

OLD DY'VORIANS PRESIDENT'S REPORT

THURSDAY 15TH MARCH 2015

I was pleased to present my Presidential report to the 2015 Annual General Meeting of the Old Dy'vorians Association.

It has been a great privilege for me to have been President of the ODA for the previous twelve months. I have thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it, meeting many old friends and reminiscing. I am not going to go through the year in great detail as this has already been highlighted in editions of TOD, however I would like to highlight the following:

1. Annual Dinner

This proved to be another extremely successful evening with Sir Alan Thomas as guest speaker. My thanks go to David Dickenson and his team for all the hard work which went in to organising the dinner. I am looking forward to this years' dinner when I will officially induct my successor, Selwyn Walters, and look forward to supporting him as best I can during his year in office.

2. The joint ODA/SMU Lecture was given by Sir John Meurig-Thomas and was very well attended. It was an inspiring and fascinating talk and is described in detail TOD-25.

3. The annual ODA lecture was given in October by David Mercer. This again was well attended and highly entertaining and described in TOD-26.

It was a great pleasure to attend and present the annual ODA President's Awards to extremely deserving students at The University of Wales, Trinity St. Davids'. These were chosen and recommended by staff of the college and a total of six awards were given at £250 each.

5. The Future

During my year in office I have spoken to many ODAs and it is clear that unless we collectively act together to stimulate an active recruitment campaign, aimed specifically at pupils from Dynevor's latter years, then the ODA will wither on the vine. This will inevitably be the end result but we must try to do everything in our power to recruit new members.

Obviously new social media such as Facebook, Twitter and our home website will be used to try to attract new members from those younger age groups (see article in TOD-26) but nothing can replace that personal touch and contact. So please can we all try to recruit at least one new member each, during the next year, and think of ways of making the ODA and its activities more attractive to the younger age groups.

I also personally feel that we should consider extending the hand of friendship to other groups of pupils who have been associated with Dynevor, such as former pupils of Glanmor and Llwyn-y-Bryn schools and consider inviting them to our dinner.

6. Finally I would like to express my sincere thanks to the ODA Committee without whom I would not have been able to have such

an enjoyable and incident free year. I would like to thank all the committee for their hard work and dedication to the cause. I must mention Phill Davies, secretary of the committee, and Steve Way, treasurer, for the immense amount of hard work they have put in behind the scenes.

Thank you all for your support during the year.