

Old Wymondhamians 100 Club Appeal - updated December 2022

We know that some of you are already members but it would be good make the wider Wycol Alumni aware of what the Old Wymondhamians 100 club is all about.

This appeal was last issued in August 2018, so we thought it was time for an update.

Since the inception of the Old Wymondhamians 100 club in October 2003, in excess of £107,000 has been raised, of which over £43,000 has been paid out as winnings to our members. Thus over £64,000 is the cumulative amount that has been retained for distribution to deserving Wymondham College related causes. This is a remarkable amount considering we currently have only 115 members!!

The general principle regarding the distribution of OW funds is that that we are approached by various departments of the college to assist in funding specific projects where the traditional source of funding has been exhausted. The Committee then discusses the merits of such applications and decides whether to support the specific appeal.

Below is a resume of where the monies have been distributed to over the past few years.

- 1) Part sponsorship of the College hymn books - £1,500 - 2008
2. Part sponsorship of the Heritage Trail signboards - £3,000 - 2010
3. Contribution to the 1st XV rugby tour of South Africa - specifically to support pupils who might not have been able to partake due to financial hardship - £500 - 2012
4. 1st XI cricket kit - £700 - 2016
5. Buttle Charity [bursary funding] - £1,000 - 2016
6. Cricket pitch improvements - £2,000 - 2016
7. Part sponsorship of the all weather tennis/netball court refurbishment - £1,000 - 2017
8. 1st XV rugby shirts - £870 - 2017
9. Heritage Trail signboard refurbishment £1,651 - 2020

10. Major contribution to the Chapel Heritage Centre project - £20,000 - 2022

This is in addition to the £750 annual Travel Award that has been distributed since 2012. Each year the Old Wymondhamians provide a Travel Bursary to a current Year 13 student. Pupils undertaking some form of travel and activity during the summer holidays after leaving the College, either in their gap year or before going on to further education, are encouraged to apply for the award. The activity should, ideally, have some purpose or benefit for persons other than the student and is awarded at the end of the Easter term.

There have also been miscellaneous donations to various charities in the memory of former pupils & staff members.

One additional way of providing further funding is to commence Heritage Tours around the college targeted at specific groups detailing the history of the college. A sub-committee has been established to coordinate tour details & to approach various groups who might be interested. This project is in its infancy but we are all excited about showing others who might not be aware of the college history what it was, & still is, all about.

Steve Read [the OW Treasurer] and I meet on a monthly basis at hostelrys within Norfolk to sup some of the excellent real ales on offer. A number of you have joined us over the years and there is statistical evidence that attendance at the draw leads to a win shortly afterwards!

If you have a local that you would like us to visit, please let us know. If you wish to be kept advised of the monthly meetings and who has won, please contact me so that I can add you to the list.

Subscription is still only £5.00 per month and there are two monthly prizes of £55. There is also the possibility of winning one of the three STAR prizes of £500; £200 & £75 (in June and December).

For those of you who may wish to join, the monthly payment can be made by Standing Order by setting it up online or sending the Bank Mandate back for us to forward to your bank. We are, however, happy to accept yearly payments of £60.00 from anyone who would prefer to subscribe in that way.

If you feel that you can support us in this scheme, please contact:-

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