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OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION



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INTRODUCTION

Elections 2025 vacancy - Newsletter editor

(Words by Wayne Houston, Vice Chairman, Intrim Newsletter Editor)

The long awaited return of the INDE NEWSLETTER, albeit in an electronic format.

2022 saw the last edition published and distributed physically to the membership. However it was apparent this was not viable to continue due to finances and the resource needed to create a document representing the values of the IOBA.

So, what has changed? To be honest not much. As with anything, the IOBA is operated on a voluntary basis, so the enthusiasm ebbs and flow with the tide of technological advances. Seeing well established social media groups like "Official OBA" on Facebook and other privately administrated pages the contact between old boys has never been greater and can be maintained with the click of a button.

Is the IOBA still relevant? Very much so! There are assets under the ownership of the IOBA of a significant value, not limited to the Indefatigable Bell, Trophies and other items (insurance value >£600,000). Without the Association those could be lost forever.

Then there is the Reunion weekend. A time for you to connect to YOUR history with the only opportunity for the general public to access freely the grounds on the Saturday in which many of us grew up fast with other like minded people to share stories (good and bad) of our time there. There is a chance to have your say at the annual general meeting routinely carry out on site too giving you the ability to hold the committee to account for motions and decisions made in the name of the membership. With the evening dinner seeing the joy and laughter all around whilst raffle tickets and auctions raise money to ensure the continuation of the association and other good causes.

With this.... our first request... WE NEED A NEWSLETTER EDITIOR!!!!

Newsletter is a challenge to produce. Contributions made to the newsletter editor have been like dragging an original £1.00 note out of a Scotsman sometimes. We do need your announcements, stories and life events to make this as informative as possible. We've recycled a few for this edition, but would encourage you to share with us no matter how insignificant you think.

(email to indefatigable.oba@gmail.com).

... thank you for taking the time to read...

Wayne Houston, Vice Chairman



CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

IOBA Chairman's Final Address 2025

"One of the happiest moments in life is when you find the courage to let go of what you can't change".

A line from the great C. M. Shultz the man who gave us Charlie Brown and other great philosophical One liner's to treasure in his Peanuts Books an inspiration to me over the years as I often used his teachings in my own lectures.

For 11 years I have been a member of the IOBA Committee as Treasurer and Chairman for the last 9. A position I have tried to uphold with honour and respect for all that the IOBA Stands for. It was never going to be easy following in the footsteps of one William (Bill) O'Leary, but I would like to think that in the main I achieved almost all that I had hoped for. All be it one aspect from the past has come to haunt my thoughts more recently.

Just a few of the most enjoyable parts of being the Chairman were, organising the annual dinner inviting and hosting the JSMT Commandant and his guest and not least of which the Chairmans message in the Newsletter, when that stopped and the events that have followed since have had a serious effect on my motivation and leadership desire.

I have shared some very memorable, treasured moments with you especially those I have subsequently come to call friend. The Sea Cadet awards in all corners of the UK, the most memorable being the trip to Scotland, just the raw emotion that overtook the room when we handed over the cheque will never be forgotten.

Whilst those are the highlights, sadly just a scattering of that most poignant reminder... each of us is only blessed with one lifetime.

For what has become affectionately known as "Inde Box Services" too many have crossed the bar during that time and again it has been my honour to bid farewell to those Inde boys whose families had requested our presence at their final memorial service up and down the land. Two, very memorable services of remembrance held off the jetty here at the school we all attended.

Many of you will have read in the Newsletter of 2016, my first address to you as Chairman and given you the reasons why I accepted this post and again in 2017 as I reflected upon my own journey to the school and the subsequent experiences that have followed throughout my life.

Having served in two of the armed forces as a Royal Naval Submariner and Combat Medical Technician in the Army I finished my Military career in 1997 and then discovered I had not only a passion for saving lives but a want and desire to make the world of work a better place, with the rest of my career dedicated to health, safety and risk management, a role that has seen me employed by some of the worlds global giants many of whom are involved in Motor Sport and achieved personal recognition for outstanding contribution to the cause on multiple occasions.

