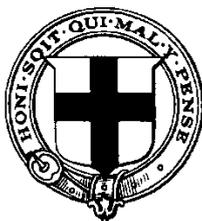


Annual General Meeting



ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL WINDSOR CASTLE ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting
St George's School, Windsor Castle

Saturday 27th June 2016 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:

Gerald Barry	John Harvey	Hugh Mant
Edward Bell	Brian Hooker	Louise McDade
David Brook	Andrew Hughes	Allan McDowall
Derek Cooke	Dominic Hughes	Robert Parvin
Michael Coombe	Piers Kemp	Jason Presley
Timothy d'Arch Smith	Roderick Lane	Maggie Ward
Joan Denny	Richard Latham	James Ward
Chris Evans	Clement Manger	

In addition, the following members had been present earlier in the day or planned to attend Evensong or the Barbecue later in the evening:

Lewis Abbey	Beatrice McNally
Andrew Culver	Georgia O'Brien
Jonathan Davies	Isabelle Rainer
Ollie Dennnes	Alice Rainer
George Hill	John Ristway
Sue Hill	Andrea Roberts
Rowena Hotton	John White
Gill Ledsham	
Beverley Lewis-Weedon	
Kaitlin McDade	

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

Virginia Adams	Roland Gardner	Rupert McGuigan
Nigel Adams	Robin Gilkes	Andrew Mills
R H T Aitken	Rodney Gillington	John Moore Bridger
Matthew Andrews	Emma Goble	Eleanor Moss
J Armitage	Darcy Goble	Alan Mould
George Bailey	Ana Graham Usabiaga	Richard Murray-Bruce
William Bailey	David Handcock	Anthony Newell
Lindsay Barlow	Patrick Harland	Colin Nicholson
Hebe Barlow	Lionel Hathaway	Bruce Nightingale
Cosima Barlow	Christopher Hawley	Philip Nourse
Logie Barrow	Jessie Hicks	Meg Ormond
Edward Bell	George Hill	Richard Ottley
Tom Berry	Sue Hill	Mark Piper
Rory Boyle	Jack Hopkins	Isabelle Rainer
Anthony Brailsford	Cecil Irwin	T D Michael Rees
Aidan Briggs	Edward Jackson	R S O Rees
John Briscoe	William Jackson	Skye Reid-Smith
Ben Brownless	Roger Judd	Andrea Roberts
James Brudney	Robert Kidner	Martin Sims
Sam Brudney	Martin Kingsbury	William Skead
Tristram Burley	Roderick Lambert	Simon Smith
A J Calf	John Lavender	William Spalding
Freddie Coates	Gill Ledsham	M H Statham
Charlotte Coates	G D Leeds	Dicky Thomas
Robert Colquhoun	Beverley Lewis-Weedon	Russell Walker
Andrew Culver	David Low	Christopher Walkinshaw
Jonathan Davies	E M Lowndes	Robert Wall
Will Dawes	Rupert Lunnon	Shelley Wall
Ollie Dennnes	Sean-Paul MacKenzie	Michael Walter
Peter Denny	Harry MacKenzie	N H M Waring
Martin Denny	Andrew MacKenzie	John White
Grace Elder	Joshua Mannings	C J C Whitehouse
Nicholas Evans	Roger Marsh	Peter Williams
Oliver Evans	Eileen Marsh	
Sheffield Exham	A P Mayne	

2. **Minutes**

The minutes of the 2015 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 sound financial health. A Gilt had matured in the past year and had been redeemed meaning that there were now more funds held in cash and on deposit at the bank than previously. Whilst Subscriptions to the Association were currently £5 per pupil per term from Year 3 to Year 8 making up 18 terms upon leaving or the equivalent of a £90 life membership subscription, from September 2016 this would rise to £6 and £108 respectively. There had been requests for grants made during the current academic year but these had not become a reality within the current financial year and would show in next year's accounts. The accounts were presented to the membership.

Dominic Hughes proposed the adoption of the accounts and Allan McDowall seconded the motion; the accounts were adopted nem. con..

5. President's Business

The President thanked the many members who had attended the Reunion either for the cricket or tea or for showing even more resolve and attending the AGM itself. He hoped that the very large amount of goodwill that existed towards the School and Association would continue to translate into more and even younger faces visiting the school and returning for Association Day.

