

Stockdale Trust Association

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT and NEWSLETTER No. 11

December 2014

Dear Supporter,

Our last AGM was in April 2012, somewhat of a misnomer as they seem to happen only occasionally rather than annually, but more of that later!

Since then displays have been mounted at the Remembrance Day Parades at the School in 2012, 2013 and, most recently, 2014. The last being held in the new dining hall extension enabling easier access through the new wider double doors and more space for the exhibits and greater circulation space for the Centarians, Old Finchleians, cadets and their parents who attend. At the last display there was also a video of the cadets' recent attendance at the Poppy Planting at the Tower of London. This video can be seen on the CRA's web site. Go to www.c-r-a.org.uk and click on "Events" and then "Remembrance 2014".



The membership of the Association has remained fairly constant at around 22 with some comings and goings over nearly 32 years since its inaugural meeting on 30th April 1983. Subscriptions, which we are happy should remain at £5 per annum, include a generous donation from the school which values the contribution that the Trust makes to the history of the school. The new Headteacher, Mr Samson Olusanya has become an enthusiastic supporter of the aims of the Trust. This income has enabled us to maintain and renew the display material and to purchase more display boards upon which to mount it.

These new boards have portrayed photographs of recent unit activities including The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Parade in 2012 which included the re-dedication of our Colours and the lining of the steps into Westminster Abbey at the Civic Service there in July 2013.

One of the significant purchases recently was that of a trolley which has been put to good use to convey the (now) many display boards from the Trust Store next to the cadet HQ down to the dining hall and, more significantly, back up the hill afterwards. This was financed by a contribution from Brian Fuller which arose from a chance sale of some old WW2 paratrooper steel helmets (never throw anything away!!). Thanks to Steve Harding who arranged this sale via e-bay and also the sale of some old cloth uniform badges that belonged to Pat Crick (from Tony Stockdale's original collection), the money raised has been kindly donated to the Trust.



The Trust remains indebted to Mick Crick for all the work which he puts in to research, enhance and display the collection which continues to grow thanks to the photographs and memories donated by many former cadets for which we are very grateful.

Pat Crick continues to look after our funds which currently stand at £1079.64. (See Balance Sheet attached)

The committee currently consists of	Chairman:	Brian Fuller
	Treasurer:	Patricia Crick
	Secretary:	Mick Crick
	CRA Rep:	John Bowra
	Unit Rep:	LtCol Jon Walden

I hope that you will agree that we have tried to keep the membership up to date with developments via the previous ten newsletters over the years and that you can also agree we have used your subscription to good account and we thank you for your continued support. However, our rules require us to hold an annual general meeting and we have clearly failed to achieve this.

In view of the fact that our "membership" is scattered far and wide and coupled with the challenge of actually hosting a general meeting, your committee intend to overcome this failure by, in future, holding a "virtual" AGM via electronic means i.e by e-mail as most of us have been hauled into the new white-hot digital age by the necessity of on-line shopping or on the insistence of our offspring!

So, please take this newsletter as our bid to hold our first Virtual Annual General Meeting.

The first virtual AGM will take place on 31st December 2014 (two weeks' notice being required!).

There are 5 items on the Agenda.

- (1) To receive the Chairman's Report in the form of (this) Newsletter No.11.
- (2) To receive the Financial Report in the form of the attached Balance Sheet
- (3) To re-elect your Committee. This will be taken as read unless anyone else offers their services.
- (4) To accept the amendment to our Rules, viz **ANNUAL MEETING This will be in the form of a "virtual" AGM via e-mail (or other mutually acceptable means) to elect the committee and to confirm the accounts of the Association.**
- (5) Any other business. An opportunity for you to raise any issues.

Please respond to this e-mail by 31st December to confirm your acceptance of this proposal and to raise any issues.

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Statement of Account 1st April 2012 to 30th November 2014

		Income	Expenditure	Balance
1st April 2012	Cash in Bank			401.84
April	1 x S/O	100.00		
June	12 x S/O @ £5	60.00		
	2 x S/O @£10	20.00		
July	1 x S/O @£5	5.00		
December	3 x S/O @£5	15.00		
January	2 x S/O @ £5	10.00		
	1 x S/O @ £20	20.00		
March	Purchase of storage boxes		55.20	
	Sub Total	230.00	55.20	174.80
31st March 2013	Balance			576.64
1st April 2013	Cash in Bank			576.64
April	1 x S/O	100.00		
June	12 x S/O @ £5	60.00		
	2 x S/O @£10	20.00		
July	1 x S/O @£5	5.00		
November	Purchase of gravel (ground improvement)		16.14	
December	2 x S/O @£5	10.00		
January	2 x S/O @ £5	10.00		
	1 x S/O @ £20	20.00		
February	Purchase of website domain address		25.90	
	Purchase of display cards & sundries		19.80	
	Sub Total	225.00	61.84	163.16
31st March 2014	Balance			739.80
1st April 2014	Cash in Bank			739.80
April	1 x S/O	100.00		
June	12 x S/O @ £5	60.00		
	2 x S/O @£10	20.00		
	Donation (Pat Crick)	185.00		
July	1 x S/O @£5	5.00		
November	Purchase of wood (container improvement)		30.16	
	Sub Total	370.00	30.16	339.84
30th November	Balance			1079.64