

PRESIDENTS' REPORT TO COMMITTEE AND AGM

NOVEMBER 2017

Living 350 miles away from Scarborough means I can't attend some of the events where it might be expected the President is in attendance. I am extremely grateful to Mrs Zoe Harrison and our Chairman - John Rowlands for deputizing for me when necessary.

Technology however has meant that we have been able to keep the ship moving forward in a positive direction. None more so than the long awaited new OSA and Archives Website. I and others are enormously appreciative of the work John Rowlands put in to get the new OSA Website developed and up and running.

I am also most indebted to the Archives Team I set up in 2012 in getting the immense volume of material scanned and uploaded to the Archives section. I firmly believe that over 95% of former Pupils are "tagged" at least once to any Document or Photograph we have on the website.

This is not the end, but merely work in progress and whilst we have much more material to upload we are delighted that 82 former Pupils have contacted us with either, additional information or in providing new material. Please can I ask those that have not contacted us, but have information, to get in touch so their memories, photos etc can be shared for the enjoyment of all. We also need your memories of your time at the College and please let us know what you did after leaving so that can be added to the "Where are they Now" section of the website.

We can't just rely on Facebook or other Social Media and whilst the "Team" do keep an eye on what is posted, we do need you to contact us as well so that we have a permanent record on our Archives website. Often the photos on Social Media are not of sufficiently high quality for our website, so please send them to us as well, through the link on the Archives Website.

May I also thank the Committee not just for their continued support throughout the past year but, Mrs. Pippa Harker and Mrs Zoe Harrison for their efforts in ensuring the March "Wilkinson Reunion" was a great success. I look forward to another successful year in 2018.

Finally, to all OSA Members can I extend my best wishes for a very Happy Christmas and health and prosperity for the New Year.

JOHN ISLES
PRESIDENT

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