

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of
The Society of Old Framlinghamians
6.15pm on Saturday 2nd April, 2022
at, The RAF Club, 128, Piccadilly, London

Present: Peter Howard-Dobson – President – in the Chair; Simon Dougherty
 John Ellerby; Ruth Elwood (Hon Gen Sec); Andrew Lillie; Tim Mitchell; Luke
 Quartermaine; Sam Elwes; Nicholas Bailey; Jac Schroeder and Marc Schroeder.

1.0	Apologies	
1.1	Hon Gen Sec read out the list of Apologies as: Sophia van den Arend (Hon OF); René Behar; Bernard Bridges; Nigel Burnip; Bill Collard; Mike Cradock; Mike Coker; David Copeman; Penny Creasy (Hon OF); James Dougherty; Philip Dougherty; Claire Dougherty; Chris Essex; Andrew Fane (Hon OF); John Ford; Ian Foster; Rebecca Garrard; Mike Geddes; Berber Goedhart; Peter Golding; Rob Goldsmith; John Halahan; Alex Henney; Michael Holden; John Horton; Ian Howard; Nick Jacob; Kate Jackson; Chrissy Johnston-Myachin; Slava Johnston-Myachin; John Kerr; Chris Keeble; Alex Kuhn; Justyn Lawson; John LeGrove; David Lowe; Chris Mayhew; Nick Marsden; Tony Martin; James Mayhew; Norman Mayhew; Robert Mayhew; John Mathias; James Mehta; Chris Milner-Moore; Martin Myers-Allen; David Newson; Will Nias; Louise North (Hon OF); Bobby Osborne; Richard Overend; Charles Packshaw (Hon OF); Sir James Paice; Ian Pearson; Guy Pelling; Norman Porter; Bill Rimmer; Brian Rosen; Ollie Ruddock; James Ruddock-Broyd; Richard Sayer; Chris Shaw; Amelia Slater; Imogen Slaughter; Brian Smith; Clive Smith; Michael Smy; Douglas Thomson; John Thurlow; David Turnbull; John Waugh; Colin Wigg; Bob Williams; Andrew Wright; and Ivan Youd.	
1.2	The President welcomed everyone to the 2022 AGM and offered his formal thanks to Simon Dougherty, who had acted as organiser of the AGM and Annual Dinner since 2013.	
1.3	The President asked if anyone had conflicts of interest and none were declared.	
2.0	Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 27th March 2021	
2.1	These Minutes had been emailed to Council by the President ahead of the meeting and had been made available on the website (www.oldframlinghamian.com).	

2.2	The President invited comments by dissent, but none were received. The minutes were proposed for adoption by John Ellerby and seconded by Simon Dougherty. These are to be signed as a true record of proceedings on 27 th March 2021.	
3.0	Matters arising	
3.1	Hon Gen Sec confirmed actions completed from the 2021 minutes Pt. 7.1.5 to contact all Hon OFs.	
3.2	The President invited questions or comments, but none were forthcoming.	
4.0	Report on Financial Statements for the year ending 31st December 2021.	
4.1.1	The President delivered the financial statements relating to the 2021 accounts on behalf of Chris Essex, who was unable to attend.	
4.1.2	These accounts had been formally approved by the Trustees and Ensors, the Society's auditors. They had been uploaded to the SOF website over the last month.	
4.1.3	As usual there were two sets of accounts expertly produced by Michael Smy, for which the Trustees would like to record their sincere thanks.	
4.1.4	The two sets of accounts were detailed; one for the Society and one for the Charitable Trust and overall the accounts have not varied much from the previous year, with only any significant activity occurring towards the end of the financial year, to be discussed later.	
4.2	<i>Overview</i>	
4.2.1	Overall 2021 was a significant year for the Society, given the combined impact of the pandemic and the decision in January 2021 to donate £300,000 to the College. This donation was achieved via a payment of £300,000 to the Charity for tax efficiency; £109,740 of this was a donation and £190,260 was provided under the loan facility negotiated in 2016, which brought the total loan up to the maximum agreed amount of £500,000, as per the limit set. The Charitable Trust then made the donation to FC.	
4.2.2	The President briefly outlined costs for the new web site, to be covered later in more detail. He noted the slow progress with plans to revamp the Society's website, due to unexpected problems with the website developer. A new developer had now been appointed and action was being taken to try and recover some of the previous payments made. The Trustees had agreed to a revised total budget of £50,000 for the website, retaining hope that	

