

## **SALOPIAN CLUB AGM 2025**

Held at The Cavalry & Guards Club, Piccadilly, Mayfair, London  
on Wednesday 12th November 2025 at 6:15 pm

### **Present**

Miles Preston (Chairman DB 1968), Tony Barker (Treasurer DB 1973), Holly Fitzgerald (Director), George McLellan (S 1970), Chris Wain (Head of Futures), Chris Williams (R 1983), Tim Lamb (SH 1971), Peter Birch (DB 1971), Richard Eteson (G 1993), Matt Randall (SH 1994), Jonathan Mitchell (PH 1984), Phil Wood (M 1987), Simon Shepherd (O 1982), Rod Edge (DB 1974), Peter Hunter (S 1969), Liz Collins (MSH 2014), James Cross (O 1980), Dan Nicholas (O 1980), Peter and Jane Fanning (former staff), Dan Bradshaw (M 2010), Richard Hudson (M 1972), Rupert Johnson (S 1980), John Welch (SH 1990), Christine Stephens (Minutes).

**1. Welcome.** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Apologies.** Apologies were received from Hugh Ramsbotham, Oliver O'Callahan-Brown, Andy Pollock, Ben Duncan, Daniel Corbett, Richard Boys-Stones, Charles Lowe, Martin Sandford, Charles Wright and Oliver Jackson-Hutt.

### **3. Minutes.**

The Minutes from the previous meeting were approved, proposed by Peter Birch and seconded by Chris Williams.

### **4. Chairman's Report.**

The report this year is longer than usual. A lot has been happening at the Salopian Club including social gatherings at the summer party, Epiphany service, an Open Mic event, various university get-togethers and some new professional networking events in the areas of law, property and finance. A new Natural History group has been formed. The Saracens celebrated their centenary with a dinner at the Oval and the President's Dinner at Lords was a great success.

Although the School is currently 'weathering the storm' following the imposition of VAT on school fees and is full, it has asked the Club for financial assistance. This would be from reserves built up by the Club during the Covid pandemic when it was not possible to stage any events. A payment of £128k was made in February and the School have asked for a further payment – the exact figure has yet to be agreed but it is felt important to retain a sufficient reserve for the Club.

## **5. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer presented the accounts for 2024-2025 and drew attention to the main income and expenditure items. These included some financial support for a gap year student at the Shewsy and Careers Advisor and for various capital projects – new flagpoles, restoration of the war memorial, the golf simulator and restoration work required on the Moss Gates.

Phil Wood was thanked for his help with examining the accounts for this year. The accounts were approved - proposed by Peter Birch, seconded by George McLellan.

In conclusion, the Treasurer pointed out that the Club's surplus is down on previous years and stands at £198k. The point was made that the financial stability of the Club remains important.

## **6. Ratification of Appointments.**

Thanks were extended to outgoing committee members Martin Sandford, Charlotte Finley, Elle Gurden and Becky Home. The outgoing Treasurer, Tony Barker will be succeeded by Phil Wood. He was thanked and confirmed that he will take on the role of Independent Examiner. Peter Birch who has stepped down at the Sports Clubs Chair was also thanked and is handing over to Oliver O'Callahan-Brown. New members Rupert Johnson, Dan Bradshaw and Liz Collins were welcomed - proposed by Peter Birch and seconded by Chris Williams.

## **7. President**

The Salopian Club President elect, Andy Pollock will be taking over from Tim Lamb in January 2026. Tim was thanked for his work during the last year and for his attendance at the majority of OS events. He said that it had been an honour and privilege to have served as President and he extended his thanks to Holly and the Salopian Club committee.

## **8. AOB.**

Chris Williams (OS Masonic Lodge Secretary) commented on the Public School Lodges' Festival which was hosted at the School in May. He paid tribute to the excellent work done by the Development Office on behalf of the School and thanked the Headmaster and David Gee for their input.

On behalf of the Committee Tim Lamb officially thanked Miles Preston for chairing the meeting and for his massive contribution to the Salopian Club.

## **9. Date of next meeting.**

The date for the next AGM will be 11<sup>th</sup> November 2026 and will be held at the Cavalry & Guards Club, Picadilly.

