

OBA ANNUAL DINNER 2010 – REPORT

On Saturday 30th January 2010, around 140 Old Bradfordians and their guests gathered at BGS for the Annual Dinner and Annual General Meeting of the Old Bradfordians' Association.

The evening began from 6pm with a champagne reception in the Roger Evans Sixth Form Centre. OBs and their guests were able to mingle and enjoy pre-dinner drinks from the bar. At around 7pm, the chief guest, Roger Mosey (OB), who is managing all the coverage of the 2012 London Olympic Games for the BBC, spoke compellingly about the symbolism of the Games and how they relate to the role of the United Kingdom in the wider world.

Shortly after 7.30pm, places were taken for dinner in the Price Hall. After recitation of grace by David Ison (Dean of Bradford) diners sat down to a meal of spicy pumpkin and lentil soup, followed by roast supreme of chicken with wild mushroom and tomato sauce, and vanilla baked cheesecake with berry baked compote for pudding. Coffee and mints followed, and drinks from the bar were available throughout the evening.

Particular highlights of the evening were the 'stand-up bingo', admirably compered by James Williams (OB 1980-1990) and his two glamorous assistants, at which one lucky winner left with the prize of £200; the President's taking wine with OBs from the various headmasterships – in which particular mention must be made of Leslie 'Legs' Bentley, who represented the Headmastership of Dr Edwards; and the Headmaster's speech about the exciting new developments involving the KRB, the new science facility, and the Learning Link, all made possible by the generosity of Roger Evans and an anonymous benefactor.

Thanks go to Dr Gavin Craig, OBA President, and Gordon Green, OBA President-elect, for compering the evening, the Headmaster and Roger Mosey for their inspiring speeches, John Hammond for his skill at the organ, Anita Craig for the table decorations (especially the chocolates), Geoff and his team for keeping the bar going all evening, and County Caterers for the excellent food.

Everyone at the OBA Committee would also like to say a special thank you to Nicky Midgley at the school for her unfailing assistance in helping to organise the event (and many others over the years). Nicky leaves BGS on 19th March and will be sorely missed by all; we wish her every success for the future.

Dominic Crossley (1987-1996)