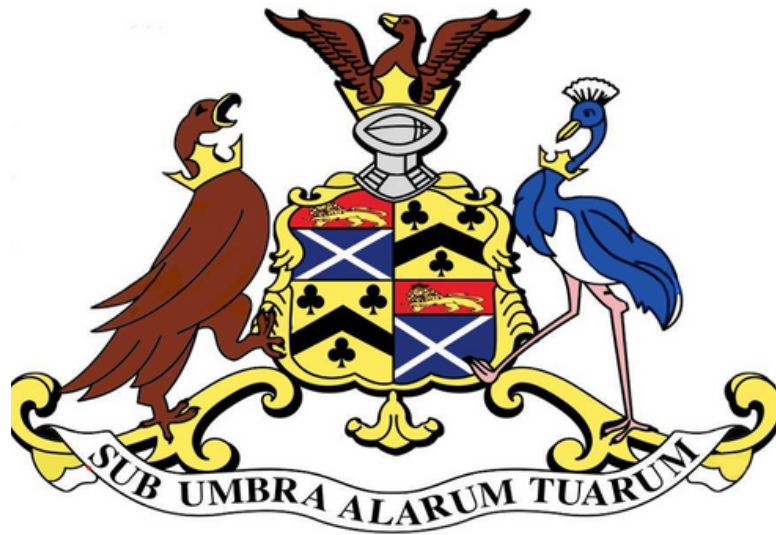




Old Williamsonian Centenary 200 Club

Dear Old Williamsonians,

As you may be aware, the Old Williamsonian Club committee made the decision to cease annual subscriptions to the mother club (OW Membership). If you have not cancelled this payment yet, please do so. This is separate to any subscriptions that are required by active players in their respective section(s). There will be OWs who may still wish to support the club and its sporting sections – Cricket, Hockey and Rugby – in a financial capacity. If this is you, then please read ahead.

The Centenary 200 Club is a prize raffle of up to 200 shares. Each share can be bought for £12 per annum with a maximum of 5 shares per person. Every month there is a draw where two winners are announced. A £30 and a £15 prize are awarded. The only month this does not happen is in November, when there is one larger prize of £300, which is drawn at the annual Old Williamsonian Club Dinner.

As well as monies going to winners, monthly, the remaining money is available for the sporting sections, the OW Club and the school to bid for, to support their needs. In recent years ALL sections have successfully tabled bids and are reaping the results. All three sporting sections have achieved sporting promotions in the past year.

If you would like to buy a share or shares, in the Centenary 200 Club, please contact Dan Harrison who will forward on the relevant details.

If you are already a member of the 200 Club and would like to buy further shares (up to a maximum of 5 per annum) please contact Dan as well.

You can become a member at any time during the year but once all 200 shares are accounted for, there will be a waiting list.

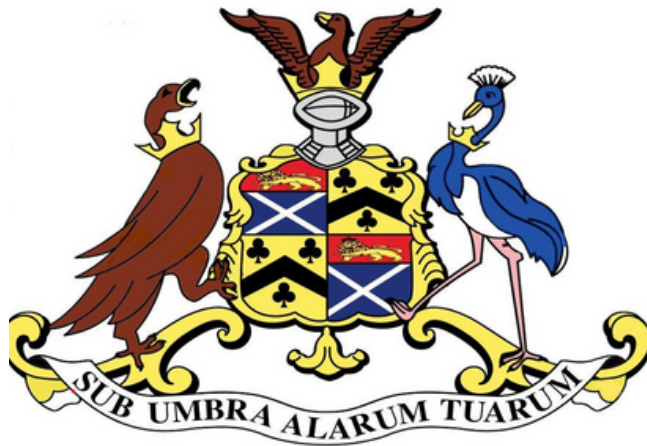
Each sporting section will also have a 200 Club representative.

Cricket – Chris Halls	chris.halls@btopenworld.com
Hockey – Neil Thompson	neilkthompson8@gmail.com
Rugby – Dan Harrison	danharrison01@hotmail.com

Many thanks

Dan Harrison
07929007292

Old Williamsonian Club Chair and 200 Club Organiser



Old Williamsonian Centenary 200 Club

2025 Winners to date

Month	£30 Win	£15 Win
January	Brian Phipps	David Felmingham
February	Mark Welch	Dave Routledge
March	Chris Halls	Brenda Doust
May	Paddy Moore	Brenda Doust
April	Ian Baker	James Fry
June	John Gissing	Stuart Smith
July	Chris Foot	Ashley Smith
August	Eric Pentecost	Tony Hanman

I have tried to contact all recent winners so if you have not heard from me, please check your emails and if you have not done so already please send your contact details so that winnings can be distributed. Many thanks for your continued support and congratulations on your win.

Old Williamsonian Lodge

Sir Joseph Williamson No.4605 (Founded 1924) Masonic Hall Gundulph Square, Rochester. ME1 1QD

The Masonic Lodge was founded in 1924 primarily for former pupils of the School, but over the years, governors, teachers, fathers, sons and brothers of OW's have been admitted to membership.

The lodge is under the direction of the Province of East Kent and ultimately to the United Grand Lodge, the most senior grand lodge in the world. For a small provincial lodge numbering about 50 members, we are lucky to have amongst them two very distinguished and well known freemasons.

Jonathon Spence is the Pro Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE): The highest-ranking officer after the Grand Master (who is the Duke of Kent), responsible for the active management and guidance of the fraternity in England and Wales.