	a launch would take place later this year.	
4.2.3	Throughout 2021 the Society's Investment manager, Investec, had managed SOF funds on a discretionary management basis. Subject to SOF investment policy and benchmarks, which are reviewed at least annually, Investec are fully responsible for the choice of the investments in the Society's portfolio. The SOF investment policy had remained largely unchanged throughout the year, with the Trustees seeking a balanced return over a 10 year+ period between income and growth, based on Investec's Medium Risk approach.	
4.3	Society's General Account	
4.3.1	General Account, Page 7: The grant from the College was significantly higher this year as some activities had recommenced, but it was still only 60% of what had been requested in a "normal" year i.e. for this current year. The only expenditure of note was on the new website, which was funded by the Trustees rather than the College.	
4.3.2	A five-year project to digitise the complete inventory of Old Framlinghamian magazines, from 1889 to the present day, was all but completed in the course of 2021, creating a fantastic historical record of the school and its pupils. Half of the cost, (about £3,000) was expected to be recovered from the College in due course.	
4.3.3	The Trustees Income Accounts, Page 8: The investment income declined significantly on the back of a 20% fall in 2020. This was due to slow down during the COVID period. The revised income now fully reflected significant dividend reductions caused by the pandemic, combined with the impact of donating £300,000 to the College. Donations to SOF Charitable Fund reflected the funding of the College donation, which had resulted in the zero balance left in the Endowment Fund.	
4.3.4	Balance Sheet, Page 9: The Balance Sheet at year end 2021 remained in a healthy state, with its value down just slightly at £1,569,466. However, it should be borne in mind that this total now included £500,000 of loans provided to the SOF Charitable Fund in order to maximise tax efficiency. Over the last year the portfolio, net of fees, grew 11.1% compared with a gross of fees benchmark of 12.5%. The value of investments at 31 st December 2021 was down to £1,047,574, reflecting the gift of £300,000.	
4.4	SOF Charitable Trust Accounts	
4.4.1	Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA), Page 8: at first glance this looked alarming, with a deficit of £254,385 in the restricted income fund and an overall deficit of	

	£84,251 after taking account of expendable endowment. However, the deficit was covered by the long term loan from the Society. No loan repayments were made in 2021.	
4.4.2	Balance Sheet, Page 9: Despite the pandemic the stock market increased over the last year and saw the portfolio end the year at £169,857. Over the last year the portfolio, net of fees, grew 10.3% compared with a gross of fees benchmark of 12.5%.	
4.4.3	Grants and Awards Page 16: These totaled £10,966 during 2021 after excluding the £300,000 donation. As in recent years the bulk of the individual awards were prizes given out on Speech Day and consisted of 15 prizes, paying £50 to each to Year 11 pupil; 15 prizes paying £100 each to Year 13 pupils; and 2 Albert awards, paying £150 to Year 13 pupils.	
4.4.4	These awards were in addition to those given for 2 Moreau Leaving Scholarships, for each year, of £1,000 per annum over 3 years, making an outlay of £6,000 in total per annum.	
4.4.5	The Charity also gave financial grants to a couple of pupils and financial assistance to an OF for care assistance - this ended in January 2021. This concluded the Accounts review.	
4.5	CE had agreed to stay on for a further year as Chairman of the Trustees. During the past year discussions with a number of OFs had taken place, to recruit 2 new Trustees. PHD was delighted to confirm that later in the AGM, Nick Jacob and Mike Coker were to be appointed as Trustees. Nick was a solicitor and gave advise at the time of the Fowler donation and Mike was a qualified accountant. Both CE and Michael Smy were due to retire in 2022, but had been reappointed for one and 4 years respectively.	
4.6	The President invited questions or comments, but none were forthcoming. The President proposed the acceptance of the Accounts and this was seconded by John Ellerby, who thanked Michael Smy and his fellow Trustees for their work in preparing the accounts.	
5.0	President's Review of the Year 2021 to 2022	
5.1	The President, Peter Howard Dobson, provided a brief overview of the last 12 months as follows:	
5.2	<i>Events 2021 to 2022</i>	
5.2.1	When PHD was elected as President, albeit via a Zoom AGM, the prospects for a return to physical meetings and suppers seemed a distinct possibility. But the outcome,	

