



# The Old Priorian Association

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## OLD PRIORIAN ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - MINUTES Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2005 at 2.00pm

**Present:** Paul Andersson (63), Adam Kolczynski (04), Margaret Moore (Administrator), Gregory Stafford (01), Joseph H Kearns (50), Chris Cleugh (Headmaster), Basil Nickerson (56-94), David Murphy (54), Richard Baker (59), Brian Orpin (40), Lewis Hill (75), Peter Young (05) and Richard Sandys (62).

Dom Thomas Stapleford & Dom Bernard Orchard had concelebrated Mass earlier in the Abbey for OPs who had died in both world wars & also for all OPs who have died. This was followed by a short service at the Memorial in the Annex where a wreath was placed. After this drinks and lunch took place in the Orchard Hall.

**Opening Prayer** led by Richard Sandys, acting as Chairman for the absent President.

**Apologies:** P.Fagan (91), Michael Harnden (53), David Wilding (43), Frank Arpino (67), Anthony Havery (58), Martin Russell (53), Peter Watson (53), Philip Hopley (84), Mary Keal (83), Paul Tobin (66), Emma York (98), Mike Ainslie (80), Catherine de Cintra (Bursar).

**Minutes of Last AGM:** Having been read by the meeting their acceptance as a true record of last year's meeting was proposed by CC & seconded by GS & approved.

**Matters arising from last year's minutes:** No matters arising.

**Honorary Treasurer's report:** The Chairman, in the absence of the Treasurer, explained the results which were read by the meeting. The year saw a loss of £893 compared to a predicted loss of £2,430. Our current surplus therefore catered for this loss with our budget having been £7,940 & expenditure being £8,948. Next year's budget is set at £10,000. This is in line with our longer term plan to raise expenditure levels given the new subscriptions received each year. PA proposed & DM seconded their acceptance & it was approved.

**Honorary Secretary's Report:** The Hon. Sec. explained his report. In particular he mentioned the website which is being updated. The new site should be available by Dec 1<sup>st</sup> but all members will receive notification. Part of the update will allow easy updating of various pages which has not proved possible before now. JK proposed & AK seconded approval of the report & it was approved.

**Changes & Updates to Rules:** The Hon.Sec. took the meeting through the changes in rules. These changes reflect how the OPA has changed over the last couple of years, in particular that the role of Hon. Auditor is no longer required as the OPA is now part of The Trust of St Benedict's Ealing Abbey. The changes were proposed by CC & seconded by LH & approved.

**Report of the Sports Clubs:** The Hon.Sec, in the absence of the relevant person, explained the sports situation.

**Report of the Editorial Committee:** The Hon.Sec, in the absence of Mary Keal, took the meeting through this report. It was suggested that the new editor, Gregory Stafford could use "From small beginnings" as a means of getting new articles about the past that did not get into the book.

**Report on Membership:** Richard Baker took the meeting through his report explaining the six types of Membership & also giving a breakdown by decade & geography. The OPA do not hold many email addresses and would encourage more people to give us this information.

### Elected Officials

Paul Fagan  
President

Richard Sandys  
Hon Secretary

Mike Ainslie  
Hon Treasurer

### Council Members

Lewis Hill

Philip Hopley

Adam Kolczynski

Pierre Ricard

Gregory Stafford

Michael Toolan

Peter Watson

Emma York

### Ex-Officio Members

Fr Thomas Stapleford  
Chaplain

Chris Cleugh  
Senior School  
Headmaster

Rob Simmons  
Junior School  
Headmaster

Catherine de Cintra  
Bursar

Patrick Tobin  
Chairman of the  
Abbot's Advisory  
Governing Body for  
the Schools

Mary Keal  
Society of Parents &  
Friends

Margaret Moore  
Administrator

Richard Baker  
Assistant  
Administrator

**Election of Officers:** President – Paul Fagan, Hon. Treasurer – Mike Ainslie & Hon.Sec – Richard Sandys with the post of Social Sec being abolished. Proposed by PA & seconded by CC the Officers were elected with 2 abstentions.

**Election of Council Members:** The following people were standing for election – Philip Hopley, Lewis Hill, Emma York, Mike Toolan, Peter Watson & Pierre Ricard.  
Gregory Stafford & Adam Kolczynsku were also added to the list for election as full Council Members. Proposed by DM & seconded by RB the nominees were approved.

**Vote of Thanks:** The Hon Sec proposed a vote of thanks to Paul Andersson standing down after nearly 30 years on the Council. Seconded by DM & approved.

**Any Other Business:** The Hon. Sec informed the meeting that the appearance of Charity emails did not mean that the OPA were fostering them. The Council had agreed, that if any OP member or member of Staff or pupil asked to use our mailing list to help with their charity aim, it would allow them to use the mailing list but only if we sent out the appeal. In this way we ensured the safety of our email list.

The meeting closed at 2.45pm.

**Richard Sandys (62), Hon Secretary OPA**

#### **An Important Note from The Assistant Administrator**

We hold email addresses for 142 of our 464 members and these members receive a monthly *Email News* and any emails concerning important and immediate items. In addition we hold email addresses for 326 past pupils who are not formal members of the Association. As email issue is “fairly cheap” we send our email communications to these 326 non-members hoping it might encourage some to “join up”.

Of course we would encourage all Members to let us have an email address if possible so that they too may receive more immediate information from the Association.

***If you are not currently receiving emails from the OPA and would like to do so please send an email to:***

***[opa@stbenedicts.org.uk](mailto:opa@stbenedicts.org.uk)***

***with SUBSCRIBE as the Subject and your full name and year of leaving in the body of the email***

***Also please remember to let us know if you change your email address – over the last year we have had some fifty bounced addresses for which we no longer have contact***

**Richard Baker (59)  
Assistant Administrator, Old Priorian Association**