

OLD DY'VORIANS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR 2024
Held on Monday, 15th April 2024, at 3.15 pm
in Dynevor, Lecture Theatre 1 and online via Teams

Minutes

1. Present: Hywel Davies (Chair) (HD), Andrew Clemes (AC), Gareth Payne (GP), David Taylor (DT), Keith Ferguson (KF), Phil Stone (PSt), Steve Way (SW), Peter Samuel (PSa), Jeff Vaughan (JV), Roger Williams (RW), Robert Mitchell (RM), Pam Bashford (PB) and Bill Gibbs
2. Apologies for Absence: John Walters, Roger Williams, Robert Mitchell, Keith Evans
3. Minutes of the 2023 AGM held on 7th June 2023 were approved.
4. Matters Arising: In response to the appeal to support the work of the ODA Committee Andrew Clemes has taken on the role of Copy Editor, with Pam Bashford as Acquiring Editor for The Dy'vorian magazine. Robert Treharne Jones as Communications Coordinator (Mailchimp) and Margaret Llewelyn as Annual Dinner Organiser, working alongside Jeff Vaughan.
5. Officers' Reports for year ending 31/12/2023
 - **President**
 - **Secretary**
 - **Treasurer**

SW gave a full and detailed explanation of the accounts for 2023.

The Audited Financial Statements and Reports for 31/12/2023 were accepted and thanks given to Steve Way for his work.

No questions were raised on the Officers' Reports.

6. The Association's appreciation to **Mr. Robert Howells** as Auditor is recorded; we are grateful that he has agreed to continue this role.
7. To confirm the appointment of the following Committee Officers:
 - President - Andrew Clemes ('73 – '78)
 - Vice-President – Gareth Payne ('69 – '75)
 - Past President - Hywel Davies ('67 – '74)
 - Treasurer - Steve Way ('65 – '72)
 - Secretary - Pam Bashford ('74 – '02)
 - Membership Secretary - Peter Samuel ('59 – '66)
 - Communication Co-ordinators: Facebook – Steve Way ('65 – '72); Zoom and Teams - Phil Stone ('59 – '66)
 - Website Administrators – Pam Bashford ('74 – '02) and Phil Stone ('59 – '66)

No other nominations have been received for Officers of the Association.

Members who have indicated their willingness to serve on the Committee during in the coming year include: Roger Williams ('58 – '65); Jeff Vaughan ('58 – '63); Rob Mitchell ('72 – '76); John Walters ('61 – '69); Keith Ferguson ('58 – '63); David Taylor ('68 – '02)

The Association's thanks are extended to the above and to Margaret Llewelyn and Robert Treharne Jones for giving their time.

8. **IF you have editing skills your Association needs you!** Pam Bashford, working with a designer at Brynymor Digital Press, stood in as editor for TOD 45; it is not intended that she maintains this role going forward. If you think you can help and wish to know more about the role, please do not hesitate to contact her on pam_bashford@hotmail.com. Grateful thanks to Francis Morgan for use of the magazine template he designed and used for the previous nine copies of TOD. We are likely to require a new Secretary if a new editor cannot be found.

9. A motion to make the following staff of UWTSD Honorary Members of the Association was passed: Caroline Thraves, Ian Simmonds and Prof. Elwen Evans.

10. Information on ODA Activities:

i. ODA donations:

Last year a significant sum was received from a Dy'vorian, Year of 1968, which resulted in the introduction of the 'Dynevor Days' initiative. Over the next three years pupils in Year 6 in a cluster of Swansea primary schools will enjoy an outdoor learning experience paid for or significantly subsidised by the donation. A [website](#) has been set up for schools and pupils to share their experiences. It was noted that one of the Association's aims is to take an interest in supporting educational development in Swansea, this initiative meets this aim very well.

Four donations have been made, each for £100, to: Everyone Deserves a Christmas (Mal Pope's nominated charity), All Saints Church, Mumbles (the charity requested by Stuart Batcup); The Samaritans (Peter Phillips' Charity) and to Young Carers Swansea.

The President's Award for 2024 has been presented to five students at the UWTSD.

The Committee has agreed to make a further £100 donation to local charities in the each of the next three years.

ii. A coffee morning was held on 20th January, another one is being considered for the autumn.

iii. Annual Golf Day at Clyne is planned to take place on 17th May, however this will depend on the number of participants who sign up.

iv. Annual ODA Dinner will be held at the Village Hotel 17th May.

v. The website's menu has been updated incorporating three previous items under one heading: 'Photographs'. At the same time a new sub-section for photos from currently Unidentified Years has been introduced. Work is ongoing to ensure 'Photographs' appears on the menu of mobile devices.

vi. A visit to the Penderyn Swansea Copperworks Distillery with an optional visit to Hafod Morfa Copperworks is being planned for either the 18th or 25th September and a curry night, possibly on 21st October. The latter will be in aid of Action Aid.

vii. The Joint Lecture is being arranged for Wednesday 2nd October, to be delivered by Jo Ashburner Farr at Dynevor and online. Jo is a business woman; was a pupil at Dynevor and a student at the UWTSD.

It is evident that the ODA Committee is working to develop a full social calendar.

11. Any Other Business: No questions were received for discussion at the AGM.

The meeting closed at: 3.50pm