



# The Old Cicestrians



## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at The Park Hotel Chichester on Saturday 2nd December 2017 at 11 am

The following were in attendance:

Bill Allen, John Wood, Denis Sheppard, Mike Thomas, Clive Sayer, George Stedman, John Wingate, Peter French, Geoff Wills, Alan Green, R D Wood-Kneller, Maurice Hall, Tony Hazell, Allan Coombes, Tony Wheatley, John L James, Peter Ansell, John Child, Colin Snook, Nigel Smith, Martin McGranaghan, Michael Tyrell.

### 1 Apologies for Absence

Robert Hatch, Alistair Voller, Geoff Smith.

### 2. Minutes of the previous AGM 3rd December 2016

The minutes, having been circulated, were unanimously agreed as a true record of that meeting.

### 3. Matters Arising

R D Wood-Kneller reported that a former member of the Lancastrians School had joined and stated that the OCs is 'not a closed shop'. The meeting welcomed this development.

### 4. Presidents Annual Report

The President, Colin Snook, presented his report. Those in attendance were provided with a printed copy. The President welcomed the enhanced committee and outlined the many decisions and activities agreed to during the year. He drew attention to the progress of the website and of the Facebook group. Colin reported on his work on *The Fallen* project which documents the lives as well as the deaths of Old Cicestrians who fell in the Second World War.

R.D. Wood-Kneller praised the President for his 'fantastic job' and thanked him for his research as a fitting tribute to those who had died in the war.

The meeting unanimously **agreed** a vote of thanks for his work as President and for his continuing research.

### 5. Financial Report including Membership

John Child, Treasurer, presented the Financial Statement for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017. A copy was included in the agenda package. He reported that the two major social events had covered their costs in full. He reported a small overall surplus.

The Treasurer drew attention to the successful completion of the development of the website well within the amount budgeted. Final expenditure was £1711 against an agreed maximum of £2000.

As a consequence of low rates of interest, it was **agreed** that the Treasurer will invest in a further large quantity of postage stamps.

John Wood, Membership Secretary, reported that membership currently stood at 143 but that he hoped to add to this by enrolling new members at the luncheon following the meeting.

It was agreed that the Committee would consider organising a summer luncheon.

### 6. 'Celebrating 1928 Foundation' event 20th October 2018

Alan Green reported on plans for the event. These include a presentation by Dr John Mason (ex CHSB) at Southdowns Planetarium (located on the CHS site). Photographs and accounts of the school and pupils are being sought. A special email address is now available: [CHSB90@oldcicestrians.co.uk](mailto:CHSB90@oldcicestrians.co.uk)

### 7. Election of Officers 2017-18

Proposed by Colin Snook, seconded by John Child, that Bill Allen OBE be elected Chairman, This was unanimously **agreed** and Bill Allen then took the Chair.

The Chairman thanked Colin Snook. He pointed to the forthcoming year with the exciting 90<sup>th</sup> celebrations and the opportunity to recruit more younger members.

The Chairman drew attention to the details of responsibilities of committee members included with the agenda. These were accepted. The Chairman then nominated the remaining officers en-bloc as set out in the agenda. Unanimous approval.

#### Officers 2017-2018 are:

- Chairman: Bill Allen
- Hon. Secretary: Nigel Smith
- Hon. Treasurer: John Child
- Examiner of Accounts: Trevor James
- Membership Secretary: John Wood
- Webmaster: Richard Dudley Wood-Kneller
- Assistant Webmaster: Bill Allen
- Archive Officer: Alan Green
- Christmas Luncheon Organisers: John Wood & Denis Sheppard
- Committee members: Colin Snook, Clive Sayer, Maurice Hall
- First President: Geoff Wills

The Chairman described our First President, Geoff Wills, as the ‘inspirational leader’ who had founded our Old Cicestrians.

### 8. Any other business

Martin McGranaghan drew attention to the ‘gorgeous trophy’ to be competed for at the annual OC Golf Day in Bognor Regis, probably on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

It was **agreed** that the website address should be publicised as much as possible and included at the foot of documents and agendas.

Ties – **agreed** that production of a new OC tie will be looked into but it was cautioned that it will be expensive.

Alan Green, Archive Officer, reminded members that he is seeking more old school photographs.

The Obituary List was circulated.

Next AGM will take place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

The meeting closed at 11.55am.

Bill Allen  
(Chairman)

Nigel Smith  
(Hon. Secretary)