



CLAYESMORE SOCIETY

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the
Clayesmore Society
held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 2 October 2018
at Clayesmore School**

Present:

Fran Deeming (Chair) (FD)
Will Dunlop (WD)
Celia Dunlop (CD)
Louise Smith (LLS)
Liisa Steele (LS)
Maggie de la Perrelle (MdIP)
James Smith (JS)
Michelle Complin (MC)
David Fangen (DF)
Cath Jacks (CJ)
Nadine Lewin (NL)
Judi Tipping (JT)
Amanda Hughes (AH)
Sarah Kerr (SK)

1. Chairman's Introduction

The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Introductions were made.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Marcia Higgs (MH) and Jo Thomson (JST). Jane Howard has stepped down from the Committee and MH will now be the other Governor member.

3. Chairman's Report

FD read out her annual report, which is attached. She asked for comments at the end and WD and JS passed on huge thanks from the Prep School for the money donated by the Society to the refurbishment of the dance studio.

4. Financial Report

The Treasurer, LLS, delivered the financial report and distributed the latest figures outlining the Society's funds, which is attached.

5. AOB

There was no other business.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next AGM of the Clayesmore Society will take place on Tuesday 1 October 2019 (provisional date) at Clayesmore School at 6.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.55pm.

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Chairman's Report

The first thing I would like to do is express my thanks to the members of the Committee for their support during my first year as Chair of the Society. During the course of the year we were joined by Jane Howard, when she became a new Governor, and said goodbye to Helen Atkinson, of whom I shall speak more later. Recently, Jane is to be replaced on the Committee by existing member (and new Governor, Marcia Higgs. Liisa Steele took over from Louise Smith as the Clayesmore Society Officer and, again, there will be more references to Liisa - all nice ones I can assure you. The Committee's meetings, held at least once a term, provide the opportunity for us to review and reflect upon past activities and to explore ideas for future events. This often results in entertaining, occasionally hilarious, discussion but always in the spirit of finding the best ways to support the School and to bring together the wider Clayesmore family.

The first of these was the Late Summer Party, held on a rather dismal damp evening last September. Our new catering manager Nick Church and his team – more of them later – excelled themselves with delicious canapes and professional service. We had quite a good turn-out of new and current parents who were able to get to know each other and meet a range of members of staff; the evening ended with the traditional firework display provided by the OC Society. In the year since then, we spent a lot of time thinking about how we might encourage more parents to come along to this occasion and to this end we decided to change the timing and format for this year's party to fit in more effectively with the School's calendar of events. We also felt that it would be helpful for parents to have the opportunity to learn more about the functions of the different organisations which make up the Clayesmore family.

I can now say that the party, held last month, was a great success: it was extremely well-attended, the weather was lovely and the food, drinks and service all did Clayesmore proud. Feedback has been very positive indeed and I feel that the efforts of all concerned have been rewarded.

The Society and OCs' Golf Day took place at Remedy Oak Club last autumn and a lucky group of players was able to take advantage of the fantastic facilities at the Club. We are fortunate in being able to put this event into the Season's brochure again this October and are grateful to Remedy Oak for continuing to support us by giving us such a favourable rate (this year's even better than the last).

In December a merry band of shoppers headed off to London for the annual Christmas shopping jaunt and appreciated the chance of avoiding the vagaries of public transport.

We were thrilled that the Clayesmore Lecture went ahead this year with Professor Lord Robert Winston giving us a fascinating talk on the topic of 'Learning'. The Sports Hall was packed with students, parents, staff and guests eager to hear the eminent scientist explaining how we develop as learners and describing some of the research he and his team have done in this area. At Lord Winston's request, the Society donated his 'fee' to The Genesis Research Trust.

I mentioned Helen Atkinson at the beginning of my report and would like to say a big thank you to her for organising the Bread Making Course at Long Crichel Bakery in Spring of this year. Not only did this represent extremely good value, but great fun was had by all and large quantities of various types of bread were carried home proudly by those who participated.

