

# Annual General Meeting



## ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL WINDSOR CASTLE ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting  
St George's School, Windsor Castle

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 4.15pm  
MINUTES

The President, J Davies , 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	John Harvey	Jason Presley
Gerald Barry	Sheila Hodgson	Victoria Raynes
George Bosomworth	Thomas Horsfield	Peter Roberts
Julia Bourne (née Cleave)	Kazbeck Kandour	Jake Roche
Michael Bovingdon	Maurice Kenwick- Piercy	Guy Shore
Paul Churchouse	Hugh Mant	Henrietta Smethurst
Ann Clark	Katy Mason	Corinne Smith
Derek Cooke	Chris McDade	Max Ticehurst
Timothy D'Arch-Smith	Allan McDowall	Margaret Ward
Julian Davies	Beatrice McNally	James Ward
Peter Denny	Razzak Mirlan	Robert Watson
Madeleine Fitzgerald	Iain Nisbet	Lewis Williams
Emma Goble	Bob Parvin	Bertie Wilson
Brian Hooker	Sophie Potter-Mordant	

1. **Apologies for absence had been received from:**

Virginia Adams	Ben Brownless	Michael Coombe
Jonathan Armitage	Tristram Burley	Joan Denny
George Bailey	M Cardew	Martin Denny
Lindsay Barlow	Charlotte Coates	Anne Eggar
Cosima Barlow	Freddie Coates	Oliver Evans
Hebe Barlow	William Colquhoun	Nicholas Evans
Logie Barrow	N R Colquhoun	Chris Evans
Thomas Berry	W A Colquhoun	Henry Exham
James Birchall	N P Colquhoun	Sheffield Exham
Peter Bowsher	R J Colquhoun	James Fanshawe
Rory Boyle	H P Colquhoun	D. A. Fleming Williams
Anthony Brailsford	Peter Coombe	Robert Fovargue

Roland Gardner  
Robin Gilkes  
Richard Halsey  
David Handcock  
P A C Harland  
Jessie Hicks  
Andrew Hughes  
Dominic Hughes  
Edward Jackson  
Yvonne Judge  
David Kay  
Robert Kidner  
R. M. Latham  
Allan Ledger  
G. D. Leeds  
Rupert Lunnon  
Andrew Mackenzie

Clement Manger  
Joshua Mannings  
Roger Marsh  
A P Mayne  
Rupert McGuigan  
Eleanor Moss  
Anthony Newell  
Colin Nicholson  
Bruce Nightingale  
Philip Nourse  
Meg Ormond  
Justin Pains  
Michael Pickwood  
Barrie Piper  
Mark Piper  
Lewis Quinn-Bower  
RSO Rees

Brother Teilo Rees  
Skye Reid-Smith  
Arjun Samra  
Anthony Shillingford  
Martin Sims  
Simon Smith  
William Spalding  
Michael Statham  
Peter Sumsion  
Dicky Thomas  
Alexandra Thompson  
Russell Walker  
Christopher Walkinshaw  
N H M Waring  
Gavin Whitmee  
Laurence Woodford  
John Young

2. **Minutes**

The minutes of the 2014 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 but this year there had been no requests for grants, it being thought prudent to wait for the correct project to come in future years. The accounts were presented to the membership.

Ian Nesbit proposed the adoption of the accounts and Peter Denny 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 that it was pleasing again to see some younger faces present.

The President also thanked the Head Master and Mrs McDade for hosting us and the kitchen staff and sports staff who had given of their time and skill to make the day so enjoyable. The cricket match had been played in a new format this year with the School and Association teams being mixed to form two equally matched sides. The President was extremely pleased to congratulate the Hon Secretary for hitting the winning runs from the final ball to steer his side to victory. He was also very grateful to the boys and parents of boys who had given up their time to make the game possible: a great atmosphere had been created and it was hoped that this format would be used again. The President, on behalf of all Association members, asked the Head Master to thank the Choristers for giving up one of their Saturdays to sing full evensong: it was something that meant an awful lot to many former pupils who remain extremely grateful.

