



OLD SOUTHENDIAN ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of Thursday, 6th November 2025

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Keith Spenceley (Tuscany, 1973-1980)
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3rd November 2025

Notice of the Annual General Meeting

To be held at

The Southendian Club, Garon Park, Southend on Sea, Essex

On Thursday, 6th November 2025 at 7.45 pm

All Members are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting, to contribute to the affairs of the Association and introduce new ideas for consideration by the Executive Committee

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 6th November 2024
Available as circulated with this Agenda and at www.oldsouthendianassociation.org/news
3. Any Matters Arising
4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasurer's Report, and presentation of the Audited Accounts for the financial year ended 31st March 2025
6. Reports of Sub Committees, the School, OSA Clubs and the Affiliated Organisations
7. The Election of Officers, the Executive Committee and the Honorary Auditor
8. Date of the next Annual General Meeting
9. Any other competent business

Notice of apologies for absence for recording in the Minutes may be sent to:

Keith Spenceley, General Secretary

Email: secretary@oldsouthendianassociation.org

1st August 2025

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Old Southendian Association held at The Southendian Club, Garon Park, Southend on Sea, Essex on Wednesday, , 6th November 2024 commencing at 7.55 pm.

Those Present:

Andy Crow (in the Chair)	Ken Carter	Alex Cass	Kate Cooper
Ian Fulton	Daniel Garside	Will Green	Sam Hodgson
Trevor Johnson	Geoff Kittle	Kevin Leigh	Sara Linney
Joseph Madren	Geoff May	Clive Shiret	Chris Sorrell
Keith Spenceley	Sophie Thickbroom	Rachel Worth	Joseph Zammit

Item	Minute
1.0	Apologies for Absence had been received from Karl Anderson, Jim Harrington, Callum Hynes, Edward Marron, Nick Robins and Jack Stevenson.
2.0	Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 8th November 2023: The Minutes were accepted unanimously on a proposal by Joe Zammit, seconded by Sam Hodgson and signed by the Chairman.
3.0	Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 8th November 2023: There were none.
4.0	Chairman's Report: Andy Crow's report had been circulated prior to the meeting.
4.1	The year had seen huge efforts made by members of the Executive Committee and others to grow the membership of the Association and improve its already strong ties with the School. The departure of Dr Bevan had been a huge change for the School but Mrs Worth and the Governors had managed the change seamlessly. The appointment of the new Headteacher was awaited. Andy had attended many events at the School and continued to be impressed with the high standards of the School and its students. He had also hosted an online "chin-wag" for members around the globe.
4.2	A record 71 new members had joined from the 2024 leavers with the possibility of more being recruited at the Certificate Collection event in December. The Scholarship Scheme supporting students to buy textbooks in their first year at university was flourishing. The Association had funded the prizegivings, 6th form pizza and afternoon tea events, a prefect's team bonding event and had created a new funding scheme for departments within the School. From August, an Association Work Experience Scheme was being established, working closely with the School careers team. Six companies were already interested.
4.3	The Associated Clubs and Societies continued to flourish and were so important in maintaining those friendships formed through the School. Members of the Executive Committee had worked hard to boost the Association's social media presence throughout the year and this had undoubtedly increased awareness of and attendance at several events.
4.4	Andy congratulated Jim Harrington for an excellent year as President and thanked especially Alex Cass, Chris Sorrell, Sam Hodgson and Joe Zammit for their efforts on the Association's behalf during the year.
5.0	Treasurer's Report and Presentation of the Audited Accounts to 31st March 2024: Dan Garside's report and the accounts had been circulated and he commented as follows:
5.1	Good growth in annual subscriptions based on a successful post A Level "sign up" session in May 23 as well as some new joiners signing up via the website.
5.2	NSA bond interest was now paying a decent return but looking at ways to earn more on the TSB deposits.
5.3	Creditors include two years of School Prizegiving contributions. Transaction fees relate to the use of the Square card reader and Go Cardless scheme for signing up the next generation.

