



The Old Southendian Association

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Sustaining Friendships...

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Old Southendian Association
held at The Southendian Club, Garon Park, Southend on Sea, Essex
on Thursday, 6th November 2025 commencing at 7.47 pm.**

Those Present:

Andy Crow (in the Chair)	Ken Carter	Kate Cooper	Gemma Fletcher
Ian Fulton	Daniel Garside	Sam Hodgson	Callum Hynes
Geoff Kittle	Sara Linney	Joseph Madren	Edward Marron
Geoff May	Clive Shiret	Chris Sorrell	Keith Spenceley
Joseph Zammit			

Item	Minute
1.0	Apologies for Absence had been received from Karl Anderson, Alex Cass, Jim Harrington, Paul Hudson, Claire Kirkland, Kevin Leigh, Nick Robins, Sophie Thickbroom and Rachel Worth.
2.0	Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 6th November 2024: The Minutes were accepted unanimously on a proposal by Clive Shiret, seconded by Kate Cooper and signed by the Chairman.
3.0	Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 8th November 2023: There were none.
4.0	Chairman's Report: Andy Crow's report had been circulated prior to the meeting.
4.1	He reported on another successful year for the Association, thanking its members and staff of the School staff for their continued support and efforts in promoting the Association. He highlighted the Association's attendance at many School events and its ongoing support for pupils through the university scholarship scheme and both lower and upper School prizewinners.
4.2	The formation of the Southend High School for Boys Charitable Trust had been a major focus, with approximately £120,000 raised and over 120 members joining The 2025 Society. The Association had also welcomed a record 81 new members from the previous year's leavers.
4.3	Andy noted two particular highlights of the past year, the publication of the first <i>The Old Southendian</i> Magazine in six years, and the Dinner Dance in July, which raised £13,000 for the Charitable Trust. The success of the musical performances at the Dinner Dance had led to the formation of a new OSA Big Band Society who will play at future events
4.4	The Associated Clubs and Societies continued to thrive, with successful activities reported by the Cricket and Football Clubs, Bowls Circle, Golf Society and Organ Society. The Chairman emphasised the importance of encouraging current pupils to join these groups to maintain lasting friendships and links with the Association.
4.5	Andy congratulated President Clive Shiret on a successful year and thanked Chris Sorrell and the Events Committee for their work in organising the Association's events. He concluded by thanking everyone who had supported the Association during the year and expressed confidence in its continued growth.
5.0	Treasurer's Report and Presentation of the Audited Accounts to 31st March 2025: Dan Garside's report and the accounts had been circulated before the meeting. He reported a surplus of £1,789 and reserves of £53,443, a reduction in the annual surplus of £3,226 compared with the previous year. The principal movements arose from increased awareness campaign costs and donations to the School, partly offset by increased income and reduced insurance costs. He noted that subsequent donations to the SHSB Charitable Trust and the cost of reissuing <i>The Old Southendian</i> Magazine would reduce reserves by approximately £13,000. He thanked Richard Medcalf for his service in managing the Association's second account and welcomed Lucy Glover as his successor.

*"Sustaining friendships formed through the School and the Association
for the benefit of past, present and future Southendians"*

