

ODA 2018 AGM

Secretary's Report

As we have just heard from the President's and Treasurer's Reports, the ODA stands on firm foundations and continues to offer its Members a full programme of activities and to look for new Members, particularly from the younger age groups.

I have just 2 topics to highlight:-

1. We **URGENTLY** need to recruit volunteers to become involved in the administration of the Association and the organisation of events.

There has been criticism that there is no succession planning in the Association,

BUT to implement succession planning effectively, we need Volunteers:

Volunteers who are willing to commit their time and energy for several years;

Volunteers who are willing to participate in a period of induction, to learn

how the Association operates and organises its various events and activities.

Without **NEW** Volunteers, we cannot expect that the Association will be able to continue, and even expand, its current full programme. So, if you are aware of any Dy'vorians who are willing and able to contribute their services to the Association, please encourage them to contact the Committee. They will be most welcome.

2. With a large Membership, about whom we hold data electronically; new regulations coming into force soon about the use of that data; and an increasingly litigious social environment generally, the Committee has decided that it is time to purchase an insurance policy to protect the Association against claims that might be made against it.

The Insurance we have purchased through Prescott Jones is the **Markel Charities and Communities Groups Policy**, which covers Public Liability; Employer's Liability; Protection of ODA Assets (including data and cyber loss and liability).

The cover limits are: -

Employers Liability £10,000,000

Public Liability £2,000,000 per claim

Cyber Liability £100,000

The Annual Premium paid is £321-20 [= approximately 75pence per member]

Of course, appropriate care must be taken by the Association in complying with regulations.