

# Old Redingensians Association Ltd

## **The 132<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting Package for 2020**

Welcome to this year's AGM package, whose contents are listed on page 2.

### **Notice of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting**

AGM is to held in Cyberspace at 5 pm on 21 November 2020  
using Zoom video conferencing facilities

Attached to the Treasurer's Report are the two principal financial statements, the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet. These are extracted from the full and independently examined Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements which can be accessed by following this link:--

<https://tinyurl.com/ORA-Accounts-2020>

Any queries about this or any other matter relating to the AGM may be sent to the Secretary of the Association.

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Invitation from the President

Dear OR Association Member

October 2020

## **AGM 5 pm 21 November 2020**

Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions this year's **AGM** will be held using Zoom video conferences facilities but will still give you the opportunity to discuss and review the business which has occupied your Council's time and attention in 2019-20. The Meeting will also afford the opportunity to review the Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020; agree the appointment of the various Officers; vote for the other Members of Council for 2020-21; and hear our plans for the coming year.

Regrettably, for the first time since the second world war, there will be no Annual Dinner this year.

To register to attend the AGM please send your request to [web@oldredingensians.org.uk](mailto:web@oldredingensians.org.uk)

We hope you will be able to join the meeting.



Ian McKinnon  
ORA President (2019-20)

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## AGM AGENDA

**132<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
To be held in Cyberspace at 5 pm on 21 November 2020  
using Zoom video conferencing facilities

1. **Apologies for Absence.**
2. **In Memoriam.** Members are asked to remember those ORs who have died during the last 12 months, listed below:

D R (Dan) Airey (1987-94)	C J (Chris) Palmer (1950-58)
Prof T H D (Tom) Arie CBE (1943-52)	D G (David) Preston (Staff 1983-96)
A P (Tony) Brown (1958-59)	N D (Neil) Rothnie (1968-75)
B T (Barry) Clouting (School Governor)	M J (Michael) Ruddick (Staff 1976-83 & 96-07)
The Ven P B (Peter) Coombs (1939-47)	D J (Dennis) Russell (1937-45)
K W (Ken) Doe (1939-41)	M R (Mike) Sales (1946-52)
M J (Michael) Duck (1945-55)	J (John) Sansom (1948-55)
Father W G (Bill) East (1959-66)	The Revd K V G (Ken) Smith (1948-55)
D R (David) Farmery (1964-71)	D J (David) Steer (1955-63)
P R (Peter) Fiddick (1951-57)	P G (Peter) Steer (1939-45)
R B (Roy) Green (1940-45)	R J (John) Symonds MBE (1942-50)
M D (Matthew) Hale (1995-2002)	S W (Stephen) Taylor (1967-75)
R A D (Rex) Hora (1959-65)	W E B P (Wally) Taylor (1958-66)
R G (Roger) House (1947-52)	S P (Stephen) Turner (1956-61)
J M H (John) Lee (1935-45)	M J (Michael) van Brugen (1942-53)
A ('Stan') Matthews (1970-77)	R J (Richard) White (1971-78)
R F B (Richard) Orton (1958-65)	<i>Floreat Redingensis!</i>

3. **Minutes of the 131<sup>st</sup> AGM** (held on 28 September 2019).
4. **Matters Arising** out of the Minutes (and not otherwise covered by this Agenda).
5. **Responsibility for Annual Reports.**

5.1 **Officers' Reports:**

5.1.1 President	Ian McKinnon
5.1.2 Treasurer	Richard Taylor
5.1.3 Archivist	Ken Brown

5.2 **Oral Reports:**

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5.2.1 Events	Michael Barrott
5.2.2 Reading Foundation	Ned Holt

5.3 **Other Reports** As requested

6. **Election of President and Vice-President for 2020/2021.** At this point in the proceedings, the retiring President **Ian McKinnon** will invite the Meeting to appoint **Andrew Tuggey** as his successor unless any other nomination for the position has been communicated to the President before the Meeting in which case there will be a vote. The new President will then be deemed to have assumed the Association's Insignia of Office. The newly elected President will thank the retiring President for his contribution to the Association during his period of office and take the Chair.
7. **Appointment of Office Holders and Election of Members of Council 2020/21.** The objectives of the Appointments and the Election will be to:--
- Appoint (or re-appoint) the Office Holders
  - Replace those Councillors who are retiring and who are not seeking re-election, and to fill vacancies caused by Councillors who have been appointed as Office holders of the Association.
  - Appoint (or re-Appoint) the Independent Examiner.