The President thanked the Head Master and Mrs McDade for hosting us and the kitchen staff who had given of their time and skill to make the day so enjoyable. James Ward was to be thanked for managing to recruit an Association XI and Peter Roberts for recruiting a team from the current pupils. The match had again been played with the School and Association teams being mixed to form two equally matched sides. He was also very grateful to the boys and parents of boys who had given up their time to make the game possible. 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 Eric Carr, (Bursar 1983-1994), Stephen Cazalet (1943–1948) and Peter Coombe (1944–1948). 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 Bursary Fund now stands at £9355.57 and it continues to assist pupils with the costs of events and demands that would otherwise be beyond their means: it would be making a grant to allow a pupil to attend the Supers' Choir tour to Poland this October. The President was pleased to confirm 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 Beverly Lewis-Weedon, the school's bookkeeper, Rowena Hotton, for many years a member of the Catering Team and a great friend to the Association, and Canon John White.

6. Election of Officers

Prior to the election of Officers, the Honorary Secretary spoke on behalf of the membership in grateful thanks for the work undertaken over the past decade by Hugh Mant as Honorary Treasurer, this following many years on the committee in several guises, not least of which was as President at the time the Association evolved from its predecessor, the Old Boys' Club. His careful and thoughtful attention to the affairs of the Association over so many years has provided ample testament to his loyalty and devotion to the school and all on the committee and in the Association would wish him to know how greatly appreciated his contribution has been. A print of Travers College was presented to Hugh who thanked the Hon Secretary for his remarks and thanked all those who had come together over the years to help him in his various roles. He wished his successor an equally rewarding and productive tenure as he had enjoyed.

The Hon Secretary updated those present on a proposal for a change to the Rules of the Association to follow on from those amendments approved last year. He explained that it was

becoming ever more clear that the term limit on the presidency of two years was no longer operating so as to allow the Association to gain the benefit of such willingness to serve and talent as was available. In short, at just about the time that the President had got on top of his brief he was required to stand down, something both he and Martin Denny had found in their terms in office. At present, after serving a term of two years as President, one is required by Rule IV(a) to stand down and serve for a further two years on the committee in support of one's successor. After discussion of the Honorary Secretary's proposal it was proposed that the rule should now read:

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

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

The following elections to the committee were made and positions noted:

President	Julian Davies Proposed: Ed Bell, Seconded James Ward to serve his third year of a maximum five as per the now amended rules)
Hon. Secretary	Peter Roberts was re-elected to serve a fourth year. Proposed: Bob Parvin, Seconded: Piers Kemp.
Hon. Treasurer	James Ward was elected. Proposed: Maggie Ward, Seconded: Peter Roberts.
Hon. Membership Secretary	Brian Hooker was re-elected Proposed: Joan Denny, Seconded: Bob Parvin.

Ordinary members:

It was observed that the following members were still serving terms on the Committee

- Dominic Bland** (has served 1 year of his second term)
- Jason Presley** (has served 1 year of his first term)
- Maggie Ward** (has served 1 year of her second term)

In addition, the following members were nominated for election to the committee:

Edward Bell
Piers Kemp
Proposed: James Ward, Seconded: Maggie Ward.

All the above proposals were passed by the membership present with nem. con..

It was observed with sincere thanks that Martin Denny had completed his second year on the committee as immediate Past President and that, whilst he had perhaps earned a period of rest, he would, along with anyone else who would like to serve, be welcome to volunteer to assist the work of the Association by making themselves known to a member of the committee.

7. Head Master's Business

The Head Master gave the following report:

Mr President, members of the Association, Ladies and Gentlemen. It gives me great pleasure to report on yet another very successful year in the life of this most excellent school. In summary, the key highlights have been:

School Inspection

We had a full integrated inspection in the week before February half term. The outcome of this was very pleasing indeed with six areas of the school rated as Excellent with the three remaining areas rated as good with aspects that were also excellent. This was a significant improvement on the previous Integrated Inspection in 2011. The Inspectors specifically commented on the excellent achievements of the pupils, the quality of Pastoral care and the dedication and commitment of staff.

