



# The Old Southendian Association

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*Sustaining Friendships...*

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Old Southendian Association  
held at The Southendian Club, Garon Park, Southend on Sea, Essex  
on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023 commencing at 7.45 pm.**

*Those Present:*

Andy Crow (in the Chair)	Alex Cass	Ken Carter	Kate Cooper
Daniel Garside	Jim Harrington	Sam Hodgson	Callum Hynes
Trevor Johnson	Geoff Kittle	Kevin Leigh	Sara Linney
Joseph Madren	Edward Marron	John Roy	Clive Shiret
Chris Sorrell	Keith Spenceley	Martin Stansfield	Jack Stevenson
Sophie Thickbroom	Joseph Zammit		

<b>Item</b>	<b>Minute</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> had been received from Karl Anderson, Dr Robin Bevan, John Goodman, Graham Glover, James Masson, Geoff May, Andrew Sargeant and Graham Winckless.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022:</b> The Minutes were accepted unanimously on a proposal by John Roy, seconded by Martin Stansfield and signed by the Chairman.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022:</b> There were none.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Chairman's Report:</b>
4.1	Andy Crow's report had been circulated prior to the meeting. His first year as Chair of the Association's Executive Committee had helped him understand the efforts of many members to grow the Association and maintain the strong links with the School. He thanked them for their efforts. He had attended many events at the School and been impressed with the high standards of the School and its students.
4.2	The membership of the Executive Committee now included 3 ladies and several members under 30 and Andy felt this was a trend that must be encouraged to understand what recent former students wanted from the Association and how it could support them. Sixty-five new members had joined from the 2023 leavers and this was an improvement on the numbers that were able to be attracted in the "Covid Years".
4.3	The Associated Clubs and Societies continued to flourish and were so important in maintaining those friendships formed through the School. It was hoped to produce a Magazine early in 2024.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report and Presentation of the Audited Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023:</b>
5.1	Dan Garside reported on the financial position of the Association and confirmed that income had broadly remained consistent but expenditure had fallen slightly, meaning that the surplus for the year had grown to £3,536 (compared to £2,966 in 2022). Reserves stood at a very healthy £46,639.
5.2	The Association had again been able to support the School financially at its annual Prizegiving and was very pleased to mark Clive Shiret's incredible service as Chair of the Executive Committee with a gift of a tankard.
5.3	In his Presidential year, Dan had campaigned that current members of the Association should recruit "Just one more" member from their friendship group to drive the membership of the Association, so that it remained well placed to support the School in its <i>ad hoc</i> projects and ensure it strengthened its own foundations as being the best alumni network around.
5.4	The Accounts for the year ended 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023 were adopted on a proposal by Clive Shiret, seconded by Jim Harrington.

*"Sustaining friendships formed through the School and the Association  
for the benefit of past, present and future Southendians"*