The meeting was informed of the deaths of Patrick Reginald Redland Clarke (1931–1934); John Terence Patrick Crowe (known as Terry) (1947–1952); John Victor Evered (1935–1939); Allan Kendall (Lay Clerk and Staff until 1975); I McIntyre (1949–1953); John Ross-Ross (staff 1964–1987); C. P. A. Stericker (1962–1966); and A. M. Williams (1941–1945).

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 £9073.69 and it continued to assist pupils with the costs of events and demands that would otherwise be beyond their means. The President was pleased to inform the membership that the Head Master had intervened with Chapter and that the entirety of the collection at Evensong would be applied to the Fund.

The President announced that the Association's guests for dinner would be Elizabeth Shore, our Special Needs teacher in Pre-Prep Dept who will be leaving at the end of term, Corinne Smith, for many years a much-loved Teaching Assistant in the Middle School and Katy Mason, Matron at St George's for past 15 years.

## 6. **Election of Officers**

Prior to the election of Officers the Honorary Secretary updated those present on a proposal for a change to the Rules of the Association designed to ensure that the committee be able to rely on the hard work and experience of the ever shrinking band of people prepared to serve. At present, after serving for three years on the committee Rule V allows a committee member to be elected for a period of three years but requires that thereafter they be prevented from standing for election for a period of one year. In the past this had led to job swapping and ruses to ensure that those willing to serve could. The proposal was that the words "and shall not be eligible for re-election as Ordinary Members for the ensuing year" be excised from the Rule V.

The motion was proposed by the Honorary Secretary, seconded by the Honorary Membership Secretary and passed by the Members Present unanimously.

The following elections were made and positions noted:

<b>President</b>	Julian Davies (serving his second year)
<b>Hon. Secretary</b>	Peter Roberts was re-elected to serve a third year. Proposed: James Ward , Seconded: Bob Parvin.
<b>Hon. Treasurer</b>	Hugh Mant was re-elected. Proposed: Allan McDowall, Seconded: Peter Roberts.
<b>Hon. Membership Secretary</b>	Brian Hooker was elected Proposed: Maggie Ward, Seconded: Allan McDowall.

### **Ordinary members:**

The following members were nominated for election to the Committee

Dominic Bland                      Jason Presley

By virtue of the rule change and their willingness to continue to serve on the committee, in addition the following members were nominated:

Maggie Ward                      James Ward

All four were elected by the membership present.

It was observed that Martin Denny had one year left to serve in his capacity as immediate Past President. 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 remains in good heart and we have enjoyed another very busy and successful year. In summary, the key highlights have been:

Curriculum:

The introduction of Spanish into year 6 has been a great success and the subject moves into the year 7 curriculum from September.

A new reporting system was introduced last September enabling us to monitor and track each pupil's progress and attainment much more closely throughout the school.

Pastoral:

House identity continues to be a key part of the school and our pastoral structure. This year the Houses collectively raised over £1,700 for Shelter box enabling us to fund three large boxes of urgent supplies for this excellent charity; a fantastic sum!

Facilities:

All the windows in the Art, DT and Food Tech areas of the school have been replaced and we are rapidly moving forward with plans for a new pavilion on the sports fields (offers of support would be most welcome and the Head Master is available to discuss this over supper!).

Pupil's Achievements

Year 8 CE exams:

Once again, our year 8 pupils achieved some excellent results in Common Entrance. All pupils have gained places at some first class schools including Bradfield, Eton, Hampton, Harrow, Marlborough, Wellington and Westminster to name just a few. We celebrated both academic and musical success in awards gained by some of our leavers; Henry Bishop moves on to Westminster with a top Music Scholarship and similarly, Darcey Goble moves on to Marlborough also with a top Music Scholarship. Dylan Byrne achieved an Academic Scholarship to Hampton with some of the finest results ever achieved at St George's and David Low moves on to The King's School Canterbury with an Academic Exhibition.

Trips and Visits:

our pupils have enjoyed a wide range of educational and recreational trips and visits. The pupils in 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 our year 7 pupils began the academic year with two days of team building training which culminated in a return to school from Dorney lake by canoe (it's further than you think!). Our year 8 pupils, following their CE exams, enjoyed 4 days of water sports in the Mediterranean followed by 3 days of kayaking in the Ardèche including a 'death slide' descent and 'body surfing'!

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 (there were no new Knights this year!)

