



THE TRAFALGAR DAY REUNION DINNER

SATURDAY 17th OCTOBER 2026

Dear Old Pastonian,

I hope that this missive finds you in fine fettle as the daffodils wain and there's a very real risk that Summer is approaching! You are, by virtue of said missive, warmly invited to join with other Old Pastonians for our annual reunion and celebration of Paston and Trafalgar Day on **Saturday 17th October 2026**.

Following the sadly reduced numbers of 2024, 2025 saw something of a revival with 50 members attending and comments and feedback indicating it was one of the most enjoyable events yet. We are hoping, this October to break the 50 attendee 'glass ceiling' and after that, who knows! Once again, to help us to better plan this year's dinner it would be very helpful if we could have *some* idea of numbers at an early stage. OP's kindly confirming anticipated attendance will not be held to it but if we are able to gain an idea to the nearest ten or so it would go a long way to facilitating event planning! The price includes, of course, the ambience, a three course dinner, wine, port and 'fizz' reception.

Again this year, we are offering Early Bird Registration (to the 1st June), so that those numbers can be better gauged in order to prepare the venue and secure the catering. Early Bird Registration will be **£42.50**.

From 1st June the full cost of **£47.50** will apply. This is slightly higher than previous years because, frankly, inflation and rising costs of living. We think it is well worth it, to break even.

We will plan our usual format of a 'fizz' reception in the Nelson Room from 7.30pm, followed by dinner in the old School Assembly hall at 8pm.

There is a plan to revert to table service with a new caterer, guest wine and port for toasts and a guest speaker or speakers for after dinner (any volunteers?!) We will, as usual, enjoy a loud, but ultimately (vocally) tuneless rendition of the school song accompanied by the organ in the hall!

Regrettably, due to the seating limit, spouses and partners cannot be included.

Dress – DJ, Shirt/Tie/Suit – smart.

The dinner will be preceded by the AGM of the Society of Old Pastonians at 6.30pm prompt in the Nelson Room. **ALL ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND** – it's a riveting meeting, honest!

Kind Regards,
Iain Maxted, Chair

E-mail (for questions): oldpastonians@gmail.com

See postal RSVP attached:

This invitation and a means to RSVP/Pay is also available online at the Old Pastonians website here: <https://www.oldpastonians.org/trafalgar-day-reunion-dinners.html>



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Please post reply slip to: The Secretary SOP, 149 High St, Chalgrove, Oxon, OX44 7ST (or e-mail to oldpastonians@gmail.com)

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Name:.....YEARS AT PASTON...19 to 19

(We need years at Paston for seating planning)

Address

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E-Mail

PLEASE BOOK ME TICKETS AT £42.50 PER HEAD (EARLY BIRD)
OR £47.50 PER HEAD AFTER 1st JUNE 2026.

If cheque, payable to: **Society of Old Pastonians**
Mail to SOP,149 High Street, Chalgrove, Oxon, OX44 7ST

If bank transfer:

Bank: **Barclays Bank**

Account number: **60816256**

Sort code: **20-03-26**

Important - Please use your name as the reference for any bank transfer.

Or, RSVP & Pay online via the website shop:

https://www.oldpastonians.org/store/c1/SOP_Shop.html

Please use my above e-mail address for all future communications regarding the SOP dinner.

At nearly £1 per second class stamp, we regret that postal invitations are now avoided where an email address is available – there are over 400 registered OPs

Best wishes and see you in October!

Iain Maxted, Chair, SOP