

Report upon the 2013 AGM

The 2013 AGM of the OHA was held on Wednesday 17th April 2013 at the College.

Our outgoing Treasurer, Norman Whyte, reported that the nett position for the year ended 31st December 2012 had been a small loss of £133, but that the overall position of the Association's funds remained healthy, with a balance of some £3,800. This position included an excellent donation to the Association's 2012 charity, South West Children's Hospice, of £1,200.

Our Chairman reported that the membership position of the Association was stable, with 5 new members in the year, whilst sadly 6 members had passed away during the year.

Our Annual Dinner in November 2012 had had a near-record attendance which included a good contingent for the college, whose students had made a generous, and unexpected, donation to the Association's charity funds of £300, for which we were very pleased and grateful. Members had been very pleased with the venue and the catering, and we would be returning to the venue - Somerset County Cricket club - in November 2013. College students had provided a most delightful musical interlude and it was hoped that this could be repeated in 2013. We had said our goodbye to the Principal, Dr Peter Avery, who has been a most supportive Principal.

John Abbott, Acting Principal, updated Members on the College's recent activities and successes, which included:

- Academic results that placed the College in the top 5% of the 1251 colleges nationally
- Refurbishments to the science labs
- A new building on the site of the old swimming pool
- Offering 2 full degree courses from this September
- Over 40 medallists at the recent British College Championships, with the men's hockey team becoming national champions.

Norman Whyte confirmed his retirement from the position of Hon Treasurer. He thanked members for their support across his time as Treasurer, and wished his successor, Andrew Janes, well. In return, David Gill thanked Norman for all the work he had done in keeping the Association's finances on an even keel.

Turning to the election of Officers, David Gill was re-elected as President and Chairman; Peter Avery as Vice-President; Peter Gibbs as Vice-Chairman; Andrew Janes as Hon Treasurer; Nick Williams as Hon Secretary and Doug Dawe as Hon Auditor. The committee were elected *en bloc*, with the addition of Martin Dongworth.

At the conclusion of the AGM, Members then enjoyed a very pleasant buffet.