

OLD DY'VORIANS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR 2024-5
Held on Thursday, 24th April 2025, at 3.15 pm (BST)
in Dynevor, Lecture Theatre 1 and online via Teams
MINUTES

1. Present: Andrew Clemen (Chair) (AC), Gareth Payne (GP), David Taylor (DT), Phil Stone (PSt), John Walters (JW), Peter Samuel (PSa), Pam Bashford (PB), John Summerwill (JS), Anthony Atherton (AA)
2. Apologies for Absence: Tudor Price, Hywel Davies, Keith Ferguson, Jeff Vaughan
3. The Minutes of the 2024 AGM held on 15th April 2024 were approved.
4. Matters Arising:
 - Prof. Elwen Evans, Vice Chancellor UWTSD; Caroline Thraves, Academic Director of Art Media; and Ian Simmonds, Lecturer at Dynevor, have been made Honorary Members of the Association in recognition of their ongoing support for ODA activities.
 - Update: Attempts to secure a new editor for The Dy'vorian has been successful. We are pleased to announce that John Summerwill (JS) has agreed to edit the magazine, PB will continue as acquiring editor. Thanks were extended to JS.
5. Officers' Reports
 - **President**
 - **Secretary**
 - **Treasurer** for year ending 31/12/2024

The Audited Financial Statements and Reports may be found on the ODA Website at:
<https://dynevorrevisited.org.uk/agm-documents/>

The Audited Financial Statements for 31/12/2024 were accepted.

6. The Association wishes to record its appreciation for the late Steve Way's amazing work for the ODA, having been Treasurer for 17 years.
Thanks, are again extended to **Mr. Robert Howells** as Auditor to the Association; he has been particularly supportive this year.
7. To confirm the appointment of the following Committee Officers:
President - Gareth Payne ('69 – '75)
Vice-President - **To be announced**
Past President - Andrew Clemen ('73 – '78)
Treasurer – **Vacant position**
Secretary - Pam Bashford ('74 – '02)
Membership Secretary - Peter Samuel ('59 – '66)
Communication Co-ordinators: Facebook, Zoom and Teams - Phil Stone ('59 – '66), and Mailchimp - Pam Bashford ('74 – '02) temporary role.
Website Administrators – Pam Bashford ('74 – '02) and Phil Stone ('59 – '66)

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

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

The Association's thanks are extended to the above, similarly to Roger Williams ('58 – '65) who has stepped down from the committee having served as our archivist; to Stuart Batcup ('56 – '63) who has retired as our Annual Dinner MC - John Walters will take over the role this year, and to Margaret Llewelyn ('84 – '02) who continues to support Jeff Vaughan organising the Annual Dinner. Best wishes are extended to Robert Treharne Jones for his ongoing recovery.

8. ODA Accounts 2025:

- a. Committee members, along with Margaret Llewelyn, are currently overseeing different aspects of the accounts.
- b. Andrew Clemes has written to members seeking a new treasurer. As no response has been received the means to fill the role was raised at the Committee Meeting prior to the AGM.

Agreement:

- To appoint a person with financial qualifications outside of the organisation to act as treasurer.
- The committee will make enquiries and will look for possible ways to streamline the accounts.

9. ODA Activities:

a. Donations:

Dynevor Days

Year 6 pupils from five Swansea primary schools enjoyed exciting outdoor learning experiences funded by the significant sum received from a generous benefactor. The first year of the 'Dynevor Days' initiative, academic year 2023-24, was even more successful and impactful than anticipated. Staff and pupils concurred they had the best school trip ever.

Schools received waterproof cameras, one per Year 6 class, in order to record the activities.

Photos and pupils' impressions can be viewed on the Dynevor Days [website](#). Participating schools have planned this academic year's adventures - photos etc will be posted on the Dynevor Days website before the end of the summer term.

Additional funding enabled the ODA to donate £500 to Crug Glas and Pen-Y-Bryn - two local schools for children with additional needs.

Three donations have been made, each for £100, to: Homeless Pembrokeshire (Jo Ashburner's nominated charity), Women's Studies Appeal – Jesus College Oxford (requested by Hywel Davies); and to Talking Hands Swansea, a youth club for hearing impaired children.

£250 has been donated to the Wales Air Ambulance in Steve Way's memory.

Andrew Clemes will present the President's Award to UWTSD students at the Graduates' Summer Show on 16th May, which will be his last role as president.

- b. A visit was made to the Penderyn Swansea Copperworks Distillery including a visit to the Hafod Morfa Copperworks in September and a Curry Night held in November; the latter raised £133 for Action Aid.
- c. Two coffee mornings have been held in Dynevor Café since the last AGM, another is being considered for the coming autumn.

- d. The ODA Annual Dinner will be held at the Village Hotel on 9th May, 2025 - 99 bookings have been received to date.
 - e. The decision has been made to drop the Golf Day Competition and Joint ODA/UWTSD Annual Lecture from our calendar. Despite the committee's best attempts the events failed to attract sufficient interest for the past two years.
 - f. NetBop has been appointed to maintain our website and ensure it is secure. Thanks are extended to John Ashley, the outgoing webmaster.
It was noted that the first ODA website was set up by Dave Tovey and Andrew Downey, the latter is the owner of NetBop and knows the site.
Further changes are being considered to the website to improve its appearance and accessibility.
10. Any Other Business: No questions were submitted previously for discussion at the meeting.
JS was formally welcomed to the 'fold'.
Appreciation extended to AC and PB for the work they have undertaken this year - it has been especially busy.

The meeting closed at: 3.45 pm

Date of next meeting: to be announced