

OLD CESTREFELDIANS' TRUST 2021 A.G.M.

The Old Cestrefeldians' Trust held its 7th Annual General Meeting at mid-day on 10th August as scheduled at 12 Tennyson Avenue, Chesterfield. The A.G.M. took place alongside a Trustees meeting to which all present were invited (as usual) and included a light buffet lunch (as usual).

The four Trustees – Frank Gorman, Tom Roberts, Tony Hine and Robert Woodhead attended and were very pleased to have with them Trust members Brian Heathcote and Derrick Priestley.

The quorum required for valid resolutions was covered by the kind return of proxy forms by a few members – this year by Rev. Ron Smith, Nick Roberts and John Roberts.

The two Trustees retiring by rotation – Tony Hine and Rob Woodhead were re-elected and the Accounts to 31st March 2021, having been circulated to all members earlier in the year were formally noted.

Amongst other matters, the Trustees meeting reviewed the progress with educational project grants and bursaries for the benefit of local youngsters made via the School, College etc. involved. Success in this respect with some Schools which have not previously participated was looming.

It was noted that Philip Riden's work in writing a booklet with personal background to all the names on the World War II memorial board was nearing completion with publication due in the Autumn. Both the World War memorial boards have recently been removed, professionally cleaned, lacquered and replaced and look extremely good in the memorial corridor outside the Headmaster's study.

There was considerable support for the idea of a further plaque in the memorial corridor for Russell Varley, who retired in 1956 as second master, in view of his extremely long (43 years) and valued (by 6 Headmasters) service at the School sandwiched around a distinguished WWI record – being awarded the M.C.

There was also support for a memorial of some kind at Storrs Road for the School's last Headmaster E.G. Price. This is to be explored with Brookfield School at a meeting.