

OLD REDINGENSANS ASSOCIATION LTD
Minutes of the 137th Annual General Meeting

Held on 19 November 2025 in the West Wing Conference Room

Present:

No	Name	Years at School	House
1.	Ken Brown	1955-1963	East
2.	Nick Burrows	1969-1976	East Wing
3.	Richard Childs (Zoom)	1971-1978	County
4.	Peter Coggan (Zoom)	1961-1964	County
5.	Chris Evans	1990-1997	Staff (West)
6.	Richard Griffiths	1957-1964	South House
7.	Donald Haszczyn	1978-1985	West
8.	Ned Holt	1966-1972	West
9.	Rodney Huggins	1944-1952	West/East Wing/West Wing
10.	Warren Symonds	Head of Operations and Projects	
11.	Richard Taylor	1988-1995	West
12.	Francis Terry	1956-1963	East
13.	Andrew Tuggey	1958-1966	East
14.	Peter Whitehead (Zoom)	1966-1973	County
15.	Chris Widdows	1955-1962	County

1. Apologies for Absence

Rudi Bissolotti (1944-1950); Mary Chaplin (2000-2010); Mike Jones (1957-1964); Adrian Knott (1954-1961); John Luker (1943-1950); Brian Morley (1954-1960); Simon Reed (1965-1970); Bernard Sarfas (1951-1958); Roy Seymour (1952-1957); John Short (1956-1964)

2. In Memoriam

The Membership Secretary, Chris Widdows, read out the names of 43 ORs whose deaths had been advised since the previous AGM. One minute's silence was duly observed.

	Name	At School	House	DOD	Age
1.	C J (James) Arnold-Baker	1954-1955	County	17 Oct 18	75
2.	Capt L (Lew) Bain	1944-1952	East	03 Apr 25	89
3.	P R (Peter) Beavan	1943-1948	East/County/West Wing	26 Mar 23	93
4.	R W (Richard) Billington	1950-1957	East Wing	29 Dec 23	84
5.	C M (Malcolm) Buchanan	1950-1957	East Wing	02 Oct 22	83
6.	P F (Pat) Cartwright	1943-1948	East/West	09 Apr 22	89
7.	I F (Ian) Chalmers	1950-1954	South House	25 Aug 23	87

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8.	M J (John) Childs	1946-1953	West	29 Mar 25	89
9.	M W (Michael) Cresswell	1946-1951	County	30 May 25	90
10.	M E (Michael) Digby	1944-1950	West Wing	30 May 25	91
11.	A (Andy) Dindar	1980-1989	Staff	07 Apr 25	82
12.	R F (Ron) Diserens	1947-1952	East	11 Jun 20	83
13.	C D (David) Escott-New	1961-1968	East	22 Jun 25	74
14.	N W R (Nathan) Gash	1995-2000	East	27 Dec 24	43
15.	P J (Peter) George	1953-1960	East	01 May 25	83
16.	J S (John) Gore	1936-1941	County	24 Apr 24	99
17.	T J (Terry) Green	1951-1955	County	20 Sep 24	84
18.	R E (Robin) Gregory	1948-1949	West	26 Sep 24	93
19.	A K (Alan) Jefferis	1947-1952	West	04 Nov 24	88
20.	Prof P G W (Peter) Keen	1953-1960	West Wing	26 Oct 21	79
21.	G H (Geoffrey) King	1930-1938	County	17 Jun 19	96
22.	G M G (Gerry) Knight	1943-1952	West	07 Jun 25	91
23.	Sqn Ldr (Retd) D (David) Lawrence	1949-1956	East	24 Aug 25	86
24.	P A (Peter) Merrett	1949-1957	West	17 Apr 25	86
25.	J B (John) Monk	1940-1952	West/East	22 May 09	76
26.	D (David) Ormrod	1957-1964	County	27 Sep 25	79
27.	P J (Peter) Perks	1947-1952	County	14 Dec 23	88
28.	Dr D J B (David) Potter	1942-1952	County	09 Oct 24	90
29.	C L (Colin) Reynolds	1955-1963	East	31 Aug 25	81
30.	J S (John) Sadler CBE	1938-1948	East	17 Feb 25	94
31.	G (Graham) Shaw	1951-1957	West Wing/County	26 Dec 24	85
32.	C P (Christopher) Smallbone	1944-1954	West	19 Aug 25	89
33.	J R (John) Stevens TD	1952-1959	East	27 Oct 24	83
34.	Rev A C (Alan) Stockbridge MBE	1942-1952	County	01 May 25	91
35.	R (Robert) Strich	1939-1941	West	22 Jan 00	74
36.	A G (Alan) Stuck	1943-1951	County	05 Apr 21	86
37.	G R P (Raymond) Thomas	1942-1950	East Wing	18 Jul 25	93
38.	Dr D A (David) Tigwell	1962-1969	County	14 Mar 24	73
39.	D E (Dan) Tong	1951-1953	West Wing	03 Apr 25	88
40.	P W (Peter) Totman	1939-1946	County	28 Feb 25	95
41.	R L (Bob) Towner	1954-1961	County	04 Jan 25	81
42.	D J (David) Warburton	1977-1982	County	26 Aug 25	59
43.	Dr I L (Ivor) Watts	1936-1944	West	18 Mar 25	98

3. Minutes of 136th AGM held on 21 November 2024

The minutes of the 2024 AGM had previously been circulated: proposed by Nick Burrows and seconded by Rodney Huggins.

4. Matters Arising out of the Minutes (not otherwise covered by this agenda)

There were no further matters arising.

5. Responsibility for annual reports

Reports had previously been circulated from:

Chairman: Andrew Tuggey

Treasurer: Richard Taylor

Archivist: Ken Brown

6. Consideration of the accounts of the Association

Proposed by Ned Holt and seconded by Rodney Huggins. **Decision.** Noted.

7. Appointment of and fixing the remuneration of the Independent Examiners

Messrs Vale & West were willing to be reappointed: proposed by Ken Brown and seconded by Nick Burrows.

8. Consideration of the paper tabled before the meeting (and sent with the papers for this AGM) by the Chairman of the Association with the support of the Council of the Association in relation to the future of the Association

Proposal that the ORA be merged with the Reading Foundation: proposed by Nick Burrows and seconded by Richard Taylor. **Decision.** Agreed and approved.

Proposal that the Society Office subsume the ORA membership function and that it be renamed the Redingensians Office: proposed by Richard Taylor and seconded by Rodney Huggins. **Decision.** Agreed and approved.

Proposal that a Reading School Heritage Council be established under Ken Brown's guidance and that he will remain in that leadership role so long as he wishes to do so: proposed by Nick Burrows and seconded by Francis Terry. **Decision.** Agreed and approved.

Proposal that an OR Advisory Committee be established to take the place of the function of the ORA Council; proposed by Chris Evans and seconded by Nick Burrows. **Decision.** Agreed and approved.

Proposal that the work currently underway on the ORA and OBR assets should best be prepared for the transfer to the Reading Foundation: proposed by Nick Burrows and seconded by Francis Terry. **Decision.** Agreed and approved.

9. Election of President and Vice-President for 2025/2026

Proposal that Fraser Peck be asked to continue as President and to join the OR Advisory Council as Co-Chairman. **Decision.** Agreed and approved. No nominations had been received for Vice-President.

10. **Appointment of Office Holders and Election of Council Members for 2025/2026**

Proposal that all current office holders continue in their present positions until advice has been received from the Charities Commission: proposed by Ken Brown and seconded by Nick Burrows. **Decision.** Agreed and approved.

11. **Any Other Business**

The meeting closed at 17:22 hours.