## Proposed for 2020-21

- Office Holders Elected by Members (Article 11.12 and 13.2.1):**

President	Andrew Tuggey	(willing to be elected)
Vice-President	Jeremy Chadwick	(willing to be elected)
Immediate Past-President	Ian McKinnon	
Honorary Secretary	Jeremy Chadwick	(willing to be reappointed)
Honorary Treasurer	Richard Taylor	(willing to be reappointed)
  - Office Holders Elected by Council (Article 11.12 and 13.2.2):**

Chairman	Ned Holt	(willing to be reappointed)
Membership Secretary	Chris Widdows	(willing to be reappointed)
Events Secretary	Michael Barrott	(willing to be reappointed)
Archivist	Ken Brown	(willing to be reappointed)
Sports Secretary	Vacancy	
Careers Work Experience	Ray Sawyer	(willing to be reappointed)
  - Other Councillors (Article 11.12 and 13.2.4):**

Nick Burrows	Current term 2019-22
Mike Evans	Willing to be re-elected
John Short	Willing to be elected
Arthur Truslove	Willing to be re-elected
Revd Clive Windebank	Current term 2018-21
Richard Griffiths	Current term 2019-22
Aaron D'Souza	Current term 2019-22
Vacancy	Vice (Simon Lambert resigned midterm 2018-21)

**Other Councillors (Article 13.2.3):**

Headmaster	Ashley Robson
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- NOTES:**

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- Article 13 requires the rotation or re-election annually of one third of **other councillors** (excluding the Headmaster).

## **FOR INFORMATION:**

- Nick Burrows' legal expertise is acknowledged as an invaluable resource for Council.
- Arthur Truslove is the ORA special correspondent for the School magazine.
- Revd Clive Windebank is the Association's Chaplain.

## **4. Independent Examiners:**

James Cowper Kreston      Willing to be re-appointed

## **8. Any Other Business.**

8.1 Honorary Life Members. For information, Alistair Wrenn has accepted the invitation of Council to become an Honorary Life Member as a mark of his long service to the ORA.

8.2 Formal closure of AGM 2020

## **Please Note**

Under the provisions of the Articles of Association, a paid up Member who is unable to attend a General Meeting may appoint a proxy, providing the proxy form is delivered to the Secretary at least 48 hours before the appointed time of the Meeting.

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## Minutes of the 131<sup>st</sup> AGM held in the Lecture Room at Reading School on 28 September 2019

### Present:

Michael Barrott	(East Wing 1966-73)
Ken Brown	(East 1955-63)
Nick Burrows	(East Wing 1969-76)
Peter Chadwick	(West Wing 1964-69)
Peter Coggan	(County 1961-64)
David Cox	(East 1951-66)
Graham Goddard	(East Wing 1958-63)
Ned Holt	(West 1966-72)
Michael Maule	(County 1956-59)
Ian McKinnon	(South House 1977-82) President Elect
Ashley Robson	(Staff 2005-), Headmaster
Barrie Shelton	(County 1950-53)
John Short	(West Wing 1956-64), President
John Tarry	(East 1937-43)
Richard Taylor	(West 1988-95)
Chris Widdows	(County 1955-62)

### 1. Apologies for Absence:-

Apologies were received from: Ant Butler (2001-08), David Farmery (1964-71), Revd Dr Tony Gelston (1943-53), Brig Neil Mackereth (1955-62), John Oakes (Staff 1971-97), Arnold Page (1953-60), Peter Poole (1951-58), Maj Gen Murray Wildman (1958-65), Revd Clive Windebank (1952-59).

### 2. In Memoriam:-

The Membership Secretary read out the list of those recently departed, after which one minutes silence was observed by the Meeting. Those remembered were as follows:-

	Name	Years	House	DOD	Age
1.	A J (Andrew) <b>Mackenzie (aka Lesniewicz)</b>	1970-77	County	20 Aug 05	46
2.	N L (Nigel) <b>Gomm</b>	1971-78	County	30 Oct 11	52
3.	R (Raymond) <b>Holley</b>	1945-51	East	11 Feb 13	
4.	D A (David) <b>Anslow</b>	1950-57	County	12 Mar 17	77
5.	J F (John) <b>Hillier</b>	1929-34	County	30 Mar 17	98
6.	J (John) <b>Bartlett</b>	1944-51	West	20 Nov 17	84
7.	D C (Denis) <b>Boak</b>	1935-37	East Wing	21 Mar 18	97
8.	L K (Larry) <b>Baker</b>	1952-60	County	26 Apr 18	76
9.	R S (Roger) <b>Scotford</b>	1944-52	West	14 Oct 18	82
10.	J H (John) <b>Simpson</b>	1938-40	County	11 Nov 18	94