5.4	Stock is higher this year due to a delivery of polyester OSA ties and also silk ladies' scarves. The loss on tie sales is due to new joiners being given a polyester tie.												
5.5	Richard Medcalf was standing down after many (15 plus?) years of sterling service looking after the Association's No 2 account and Lucy Glover had kindly agreed to succeed him. The Association (and especially the Treasurer) was very grateful to Richard for his meticulous work												
5.6	The Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024 were adopted on a proposal by Clive Shiret, seconded by Geoff Kittle.												
6.0	Report of Sub Committees, the School, the Clubs and the Affiliated Organisations: The following three reports had been circulated prior to the meeting:												
6.1	Old Southendian Bowls Circle. Ian Fulton confirmed that the Circle had had a successful summer season with a total of 34 members playing some 20 outdoor fixtures, winning 14, losing 5 and with one abandonment. The Circle won 3 matches and lost 2 in the indoor season in 2023/24. Trevor Johnson retired as Match Secretary at the end of the summer season after a magnificent 8 years in which he had increased membership, expanded the fixture list and completely overhauled the organisation and administration of the Circle. One sad note was the death of long-time member, Richard Fenn, in April.												
6.2	Old Southendian & Southchurch Cricket Club. Woody Marron reported on what had been the Club's most successful season on the pitch, winning four league titles through the 1st, 3rd, 4th and U17 XIs, as well as a runners-up performance for the 2nd XI and a playoff final victory for the U11s. The focus on youth cricket remained on enjoyment and participation, and the coaches have done a fantastic job to cultivate a positive and inclusive environment in which all youngsters are encouraged to thrive.												
6.3	Old Southendian Organ Society. Joe Zammit reported that two concerts in late 2023 had concluded a very successful series to celebrate the Centenary of the War Memorial Organ, featuring Francesca Massey and <i>Cantare</i> . In contrast, 2024 had been calmer in terms of events but the work of the Society had continued, working with the School to establish tuition and support for organ students. A concert entitled "A Southendian Showcase" would be held on 16 th November 2024 featuring current and former staff and students. Selected recordings from past concerts were also available on the Society's website and on its YouTube channel. The Society remained grateful to the School and to its members and donors without who it would not be able to provide this support or indeed look after the 101-year-old organ!												
6.4	School Liaison Officer. Karl Anderson had sent a report in his absence and confirmed that two main initiatives between the School and the Association had been further developed in the preceding year. Firstly, the Year 13 scholarship initiative meant that Association members now funded scholarships worth £250 in a broad range of subject areas to enable students with the best academic record and potential to purchase books and resources in the first year of their university studies. The second initiative is the work experience scheme, whereby a database is maintained of Association members who are able to offer advice and/or work placements to current students. This database is shared with the School Careers team and allows them to put students in touch with those members. There has been good initial engagement across a range of industries but the scheme was always looking for more participants to offer a wider range of opportunities.												
6.5	Registrar. Geoff May reported the latest figures vis-à-vis membership of the Association as follows: <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Active Members</td><td>2555</td></tr> <tr> <td>Lapsed Members</td><td>337</td></tr> <tr> <td>Resigned</td><td>60</td></tr> <tr> <td>Gone Away</td><td>273</td></tr> <tr> <td>Lost Members, presumed dead</td><td>28</td></tr> <tr> <td>Deceased Members notified since 2019</td><td>70</td></tr> </table>	Active Members	2555	Lapsed Members	337	Resigned	60	Gone Away	273	Lost Members, presumed dead	28	Deceased Members notified since 2019	70
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7.0	The Election of Officers, the Executive Committee and the Honorary Auditor:
7.1	The meeting approved the appointment of the following Officers: Chairman* (of the Executive Committee – serving until the 2025 AGM) Andy Crow President* (<i>with effect from 1st January 2024 and to serve until 31st December 2024</i>)* Jim Harrington Immediate Past President* (<i>to serve until 31st December 2024</i>) Dan Garside President Designate* (<i>with effect from 1st January 2024 and to serve until 31st December 2024</i>) Clive Shiret President* (<i>with effect from 1st January 2025 and to serve until 31st December 2025</i>) Clive Shiret Immediate Past President* (<i>with effect from 1st January 2025 and to serve until 31st December 2025</i>) Jim Harrington
7.2	The Executive Committee proposed that the President Designate of the Association* with effect from 1 st January 2025 (to serve until 31 st December 2025) and therefore its President in 2026 be Nick Robins. This was carried unanimously by the meeting.
7.3	The following Officers had confirmed their willingness to continue to serve on the Executive Committee: Treasurer* Dan Garside Secretary* Keith Spenceley Registrar* Geoff May Legal Adviser* Kevin Leigh
7.4	Publications Officer* Chris Sorrell {Officers marked * are <i>ex officio</i> members of the Executive Committee.} The following were elected <i>en bloc</i> to the Executive Committee to serve until the 2025 AGM:
7.5	Karl Anderson, Ken Carter, Kate Cooper, Will Green, Sam Hodgson, Callum Hynes, Geoff Kittle, Sara Linney, Joseph Madren, Sophie Thickbroom and Joe Zammit. Executive Committee representatives from the Affiliated Organisations and Clubs were advised as: Old Southendian & Southchurch Cricket Club Edward Marron Old Southendian Football Club John Roy Old Southendian Hockey Club Jack Stevenson Old Southendian Organ Society Joe Zammit Old Southendian Bowls Circle Ian Fulton # Old Southendian Golf Circle Steve Clarke # Ian is representing the Bowls Circle on the Executive Committee for the first time. Andy Crow asked the meeting to recognise with thanks the service of Trevor Johnson who was stepping down as the Bowls Circle's Match Secretary after eight magnificent years' service.
7.6	A partner of Azets, Julian Golding, has agreed to continue as Honorary Auditor.
8.0	Date of the next Annual General Meeting:
	The meeting agreed that the 2025 Annual General Meeting should be held at The Southendian Club, Garon Park, Southend on Sea on Wednesday, 5 th November 2025, commencing at 8.15 pm.
9.0	Any Other Competent Business:
9.1	There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.18 pm.

