



The Old Southendian Association

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Sustaining Friendships...

August 2025

Dear Old Southendian,

The Events sub-Committee is pleased to provide full details of the following Association Events for the second half of 2025.

Event & Venue	Date	Cost per Person	Open to	Manager
2. London Dinner The George, 213 Strand, London, WC2R 1AP	Friday 26 th September 2025	£65.00 [Wine is included]	OSA Members	Sam Hodgson 187, Daws Heath Road Rayleigh SS6 7NN Tel: 07538 038068 samhodgson712@gmail.com (BACS Payment Available)
3. Autumn Lunch Garon Park Golf Complex, Southend-on-Sea, SS2 4FA	Thursday 9 th October 2025	£32.50	OSA Members & Partners	Chris Sorrell 15, Station Road Hockley SS5 4BZ Tel: 07710 503492 hockleystalky@yahoo.co.uk (BACS Payment Available)
4. Wine Tasting The Southendian Clubhouse, Garon Park, Eastern Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, SS2 4FA	Friday 31 st October 2025	£55.00	OSA Members & Guests	Kate Cooper 132, Eastwood Road Rayleigh SS6 7JR Tel: 07884 186199 markandkate.cooper@gmail.com (BACS Payment Available)
5. Annual Reunion Dinner The Boundary, Garon Park, Eastern Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, SS2 4FA	Saturday 8 th November 2025	£45.00	OSA Members	Andrew Crow 6, Hall Park Avenue Westcliff-on-Sea SS0 8NP Tel: 07779 720873 andycrow@chorusadvisers.co.uk (BACS Payment Available)
OSA "Festival of Music" 2026 The Boundary, Garon Park, Eastern Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, SS2 4FA	SAVE THE DATE Friday 10 th July 2026	Following the success of the 2025 Summer Dinner Dance, we're pleased to share the date of next year's "Festival of Music", featuring SHSB Big Band musicians past and present. Save the date for what promises to be a spectacular show with talented instrumentalists and singers. <i><u>Musicians:</u></i> please see the note on page 4 to get involved!		

"Sustaining friendships formed through the School and the Association for the benefit of past, present and future Southendians"

Booking details:

Bookings are now being accepted for Events **2, 3, 4 and 5** [for full Event Details see below].

Reply Slips can be found on pages 4 & 5. Please complete the appropriate **Reply Slip** and return together with your cheque to the respective Event Manager (contact details above). Booking Confirmation e-mails will be sent by Managers, but **NO TICKETS** will be issued for any Event.

Please note Cheque[s] must be made payable to the '**Old Southendian Association**' and will be presented 14 days prior to your chosen event[s]. Cheques made out to an alternative Payee e.g. 'OSA' will not be accepted by our Bank.

You are able to pay for all Events (London Dinner, Autumn Lunch, Wine Tasting & Annual Reunion) by BACS. If you wish to pay by this method, can you please email the relevant manager to confirm.

Please make payments to:

SORT CODE: 30-94-26

ACCOUNT NO: 18761468

ACCOUNT NAME: Old Southendian Association No.3 account

****** ENSURE THAT YOU INCLUDE YOUR SURNAME WHEN PAYING BY THIS METHOD IN ORDER TO SECURE YOUR PLACE AT THE EVENT ******

Event Details:

<p>2. 66th London Dinner The George, 213 Strand, London, WC2R 1AP</p> <p>Friday, 26th September 2025</p> <p>6.30pm for 7.30pm £65.00 per head</p>	<p>Our president, Clive Shiret, is proud to invite members to join him at the historic George Pub and Dining Rooms, established in 1723, at 213 Strand, WC2R 1AP, opposite the entrance to the Law Courts. For centuries those at the heart of our legal system have dined in sumptuous style and The George is a throwback in time. The venue boasts a good level of fayre and a well-kept, well-stocked cellar of beers and wines. When I first used to work in the City pre big bang, lunch times were spent in similar places and I have chosen this style for my Presidential London Dinner because I think it is something akin to how we do things in the Association, intergenerational with friendship at its heart.</p> <p>Please advise of any dietary requirements when booking.</p>
<p>3. Autumn Lunch Garon Park Golf Complex, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS2 4FA</p> <p>Thursday, 9th October 2025</p> <p>12 noon for 12.30pm £32.50 per head [inclusive of Tip]</p>	<p>By popular demand, we return to this venue where the views of the golf course and surrounding countryside complement our favourite 3-course Carvery Lunch.</p> <p>Menu:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homemade Tomato soup or duo of seasonal melon served with a mango sorbet• 3 meat Carvery of Beef, Gammon Ham & Turkey (vegetarian option of mushroom wellington is available).• Cheese & Biscuits or Apple Crumble & Custard/Ice Cream or Homemade Chocolate brownie served with vanilla ice cream or Mixed Ice Cream sundaes• Coffee & mints <p>Orders taken up to 3rd October but PLEASE BOOK EARLIER as we have to have a minimum of 30 for this event.</p>