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11.	M J (Michael) <b>Wild</b>	1940-48	East	11 Nov 18	87
12.	M J (Michael) <b>King</b>	1957-63	West	21 Nov 18	72
13.	D A (David) <b>Youens</b>	1944-52	East	30 Nov 18	84
14.	G L (Graham) <b>Guppy</b>	1963-70	West	12 Dec 18	66
15.	D R P (Roger) <b>Breese</b>	1946-54	West/East Wing	18 Dec 18	81
16.	P G (Peter) <b>Latham</b>	1928-36	West	21 Dec 18	98
17.	J M H (Jonathan) <b>Sheppard</b>	1991-98	County	29 Dec 18	38
18.	N L (Nigel) <b>Druce</b>	1953-60	County	15 Jan 19	76
19.	Mrs M (Molly) <b>Chadwick</b>			01 Feb 19	99
20.	Revd Dr J A (John) <b>Ogden</b>	1951-58	West	02 Feb 19	79
21.	D R (David) <b>Butler</b>	1941-51	East	13 Feb 19	85
22.	P W (Phil) <b>Cocker</b>	1955-60	East	05 Mar 19	75
23.	R (Robert) <b>Blassberg</b>	1941-47	West	17 Mar 19	89
24.	D S (Dave) <b>Rhydderch</b>	1958-65	County	11 May 19	72
25.	P W (Peter) <b>Denney</b>	1954-60	Country	25 May 19	76
26.	Mrs J (June) <b>Oakes</b>			03 Jul 19	87
27.	S (Steven) <b>Gibson</b>	1984-91	County	28 Jul 19	46
28.	J H (John) <b>Sansom</b>	1948-55	County	06 Aug 19	82
29.	J D (John) <b>Gardiner</b>	1947-55	West	07 Sep 19	83
30.	Dr G W (Gerald) <b>Smallcombe</b>	1930-37	County	10 Sep 19	97

### 3. **Minutes of the 130<sup>th</sup> AGM** (held on 29 September 2018).

After a correction to David Cox's dates at School in the list of those present, acceptance of the minutes was proposed by David Cox, seconded by Nick Burrows and carried unanimously.

### 4. **Matters Arising** out of the Minutes (and not otherwise covered by this Agenda). None.

### 5. **Annual Reports:-**

The meeting was referred to the written reports in the package.

#### 5.1 **Officers' Reports**

5.1.1 President

John Short

5.1.2 Treasurer

Richard Taylor

5.1.3 Archivist

Ken Brown

There were no questions and the reports were accepted by the members.



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## 5.2 Oral Reports:--

5.2.1 Events Ned Holt

Members were referred to the reports carried in *Floreat Redingensis 2019*.

5.2.2 Reading Foundation Ned Holt

There were no questions and the reports were accepted by the members.

## 5.3 Other Reports

There were none this year.

## 6. Election of President and Vice President for 2019-20

John Short recommended that the meeting accept Ian McKinnon as his successor. Proposed by Michael Barrott, seconded by Ken Brown and carried unanimously. Ian accepted the chain of office from John and thanked him for his sterling service during his year as president. He advised that he was still seeking a vice president and expected the position to be filled shortly.

## 7. Appointment of Other Office Holders and Election of Members of Council 2019-20

The objectives of the appointments and the election were to:

1. Appoint (or re-appoint) the Office Holders
2. Replace those Councillors who are retiring and who are not seeking re-election, and to fill vacancies caused by Councillors who have been appointed as Office holders of the Association.
3. Appoint (or re-Appoint) the Auditors.

### Office Holders (Article 41)

The following were appointed en bloc. Proposed by John Short and seconded by Peter Chadwick.

Office	Name	Original Date Appointed	Comment
Honorary Secretary	Jeremy Chadwick	28/09/2019	
Honorary Treasurer	Richard Taylor	30/01/2018	Re-appointed AGM 2019
Membership Secretary	Chris Widdows	AGM 1991	Re-appointed AGM 2019
Events Co-ordinator	Michael Barrott	28/09/2019	
Archivist	Ken Brown	20/11/2010	Re-appointed AGM 2019

### Nine Other Councillors (Article 41)

Ned Holt reported that Aaron D'Souza was willing to fill the vacancy on Council and the nine councillors below were elected en bloc. Proposed by John Short and seconded by Peter Chadwick.

