

Wynstones Parent Initiative. Weekly Newsletter 22 May 2020

This last week has been about as busy as it gets. Great! Let's start with

Publicity

Just to summarise the list of articles and letters which have recently appeared so far, or are due to appear shortly, is probably enough

<https://www.gloucestershirelive.co.uk/news/gloucester-news/parents-prepare-legal-action-against-4145164>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p08cdp5m>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-gloucestershire-52721840>

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/school-loses-appeal-to-gag-ofsted-from-publishing-critical-report/?unapproved=157753&moderation-hash=59870f7d527bed6c057272dcdcf78228#comment-157753>

<https://www.stroudnewsandjournal.co.uk/news/18454573.wynstones-closure---michael-mansfield-qc-backs-parents-ofsted-challenge/>

<https://www.unitynews.co/steiner-school-forced-out-of-education/>

<https://www.stroudnewsandjournal.co.uk/news/18458793.wynstones-school-closure---not-impressed-ofsted/>

Plus on Tuesday there was an article in the Daily Telegraph;

And in the last Issue 1521 of Private Eye we had a brief but largely sympathetic mention

There will soon be an article in the ASinGB Newsletter (that's the Anthroposophical Society in Great Britain, for the uninitiated – you can read that either way)

I'm sure I've left something out...

See what I mean. Now this is only going to get more exciting as time goes on. If you read any of the articles or letters at these links you'll also frequently come across the often hilarious comments from the usual keyboard warriors who object strongly to anything they don't understand, which is nearly everything. There's a fairly mild illustration of this in the picture below, taken from the current edition of Private Eye.

And now at last...

Fund-raising


There is big news and there is small news. First the small news, yes you've guessed it, it's the GoFundMe site. This is still quite small and needs to grow, like the carrots in my veggie patch. The difference is that my carrots will grow without me doing anything (isn't that wonderful? Think about it!) But the same cannot be said about our fund-raising site. Especially the GoFundMe site (the other one is steaming ahead). I'm afraid that however long we look at it, it won't grow by itself. We have to do something. We have to apply our will. Will is a wonderful thing, it's magic really, just like the sunshine!

Now if you've read this far you deserve to hear the big news and I mean BIG!
FOR EVERY ONE OF US GROUP MEMBERS WHO MANAGES TO RAISE £200
BEFORE THE DEADLINE Richard House will send you a signed copy of his book.

This one 

With the endorsements from people like the former Archbishop of Canterbury. Just imagine what your friends will say when they see this book on your shelf, or prominently displayed on your sitting room table. They pick it up out of curiosity, open it and see that there's a special message to you signed by the author himself!

Think about it for a moment. Take 10 seconds. Think what that will do for your reputation!

Think how this will impress your friends! This is worth years of dinner invitations! All for just £200. And you don't even have to find it all yourself! This is almost too good to be true. But it is true! Richard is holding 60 copies of his book in reserve. 

Seriously folks, this is the cause we're all fighting for, it needs our support. Do what you can! £200 scores a signed copy of Richard's book, anything less is also excellent! Here's the link again GoFundMe

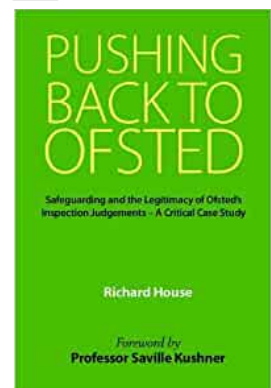
Other news

Running out of space here! We'll continue to keep you updated via email as usual. Greetings to all,

Jonathan

PS

Who is this guy??



School retort

Sir,

Good on Ofsted for taking on and giving these recalcitrant Steiner luvvies what-for ("Steiner the times", In Other News, Eye 1521). Free play, artistic sensibility, imagination, creativity: who the hell are these people, cossetting our young folk with these frothy ideas? Insufferable, every-child-is-an-"A" yoghurt-knitters never won a war, built an empire or conquered the world. Close 'em all down, I say – before our upstanding mainstream schools get contaminated with these pansy practices. Hooray that the Woodhead spirit of '94 lives on – "I want Ofsted to be an instrument of fear and terror for teachers" – hip hip.

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