

**OLD ALTRINCHAMIANS ASSOCIATION  
AGENDA FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
11th November 2020, 7:00 pm, Virtual Meeting**

**1. Apologies for Absence**

**2. Present**

Bill Jones, Antony Perrett, Christian James, Ken Webb, Roger Gee, Colin Bamford, Larry Bode, Brian Clark, Chris Hill, Stephen Perrett, Gill Williamson, Martin Leake, Greame Wright

**3. Minutes of the previous A.G.M.**

Minutes accepted. Proposed by Ken Webb. Seconded by Antony Perrett

**4. Matters Arising**

None

**5. Chairman's Remarks**

Firstly, thank you everyone for joining us this evening. I hope everyone is safe and well.

This is the first, (and hopefully the last) ever Old Alts AGM via zoom. It's not ideal to be conducting such a meeting over video conference but far better to be able to get together and catch up this way than not at all!

I'd like to thank everyone on the committee for their continued support:

- Headmaster, thank you for keeping us up to speed with everything that's been going on at school
- Gill, great work getting the AGSB Alumni up and running and for getting so many new old Alts to sign up
- Steve, thank you for your help in particular with the planning that went into this year's aborted Annual Dinner
- Anthony for pulling together another fantastic newsletter
- Ken, for keeping the tightest of ships running when it comes to the Associations finances.
- And President Colin, for keeping communications well and truly open through Facebook, Twitter and the Web site over the past year.

It's clearly been an extraordinary year in the life of AGSB and all associated with it past and present.

Congratulations I think are in order to the Head and his team for navigating the school so well through these uncharted waters. The continued success of the House system, the incredible exam results at both GCSE and A level and the record number of places at Oxford and Cambridge are deserving recognition of the hard and smart work that has gone in. As if managing to keep the school functioning through the ever-changing pandemic landscape wasn't enough!

As for the Old Alts, in spite of events like the Annual Dinner and Golf being off the agenda, there has been much to be pleased with about what's been achieved this year, particularly when you look back at the objectives we set ourselves 12 months ago. In summary:

- To create a more integrated relationship between Old Alts and AGSB  
Gill Williamson is the school's inaugural Alumni Officer and sits on the Old Alts committee
- Help establish and make a success of the new Alumni Officer position  
The Old Alts have worked closely with Gill and the Head to ensure a successful start in the role
- Get the Alumni and Old Alts clearly visible on the AGSB web site home page  
There's now an 'Alumni' link on the AGSB home page which then links to the Old Alts web site
- To grow our contactable database by 10%  
The 'Leaver's survey' pulled in over 100 'new leavers', a fraction over 10% of the emailable base
- To deliver a successful annual dinner and vibrant events programme to appeal to all Old Alts

The stage was all set for a sell-out Annual Dinner, a lunch in London and Golf etc.....but sadly we had to cancel them all as Covid-19 hit.

So, in a very difficult year, still much progress to be pleased with.

As I write this, it appears an effective vaccine is close at hand which is amazingly positive news and will hopefully mean an end to the fear and frustration of 2020.

I think we should look forward to 2021 with optimism, for both the school and the Old Altrinchamian's. Over the next 12 months, my objectives as Chair include:

- To re-enforce engagement among the more recent leavers
- To make sure we are relevant and engaged with those who've enjoyed and supported the Old Alts for decades
- To refresh the Old Alts website to improve the design, functionality and remove once and for all the erroneous contact details from the home page!

Please accept my best wishes to you and your family over Christmas and for the coming months ahead. I wish everyone associated with the Old Alts, a truck load of good health and happiness and I look forward to getting together again in 2021.

## **6. Treasurer's Report**

Santander current account £1,451.17

Santander deposit account £6,538.13

Natwest current account £480.00

N S & I savings account £1,627.32

Total £10,096.62

Subscriptions received £1209.75

Expenditure of £38.74 for domain name renewal and £270 repayment for annual dinner deposits.

Report accepted. Proposed by David Hughes. Seconded by Martin Leake

## **7. Headmaster's Report**

The last academic year 2019-20 was really a 'game of two halves': September to March – where all was going to plan, and then March – July when the School was open only to children of key workers. Nevertheless, we have enjoyed another extremely successful year at AGSB:

### **Academic:**

The main headlines:

- A\* 33.80
- A\* - A 68.63
- A\* - B 87.69

This was a School record at A level.

