

OLD SECUNDRIANS'

2023



ASSOCIATION

DINNER

Friday 5th May 2023

From 5pm - Brookfield Hotel, Havant Road, Emsworth PO10 7LF

Tel:- 01243 373363 www.brookfieldhotel.co.uk

You are cordially invited to attend this year's Dinner

NB – PLEASE RESPOND TO THIS LETTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE.

Unfortunately, due to inflationary pressures, we are increasing the price this year to £35. This price still includes a subsidy from our funds, as the Brookfield is charging us somewhat more than that. This price now includes £2 for staff gratuities (we will add another £1 from our funds). So many of us no longer carry cash that we are discarding our normal method of a cash in the glass whip round. Furthermore, those of us who are Year of Entry 1950 and before will be free of charge. We'll love to see more of you senior gentlemen attend. Please note that as per usual, no tickets will be issued, receipt of your form will be sufficient.

Dress Code is still suits, plus the Old Secundrians' tie, if you have one. Ties to the new design remain available. Advance orders would be appreciated; please see the booking form. You will be able to pick them up on the night from John Shaw.

Evening's Timetable As per usual the bar will open at 5.00pm to allow plenty of chatting time before, weather permitting, we all move out for the group photo just before 7.00pm. The dinner itself will start at around 7.30pm after the welcome, year groups' parade and in memoriam silence. There will be a comfort break around 9.30pm, followed by our speaker and general notices finishing by 10.30pm, or a little earlier, and then to the bar.

Speaker This year we are commemorating the centenary of the first Old Secs dinner back in 1923. Our speaker will be our previous chairman, Peter Higgins, who will be enlightening us on aspects of the history of the Old Secundrians.

Ladies Dinner We will once more be holding a separate ladies dinner. Please indicate on the booking form whether your lady will be attending. We very much welcome our ladies; they always have a very enjoyable evening.

Accommodation I'm afraid once again all rooms in the Brookfield are already taken. Other hotels are available in the locality.eg. Premier Inn, Bear Hotel, both in Havant, and Jingles in North Emsworth.

Donations Many, many thanks to those of you who have made donations each year. Please keep it up. They continue to be the life blood of the Association, enabling us to cover our outgoings and keep our bank account in the black.

Booking Process Digitisation We are currently working on a more modern system to replace paper and cheques. However, we seek your views on whether you prefer to pay by cheque or use an online payment method. Please see tick boxes on the booking form, where we ask that you indicate your preference.

Golf It is intended to play the usual 59ers against the 57ers golf match (but not restricted to those year groups – all are welcome) and if anybody else would like to play please contact Peter Higgins either at peter.higgins333@ntlworld.com or telephone 07707601142.

Old School Visits Please indicate on the booking form if you would like to visit either of Baffins or Highland Road on the afternoon of the dinner. If numbers are sufficient, we will endeavour to oblige. We would appreciate any of you who have indicated a desire in past years to restate on this year's form.

Comments As per usual, please address any complaints, however unlikely, about the dinner or any aspect of the hotel to a member of your committee in the first instance, rather than the hotel staff directly. Thank you. We will deal with it.

In Memoriam Those Old Secundrians who have passed away during the last 3 years will, as is our custom, be listed on the menu card and will be honoured by an appropriate silence.

See you all on Friday the 5th of May.

Martyn Robinson, Stan Slade, Ken Hales, Chris Vincent, Bob Hawthorne, John Shaw.

OLD SECUNDRIANS' ASSOCIATION
Annual Dinner Booking Form 2023

NAME.....

NAME of WIFE / PARTNER.....

I / WE WILL....WILL NOT...be attending

OPTIONAL Donation enclosed..... (Many thanks)..... £ _____

DINNER RESERVATION (please mark as appropriate)

Association member _____ Year of Entry to school _____

Member's Wife / Partner _____ *We will seat you with your year group*

*NOTE: The Ladies dine in a separate room of their own unless you have an alternative preference .
If so, where? _____*

Any Special Dietary requirements? _____

Note...Vegetarian option is Fan of Honeydew Melon or Cream of Mushroom Soup ; Baked Aubergine ; Apple and Rhubarb Crumble with Custard and Ice Cream

New Tie needed? (£15 each) _____

Meal cost (£35 each)

Total amount enclosed for Meal(s), Ties, Donation £ _____

Please complete and return with your cheque to -

Mr Stan Slade, 2 Angel Court, Amy Johnson Way, York, YO30 4AA.

Cheques payable to "Old Secundrians" please.

SURVEY QUESTIONS – See Invitation Letter for details --

Cheques or Online Payment? Cheques _____ or Online Payment _____

Old School Visit? Baffins _____ Highland Road _____