

HATFIELD ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 67th Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at 10.00 a.m. in the Chapel, on Saturday, 29th June 2013.

PRESENT:

B. Raine (President)	The Master	I. Curry	B.Laidler
S.J. East	S. Galway	Cynthia Connolly (Assist. Sec.)	
K. Groves	C. Wood (MCR)	J. Markham	A. Conn
D. Newton	C.R. Packer	Revd. G. Creasey	D. Abram
A. Gray	P. Salaun	R. Stead	B. Hutton
B. Northrop	O.W. Heal	T. Barker	C. Bennett
Stephen Wild	Stuart Wild	T. Gatenby	D. Heard
Revd. M. Stark	G. Jones	C.J. Mountford	A. Tymn
B. Shillaker	D. Robertson	J.C. Woolley	B.J. Wood
J.C.Young (Secretary)	L. Satterswaite (Treasurer of JCR)		

APOLOGIES:

J. Bailey	J. Barber	J. Buckler	A. Butler, Tony
D. Drinkwater	T. Elder	T. Fry	Revd. D. Hicks
G. Hill	N. Long	B. Lonergan	R. Megson
W.A. Moyes	K. Orford	P. Smith	S. Still
S.G.C. Stoker	S. Tuff	B. Wetton	J.F.C. Young
Penny Widdison	P. Wildman	B. Beeley	A. Pridding
C. Goodman	M. O'Hara	M. Gerard	P. Harvey
S. Basnett	A.E. Godley	M. Selina	E. Elton
M. Barker	P. Williams	R. Thatcher	R. Proctor
H. Chambers	N. Hoare	M. Enstone	B. Irwin
Sophie Enstone (née Smithson)		Yolande Wright	J. Calvert
J. De Martino			

DEATHS:

It was with deep regret that the meeting learned of the death of the following members since the last meeting:

David Jerold (Jerry) Dyson died on 2 May 2011
Tom Cain (1949-52) died on 7 December 2012
Dr. George Calvin ((1953-59) died on 22 February 2013
Revd. Dr. George F.C. Denning (1959-62) died on 28 October 2012
Dave Gibbons (1956-59) died on 2 July 2012
Dr. Ken Giles (1963-66) died on 10 March 2012
Dr. John Golden (1944-47) died on 31 January 2012
John Hughes died on 11 November 2012
Graham Jakeman (1986-89) died on 18 June 2012
Basil Lebof (1943-46) died on 18 June 2012
Donald Mayes (1948-51) University notified of death on 15 March 2013
Michael Mee (1947-48 RAF Short Course) died on 14 December 2011
John Moss (1942-46) died on 3 July 2012
Eric Parkinson (1960-64) died in June 2012
Adrian A.G. Robinson (1947-49) died on 30 May 2012

Dr. Joseph Smartt death notified by daughter June 2013
Alan J. Willey (1944-47) died peacefully on 1 October 2013
Graham Winter ((1967-70) died on 21 February 2013
John Lindley (College Tutor) death notified on 27 June 2013
Dr. Brian Dobson (1955-58) former Treasurer of the Association died on 12 July 2012)

The meeting stood in silence in memory of the above-named members of the Association and in recognition of their various and valued contributions to the College and the University.

711. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Saturday, 1st September 2012 were accepted as a correct record with two minor amendments and duly signed by the President.

712. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Minute 697(c) – Senior Tutor – Following the resignation of Dr. Penny Widdison, the Master was delighted to announce that Revd. Anthony Bash had been confirmed as Senior Tutor (half-time) combined with his existing duties as College Chaplain.

713. PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS:

- (i) The President recorded his personal thanks to Patrick Salaun for deputising for him at the previous two meetings of the Executive for the past two years. He also recorded his appreciation of the hard work done by the Hon. Secretary, the Assistant Secretary and the College Archivist, Arthur Moyes on behalf of the Association, as well as the most generous support shown by the Master in all Association endeavours. Special mention was made of the wonderful work done by Tony Gray as our most proactive representative on College Council and latterly as our temporary Hon. Treasurer over the past twelve months, which included a most successful Formal Dinner in February.
- (ii) The President was pleased to announce that the Master's portrait had been completed within budget and was now hanging in the dining hall. The Master was pleased with the likeness which had been executed by Paul Keirstad, a Norwegian national, currently Artist in Residence at St. Cuthbert's Society.

