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*Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at  
Lysses House Hotel, High Street, Fareham on  
7<sup>th</sup> October 2011*

## **PRESENT**

*Michael Croad-Brangwyn (1950-56), Roger Dimmock (1943-53), Roger Ditchburn (1943-53), Charles Evans (1954-58), John Evans (1952-59), Neale Fray (1970-75), David Hicks (1965-72), Victor Hughes (1941-51), Derek Marlow (1961-68), Alec Morris (1946-52), Patrick Nobes (1941-51), David Phelan (1951-58), Michael Peagram (1964-71), Joanne Reed (1976-79), Lou Stamp (1951-55), David Williams (1947-51)*

### **1. Chairman's Introduction**

The Chairman welcomed members. He apologised that a last minute change of room had meant that full disabled access had not be available. He would endeavour to ensure that this did not happen again.

### **2. Apologies**

*Richard Brent (1954-60), Robert Cockbain (1944-52), Roger Ditchburn (1944-50), Peter Hancock (1966-73), Jackie Horn (1978-80), Brian Pearce (1943-48), Roy Pond (1953-57), Tony Purkis (1947-54), Phillip Reynolds (1970-75), David Rudling (1947-58), Roger Starkey (1952-58), John Young (1941-46)*

### **3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

The Minutes were approved.

### **4. Matters arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

### **5. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman's report is attached.

### **6. Secretary's Report**

The Secretary reported that email traffic was notably less than in previous years. There was, however, considerable comment about the sad passing of John Cole. Otherwise, he continued to be surprised by the number of people who "stumble" on the site sometimes whilst researching their family trees, for instance. One enquiry related to a pupil dating from before 1908.

He reported that helped by Geoff Molloy (1967-74) he had been experimenting with a Facebook page which would enable members to post messages directly rather than needing to communicate through the Secretary.

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## 7. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Financial Summary is attached.  
Membership currently stands at 178, down 17 on last year due to death, resignation or suspension. The following members deaths were reported: John Cole (1939-46), Alan Garner (1940-42), Roy Gates (1941-45), Rex Stubbington (1944-51), Howard Williams (1942-48). They will be missed.

## 8. Election of Officers

Two members, Neale Fray and Phillip Reynolds, offered themselves to join as committee members and were duly elected. All present officers were prepared to put themselves forward for re-election and duly re-elected. The Committee is therefore:

President	Patrick Nobes
Chairman	Charles Evans
Hon. Secretary	Michael Peagram
Hon. Treasurer	Michael Croad-Brangwyn
Archivist	Richard Brent
Committee members	John Evans Neale Fray Derek Marlow Brian Pearce Phillip Reynolds David Williams (co-opted)

## 9. Christmas Lunch – RAF Club December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011 at Noon.

Last year's extraordinary snow fall had meant that some members could not leave their drives let alone make the journey to London. The Lunch had, therefore, to be cancelled at short notice. This had resulted in great disappointment for members and the Society having to pay refunds and bear a loss.

It was important that we should have a method of ensuring that members, if in any doubt, could seek confirmation of the status of the event. It was proposed that some designated members would provide a point of contact for last minute news.

This year the Lunch would be at the RAF Club on 3<sup>rd</sup> December at noon. The changes to the VAT had meant that the cost had risen but it was anticipated that the price to members would be similar to last year that is £40 per individual or £75 for a pair of tickets.

## 10. Any Other Business

### Remembrance Day

The President was looking for additional members to read out the names of all, including Priceans, who have fallen from Fareham (approx 800) in conflicts at the Remembrance Day Service held at Trinity Church, Fareham. The moving public service will be held at the War Memorial at the junction of Trinity Street and West Street following a dignified parade along West Street.

Anyone who would be available to take part should contact the Secretary [michael@michaelpegram.com](mailto:michael@michaelpegram.com) and he will pass details to the President.

### Grave of William Price

The Summer Luncheon is programmed to be close to the date of the death of William Price on 31<sup>st</sup> May 1725. At the short memorial service held at the graveside it was noted that the inscription was becoming hard to decipher. There was discussion about what could be done to refurbish the grave but it was clear that this might involve the need for a Church Faculty which would be expensive and time-consuming. The first step would be to try to see what the new Vicar thought of the idea.

### Housing at the School site

David Williams told the meeting that a brief history of Price's School had been produced to distribute to those householders living on the former site in Park Lane. It explained the background to the school and its headmasters.

**Keeping in touch**

The President apologised for raising a morbid point but he noted that news of the passing of an Old Pricean was often not reported until well after the event. He wondered whether there might be a way that we could ensure that we received timely news. Members might consider instructing friends how to contact the Society.

**Howard Williams**

David Williams mentioned that following the sad passing of his brother Howard in Canada he was very pleased to report that not only had Howard's military career been honoured but also his schooling at Prices.

**Electronic correspondence**

Victor Hughes questioned whether it might be more economical to move away from paper and postage towards electronic documents especially for members based overseas. The Treasurer noted that duplicating costs were often cheaper for larger quantities but it might be worth asking whether members would find it convenient.

**Fareham Hockey Club Cup**

Investigations are in hand to see if it is possible to present a cup to Fareham Hockey Club, preferably one of the old School cups, if it can be arranged.

**11. Dates for Future Meetings**

Members were reminded that The Society would be holding its usual London Lunch at the RAF Club, Piccadilly, London on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December at noon when all would be welcome with their partners.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 11.50 am and members retired for lunch.

Next gathering:

**London Christmas Dinner**  
**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December - RAF Club, Piccadilly at Noon**