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# OFA Chairman's Report

June 2026

This year has been one of continued progress for the Old Foleyans' Association as we seek to strengthen engagement with former pupils and secure the long-term future of the Association.

Over recent years, the OFA has faced challenges in recruiting new members. We believe this is due to a combination of factors, including changes in regulations that prevent students from being automatically enrolled into the Association whilst at school, as well as the financial commitment previously required to join.

I am therefore pleased to report that one of the most significant changes introduced by the Committee this year has been the complete removal of the membership fee. From now on, all former pupils of Old Swinford Hospital are eligible to join the Old Foleyans' Association free of charge. We hope this change will remove barriers to entry, encourage greater participation from younger alumni and help us build a stronger and more representative Association for future generations.

The School has continued to support our efforts by promoting the Association to Sixth Form students and encouraging them to maintain their connection with Old Swinford Hospital after they leave. Whilst recruitment remains a challenge, the Committee is optimistic that these changes will have a positive impact over the coming years.

The Association has also continued to provide opportunities for former pupils to reconnect through our events programme. It was pleasing to see members come together once again at the Reunion Dinner in March 2026, and I would like to thank everyone who attended and helped make the evening a success.

I am also encouraged by the continued development of the OFA Mentoring Programme. The programme provides an opportunity for former pupils to support one another in their personal and professional development, helping to strengthen the lifelong connections that are such an important part of the Old Foleyan community. My thanks go to all mentors and mentees who have volunteered their time and expertise to support fellow alumni.

As always, I would like to thank all Old Foleyans who have continued to support the School through careers events, assemblies, mentoring and other activities throughout the year. The willingness of our alumni to give back to the School remains one of the Association's greatest strengths.

This year also marks the end of an important era for Old Swinford Hospital. At the end of the academic year, Paul Kilbride will step down as Headmaster after serving the School since September 2014. Throughout his tenure, Paul has been a steadfast supporter of the Old Foleyans' Association, regularly attending our meetings, engaging with former pupils and championing the relationship between the School and its alumni community. On behalf of the Association, I would like to place on record our sincere thanks for his friendship, support and commitment over the past twelve years. We wish Paul and his family every success and happiness in the future.

I would also like to thank every member of the OFA Committee for their dedication and hard work throughout the year. The Association relies heavily on the commitment of volunteers, and I am extremely grateful for the time and effort they continue to contribute.

Looking ahead, our priorities remain clear: to grow membership, increase engagement amongst former pupils, expand the mentoring programme and continue strengthening the relationship between the School and its alumni community.

Finally, I would like to thank all members for giving me the privilege of serving as Chairman of the Old Foleyans' Association. I look forward to working with the Committee and our members over the coming year as we continue to build a thriving and sustainable future for the Association.

**Arun Kundi**
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