Keith Spenceley (Tuscany, 1973-1980)
General Secretary, The Old Southendian Association
28th January 2025

Agenda Item 4 – Chairman’s Report

This year has once again seen a huge amount of effort put in by many members of the Committee, OSA members and also school staff helping to promote the OSA.

I have been honoured to have attended many events at the school along with many other OSA members. These include the Remembrance Service, Veterans’ Day, Prizegiving for both the lower and upper school, the Spring Concert and Sports Day. Sports Day saw the presentation of the new “Impey Shield” for the Best Female Athlete at the school, donated in memory of Derek, by his family.

A great deal of focus at the school has been the formation of the Southend High School for Boys Charitable Trust and the OSA and its members has contributed not only financially but also in offering help and expertise where needed. To date the Charity has raised around £120k and the “2025 Society” has over 120 members all contributing to the Trust on a regular basis.

We have gained a record 81 new members from last year’s leavers with the possibility of more joining when we attend the Leavers’ event in December. This is an incredible effort by all OSA volunteers involved and also the enthusiasm of Mrs Worth and her staff to promote the Association.

We continue to assist the School with their Scholarship scheme to support selected students with book purchases in their first year at university. We also fund all prizegiving books, 6th form pizza and afternoon tea events and a prefect’s team bonding event.

The undoubted highlights for me were the publication of the first OSA Magazine for 6 years. The content was superb, and I would like to thank all contributors. The magazine itself wouldn’t have happened without the hard work of many, but I would particularly like to thank Chris Sorrell, Joe Zammit, Geoff May, Ken Carter and Kate Cooper for their hard work. Also, the 16 volunteer “posties” who delivered hard copies around Southend.

We also held the OSA Dinner Dance in July. An incredible night of musical performances by current and former students was a huge success and raised £13k for the Charitable Trust. Apart from the quality of performance, the sheer enjoyment of seeing current students playing alongside professionally acclaimed talent that has emerged from the School was a joy to see. The former students enjoyed themselves so much that a new OSA Big Band Society has been launched and will play at events next year.

The Associated Clubs and Societies continue to flourish, with the Cricket and Football Clubs having very successful seasons. The Bowls Circle had a great year, and the Golf Circle saw record numbers in attendance at their 4 golf days. As always, the Organ Society events were attended in great numbers and its support continues to grow.

I feel it’s important that, as an Association, we continue to encourage the current students to join all our clubs and societies so that they can maintain bonds and friendships that will last forever.

I would like to congratulate Clive Shiret on a successful year as President which saw nearly all his events fully booked. Chris Sorrell and the Events Committee have as always worked tirelessly behind the scenes and have helped arrange our usual diary of great events.

Finally, I would like to thank all of those people that have gone out of their way to help me and the Association this year and I’m sure next year will continue to follow the fantastic growth we have seen in 2025.

