

MINUTES
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THE OLD FELICIANS' CLUB
Saturday 17 June 2017, 2.30 pm at Saint Felix School

PRESENT	Miss Fran D'Alcorn (Chairman), Mrs. Caroline MacMillan (Secretary), Mrs. Elizabeth Strowlger (Committee Member), Mrs. Sylvia Hillier (Committee Member), Mrs. Margaret Angus, Miss Rachel Booth, Mrs. Maggie Boswell, Mrs. Georgie Buxton, Mrs. Margaret Thomas.
IN ATTENDANCE	Mr. James Harrison, Headmaster of Saint Felix School, Ronan Tang, Head Boy.
APOLOGIES	Mrs. Janet Buchanan-Smith (Life President), Mrs. Jean McArthur (Membership Secretary), Mrs. Deborah Digby (Committee Member), Lady Christina Walmsley (Committee Member), Mrs. Erica de Courcy (Committee Member), Mrs. Carol Smithers (Committee Member), Mrs Muff Dudgeon, Mrs. Kay May, Miss Zena Tibbenham, Mrs. Judith Fairey, Mrs. Liz Thomas, Miss Naomi Tarawali, Mrs. Pat Thoburn.
WELCOME	The Chairman welcomed Old Felicians and those in attendance to the 116th Annual General Meeting of the Old Felicians' Club.
MINUTES	The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2016 were agreed by members to be a true record and were duly signed by the Chairman.
MATTERS ARISING	There were no matters arising from these minutes.
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT	<p>The Chairman requested that it be put on record that Mrs. Elizabeth Strowlger, Miss Rachel Booth and Mrs. Caroline MacMillan arranged a most successful Old Felicians' Weekend in June 2016. She also thanked the Committee and Old Felicians for their generous gifts on her retirement as Head Mistress of the school.</p> <p>Under the chairmanship of Elizabeth Strowlger the Old Felicians' Club has flourished and new members have been recruited. There has been a smooth transmission in taking over the chair and the Secretary, Mrs. Caroline MacMillan has kept her up to date with club matters. Miss D'Alcorn thanked Mrs. Sylvia Hiller for holding committee meetings at her London house.</p> <p>She has attended several OF reunions including one at the Marylebone restaurant in London and a splendid lunch at the Leander Rowing Club in Henley on Thames. Several more OF gatherings have been reported on Facebook.</p>

	The Chairman invited the Headmaster to address the meeting.
HEADMASTER'S REPORT	Mr. James Harrison informed the meeting that the school celebrates its 120 th anniversary this year, a special event recently took place and pupils were dressed in uniforms from various eras worn by pupils since 1910 and this was featured in the Lowestoft Journal. Current pupils have asked that cloaks be re-introduced. It has been a good first year and he has also been able to teach Latin for 50% of the time; his three children now attend the school. In the coming school year there will be two head girls instead of one head girl and one head boy. Numbers remain steady with 198 in the Senior School and 88 Prep and Pre-Prep, the ratio of boys/girls is approximately 50/50. However, new pupils are joining all the time and Reception numbers have doubled for the forthcoming year and Saint Felix is now regarded as the 'first choice' local school. Overseas pupils come from Tanzania, Spain, Germany, Hong Kong, France and Russia. Several Old Felicians have visited the school, OFs are always most welcome.
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT	The Membership Secretary sent her apologies for not attending the meeting, only the second one she has missed since 1990. She emailed her report which records that membership of the Old Felicians' Club has increased in the last year from 1591 to 1605. 62 OFs are happy to receive the newsletter by email. Twenty-six copies of the January newsletter were returned as well as a few emailed versions. Five deaths have been reported recently and these were all OFs who were at school prior to the Second World War. Eighteen changes of address have been received.
TREASURER'S REPORT	No Treasurer for the Club has been appointed and Mrs. Elizabeth Strowlger continues to monitor the accounts and make payments as they fall due. Due to her recent serious illness there was no formal Treasurer's Report but at 8 th March 2017 the Club's funds were as follows: £2,569.22 was held in the Current Account, £5,031.74 the Liquidity Manager 95 Day Account (which pays approximately £1 interest per month) and £2,975.99 in the Business Reserve Account (which pays even less interest). Total funds: £10,576.95. The Club has received the annual contribution of £500 from the school.
SECRETARY'S REPORT	Mrs. Caroline MacMillan reported the Regional Representatives continue obtaining email addresses and arranging informal local gatherings. Alex How has taken on Buckinghamshire, Helen McKenzie Cumbria, Jane Evans Hampshire, Sue Hitchcox Oxfordshire and Deborah Digby is no longer Regional

	<p>Representative for the Middle East as she now lives in England but had taken on responsibility for Yorkshire.</p> <p>She attended The Association of Representatives of Old Pupil's Societies' AGM and dinner at Queen's Gate School, London and also joined an AROPS networking session at St. Paul's Boys School.</p> <p>The Secretary was involved in helping organise the 2016 OF weekend and supported the organisers of a London Lunch and also the one held at Henley on Thames. Much time is taken dealing with OF queries and submitting news for the newsletter. The OF section on the school's web site is kept up-to-date.</p>
RE-ELECTION OF OFFICERS & MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE	<p>Rachel Booth has stepped down from the committee due to other commitments. The remaining members of the committee all put themselves forward for re-election, this was proposed by Mrs. Margaret Amory and seconded by Mrs. Maggie Boswell.</p>
ANY OTHER BUSINESS	<p>Discussion took place regarding the state of the Sunken Garden, the club has pledged to give £200 towards new plants. Whilst some gardening work has already been undertaken, more needs to be done. Elizabeth Strowlger will speak to Mrs. Pat Thoburn whose nephew is a landscape gardener in East Anglia. Both Mrs. Maggie Boswell and Mrs. Sylvia Hillier said they would be prepared to donate money towards renovation of the garden which was founded by Miss Silcox during the time their mothers were pupils at Saint Felix. It was agreed to put an appeal in the next Newsletter requesting donations.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the Committee members for all their work during the year and Mrs. Margaret Angus for providing tea after this meeting.</p> <p>There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting concluded at 3.20 p.m.</p>
DATE OF NEXT MEETING	<p>12th March 2018 in London.</p>