

SHUTTLEWORTH COLLEGE ALUMNI
MINUTES OF THE AGM – SATURDAY 11 May 2024

Present: Tony Abbott (Chairman), Richard Infield (Vice Chairman), Sarah Perrett (Treasurer), Charlotte Maynard (Secretary), Paddy Godwin (Editor and Database), Nick Badger, Robert Cowper 70/72, Eric Yates, Janet Yates, Mike Burman, Peter Homer, Catherine Lloyd College director.

Apologies: Mike Laflin, Tim Durrant, Nick Drury, Bruce Ashworth, Chris Fyson, John Dixon (Alf) Richard Lyon, Graeme Brown.

The minutes of the 2023 AGM were accepted and approved.

1. Chairman's Report: Tony Abbott

This last year has been a period of consolidation with initial arrangements being made for the next reunion which is scheduled for the 9th May 2026. An initial email has been circulated to advise members of the event and asking for their interest. To date I have received positive interest from about 50 members.

We have donated £900 to the college students for the purchase of new rugby shirts which has been gratefully acknowledged.

As I stand down as chairman I would like to thank all of the committee members for their help and support, without which, the association would not exist. I would particularly like to thank (in no particular order) :

Charlotte Maynard (secretary) who keeps us all in order, arranges the meetings and send out agendas and minutes (amongst other things!)

Richard Infield (vice chairman) who has stood in for me on occasions and was a superb help in arranging the last reunion.

Sarah Perrett (treasurer) who kindly took over from Mike Williams and has done a sterling (pun intended!) job in the role.

Patrick (Paddy) Godwin (IT and database) has been doing the job for longer than I can remember and with his usual quiet efficiency.

Dr. Catherine Lloyd (college vice-principal) who has religiously given us an update on college activities at every committee meeting.

I will still stay on as a committee member (if elected!) and wish the new chairman and vice-chairman every success in their new roles.

Tony Abbott

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2. Treasurer's Report: Sarah Perrett

Sarah circulated the statement of revenue and expenditure, capital account and bank accounts. (Attached). 2022/23 Expenditure was £13,067.88. Income was £3,576.00 in comparison to the previous year which was £4,695.00. The Capital account contains £20,577.44.

The accounts for 2023/2024 were obviously dominated by the reunion in May 2023. Overall the cost to the SCA of holding the event (expenditure less income from ticket sales) was approximately £7,000. This was mainly because the original ticket price was based on our being able to use the Russell Hall, and the cost of the hog roast at the 2020 price. However, the feedback was excellent and as far as I can tell everyone thought it was money well spent.

Plans for the 2026 reunion are already underway and quotes for hog roast, marquee etc. being sought by various members of the committee. We will definitely try not to cost the SCA quite so much next time.

The accounts show that the income for subs has increased by £20 over 22/23. Unfortunately we have lost several subscribers and the increase is the result of a few people paying a lump sum up front.

The receipts from the 100 club lottery have also reduced. If anyone would like to take part in this lottery please contact me.

Merchandise sales were up considerably on the previous year and not only from sales at the reunion. We still keep a supply of rugby shirts and polo shirts with the SCA logo and at a very reasonable price.

The accounts have been audited by an accounts professional for the princely sum of £8.79 which was the price of a bottle of her favourite wine from the local community shop – thereby helping 2 good causes in one go!

3. Secretary's Report: Charlotte Maynard

Charlotte thanked Tony for the years he has been Chairman on behalf of the committee and Tony was presented with an engraved tankard as a thank you for his service. There was nothing further to report.

4. IT Manager's Report and Editors Report: Paddy Godwin

Paddy reported that each year we lose a few more subscribers to the association, we do try and recruit new ones but this is not an easy task. There are a number of subscribers who have not paid their Annual subscription and we believe we are currently owed approximately £3,000 in overdue subs. Paddy will circulate a list of these people to the committee and ask that some phone calls can be made to chase up these arrears. This is a slow task and there are a fair few to get through. Paddy will do this in the next few months.

Every subscriber pays an annual sub of £5.00. The cost to send out each printed version of the newsletter costs £5.10 per person and the cost to email the newsletter is approx. 50p per person. We currently have 200 subscribers receiving a printed copy and we have to subsidise this cost. We make £4.50 on each email subscriber. To increase the cost of the subs would be a mammoth task so Paddy suggested reducing the number of printed copy subscribers would be a better way of reducing our costs. Any profit can be used to help subsidise the next reunion planned for 2026.

