

## Report of the General Secretary of the Old Hulmeians Association for the year 2012-2013.

2013 is the centenary of the founding of the OHA and celebration of this has been the main theme of the year, in addition to all the usual activities.

There have been six General Committee meetings, all held at the school. However, one of these meetings was technically inquorate as neither the President nor the Deputy President was able to attend. For this reason a motion is to be presented at this AGM to widen the definition of a quorum. The meeting was still useful and was able to report to the following meeting.

Other items:

1. Annual Dinner Organising Subcommittee. Because this is the centenary year the President decided to mark the occasion by holding the annual dinner in the Midland Hotel, which is where the first ever meeting was held in 1913. The event involved a lot of hard work in its organisation and this was largely carried out by the Dinner Subcommittee, consisting of the Matthew Hargreaves, Iain Shaw, Mike Kerr and Claire Venables. Assistance was also provided by Jon Benson, Paul Marlton, Sandra Durrant and Amar Ahmed. Ian Case acted as Master of Ceremonies. The dinner was held on 6th April and was a resounding success. A total of 223 people attended which was the maximum number the room could accommodate. The food and wine had been of a high standard and the speeches had been well received.

2. We were very sad to hear of the death of Roy Vernon, who had been editor of the newsletter for many years. Because of this production of the newsletter was very difficult. Ian Case kindly stepped into the breach and produced an excellent newsletter in the new A5 format. Ian has also kindly agreed to act as the editor for the time being.

3. There is gradually a move to more electronic communication with members. As well as the website we also have a presence on Facebook. Alison Hardy and Warren Moore have been looking after these. In addition it is hoped that notice of the AGM will be by email where possible and a resolution proposing this is being presented at this AGM.

4. Good relations with Whalley Range Cricket Club have continued and the school has now used the Memorial Ground on at least one occasion. WRCC have been awarded a substantial grant to upgrade the facilities and this should make it much more attractive to the school.

5. The OHA Fund for use by the school is now working well and all the money for this year has been spent on deserving causes. The President has visited the school on numerous occasions and greatly raised the profile of the OHA.

My thanks to the President and to the other members of the committee for their help and encouragement.

John Parkinson

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