OFA Chairman's Report

June 2024

My report this year focuses on the key achievements of the Association, areas to focus on and recent events which many Old Foleyans will be aware of. As always, there continues to be exciting developments at the school, most noticeably the continued recruitment of female pupils in the more junior years.

Before I continue, I would like to mention that many Old Foleyans will be remembering Chris Potter (former Headmaster of the school) and Peter Jenkins at this time. At the time of their passing, it was great to see the OSH spirit continuing to run through the veins of many Old Foleyans as they came together to remember Chris and Peter. I would also like to mention Len Krukowski who passed away at the age of 101 – Len arrived at the school as a teacher in 1955 and retired from full-time teaching in 1990.

On the topic of OSH spirit, we also saw several Old Foleyans support the school at the annual Careers Convention and during Senior School Assemblies. I would like to thank all those that supported the school and the pupils during the year, and I hope that similar representation will be achieved for the years to come.

It was also fantastic to see a number of Old Foleyans attend the Annual Dinner which was held in April 2024 – there was a great turn out from the 2013-14 leavers, and I hope that we can encourage other year groups to have similar milestone reunions in the future (e.g. 10-year and 50-year reunions). I would like to thank Rob Franks for once again organising such a great evening. And separately I would also like to thank John Whiting for organising the Carol Service held in December 2023.

One area that the Association needs to focus on over the next 12 months is the recruitment of former pupils. Similar to prior years, the Association has only enrolled a handful of members which is not sustainable for the future of the Association. This needs to be a key focus for both the school and the OFA as without new members, it is not financially viable to have an alumni association.

Despite the low number of new members to the Association, the Association continued to thrive, and I would like to thank those on the OFA Committee for their long and hard work – some for a number of decades. This year we have several OFA Committee members that wish to stand down from their role and I would like to pass on my deepest gratitude of appreciation to David Walker, Eric Hickman, John Partridge, George Partridge, Simon Jonsson and Jack Onslow. I understand that David, Eric and George have all served as President of the Association and have also been on the Committee for several decades.

To conclude, the OFA Committee and I look forward to taking the Association forward and focusing on the recruitment of former pupils and ensuring the mentoring programme is functional for everyone. I would also like to thank Paul Kilbride for continuing to support the OFA and for his continued attendance at our meetings. Finally, I would like to also thank all members for giving me the privilege to be the Chairman of the Association and I look forward to seeing what we achieve over the next 12 months.

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