a Gaudy Reunion for Paull's House. For more details click on the link.

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REGIONAL LUNCH – WEDNESDAY 29TH JUNE 2011

The next regional lunch will be held at The Granville @ Barford, recommended by Richard Thwaites (SHO44-49). The restaurant has plenty of parking and is situated 1 mile from the M40 at Junction 15 (Longbridge). Directions can be found on their website.

<http://www.granvillebarford.co.uk/locationandcontact.php>

If you have not been sent an invitation and would like to attend please contact Mrs Jackie Wilkie in the OA Office; Jackie@aldenham.com. You can download a reply slip by clicking on the link below.

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RICHARD PLATT SOCIETY LUNCH – WEDNESDAY 6TH JULY 2011

Members are invited to join the Headmaster for drinks in his study at 12.30 pm followed by lunch at 1.00 pm, then to stay and watch the cricket.

Members of the Richard Platt Society are OAs who have committed to leaving a legacy to the School. If you would like more information please contact the Development Manager, Mrs Molly Barton mtb@aldenham.com.

JOHN DEWES CRICKET MATCH – WEDNESDAY 6TH JULY 2011

Last year several OAs, including John Dewes, returned to Aldenham to spend a pleasant afternoon watching cricket and enjoying a splendid cricket tea. The John Dewes Cricket Match is now an annual event with the First XI playing a Headmaster's Invitation XI for the John Dewes Trophy. If you would like to attend this year's match please let the Development & OA Assistant, Mrs Jackie Wilkie, know Jackie@aldenham.com. The afternoon session starts at 2.00 pm.

ALDENHAM.NET

Aldenham.net is the OAs business networking event. On 3rd March 15 OAs enjoyed the chance to network, whilst learning about brewing and sampling beer, during an evening at Tring Brewery. Aldenham.net usually meets twice a year and the Development Office would welcome suggestions or offers of a venue for the next event, which could take place any time in the autumn. A venue in central London would be most welcome. If you can help please email the Development Manager, Mrs Molly Barton mtb@aldenham.com.

ALDENHAMIANA

One of the benefits of membership of the OA Society is the receipt of *Aldenhamiana*, the annual newsletter of OA Society. The October 2010 edition of *Aldenhamiana* was inadvertently sent to 800 non members who do not normally receive it. If you were one of the 800, the OA Office would like to hear from you. Did you enjoy receiving *Aldenhamiana*? Would you like to receive it again?



The proposed Sixth Form Centre and Music School Extension



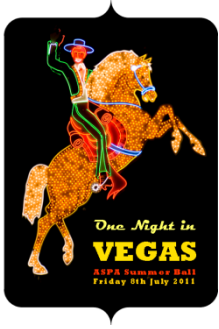
Aldenham.net - Tring Brewery 3rd March 2011



The Headmaster with OAs and Parents in Hong Kong

Would you like to join the OA Society? Please send your replies to the OA Assistant, Mrs Jackie Wilkie Jackie@aldenham.com.

ALDENHAM SUMMER BALL – FRIDAY 8th JULY



Coming Soon.....

Aldenham School Parents' Association invite OAs to join them at their 'One Night in Vegas' Summer Ball.

Black tie dinner, dancing and live entertainment on Friday 8th July. For more details click on the link below.

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If you are interested please contact the ASPA Secretary, Mrs Alison Worsley

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