

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT and NEWSLETTER No 10

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Stockdale Trust Association

Dear Supporter,

It is some time since we have held an Annual General Meeting but at a committee Meeting held last December it was decided that we ought to hold one to give you, the members/supporters, the opportunity to have your say and to be assured that your membership contributions are being put to good use and to allow the accounts to be reviewed. It will also allow you to vote for a new committee. The current membership raises a regular income of just over £200 annually and this has enabled regular purchases of display materials, new display boards and, of course, the major investment in 2005 of a storage facility at the school. The current balance stands at £371.

The membership of the Association has remained fairly constant at around 22 with some comings and goings over nearly 29 years since its inaugural meeting on 30th April 1983. I hope that you will agree that we have tried to keep the membership up to date with developments via the previous nine newsletters over this time.

Regular displays have been mounted every year at Cadet functions; each year at Remembrance Sunday at the School and on alternate years at MOD Biennial Inspections when a succession of Inspecting Officers never fail to be impressed by the history of the cadets at Christ's College. In addition special displays have been mounted at commemorative occasions such as the 100th anniversary of the formation of the Rifle Club in 2004.

In November 2007 the Trust, together with the School, mounted a major display in the old school hall at Hendon Lane on the occasion of the School's 150th Anniversary. Photographs of this can be seen on the CRA's web site. Go to www.c-r-a.org.uk and click on "Events" in the menu bar.



In December 2011 the association mounted its largest and most impressive display to date when it spread almost its entire collection around the Old Finchleians' Clubhouse at Southover. This was to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the formation of the cadet unit as a Combined Cadet Force and again photos feature on the CRA website. The event coincided with Arthur Banham's birthday and the ladies provided a splendid tea and, of course, a birthday cake!

Your committee recently reviewed the original Constitution and Rules of the Association and concluded that no change is necessary except the addition of a second "Aim": **"To research the names of those recorded on the two War Memorials of the School"**. This reflects the work carried out, mainly by Mick Crick, which has resulted in a major addition to the display material recording the visits made to various CWGC graves and memorials of both World Wars.

The Trust remains indebted to Mick Crick for all the work that he puts in to research, enhance and display the collection.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, the 3rd and 4th of April, members of the committee (and anyone else willing to help) will be carrying out a complete review of all the Trust's material. This will take place in the cadet hut during the Easter school holiday and will be followed on the evening of **Wednesday 4th April** by the **Annual General Meeting at 85 Ashurst Road, Friern Barnet, N12 9AU**.

The committee will up for election.
Currently it consists of Chairman: Brian Fuller
Treasurer: Patricia Crick
Secretary: John Millen
CRA Rep: John Bowra
Unit Rep: LtCol Jon Walden

If anyone would like to join the committee or offer some time or expertise in cataloguing and presenting our ever-growing collection any member of the committee would be pleased to hear from you.