



Old Owenians Newsletter

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Edition 1

Welcome to our first Old Owenians Newsletter—for all Old Owenians

We hope to bring you quarterly news of our 400th Anniversary events in 2013 and any articles you wish to contribute as our way of keeping in touch. Currently, newsletters will be published on our school website under our new section for Old Owenians and we'll send you the link by our e-mailing list when it becomes available for you to view.



Exciting News!

We now have a confirmed date for your diaries for our 400th Anniversary Celebration Concert to be held at the Royal Albert Hall—Monday 15th April 2013. We want to make it a very special occasion and are planning for tickets to be available to all our current students, staff and parents as well as Old Owenians and anyone with a past relationship with the school.

This will be our largest single event of the year and provide the whole school community with an opportunity to share and celebrate the legacy of Dame Alice Owen. Mr Simon Werner, our Director of Music will be co-ordinating the musical programme, assisted by Mr Bob Pepper, our Deputy Head. We are also honoured that Old Owenian Gary Kemp, from Spandau Ballet and Chair of our 400th Anniversary Committee will hopefully be appearing with other band members depending on their tour dates.

400th Anniversary Programme

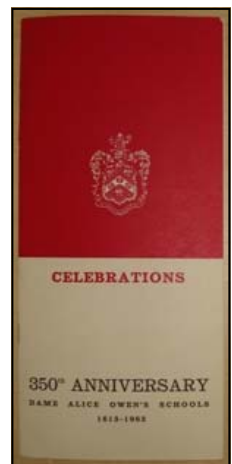
Our 400th Anniversary Committee met in July and December 2010 to start to put together our programme of events which we will be publishing nearer the time—our next meeting is planned for June 2011. In the meantime, you may be interested in reading about the events that were held in 1963 for our 350th Anniversary. You can see archive information from Brewers Hall at:

http://www.damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk/350th_anniversary.html

—happy reminiscing for some of you!

Historical Exhibition and Publication

Due to be held at the school in early 2013, two of our longest serving teachers, Mrs Barbara Miller and Mr Richard Morley are currently co-ordinating memorabilia for the Exhibition. They would really appreciate if any Old Owenian or past parent could loan or contribute articles that might be of relevance to the Exhibition and would welcome your emails direct, to either millerb@damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk or morleyr@damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk.



Rev. Gareth Randall (Staff member 1984-2006) is also preparing a history of the school for publication. Our Head, Dr Alan Davison, is reviewing suitable photographs to include and would also welcome your contributions—please send him photos via email direct to: head@damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk or post to the school by 22nd July 2011: Dame Alice Owen's School, Dugdale Hill Lane, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire EN6 2DU—thank you in anticipation for supporting the school in this way.

Past Head Boy/Head Girl and Senior Team Reunion



We were honoured that over 30 past Head Boys, Head Girls, Deputies and Senior Team members joined us for a reunion, hosted by our Head Dr Alan Davison and Gary Kemp on the 1st February this year. They enjoyed reconnecting with old friends and teachers and it was fantastic to be able to enlist their support in asking fellow past students to join our e-mailing list for information about our 2013 celebrations. We were especially grateful to Mr Ray Coombes, distinguished guest, for travelling such a long distance to attend.

You can see photos of the occasion via the link below:

http://www.damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk/about_us/old_owenians_school_news.html

The Old Owen's Association fully supports our 400th Anniversary initiatives and will be providing an update on the Association in our next newsletter at the end of June. If you are thinking of organising a reunion yourself and would like us to inform Old Owenians in our next newsletter, or would like to report on an event here, please let us know by emailing us at 400years@damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk.

We encourage your contributions!

Over the last year our Sixth Formers have had the pleasure of interviewing *Mrs Helen Uri* (1936-1941) for an article for our Arrow Magazine published in July 2010, *Ms Ruth Goldman* (1953-1958) kindly shared some of her memories from her school days in the 1950's for our School Half Term Newsletter in October 2010 and *Miss Janet Etheridge*, *Mrs Christine Samways* (now Montcharmon), *Mrs Pamela Smith* (now Slatter) and *Mrs Jill Davis* (now Roe) thoughtfully put pen to paper to record their experiences of school life in the 1960's (1962-1969) for our February 2011 School Half Term Newsletter.



We would particularly welcome contributions from Old Boys or past staff to include in future Old Owenians Newsletters—please email us at 400years@damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk by 16th June 2011 with any articles for the next edition.

You can read our Old Girls' articles on our school website under:

The Arrow: http://www.damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk/news_dates/the_arrow.html

and School Half Term Newsletters: http://www.damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk/news_dates/newsletters.html (October 2010 and February 2011)

Online Survey for Old Owenians

So we can assess what information you might like to be included or any ideas you may have about future newsletters, or support you could give the school, we would be grateful if you could complete our mini 10 question online survey, using Survey Monkey. Just click on the link we sent you in our email and add your responses by Friday 8th April. All responses will be collected anonymously, unless you state otherwise, and the results will be available in our next newsletter. Thank you again in anticipation—we really value your feedback.

And finally...

We would be very grateful if you could encourage fellow Old Owenians to join our e-mailing list 400years@damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk, by sending their **year of leaving date**, so we can share the celebrations with our whole school community—past and present. Those on the list will receive email alerts when our quarterly newsletters are available on our school website—some information will only be available via the list, for example, early notification of certain events and the ability to contribute to online surveys.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read our first Old Owenians Newsletter—our next edition will be published at the end of June.

Mrs Mandy English, Communications Officer