During the Clayesmore Society Summer Weekend we hosted a wonderful Choral Day on the Saturday and we owe our thanks to Ralph Kerr, James Smith, Pete Musson and members of the School Choir for their efforts in helping to put on a lovely concert in the evening with other enthusiastic singers from the wider Clayesmore community. Those of us who came along to listen to the music also enjoyed a scrumptious dinner afterwards. On Sunday, this was followed by the OC Cormorants Cricket Team vs the School 1st XI... and yet more eating.

Then there was the Guernsey Reunion, which proved, as ever, a hugely enjoyable gathering at the home of Stuart Henley, OC, and his long-suffering wife, Bridget.

As well as supporting the School with such events, the Society has provided the funds for a new sprung floor in the Prep School Dance Studio, enabling it to be used at a professional level by a variety of groups who are part of the Clayesmore family.

All this is in addition to the wide range of wonderful events put on throughout the year by the Old Clayesmorians, the Friends of Clayesmore and the Prep School Parents' Association. Grateful thanks to these societies who have put on parties, dinners, a fireworks display, musical evenings, fairs, a postcard sale – the list goes on, and gives further evidence of commitment to the work of the School.

Finally, through Liisa's initiatives and hard work, the Society has added to the list of Partners offering discounts and services to Society members: from pizza to paddle boards to pampering, we can benefit from some excellent offers.

So, I would like to round off this report by expressing appreciation for the particular work done by a number of people in the School. To Nick Church and his team for providing a constant supply of superb refreshments: from sausage rolls and sandwiches to stylish dinners and all the canapes and cakes in between. To Louise Smith for her work keeping an eye on our finances, offering her invaluable advice, experience and support and producing this year's beautiful brochure. Last, but by no means least, to Liisa Steele for keeping everyone informed and coping with the complications of GDPR, liaising with the numerous agencies involved in our activities, answering all my queries with good humour and basically making everything happen successfully when and where it should.

Here's to another wonderful year in the life of the Clayesmore Society!



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Finances

As at 31 August 2018

Income and Expenditure

	Notes	Period to 31 Aug 2018 £	Period to 31 Aug 2017 £
INCOME			
Subscriptions	1	34,485	36,960
Gross takings from events	2	8,165	19,791
Total Incoming		<u>42,705</u>	<u>56,752</u>
PAYMENTS			
Donations	3	25,000	18,356
Cost of events & printing	4	21,702	35,674
		<u>46,702</u>	<u>54,030</u>
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		<u>(3,997)</u>	<u>2,722</u>

BALANCE SHEET As at 31 2018

	Notes	31 Aug 2018 £	31 Aug 2017 £
ASSETS			
Debtors	5	29,913	33,910
Total Assets		<u>29,913</u>	<u>33,910</u>
LIABILITIES			
Creditors/ Accrued Income	6	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>29,913</u>	<u>33,910</u>
RESERVES			
B/f for previous year		33,911	31,189
Current year		(3,997)	2,722
		<u>29,913</u>	<u>33,910</u>



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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

	Year to 31 Aug 2018 £	Year to 31 Aug 2017 £
1 Subscriptions	<u>34,540.00</u>	<u>36,120.00</u>
2 Gross Takings from events	<u>8,165.45</u>	<u>7,458.99</u>
3 Donations		
Old Clayesmorian Society	5,000.00	5,000.00
Ball Proceeds – Prep DT laser cutter		4,355.96
Dance Studio Contribution	20,000.00	-
Shepherds Hut Contribution		9,000.00
	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>18,355.96</u>
4 Cost of events & exp.	<u>21,702.42</u>	<u>35,673.71</u>
5 Debtors		
Clayesmore School	29,913.34	33,910.31
	<u>29,913.34</u>	<u>33,910.31</u>
6 Creditors/Accrued Income		
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Notes to the accounts

Major costs in year:

Clayesmore Season mailing – £5,366
Late Summer Party – £3,151.50
Clayesmore Lecture – net cost £2,205
Donation towards costs of Dance Studio refurbishment £20,000
Old Clayesmorian Society £5,000