### **6th form Destinations**

- A total of 20 students secured places at Oxford or Cambridge Universities and 26 (out of 29 offers) secured places to study Medicine or Dentistry.
- In total 90% secured a place to study at a university (either via First Choice, Insurance, revised choice or Clearing) in 2020.

### **GCSE**

- 38.58% of exams were awarded grade 9
- 62.79% of exams were awarded grades 9 and 8
- 81.96% of exams were awarded grades 7-9

This was also a record year at GCSE.

### **Extra-curricular**

- Obviously, there was major disruption to sport due to Covid 19. However, 2020 was a successful year for **Sport**:
- Our 1<sup>st</sup> XV rugby squad made it to the last 16 of the National Cup.
- Both our U14 and U16 badminton teams have been crowned Greater Manchester Champions.
- U18 Hockey team (outdoor) are, Cheshire champions, NW champions, Winners of NW Hockey festival (held at Timperley HC) and had progressed to round 4 of the National Cup Competition (before it was cancelled). Our U16 hockey team are also Cheshire Champions. Our U14 hockey team were county and NW runners up. The U18 Indoor Hockey side came third in the National Cup.
- U16 Basketball team reached the final of the Trafford Cup (the final was cancelled due to Covid 19)
- U16 Football team reached the final of Trafford Cup (final was also cancelled)
- In **Music and Drama**, the highlight of the term was the excellent production of Back to the 80's from the AGSB Musical Theatre Society. The standard of performance was high and thanks must go to Liz Jarratt, Charlotte Clark, Rosie Hildage, Andrew Flanagan and Emma Chapman for all their efforts in making the show such a success.
- Three students have been interviewed for the prestigious Arkwright Scholarship. We await the results.

- In more cerebral challenges we have reached the finals in the Senior National Maths Challenge and the North West final of the Senior Young Enterprise. The AGSB Chess squad made it to the National School's Chess finals for the second year running after defeating Liverpool Bluecoat and Bolton School. Our Year 10 English Speaking Union Team were declared runners up at the regional finals. Our Model United Nations Team again were leaders on the North West MUN circuit.

## **New Build**

We are nearing completion of the new £3 million teaching complex situated on the North Yard. The new building will provide the school with 9 new classrooms and a state-of-the-art library.

## **House System**

The AGSB House System enjoyed an excellent first year and congratulations to Tatton House for winning both the Hamblin Cup (House Points) and the Saville Laver Cup (House events). From September to March over 45,000 House Points were awarded through Show My Home Work. We also had over 50 House Competitions (including 16 remotely during 'lock down') with over 15,000 points awarded in the various competitions.

We could not have restored the AGSB House System without the generous support of the House sponsors:

Bradbury	MYERSONS
Massey	WATERSONS
Tatton	SODEXO
Stamford	ABC WARRANTY

A great first year for the AGSB House System.

Overall, a challenging but successful year for AGSB.

## **8. Editor's Report**

The 2020 Newsletter edition was a bumper issue despite reduced material due to removal of the Annual Dinner report (usually the single biggest section).

Lots of interesting 'Jottings' items were submitted (thanks to all who submitted) and unfortunately a good few Obituaries too. I've already started collecting for the 2021 edition, so please send me anything that you think might be of interest to someone in the Old Alts community.

Finally I would like to thank the vast majority for their willingness to receive Newsletter copies electronically. This way of distribution really is the only way forwards for us - saves cost, reaches more people and significant reduction of effort on the part of the committee. Of course there will always be those who, for any number of reasons, require a paper copy. We will continue to support these folk too, though naturally it may be that you don't get your copy of Newsletter quite as quickly due to printing and mail delays.

Report accepted. Proposed by Ken Webb. Seconded by Chris Hill.

## 9. Football Section

The Club reached 100 years of age in August 2020 and all the celebrations, which should have culminated in a special Centenary Sportsman's Dinner at the end of this month, have had to be cancelled.

The 2019/20 football season came to abrupt halt after the matches on March 14<sup>th</sup> and the season was effectively erased from the record books. The 2020/21 season got off to a late start on 19<sup>th</sup> September only to come to a grinding halt with the second lockdown announced last weekend. The players of all five teams are bitterly disappointed having made a much more promising start to the season, with all the teams winning more league points than Manchester United (although that was not very difficult to achieve).