	<p>certainly for meetings and suppers, was mixed. The July London Supper and meeting had to be cancelled at relatively short notice, with the meeting held via Zoom. However, it was a delight have held the Council Meeting and Suffolk Supper at the College, in October, followed by an excellent Norfolk Supper in November 2021. This was shortly followed by the Omicron COVID variant, and had to return to Zoom meetings by January 2022.</p>	
5.2.2	<p>On a more positive note, the Golf and Shooting teams had managed to be fairly active from time to time, as reported on the website.</p>	
5.3	<p><i>Governance of the Society</i></p>	
5.3.1	<p>The last two AGMs had been conducted via virtual Zoom meetings, as had the majority of Council meetings over the last year. The President noted how remarkable and how quickly everyone had been able to adopt to new modes of technology in attending these meeting through the pandemic. He was indebted to those who had helped to keep the various organs of the Society in full working order throughout: Trustees, Finance, Council, Luke Quartermaine and the Young OFs.</p>	
5.3.2	<p>The President confirmed, whether virtual or physical, all of the Society's meetings had conformed with the Rules and Procedures.</p>	
5.4	<p><i>The College</i></p>	
5.4.1	<p>The SOF was once again able to return some of the Operational Budget to the College – given that SOF activities had been significantly constrained and not consumed their usual budgets. This was much appreciated by the new College Bursar, Mark Madden, who had taken up the post in early August.</p>	
5.4.2	<p>In May 2021, an agreement was reached with the College over contact data sharing and individual contact preferences, across the SOF's extensive database, which had first been mooted by the SOF at least five years previous. Its completion in May was coincident with the support that Council had agreed to provide towards the College's sixth form Bursary Campaign. Following PHD's recent election, the President, wrote personalised emails and letters to everyone on the database, setting out the Society's enthusiastic support for the Campaign, telling people how they could opt out of College communications on marketing and events, should they so wish. The President reported that only a few people opted out.</p>	
5.4.3	<p>In the event, the launch of the FC Bursary Campaign was deferred until September. It was reported that substantial</p>	

	funds had since been offered, enabling FC to offer three additional 100% sixth-form scholarships, from September 2022.	
5.4.4	The College took a radically different approach to the presentation of <i>The Framlinghamian</i> magazine, in the form of an A5-format book, aimed principally at marketing the College. This was aimed at prospective parents, whilst reassuring existing parents of the quality of the educational offering across the whole school. Unfortunately, the format resulted in a very weighty document of over 300 pages; of which 100 constituted the OF section. In the weeks leading up to publication, it became clear that there was no budget to cover the cost of printing and posting 3,500 copies to Members. It was agreed, with some regret, to offer only a digital magazine to the OF community – as had been the case in 2020. Since the end of the 2021, representations had been made to the Bursar, to ensure that the principles of budgetary support, enshrined in the 2013 Agreement between the Society and FC are understood, and built into the College’s business plan for 2022/23. No criticism of MM was intended, but he simply inherited the budget from others and now understands the situation moving forwards.	
5.4.5	The Agreement referred to above, was for a Term of ten years and is due to expire in December 2023, unless renewed by the parties. It was anticipated that a process of consultation would be required with the College to review the new Agreement.	
5.4.6	Council agreed at the January 2022 meeting, (well ahead of the deadline), to establish a new sub-committee responsible for considering the issues that are likely to arise out of conversations with FC, regarding the relationship between the SOF and the College. The President was grateful to Chris Essex, Nick Jacob, Jenny Binder and Ruth Elwood for joining him and whilst the sub-committee had not yet had occasion to meet, the aim was to initiate it over the coming year.	
5.5	<i>People</i>	
5.5.1	The President noted he was just a figurehead and nothing would happen without the unstinting support of a great many people. He named a few as follows, offering apologies to those that he may have inevitably missed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ruth Elwood – for her role as Hon Gen Sec. • Chris Essex – for acting as Chairman of the Trustees alongside his fellow Trustees. • David Carr – as Hon. Treasurer. • Luke Quartermaine – the Chairman of the Young OFs 	

