



The Old Southendian Association

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Sustaining Friendships...

August 2026

Dear Old Southendian,

The Events sub-Committee is pleased to provide full details of the following Association Events for the second half of 2026.

Event & Venue	Date	Cost per Person	Open to	Manager
2. London Dinner Balls Brothers 1 Mincing Lane, Minster Court, City of London, EC3R 7BB	Friday 25 th September 2026	£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 8 th October 2026	£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 30 th October 2026	£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 7 th November 2026	£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)

"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:

2. 67th London Dinner Balls Brothers 1 Mincing Lane, Minster Court, City of London, EC3R 7BB Friday, 25th September 2026 6.30pm for 7.30pm £65.00 per head [including wine]	Our President, Nick Robins, is proud to invite members to join him at this venue that holds many memories for him. Balls Brothers have been wine merchants for 150 years and their bars and restaurants have been regular city haunts for over half a century. The Minster Court restaurant is situated in the heart of the City and close to Fenchurch Street Station. Many business lunches have been held in the traditional upstairs venue and since a recent refurbishment there is now a new underground function suite too that will host our event. Wine is included. Please advise of any dietary requirements when booking.
3. Autumn Lunch Garon Park Golf Complex, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS2 4FA Thursday, 8th October 2026 12 noon for 12.30pm £32.50 per head [inclusive of Tip]	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. Menu: • 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 Orders taken up to 2nd October but PLEASE BOOK EARLIER as we have to have a minimum of 30 for this event.

4. Wine Tasting The Southendian Clubhouse, Garon Park, Southend-on-Sea, SS2 4FA Friday, 30th October 2026 7.45pm for 8.00pm £55.00 per head [including wines & buffet]	We warmly invite you to this year's wine tasting event which will, for the first time, include some wine from a mix of countries, as well as the Italian wine you have come to expect and love from the vineyards of Jan and Ian Steel and their friends. As usual, there will be amusing information about its origins and making, excellent wine, fun games (wine pong is here to stay) and wonderful food with a buffet from Wayne always welcome to help keep us sustained. Measures are generous, prior knowledge of wine unnecessary, and 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. 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. Tickets for the event are available from Kate Cooper via markandkate.cooper@gmail.com - please book before 23rd October.
5. 96th Annual Reunion Dinner The Boundary, Garon Park, Eastern Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, SS2 4FA Saturday, 7th November 2026 6.00pm for 7.30pm £45.00 per head	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 2025 was outstanding. We hope you will once again enjoy this venue for the OSA's main event of the year! Wine is not included. Please advise of any dietary requirements when booking. Please also book early to avoid disappointment.

Other Events in 2026:

Event	Date	Details & Contact
Organ Society: A Southendian Showcase	Saturday 3 rd October 2026, 3.00pm	Join us for a varied concert with something for everyone, featuring music from an eclectic mix of instruments and voices, and the organ, as we are entertained by past and current musical talent from the School. <u>Tickets</u> : £8, free for 18s and under.
Organ Society: Gaudeamus Choir present "In Tuneful Accord"	Saturday 7 th November 2026, 2.30pm	Join us for an afternoon of music with award-winning Gaudeamus choir, as we share choral music and explore the role of the organ in accompaniment. The programme will feature a mix of music both a cappella & accompanied by the magnificent War Memorial Organ at Southend High School for Boys. <u>Tickets</u> : £12, free for 18s and under. This concert aligns with the Annual Reunion Dinner - an ideal afternoon's entertainment as a prelude to the evening's event.

For more information and tickets for both Organ Society events please see:
www.osos.org.uk/events
or contact Joseph Zammit (Tuscany, 2004-2011) via info@osos.org.uk

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]

REPLY SLIP

EVENT 2 -- 67th London Dinner – Friday 25th September 2026

Place required @ £65.00 Yes / No

Dinner Seating Preference:

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

REPLY SLIP

EVENT 3 -- Autumn Lunch – Thursday 8th October 2026

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 30th October 2026

Number of Places required @ £55.00 each:

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

REPLY SLIP

EVENT 5 -- 96th Annual Reunion Dinner – Saturday 7th November 2026

Place required @ £45.00 Yes / No

Seating Preference:

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