

OLD CESTREFELDIANS' TRUST 2025 A.G.M.

The Old Cestrefeldians' Trust held its **Annual General Meeting** at mid-day on 19th August at 12 Tennyson Avenue, Chesterfield. The A.G.M. took place alongside a Trustees' meeting to which any Members present were invited to join and included a light buffet lunch (as usual) courtesy of Mr & Mrs Tom Roberts.

Three of the Trustees, Frank Gorman, Tony Hine and Martin Tither were present, Robert Woodhead having to offer his apologies, and they were very pleased to be joined by Trust members Derrick Priestley, John Hammond and Brian Heathcote. Proxies had been received from Messrs Drabble, Roberts, Hallett, Smith and Sir Brian Unwin.

The two Trustees retiring by rotation, Tony Hine and Rob Woodhead, were re-elected. Frank Gorman was unanimously re-elected as Chairman and Martin Tither confirmed as a Trustee in succession to Tom Roberts.

The Accounts to 31st March 2025 and last year's minutes, having been circulated to all members earlier in the year, were formally noted as received.

Amongst other matters, the **Trustees' meeting** discussed:

Storage of artefacts. Those held by the Trust will remain with Tom Roberts until satisfactory arrangements can be confirmed with Brookfield Community School for transfer there. It is hoped that suitable items can be scanned and catalogued for retention and wider access.

Membership remains static. Further promotion among attendees of the OCS Reunion is proposed.

Educational Awards. Contact with partner educational establishments for the identification of suitable recipients this year is already in progress. Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire Music Centre has already been the recipient of a grant for sheet music.

Remembrance Service. Preparatory work on the 2025 Remembrance Service is underway with Rev. Ron Smith officiating. The current OCS President, Brell Ewart D.L., will provide a wreath on behalf of the King.

Plaque in memory of Mr. E. G. Price. A design incorporating a stainless steel plate mounted on a wooden board was tabled and approved. A generous donation from Tim Hallett was gratefully received. Members of the Price family will be invited to attend an unveiling ceremony at Brookfield, possibly at the Remembrance Service.

Old Cestrefeldians' Society Reunion Dinner will take place on 15 May 2026 at the CFC stadium. The continuing contributions of surplus funds from this event to the Trust were much appreciated. Derrick reported that the OCS Committee membership had been extended including younger members with a view to succession planning and these efforts will continue.