	<p>and Sports Co-ordinator;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kate Jackson – OF Co-ordinator, who does so much behind the scenes. • Simon Dougherty, for his unstinting support and encouragement through PHD's first year, along with several other Past Presidents and senior colleagues. • The Website administration team; especially Chris Essex and Tim Mitchell for their dedicated, hard work on the Website Redevelopment project, so far without much reward for their efforts. • <i>The Framlinghamian</i> OF section correspondents; • The Moreau Scholarship Selection Committee, led by David Mallett with his outstanding chairmanship, Jenny Binder, Nick Whitehead and Cam Greenhall. 	
5.6	<i>Membership & Engagement</i>	
5.6.1	Under the Society's Agreement with the College, all leavers from the Prep School and the College automatically became members of the Society, (unless specifically excluded). Leavers from Y13 (Upper 6 th) have customarily received a letter from the President welcoming them to the Society. Once the SOF had the details of all leavers, the President also wrote to those who had left from Y11, to do their A-levels elsewhere; since it seemed important to make these leavers aware that they were also Members of the Society.	
5.6.2	Honorary OFs are elected/appointed in recognition of at least ten years' service, as staff, or, at any time for particular service to the Society or the College, by staff and others, as covered later in the meeting.	
5.7	<i>Deaths</i>	
5.7.1	<p>20 deaths had been notified to the Society since the last AGM. These had been listed in Council Meeting Minutes, with details on the SOF website Noticeboard. Names were read out by the President, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Nicholas (Nick) Green Carley, (G64-72): who died on 30th December 2021. • Robert Charles Bowman Clarke, (R59-64): who died on 10th December 2021. • Michael Booker, former Chaplain of FC 1984-1989, who died on 28th November 2021. • Barry Wilson, (G48-52): who died on 10th November 2021. • Adrian Conrad Skeates, (G51-55): who died on 10th October 2021 in Sussex. • Wing Commander Michael Kenneth Allport MBE, (R54-62), a Distinguished OF who died in early October 	

	<p>2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Hein, Hon OF: who died on 3rd October 2021. • David Jeremy Gate, (S44-49): who died on 28th May 2021. • Jeremy John Temple, (G52-59): who died in May 2021 in Italy. • Kenneth George Mayhew RMWO (R29-34): who died at the age of 104, on 13th May 2021. • Robert (Bob) Anthony Wright, (S54-58): who died in April 2021. • John Durham, (K46-49): who died on 30th March 2021. • Wing Cdr George "Peter" Brett Peter Bailey, (K34-38): a Distinguished OF who died on 14th April just weeks after celebrating his 99th birthday on 27th March 2021. • Graham John "Jack" Charles Brand, (R56-64): who died peacefully at home on 6th March 2021. • David Bryan Mead, (K49-54): who died on 19th February 2021. • Andrew Charles Franz Wilhelm Quinsee, (S73-80): who died on 13th February 2021. • Graham Ireland (Hon OF): who died in December 2020, aged 81. • Michael Stevens, (G42-48): who died on 28th April 2020 aged 86. • Patrick Joice, (R87-91): who died in 2019 at the age of 46. • Thomas Edward Chappell, (K09-11): who died August 2018 at the age of just 22. • The long-awaited services of thanksgiving were held at the College for the lives of John Edwards, (in January 2022) and Ken Mayhew (in March 2022). Sadly the President missed the Service due to having COVID. 	
5.8	<i>Other Matters</i>	
5.8.1	<p>Annual Dinner Organiser, Simon Dougherty had organised the Society's Annual Dinners since 2013. They had always been hugely enjoyable events, not least because of the skill and attention to detail that Simon had exemplified. SD gave the Society notice at the start of 2021, that the 2022 dinner would be his last, highlighting the need to find a replacement, which had been well advertised – with sadly, with no response. The President appealed to all those present to consider volunteering to take over, adding that Simon would be willing to provide support and guidance to anyone who stepped forward.</p>	