	Name	Current Term	Comment
1.	Nick Burrows	2019-22	Currently midterm
2.	Mike Evans	2016-19	Elected for 3-year term 2019-22
3.	Richard Griffiths	Candidate	Elected for 3-year term 2019-22

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4.	Ned Holt	Candidate	Elected for 3-year term 2019-22
5.	Simon Lambert	2018-21	Currently midterm
6.	Ray Sawyer	2017-20	Currently midterm
7.	Arthur Truslove	2017-20	Currently midterm
8.	Revd Clive Windebank	2018-21	Currently midterm
9.	Aaron D'Souza	Candidate	Elected for 3-year term 2019-22

## NOTES

1. Revd Clive Windebank remains the Association's Chaplain.
2. Nick Burrows' legal expertise was acknowledged as an invaluable resource for Council.
3. The School Magazine, *Floreat Redingensis* would continue to include OR information with Arthur Truslove's continuing help.
4. **CANDIDATES** Richard Griffiths was previously a co-opted member of Council. Ned Holt was similarly co-opted on standing down as an officer (Events Co-ordinator). Aaron D'Souza replaced Olly Davidson who stood down from Council.

### Auditors:-

James Cowper Kreston were willing to be re-appointed. Proposed by Michael Barrott, seconded by Michael Maule and carried unanimously.

### 8. Adoption of revised Articles of Association.

The President recapped on the rationale for new Articles of Association and advised that they had received the approbation of Council. He paid tribute to Nick Burrows work in producing the revised document and recommended its adoption. There were no questions from the floor. Michael Barrott proposed adoption, Michael Maule seconded and the vote was unanimously in favour.

### 9. Any Other Business

#### 9.1. Honorary Life Members:

In view of their long and loyal service to the Association, the President proposed that David Cox and Michael Maule be elected Honorary Life Members. The President proposed, John Short seconded and the vote was carried followed by a round of applause for the two new honorary life members.

#### 9.2. Formal Closure of the AGM:

The President having ascertained that there were no further items from the floor declared the meeting closed at 5:22 after David Cox had led a round of applause for the work of President and Council in the past year. Members then adjourned to Big School to socialise prior to the Annual Dinner.

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## President's Report

Dear ORs,

Well what a year to be President of the Association! When I took over from John Short in September at the AGM my term of office stretched out before me.

Initially everything proceeded as planned, with the Commemoration Service at The Minster in St Mary's Butts, the annual Remembrance Service, followed by the Senior Prize Giving at the University Great Hall at the end of the year. However, it was at the Reading Schools Parents Association meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March that I got a hint of what was to follow. As I drove to the school for the meeting, I passed a television crew outside Royal Berks Hospital producing a news report on the first death due to Covid-19 in the country. The meeting was fairly well attended considering the situation, and was interspersed by visits from the Headmaster with draft communications to the parents in line with Health England's guidance.



Within a very short time the pause button was pressed and most aspects of life went into suspended animation. We have been in that suspended state for the last 6 months. This has meant that there have been many events cancelled. These include the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the founding of the Erleigh Road site, a variety of reunions and for the first time since the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War the ORA annual dinner will not be held. Add to this the loss of the School's Boat House to fire in December and it is verging on an "Annus Horribilis".

On a more positive note the Association has re-directed support to assist with the School's Covid-19 response. A part of this response was support for the NHS when the school allowed temporary accommodation to be located on the main field for staff working at the Royal Berks. The review of opportunities surrounding the Old Bath Road Sports Ground led by our Immediate Past President John Short, as described in last year's President's Report, have been ongoing, albeit at a significantly slower pace due to the pandemic.

It is not just businesses and schools that have migrated to video conference services in the last six months. The School Society Office held a very successful reunion, via Zoom for the class of 2010, which I attended along with our Chairman Ned Holt. Indeed, as you will hopefully be aware the AGM that this report is a part of will be held via Zoom. The Council is hopeful that those lost from the AGM due to the challenges of technology will be made up for by those who are usually unable to attend because of geography or other circumstances. We are in uncharted territory, so I hope that you will bear with us as we try to do our best in these exceptional circumstances.

Finally, I need to thank all those who keep the ORA functioning on your behalf – the Executive and Council. My particular thanks go to John Short (Immediate Past President), who has continued to drive the OBR review with skill and energy. I also want to thank Ned Holt (Chairman), who has kept me on the straight and narrow over this extraordinary year. My thanks to Ken Brown (Archivist) and Chris Widdows (Membership) who continue to epitomise all that is good about the Association through their selfless service. I also want to send my best wishes to Andrew Tuggey, our President Elect, for the new ORA year, whatever shape it may take as the new normal emerges from the viral mist.