714. MASTER'S BUSINESS:

- (i) The Master offered a warm welcome to so many alumni attending this year's reunion, and hoped that the University Open Day and the tail-end of congregation would not detract from the enjoyment of the weekend.
- (ii) He noted that during the year, The College Chaplain, Revd. Anthony Bash, had taken on additional responsibilities as Senior Tutor. He regarded this as a "most excellent appointment.
- (iii) During the summer vacation the Kitchens, servery and dining room would be reconfigured and refurbished at a cost in excess of £1.6m.
- (iv) Over the next 18 months, the College would be embarking on a significant fundraising campaign to lay the foundation for future redevelopments which would include the boilerhouse site.
- (v) The Master gave a brief review of the College during the last academic year, noting that the academic, sporting and cultural life continued to be in good heart. He would be providing more specific details of the highlights in his 'state of the Nation' address at the Reunion dinner.

- (vi) Notwithstanding his pleasure in noting that so many members had returned to Hatfield for this year's reunion, he was concerned there were so few younger members and particularly *alumne* present. He regarded this to be a critical challenge for the Association over the coming years.

715. SECRETARY'S BUSINESS:

- (i) The Hon. Secretary once again recorded his sincere thanks to the Assistant Secretary for her sterling efforts on behalf of the Association, and in particular her impeccable organisation of the Reunion Weekend. He was also stated that he was indebted to Tony Gray, who most valiantly stepped into the breach to take on the critical role of temporary Hon. Treasurer following last year's AGM.
- (ii) The Hon. Secretary stated that he had attempted to contact all members of the Executive Committee and in particular the regional and decade representatives, to confirm their willingness and capacity to continue to undertake their respective responsibilities. The meeting accepted the revised list of Executive members willing to stand for re-election for the 2013-14 year.
- (iii) During the preceding twelve months, he had continued to keep in contact with a considerable number of Association members, and in some cases their widows, both in the UK and overseas by informal lunches, phone and e-mails. He had also liaised with his contemporaries and the widow of Rennie Barnes, who died in April 2012, for the installation of an inscribed garden bench in the Botanic Gardens in Nairobi where he had resided for many years.
- (iv) He also gave notice that having served 50 years as a College 'scrivener'- 6 years as Secretary of SCR, and 44 years as Hon Sec. of the Association - it was unlikely that he would be seeking re-election in 2014.

716. ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S BUSINESS:

- (a) The Assistant Secretary informed the meeting that further refurbishment of College Properties during the Summer vacation in 2014 would mean that the Reunion could not take place in September. It was likely that the only available dates would be 27th-29th June, although Cynthia agreed to discuss the possibility of holding the Reunion on the weekend before Congregation with the Master. Tony Gray was keen to have the dates firmed up so that alumni from the 2001-04 cohort could start making plans to meet in Durham to mark the tenth anniversary of their graduation.

717. TREASURER'S BUSINESS:

The Hon. Treasurer outlined the main features of the accounts of the Association for the previous 12 months (*copy filed with the minutes*):

- (a) The accounts for 2013-14 suggested an operating surplus in the region of £6,500. However it was recognised that the postage costs in respect of sending out two issues of the *The Hatfield Record*, had fallen due in the current financial year, and had yet to be paid.
- (b) A loss of approximately £50 on the Winter Dinner was matched by a surplus of £105 from the Reunion.
- (c) £3,000 had been paid in respect of the Master's portrait in June 2013, with a further sum provided for the framing of same.
- (d) The 3.5% war stock ('The Crimea campaign?') had performed less well than in previous years, losing £25 (approximately 12%) of its value.

