

# *Old Huntingdonians' Association*

*(for former pupils and teachers of  
Huntingdon Grammar School and Hinchingsbrooke School)*

Spring Newsletter, May 2015

## **Chairman's Letter**

Dear Old Huntingdonian,

As promised, here is our second Newsletter for this historic year!

Our 450<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations are well under way and details of forthcoming events are in place. We have already enjoyed the **March Reunion** and our special concert, **450 Years - a musical journey**, and the **Anniversary Weekend (2/3 May)** organised by the school,

Still to come: our **Reunion and Lunch** (target group: 1970 - 90) on **Sunday 7 June**, **Reunion, Lunch and AGM**, followed by **Musical Promenade and Tea** on **Sunday 5 July** and **Gala Concert** on **Friday 27 November**. All details are elsewhere in this Newsletter.

**Please book your place now for 5 July/AGM** when we will be discussing and possibly taking a decision on the incorporation of OHA into the new Hinchingsbrooke Alumni Association. Our discussions with the school are on-going. We will be mindful of what the OHA means to you and your wish to continue with social events/reunions so that we can take the right decision for us all at the AGM. Do let us know your thoughts **before July**.

I look forward to spending time with many of you over the coming months.

Very Best Wishes,

**Hilary Angell While, OHA Chairman**  
(01480 457900, hilarywhile@gmail.com)

## **March Reunion 2015**

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 42 Old Huntingdonians and guests gathered at Hinchingsbrooke House for the Annual Dinner. An excellent three course meal was served which was enjoyed by all. After the meal, which gave guests a chance to catch up with old friends, everyone sat back to listen to the guest speaker. This year it was Graham Stroud, who had attended the school from 1964 to 1970.

Before he retired Graham worked for the European Commission, where he was Director of the Research Executive Agency. Graham gave an entertaining account of his time at the school and demonstrated how the school had influenced his future career. The school had also helped to develop his life-long passion for music. It was obvious that Graham had fond memories of his time at the school, and his speech contained many amusing anecdotes involving his peers and staff.

*Ann Monk*



Graham Stroud (left) with the OHA Chairman and Richard Cook who proposed the vote of thanks

# Still to come in our 450<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year

**Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> 12.30**

**Reunion for pupils/students from the 1970 - 1990 era**

Details of how to book places for this event will be posted on the OHA web-site. It will be an informal Sunday buffet lunch at £15.

**Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Centre**

**Foundation of Hinchingsbrooke School**

**450<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special Recognition Awards**

Applications and nominations for special awards to be made via the school web-site by May 31st

**Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup> at 12.30**

**Old Huntingdonians' Association Summer Buffet Lunch, followed by the Annual Meeting.**

2 p.m. 'Promenade Musicale' - an afternoon of music throughout Hinchingsbrooke House provided by former and current students and small groups, concluding with Tea at 4 p.m.

Tickets from OHA Treasurer, John Hinsby, 30, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TD

Buffet lunch (including Afternoon Tea) £18  
'Promenade Musicale' and Tea only £4 Cheques payable 'OHA'.

## ***Bösendorfer Concerts***

The 9<sup>th</sup> season of concerts built round the grand piano bought in memory of former HGS music master Ken Brown will start on Friday, October 23. Performer(s) to be confirmed.

Our Gala Concert on Friday, November 27 will feature Caroline Dale (cello), Miranda Dale (violin), Nicholas Daniel (oboe) accompanied by Paul Turner (piano). Caroline and Nicholas are former winners of the BBC Young Musician of the Year award.

Tickets for these concerts and for the rest of the Bösendorfer series continuing into 2016 can be obtained from 01480 375678

## ***Joint Concert***

**Hinchingsbrooke School and Huntingdonshire Philharmonic  
Saturday, November 7, 7.30 p.m. Performing Arts Centre**

This special concert will feature performances by the school's outstanding instrumentalists accompanied by the Hunts Phil Orchestra. The soloists will be Lottie Perkins (flute), Robert Burton, (saxophone) and Zoe Perkins (trumpet).

The programme also includes: Britten's *Young Persons' Guide to the Orchestra* and the *Hinchingsbrooke Suite*, composed by a former Head of Music, Barry Russell.

The concert closes with Beethoven's Choral Fantasia where the Hinchingsbrooke Community Choir augments the Hunts Phil Choir.

An evening not to be missed. Ticket details in September from [peterdownes42@aol.co.uk](mailto:peterdownes42@aol.co.uk)

## **The new history of Huntingdon Grammar School and Hinchingsbrooke School**

The book specially commissioned by the OHA to mark this anniversary year has been very well received and acknowledged as a '*valuable contribution to educational history*'.

It can be purchased through the school for £15 plus £4.50 postage by ringing 01480 420502 or via [communications@hinchbk.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:communications@hinchbk.cambs.sch.uk).

Also available locally at W.H. Smith in Huntingdon, Huntingdon Library, St. Neots Museum, Godmanchester Chemists, Brampton Post Office and Buckden Library.