In June we were shocked to learn that Sale Sharks wanted to build a Rugby Stadium on the hallowed turf at Crossford Bridge. Their publicity machine was impressive. They had a very clear idea of what they wanted to do but very little idea of what was already happening at Crossford Bridge under the stewardship of Sale Harriers, Sale United and Old Altrinchamians. For the last 18 years, the three Clubs had come together as the Crossford Bridge Management Association, which has maintained and improved the grounds and facilities on behalf of Trafford Council. Once the Sale Sharks plan became properly understood, towards the end of September the Council withdrew their support and are instead working with the CBMA to safeguard the land for on-going community sports usage.

Another satisfactory outcome has been the publication of 'A Century of Football', which describes the history of Old Altrinchamians Football Club over the last 100 years. Two years in its compilation, the book first went into print at the end of July and has already sold over 100 copies and raised more than £500 towards Club Funds, which will be badly affected by the cancellation of the Sportsman's Dinner. The book costs £10 and £5 from every sale goes directly to the Club. I would like to put on record my immense gratitude to the editor, Roger Cleland, whose guidance and encouragement made the whole thing possible. Thanks are also due to Ian Horn, who contributed a whole chapter about the Club's Easter Football Tours.

It is my profound hope that Old Alts AFC will continue to play amateur football for another 100 years.

Report accepted. Proposed by Antony Perrett. Seconded by Ken Webb.

## 10. Cricket Section

No report received, but the Association is keen to maintain links with Ashley CC

## 11. Golf Section

No society golf this year

## 12. Alumni

After a reasonable start between January and early March there had been lots of fact finding, a visit to Lancaster Royal Grammar, adding the Alumni Relations page to the website and attendance at 1 day event "**IDPE essential fundraising toolkit for state schools seminar**" -

I had got to a stage where I would like to adopt a 3 stage approach for Alumni aspects of Friendship and giving back their skills and time to AGSB:

**1 CONNECT** (This covers gathering data from Y13 as they leave and also freshly connecting other Alumni)

**2 ENGAGE** (If they have EVER shared information with us for inclusion on social media or in a newsletter or attended an event)

**3 COMMIT** (they have run a lunchtime seminar, helped with interviews, organised an event) And the status of a person would be recorded within their Data (how and wherever we hold it) Layered over this we could look at £ donation approach and also the wider context of BIG Donors

Well from March onwards it has been one hell of a challenge to take these ideas further, to learn about Alumni and to engage with students and other schools. I had hoped to see Year 13 before they left but I contracted Covid at the start of what was to be their last week! I was then working remotely and fully focussed on my Sixth Form Officer role supporting them through results days and now working with the current Year 13 on their UCAS and other post 18 applications. I did email out to leavers from recent years and we put together some nice tweets.

In June I created a FORM which could only be completed by people with @agsb.co.uk email and shared it with our Year 13 Leavers. With an incentive of being entered into a draw for £100 Amazon voucher. It gathered LOTS of data and also the consents for contact and a privacy statement about how their data will be used. I am in the process of merging the relevant parts with Ken Webb's membership database – so there is no need to rekey (or decipher their appalling handwriting this year).

Some of the students were never going to engage but I'm reasonably happy with the response which was 3 times the number we got for a similar approach for the exit survey.

**Here is a summary of Data collected from AGSB 2020 Leavers** - Lots more was also collected.

Rufus James' Form is attached so you can see the detail (*he has given consent to share it with you within the meeting*)

. I want contact from AGSB and I also want to be a member of the Alumni and Old Alts community

[More Details](#)

- Yes - I'm interested in hearing ... 97
- No - Please do not contact m... 5



. OK -So do you just want to hear from AGSB OR the Alumni and Old Alts ? Don't miss out on being involved.