I took early retirement in December 2022 having finished my career where it all started in boats, only the luxury world of Yacht manufacturing perhaps a little more luxurious than a diesel-powered O Class submarine. I had hoped to complete a few of the things left on my bucket list – the ashes series in Australia being one. But alas sadly life catches up with you and it is with sad regret that I hand over the baton of leadership to another due to a declining and debilitating health condition.

Years of pounding the parade square, jumping over obstacles and an over-indulgence with the sports field have played havoc with my skeletal system, which has determined its time to be a lot more sedentary, but that is also a problem as I cannot sit for long periods either.

A serious arthritic condition in my spine makes long journey's impossible without invoking more pain. 11 years on from the first diagnosis I have another MRI scanplanned for May 2025 and as I write it is unclear as to what the long-term prognosis maybe.

So, time is now spent with my other great passions in life, stamp collecting and watching my grandchildren grow up. Not quite the final chapter I had hoped for but one I will truly enjoy to the fullest.

To each of you, I wish you all health and happiness, never forget you once were and always will be "Inde boys"

God Bless

Andrew

Andrew Butler, Chairman



TRESURER'S UPDATE

With great delight I bring some positive news although membership numbers are down, payments are up thanks to an initiative to reintroduce the annual membership fees of £15/annum (£10 over 65). At time of writing the membership payments received - £1,056, but there is more to do to ensure we can meet the commitments made, however having a current balance >£23,000.

Point to note is we will not report funds on a JULY to JUNE period. This meets the time period between AGMs and the Reunion dinner.

Allocated funds for 2024-25 (Jul-Jun) are as follows:

- Sea Cadets Award - £1500
- R. Griffin Fund - £300 (£1,050 allocated)
- Poppy appeal - £1000
- New Standard - £695
- Restoration works - £550 - Indefatigable Bible.
- Fixed running costs - ~£350

Income streams:

- General donations - £300
- Merchandising - £1400 (Less material costs)
- Raffle and other fund raising achieved in 2023-24 period - >£1900

Reunion meal tickets (£58.50 per head) income is not reported within the financial figures for this year as this should be neutral on the balance sheet. However the 2025 reunion is projected to operate at a significant loss (those that attend will have an excellent time anyway), so greater reliance on fund raising for the association will be leaned upon to ensure continued annual events can continue.

Your continued involvement and “in it together” ethos is very important to us.

REMINDER TO ALL - A motion was carried at the 2024 AGM where it was voted to re-establish collection of membership fees. The committee thanks all those who continued to contribute to the association voluntarily over the last few years. This certainly ensured the ongoing operations of the association could continue.

DONATIONS or GENERAL PAYMENTS:

Important: Allow us to allocate correctly. Please add your Reference or donation type (i.e. Rob Griffin / Etc)

Bank: Lloyds

Account Name: Indefatigable Old Boys Association

Sort Code: 30-90-43

Account: 00595463

NOTE: The committee no longer operates a PAYPAL account. If you have regular payments to the original account please cancel and update to a direct BACS transfer. Details can be found on the website (www.indeoba.com)



George Brown, Treasurer



SOCIAL SECRETARY UPDATE

REUNION 07 JUNE 7 2025

**Elections 2025 vacancy -
SOCIAL SECRETARY x 2**

The 42nd IOBA Reunion Dinner to be held on Saturday 7th June 2025
Reunion Dinner Ticket price : £58.50 (each).

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- **Friday NIGHT 6th June:**
 - **Vibrant Shirt' night in aid of Prostate Cancer (2024 raised £TBC), this will be held once again at Bangor University in the '1884 bar' with exclusive use for the evening.**
- **Saturday DAY 7th June [DAY EVENTS]:**
 - **School visit / AGM** - Attendees should arrive at the Old School for 10:00 for those who wish to tour the old School, grounds & Sailing area. The IOBA AGM with run from 11:30 - 13:00 followed with Tea/Coffee
 - **IOBA Merchandise stand will be present [\[link to IOBA Store\]](#).**

Please note - During the Saturday visit to the school there is now a NO ALCOHOL RULE; The bar at JSMTc is no longer available on Base and therefore the Commanding Officer has asked that no alcohol is bought onto the site or sold. This is due to families and students being on site over the weekend. All IOBA visitors must be off site by 15:30.