5.8.2	Despite encouragement from Members, the Hon Gen Sec stated she was not able to take on this additional role, for fear of being over loaded, by business demands clashing with existing SOF duties; as this was a very busy time of year in the SOF calendar.	
5.9	<i>President's Conclusion</i>	
5.9.1	The President noted a couple of regrets during his first Term. At the start of his Presidency, PDH and his team were about half-way through a project to deliver a new OF Website which, among other things, would create a platform for the launch of a new group, the OF Society of The Arts – the first non-sports specialist group in the Society's history. PHD was very excited to get the Group up and running and he was thankful to Chrissy and Slava Johnston and Caroline Mallett amongst others for supporting this.	
5.9.2	The website development contractor found themselves in difficulties and by July 2021, had declared themselves unable to complete the project. Finding a replacement to take over the half-completed site proved impractical and it wasn't until mid-March that a new contractor was eventually appointed to start-over again. The President had every reason to hope that this rather more substantial business would deliver the new website in the early Autumn. He apologised to those enthusiastic Arts practitioners, who had been so helpful in bringing together the ideas and objectives for the Society of The Arts last year. He promised the delivery of the website and pledged that he would do everything he could to ensure that both the new website and the new Arts Group were a great success.	
5.9.3	That concluded the President's report. The President invited questions or comments, but none were forthcoming.	
6.0	Appointment of 2 New Trustees	
6.1.1	The President informed the meeting that the existing Trustees had nominated Nick Jacob (K67-75) and Mike Coker (R90-98) to be SOF Trustees. Their names had been presented to Council at the 28 th January 2022 meeting, which had approved their names to be put forward to the AGM. The meeting gave its unanimous approval of both appointments.	
6.1.2	John Ellerby commented that he didn't know MC, but was very pleased to see the Society had recruited 2 new Trustees.	

7.0	To Elect Officers of the Society for 2022-2023	
7.1.1	President: Peter Howard-Dobson had offered to stand for his 2 nd year; proposed by John Ellerby and seconded by Simon Dougherty, with a unanimous election by Council.	
7.1.2	The President announced the remaining Officers of the Society to be elected were:	
7.1.3	Vice Presidents: The President nominated current 2 Council members for approval as Vice Presidents, namely: Alex Henney; and Luke Quartermaine.	
7.1.4	Hon Gen Sec – Ruth Elwood, was to continue, following co-option onto Council in May 2019 and elected at the 2020 AGM.	
7.1.5	Hon Treasurer: David Carr, was to continue, following his election at the 2020 AGM.	
7.1.6	Council Members: The President nominated 2 new Council members, Coral Langridge & Joe Lipman: as both would be completing their Moreau Scholarship service on Council in 2022.	
7.1.7	Young OFs & Sports Co-ordinator: Luke Quartermaine was to continue in both roles, following his election at the 2021 AGM.	
7.1.8	Finance Committee – appointed in accordance with SOF Rule 5a: President, Trustees, Hon Sec, Hon Treasurer; golf & shooting organisers; the sports co-ordinator; OF coordinator at the College; Chair of Young OFs Committee are all included in the Finance Committee. Objections were invited, with none received and all appointments confirmed.	
7.1.9	Independent Examiner: Ensors, to continue as appointed by the College in accordance with the SOF FC agreement.	
7.1.10	Elections were concluded and The President invited questions or comments, but none were forthcoming, allowing all the above to be elected ‘en bloc’.	
8.0	New Hon OFs	
8.1.1	The President continued with the following nominations, as proposed at the 28 th January 2022 Council Meeting.	
8.1.2	No Rule 3(3)a Hon OF nominations were proposed, in recognition of particular service to the Society or FC, by staff or others.	
8.1.3	Rule 3(3)b - Hon OF Nominations – under the 10 year revised rules, the following individuals had been agreed as eligible and accepted their invitation, in recognition of at least ten years’ service to FC, having undergone consultations and due diligence by FC HR, to include those identified on the ‘catch up’ list: Miss. Janice Moore: 43 years as a Catering Assistant, since May 1978.	

