

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Wycliffian Society**  
**12:30pm Saturday, 11 September 2021**  
**Wycliffe Chapel, Wycliffe College, Stonehouse**

**Chairman's Welcome**

The President, John Hughes, welcomed everyone to Wycliffian Day 2021 and to the Annual Meeting which opened at 12:30pm on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

**Apologies**

Paul Etheridge, Robin Kirby, Amanda Jackson, Richard Poulton, John Duncan, Garth Gregory, David Roberts, Michael Ball, Hilary Phelps, Richard Billington, Simon Lloyd (delayed for meeting), Stephanie Lloyd, Martin Angel, Jeremy Nicholas and Jane Naylor.

**The Minutes from the 2019** Annual Meeting were proposed by Fred Ballard, seconded by Peter Daniels and unanimously accepted by those present.

**TWS Management Committee Report**

On reading the Management report of 2019 and those preceding, it was evident the variety of events TWS had organised during the year in question. Sadly, during the last 18 months, most events had been subject to lockdown restrictions and were unable to go ahead.

However, The College went to great lengths to bring OWs virtually into The College Chapel for the traditional Carol service on December 20<sup>th</sup> – a truly moving service. John Hughes thanked all those involved for making this possible.

It was therefore with pleasure, in July this year, that TWS were able to hold a very successful and well attended drinks evening at The Old Lodge Inn, Minchinhampton. An event at The RAC Club in London on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October is planned and possibly another evening at The Old Lodge in November. Plans are also in place to hold TWS traditional Carol Service in the College Chapel on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

As well, the Management Group are in the process of planning a whole range of events for 2022 – suggestions are welcomed.

John Hughes said that unfortunately, the costs of holding events are forever increasing and indicated that the Management Group will be looking at whether it will be necessary for all attendees to make a financial contribution when attending a TWS event. It was noted with interest that many other alumni associations have made the move to charging. The alternative would be to make a charge for membership. Input / opinions from OWs would be appreciated.

As well, the Group are always looking for new venues to hold TWS events. The President asked those who knew of a suitable venue to email [TWS@wycliffe.co.uk](mailto:TWS@wycliffe.co.uk).

John Hughes was delighted to advise the coveted Wycliffian Society annual award went to Sophia Rai in 2019, to Nathan Berrecloth in 2020 and to Charlie Jones in 2021.

When reading The Wycliffe Times, it is evident that there are an increasing number of OWs who are coming back to help The College over a whole range of services and activities. Alumni experience is so important to current pupils, and it is expected that this need will increase. The President thanked all those OWs who have given their time.

Looking to the future, there are quite a few issues facing The Management Group that need to be addressed:

- There is an urgent need to strengthen our Management Group and the Group is actively looking for OWs (alumni) to join us. The Group formally meet a minimum of three times a year, though are all in regular contact in between times. The main purpose is to contribute to the changing needs of the alumni of The College.
  - The Management Group currently comprises: Tom Woods, Stephanie Wynn, Vicki Watson and was joined in February 2020 by Margie Coombs. The College are represented in an ex officio role, by The Headmaster, The Finance Director and TWS Manager.
- The world of communication has changed and continues to do so. It is something the Group have recognised and are currently looking at; how better to communicate with its members, the alumni. Communication tools need to cover the requirements of all members (across all age groups) – bearing in mind there are members who do not embrace social media. The Group is very fortunate in having an OW who is expert in all forms of social media and are pleased that this person will be guiding us over the coming months.
- There are 6360 OWs situated all over the world. However, contact details are available for only 3000 – less than 50%. The Society must have a realistic target of increasing the actual contact list – say 20% per annum. A challenge to The Group.

There are other issues that need to be addressed, but those noted above are the most important, although priorities will undoubtedly change.

On behalf of the Management Group and all OWs, John Hughes gave thanks to Vicks Vicary, TWS Manager, and to Matt Bishop, TWS Administrator, for their joint efforts and hard work (especially to keep the wheels turning through the lockdown period) which has been tremendous. Thanks were also given to Sally Thomas, who at the last minute, stepped in to help TWS in the few days leading up to Wycliffian Day as Matt was off with an injury.

Thanks were also recorded to The Headmaster and his staff for opening The College to the alumni on Wycliffian Day – it is very much appreciated.

John Hughes said he was saddened to advise that Vicks has decided to leave TWS to take another position in The College. During the last three years, as TWS Manager, Vicks has given The Society so much and has provided new inspiration to keep TWS always looking forward. Sincere thanks and wishes were given for success in the future. TWS are in the process of looking for a new Manager.

## **Re-Election / Election of Management Committee Members**

### **Re-election and election of members:**

The President asked for the approval of one new member and the re-election of the current TWS Management Committee. Proposed by J Faulkner, seconded by F Ballard and unanimously agreed by all present.

### **Committee Members**

Interim Chair and President – John Hughes

Management Committee Members – Tom Woods, Stephanie Bagnall, Vicki Watson, Margie Coombs

Ex-officio Members – Nick Gregory, Tom Wood, Vicks Vicary

John Hughes indicated his intention, as it has been for the last three years, to stand down as Interim Chair of TWS. A replacement is actively being sought. Those interested should get in touch with [TWS@wycliffe.co.uk](mailto:TWS@wycliffe.co.uk).

**Financial Report** A copy of the Report was included in the AGM Programme at the meeting and, in Tom Wood's absence, Finance & Operations Director of Wycliffe College, John Hughes advised there was nothing to raise. The Chair gave a vote of thanks to Tom Wood and his staff for dealing with the TWS accounts on behalf of The Society.

### **In Memorium**

The President informed those present that a list of departed Old Wycliffians since 2019 was listed in the programme. He asked all present to join for a moment of silence to remember those OWs we have lost during the past two years.

### **Nominations for Honorary OWs and Associates**

The list of nominees for consideration for Honorary/Life Membership to the Society was tabled by The Chair. This was proposed by P Daniels and seconded by J Faulkner. The list was unanimously agreed by all.

### **AOB**

P Daniels stood to thank John Hughes for his time as President of The Wycliffian Society.

The meeting closed at 13:00, there were 21 attendees.