- **Saturday DAY 7th June [EVENING REUNION MAIN EVENT]:** Reunion Dinner Ticket price : £58.50 (each).
 - 19:00 - Bangor University '1884' bar to assembly in main hall for a sit down dinner at 20:00 hrs.
 - Music and Entertainment into the night.
 - Raffle and Auctions will be run throughout the evening, so bring £££

Dinner Venue : The Hugh Owen Room, Bangor University Event Management Centre,
Collage Road, Bangor, Gwynedd. LL57 2DG ([01248 365900](tel:01248 365900))
info@themanagementcentre.co.uk

Ticket price includes : THREE Course Dinner, with two bottles of wine selection per table, after dinner music entertainment and one glassware raffle ticket (worth £5.00). More tickets may be purchased on the night.

https://www.bangor.ac.uk/management_centre/contact.php.en

Reunion Dinner Ticket price : £58.50 (each).

MENU Options: Please see within the **BOOKING FORM.**



Joseph Pegler All Moral Rights Reserved 2014

Richard Lawson, Social Secretary





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IOBA 41st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

on Saturday 8th June 2024 at JSMTTC Indefatigable

MINUTES

1. OPENING ADDRESS - Andrew Butler (77/78), Chairman

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. OBITUARIES RECEIVED - Andrew Butler (77/78), Chairman

The Chairman with sadness, asked to record the names of Indefatigable Old Boys that had been notified to the Committee as having “crossed the bar” since the last AGM. They were:

- **Rev, Canon Bob Evans (IOBA Honorary Member),**
- **Mark Palmer 1980/82**
- **Barry Jones 1968/69**
- **Peter Allen 1985/87**

All present were asked to stand for a minute’s silence for those members lost and for those who bravely gave their lives and to all Inde Boys whose names are unknown as we remember the on this day, the D-Day 80th Anniversary.

3. 2023 AGM MINUTES - Andrew Butler (77/78), Chairman

The Minutes of the Last AGM held at JSMTTC Indefatigable on Saturday 3rd June 2023 were approved: Proposed Bill O’Leary, Seconded Steve Hobson

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM 2023 AGM MINUTES – Andrew Butler (77/78), Chairman

There were no matters arising from the 2023 AGM Minutes.



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5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2023/2024 - Andrew Butler (77/78), Chairman

Another quiet year in terms of events for the IOBA with no new memberships this past year.

2025 will see the 70th and 60th anniversary accordingly for those members who attended the Indefatigable in the 1950's and 60's and we hope to see a higher turnout for the 2025 reunion.

We heard from Sea Cadet HQ that the Sea Cadet Award is to be presented to Barrow-in-Furness. This will be presented by two members of the IOBA, others are welcome to attend.

This is one of the most enjoyable parts of the job "handing over your money"

A busy time preparing for this special reunion, planning and ensuring all the necessary protocols are followed also could not be achieved without support including that of the Staff at JSMTTC I wish to record my thanks.

Apologies for not publishing the newsletter to date. This is due in part to poor communications from the editor which the committee is following up with and hope to get the newsletter published soonest.

This year, no request was made for financial assistance via the Robert Griffin Award – this is to be better advertised for the 42nd 2025 reunion.

My thanks to all the team for their support and to you our members I look forward to the next twelve months and hope that we have some more great tales to tell.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Two positions up for election this year:

- Vice Chair – One nomination received, Wayne Huston – proposed by Bill O'leary and seconded by all members present.
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- Merchandise – Ian Parr to remain in post – proposed by Bill O'Leary and seconded by all members present.
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These changes were accepted, subject to general circulation from these minutes. Any challenges to be sent to the General Secretary.



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8. MEMBERSHIP – George Brown, Treasurer & Membership Secretary

The membership stands at 252 Members as at 31 Dec 2021

No new member applications this past year, with no difference made to members numbers since the subscription fee was suspended.

Due to having zero new member applications this last year, and no significant difference on membership since subscriptions were suspended in light of attracting new members, the Treasurer and Committee forward a motion to reinstate annual membership fees of £15.

Steve Hobson, attending first AGM/Reunion confirms that due to having no financial obligation to join the IOBA, then he felt there was no incentive to sign up for membership.

