



The Old Cicestrians Association



Minutes of the AGM held on Saturday 6th December 2014 at the Chichester Park Hotel

The meeting was opened by Geoff Wills who had taken over as Acting President in January 2014 on the sudden departure of Steve King

1) Apologies for Absence:

George Ayling 1950 - 85, Barry Capon 1947 - 55, Philip Combes 1947 - 55, Sir John Herbecq 1934 - 39, Ken Hoad 1953 - 61, Denis Hoare 1933 - 38, Chris Pile 1954 - 62, Geoff Smith 1959 - 66, Arthur Wells 1945 - 51, Patrick Combes 1947 - 54. Mick Galavant 1943 - 52, Ken Kendall 1943 - 52

2) Minutes (notes taken) of the 2013 AGM held on 7th December 2013:

Copies were distributed and approved as an accurate record of the meeting. Signed off by Geoff Wills.

3) Matters arising from the Minutes:

Richard Kneller asked if the reason for Steve King departing was known. Geoff Wills replied that he had been informed it was for personal reasons and no more information was available.

4) President's annual report:

Geoff went through his Presidential Report that had been circulated to all those present. He reported that the Golf Day had not taken place this year due to insufficient numbers, However, the organizer, Martin McGranaghan has agreed to organize one in 2015 with more advertising of the event to encourage new players to become involved.

The Summer Lunch, organised by Doug Murgatroyd at the Rowlands Castle Golf Club had been a great success. The location was ideal, the meal very tasty and the event had drawn several new members to come along. Doug has agreed to organise a repeat event in 2015 (probably May).

Geoff informed members that the O.C's committee had met either as a formal group or in smaller numbers on numerous occasions over the past year. They had been pleased to welcome Clive Sayers as a 'younger member' to the group and thanked him for his valuable contributions.

Thanks were extended to John Child for his work as Hon. Treasurer and Membership Secretary. He had also organised the financial audit of our accounts by Steve Goss. John's input to meetings had been highly valued.

Doug Murgatroyd was thanked for his organisation of the Summer Lunch and also his work on the newsletter and Old Cicestrians website. All present were actively encouraged to send

Doug items of news or articles of interest that could be added to the website to ensure it was of interest to all readers. .

Geoff went on to register his disappointment that all attempts to establish links with the school had been particularly unsuccessful for the past few years. However, with the departure of the two immediate previous Head Teachers and the appointment of an Acting Head, Gary Potter, "it appears to indicate that the School is now favourably reconsidering the lack of co-operation in the past and that a more enlightened policy will be forthcoming".

This welcoming attitude had been shown recently with the invitation by the school of John Child (former Deputy Head) to be Guest Speaker at the end of Summer Term awards ceremony. This had been followed by invitations to the schools Remembrance Service, Community Christmas Party and the official opening of the new Richard Hibberd Building later this December. Notice of these positive gestures by the school were very well received by all members present and it was hoped that this will be the start of a long and mutually beneficial relationship. Geoff was pleased to announce that both Gary Potter, the Acting Head and Tracey Waller, the schools Marketing and Publicity Co-ordinator had accepted invitations to join us at the Christmas Lunch this year.

Geoff finally moved onto the Christmas Lunch that was to follow this AGM. He was delighted to announce that this year we would be welcoming our first Guest Speaker, former CHSB student Squadron Leader Mike Child who will be talking about his experiences as a Red Arrows Pilot over the past three years. All present were looking forward to this new innovation. Geoff suggested this would be hard act to follow but suggestions for next years Guest Speaker would be welcomed.

In closing Geoff wished to end on a very positive note stating that 'despite the hiccup experienced at the commencement of this year' he could confirm his 'thoughts and enthusiasm for the ongoing wellbeing of the Old Cicestrians Association firmly remain in place, due in no small measure to the highly dedicated Committee members who have served the Association so well since its formation in 2001'. His final hope was for more young members to join the association, including possibly more staff.

Geoff asked if there were any questions from the floor?

There were:

- a) Was there any news on the future of the Kingsham Road buildings?
- b) Members were interested in the topic of memorabilia, awards boards etc.
- c) Was there any information on the recently announced amalgamation of CHSB & CHSG?

Responses: (supplied by John Child)

- a) The school no longer uses the Kingsham Road buildings as they are unsuitable for education in the twenty first century with open corridors, inefficient heating etc. A large new teaching block has recently been constructed next to the Lancastrian building and it will provide purpose built facilities to replace those formerly found in the Kingsham building.
- b) A former classroom in the Lancastrian building has been converted into a small office area for Tracey Waller surrounded by a large area that is ideal to display some of the many pieces of archive material in existence for both the High School and the Lancastrian School (which were amalgamated in 1971). Included in the room are the two 'Barton Testimonial Boards which originated in the Lancastrian School to record the student who was awarded the annual

prize for being the best student of the year. (After this AGM Lance Grainger, who was at the Christmas Lunch came up to John Child to explain that both his Grandma and Grandad had received this award within three years of one another in the early 1900's. They were each given a copy of the bible with their name inscribed in the front. Both bibles are still kept by the family.)

