



Easter 2016 is a long weekend, beginning lunchtime on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March and finishing at breakfast on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March. There is another fun-packed programme of events and activities taking place throughout the weekend and hopefully there is something for everyone! One new item on the programme this year is "Desert Island Discussions" with the President - have you got a favourite book and piece of music? If so, this Easter is your chance to talk for up to 5 minutes about the book and music you would take onto a Desert island, so do come prepared! However, you are also more than welcome to just come and listen.

This year sees big changes to the AOSA Easter Gathering, certainly the biggest in my time as Easter Secretary. Changes in fire regulations mean that for the first time this year, we are responsible for knowing who is on site during the day as well as overnight. In addition, for several years now, the Easter weekend has run at a loss, and despite every effort to try and break even, we are still making significant losses each year. The AOSA Easter Gathering is a private event; the AOSA hire the school, the facilities, pay for school staff and for the food consumed during the weekend. We have historically relied on donations from day visitors to contribute towards the costs of running Easter, however, this has not generated significant revenue and the residents have continued to shoulder the majority of the costs for the weekend. The increase in residential charges has contributed to a decline in numbers staying in school. This puts the future of the weekend in jeopardy, so a charge for day visitors has become essential. This is being combined with a new booking system, and the introduction of visible forms of identification for all residents and visitors alike for security reasons, to ensure that we know everyone who is on site during the weekend is supposed to be there and has paid. School have had thefts and intruders prior to Easter most years and we are keen to promote Easter as a safe and secure environment. To this end, visitors will be required to wear a wristband, or have their hands stamped. This is for everyone's safety, and for the peace of mind of everyone attending. We ask that you respect this.

This year we are trialling 2 categories of day visitor:

- 1) An Exclusive Day Visitor - this is for those who just want to pop into school for a few hours, meet friends and wander around, as paying this small charge **does not include meals, does not include programme activities, and does not include use of any of the school facilities** (such as the sports centre/swimming pool/music concert/etc)
- 2) An Inclusive Day Visitor - this is for those who intend to spend most or all day at school, and paying this charge **includes lunch and dinner** (even if only one meal is eaten), **includes all programme activities and includes use of all facilities.**

In addition to the above, we are also accepting bookings for camping this year. You are welcome to sleep in your own tent or caravan/campervan if you would prefer to do so rather than sleep in school. We are unable to offer a proper campsite or proper camping facilities; there are no electric hook-ups, no waste water facilities, and no elsan disposal points. We are offering a pitch on a field for a tent, or an area of hard-standing for a camper/caravan, with washrooms/showers/toilets/car parking a short walk away. The charges for the camping tariff include breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as all of the programme activities and use of school facilities (sports centre, swimming pool, etc.)

We have tried to keep the charges as low as possible for both residents and day visitors, in the hope that we can attract lots of people and break even. This will be the last year that we use the Easter 2013 prices, but if you book and pay for Easter 2017 before the end of Easter 2016, you will be able to come back next year at this year's prices.

I welcome any feedback regarding all these changes, and Easter weekend generally, during and after the weekend. This year, in order to collect specific information, there will be a questionnaire for those who are willing to take the time to complete one. Questionnaires will be available during Easter, please ask the Easter team. All fully-completed questionnaires received by Monday April 11<sup>th</sup> 2016 will be entered into a prize draw. The prize will be a free full weekend at Easter 2017 for the winner, and a half-price weekend for the runner-up. There will be separate questionnaires for children and the draw will take place at the AOSA Executive Meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2016.

We also have 3 reunions this year so if you were at school during the following years, please make contact with the following people for more details:

**60 Years On : 1951-1957** contact Alison Tyas - [alisontyas@gmail.com](mailto:alisontyas@gmail.com)

**40 Years On : 1969-1976** contact Peter Lawson - [pjblawson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pjblawson@hotmail.co.uk) / 07449 150142

**The BIG 80s Reunion! : 1980-1989** because this is a huge reunion there are a few different contacts; alternatively details are on the Facebook "Ackworth 80s" group: Vikki Bruff nee Stephenson - [vikkibruff@gmail.com](mailto:vikkibruff@gmail.com) / 01226 785454

Rachel Belk - [rachelbelk@aol.com](mailto:rachelbelk@aol.com) / 07773 127760

Sal Wright - [aosaeaster@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:aosaeaster@yahoo.co.uk) / 07825 704074

An electronic version of the programme can be sent to you if you email to request it - [aosaeaster@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:aosaeaster@yahoo.co.uk). We will also try and post the details onto this website once it has been finalised.

As usual, we will be agreeing with school before Easter the final accommodation and meal numbers which will be based on the numbers who have booked in 10 days before the weekend. Please ensure you have returned the enclosed booking form, or spoken to Sal or John by 14<sup>th</sup> March at the latest.

Please remember to bring your smart clothes on Saturday night for the Formal Dinner if you are eating in school on Saturday evening, swimming costumes and towels for the pool, and also a reminder that towels are not provided with accommodation.

Our President, Peter, looks forward to meeting you in Centre Library for the President's Welcome at 5.30pm on Good Friday.

We look forward to seeing you!