Andrew Crow (Athens, 1974-1981)
Chairman, The Old Southendian Association

Agenda Item 5 – Presentation of the Audited Accounts for the financial year ended 31st March 2025

I have pleasure in presenting the OSA annual accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025 and now summarise the key items and movements from the prior year.

Our surplus for the year is £1,789 which takes our reserves from £51,654 to £53,443. This represents a drop in annual surplus of (£3,226) and I summarise the material reasons for this below: -

- £341 overall increase in income
 - (£1,203) increase in awareness campaign costs
 - (£2,989) increase in donations made to the School
 - £686 reduction in insurance costs
 - (£61) other cost increases
- Total of above items £3,226

Included with our reserves of £53,443, a total of £52,313 is held in liquid funds, £3,217 is held in stock of ties/neck scarves/cufflinks/chairperson medals and £2,087 represents our creditors as at the year end. The creditors include amounts owed to the School and funds received in advance for events, subscriptions and donations.

Our reserve levels are reviewed annually to ensure that they remain appropriate for the activities of the OSA. Primarily, reserves are kept to ensure we have enough operational funding. As operating costs remain very low, it is also recognised that we hold funds that allow us to assist the School when there are specific projects they are not able to fund internally. Subsequent to the year end, the Executive Committee approved significant donations to the new SHSB Charitable Trust and also absorbed the costs of re-issuing the OSA magazine directly impacting our reserves by circa £13,000.

This particular year end saw Richard Medcalf hang up his boots as the person with the unenviable task of looking after our no 2 account. The Executive Committee are very grateful to Richard for his service to the OSA and equally as grateful to Lucy Glover for stepping into Richard's shoes moving forward.

It remains my great honour and pleasure to hold the treasurer's role for this great organisation.

Dan Garside FCCA (Tuscany, 1988-1995)
Honorary Treasurer, The Old Southendian Association

OLD SOUTHENDIAN ASSOCIATION
ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE OLD SOUTHENDIAN ASSOCIATION

We can confirm that the accompanying Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Account and Notes thereto in respect of the year ended 31st March 2025 have been prepared from the books, vouchers, bank statements and other information made available to us by the Treasurer and are in accordance therewith.

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OLD SOUTHENDIAN ASSOCIATION**GENERAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

	Year ended 31/03/2025		Year ended 31/03/2024	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM SUBSCRIPTIONS				
Life subscriptions	50		60	
Annual subscriptions	<u>6,460</u>		<u>5,950</u>	
		6,510		6,010
INTEREST RECEIVED				
National savings income bonds		933		829
OTHER INCOME				
(Deficit) on necktie/scarf sales/cuff links	-480		-471	
Life member donations	2,120		2,240	
Sundry donations	0		170	
(Deficit) on social functions (note 2)	<u>-72</u>		<u>-108</u>	
		<u>1,568</u>		<u>1,831</u>
		9,011		8,670
LESS: EXPENDITURE				
Printing, postage & stationery	65		32	
SHSB trophies and prizes	1,210		1,246	
Awareness campaign associated costs - Pizza Lunch	949		1,154	
Awareness campaign associated costs - Afternoon Tea	443		0	
Awareness campaign associated costs - Prefect Event	965		0	
OSA public liability insurance premium	336		1,022	
Book purchases on behalf of SHSB	3,148		0	
Donation to SHSB charity event	0		159	
Chairpersons Medal award	47		0	
Transaction fees	24		10	
Domain registration and hosting costs	<u>35</u>		<u>32</u>	
		<u>7,222</u>		<u>3,655</u>
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		<u><u>1,789</u></u>		<u><u>5,015</u></u>

OLD SOUTHENDIAN ASSOCIATION

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST MARCH 2025

	31/03/2025		31/03/2024	
	£	£	£	£
INVESTMENT				
National savings income bonds		25,000		25,000
CURRENT ASSETS				
Stock in hand, at cost	3,217		4,096	
		3,217		4,096
BANK BALANCES				
T.S.B. current accounts		27,313		25,540
TOTAL ASSETS		55,530		54,636
LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Sundry creditors		-2,087		-2,982
NET ASSETS		53,443		51,654
REPRESENTING:				
ACCUMULATED FUNDS				
General income and expenditure account (note 1)		53,443		51,654

Signed by:

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D. Garside - Treasurer

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A Crow - Chairman

Agenda Item 6.1 – Report from the Registrar

It was expected that the first OSA publication to be posted out since 2019 (the August 2025 Magazine) would cause a large number of deaths of members and changes of address and other details to be reported, and so it has proved.