Other archive materials were being stored in the West Sussex Archive in Chichester with more materials being added as they were found. We are still awaiting the return of other archive material from former President Steve King who had indicated he would be passing it over shortly. Martin Daws-Chew suggested that the Southern Arts organisation might be interested in producing a film to bring together some of the photographic records of the school, this suggestion will be followed in the new year. Richard Kneller indicated that he had a video record of the 75th anniversary celebrations of the High School that might be of interest.

John Child did raise the idea of the O.C's possibly funding the manufacture of a large display case that could house a range of memorabilia (including items donated by former students). This was warmly supported/approved by all present. Costings will be sought shortly and the committee will decide on how to progress the suggestion.

At this point Richard Kneller also raised the issue of O.C ties. Could consideration be given to producing a new O.C tie much in the same was as the 'CHALOB'S' tie produced a few years ago. This idea will also be investigated.

c) It was correct that discussion was taking place regarding the amalgamation of the High school for Boys and High School for Girls; currently both run as Academy's by the same organisation. No details were available at the present as the topic is currently the subject of consultation.

5) Financial report for the year ending 31st October 2014:

A copy of the audited accounts was provided for all members present. The Hon. Treasurer, John Child reported another very good year for the Associations finances. He briefly detailed the specific expenditures for the year totaling £1392.78 and the healthy income generated from subscriptions and income for events totalling £1837.33. He commented upon the increased use of Gocardless as a payment method by newer members.

As an allied topic John said that we had approximately 126 members at present; a definitive number is not possible as this is the time of year when Standing Orders are being paid into the account.

6) Election of Officers and Committee for the year 2014/2015

Geoff reminded the meeting that as a committee member he was only acting as President until a new person was installed into that role. He then proposed Colin Snook to take up the position explaining the Colin had given long service, his heart was in the association and that this recognition was long overdue. Maurice Hall seconded this proposal. The proposal was unanimously agreed.

Colin took the chair at this stage in the meeting. He asked for volunteers for the post of Secretary. After brief discussion Martin Daws Chew agreed to undertake this role. The remaining committee members were all re-elected to the committee.

Postscript: An error had occurred in the listing of the committee membership as Geoff Wills was only shown as the Acting President and had not been named as a committee member. Clearly, this over-sight would not have been acceptable to the membership and as Geoff was keen to remain as a member of the committee his name was retrospectively added to the list.

The AGM were then informed that there was to be a presentation to Ron Martin at the Christmas Lunch in recognition of his excellent, loyal work as secretary of the association since its reforming in 2001. This news was warmly welcomed by all present.

Appointment of Hon. Auditor:

John Child informed the meeting that Steve Goss would not be able to audit the accounts in the future because he was moving to Newmarket next year. His excellent, unpaid assistance in this role was greatly appreciated by all present and they sent their best wishes to Steve for his future in Newmarket. John sought suggestions for a possible replacement. John James suggested that his brother, Trevor was very well qualified for such a role and he might be persuaded to assist us. John James will talk to his brother and make contact with John Child.

7) Any Other Business:

None raised

8) Date of next AGM:

Saturday 6th December 2015. Start time 11.00am

Colin thanked all present for their support and attendance at the AGM and looked forward to seeing them at the lunch.

The meeting closed at 12.08pm and all attending (18 members) headed to the bar to prepare for the Christmas Lunch!

Colin Snook.
President

Date:



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PRESIDENTIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2015

May I first take this opportunity of welcoming Members to this year's AGM and respectfully offer my first Presidential Annual Report.

I must admit being a little surprised that after so many years of languishing on the subs bench I was nominated by the Committee and found myself called up to join the first team.

Having served on the Committee since 2000 I am well aware that this Association still faces many challenges. As to this appointment let us see whether the grand old saying 'older and wiser' stands up.

The Committee has gathered on your behalf on 15 Jan, 19 Mar, 18th Jun and 19th Oct in 2015.

Members will have been in receipt of Geoff Wills reprise on the Associations history since its rebirth in 2000 and his 'where are we now' implication.