<p>4. Wine Tasting The Southendian Clubhouse, Garon Park, Southend-on-Sea, SS2 4FA</p> <p>Friday, 31st October 2025</p> <p>7.45pm for 8.00pm £55.00 per head [including wines & buffet]</p>	<p>A real Treat (no tricks!) for Hallowe'en, this year's wine tasting event will for the first time include some wine from Switzerland as well as the Italian wine you have come to expect and love from the vineyards of Jan and Ian Steel and their friends.</p> <p>As usual there will be excellent wine, amusing information about its origins and making, fun games (the return of wine pong anyone?) and wonderful food with a buffet from Wayne always welcome to help keep us sustained.</p> <p>Measures are generous, prior knowledge of wine unnecessary, and for the first time this year please feel free to invite guests from outside the Association if you wish. As in previous years, however, the capacity for the event is strictly limited to 35.</p> <p>Tickets for the event are £55 and we are pleased to be able to offer the wines from the event for your enjoyment at home, with a donation from every bottle sold (at still less than retail prices) to the Association. Please note that payments on the night for wine should be made by BACS transfer.</p> <p>Tickets for the event are available from Kate Cooper via markandkate.cooper@gmail.com - please book before 27th October.</p>
<p>5. 95th Annual Reunion Dinner The Boundary, Garon Park, Eastern Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, SS2 4FA</p> <p>Saturday, 8th November 2025</p> <p>6.00pm for 7.30pm £45.00 per head</p>	<p>The event this year is once again at the Southendian Clubhouse next to the cricket ground at Garon Park. The Boundary is the function suite based in the marquee at the complex. Feedback from 2024 was outstanding. We hope you will once again enjoy this venue for the OSA's main event of the year!</p> <p>Wine is not included. Please advise of any dietary requirements when booking.</p> <p>Please also book early to avoid disappointment.</p>

Other Events in 2025:

Event	Date	Details & Contact
<p>Southend Symphony Orchestra – Saint-Saëns, Haydn and Walton</p> <p>From the Old Southendian Organ Society</p>	<p>Saturday 11th October 2025, 7.30pm [optional pre-concert talk: 6.45pm]</p>	<p>The Old Southendian Organ Society is delighted to welcome Southend Symphony Orchestra to perform a programme of Haydn, Walton, and the famous Saint-Saëns Symphony No.3 (The Organ Symphony), to be played with acclaimed organist Roderick Elms on the magnificent Memorial Organ at Southend High School for Boys.</p> <p>The Haydn Cello Concerto will feature John Chillingworth (former Principal Cellist at the English National Opera, and organist, pianist, teacher, conductor and arranger).</p> <p>More information and tickets are available via www.osos.org.uk/events or contact Joseph Zammit (Tuscany, 2004-2011) via info@osos.org.uk</p>

Special Notices:

Future Events – The Events sub-Committee is always looking for prestigious venues to hold our Annual London Dinner. Are you able to assist by way of introduction to any such establishments? If so, please contact Sam Hodgson – Tel: 07538 038068 or email: samhodgson712@gmail.com

Do you have an idea for a possible future Event? If so, please contact Chris Sorrell – Tel: 07710 503492 or email: hockleystalky@yahoo.co.uk

Show your Membership of the Old Southendian Association!

Traditional [Green and Black] Tie – Polyester £5.50 or Silk £12.50

Summer Tie – Silk £15.00

Cufflinks - £27.50 per pair

Ladies Lapel Pins - £11.00

Ladies Silk Scarves - £25.00

Contact Dan Garside – 01702 612112 or dangarside66@gmail.com

[For Summer Tie or Ladies Silk Scarves contact Chris Sorrell 07710 503492 or hockleystalky@yahoo.co.uk]

Old Southendian Music and “The Old Boys” Big Band

After the success of our recent reunion performance at The Boundary in conjunction with the current school big band, we are delighted that “The Old Boys” Big Band will now be meeting on a more regular basis – with opportunities to rehearse, catch up with old friends, and ultimately perform together again.

We would be very pleased to hear from any former members who would like to be involved. Please contact Andy Berry at andyberry233@gmail.com. More details to follow!

REPLY SLIP

EVENT 2 -- 66th London Dinner – Friday 26th September 2025

Place required @ £65.00 Yes / No

Dinner Seating Preference:

Name (print):		☎:
Years at School:	House:	Email Address:

REPLY SLIP


EVENT 3 -- Autumn Lunch – Thursday 9th October 2025

Number of Places required @ £32.50 each:

Choice of Menu – Please indicate **& keep a note of your choice[s]**

<i>Course:</i>	Soup	Melon	Carvery	Cheese	Crumble	Chocolate Brownie	Ice Cream
<i>Number:</i>							


Seating preference:

Name (print):		 :
Years at School:	House:	Email Address:

REPLY SLIP

EVENT 4 -- Wine Tasting – Friday 31st October 2025

Number of Places required @ £55.00 each:


Name (print):		 :
Years at School:	House:	Email Address:

REPLY SLIP

EVENT 5 -- 95th Annual Reunion Dinner – Saturday 8th November 2025

Place required @ £45.00 Yes / No

Seating Preference:

Name (print):		 :
Years at School:	House:	Email Address: