

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
of  
**The Society of Old Framlinghamians**  
**at 6.00pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2025**  
**Via Zoom**

**Present:** Nick Whitehead – President – in the Chair; Ruth Elwood (Hon Gen Sec); René Behar; Kim Dickel; Simon Dougherty; Gary Duce; John Ellerby; Chris Essex; Lyla Grace Endean; Peter Howard-Dobson; Peter MacFarlane; Nick Jacob; Chris Keeble; Satine Margaryan; Tim Mitchell; Norman Porter; James Ruddock-Broyd; Brian Smith, Clive Smith; Michael Smy. 20 attended.

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
1.1	Hon Gen Sec read out the list of apologies as: Mike Bullock; Mike Coker; Jon Ford; Michael Fuller; Kate Jackson; John Mathias; Tony Martin; Richard Overend; and Chris Sneath.	
1.2	The President welcomed everyone to the 2025 AGM and suggested future minutes of meetings should be taken by AI software, to reduce the admin burden on the HGS.	
1.3	The President asked if anyone had conflicts of interest. None were declared.	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b>	
2.1	These Minutes had been emailed to Council by FC ahead of the meeting and had been made available on the website ( <a href="http://www.oldframlinghamian.com">www.oldframlinghamian.com</a> ).	
2.2	The President invited comments by dissent, but none were received. The minutes were proposed for adoption by Chris Essex and seconded by Tim Mitchell. These are to be signed as a true record of proceedings on 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2024. All agreed.	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Matters arising</b>	
3.1	Hon Gen Sec confirmed actions completed from the 2024 minutes.	
3.2	The President invited questions or comments, but none were forthcoming.	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Report on Financial Statements for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.</b>	
4.1.1	Chair of Trustees, Chris Essex, said that copies of the accounts had been made available on the website for just over 2 weeks and these had been approved by the Trustees and signed off by the new auditors, Larking Gowen.	

4.1.2	As usual, there were two sets of accounts expertly produced by Mike Coker, for which the Trustees would like to record their sincere thanks, especially given the significant additional work in answering questions from the new auditors. CE also thanked Michael Smy for his assistance and for attending the AGM to answer any tricky questions in the absence of Mike.	
4.1.3	The two sets of accounts were very detailed; one for the Society, (19 pages) and one for the Charitable Trust, (25 pages) and overall, the formatting of the accounts had not varied much from the previous year.	
4.2	<i>Overview</i>	
4.2.1	The year started with continued uncertainty over the future <i>The Agreement</i> and the College's commitment to fund the SOF's general running expenses. The Agreement was temporarily extended following the expiration date at the end of December 2023. Trustees were delighted when a new rolling Agreement was signed in May 2024.	
4.2.2	The start of the year also saw activity around the production of the OF Newspaper. This was completed and dispatched to all members in the UK with a postal address and all those overseas who had subscribed. The Newspaper was once again very well received. It was pleasing to report that further contributions were received from members amounting to £4,500 during the year which was used to offset the total costs of just over £8,000. It was hoped that most of these members had set up an annual standing order, which means that the net cost to the Society would be a little over £3,000 each year.	
4.2.3	The new website had continued to function well. Unfortunately, continued attempts to recover payments of just over £4,000 made to the former contractor through the Small Claims Court had made little progress. At the end of 2024, a court date was set for 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025. After a final attempt to get a settlement out of court, the Trustees made the difficult choice to cease further litigation, due to the low perceived chances of recovering any money, even if successful and the amount of work this would entail.	
4.2.4	During 2024, the College decided to replace the Inskip Hockey Pitch and asked the Society to contribute towards a planned appeal. The Society agreed to underwrite a donation of £60,000 from the Charitable Trust, as an approximate 10% cornerstone donation to the appeal. Unfortunately, the College had not formalised plans for the appeal by the year end, so the donation was paid in January 2025.	

4.2.5	In addition to the above commitment, the SOF donated £11,631 to the Charitable Trust during the year to assist with the regular support of £6,000 towards the Moreau Scholarships; £5,725 for Speech Day prizes and a grant to cover the cost of a Geography field trip for two students.	
4.2.6	Finally, it was a settled year in terms of investments. These funds rose by just over 7% net of fees and prospects for future income generation had improved. Rathbones, the investment managers (previously Investec), completed the reposition of asset allocations in line with their new Strategic Asset Allocation. The key change was a move away from UK Equities to International Equities, resulting in UK Equity targets reducing from 30% to 15% and the International Equity targets increasing from 30% to 45%.	
4.2.7	Overall, invested funds with Rathbones stood at £1.215m on 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2024. However, since the end of financial year the £60,000 donation to the College for the Inskips Appeal and more significantly, the introduction of Donald Trump tariffs across the world had resulted in SOF invested funds dropping 10% to £1.07m, as at the end of last week.	
4.3	<b>Society's General Account</b>	
4.3.1	<b>The General Account on page 8:</b> showed it had been another active year. The largest cost, £8,086, was on the OF Newspaper circulated to members earlier in the year. Regrettably, the very low expenditure of £435 on suppers, (2023: it was £1,203), reflects the reduced number of 'in person' events during 2024.	
4.3.2	After completing the development and implementation of the new website in 2023, expenditure on the OF website had returned to normal maintenance levels.	
4.3.3	The General Account activities were funded partly by the Trustees and partly by the College under the SOF-FC <i>Agreement</i> . In the last year, Trustees met the full cost of the OF Newspaper. The College grant was much reduced to £5,936, due to £3,642 being carried forwards.	
4.3.4	<b>Trustees Income and Expenditure account on page 9:</b> investment income increased slightly from £20,574 to £21,141. Interest received remained broadly unchanged at £1,169. No legacies were received in the year. The donations figure of £4,504 was the total of all contributions made by members towards the cost of the OF Newspaper during the financial year. Transfers to the General Account were lower at £8,086, reflecting the cost of the OF Newspaper.	

4.3.5	Donations to the SOF Charitable Trust, (the “Charity”), increased slightly to £11,631, to cover the dwindling standing order income. Investment management charges saw a slight increase during the year from £11,520 to £12,266. As expected, the income balance carried forward was considered insufficient to meet the anticipated need in 2025, so the Trustees had ensured additional funding would be available from Rathbones, when required.	
4.3.6	<b>The Balance Sheet on page 10:</b> had improved by £51,053, to £1,556,581, largely due to the increase in the value of the investment portfolio. The Cash Balance at the year-end was £15,801. NB. This total included a £500,000 loan agreement to the SOF Charitable Trust.	
4.3.7	CE invited questions.	
4.3.8	SD asked if the SOF was meant to hand back the balance to FC at the end of year to ensure that there was no Income Tax liability? CE confirmed that the regulations had not changed, but money had not been returned due to losses being offset against the balance moving forwards.	
4.4	<b>SOF Charitable Trust Accounts</b>	
4.4.1	<b>Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA), Page 8:</b> Similar to previous years, at first glance this looked alarming, with a deficit of £278,243 in the restricted income fund and an overall deficit of £101,358 after taking account of the expendable endowment. However, the deficit was covered by the long term loan from the Society and therefore, the Trustees had no concern for the future of the Charity.	
4.4.2	<b>Balance Sheet, Page 9:</b> Invested funds rose by just over 7% net of fees and prospects for future income generation had also improved. As with the main funds, Rathbones had completed the repositioning of asset allocations in line with their new Strategic Asset Allocation.	
4.4.3	Under Rathbones’ current investment policy, the Trustees sought a balanced return over a 10 year+ period between income and growth, based on their Medium Risk approach. At the start of 2024, the Investment Policy Statement was revised to reflect the change in Rathbones’ Strategic Asset Allocation, as mentioned earlier.	
4.4.4	Over the last year, the portfolio exclusive of fees, rose 8.5% compared with a benchmark of 9.4%. The five-year return net of fees was 21.3%.	
4.4.5	The value of SOF investments at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2024 had risen to £176,685, (up from £166,048 at the end of 2023). As at the end of last week, (25-04-07), this had since fallen to £164,177.	

4.4.6	<p><b>Grants and Awards Page 16:</b> Uncertainty over the impact of the legislative changes with regards to VAT and business rates on the College seemed to have received a limited number of requests for assistance. Nevertheless, Trustees had provided support to the value of £1,680 for two students undertaking a trip to Iceland. This was in addition to the regular funding of £3,725 for Speech Day Prizes, which again consisted of 17 prizes, paying £50 each to Year 11 pupils; 15 prizes paying £100 each to Year 13 pupils; 3 Bromage Awards of £125 each for sports; 1 Mawby Prize and 1 Karen Buttenshaw Prize of £125 each; 1 Ellis Arthur Prize of £50 and 2 Albert Awards, paying £150 to Year 13 pupils.</p>	
4.4.7	<p>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.</p>	
4.5	<p>CE noted again the fantastic OF Newspaper design by Chris Keeble. To design, print and dispatch to over 3,200 members principally in the UK, including the entire College 6<sup>th</sup> form, had cost around £8,000. Trustees were immensely grateful to hundreds of OFs who had already donated around £5,000 each year towards this cost; but further donations were encouraged from other members, moving forwards.</p>	
4.6	<p>Finally, CE offered a sincere thank you to his fellow Trustees for their tireless work and continued support over the last year. In particular, he thanked Peter Howard-Dobson who was retiring as a Trustee, at the end of his latest 4 year term at the end of April. His service as a Trustee had been impeccable over many years and everyone was going to miss his wise counsel at meetings.</p>	
4.7	<p>CE invited questions. None received.</p>	
4.8	<p>The President offered a massive personal vote of thanks to PHD for his impeccable long service on Council, his support and advice during his Term as President and support generally to the Society. PHD responded that it had been an honour to serve twice as a Trustee, for 7 and 9 year terms and to be part of this great SOF organisation. Nick then thanked all the Trustees for their huge efforts behind the scenes, including Chris, as Chair of Trustees.</p>	
4.9	<p>Nick proposed the acceptance of the Accounts, seconded by Nick Jacob. All Members were in support.</p>	

<b>5.0</b>	<b>President's Review of the Year 2024 to 2025</b>	
5.1	The President, Nick Whitehead, provided a brief overview of the last 12 months, as per council meeting updates, as follows:	
5.2	<i>Events 2024 to 2025</i>	
5.2.1	The year began on 13 <sup>th</sup> April with the Annual Dinner, held at FC and organised to perfection by Kate Jackson, with a great turn-out of young and older OFs following a new format of canapes and informal mingling in Paul's Court, followed by live music.	
5.2.2	In June, a small group met for supper at Ravenwood Hall, replacing the Newmarket Supper, with the Spring Council meeting held, via Zoom.	
5.2.3	The July London & October Suffolk Council Meetings were both held via Zoom.	
5.2.4	In August, Douglas Thompson organised the Edinburgh gathering, during the Festival.	
5.2.5	In September, Kim Dickel had organised the German gathering at Heidelberg.	
5.2.6	Also in September, Chris Essex had organised a West of England supper, that had been well attended.	
5.2.7	In November, the Norfolk supper went ahead at the Kings Head, Bawburgh, near Norwich, with 26 guests attending.	
5.2.8	The January Council Meeting was also held via Zoom, along with today's AGM.	
5.2.9	The last twelve months had seen a full program of sport: with successful fixtures for golf and shooting along with a range of other sports, including the OF v College sports day last June. More recently the OF team had been victorious in a 3 way hockey tournament, OF v FC v FC teachers.	
5.3	<i>Governance of the Society</i>	
5.3.1	The President was pleased to confirm all meetings had conformed with the SOF Rules and Procedures. Council meetings via Zoom had provided greater flexibility, allowing overseas council members' to have greater involvement.	
5.3.2	He touched on the Proposal, which would be covered in more detail later.	
5.4	<i>The College</i>	
5.4.1	The key development this past year had been the eventual signing of the Mutal Support Agreement, as a start to a new and invigorated relationship between FC and the SOF. He hoped this would be easier to manage, be collaborative and be productive for all parties. The first finance meeting had taken place and all budgets had been agreed, as programmed.	

5.4.2	FC had continued to publish a digital version of <i>The Framlinghamian</i> magazine, whilst the SOF had produced a printed copy of the Newspaper version of the OF Section of <i>The Framlinghamian</i> , for a second year, funded by donations. Nick offered his thanks to Trustees and Chris Keeble for supporting this initiative during his Presidency.	
5.5	<i>People</i>	
5.5.1	<p>The President noted he would not have been able to complete his role without the support of a great many people. He named a few as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ruth Elwood – for her role as Hon Gen Sec., preparing advanced minutes and details to keep him informed;</li> <li>• Chris Essex – as Chairman of the Trustees alongside his fellow Trustees;</li> <li>• David Carr – as Hon. Treasurer;</li> <li>• Kate Jackson – OF Co-ordinator, who had done so much to support the Society for c.7 years; but had left FC in February 2025.</li> <li>• <i>The Framlinghamian</i> OF section correspondents and contributors;</li> <li>• The Moreau Scholarship Selection Committee, led by David Mallett as Chairman and supported by Rene Bahar and Jenny Binder;</li> <li>• The Website administration team; especially Chris Essex and Tim Mitchell, for all their hard work, which continues on a daily basis.</li> </ul>	
5.6	<i>Membership &amp; Engagement</i>	
5.6.1	NW stated his Presidential goals set 2 years ago had been to reinvigorate the Society’s technological involvement, by increasing social media interactions between OFs and FC. Having taken advice from 3 generations of Moreau Scholars, Instagram was a primary form of communication, followed by the SOF website and Facebook. Whilst some progress had been made, he hoped this would increase over forthcoming years with the assistance from FC Marketing Dept. to increase attendance at social gatherings and suppers.	
5.7	<i>Deaths</i>	
5.7.1	34 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. All names are listed in Appendix 1, with key people highlighted by *.	

5.8	<i>President's Conclusion</i>	
5.8.1	NW stated that it had been both an enormous privilege, pleasure and joy to be President for the last two years as the youngest OF to take on the role to date. He thanked everyone for giving him the opportunity, noting he had learnt a great deal, to benefit his professional and personal life; but could not have done it without the support of former Presidents Chris and Peter.	
5.8.2	His second ambition when he started his Term as President was to hand over the position at the end of his 2 years, to a younger OF, especially a women. He was delighted that Kim Dickel had been interested in the role and proposed her as the next President.	
5.8.3	Nick was confident that Kim, as another young OF and the Society's first lady President, would lead the Society from strength to strength, adding an international perspective from Germany, attending FC as often as she could. Kim would be well positioned to continue Nick's legacy of finding new ways of keeping the SOF relevant to new generations of Old Framlinghamians.	
5.8.4	That concluded the President's report. The President invited questions or comments, but none were forthcoming.	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Trustees Appointments &amp; Retirements</b>	
6.1.1	Mike Coker and Nick Jacob were both due to retire but had since agreed to be re-appointment as Trustees for a further 4 years.	
6.1.2	Peter Howard-Dobson was retiring as a Trustee on 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 and was not seeking re-appointment.	
6.1.3	There were no new Trustees proposed for appointment at this AGM. Other existing Trustees were Michael Smy, Tim Mitchell & CE.	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>To Elect Officers of the Society for 2025-2026</b>	
7.1	<b>President's Election</b>	
7.1.1	<b>President:</b> As above, Kim Dickel had offered to stand for election as the new President. Her election was proposed by NW and seconded by CE with unanimous support from Council. Nick offered his sincere congratulations and asked Kim to take the Chair as the new President.	

7.1.2	She thanked Nick for his progression to a more technical base, which had made her participation from Germany much easier in the last 2 years. Kim felt a deep sense of honour, gratitude and responsibility in taking on the role as the first lady President, confirming she cared very deeply for what the Society stands for. FC had changed her life for the better and she was excited for the future, having been involved in the Society for the past 10 years. It was a place where ideas grow; friendships form; and meaningful work gets done. She pledged to do her best to amplify the voice of members and grow the Society over the next 2 years. Kim noted she was the first lady President, to follow 125 years of men!	
7.1.3	The HGS announced the remaining Officers of the Society to be elected were:	
7.1.4	<b>Vice Presidents:</b> Kate Jackson & Colin Lipman were both proposed as new Vice Presidents.	
7.1.5	<b>Hon Gen Sec</b> – Ruth Elwood was to step down as HGS after 6 years in the role. CE proposed Simon Dougherty as the new HGS, following a reduction in Simon’s personal commitments elsewhere. SD had always been aware of Ruth’s business v SOF pressures, as he had recruited her during his 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term as President. He now had capacity to step in and assist for a short while, on the basis that he was currently able to assist, but wasn’t getting any younger!	
7.1.6	BS congratulated and thanked Ruth for her excellent reportage and presentation of meeting minutes over the years, which was endorsed by many.	
7.1.7	NP noted that RE had been his assistant HGS during his time in the role and highlighted the importance of the continuity of the HGS as a binding force, when Presidents changed every 2 years, stating the SOF had had only 6 HGS during its 120 year period.	
7.1.8	<b>Hon Treasurer:</b> David Carr was to continue, following his election at the 2020 AGM.	
7.1.9	<b>Young OFs &amp; Sports Co-ordinator:</b> Luke Quartermaine was to continue in both roles, following his election at the 2021 AGM.	
7.1.10	<b>Council Members</b> <b>Resignations:</b> Mike Bullock (R55-59), who was based in South Africa, had resigned from Council via email to the HGS. <b>New:</b> The President had nominated Moreau mentor and ex-officio member of Council, Ele Williamson (M13-15), to be formally considered by Members for election.	

7.1.11	<p><b>Finance Committee – appointed in accordance with SOF Rule 5a:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President, Trustees, Hon Gen Sec, Hon Treasurer; golf &amp; shooting organisers; the sports co-ordinator; OF coordinator at the College (still to be recruited); Chair of Young OFs Committee are all included in the Finance Committee.</li> </ul>	
7.1.12	<p><b>Independent Examiner:</b> During 2024, the College had decided to replace Ensors as their auditors and appointed Larking Gowen. The Trustees had approved Larking Gowen (LC) as Independent Examiners for 2024 and they were now proposed to continue, as appointed by the College in accordance with the SOF FC Agreement.</p>	
7.1.13	<p>Objections on all elections were invited, with none received.</p>	
7.1.14	<p>NW asked CE/MS about their experience of working in with LC, as Governors and FC had been happy with the recent audit. CE responded that as a new appointment, LC had been thorough, creating additional work for Mike Coker to satisfy new queries as they did not have historical knowledge, but all had gone well.</p>	
7.1.15	<p>SD asked about the transfer from Ensors to LC in terms of whether the fees were similar? CE confirmed fees was identical and in fact cheaper for FC. The next Trustees meeting was 23<sup>rd</sup> April.</p>	
7.1.16	<p>Elections were concluded with no further questions, allowing all the above to be elected ‘en bloc’.</p>	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>New Hon OFs</b>	
8.1.1	<p><i>Honorary OFs</i> – This award was in recognition of at least ten years’ service on the part of staff, or at any time for particular service to the SOF or the College, by staff and others. Current nominations were to be covered later.</p>	
8.1.2	<p>The HGS continued with the following nominations, as proposed at the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025 Council Meeting.</p>	
8.1.3	<p><b>Rule 3.3a - Hon OF Nominations</b> – Adrian Schoeberl had been proposed by Andrew Cook, Director of Development at FC. Adrian was a former Head of History at Brandeston, but had sadly left after 4 years, for medical reasons. This was seconded by NW and endorsed by all Members.</p>	

8.1.4	<p><b>Rule 3.3b - Hon OF Nominations</b> – under the 10 year revised rules, the following 5 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Joanna Mugliston:</b> Science Technician;</li> <li>• <b>Katy Williams, OF:</b> Deputy Head, the Sixth Form;</li> <li>• <b>Natalie Skilton:</b> Learning Support Assistant;</li> <li>• <b>Dominic Nunn:</b> Assistant Director of Music;</li> <li>• <b>Doug Cracknell:</b> Who had served in the kitchens aged 14 during WW2 in 1940. He had been awarded his Hon OF insignia in October 2024, ahead of the 2025 AGM, as he was 99 years old! Doug was also being presented with the Legion D'Honneur medal today, on 14<sup>th</sup> April, in the College Chapel, which was to receive TV coverage by ITV &amp; 5 News.</li> </ul>	
8.1.5	3 members of staff had declined, namely: Heidi Compton, Araminta Long and Amanda Richards.	
8.1.6	Hon Gen Sec was to issue formal letters to those listed under Rule 3.3b and The President was to write to Adrian Schoeberl under 3.3a.	HGS/ President
9.0	<b>New Executive Committee (EC):</b>	
9.1	This EC Proposal was driven by Past President, Nick Whitehead, being a younger President, challenged by time constraints managing a young family and being in full time employment, whilst trying to find the time to discharge responsibilities under his SOF commitments.	
9.1.1	The Briefing Paper Proposal (BPP) had been circulated prior to the AGM, proposing reform to the way the SOF operated.	
9.1.2	NW believed the operating structure across the wide breadth of activities and events within the membership needed to be reviewed and modernised, to spread the load of responsibility from 1 or 2 people, to streamlining it across several people, engaging younger OFs on a less formal basis.	NW/ President/ HGC/ECS
	The BPP aimed to recruit more volunteers, engaging the Moreau Scholars, by changing future Scholarship requirements, to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Make the Presidential role more attainable for all ages;</li> <li>2. Improve the output from the core people in the SOF.</li> </ol>	
9.1.3	Moving forwards, the 2026 Moreau Scholars (MS) would be part of this process as a standard requirement of their Scholarship Agreement, with extended responsibilities and requirements for peer group engagement.	

9.1.4	The BPP had been prepared in consultation with KD, as the incoming President. Draft comments on the BPP had been received from CE and the Proposal updated. NW offered his apologies, as comments had not saved and synced, allowing a former draft to be reissued in error.	
9.1.5	A common comment raised by Members was the absence of an EC Secretary. NW had drafted the BPP assuming Ruth's continued role as HGS to administer council meetings, as a reduced workload; with the OF Coordinator (OFC) assisting the new EC.	
9.1.6	In the absence of an OFC, SD in his new role as HGS had agreed to also act as EC Secretary if the Proposal was agreed. He would visit FC, to liaise and manage the EC, by acting as an intermediary to support and report to Kim as President and ultimately, to Council Members. This would mitigate against the absence of a replacement OF Coordinator. SD confirmed these intentions.	SD
9.1.7	Following comments received prior to and during the AGM, the President was to redraft the BPP accommodating SD's EC secretarial role and recirculate it for further comment, with a draft implementation plan to ensure clarity for members. Once a final version had been agreed, he would call an EGM, where the BPP would be proposed and a vote taken for adoption, alongside agreement to review the SOF Rules.	NW/KD/ SD
9.1.8	Comments and questions were invited.	
9.1.9	NJ noted that council members should not feel disenfranchised, as streamlining meetings was very sensible; but a balance was needed between increased numbers of those involved and the EC's efficiency.	
9.1.10	As an example, NW described it as a company profile, with the Exec. Committee sitting beneath Council, acting as the engine to drive progress, but requiring Council's permission for initiatives and funding of large schemes etc. ECVPs would be the leaders, supported by several associates, to include MSs. PHD thanked the 3 MSs attending the AGM – Satine, Lyda and Rene.	
9.1.11	PHD was concerned that new MSs may feel intimidated by an EC leadership role. NW & KD clarified that MS 'involvement' was the key element, over leadership, but re-engagement was essential for MSs to 'earn' the £6,000 grant that the SOF Trustees provided. Current Council VPs were to be encouraged to take on the leadership roles, as volunteers with a defined role, budget and decision making power, supported by MSs and others to lighten the Presidential role.	

9.1.12	NW had been coordinating with David Mallet to engage with MSs from the past 20 years, as they formed a unique pool of people, with an invaluable contribution to make in modernising the Society. NW and DM were proposing an event to engage with former MSs in September 2025.	NW
9.1.13	NW confirmed Charles Packshaw had requested that he was retained as a Governor, for now, bridging communications between FC and SD-KD. SD requested NW contacted FC to advise of his new combined role, to ensure a smooth transition, with an updated briefing from Kim.	KD/SD
9.1.14	The President informed Council she intended to be very active over the first 12 months of her Term, due to reduced work demands, with the aim of delivering overseas dinners, as well as travelling to the UK for extended periods to develop the SOF-FC relationship. She noted that the 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of her Term would be far more demanding, so wanted to ensure the BPP & EC were properly structured and ready to engage.	
9.1.15	NJ supported the Proposal for change, but questioned if it was a step too far, being such a dramatic change for the SOF?	
9.1.16	SD also supported change, but suggested there were considerable limiting factors, in terms of: (1) getting actual volunteers for the roles and (2) the fact that volunteers may not deliver what is required, as there is no 'contracted' accountability; so realistically, it may be challenging and may not come to fruition.	
9.1.17	NJ agreed with SD, noting there was an executional challenge, to ensure there were enough volunteers to fill posts and make it work; versus the ideological challenge based on the BPP.	
9.1.18	Gary Duce stated the OF Masonic Lodge had financially supported FC with donations of over £80,000 over the past 75 years, with greater efficiency and help from current FC staff assisting with recent Lodge events. Initially, the Lodge had comprised male OFs and FC members only, but to survive, this had been widened to include women and family members to increase the catchment area. He noted that potentially, other alumni of FC may be interested in assisting the SOF with their EC events, consistent with the FC drive on marketing and engagement.	
9.1.19	The President suggested offering an appraisal and rewards system for those working for the SOF, to provide 'added benefits'. She gave an example from Germany, where proof of working 20+ charitable hours could lead to a tax offset benefit. Benefits/rewards are to be explored further.	KD
9.1.20	NP noted that there were thousands of schools facing similar problems and the SOF/FC should learn from them, by asking how others managing their Alumni?	

<b>10.0</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
10.1	The Hon Gen Sec outlined forthcoming meetings and suppers as follows:	
10.1.1	The Spring Council Meeting was to be held via Zoom on 29 <sup>th</sup> May at 5.30pm. [POST MEETING NOTE: Meeting date provided).	SD
10.1.2	An informal supper may go ahead for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> year running at Ravenwood Hotel, Blackthorpe, Bury Saint Edmunds, IP30 9JA, organised by Ian Fulcher. Details to follow.	IF
10.1.3	A largescale Moreau Scholars 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary event was scheduled for 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2025, organised by FC/SOF. This aimed to recruit support from the 20 years of MSs.	
10.1.4	The July London Council Meeting was to be held via Zoom. Details to follow.	
10.1.5	The Edinburgh gathering in August 2025, was TBC, organised by Douglas Thomson.	
10.1.6	The launch of the first, 'OF of the Year Award' was scheduled for 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2025. Nominations to be made by the SOF. More details to follow.	OFC/NW President
10.1.7	The Suffolk Council Meeting and/or Supper was to be held in October 2025, organised by Ruth Elwood. Details to follow.	
10.1.8	The Norfolk Supper was to be held in November 2025, organised by Ed Wharton. Details to follow.	
10.1.9	The January 2026 London Council Meeting was to be held via Zoom. Details to follow.	
10.1.10	The date of next AGM 2026 is TBC. <b>Organiser required as per Exec. Committee BPP.</b>	
10.1.11	CE noted it was his 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of leaving FC and he wanted to organise an event to celebrate this; but this would need to be organised for half term or holiday periods.	CE
10.1.12	CE noted an OF overseas event – 2 <sup>nd</sup> May, a gathering in Sydney was scheduled.	
10.1.13	CE noted a recent article published in the EADT regarding the College Museum Project, promoted by OF Neville Marsh, (Australia) - more details on the website	
10.1.14	CE commented on the VCs – the Imperial War Museum (IWM) Ashcroft Exhibition was being disbanded and VCs were to be returned. CE wrote to IWM requesting the 3 Framlingham VCs were retained, with a SOF contribution towards a new display case. IWM did not support this, so all 3 VCs were to be returned. The Hewitt VC was to be put in the FC safe. CE was exploring a semi permanent loan of the Flowerdue VC, to the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) Regimental Association (Calgary Branch). The Flowerdue family was also offering to loan the Regiment his death penny and the miniature.	

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10.1.15	Gary Duce stated that Mark Smith from the Antiques Roadshow would be happy to give a talk to FC regarding the VCs, as an event sponsored by the OF Lodge. CE was supportive of such an event; but stated VCs could not be present due to their value, plus the Flowerdue VC was likely to be handed straight to the Canadians, by the IWM. Further discussion required.	CE/GD
10.2	The President closed the meeting at 19.41pm.	

**Signed:**  
**President**

**Date:**  
**Name:** Kim Dickel

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## APPENDIX 1

### Notified OF Deaths since the 2024 AGM.

5.7	<i>Deaths</i>	
5.7.1	34 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. All names are listed below, with key people highlighted by *.	
	<p><b>Raymond Leslie Trevethick (G45-53):</b> Died on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025, at the age of 90.</p> <p><b>Neil Joy, (R47-51):</b> Died on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025, after a long struggle with cancer, five days short of his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday. Neil had been a long serving member of the OF Rifle Club.</p> <p><b>David Hugh Hodge, BEM, (S44-50)</b> Died on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at the age of 91. On 17<sup>th</sup> June 2017 David was awarded the British Empire Medal for services to the community in Cockfield, Suffolk.</p> <p><b>Neil John Relton Joy (R47-51):</b> Died on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025, at the age of 90, having been the OF Rifle Club's oldest member.</p> <p><b>Rodney Walker (G45-49):</b> Died on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at the age of 93.</p> <p><b>*William "Bill" Montague Pinney, (G63-70):</b> Died on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025, at the age of 70.</p> <p><b>Michael Alexander McGuire, (K54-63):</b> Died on 26<sup>th</sup> December 2024, at the age of 80.</p> <p><b>*Jim Blythe, (K48-54):</b> A Distinguished OF for his Fuchsia business, Jim died on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024, at the age of 86. He was greatly involved with the Society and The School over many years, having been the first boy across the threshold at Brandeston Hall. He went on to be SOF President, Governor and SOF Trustee for many years.</p> <p><b>Michael Rutterford, (Hon OF):</b> Died on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024, having been a long serving, Head Groundsman at FC.</p> <p><b>Michael Powlesland, (R40-45):</b> Died on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024, at the age of 95.</p> <p><b>Barry D Prewett, (R70-78):</b> Died on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2024.</p> <p><b>Christopher Hew Carruthers:</b> A former teacher, who died on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024, at the age of 84.</p> <p><b>John Haddon-Silver, (S48-56):</b> Died on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024.</p> <p><b>John Malcolm Tuckett, (R75-77):</b> Died on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024 at the age of 63.</p> <p><b>Charly Rhys Shore, (M20-22):</b> No details are known at present.</p> <p><b>Michael Finlay Craig, (K53-56):</b> Who died on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024 at the age of 84, as a distinguished OF.</p>	

**\*Angus Howard Cundey MBE, (G50-54):** who died after a short battle with cancer on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at the age of 87, as a distinguished OF.

**Nigel Philip Simper, (R53-60):** who died on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at the age of 81.

**David John Mitchell, (R50-57):** Died on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

**Rachel Smith (nee Knights), (V93-02):** Died on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at the age of 40.

**Jonathan Alistair Easey, (R80-87):** Died on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024, after a long battle with cancer.

**\*John Geoffrey Thurlow, (K48-55):** Died on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

**John Percy Ineson, (G43-50):** Who died on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at the age of 90.

**David Anthony Reeve, (G55-57):** Who died on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024, at the age of 83.

**Edward Fox, (G46-52):** Who died on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024, at the age of 88.

**Christopher David Webster, (K50-53):** Died on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at the age of 87.

**Keith John Maunder, (K58-62):** Who died on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024, at the age of 79.

**Clive Carrington Simpson, (K49-53);** Who died on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024, at the age of 85.

**Michael John Rowland Evans, (S45-48):** Who died on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023, at the age of 92.

**Andrew Clive Slater, (G63-67):** Who died on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023, at the age of 74.

**\*Professor Stephen Hugh Salter, MBE, (R50-56):** A distinguished OF, who died on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 at the age of 85.

**Dudley Frank Wright, (K46-52):** Who died in late 2022 at the age of 87.

**Brian Leslie Stannard, (G54-63):** Who died on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at the age of 78.

**Alan Bewick, (K47-53);** Died back in 2020, but the SOF was only recently notified.

**Derek Hugh John Quinlan, (S40-44):** Born in 1925, it had been hoped that Derek was to be an OF Centenarian in 2025. He was later confirmed as having died in 2010.