I do not wish to pre-empt members views based on GW's appraisal but as your President I concur with his concerns and again draw your attention to the following. With those passing away or resigning because of age the salient need is to boost the present trickle of new members. The prerequisite to obtain a skilled IT person to handle the Website and the production of a single page newsletter is vital to keep pace with information technology There exists a dire shortfall of executive officers. Perhaps I might be allowed to return to my *first team* analogy when reporting that the number present at the October meeting was insufficient to drum up enough players for a six-a-side tournament!

You will note that a contact letter expressing our good wishes has been forwarded to the Executive Head Yasmin Maskatiya of the new 'united' Boy and Girls High School Academy. The same sentiments have also been expressed in writing to the Chichester Observer and the Association is delighted that its text was published in the 19th November edition. The underlining theme of these communications affirms that the Association supports the Old Boys and if possible the School.

Early in the year the Association suffered a blow when the long standing committee member Doug Murgatroyd suffered a series of strokes. He was admitted to QA Hospital at Portsmouth and I was able to visit him. He entered a nursing home at Emsworth where he still resides and would welcome visitors

Doug served since its inauguration and the Association is indebted to him for acting as the key to updating entries on our Website, the production of the newsletter and the organising of the Summer Lunch. His sudden illness came at a time when the arrangements for the latter were at a pivotal stage. However due to his uncertain progress the Committee reluctantly deemed that its cancellation was unavoidable.

The Committee's latest recruit Clive Sayer also suffered a medical setback but I can report a happier outcome. He has progressed well after surgery and we look forward to his company again.

The pick of other matters appearing on Committee Agendas this last year include whether any amendment (s) are required to the current Constitution a process which is still ongoing. A long standing goal of the Association is the gift of a Display Cabinet with appropriate donor plaque for the school, an aim which is still being pursued. The position of a replacement Auditor has been resolved. I am please so report that Trevor James has taken up the post.

An Old Cicestrians Golf Day took place on the 2nd July at Bognor Golf Club with Maurice Hall, Mick Petter, David and Eric Hampton, Tony Lanaway and Martin McGranaghan all taking part. Martin reports that Eric put in a fantastic score. Next year's event will take place at Bognor on 30th June.

When seeking to organise social events we must face facts that our membership comprises of those predominantly from the pre 1970 school period and time is ticking on. However, members continue to support the Christmas Lunch get together and the event is an assured entry in the their diaries for the foreseeable future

Last year it was decided to introduce a Guest Speaker. You will recall that our very first candidate was former Chi High student Squadron Leader Michael Child, our very own Red Arrow, who presented to the gathering riveting behind the scenes glimpses of the famous Display Team. Our Speaker this year is Alan Green (1962-69) who on retirement from his career as a Chartered Civil Engineer has focused his energies into the history of Chichester City. He became a leading member the City's Historical Society presenting talks on local history whilst producing a number of publications on the subject.

Finally I must pay tribute to The Committee a diminishing band of OC's stalwarts including our ex President Geoff Wills who is always prepared with valued advice. It strives so hard to keep the Association together and seeks to encourage active support from its members.

On behalf of the Committee may I wish all members a very happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Colin Snook

President

5th December 2015

Old Cicestrians Financial Statement for the Year Ending 31st October 2015

Income

	2014 - 2015	2013 - 2014
	£	£
Subscriptions and donations	750.40	780.45
Event income	882.00	1056.00
Interest from bank deposits	0.88	0.88
Total Income	1633.28	1837.33

Expenditure

	2014 - 2015	2013 - 2014
	£	£
Printing & Stationery	55.88	45.08
Postage	0	0
Event expenses	1122.00	1097.70
Web Site	128.38	210.00
Miscellaneous	60.00	40
Total Expenditure	1366.26	1392.78
Surplus / Deficit	267.90	444.55

Reconciliation of bank balances

Balance at beginning of year		
Current Account	1885.29	
Deposit Account	1539.57	
Total brought forward		3424.86
Add Income		1633.28
		5058.14
Deduct Expenditure		1366.26
Balance at end of year		
Current Account	2151.43	
Deposit Account	1540.45	
Total carried forward	3691.88	3691.88

Financial Statement prepared by Hon. Treasurer

Signed



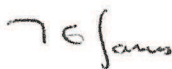
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Audit Report by Independent Examiner

I have examined the financial records and all relevant supporting documentation and confirm that this Financial Statement is in accordance with them and in my opinion represents a true and fair view of the association for the year in question.