	The Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025 were adopted on a proposal by Kate Cooper, seconded by Joe Zammit.
6.0	Report of Sub Committees, the School, the Clubs and the Affiliated Organisations: The following reports had been circulated prior to the meeting:
6.1	The Registrar Geoff May reported that the Association had 2,513 active full and annual members as at 1 st November 2025. Following distribution of <i>The Old Southendian Magazine</i> in August, many changes of address and notifications of deceased members had been received, and the membership database was being updated accordingly. Geoff noted the importance of maintaining accurate contact details, particularly if future magazines were distributed electronically, and thanked Joe Zammit for his substantial assistance with updating the database and supporting the return of The Old Southendian Magazine.
6.2	The Headteacher Rachel Worth reported a successful year for the School, with excellent GCSE and A-level results and achievements across debating, science, music, sport and the arts. Highlights included national debating success, participation in the National Science Conference, educational visits, and the athletics teams reaching the National Finals for the 27th consecutive year, with the junior team finishing second nationally. The report also noted a successful programme of music and drama events, the School Big Band's performance at the Association's Dinner Dance, and a cultural exchange with Shanghai. Rachel thanked the Association for its continued support, including sponsorship of prize books for the School's Prizegivings.
6.3	Old Southendian Bowls Circle Ian Fulton reported on an excellent summer season for the Circle, winning 17 of its 20 fixtures and achieving a record overall shot count of 1,317 for and 934 against. The Circle secured notable wins against Fairwood, South Benfleet and Shoebury, while Chris Johnson, Keith Francis and Chris Sorrell achieved a hot shot against Castle Point. A total of 32 members played during the season, and members and partners also enjoyed a successful pre-season lunch. The winter indoor fixtures had resulted in three wins from five matches, including a hot shot against Southend. Thanks were expressed to Robey Wright for organising the indoor programme. While the results were excellent, the main priority remained enjoying the game and maintaining the good relationships with opposing clubs.
6.4	Old Southendian Golf Circle Steve Clarke reported increased attendance at all four of the Circle's 2025 events, with two attracting more than 30 participants. The selection of courses and efforts to encourage younger members had helped improve participation, and the Circle hoped to build on this in 2026. Its working fund stood at approximately £1,100 at year-end, supporting advance bookings and trophies. Thanks to generous donations, the Circle now had trophies for every event, with engravings up to date. Changes to the event format introduced during 2025 had been well received and would continue to be reviewed. The Circle thanked Steve Jennings for his captaincy in 2025, welcomed Karl Wingfield as Captain for 2026 and Paul Husselbee for 2027, and looked forward to its 2026 tour in Warwickshire.
6.5	Old Southendian Football Club Nick Robins reported another successful season in 2024/25. The First XI finished runners-up in the Essex Olympian League for the second consecutive year, the Reserves achieved their joint-highest league finish, and the re-established A Team enjoyed a strong first season. Clare Potter became the Club's first female manager, jointly managing the A Team with Garry Poulton. The Veterans' section also had a successful season, winning the Charity A Cup, securing promotion for the Reserves and entering the new Over-50s division. The Club continued to field three Saturday men's teams and three Sunday Veterans' teams, alongside a well-supported social programme. Its 125th anniversary was celebrated with a dinner dance attended by 160 people. The hoped-for move to the Thurlow Nunn League was delayed by planning issues and timing, although the Club remained hopeful of achieving this in the future.
6.6	Old Southendian Organ Society Joe Zammit confirmed that the Society's report in <i>The Old Southendian</i> 2025 covered the Society's events and activities since the previous magazine. Since publication, the Society had presented a concert featuring Saint-Saëns's Organ Symphony performed with the Southend Symphony Orchestra and organist Roderick Elms. Future events included participation in the Charitable Trust's Musical Marathon in December 2025 and an open organ morning followed by a showcase concert in February 2026. Joe thanked the Society's supporters and encouraged members to look out for details of future events.