Members were most concerned that in spite of a number of approaches to the University by the Assistant Secretary no invoices for postage charges in respect of the previous two issues of *The Record*

had apparently been forthcoming, which made it impossible to appreciate the true financial health of the Association. The Hon. Treasurer had been instructed to investigate the situation as a matter of some urgency. The meeting agreed to record a notional provision of £9,000 to be made to cover the above costs.

In light of the likely significant inflation of postage and in other expenditure heads, the meeting agreed to increase the one-off membership subscription for freshers from £21 to £25. The JCR Treasurer commented that he considered this increase to be reasonable under the circumstances

The meeting confirmed that a donation of £250 should be made to the JCR towards the purchase of audio equipment of the Junior Common Room, and a contribution of £100 to the MCR to assist with the purchase of kitchen equipment for the Common Room in James Barber House. Additionally, a box of chocolates or bouquet of flowers would be presented to the Hon. Auditor, Mrs Sandra Ruskin in recognition of her continuing efforts on behalf of the Association.

The meeting approved the accounts, coupled with a sincere vote of thanks to the Hon. Treasurer, Tony Gray, who had valiantly stepped into the breach following the last Reunion.

718. EDITORS OF THE HATFIELD RECORD BUSINESS:

- (a) Once again the meeting expressed its unreserved congratulations to the Hon. Editors for producing yet another “outstanding publication”, which remained a pivotal vehicle for maintaining contact with members
- (b) Cynthia said she had already received a considerable number of positive comments about the 2013 issue of *The Record*, and to date there had only been 32 returns.

719. REPRESENTATIVE ON COLLEGE COUNCIL’S BUSINESS:

- (a) Tony Gray reported that he had duly attended the three College Council meetings during the past academic year, and had arranged a second Association sponsored Formal in College in the Epiphany Term. Approximately ten alumni had attended as well as approximately 60 current members of College at the reception and quiz in the Birley Room following the meal.
- (b) Tony drew the meeting’s attention to the fact that 2016 would mark the 70th anniversary of the Association and the 170th of the founding of the College.
- (c) Tony reported that at a recent meeting, the Chairman of College Council, Richard Burge (1982), had offered to do all he could to support the activities of the Association. In particular, he would be able to arrange a reception and tour of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office for a small band of Hatfield alumni sometime in the coming months. This offer was enthusiastically welcomed by the meeting. Tony agreed to accept the offer and facilitate the event.

720. PRESIDENT OF JCR’S BUSINESS:

In the absence of the Senior Man overseas, the Treasurer of JCR, Luke Satterswaite presented a report on the activities of the JCR during the preceding twelve months.

- (a) The College continued to be in excellent heart with the traditional *Lion in Winter Ball*; the Charity Fashion Show; and Hatfield Day being highlights of a hectic social calendar.
- (b) The sports clubs enjoyed success in many of the leagues and trophy competitions this year, with the boat club and hockey being outstanding.
- (c) The jazz band - ‘Kinky Jeff’ – continued to be in great demand both within and outside Hatfield.

The JCR Treasurer thanked the Association for its most generous donation of £250 which would help with the planned refurbishment of the Junior Common Room.

721. THE PRESIDENT OF MCR'S BUSINESS

Chris Wood, as the out-going the President of MCR, provided a verbose report on the activities of the MCR during the previous academic year.

- (a) He reported that during the year, he had worked closely with the College, Hatfield Trust and the Association.
- (b) There were now 225 full-time members of the MCR plus a further 300 part-time postgraduates mostly on distance learning programmes.
- (c) The previous year had seen a re-focussing of MCR activities from James Barber House to Kitchen Stairs, and a number of constitutional changes were currently under consideration.
- (d) A full programme of research seminars and workshops had been arranged, in addition to a number of social events including formal dinners and balls.