The following areas were rated as *Excellent*:

The quality of pupils' achievements and learning

The contribution of curricular and extra-curricular provision

The contribution of teaching

Pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development

Arrangements for pastoral care

The quality of boarding provision

The full report is available on the ISI website and on the school's website.

Facilities

We continue to develop and enhance our present facilities. Governors have agreed a major investment in Music facilities by funding a Music Technology recording suite in Old Bank House

In last year's report I mentioned plans for a new pavilion on the Home Park and I am very pleased to announce that we are in the final stages of submitting plans for approval by the Crown Estate. More details will follow very soon.

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, Brighton College, Eton, Lancing and St George's, Weybridge to name just a few. Giacomo Balaes moves to Lancing with a Music Exhibition.

Following on from their exams, the year 8 pupils are currently enjoying an enrichment programme which includes bread making at a local bakers, clay pigeon shooting at Wellington College, a visit to F1 McLaren team HQ, a visit to the Battle of Britain museum, as well as preparing and cooking an evening meal for their parents in the marquee.

Trips and Visits

Pupils have enjoyed a wide range of educational and recreational trips and visits this year.

Pupils in year 6 enjoyed a week away developing their French speaking skills at the Maison

Claire Fontaine in France; year 5 pupils are looking forward to an overnight visit to the Longridge outdoor Education Centre and year 7 pupils began the academic year with two days of team building training on land and on the water and which culminated in a return to school by canoe down the Thames from Dorney Lake. Our year 8 pupils have just returned from a week in mid-west France when they enjoyed an exciting range of outdoor activities.

Choristers

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

The school and St George's Chapel held another very successful CFAD in February when over 30 boys and their families came to Windsor to experience life as a chorister for a day. We formally auditioned 10 boys and look forward to welcoming 4 new choristers in September.

The boys took part in a live webcast from the Quadrangle in June in celebration of Her Majesty's 90th birthday and over 80 children went up to the Castle to cheer Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh on the Queen's birthday (21st April).

The full Chapel Choir once again sang at the 'Story of Christmas' celebration at St George's, Hanover Square in December.

Highlights for next term include a live BBC broadcast on October 12th from St George's Chapel and a joint concert with the Choirs of the Chapels Royal in the Windsor Festival.

Staffing

We were joined by several new staff this academic year:

Mrs Helen Dewar (year 4); Miss Zoe Holborough (year 5); Mr Richard Wilson (year 3); James Wilkinson (Director of Music); Jonny and Alison Onions (Boarding House Parents); Rev'd Frankie Lee (Chaplain and RS) and Natalie Wilkinson (pre-Prep).

At the end of this term we bid farewell to the following members of staff:

Mr Peter Marshall retires having taught Design Technology at St George's for 16 years.

Mrs Caroline Crew, teacher of year 4 and Head of Vindictive House, moves to Halstead Prep School as Head of English.

We welcome several new colleagues to St George's next term in various areas 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:

Carine Alderson, Kelly Evans, Beverly Lewis-Weedon, Jane Pickering

The following Honorary Members were elected:

Canon Hueston Finlay, Rowena Hotton, Canon John Ovendon, Canon John White

9. AOB

- (i) Michael Coombe asked that he be allowed to thank the many members of the Association who had sent their prayers and best wishes following his brother Peter's

death and to thank the Honorary Secretary who had driven down to Exmouth for Peter's funeral. Many members of the congregation had remarked on how touching it was to see Peter's old school represented and that they had enjoyed both the Hon Secretary's singing and conversations with them at the reception.

- (ii) David Brook asked whether it would be possible for there to be a role for a choir of Old Boys in some form or another and if James Vivian could be approached on the subject.
- (iii) The researches into Ronald Sanders had been continued by Bernard Rapson and there was now a thought that he might have been killed at El Alamein.
- (iv) It was wondered if the committee might undertake to contact all those who had sent apologies to the AGM to see if they could be persuaded to attend next year: this would doubtless be aided by earlier communication of the date and by the added feeling that their communication was more personal than the general invitation that would be sent out in due course.
- (v) Next year's date for the Reunion had been approved for 24th June 2017 and would be the 110th time the Association had met for its annual meeting. The Head Master was hoping to be able to confirm that a tour of the Royal Library would be available in the afternoon to mark the occasion.

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 service, this year updated and improved in that it would be driven not by the Honorary Secretary but by the Head Master!