



OLD WELLINGTONIANS' ASSOCIATION
2023 Annual General Meeting
Great Hall, Saturday 11th November at Noon

1. **President's welcome:** Simon Cross opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees. Stephen Page who is stepping down as president after two years then spoke about his time as President. He will continue his connection with the school.
2. **Chair's report:** Nothing to report
3. **Apologies:** Kate Evans, Lissie Fuller, John Darvall & Rob Palfrey
4. **Deaths** – Terrence Anthony, John Butcher, Anthony Gabriel, Peter Jolly, John Kay, Clive Mocks, James Morgan Harris, Tony Pomeroy, Ian Richards, Nicholas Skelton, Cyril Simons, Ken Trump, Colin Walker, Stanley Ward, Arthur Woodbury. There is a memorial service in May for OWs who have sadly passed away.
5. **Approval of Minutes:**
Proposed & Seconded
6. **Treasurer's Report:**
We have had a much more active year on the event schedule. One of the events we did was a rugby event at Twickenham. We also had a box at the Somerset County Cricket Ground one evening. London Lunch was a big success. We added our support to the school music reunion which was very well received. Overall, the finances are in a good shape. We are showing a healthy balance so we can continue to support the school over the next twelve months.
7. **Chapel Trustees' Report:**
Nothing to report
8. **Headmaster's Report:** Eugene gave an update on school matters and school life. Since we last met school has started well since September. The exam results were pleasing. We were very proud of our pupils. Number of highlights include Rifles Freedom Event in the town which the CCF were involved with. Commem was the largest turnout it's ever

been. The new housing system is really good. The school is in good health. With currently 900 pupils the school is at capacity in pupil numbers. We are working with the Development Office to build strong relationships. The London Lunch was well supported. We want to build the relationship. We are going to be approaching Old Wellingtonians for supporting the school. Engaging with politicians. Meeting with Gideon Amos and Jeffrey Archer in a few weeks. Thank you for your time and support. A gift was given the Stephen Page for his time as President.

9. Development Update

It is such a pleasure to work in the Development Office. A few members are going to see David Suchet in Bath in January.

At the beginning of the October half term Rachel and Eugene attended an OW event in Hong Kong.

Thank you to the team, Dan and Juliet. We now have the photo archive. If you find any old photos please let Dan have them. If you think of a theme for next year's November reunion please let Rachel know. We now have 400% engagement on social media. Attendance at events – London Lunch was a great event. A big thank you to the OWs who helped at the London Lunch. The photo archive has had over 1.5 million views.

10. Proposals to membership: None raised.

11. Election of Officers:

President – Simon Cross (Richards '71)
Chair – Kate Evans (Beech '93)
Vice Chairman – Lissie Fuller (Beech '05)
Secretary – Eliza Brodie (Prices '05)
Treasurer – Mike Rogers (Oak '82)

Committee Members to continue:

Matt Colman (Hardwick '87)
Graham Nye (Willows '60)
Lynne Lambourne (Beech '93)
Rosie Burrows (Beech '05)
Eliza Brodie (Prices '05)

Representatives:

Governing Body – Rob Palfrey (Richards '92) to continue
Foundation – John Darvall (Overside '85) to continue
Friends of Wellington School – Rob Palfrey (Richards '92) to continue

All agreed.

12. Any Other Business

Thank you for London Lunch. Next year – would it be possible to hire a coach for everyone to travel together.