

OLD SHIRBURNIAN SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE 123rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OLD SHIRBURNIAN SOCIETY WAS HELD ON
SATURDAY 11 MAY 2019 on THE UPPER AT 4pm.

1. Introduction

The President welcomed those present.

9 members were present and 15 apologies for absence had been received.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the 122nd AGM, which have been posted on the Old Shirburnian Society Website (hard copies available to all members), were approved and signed by the President.

3. Reports:

The 122nd Annual Record (mailed to all members) carried the annual reports from:

The President

The Chairman

The Secretary

The Sherborne In The Community (SICC) Representative

The Trustees of the OS Charitable Trust have reported confidentially to the OS Executive Committee.

4. Questions for the Headmaster

The President, Andrew Wingfield-Digby, asked the Headmaster to say more about the improved relations with Sherborne Girls that he had touched upon in his speech. The Headmaster explained that he meets regularly with his opposite number, Ruth Sullivan, and there is much greater openness, and closer co-ordination and forward planning between the two Schools. Sherborne Girls are bringing their academic timetable into line with ours. Both Schools need to be strong to attract families to send their sons and daughters here. The Chaplain, David Campbell, told the meeting that girls from Sherborne Girls regularly attend the candlelit service and the first combined service was being held the following day, Sunday 12 May. The Headmaster also said that there was now greater collaboration with the Gryphon School; their pupils had been invited to the recent Oxbridge Interview sessions.

Anthony Harrop also asked about recycling and the Headmaster said that we are aware that too much plastic is used and there is too much waste. The School is looking into ways to reduce this. There is also a joint venture with Sherborne Girls to rewild areas of both Schools. The Headmaster explained that it is important to get pupils from both Schools involved in this project, to open their eyes to the environment around them.

5. Accounts

The Hon. Treasurer, Robin Brown, commented on the accounts for both the OSS General Fund and the OSS Charitable Trust for the year ending 31st July 2018 which had previously been approved by the OSS Executive Committee. Hard copies or a pdf are available to members of the OSS on request from the OSS Office. There were no questions from the floor.

Robin told the meeting that the bequest from David Ellis (g 66) has now been received in full and totals £324,000. It has been agreed that a bursary will be set up in David's name. A plaque will be put up in Lyon House in his memory and his name has already been added to the Donor's Board.

Edward Thring proposed that the accounts should be accepted, seconded by Andrew Wingfield Digby.

6. Any other business:

There was no more business and the President closed the AGM at 4.20pm

7. Date for the 124th AGM: 4.00pm in The Upper Marquee on, OS Day 16 May 2020.

John Harden OSS Secretary (May 2019)