



St George's School, Windsor Castle Association Annual General Meeting

Saturday 28th June 2014 at 4.00pm

MINUTES

The President, M.J.L. Denny, was in the Chair; the Vice-President, Chris McDade, Hon. Treasurer, H.R. Mant, and Hon. Secretary, P.A. Roberts were in attendance and the following Members were recorded as present:

Lewis Abbey	Chris Evans	John Moore-Bridger
Harriet Adams	John Harvey	Bob Parvin
Gerald Barry	Tom Horsfield	F. Mark Piper
Edward Bell	Dominic Hughes	Sebastian Posner
George Bosomworth	Andrew Hughes	Sophie Potter-Mordant
David Brook	Edward Humphries	Jason Presley
N. P. Churchouse	Kazbek Kandour	Isabelle Rayner
Derek Cooke	Piers Kemp	Peter Roberts
Peter Coombe	Hugh Mant	Guy Shore
Michael Coombe	Chris McDade	Dicky Thomas
Harry Cramer	C. Allan McDowall	Margaret Ward
Tim D'Arch Smith	Rupert McGuigan	James Ward
Martin Denny	Beatrice McNally	Lewis Williams
Joan Denny	Razzak Mirjan	Andrew Zihni

1. Apologies for absence had been received from:

Virginia Adams	J. R. Fanshawe	Andrew MacKenzie
Matthew Andrews	James Fanshawe	James McCombe
Jonathan Armitage	Roland Gardner	Max McCombe
G. H. S. Bailey	R. M. Gilkes	Andy McCullough
Logie Barrow	Rodney Gillington	A. McVie
Tim Batchelor-Wylam	Thomas Gorsuch	Sebastian Mills
Thomas Berry	Sophie Green	Anthony Newell
Anthony Brailsford	Michael Halford	Colin Nicholson
Tristram T. O. Burley	P. Richard Halsey	Bruce Nightingale
T. V. Clough	David Handcock	Christopher Norton
Freddie Coates	John E Handcock CVO	Georgia O'Brien
Charlotte Coates	Patrick Harland	Thomas Rainbow
Nigel Corbett	Mark Harrison	Alice Rayner
Taryn Cornell	Jessie Hicks	Victoria Rayner
Keara Cornell	Sue Hill	R.S.O. Rees
Anthony Davis	George Hill LVO	Skye Reid-Smith
Julian Davies	Edward Jackson	Ernest Robinson
Yvette Day	William Jackson	William Spalding
Oliver Dennes	D.R.L. James	Peter W. Sumsion
Peter Denny	J. Roger Jones LVO	Camilla Swift
P. A. Downward	Robert Kidner	Alexandra Thompson
Oliver Evans	G. D. Leeds	Christopher Walkinshaw
Nicholas Evans	Rupert John Lunnon	Christopher Whitehouse
Sheffield Exham	Sean-Paul MacKenzie	Iona Williamson
Henry Exham	Harry MacKenzie	Joshua Wilson-Khanna

2. Minutes

The minutes of the 2013 meeting were deemed to be an accurate record and were then approved.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Accounts

The Treasurer reported that the Association was in good financial health. There was a significant grant made to the School in the past financial year that had allowed the construction of an outdoor classroom which would be of great benefit to the pupils. The accounts were presented to the membership. Mark Piper proposed the adoption of the accounts and Michael Coombe seconded.

5. President's Business

The President thanked the many members who had attended the Reunion and expressed the wish that they might encourage more of their contemporaries to attend in the future. He noted how pleasing it was to see more younger members present than for some years.

The President also thanked the Head Master and Mrs McDade for hosting us today and was sorry that it had not proved possible to allow him to reprise his role as umpire given the inclement weather. He was pleased to report that a game of Gym Cricket had taken place and that this had resulted in a win for the Association Team [in fairness to the school they were not present, Ed.!

The meeting was informed of the deaths of Dr Richard Hollings Raynes (1940-1946), Tony Peterson (1962-1966), and Luc Ferrand (1982-1986). Those members of the Association present and their guests stood in silent tribute to these men and those others of whose deaths we are as yet unaware.

The meeting was informed that the Robert Ward Memorial Fund now stood at £8828.89 and had enabled one deserving pupil to attend the leavers' trip to France that otherwise would have been beyond available means.

The President informed the meeting that a Memorial Wreath would be presented at Evensong to commemorate the sacrifice of those pupils of the School who gave their lives for their country, especially those who fell in the First World War. It would be laid on the High Altar by The Dean and thereafter placed beneath the Memorial Window at the North Door of St George's Chapel.

The President announced that the Association's guests for dinner would be Revd Andrew Zinhi and Guy Shore and their partners.

The President concluded by remarking how honoured he had been to have held the Presidency of the Association for these past two years and hoped that it would continue to go from strength to strength.