Currently the IOBA have two mainstreams of income, being merchandise sales and monies raised at the annual dinner. Although the accounts are currently healthy, members are reminded that each year the members numbers are naturally reducing and also the Sea Cadet Award has not been awarded for the last four years, and due to the costs of insurance, attending funerals and events etc. As a n organization, we need to look at other funding options in order to maintain the IOBA.

Reminder given that the monetary value of the Sea Cadet Award to be given is to be voted for at every AGM.

The motion to reinstate the annual subscription of £15 was put to the members present and carried by majority vote.

The Treasurer advises that the current membership database is out of date and requires a full review of current members and contact details as well as identifying those who have continued to pay annual subscriptions since the fee was suspended as some members were unaware of the suspension being in place.



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9. PRESENTATION OF 2023 ACCOUNTS – George Brown, Treasurer & Membership Secretary

·The Treasurer ran through FY 2023 accounts providing details of revenue (£8,547.86) and expenditure (£7,279.01) and the balance in the bank as at 31 Dec 2022 (£21,722.81).

·If you would like a Summary of Accounts for 2023, please feel free to speak to the Treasurer and Membership Secretary.

10. IOBA Shop Report – Ian Parr – Ian Parr (74/75), Merchandise

·Card payments now being accepted at the reunion for purchasing merchandise, which has worked exceptionally well this weekend, taking over £1,000.

·Raffle has raised over £750

·New stock now available.

11. IOBA NEWSLETTER - Andrew Butler (77/78), Chairman

Members Disheartened that no newsletter and no deadline for publication or response from Editor – Owen Sutton. Chairman to reach out. Suggestion made to elect a group of editors rather than a single person to offset workload.

12. IOBA MEDIA UPDATE

Nothing significant to report.

13. KEY EVENTS 2024/2025 - Andrew Butler (77/78), Chairman

·29th June 2024 – National Armed Forces Day Parade - Wirral

·3rd September 2024. Merchant Navy Day Liverpool

·Saturday 8th June 2025. IOBA 42nd reunion and IOBA AGM.
Proposed Andrew Butler, Seconded Bill O'leary

Please check regularly on <http://indeoba.com> for updates, where you will find various activities the IOBA participates in.



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14. AOB – Andrew Butler (77/78), Chairman

Question was raised regarding having a Southern Area Standard Bearer as currently both standard bearers are located in Northern Counties which impact attending any funerals/events. The committee are to look into costs and authorisation.

Discussion held on low numbers this attending this year, with a greater number expressing interest at the start of the year compared to those actually booking, resulting in more guests than members attending. Was this due to the dinner and accommodation location at Bangor University? It was agreed that the Committee would communicate with all members for feedback on what members wanted from the reunion and also the reasoning for hosting at Bangor University via website and Facebook. A vote was held and carried to host 2025 reunion at Bangor University, and investigate alternative locations for 2026. Suggestion made to look at taking an initial deposit from interested members.

Ian Parr – Suggestion of paying for a memorial bench to be sited at the National Memorial Arboretum – quote required.

Suggestion made of to erect a Blue Heritage or Brass Plaque at the front of the school entrance. Permission would first need to be gained from the JSMTTC Commandant – Richard Lawson to lead.

The meeting is now closed, thank you
Saturday: 7th June 2024

INDE BOYS SUPPORT



R. GRIFFIN AWARD

*Obtain up to £300 support from the IOBA
for attendance at a reunion*



SEA CADETS AWARD

*Nominations and Award to best performing
Sea Cadet group - Award up to £1500*



POPPY APPEAL

*Get your IOBA Official metal Poppoes from
the IOBA STORE*

A variety of funds have been set up by the membership and have been supported well over the years by the IOBA membership events. The ability to continue such work relies upon your support. Please get involved and give what you can. Further details on these and the other initiatives can be found on the website

Interesting IOBA reads.

January 27th, 2024 | Author: Steve Humphries

Indefatigable OBA Members celebrate the restoration of a significant object in Liverpool's maritime history.

IOBA Members attended the Merseyside Maritime Museum for the special unveiling of the newly restored Indefatigable figurehead on Wednesday 2nd November 2016, 2:30-4:30pm

The figurehead has been restored by world renowned figurehead conservator Richard Hunter, thanks to a donation of £2,500 to fund the project from the Indefatigable Old Boys Association (IOBA). Janet Dugdale Director Maritime Museum and Museum of Liverpool said: 'We are delighted to be able to unveil King Billy and thank the IOBA for their kind generosity'.

