

Chailey Heritage Schools Old Scholars' Association
Minutes for AGM held on the 13th May 2023

2023 Agenda/Minutes 2022AGM /Treasurer's Report 2022 were distributed to all attendees who comprised members and guests/carers.

Welcome by our Chairman: Mrs. Janet Wilkins.

Apologies for Absence: Liz Newman, Ian Sowerby, Jack Hayward and Eileen Bailey
The Minutes of 2022 AGM were read, agreed and signed by our Chairman, Mrs. Janet Wilkins, after the AGM voted to accept them as accurate.

Chairman's Report:

The Chairman said that it was good to see so many Old Scholars, family, friends and carers at our first Reunion for 4 years due to the pandemic, and that thanks were due to the new Chief Executive, Gareth Germer, and his Staff, for allowing us again to hold our annual get-together on school premises. She hoped that everyone had kept free of covid, or at least learned to live with it, rather like the flu. Janet encouraged members to keep sending in articles, either to the Editor or the Webmaster to ensure that we have enough material to produce a Magazine. She thanked all those who worked so hard to ensure a successful Reunion, School Staff, particularly Fiona Duff, Foundation Manager, Friends of Chailey and Volunteers ably marshalled by Ann and Chris Jones, Twizzles caterers, Rev Paul Mundy for conducting and talented organist Andy Rees for playing at our Thanksgiving Service, and last but not least Property Manager Duncan for laying out the tables and chairs and having to put them all away later. Janet reported that Ian Sowerby is retiring as webmaster this year, and we hope that a representative from the School will take over this important role, the best vehicle for keeping old scholars up-to-date with relevant information. There are two summer outings this year, to the Weald and Downland Living Museum on the 2nd September, and to the British Wildlife Centre on the 9th September. Please sign up for one or both. There will also be a Christmas Lunch at the Highlands Inn, Uckfield. We are still researching the names of the 28 Chailey Boys who died in service in the First World War. We have found 2 and hope to find the remainder in due course.

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary, Richard, extended the Association's sympathy to any old scholar who has lost loved ones or friends, and hoped that anyone suffering with health issues would receive treatment as early as possible. He reminded the meeting that any member experiencing financial difficulties can apply to the Association's Benevolent Fund for assistance.

Deaths of members were reported in the Magazine, and sadly we heard that Ken Hatton has died.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer, also Richard, stated that the Accounts published in the Magazine show that funds at the 31st December 2022 of £5,563 were only £266 less than the figure at 31st December 2019 as expenses were very low in the last 3 years. Jill Rockey, former staff member, had very kindly left the Old Scholars £3,000 in her Will. The AGM voted to donate £100 to the Friends, as well as a further £400 half cost of the 16+ Ball, and £250 to the Magazine Printers, CHEC.

Nomination and Re-election of Officers: Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer, Editor, Iain Pratt, Brian Scott and David Jones were successfully re-elected and Richard Clark was voted onto the Committee.
A.O.B: None

Next AGM to be held on the 14th May, 2024 at the Heritage