Signed



23 Nov 2015

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Old Cicestrians Finances Overview 2002 - 2015

Year	Income £	Expenditure	Notes on Expenditures
2014 - 2015	1633.28	1366.26	
2013 - 2014	1837.33	1392.78	
2012 - 2013	941.03	1101.95	
2011 - 2012	1934.38	£1,518.47	£ 450 spent on stamps. No Summer Lunch
2010 - 2011	1825.71	£1,473.97	
2009 - 2010	1636.03	£2,701.34	Website production cost £1331.25
2008 - 2009	1622.38	£1,136.75	
2007 - 2008	2302.03	£2,532.94	Events expenditure £1919.95
2006 - 2007	1984.95	£1,368.6	
2005 - 2006	2860.83	£2,873.11	All events cost more in expenditure than income this year
2004 - 2005	2395.07	£1,831.71	
2003 - 2004	2187.54	£2,286.11	Old Boys ties cost £704.30
2002 - 2003	1458.53	£973.55	
2001 - 2002	1342.42	£378.61	
Totals	25961.51	22936.15	

(1) Notes on Financial Year 2014 - 2015

a) We have held just one event over the past financial year, namely the 2014 Christmas Lunch. This event covered its costs fully. The proposed Summer Lunch 2015 was postponed due to the serious ill health of the organiser Doug Murgatroyd and his central role with the Rowlands Castle Golf Course venue.

b) Both our Current and Savings accounts remain healthy and provide us with scope to support future projects (such as a display case for the school) if wished.

c) The majority of new members continue to use the online GoCardless scheme to pay their O.C's annual subscription. This results in their subscription being paid into our account on the day they join us, whenever that is in the year. This is quite different to the Standing Orders that most existing members use to pay their subscriptions. The majority of those Standing Orders were set up to pay out in late October and early November each year. Quite a number of these therefore are recorded in the following years income.

2) Report on the Second Class Stamp Assets purchased by the O.C's in the 2011-2012 Financial Year.

This purchase continues to pay significant dividends for the Association due to the ever rising costs of second class stamps. In 2012 we purchased 1,000 stamps for £450, equating to 45p per stamp. The current cost of a 2nd class stamp is 54p, a significant 9p rise in 3 years!

As at November 2015 we have 419 stamps remaining with a current value of £226.26.

John C.
Hon. Treasurer.



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CHSB OBITUARY NOTICES 2015

BALDWIN Peter – Died 21-10-2015 - Aged 82 – Chi High years 1944-49 - Born Chidham 1933 - National Service in Army – Trained at Bristol Old Vic –Joined West End Theatre Company - Jobbing actor best known for his role as Derek Wilton in TV's *Coronation Street* which lasted 21 years. Later purveyor of Pollacks Toy Shop in Covent Garden. Married to Sarah Long a TV's *Play School* presenter (Deceased 1987)

TAYLOR Henry Walmsley – Died 03-12-2015 - Aged 93 in Germany – Chi High Years 1933-39 - Language degree Southampton University and Music Scholar – World War II Royal Sussex Regiment as Intelligence Officer – On Montgomery's staff when the Germans surrendered in 1945 at Luneberg Heath – On demob settled in Germany and took up a teaching role. Note: The brother of OC's present member Harold Taylor who recalls that Henry translated the works of Delius and his letters for Sir Thomas Beecham to write a Biography.

SOPER Roland – Died 3.12-2014 – Aged 93 - Chi High Years – 1932-39 – Born 1-1-1921 Amberley - Scholarship University College London and Southampton. Mobilised in World War II he served as a Captain in the Middle East – He had several near death escapes - Later taught Biology at Collyers School Horsham for 37 years and settled in Amberley. He excelled in sport - a member of the MCC.

HOAD Kenneth Frederic – Died 19.10.2015 - Aged 73 - Chi High Years 1953-61 - Born Chichester 1942 –St Andrews University – Taught Geography @ Marylebone Grammar School 1967-72 – Head of Geography/Humanities Dept. @ Portsmouth Northern Grammar 1972-91. Played football & Cricket @ University, Merton FC – Portsmouth & Havant CC – Refereed – trained and assessed referees – Enjoyed Golf - Interests – Kept weather reports – Researched genealogy for friends/family.

BARTLETT Reverend Canon Maurice Edward died at his home - 27-9-2015 - Aged 82 years - Chi High Years left 1952 Buried at St Michaels Church on Solway 5-10-2015 (Lancaster Guardian)

COOPER S BARRY – Died 26-10-2015 - Aged 72 - Chi High Years 1954-60 -Born Woking 9-10-1943 – Professor of Mathematics at Leeds University – He also carried out research at the University of California - Co-founded group to bring International Acts to Leeds placing it on the Jazz Map – Became prominent when he championed the cause of the then unknown Alan Turing the war time Bletchley Park codebreaker. In 2013 Cooper's long running campaign helped to persuade the British Government to issue Turing with a posthumous pardon from a gross indecency conviction.