6. Election of Officers

The following elections were made and positions noted:

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| President | Julian Davies was elected.
Proposed: James Ward, Seconded Peter Roberts. |
| Hon. Secretary | Peter Roberts was re-elected to serve a second year.
Proposed: Martin Denny, Seconded: James Ward. |
| Hon. Treasurer | Hugh Mant was re-elected.
Proposed: Rupert McGuigan, Seconded: Dicky Thomas. |
| Hon. Membership Secretary | Brian Hooker was elected.
Proposed: Peter Roberts, Seconded: Maggie Ward. |

Ordinary members:

Dominic Bland has completed his three year term and was thanked for all his work on behalf of the membership.

Maggie Ward and James Ward both have a further one year to serve.

An invitation was issued to anyone who would like to serve on the committee to make themselves known to a member of the committee.

7. Head Master's Business

The Head Master gave the following report:

I am pleased to report that the school is in very good heart and we have enjoyed another very busy and successful year. In summary, the key highlights have been:

General developments

Curriculum:

The range and breadth of our curriculum continues to stimulate and challenge our pupils.

The introduction of Food Technology into the Year 7 and 8 curriculum this year has been a great success.

Spanish will be introduced into the curriculum for Year 6 from September with the intention of introducing the subject into Year 7 from 2015 and Year 8 from 2016.

Pastoral:

The restructured House system continues to play a big part in the life of the school. There have been new house competitions introduced this year (biathlon, dodgeball) and more specific House fundraising events. There are more planned for next year.

The Association funded house banners continue to take pride of place over the house trophy shelves in the dining room and the children are extremely proud and fiercely protective of their Houses.

Facilities:

Over the course of the past twelve months, we have been delighted with the new Adventure Trail (funded by the Parents' Group) and the new outdoor classroom (funded by the Association.) Both of these facilities, officially opened by HRH the Countess of Wessex, have been well used by the children (and the staff) over the past few months and have given the children enhanced outdoor facilities for learning and play.

Pupils' Achievements

Year 8 CE exams:

This year, the pupils in year 8 have achieved some excellent results in Common Entrance exams. All pupils have gained a place at their Senior School of choice, including 2 to Eton (one with a Music Exhibition), 3 to Hampton (one with an Academic and All Rounder award), 5 to Wellington (one with a Dance Scholarship), 2 to Stowe, 2 to LVS Ascot and 1 each to Uppingham, Bradfield and King Edward's Witley. In addition to these, several pupils move on to Windsor Boys' School and the newly opened 'Free' School, Holyport College (sponsored by Eton College).

Individual achievements include 1 pupil who achieved all A* and A grades, 6 pupils with 4 or more A*/A grades and 1 pupil with all A grades awarded. These were gained by pupils moving on to Hampton, Wellington, Bradfield and Stowe.

Trips and Visits:

This year, our pupils have enjoyed a wide range of educational and recreational trips and visits. These have included visits to the Royal Courts of Justice, The Pitt Rivers Museum in Oxford, Warwick Castle, London Zoo, the Bear Dog Outdoor Centre in Reading and the Crown Estate in the Great Park. In addition to these, Year 6 spent a week away developing their French speaking skills at the Maison Claire Fontaine in mid-West France, the Year 5 pupils went away for an overnight visit to the Longridge outdoor Education Centre to develop their teamwork and leadership skills and the Year 8 pupils, following their CE exams, enjoyed 4 days kayaking down the Ardèche river and 4 days of water sports in the Mediterranean.

Choristers:

The choristers have enjoyed a very successful year with many highlights including Easter Day Matins in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen and other members of the family and the pomp and ceremony of Garter Day.

The school and St George's Chapel hosted a very successful CFAD in February when just over 40 boys came to Windsor to experience life as a chorister for a day. As a result of this, 24 undertook informal voice trails with 12 being invited back for formal voice and academic tests. We welcome 4 new choristers this September.

Staffing:

In January we welcomed the following new colleagues to the school:

Mr Ben Lewis-Smith joined us as Director of Music;

Mr Peter Roberts joined us as a Year 5 class teacher.

The following staff will join the school on permanent contracts from September:

Mrs Caroline Crew, having covered a temporary staff absence, becomes a Year 4 class teacher;

Miss Brooke McClure, having covered maternity leave, becomes a Year 2 class teacher.

At the end of this year we will bid farewell to the following colleagues and thank them for their years of service to the school and its children:

Father Andrew Zihni, Chaplain, who moves on to a post in the Diocese of Southwark;

Miss Rachel Hooker (Reception and EYFS Co-ordinator); and

Mrs Sophie Bowsher (Year 2 class teacher).

8. Election of Members and Honorary Members

The following Members and Honorary Members were elected:

Mrs Ann Clark, Miss Rachel Hooker, Mr Guy Shore, Mr Bob Wall,

Mrs Shelley Wall, The Revd Andrew Zihni.

9. AOB

Next year's provisional date for the Reunion was set as 27th June 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed by the President and those present climbed the steps to Evensong or availed themselves of the school minibus!