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<b>6.0</b>	<b>Report of Sub Committees, the School, the Clubs and the Affiliated Organisations:</b>
6.1	<b>The School.</b> In tendering his apologies, Dr Robin Bevan had thanked the Association for their unwavering support of the School in the past year.
6.2	<b>Old Southendian Bowls Circle.</b> Trevor Johnson’s report had been circulated and it confirmed that the Circle had had a successful season with a total of 33 members playing some 20 outdoor fixtures, winning 15, losing 4 and with one abandonment. during the Summer. The indoor season was now underway. A pre-season pub lunch had been enjoyed by 21 members; it was hoped to repeat the occasion in April.
6.3	<b>Old Southendian Golf Circle.</b> Jim Harrington reported that the Circle enjoyed 4 events throughout the year as well as a successful tour to Sandwich. Graham Winckless was stepping down as the Circle’s representative on the Executive Committee and would be succeeded by Steve Clarke.
6.4	<b>Old Southendian &amp; Southchurch Cricket Club.</b> Woody Marron’s report had been circulated and reported a mixed season for the Club’s 5 Saturday sides, the highlight being promotion for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI after the disappointment of last season’s relegation. The Club continued to invest heavily in his youth section through winter coaching and other initiatives (including experiencing the Rajasthan Royals IPL facilities in India) to give invaluable opportunities for youngsters, including many current students at the School, to compete at a good standard of adult cricket. For the 85 <sup>th</sup> time, the Club ran a tour to Sussex; this one was very successful and the Club won all three games played.
6.5	<b>Old Southendian Football Club.</b> Andy Crow and John Roy reported that the Club was sadly running only 2 Saturday teams now, the 1 <sup>st</sup> XI and the Reserves, although it still ran 3 Sunday teams, the 1 <sup>st</sup> XI being mainly comprised of youth players. There was a big gulf between Youth and Men’s football and no link between the two, despite the strength of football in the School and the Club’s links to the School.
6.6	<b>Old Southendian Hockey Club.</b> Jack Stevenson reported that the Club was now the largest in the county, with 6 men’s sides and 4 ladies’ sides. The highlight of the last year had been the opportunity to train with the Hong Kong national team.
6.7	<b>Old Southendian Organ Society.</b> Joe Zammit’s report had been circulated. It celebrated the seven events that the Society had organised and continued to enjoy to mark the centenary year of the War Memorial Organ’s original installation. These included an opening recital by the Society’s President, Adrian Lucas, workshops, other recitals, a “Showcase” featuring School musicians past and present and, still to come, a <i>Cantare</i> concert just before Christmas. A number of the events were already on the Society’s increasingly popular YouTube channel. The Society continued to offer support to the School to maintain the tradition of student organists and had also ensured that the instrument itself was regularly maintained and tuned. The Society remained grateful to the School and to its members and donors without who it would not be able to provide this support or stage these events. The Chairman commended to the meeting Joe’s fantastic efforts in driving the Society to such great heights.
<b>7.0</b>	<b>The Election of Officers, the Executive Committee and the Honorary Auditor:</b>
7.1	The Meeting approved the appointment of the following Officers: Chairman* (of the Executive Committee – serving until the 2025 AGM) Andy Crow President* (with effect from 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2023 and to serve until 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2023)* Dan Garside Immediate Past President* (to serve until 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2023) Keith Spenceley President Designate* (with effect from 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2023 and to serve until 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2023) Jim Harrington President* (with effect from 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024 and to serve until 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2024) Jim Harrington Immediate Past President* (with effect from 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024 and to serve until 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2024) Dan Garside
7.2	The Executive Committee proposed that the President Designate of the Association* with effect from 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024 (to serve until 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2024) and therefore its President in 2025 be Clive Shiret. This was carried unanimously by the Meeting.

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7.3	<p>The following Officers had confirmed their willingness to continue to serve on the Executive Committee:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Treasurer*</td> <td>Dan Garside</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary*</td> <td>Keith Spenceley</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Registrar*</td> <td>Geoff May</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Legal Adviser*</td> <td>Kevin Leigh</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Publications Officer*</td> <td>Chris Sorrell</td> </tr> </table> <p>{Officers marked * are ex officio members of the Executive Committee.}</p>	Treasurer*	Dan Garside	Secretary*	Keith Spenceley	Registrar*	Geoff May	Legal Adviser*	Kevin Leigh	Publications Officer*	Chris Sorrell		
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7.4	<p>Before confirming the elected members of the Executive Committee, the Chairman asked the meeting to recognise the considerable contribution to the Association of Martin Stansfield who had served on the Committee for at least the last ten years but was not seeking re-election this evening.</p> <p>The following were elected <i>en bloc</i> to the Executive Committee to serve until the 2024 AGM: Karl Anderson, Ken Carter, Kate Cooper, Will Green, Sam Hodgson, Callum Hynes, Geoff Kittle, Sara Linney, Joseph Madren, Sophie Thickbroom and Joe Zammit.</p>												
7.5	<p>Executive Committee representatives from the Affiliated Organisations and Clubs were advised as:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Old Southendian &amp; Southchurch Cricket Club</td> <td>Edward Marron</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Old Southendian Football Club</td> <td>John Roy</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Old Southendian Hockey Club</td> <td>Jack Stevenson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Old Southendian Organ Society</td> <td>Joe Zammit</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Old Southendian Bowls Circle</td> <td>Trevor Johnson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Old Southendian Golf Circle</td> <td>Steve Clarke</td> </tr> </table> <p>(# Representing his Club on the Executive Committee for the first time.)</p>	Old Southendian & Southchurch Cricket Club	Edward Marron	Old Southendian Football Club	John Roy	Old Southendian Hockey Club	Jack Stevenson	Old Southendian Organ Society	Joe Zammit	Old Southendian Bowls Circle	Trevor Johnson	Old Southendian Golf Circle	Steve Clarke
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7.6	<p>A partner of Azets, Julian Golding, has agreed to continue as Honorary Auditor.</p>												
<b>8.0</b>	<p><b>Date of the next Annual General Meeting:</b></p> <p>The Meeting agreed that the 2024 Annual General Meeting should be held at The Southendian Club, Garon Park, Southend on Sea on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024, commencing at 7.45 pm.</p>												
<b>9.0</b>	<p><b>Any Other Competent Business:</b></p>												
9.1	<p>There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.23 pm.</p>												

**Keith Spenceley, General Secretary.**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024**