All notified changes of address have been used to update the Association's database and deceased members' details removed from the 'Active' database.

The Membership data as at 1st November 2025 is therefore as follows:

Active Full/Annual Members	2513
Lapsed Members	394
Resigned	67
Gone Aways	309#
Lost, presumed Deceased, Members	37
Deceased Members notified since October 2018 Magazine list	28*

of which 46 have occurred since issue of the 2025 Magazine

* *plus 3 whose names were omitted from the 2025 Magazine*

Whilst the cost advantage of not sending every listed member a Magazine though the post in the future is self-evident, it is going to impinge adversely upon the accuracy of our database. If publication of the Magazine is to be on a resumed annual basis in the future, appeals for members to keep the Association's record of their address and other details will need to accompany e-mail attachments containing the Magazine. It might also be worth considering sending out a printed copy of the Magazine or other publication to every member on a five-yearly basis, which would mean that the next 'full distribution' would take place in 2030.

Work continues in our on-going mission to locate members for whom we currently hold no valid postal or e-mail address.

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to Joe Zammit for his huge contribution in analysing and updating the database and for technical advice, as well as for achieving at long last the Executive Committee's goal of resuming publication of 'The Old Southendian' Magazine.

Geoffrey May (Sparta 1964-1972)

Honorary Registrar, The Old Southendian Association

Agenda Item 6.2 – Report on the activities of the Bowls Circle

The Bowls Circle has enjoyed another successful summer season. As per recent years, 20 weekly fixtures were arranged. We managed to play them all, despite heavy rain restricting our game at Prittlewell to fourteen ends and the one at Southchurch Park to nine. We won 17 of those games and lost just 3. Across the season, we won on 48 rinks and lost on 25. Overall shot count was 1,317 for and 934 against, improving on last year's figures which had been our previous best.

We managed to beat Fairwood in our first game, having lost to them in the previous couple of years. We also managed to reverse last year's losses against South Benfleet and Shoebury. Our first loss of 2025 came in our mid-season game against Bournemouth Park. Our second loss was against Belfairs, where we were beaten for the second year running. Our third and final loss came in our last match of the season, again versus Bournemouth Park. So that's a couple of bogey teams to work on for next year!

Chris Johnson, Keith Francis and Chris Sorrell achieved a glorious hot shot at Castle Point in June. In fact, we scored 103 points against Castle Point that day. I don't think we've scored more than a hundred points many times before. During the summer season, 32 members played for us. Ben Amos continued to give us our shot of youth during the school holidays and Matt Osborne and Chris Watson both managed to get themselves away from work to each play a few games this year.

Members and partners enjoyed an excellent pre-season lunch at the Anchor in Canewdon in late April, including OSA President Clive Shiret and his wife, Penny.

Robey Wright again organised five indoor fixtures last winter. We won 3 and lost 2 of those matches. On rinks we won by 10 to 8 and on shot count by 295 to 255. We also enjoyed an indoor hot shot against Southend, courtesy of Paul Johnson, Chris Watson, Brian Smith and yours truly. A similar set of fixtures is already underway this winter and we won our first match two weeks ago quite convincingly. Thanks to Robey for his efforts.

All in all, I think it was an excellent season for us. But let's not get too dizzy about results and stats. At the end of the day, it's about us playing our games and enjoying ourselves, which is exactly what we do. Our opposition also seems to enjoy hosting us and long may that continue.

Ian Fulton (Tuscany, 1967-1974)

Match Secretary, The Old Southendian Bowls Circle

Agenda Item 6.3 – Report on the activities of the Golf Circle

2025 saw the OSGC once again increasing numbers attending the 4 events we organised, with 2 events getting more than 30 attendees and the other 2 events getting more than 24.

Great course selection from the Captain, Steve Jennings, helped entice the membership to the events. In addition, we also managed to get a younger section from the OSA participating with help from Rob McKelvie, Andy Crow, Mark Sanders, Paul Husselbee and Steve Jennings. This is an action we wish to build on in 2026.