[More Details](#)

- Yes JUST to AGSB - I'm interes... 4
- Yes JUST to Alumni and Old Al... 0
- No - Please do not contact m... 1



### Would you run a Lunchtime Seminar for current AGSB students?

[More Details](#)

Yes	25
No	37
Maybe	39



### Would you help with applications and interviews?

[More Details](#)

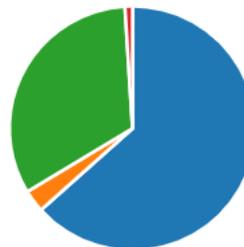
Yes	40
No	28
Maybe	33



### For 2020 Leavers Would you attend a 5 year reunion?

[More Details](#)

Yes	64
No	3
Maybe	33
N/A to me	1



### Would you attend the events below - tick all that apply ?

[More Details](#)

Formal Dinner at AGSB	70
Formal Dinner at a venue clos...	68
Casual Dinner at AGSB	82
Casual Dinner at a venue close...	75
An event with others who live ...	40
None of the above	13



Please add your suggestions and ideas for events

*Hire a venue for a formal meal,  
Some sort of substitute for prom such as a dinner at a nice venue  
Dinners for Old Alts, 2020 reunions, Old alt med student events*

*Gathering of students at socially distanced outdoor venue*

*Online reunions*

*Sports*

*Casual sport, going out for a drink etc*

*None, all sounds very good*

*Sport competitions for old boys, and perhaps versus students/teachers*

*It all sounds great :)*

*Having fun*

*Sport reunion, anything would be nice to post covid*

*We didn't have a prom so a reunion for my year would be good*

*A proper send off following the issues caused by Covid*

*2020 leavers reunion, poker night*

*Leavers reunion*

*A reunion/casual dinner would be good*

*Sports events, dinners etc*

*Reunions would be extremely exciting and fun.*

*karaoke!*

*Networking events, more engagement between old alts and the current students e.g. careers days, work shadowing, maybe special ACE Lessons*

*School dance*

*proper last day for year 13*

*Reunion sports day*

*Christmas reunion due to missing out on last day of school*

*Fundraising Events*

*Yr 13 Leavers dinner for class of 2020*

*At a pub*

*Dinners*

*Perhaps some medicine/dentistry specific event could be good*

*I think that getting in the teachers from that era alongside the students would be a good laugh as well as an opportunity to thank and re-connect with them.*

*Fundraising dinners*

*I would love to regularly meet people and have a reunion in my year*

*Prom since we didn't get to do it*

*Reunion / do what would have done at end of Year 13*

Please Share your thoughts on the things that will keep you engaged with AGSB( eg Social Media, Events, Newsletters)

*Social media*

*Occasional newsletters with the progress of the school as a whole*

*Events, Newsletters, The word*

*Social Media*

*Good ways to keep me informed and up to date with what's going on at school!*

*events*

*mainly social media*

*winning the £100 giveaway*

*Unique events to AGSB such as House Smash*

*Newsletters, events, when my future son inevitably attends AGSB*

*Personally, I don't really mind, just anything.*

*Social Media presence, yearly Newsletter*

*LinkedIn*

*social media, industry contacts, helping younger years with post 18 decisions  
I'd happily attend a reunion in future. I'm unlikely to be interested by social media, but I'd  
attend events and read newsletters if they're sent through.  
Newsletter would be useful to keep up to date with the school, outreach events, NETWORKING  
EVENTS with other Old Alts  
Twitter is effective  
Newsletters and information on events  
Newsletters/Soc-med/E-Mail  
Social Media and Newsletters would be a good way to keep up to date with what's happening at  
school  
Social media probably most effective but all useful  
new developments  
Annual magazine, News about AGSB pupil achievements  
Occasional newsletters*

The report was accepted by the AGM

### **13. Election of Officers**

There were no changes to the committee this year

### **14. A.O.B.**

It was suggested that to create more balance to the committee and to broaden the interests of the Association, we might include representation from 'Arts'. This idea was welcomed and accepted. We will include an "Arts Section" on future AGM agendas and seek to recruit someone to bring an Arts interest to the committee. Gill Williamson volunteered to identify and introduce a suitable committee candidate.

It was commented upon that this was the best attended AGM for many years and that on-line technology improved inclusivity for those who wished to attend, but were too far away to physically do so. In future we will use on-line meeting technology to ensure that the AGM is made accessible to those who would like to use this facility.

Finally Martin Leake wished to thank the Committee for the work on behalf of the Association.

The AGM was closed at 7:56 PM

The 2021 AGM will be 10<sup>th</sup> November, 7PM