Russell Race is a prominent Freemason within the United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE), having served as Second Grand Principal in the Holy Royal Arch and formerly as Deputy Metropolitan Grand Master for London. He is known for his lengthy involvement, celebrating 50 years in Royal Arch Masonry in 2025, and for his significant contributions to the fraternity, including promoting the Royal Arch and supporting Masonic events and charities.

The OW Lodge is holding its annual White Table event in December and has a number of other social events scheduled throughout the year.

Any OW who would like to join, find out more about the social gatherings or to ask any questions about Freemasonry is invited to contact the Secretary:

**John Humphries
jonno49@ymail.com 01634 321042**

Meeting Dates:

First Saturday in February, March, October, November & December.

123rd Old Williamsonian Club Dinner

Dear Old Williamsonians,

I am pleased to hereby give notice of the 123rd Old Williamsonian Club Dinner.

Saturday 22nd November 2025

**Gillingham Golf Club
Woodlands Road
Gillingham
Kent
ME7 2AP**

**6:45pm for 7:30pm sit down
Carriages: Midnight**

Please contact Dan Harrison – danharrison01@hotmail.com – to confirm your attendance, any specific seating requests and to notify him of any allergen, dietary, vegan or vegetarian requirements.

£35 per person

**Bank Details:
Old Williamsonian Club
Account Number: 01144715
Sort-Code: 403635
Please include your name as the reference**

Dress Code: Black Tie

In addition to the 3 course meal and time spent with fellow OWs and friends, there will be a speech from the current OW Chairman, Dan Harrison, a raffle, customary traditions and a photographer.

123rd Old Williamsonian Club Dinner

MENU

Starters

**Homemade Carrot and Coriander Soup
Crayfish and Prawn Cocktail
Served with a lemon mayonnaise
Chicken Liver Parfait
On toasted brioche with a caramelised red onion chutney**

Mains

**Pan Glazed Chicken
Stuffed with ricotta and apricots wrapped in Parma ham
Roasted Salmon Fillet
With a herb crust served with sun blushed tomatoes
Crispy Belly of Pork
On a bed of sweet red cabbage topped with a pear chutney and a cider jus
Risotto
Wild mushrooms and truffle with parmesan shavings**

ALL mains are served with herb roasted new potatoes and seasonal vegetables

Desserts

**Classic Baked Vanilla Cheesecake
Baileys Bread and Butter Pudding
Spiced Apple Pie
Served warm with fresh clotted cream**

**We look forward to celebrating this special evening with you.
Kind regards**

**Dan Harrison
Old Williamsonian Club Chairman**

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

In recent months, I have begun to update the Old Williamsonian membership. As the years go by people move house, change numbers and sadly people pass on. I do apologise if this is the case, with any of the members I have listed below.

My initial request for updating details led to a number of email addresses not working and emails being sent back. I also have tried to contact all members of the 200 Club to update them on its progress.

For this edition, I am going to list some members and if you have any contact information – preferably an email or a phone number, I would greatly appreciate it being sent to me. I know that some of these gents are on Facebook, but they have not returned my contact requests. In future newsletters, I will add the names of additional members I am struggling to get hold of. If you believe that your details may have changed please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks
Dan Harrison

Ian Goodwin
John Finch
Steve Gillespie
Steve Flook
Sid Ashby
Robert Crittenden
Raymond Champion
Ron Nicholas
David Monk
Ian Akhurst
Mark Dyson
Rob Cooper

The “Wimbles”

Out and About with OWs



A catch up in the Royal Crown, Rochester for these fine gentleman. All left the school in 1968 and still regularly catch up for drinks, food and a good old chat.

Members of the OWRFC enjoying the sunshine during the summer social and promotional day.



The “Wimbles”

Out and About with OWs



Gareth Moss was awarded an MBE for services to education in the King's New Years Honour's List 2025. Based in Staffordshire, Gareth has been involved in governance at John Taylor Multi Academy Trust for over almost two decades. Initially part of the Local Governing Body at John Taylor High School and chairing the school's Finance Committee. In 2010, now as Chair, he worked alongside the then Headteacher to prepare the school conversion to an academy (the first in Staffordshire). Huge congratulations Gareth.

Stuart Flack will be leading a S.J.W.M.S alumni Cross Country Team in the annual race on Wimbledon Common. Look out for the results in the next edition. Good luck to Stuart and all those taking part.



**Sir Joseph Williamson's
Mathematical School**

A number of members have said they would like to support the school with talks and presentations. Each year the school hold Career days organised by Mrs Shona Harman. If you would like to contact her, I am sure she would be pleased to hear from you and provide you with more information.

Shona Harman – Careers Coordinator – shona.harman@sjwms.latrust.org.uk

THE FINAL WHISTLE



As you draw to the end of the first edition of the OW Newsletter, I would like to thank you for reading this far. I appreciate that there is a lot of information here but I felt that it needed to be communicated to the membership. As a club, I had alluded in the past that we need to do better in keeping ties between the past and the present. I hope that this communication, goes some way to doing this.

Thank you for your support financially, thank you for your support on the side lines, behind the bar, washing kit, cooking food, coaching, volunteering and playing.

There is so much that goes on at the Old Williamsons and I am fiercely proud to be your chairman.

If you are not able to attend the weekly sporting events please keep an eye out for our additional social events (with a non-sporting) focus.

Old Williamsonian Club Annual Dinner – 22nd November 2025

Old Williamsonian Veteran's Luncheon – April 2026

S.J.W.M.S Founder's Day – July 2026

I hope to see many of you throughout the season and in particular at the OWC Dinner, so please don't forget to contact me and book your tickets.

U.T.W.