



OLD CATERHAMIAN'S
ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 5 May 2022

ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

1. All the archival materials submitted to SDS, up to and including their last collection – in February 2020, just before the coronavirus lockdown – have now been processed, copied to the archive website and returned to the School. This leaves us with a balance of £2,445 for the remaining materials originally budgeted for in Phase 2, mainly photographs and magazines. The first batch of these was collected last month (April) by SDS.

David Rogers has continued his sterling work on the approximately 200 unidentified team photographs from the 1980s onwards, reported on at last year's AGM, drawing on both his own memory and that of former members of staff. He has presented us with a first batch of 35, each photo with a photocopy on which the team members are numbered, together with one key listing the names and another with titles and names as captions for the website version, all presented with the utmost care, neatness and clarity. These represent hours of work and we are extremely grateful to David for these and his ongoing efforts.

I have been dating, adding names and titles to and categorising other photos from the archive, mainly from the first half of the 20th century, prior to copying them to the website.

2. The usual enquiries and requests have been replied to from staff, alumni and others on matters including former pupils and members of staff, the change of the school motto, the Remembrance Book (which has not been located), the responsibility for the maintenance of Alan Mottram's gravestone and the history of Beech Hanger, and I supplied materials for the Over-60s lunch on May 4. I contributed an article to *Omnia* on the Memorial Hall (Maggs Library) as a postscript to an article by Narayan Ray of the Junior History Society.

3. At the Committee meeting in April, I put the case for the appointment of a professional archivist to assist with cataloguing and eventually to manage the archive.

4. I would like to record my thanks to our Alumni Officer, Annie, for her invaluable support and work throughout the year.

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