

Honourable Secretary's Report 2026

In addition to our usual gatherings, a major achievement for 2026 was the completion and publication of Lion Pride.

“Lion Pride”

The Society of Old Priceans is delighted to report that the Lion Pride files have now been published recording an assortment of subjects relating to Prices School and College, especially at the Park Lane site.

There are 24 chapters and they may be found on the website here:

<https://www.societyofoldpriceans.co.uk/Lion%20Pride.html>.

Three printed versions extending to three volumes have been purchased with a view to them being presented to Fareham Library's local history section and Hampshire County Council's Records Office. The third copy was presented to David Goldring who master-minded the work, ably assisted by Ken Raby, Paul Gover and a host of other contributors.

Our events began with:

Remembrance Sunday

Once again our valiant President laid the wreath at the War Memorial at Trinity Church, Fareham and the team of readers, organised by Derek Marlow, recited the names of those in Fareham who were commemorated on memorials in the district.

Christmas Lunch

Sqn Ldr Ian Virgo kindly hosted the Society at the historic President's Room at the RAF Club, Piccadilly. A full room of members and guests heard a presentation by Sheryl Green, an expert on the WWII intelligence services organised through Derek Marlow.

She gave a deeply moving talk about the incredibly brave female Allied Intelligence Agents who were parachuted into France, often from Tangmere. She explained that every agent was given detailed information about the type of treatment they could expect if captured but they went any way and many did not return.

Summer Luncheon

We met at the tomb of William Price to honour our founder and were especially pleased that the Mayor of Fareham who laid the wreath was Cllr Tina Ellis supported by her consort, Robert, both of whom were Old Priceans.

Our lunch was held at Lysses House Hotel where the Mayor gave a very personal talk reflecting on her life after Prices.

Following her talk, the Mayor presented a copy of the printed Lion Pride to David Goldring to record the Society's thanks for his dedicated work over many years.

Membership

The membership is currently about 188.

Deaths

We were notified about the passing of the following:

Robert (Bob) McDowell – who left Prices in 1975.

Tony Cawte – born in 1929 and became an Engineer on Cunard liner, Mauretania and Queen Mary later resident in the USA.

Martin Newbury (1964-1971) – an outstanding Chess player who represented Hampshire at school and senior levels and held a high national chess ranking throughout his life. He reportedly died shortly after leaving his local chess club.

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