The OSGC holds a working fund to pay for deposits and towards prizes. This was started by Graham Winckless a few years back and I have continued the strategy with the balance at the end of 2025 at circa £1,100. We are now starting to build a decent balance to enable earlier booking of events to secure better prices, but also extra funds to maintain and add to the Cups for which we play. In fact, 2025 saw the Society upgrade two silver cups and add three extra cups via kind donations from Graham Winckless (a new Vets trophy for the Spring Meeting), Steve Jennings (a trophy for the "Bring a Friend" event) and Steve Clarke (a new Summer event Trophy). As such the Society is now in possession of Trophies for every event, and engravings are up to date.

The changes to the events format requested at the 2024 AGM were implemented in 2025, and all agreed that these changes were successful and should continue into 2026, where they will continue to be reviewed and improved as required by the Society members.

The OSGC thanked Steve Jennings for being an excellent Captain for 2025! Karl Wingfield will be Captain for 2026 and the members wish him a successful season. Paul Husselbee has very kindly accepted the honour to be Captain for 2027. Dave Webb outlined the Tour for 2026 in Warwickshire - I will post future nudges to the Society.

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone who played and responded to the multiple nudges I made for the 4 events this year. It really does help, even if they reply, "Cannot Make", as I get a feel of who's reading my messages and the numbers I will get. Our numbers have been great this year; this gives me hope that in 2026 we can build upon our improvements and entice more younger Old Southendians to our events, hopefully on a regular basis.

Steve Clarke (Tuscany, 1977–1982)
Secretary, The Old Southendian Golf Circle

Agenda Item 6.4 – Report on the activities of the Old Southendian Football Club

The Football Club had another good season in 2024/25 with the 1st XI ending up runners-up in the Essex Olympian League for the second year running. It was disappointing not to clinch the title having played so well for the majority of the season but it wasn't to be. The Reserves finished a respectable 7th out of 13, their equal highest finish in the EOFL and our restarted A Team had an excellent first season in the newly formed Olympian Div 4 (South East). It was particularly tough for them being a 3rd team and playing against most other club's first or second teams. A little milestone for the Club is that we have our first lady manager, Clare Potter, who is joint manager of the A team alongside Garry Poulton.

Our Vets teams had a mixed season with the 1st XI ending mid-table but lifting the Charity A Cup. The Reserves narrowly missed winning Div 4 of the vets' league but gained promotion to Div 2 as runners up. The vets section also saw the birth of the Vets Over 50s Division which the Club entered. It was a great success with a good number of the older lads enjoying a decent season playing 16 league games, winning 6, drawing 4 and losing 6.

The Club overall is in a good position this season with plenty of players available each weekend allowing us to comfortably field 3 Saturday men's teams and 3 Sunday men's vets teams. We have lots of social events which include lunches on match days, a dinner dance and a Football Club supper which are all well supported. This season is our 125th Anniversary having been founded in 1900 and an excellent 125th Anniversary Dinner Dance was held at The Boundary, Garon Park, and was attended by 160 people.

Unfortunately, our hopes of moving up to the Thurlow Nunn League were thwarted by council planning issues and timing. We still hope to achieve this move one day but maybe it was just a little too early for us for the current season. A blessing rather than a problem.

The Club normally has a game or two at home on a Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. All are welcome to wander over to Garons and cheers the lads on. There's plenty of parking and the café and bar are open for refreshments. It would be nice to see some of you there if you have a spare couple of hours.

Nick Robins (Athens, 1978-1984)

Chairman, The Old Southendian Football Club and President Designate 2025, The Old Southendian Association

Agenda Item 6.5 – Report on the activities of the Old Southendian Organ Society

Please refer to our colourful report in the 2025 Magazine (which shares not only the news from the last year, but a recap of the years since the last "*The Old Southendian*"). Since its publication, the Society has been delighted to present a special concert which included Saint-Saëns's famous "Organ Symphony" (with Southend Symphony Orchestra and organist Roderick Elms) to a packed audience.

Looking forward, we are involved in the Charitable Trust's all-day "Musical Marathon" on Saturday 6th December 2025 and will present "two events in a day" on Saturday 28th February 2026: an open morning (come and play the organ!), followed by a showcase concert in the evening. Stay tuned for more details on these and other events for 2026 and thank you to all our supporters in the meantime.

Joseph Zammit (Tuscany, 2004-2011)

Publicity and Communications, The Old Southendian Organ Society

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