The website has not had much activity on it recently and we should be utilising this more and uploading more photos on a regular basis.

Lottery – Paddy included a full page advert in the newsletter for the Lottery but it made no difference and we have not received any additional entries. We currently have 50 lottery entries but we can accommodate up to 100 more. If anyone has any clever ideas how we can promote the lottery please let Paddy know.

We are always looking for subscribers so please put them in touch with Paddy and he will show them how to join.

Note the Alumni web site address is www.shuttleworthalumni.co.uk

5. Students College Report: Catherine Lloyd

The college continues to deliver a successful land-based curriculum of full time, part time, apprenticeship and short courses to meet the needs of students and employers in the region. We have held three open days that have been well attended and recruitment for September 2024 looks strong. The building of the new Kingshill Farm Centre is now complete and provides an outstanding resource for us to further develop our provision in this subject area with a particular focus on T-Levels. Refurbishment of the college halls of residence has begun and be completed over the summer, this includes new heating, insulation and windows to ensure the building operates more efficiently.

The College Farm has had a positive year. We completed lambing 250 ewes, which provides a great learning opportunity for students under the guidance of our experienced staff. We continue to grow the Red Poll cattle herd; calving has begun and a number calves have already arrived. We had success with cattle showing last year winning a breed champion at the South Suffolk Show and are hoping for the same this year. The farm is participating in the Mid-Tier Countryside Stewardship Scheme which will provide opportunities for students to become involved in this work and fits with our strategy of sustainable agriculture. Delivery of T-Levels is going well and we will introduce more routes from September 2024.

Across the provision we have had a great year with numerous trips and visits taking place. We have also established the colleges rugby team and are grateful to the SCA for their sponsorship of the new kit.

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6. Election of Officers for the ensuing year:

Chairman: Richard Infield

Proposed by Paddy Godwin, seconded by Sarah Perrett

Vice Chairman: Bob Cowper – Proposed by Charlotte Maynard, seconded by Tony Abbott

Secretary: Charlotte Maynard – Proposed by Bob Cowper, seconded by Nick Badger

Treasurer: Sarah Perrett - proposed by Richard Infield, seconded by Peter Homer

IT Manager: Patrick Godwin – Proposed by Eric Yates, seconded by Tony Abbott

Editor: Paddy Godwin – Proposed by Richard Infield, seconded by Sarah Perrett

The following committee members stood down from the committee: Mike Laflin

Committee members: Nick Drury, Eric Yates, Mike Williams, Claire Van Leersum, Bruce Ashworth (HND 79/82), Tim Durrant (OND 76/79), Robert Cowper (70/72), Nick Badger (HND 92/95).

Proposed by Mike Lafin and Seconded by Garth Drury and were re-elected ,en bloc’.

Peter Homer (ex Mechanical lecturer) was voted onto the committee, Proposed by Charlotte Maynard, seconded by Nick Badger

7. Reunion Sat 9 May 2026 (afternoon)

An email has been sent out to some subscribers asking for their expression of interest in a reunion in 2026 and 50 people have shown an interest in attending.

Tony said he is happy to help with the planning.

Charlotte got a quote for a Hog Roast from Boss Hogs (a local hog roast company) and they have quoted £10 per head incl salads, cutlery etc (based on any number of people). It was agreed we would book them in.

Charlotte will speak to the college about booking the parkland for this event as it was agreed a Marquee would be the better option so we can increase or decrease the size depending on numbers.

Richard and Bob both have marquee contacts so they will both obtain quotes.

We will also need a licenced bar – Charlotte to speak with Boss Hogs and see if they can provide this.

8. Auditing of Accounts

The accounts have been audited and signed off.

9. The annual draw then took place:

1st prize (£250): No 124 - Martin

2nd prize (£150): No 99 - Humphreys

3rd prize (£50): No 138 Pick

10. Any Other Business

There was no other business

11. Next Meeting

Next Committee meeting – Tues 10th September 2024 via Teams

Date of 2025 AGM – Sat 10th May 2025 at Shuttleworth College

This concluded the Annual General Meeting

Charlotte Maynard

11th May 2024