

OLD CESTREFELDIANS' TRUST 2024 A.G.M.

The Old Cestrefeldians' Trust held its Annual General Meeting at mid-day on 20th 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).

The four Trustees – Frank Gorman, Tom Roberts, Tony Hine and Robert Woodhead attended and were very pleased to be joined by Trust members Derrick Priestley, Ron Smith, John Hammond and Martin Tither.

The quorum required for valid resolutions was also covered by the kind return of proxy forms from several members.

The two Trustees retiring by rotation – Frank Gorman and Tom Roberts were re-elected and the Accounts to 31st March 2024, having been circulated to all members earlier in the year, were formally noted as received.

Amongst other matters, the Trustees' meeting

Reviewed the continued success of the annual educational grants for the benefit of pupils made via local Schools, Chesterfield College and the newly established Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire Music Centre – replacing a similarly named Charity. Continuity of contact with some of the establishments remains a problem.

Some additional artefacts had been received during the year from O.C.'s and their relatives and arrangements have been agreed with Brookfield School for permanent loan storage and partial display there of the Trust's memorabilia.

It was noted that preparatory work on the 2024 Remembrance Day Service is underway and that the new plaque to Russell Varley had been formally unveiled after the 2023 Service.

Tom Roberts passed the principal role of Trust Secretary/Treasurer to Tony Hine, but will retain the duties of Membership Secretary and Archivist for the time being.

Tom indicated that he intended to resign as a Trustee in the next few months as he felt his capacity to fulfil the role properly was in decline.

The Trustees resolved to appoint a new Trustee - O.C. Martin Tither.