

MINUTES OF THE 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE OLD DY'VORIANS ASSOCIATION
HELD ON THURSDAY 5TH MARCH 2015 AT 7-00 PM
AT UWTSO, DYNEVOR CAMPUS.

1. **In Attendance:** Bill George; David Dickinson; Iorrie Mort; Noel Blows; Clem Williams; Edgar McCarthy; Roger Williams; John Thomas; Godfrey Jones; Selwyn Walters; Peter Samuel; Phil Stone; Jeff Humphreys; Brian Willis; Ted Nield; Terry Smith; Stephan Hurford; Steve Way; Dudley Sinnett; Phill Davies.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** Keith Evans; Ken Sharpe; Bill Gibbs; Sion Barrington; Peter Macpherson
3. **The AGM approved the Minutes of the 2014 AGM held on 27th March 2014.**
(These Minutes may be found in the Members' Area of the ODA Website.)
4. **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising from the 2014 AGM Minutes.
5. **Officers' Reports:**
Reports were received from:-

The President, Dudley Sinnett.

[The President's report is appended to these Minutes.]

The Treasurer, Steve Way.

[The Audited Financial Statements for the year ending 31st December 2014 are appended to these Minutes.]

The Financial Statements were accepted by the AGM and the Meeting expressed their thanks to the Treasurer, Steve Way, and the Auditor, Robert Howells.

The Secretary, Phill Davies.

[The Secretary's report is appended to these Minutes.]

The Editor of TOD, Jeff Humphreys.

Jeff expressed his thanks to Jim Waygood, Assistant Editor, for his support and to all contributors. He told the Meeting that he was in possession of a good amount of material for future editions, but hoped that there would be a broadening of the year groups submitting articles.

Membership & Recruitment, Ken Sharpe.

Ken had sent his apologies for absence; but through the Secretary he reported that the current total ODA membership stands at 659 (including 27 ex-staff and 12 Honorary Members).

Since the 2014 AGM there have been 23 new members; 4 resignations; 2 Deaths; and no suspensions.

The Meeting congratulated Ken on his appointment as Secretary of Herefordshire County Cricket Club, and were pleased to know that Ken is eager to continue as Membership Secretary of the ODA.

Communications Co-ordinator, Keith Evans.

Keith had sent his apologies for absence. The Secretary referred the Meeting to the article on Page 4 of TOD No. 26 for Keith's account of progress with the ODA's communication channels using the Website, Facebook, and Twitter.

6. Noel Blows addressed the AGM to congratulate Dudley Sinnett on a most successful Presidential year. Noel remarked that Dudley's commitment and enthusiasm for the role had been evident from the moment he was approached about the Presidency. The Meeting was completely in accord with Noel's expression of thanks to Dudley for his leadership of the Association and achieving an outstanding series of ODA Events over the past year

7. Election of Officers

The Secretary proposed that the ODA Constitution be amended to designate the Editor of TOD and the Communications Co-ordinator as Officers of the Association, without increasing the normal complement of 12 members on the Executive Committee. The reason for this change would be to give recognition to the central role these positions now play in the operation of the Association.

The AGM approved this change and the Secretary's proposal that Clause 3 and Clause 5 of the Constitution be amended accordingly.

It was further agreed by the AGM that no change be made to Clause 7 (Composition of a quorum at an Executive Committee meeting).

The following were confirmed by the AGM as Officers of the Association for the Year 2015-16:-

President	Selwyn Walters
Vice-President	Ted Nield
Treasurer	Steve Way
Secretary	Phill Davies
Membership Secretary	Ken Sharpe
Editor of TOD	Jeff Humphreys
Communications Co-ordinator	Keith Evans

8. **The Meeting confirmed Robert Howells as Auditor to the Association for the coming year.**

9. 2015 Annual ODA Dinner:

David Dickinson reported that we appeared to be on target for an attendance of 175 at the Annual Dinner due to take place on Friday 17th April.

Selwyn Walters will be installed as the new President and his Guest Speaker will be Dennis Gethin, President of the WRU.

10. **Annual ODA Golf Day:**
This will take place on Friday 17th April at Clyne GC. Peter Samuel expected a record number of entrants at this year's event.

11. **Joint ODA/SMU Lecture:**
Professor Mike Phillips will deliver the Lecture this year on Thursday 16th April, 2015. The title of his lecture will be '***Climate Change, Coastal Vulnerability, Impacts and Adaptation***'.

12. **Balconiers' Day at St Helens:**
Ken Sharpe will once again organise the ODA's participation in this event. It will take place on Thursday 6th August, 2015:
Guest Speaker: Don Shepherd.

13. **Digital Archive of School Magazines:**
Roger Williams advised that West Glamorgan Archive Service have copies of the 9 editions of the School Magazine that are missing from our digital archive. Roger is negotiating with the Archive Service and the Library Service to obtain digitised copies to complete our digital archive.

lorrie Mort expressed his admiration of the work that Roger has undertaken on behalf of the ODA and went on to express the hope that he might in due course become President of the ODA.

14. **Any Other Business:**
The AGM approved the Executive Committee's proposal to offer Honorary Life Membership of the ODA to three individuals from UWTSD who have been most supportive of the links between the Association and the University:-
Professor Medwin Hughes; Professor Mike Phillips; and Professor Ian Walsh.

The Meeting closed at 8-10pm.