[Read more...](#)



January 27th, 2024 | Author: Steve Humphries

'You wouldn't last a month without Seafarers'

'You wouldn't last a month without Seafarers'

By The late Reverend Canon Bob Evans;

RIP 3rd January 2024 age 99

INDEFATIGABLE CHAPLAIN

Well-known to tens of thousands of Liverpool Seafarers over a period of almost fifty-five years, Canon Bob Evans is the most iconic figure in the Liverpool Shipping community and INDE OLD BOYS!

Here's the first part of our interview with Bob;

[Read more...](#)

April 7th, 2017 | Author: Steve Humphries

The Indefatigable Song:

(Sung to the Indefatigable March)

We are some of the Inde lads, sailors of Britain are we,
We man our merchant ships, and we man our navy's ships,
We are respected upon the high seas.
As we go sailing from shore to shore, ports and hatches battened
down,
When we hear our bosun call, hand on deck – one and all,
We are the Inde lads.

(Sung to 'Anchors Away')

We are the Inde lads, sailors are we,
We know our seamanship, and we man our nations ships.
We are respected on the high seas,
We proudly fly our ensigns as we sail across those seas.
(Sung to the Indefatigable March)
We are some of the Inde lads, sailors of Britain are we,
We man our merchant ships, and we man our navy's ships,
We are the Inde lads.

[Read more...](#)

June 15th, 2024 | Author: Steve Humphries

INDEFATIGABLE CUP WINNERS:

T.S. SOVEREIGN – Barrow-on-Furness SCC SEA CADET CORPS –
Win the 15th Indefatigable Trophy.

It gives us the greatest pleasure to congratulate 'T.S. SOVEREIGN – Barrow-on-Furness SCC' on being awarded the Indefatigable Cup for 2023 (awarded 2024).

Tuesday 11th June 2024: On Tuesday evening the TS Indefatigable Cup was presented to Barrow Sea Cadets for being the most improved Sea Cadet Unit from over 420 Sea Cadet Units nationwide in 2023!

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Plas Newydd House and Garden is a Grade 1 listed house and garden situated on the banks of the Menai Strait.

Plas Newydd House and Garden,
Llanfairpwll, Anglesey, LL61 6DQ

Places to Visit:

The Marquess of Anglesey's Column

Now open once more to visitors.
Operated by an Ex-INDE pupil.

Show your support and visit whilst at the reunion



ANNOUNCEMENTS



COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Are willing to contribute some time to the running of the association:
Membership will vote on:

- CHAIRMAN – 2025-2028
- SOCIAL SECRETARY (x2) – 2025-2028
- NEWSLETTER EDITOR – 2025-2028

Further details can be found on the website

[Weblink: ioba-committee-elections-2025-2028](#)

Announcement 2

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Announcement 3

Indefatigable – NEW Merchandise

STOCK ITEMS NOW AVAILABLE

[Weblink: https://www.rolldovestudio.co.uk](https://www.rolldovestudio.co.uk)



Announcement 2

*IOBA IS ACTIVELY SEEKING DONATIONS AND FUND
RAISING FOR IMPROVMENTS TO THE INDEFATIGABLE
MEMORIAL AT THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL
ARBORETUM.*

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Please tick one:

I would like to become a member of the IOBA and make my donation as follows:

£15.00 Annual member

£10.00 >65 Discount

£65.00 5 year member

£45.00 >65 Discount

Note: A Membership year run is Jan to Dec (or part of during your first year).

£ . 00 donation

Details for BACS / Standing Order set up Form: Bank:

Account Name : The Indefatigable Old Boys Association

Sort Code: 30-90-43

Account No: 00595463

Lloyds Bank plc. 268 High Street, Bangor, Gwynedd, LL57 1RT

Please return this form via email to:

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Section 3: Return Details

If you need assistance in making your donation to the IOBA by alternative method (cheque or other forms) please email us and we will assist **CHEQUES MADE PAYABLE TO 'INDEFATIGABLE O.B.A.'**

George Brown (IOBA Treasurer & Membership Secretary)

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