The school and St George's Chapel held another very successful CFAD in February when 26 boys and their families came to Windsor to experience life as a chorister for a day. We formally auditioned 9 boys and look forward to welcoming the new intake of choristers in September.

In May, the full Chapel Choir enjoyed a very successful a mini tour to Munich where they performed a recital in the Theatinerkirche on the Saturday evening and jointly sang Mass there with the resident choir on the Sunday morning.

Staffing:

At the end of this term we bid farewell to several long serving colleagues:

Guy Shore moves on to be Headmaster of Waverley Prep School, Wokingham;  
Libby Shore leaves to join Guy at his new school as Head of Special Needs;  
(Between them they have given almost 26 years of service to St George's).

Andrea Baker (Reception class teacher) moves on to a new post at Eton End School.

Oliver Lomberg (Head of Latin) leaves us to move into senior school teaching.

Ben Lewis-Smith (Head of Music) leaves us to pursue his freelance career.

We welcome several new colleagues to St George's next term in various sections of the school and we very much look forward to them joining us in September.

## **8. Election of Members and Honorary Members**

The following Members and Honorary Members were elected:

Corinne Smith, Sally Saunders, Katy Mason, Yvonne Judge, Elizabeth Shore

The following Honorary Members were elected:

Rt Revd David Conner KCVO, Charlotte Manley LVO

## **9. AOB**

(i) Maurice Kenwick-Piercy informed the members present about the Friends off Cathedral Music Diamond Fund which had been set up to ensure the financial security of cathedral choirs. He outlined its agenda and events planned and indicated that he would be happy to talk in greater length over supper.

(ii) Next year's provisional date for the Reunion was set as 25th June 2016.

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!

# **Rules of the Association**

## **I. Title**

The club shall be known as 'The St. George's School, Windsor Castle, Association'.

## **II. Objects**

The objects shall be to encourage Members to keep in touch with each other and with the School. Members shall also be encouraged to give their support to the School, its Choral Traditions, and the Headmaster wherever they can do so.

## **III. Membership**

All who have been pupils at St. George's School, who have paid membership fees whilst at the School, shall be deemed to be Life Members of the Association. Members of the teaching and auxiliary staff may be elected Members of the Association; and others, not educated at the School, who have supported the objects of the Association to a marked degree, may be elected Honorary Members by resolution to be passed at an Annual General Meeting.

## **IV. Officers**

The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Membership Secretary and Honorary Archivist. Terms of office shall be as follows:

### **(a). President**

The President shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting to serve a term of two years in office and a further two years as a Committee member. He may not be considered for re-election as President until at least three further years after this appointment.

### **(b). Vice-President**

The Vice-President shall be the Headmaster of St. George's School for the time being, who shall be ex officio the only Vice-President of the Association.

### **(c). Hon. Secretary**

The Hon. Secretary shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, and must be re-elected annually, until the said Hon. Secretary relinquishes the post.

### **(d). Hon. Treasurer**

The Hon. Treasurer shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, and must be re-elected annually, until the said Hon. Treasurer relinquishes the post.

### **(e). Hon. Membership Secretary**

The Hon. Membership Secretary shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, and must be re-elected annually, until the said Hon. Membership Secretary relinquishes the post.

### **(f). Hon. Archivist**

The Hon. Archivist shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, and must be re-elected annually, until the said Hon. Archivist relinquishes the post.

**V. Management**

The Association shall be managed by a committee comprising the Officers of the Association and up to five Ordinary Members, at the discretion of the Committee. Ordinary Members shall be elected at the Annual General.

**VI. Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting shall be held at St. George's School on such day during the Summer Term as may be fixed by the Committee, or at such other time and place as the Committee may decide, at which the Hon. Secretary shall present an annual report, and the Hon. Treasurer a duly audited statement of accounts. The Officers and Committee of the Association for the ensuing year shall be elected at this meeting in accordance with Rules IV and V. Other general meetings may be called at any time by the Committee.

**VII. Quorum**

Five members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

**VIII. Subscription**

Such life subscription shall be paid by every Member as shall be determined in Committee and passed at a General Meeting of the Association.

These rules were last amended and ratified at the Annual General Meeting of the Association held at St. George's School, Windsor Castle, on Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup> 2015.