**Ian McKinnon, OR (1977-82)**

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## Treasurer's Report for the year ended 30 June 2020

This year I am pleased to report that for the second year we have produced our accounts which have passed their Independent Examination.

### Summary

The financial position of the Association is improved on that for 2018-19, albeit with an outlook of lower income based on telecom mast rent reductions. The Association ran a surplus resulting in a £24,353 increase in overall funds to £410,316 from £385,964. This was as a result of a slight increase in income and endowments, courtesy of the generous donation facilitated by Neil Thomason.

At the end of the year, the Endowment Fund stands at £94,664 and Unrestricted Funds at £315,652. £245,000 of Unrestricted Funds are represented by the valuation of the Old Bath Road rugby ground and thus easily realisable assets in Unrestricted Funds are only £70,652.

There are activities highlighted in the Trustees' report which we intended to fund for the School in 2019-20 which were impacted by COVID-19. We will work with the School to agree the approach in 2020-21 in light of the ongoing circumstances.

### Detailed Notes

This is the second year that the Association's accounts have been, as permitted by the Charity Commission, independently examined rather than audited. This reduction in the scope of independent work on the accounts has enabled the related professional fee to remain comparable to previous years. The level of detail in the accounts is similar to that provided in previous years so nothing has been lost in terms of reporting to members.

### Conclusion

All members of ORA Executive received a draft copy of these accounts on 18 September 2020 and all comments received have been actioned. I recommend adoption of these accounts.

**Richard Taylor, OR (1988-95)**

### NOTE

The full report consists of the Trustees Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020. Extracts, only, appear on these pages.

In order to allow the Treasurer to conduct any necessary research etc. Members are asked to give at least three days' notice (to the President), of any questions they may wish to raise concerning these documents.

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	Note	Endowment funds 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Voluntary income	3	-	49,948	49,948	26,002
Charitable activities		-	1,216	1,216	1,250
Investments	4	2,485	578	3,063	3,008
		<u>2,485</u>	<u>51,742</u>	<u>54,227</u>	<u>30,260</u>
<b>Total income and endowments</b>					
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Fundraising costs		-	723	723	3,437
Governance		-	1,560	1,560	2,066
Charitable activities	6	-	30,169	30,169	23,520
		<u>-</u>	<u>32,452</u>	<u>32,452</u>	<u>29,023</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>					
Net gains on investments	8	2,225	352	2,577	7,240
		<u>4,710</u>	<u>19,642</u>	<u>24,352</u>	<u>8,477</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>					
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		89,954	296,010	385,964	377,487
Net movement in funds		4,710	19,642	24,352	8,477
		<u>94,664</u>	<u>315,652</u>	<u>410,316</u>	<u>385,964</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>					

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Investments		93,820	91,243
Investment property		245,000	245,000
		<u>338,820</u>	<u>336,243</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks		1,776	1,868
Debtors	10	5,936	3,020
Cash at bank and in hand		86,790	53,301
		<u>94,502</u>	<u>58,189</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(13,006)	(8,468)
		<u>81,496</u>	<u>49,721</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	12	(10,000)	-
		<u>410,316</u>	<u>385,964</u>
<b>Net assets</b>			
<b>Charity funds</b>			
Endowment funds	13	94,664	89,954
Unrestricted funds	13	315,652	296,010
		<u>410,316</u>	<u>385,964</u>
<b>Total funds</b>			

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## Archivist's Report 2019/20

One hundred and fifty years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1870, the foundation stone of the School's present buildings in Erleigh Road was laid by the Prince of Wales. In the Archive is a copy of the programme for that significant event and it is a matter of regret that commemorative celebrations planned for this year by the School have been scuppered by the Covid-19 pandemic – although full tribute has been paid in the School magazine 'Floreat Redingensis'.

This year has also seen departmental reorganization at School which included the Kirkwood Room. After a major packing, moving and unpacking exercise, over fifty boxes, thirteen cabinets, numerous pictures and other items are no longer in the room of cloisters and now occupy the splendid bay windowed area that was once the living room for West Wing House masters and in latter years has been the School Office.



This places the Kirkwood Room adjacent to 'Reception' and it is hoped that the facilities and exhibits in the Kirkwood Room will enhance the experience of visitors to the School.

The pandemic also put paid to Year Group Reunions at School this year and so the usual exhibitions have not been mounted.

Enquiries and other activities referred to in my reports of previous years have, of course, continued apace, with interesting discoveries still to be made – amongst them this splendid photograph of Brigadier General Wahab, OR – surely an archetype of the Victorian military!

**Ken Brown, OR (1955-63)**