722. DIRECTOR OF HATFIELD TRUST'S BUSINESS

The Director, Ian Curry, indicated that a full report of The Trust's activities during the past year had been published in the *Hatfield Record* earlier in the year. He therefore once again confined his verbal report to a limited number of key issues:

- (a) Over £6,000 in travel bursaries and awards to student had been made during the previous academic year.
- (b) Fund-raising continued to be the core activity of The Trust, involving mail-shots, telephone campaigns, the sale of College memorabilia and personal approaches to alumni and parents at graduation.
- (c) Raising the profile of The Hatfield Trust had also been achieved through targeting parents on Freshers' Monday, the production of large advertising boards, and wider advertising.
- (d) The September meeting of London alumni at the Alexander Pub in Clapham was also proving to be a valuable point of contact for the Director in promoting the aims of The Trust.

The Director and his office were applauded for their continuing hard work and dedication on behalf of The Trust.

723. ELECTIONS: 2013-14

The following members were elected to serve as the principal officers of the Association for the year 2013-14.

President	Mr. Brian Raine
Secretary:	Dr. Johnathan Young
Assistant Secretary:	Mrs. Cynthia Connolly
Treasurer:	Mr. Tony Gray
Auditor:	Mrs Sandra Ruskin
Membership Secretary:	Mr. Stephen Galway
 Vice-Presidents:	 Mr. W.A. Moyes, Professor Tim Burt, Canon Peter Brett, Professor James Barber, Mr. Patrick Salaun, Mr. Barrie Wetton, Mr. Sam Stoker,

Mr. Barry Northrop, Professor Bill Heal, Mr. Richard Metcalfe.

Honorary Members: Mrs. Cynthia Connolly, Mrs. Sandra Ruskin, Mr. David Berry

Representative on College Council: Mr. Tony Gray

Editors of Hatfield Record: Professor Tim Burt & Mrs Cynthia Connolly
Janet Raine (technical editor)

Regional Representatives:

North East:	Mr. Arthur Moyes
North West:	Mr. John Woolley
Greater Midlands:	Mr. Andrew Smith
South West:	Mr. Brian Wood
Yorkshire:	Mr. James Young
London & South-East	Mr. Carwyn Cox
Scotland:	Mr. Brian Raine
Northern Ireland	Mr. Stephen Galway
Spain:	Mr. Barry Readman
West Indies	Mr. Ian Blakie
USA	Mr. Jon Smith

Decade Representatives:

<u>Decade</u>	<u>Number of Members Present</u>	<u>Representative(s)</u>
1930	0	Mr. Harry Cullis
1940	6	Mr. Syd East
1950	9	Mr. Geof Cullington
1960	4	Mr. Pat Salaun
1970	6	Mr. Greg Jones & Mr. John Markham
1980	1	Mr. Henry de Salis, Mr. Geof Ellis & Mr. Stephen Galway
1990	0	Mrs. Yolande Wright, Mr. Simon Ward Mr. Andrew Stroud, Mr. Adam Williams
2000	2	Dr. Penny Widdison, Mr Rob Henderson Ms. Sam Dowling, Ms. Stephanie Wood

724. REGIONAL REPORTS:

North East: A select, but congenial, 'Winter Dinner' had been held in College on Friday, 11th January 2013, at which some 20 plus members and guests had enjoyed a most excellent meal in the Senior Common Room. It was proposed that the event would be held on Friday 17th January in 2014.

North West: John Woolley informed the meeting that 14 members had enjoyed a most congenial evening at *Sam's Chop House* in Manchester the previous October. It was planned to hold a similar dinner on 18th October this year at the same venue.

London: The Director of the Trust reported that the fifth informal get-together at the Alexandra Pub in Clapham had been held on Friday 22nd September 2013, and had been well-supported. This year the event would be held on 20th September at the same venue.

Leicester: On Thursday 20th June, Johnathan Young had organised the seventh informal summer luncheon at the University of Leicester which was attended by eight Hatfield alumni. It had been agreed that a similar event should be held in 2014.

Northern Ireland: Stephen Galway reported that Brian Irwin had hosted an informal and most convivial dinner at his local rugby club, at which five members had been present.

There were no formal regional reports from London, Scotland, the South Coast, Yorkshire, The Greater Midlands or the South-West.

725. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

It was confirmed that the next Reunion weekend would be held between Friday, 27th and Sunday 29th June 2014. (*NOTE: Following the AGM, the College advised that the dates proposed were not available, accordingly a booking for the following weekend – Friday 4th to Sunday 6th July - was made*).

726. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Stephen Wild reported that he had made some progress in attracting advertising revenue. Three local firms had submitted advert which appear in the current issue of *The Hatfield Record*.
- (b) The Data Protection Act. Current members of College had been asked to give formal permission for their personal contact details to be kept on a computer database to facilitate contact with the Association. So far 93 out of 200 had signed up.
- (c) Tony Gray noted that 2016 would be the 170th anniversary of the founding of Hatfield College and the 70th anniversary of the re-emergence of Hatfield as an autonomous body after the Second World War. The meeting appointed Tony to form a small sub-committee to formulate plans for a special anniversary reunion to mark this special occasion.
- (d) Stephen Galway stated that he had continued to investigate various ways to raise the profile of the Association, including the development of a dedicated web-site to facilitate easier communication with the membership. The meeting agreed to make available a 'reasonable' sum of money to pump-prime this initiative.
- (e) Michael Stark noted that the entrance to the Chapel was looking rather like a "garden shed rather than a place of worship". It was agreed that the College should be approached to see if the entrance door in particular could be sanded down and given a couple of coats of varnish. The Secretary agreed to take up the matter with the Chaplain and/or the Master on behalf of the Association.

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 12.00 noon.

Date **Signature**
HAT-AGM(2013)

The Constitution of the Hatfield Association

1. The Association shall be called the Hatfield Association.
2. All members and officers of Hatfield College, Durham shall be eligible for membership.
3. The aims of the Hatfield Association shall be to further the educational interests and welfare of the College, and to support the Hatfield Trust.
4. The functions of the Hatfield Association shall be:
 - (a) to organise an annual reunion of Hatfield College alumni in Durham;
 - (b) to publish the 'Hatfield Record';
 - (c) to promote regional activities of its members;
 - (d) to appoint an independent Honorary Auditor;
 - (e) to produce annually an independently audited set of accounts;
 - (f) to nominate a representative of the Association to serve on College Council.
5. The officers of the Association shall be:
 - (a) The President
 - (b) The President-elect
 - (c) The Vice-presidents
 - (d) The Honorary Secretary
 - (e) The Honorary Assistant Secretary
 - (f) The Honorary Treasurer
 - (g) The Honorary Editor of the 'Hatfield Record'
 - (h) The Representative of the Association on College Council

and they shall be members of the Executive Committee.

6. The Executive Committee shall consist of:
 - (a) The above named officers together with the Senior Man and the President of MCR
 - (b) At least one Regional Secretary from each of the following areas:
 - (i) Scotland
 - (ii) Yorkshire
 - (iii) North East England
 - (iv) North West England
 - (v) Greater Midlands
 - (vi) London and South East England
 - (vii) South West England
 - (viii) Wales
 - (ix) Northern Ireland
 - (x) Such other foreign parts as shall be determined and agreed by the Association from time to time

(c) At least one representative from those students who came into residence in each of the decades from 1940 onwards.

7. The Officers of the Hatfield Association shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting to be held in Durham. The President will normally serve for up to a maximum of five years.

8. At the end of the President's penultimate year in office, a President-elect shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

9. The Hatfield Association supports a magazine to be called the 'Hatfield Record' and elects an Honorary Editor to assist with its publication.

10. All members of Hatfield College JCR and MCR shall achieve life membership of the Association by payment of a single subscription upon matriculation.

11. In the unlikely event of the affairs of the Hatfield Association having to be wound up, any residual monies and assets of the Association shall be transferred to the Hatfield Trust.

12. Changes to this constitution shall require the approval of a two-thirds majority of those present at the Annual General Meeting, with a minimum of 20 members present, and after due notice of the proposed changes has been given in the 'Hatfield Record'.

Amended - July 2011