With Best Wishes,

Sal and the Easter Team

# EASTER AT ACKWORTH 2016 PRICES

FULL WEEKEND - This category includes all meals, accommodation and unlimited programme activities/use of facilities		
FULL WEEKEND	CODE	COST OF FULL WEEKEND
ADULT (18+)	AF	£238.00
CHILD (16-18)	SF	£114.00
CHILD (11-15)	YF	£100.00
CHILD (6-10)	CF	£80.00
CHILD (3-5)	BF	£60.00
BABY (0-2)	UF	FREE

PART WEEKEND B&B - This category includes accommodation and breakfast plus 1 meal, and a day of programme activities/use of facilities after breakfast			PART WEEKEND B&B+ - This category includes accommodation and breakfast, plus 2 other meals, and one day of programme activities/use of facilities		
BED & BREAKFAST	CODE	COST PER DAY	BED & BREAKFAST INCL. 2 MEALS	CODE	COST PER DAY
ADULT (18+)	AB	£66	ADULT (18+)	AP	£72
CHILD (16-18)	SB	£38	CHILD (16-18)	SP	£43
CHILD (11-15)	YB	£33	CHILD (11-15)	YP	£38
CHILD (6-10)	CB	£26	CHILD (6-10)	CP	£30
CHILD (3-5)	BB	£19	CHILD (3-5)	BP	£22
BABY (0-2)	UB	FREE	BABY (0-2)	UP	FREE

CAMPING - This category includes area for tent/caravan, breakfast, lunch and dinner, and programme activities/use of facilities etc.			DAY VISITOR ALL-INCLUSIVE - This category includes lunch, dinner and unlimited programme activities/use of facilities		
TENT	CODE	COST PER DAY	DAY VISITOR INCLUSIVE	CODE	COST PER DAY
ADULT (18+)	AT	£45	ADULT (18+)	AD	£30
CHILD (3-17)	CT	£30	CHILD (3-17)	SD	£20
CHILD (0-2)	UT	FREE	CHILD (0-2)	UD	FREE
			FAMILY	FD	£75
CARAVAN	CODE	COST PER DAY	DAY VISITOR EXCLUSIVE - This category is for anyone who would like to visit school for an hour or so and will not be on site during mealtimes. There will be no access to facilities or programme activities in this category. If you wish to swim, play sport or take part in the programme activities, please use the Inclusive Day Visitor Category		
ADULT (18+)	AC	£55	DAY VISITOR EXCLUSIVE	CODE	COST PER DAY
CHILD (3-17)	CC	£40	ADULT (18+)	AV	£10
CHILD (0-2)	UC	FREE	CHILD (0-17)	UV	FREE

## 40th Reunion for Class of 1976

Peter Lawson, Caroline Bombar-Kaplan (Caz), Amanda Langdown Hopper (Mandy Nork) and a few others from our form (Class of 1976) thought it would be fun to find as many old scholars from our time at Ackworth as possible and all gather at Ackworth on Easter Sunday this year. That's March 27, 2016. Nothing like seeing each other again after 40 years! Let's meet up in the late morning in Center Library. Peter is arranging lunch plans for our group. Please e-mail him at [pjblawson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pjblawson@hotmail.co.uk) ASAP. He will pass along details and get you signed up. The 40th reunion luncheon is the only thing Peter is responsible for organizing. To book overnight accommodations at the school, you need to go through the Ackworth Old Scholars Association. They have information online at [www.ackworthschool.com/Easter-Gathering](http://www.ackworthschool.com/Easter-Gathering). We really hope you will join us! So far we have people from Middleham to Brighton, Germany, and USA coming! Visit our Facebook page at Ackworth School 40th Reunion to join our conversation and connect to old friends. Post your photos! Look for updates there. Please spread the word far and wide. Here's a list of our classmates that we got recently from the school. If there is anyone missing, please let us know. And if you look beneath the name lists you might be able to put the names to faces!

Boys:	Girls:	Jayne Gill
Julian Askham-Conroy	Herald Armer (Harry Moodie)	Anne Greaves
David Ball	Anne Aynsley (Snaith)	Cathy Guthrie (Swale)
Nick Boroffka	Jules Bates (Julie Garner)	Rebecca Harberd (Hibbard?)
Chris Clucas	Lesley Blackshaw	Elsbeth Hall
Mick Crowther	Caroline Bombar-Kaplan (Caz)	Diana Harding (Di Clemes)
Harry Fairbank	Andrea Boustead	Miranda Harris (Maz Beer)
Brian Fleck	Helene Brandon	Helen Huntley (Vincent)
Christopher Horrabin	Liz Brandon-jones	Sarah Jarman (Botham)
Mark Huntley	Victoria Broadbent	Susan Jarman
Tim Johnson	Barbara Carter	Amanda Langdown Hopper (Mandy Nork)
Yogendra Joshi	Julia Cherry-Downes	Dawn Maharaj
David Kelly	Sandra Doherty (Wakefield)	Gail Maharaj
Blair King	Tania Durkin (Haigh)	Sharon Markesteyn
Simon Knight	Charlotte East	Carole Noddings (Higginbottom)
Peter Lawson		Gill Powell
Andy Limb		Gill Pennington (Pritchard)
Tom Lindop		Lizzy Roberts?
Peter Linn		Katie Rook
Michael Lycett		Allison Sanderson
"Tony" - Anthony R. T. Mason		Catriona "Trina" Saddler
Dave McClurcan		Anne Seal
Craig Mill		Anna Heddle (Siddons)
Robin Nettleton		Kay Senior
Andrew Newmarch		Sarah Spencer (Hampton)
Jonas Otter		Carol Sugden
Richard Pearce		Jennifer Thomas
Colin Saunders		Catriona Troth (Richmond)
Nick Smith		Rachel West (Drummond)
Dragan Stapic		Rosie Winterton
Anthony Tabak		Sue Wood
Richard Thornley		Sarah ? Jacqueline Woodward
Timothy Thorpe		
Robert Walker		
Stuart Walmsley		
Robert Wheeldon		
Jonathon Wilbey		
Howard (Woofy) Woffinden		