



THE OLD GAYTONIANS **ASSOCIATION**

What or who is the Old Gaytonians Association?

The Old Gaytonians Association is the official Association for former pupils and staff of Harrow County School, Gayton High School and Harrow High School. The name, first used in 1911, is taken from the road the school stands on.

Who is eligible to join?

Membership of the association is open to all former pupils of the three schools. Current and former members of staff of the schools, and blood relatives of the above are also eligible for membership. An Associate Membership is also available to friends

How much does it cost?

Annual membership costs £10:00 for adults (usually payable on the 1st October). A special membership class for those under 18 is also available known as YOGA's (Young Old Gaytonans) which is free to anyone under the age of 21. An Association tie (for members only) is also available from the Membership Secretary, costing £6:50 each.

What does the Association offer?

The O.G.A. is essentially a central register for former pupils and staff of the School, representing all eras, and residing in all four-corners of the globe. It is also an excellent way of keeping, or getting back, in touch with friends. Those who join do so primarily because they have an interest in the School, whatever area or era that might be, and that common interest is something to which we can all relate. The membership ranges in age from school leavers to those in their mid 90s. Many of our well-known and distinguished pupils are also members.

An emphasis is placed on remembering the history of the school, and we have a thriving archive, with many items given by former staff and pupils. Any item relating to the School or O.G.A. is welcomed, either as a loan or permanent donation, and the Archive Room is open for members to visit (on appointment).

For those with access to the internet, there is also a superb 'Gaytonian' web site containing hundreds of photographs, reminiscences, and a guest book, which has become a forum for general chat, news and reunions. (*This can be viewed at www.jeffreymaynard.com/Harrow_County*)

We also have several 'Facebook' sites, which can be found under the titles *Old Gaytonians*, *Gayton High School Reunion* and *Harrow High School 1998 onwards...* Various functions are arranged throughout the year, including a very popular annual reunion dinner, the Remembrance Day service, individual intake reunions and AGM, and it is intended that more will be added in the future. The Association also has a '300 Club', which for an annual subscription of £12 runs draws throughout the year offering attractive prizes, and it in turn has its own Autumn Lunch in early December. Other functions, such as the forthcoming centenary of the school in 2011, and Association in 2012 are often organised as well. In addition to all that, there is also a Masonic Lodge and Old Gaytonians Golfing Society. The Association welcomes suggestions from its members for other activities or new sub-sections – why not tell us what you'd like to see? These activities are extremely sociable, and new members are most welcome.

The annual *Old Gaytonian* magazine is published in the summer, which contains news about former pupils and staff, upcoming events and projects, the sub-sections and the current school. It also includes member's letters, photographs and memories of the school, as well as articles of general interest. A shorter newsletter is published in the winter. The 'Gaytonian Shop' offers for purchase, videos, books, clothing and other items related to the school.

Where is the Association based?

The main focus of the Association now is the Gaytonian Archive Room, which is housed in the school.

How do I join?

Complete the attached membership form, sign it and post to the Membership Secretary at the address shown below. Standing orders are preferred to keep the administrative burden down, but by all means pay by cheque if you prefer.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, we look forward to hearing from you!



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