	<p>Mrs. Diane Etheridge: 33 years as Victoria House Matron, since 1989.</p> <p>Mr. Mark Rogers: 29 years as a Deputy Domestic Manager, since May 1992.</p> <p>Mrs. Kim Last: 26 years as Chef De Partie, since May 1995.</p> <p>Mr. Ronnie Hostler: 24 years as a Kitchen Porter, since Jan 1997.</p> <p>Miss. Karen Shelley: 17 years as a Catering Assistant, since Jan 2004.</p> <p>Mrs. Lynn Hitching: 17 years as a teaching Assistant, since Jan 2004.</p> <p>Mrs. Michaela Challis: 17 years as Stradbroke House Matron, since Oct 2004.</p> <p>Mr. Roy Witham: 15 years as a Senior Staff Instructor, since Sep 2006.</p> <p>Mrs. Kerry Pearce: 15 years as Rendlesham House Matron, since July 2006.</p> <p>Mr. Paul Allum: 14 years as a Domestic Assistant, since Jan 2007.</p> <p>Mr. Julian Holland: 14 years as Kerrison Housemaster and Head of Religious Studies.</p> <p>Ms. Wendy Zebedee: 11 years as FC Secretary, between 1999-2010.</p> <p>Mrs. Sharon Proctor: 10 years as School Administrator at FCPS, since May 2011.</p> <p>Mrs. Michelle Terry: 10 years as Senior Catering Assistant across both schools, since August 2011.</p> <p>Mrs. Kari Poacher: 10 years as a Tennis Coach across both schools, since September 2011.</p> <p>Mr. Jason Wright: 10 year's work as Deputy Head Groundsman at FCPS, since May 2011.</p> <p>Miss. Leanne Mowle: 10 years as a Reception Teacher at FCPS, since September 2011.</p> <p>Mrs. Christine Middleton-Burrow: 10 years as Catering Head Chef.</p>	
8.1.4	The President invited questions or comments, but none were forthcoming. All were proposed by the President and seconded by SD, with all names taken forward 'en bloc'.	
8.1.5	Hon Gen Sec to issue formal letters of invitation to those listed.	HGS
9.0	Any Other Business	
9.1	The Hon Gen Sec outlined forthcoming meetings and suppers as follows:	
9.1.1	The Newmarket Council Meeting and Supper is to be held on Thursday 28 th April at the Bedford Lodge Hotel, organised by Ian Fulcher.	

9.1.2	The London Council Meeting and Supper, is to be held on Friday July 15 th 2022, at the Lansdowne Club. Details TBC.	
9.1.3	The Edinburgh gathering is to be held on Saturday 13 th August 2022, organised by Douglas Thomson.	
9.1.4	The Suffolk Council Meeting and Supper is to be held on Saturday 22 nd October 2022 at FC, organised by Ruth Elwood.	
9.1.5	The Norfolk Supper in November 2022, is now being kindly organised by Ed Wharton, who has taken over from Colin Wigg. Thanks were offered to Colin for all his efforts over the years organising this supper.	
9.1.6	The London Council Meeting and Supper in January 2023. TBC.	
9.1.7	The date of next AGM is to be held on Saturday 25 th March 2023, at the College, however, there will be no accommodation at FC, as it is only 1 day after breaking up for Easter.	
9.1.8	SD offered his sincere congratulations to PHD on completing his 1st Term as President, during what could only be described as a challenging year, with combined Zoom and actual meetings, alongside routine meetings at FC.	
9.2	The President closed the meeting at 6.53pm.	

Signed:
President

Date:
Name: Nick Whitehead

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