6.7	The following report was tabled at the meeting Old Southendian & Southchurch Cricket Club. Woody Marron reported on a season of consolidation for the Cricket Club following its most successful year to date. The newly promoted 1st XI finished a respectable fifth in Division One, while the 3rd XI secured fourth place in Division Two. The 2nd, 4th and 5th XIs faced more difficult seasons, but the reintroduction of the 6th XI for the first time since 2016 meant the Club was able to field up to six teams on Saturdays. Youth cricket continued to thrive, with the U17s winning their league, the U19s finishing second and reaching a T20 quarter-final, and the U13s and U11s both finishing second in their leagues and reaching cup finals. A significant milestone was the formation of the Club's first women's team, <i>The Seagals</i>. Woody emphasised that, despite fewer senior team successes than in 2024, the Club was well placed for future growth, and he thanked the many volunteers and coaches who contributed to its continued development.												
7.0	The Election of Officers, the Executive Committee and the Honorary Auditor:												
7.1	The meeting approved the appointment of the following Officers: <table> <tr> <td>Chairman* (of the Executive Committee – serving until the 2028 AGM)</td><td>Andy Crow</td></tr> <tr> <td>President* (with effect from 1st January 2025 and to serve until 31st December 2025)*</td><td>Clive Shiret</td></tr> <tr> <td>Immediate Past President* (to serve until 31st December 2025)</td><td>Jim Harrington</td></tr> <tr> <td>President Designate* (with effect from 1st January 2025 and to serve until 31st December 2025)</td><td>Nick Robins</td></tr> <tr> <td>President* (with effect from 1st January 2026 and to serve until 31st December 2026)</td><td>Nick Robins</td></tr> <tr> <td>Immediate Past President* (with effect from 1st January 2026 and to serve until 31st December 2026)</td><td>Clive Shiret</td></tr> </table>	Chairman* (of the Executive Committee – serving until the 2028 AGM)	Andy Crow	President* (with effect from 1 st January 2025 and to serve until 31 st December 2025)*	Clive Shiret	Immediate Past President* (to serve until 31 st December 2025)	Jim Harrington	President Designate* (with effect from 1 st January 2025 and to serve until 31 st December 2025)	Nick Robins	President* (with effect from 1 st January 2026 and to serve until 31 st December 2026)	Nick Robins	Immediate Past President* (with effect from 1 st January 2026 and to serve until 31 st December 2026)	Clive Shiret
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7.2	The Executive Committee proposed that the President Designate of the Association* with effect from 1st January 2026 (to serve until 31st December 2026) and therefore its President in 2027 be Paul Richards. Further, the Executive Committee proposed that the President Designate of the Association* with effect from 1st January 2027 (to serve until 31st December 2027) and therefore its President in 2028 be Robin Bevan. Both these proposals were carried unanimously by the meeting.												
7.3	The following Officers had confirmed their willingness to continue to serve on the Executive Committee: <table> <tr> <td>Treasurer*</td><td>Dan Garside</td></tr> <tr> <td>Secretary*</td><td>Keith Spenceley</td></tr> <tr> <td>Registrar*</td><td>Geoff May</td></tr> <tr> <td>Legal Adviser*</td><td>Kevin Leigh</td></tr> <tr> <td>Publications Officer*</td><td>Chris Sorrell</td></tr> </table> {Officers marked * are <i>ex officio</i> members of the Executive Committee.}	Treasurer*	Dan Garside	Secretary*	Keith Spenceley	Registrar*	Geoff May	Legal Adviser*	Kevin Leigh	Publications Officer*	Chris Sorrell		
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7.4	The following were elected <i>en bloc</i> to the Executive Committee to serve until the 2026 AGM: Karl Anderson, Ken Carter, Kate Cooper, Gemma Fletcher, Will Green, Sam Hodgson, Callum Hynes, Geoff Kittle, Sara Linney, Joseph Madren, Sophie Thickbroom and Joe Zammit.												
7.5	Executive Committee representatives from the Affiliated Organisations and Clubs were advised as: <table> <tr> <td>Old Southendian & Southchurch Cricket Club</td><td>Edward Marron</td></tr> <tr> <td>Old Southendian Football Club</td><td>John Roy</td></tr> <tr> <td>Old Southendian Hockey Club</td><td>Jack Stevenson</td></tr> <tr> <td>Old Southendian Organ Society</td><td>Joe Zammit</td></tr> <tr> <td>Old Southendian Bowls Circle</td><td>Ian Fulton</td></tr> <tr> <td>Old Southendian Golf Circle</td><td>Steve Clarke</td></tr> </table>	Old Southendian & Southchurch Cricket Club	Edward Marron	Old Southendian Football Club	John Roy	Old Southendian Hockey Club	Jack Stevenson	Old Southendian Organ Society	Joe Zammit	Old Southendian Bowls Circle	Ian Fulton	Old Southendian Golf Circle	Steve Clarke
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7.6	A partner of Azets, Julian Golding, has agreed to continue as Honorary Auditor.												
8.0	Date of the next Annual General Meeting:												
	The meeting agreed that the 2026 Annual General Meeting should be held at The Southendian Club, Garon Park, Southend on Sea on Thursday, 5 th November 2026, commencing at 7.45 pm.												
9.0	Any Other Competent Business:												
9.1	There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.08 pm.												

Keith Spenceley, General Secretary.
30th January 2026