

SHUTTLEWORTH COLLEGE ALUMNI

MINUTES OF THE AGM – SATURDAY 10 May 2025 at Kingshill Farm, Shuttleworth College.

Present: Richard Infield (Chairman), Tony Abbott, Sarah Perrett (Treasurer), Charlotte Maynard (Secretary), Paddy Godwin (Editor and Database), Nick Badger, Peter Homer, Tim Durrant.

Apologies: Julian Randall HND 76/79, Chris Fyson South Australia NDA 66/67), Martyn Channon NDA 64/66, Charlotte Croy-Twickel, Henry Beck NDA 70-72, Mike Laflin NDA 62/64, Bryan Allen NDA 62/64, Clare Van Leersum HND 81-84), Robert Cowper 70/72, Catherine Lloyd – Vice Principal, Shuttleworth College, David Morton, James Harrison, Eric Yates.

The minutes of the 2024 AGM were accepted and approved.

Matters Arising: There were no matters Arising

1. Chairman's Report: Richard Infield

We have had 2 meetings this year, both online, a lot has been discussed around the reunion for next year for the 3rd May 2026. It will be 80 years since formation of the establishment of the Trust (1946). Richard thanked all the officers for all they have done this year.

2. Treasurer's Report: Sarah Perrett

Sarah circulated the statement of revenue and expenditure, capital account and bank accounts. (Attached). 2024/24 Expenditure was £3,534.08. Income was £2,499.67, leaving an excess expenditure over revenue of £1,034.41. The Capital account contains £19,543.03.

There is nothing too dramatic to talk about regarding the accounts this year.

As far as the newsletter is concerned, although the printing costs have gone up considerably, the postage has come down and the electronic version costs the same as last year.

Lloyd's bank, in their wisdom, have decided not to have Community type bank accounts anymore, so we are now considered to be Commercial. This allows them to impose bank charges. Luckily, as we make very few payments our charges are the minimum £4.25 per month. I have transferred ¾ of our funds into a deposit account so at least we are earning enough interest to cover the charges.

Overall, this year there has been some increase in regular expenses and some decrease in regular income. However, we would have had surplus income over expenditure had it not been for the deposit we have paid to the Shuttleworth Trust for the reunion next year.

We still have a small stock of polo shirts and rugby shirts. Sales continue trickling in especially just after the magazine has been published. I will be ordering a few more XL rugby shirts soon as this is our 'best seller'.

The accounts have not been audited yet but the lady who audited them last year is happy to do them again this year.

The committee thanked Sarah and Paddy for their time doing the accounts.

3. Secretary's Report: Charlotte Maynard

Charlotte thanked Richard for his successful first year as Chairman behalf of the committee and reported that it has been a quiet year this year as we had no big events planned. It will be all systems go for the reunion next year on Sunday 3rd May 2026. There was nothing further to report.

4. IT Manager's Report and Editors' Report: Paddy Godwin

The database is updated on a regular basis. Just this week an old student who purchased a Rugby shirt was able to update us on their new address and contact details.

The number of Debtors is concerning. Probably not due to not wanting to subscribe anymore but that either their lump sum payment has 'run out' or they have changed bank accounts. Currently the total debt is £3,100, however we are in 'credit' to the tune of £1,400. This is due to some members paying lump sums for subs and others paying more than their £5 subs.

Dealing with the debt issue is not easy. Phoning is ok but it takes time and often phone numbers are incorrect. Emailing is easier but ensuring a response is impossible. For various reasons I will have more time over the coming months so I will keep plugging away. There are no Hard Copy subscribers owing so it's not costing us anything, but it is money that we could use towards the reunion.

The number of Hard Copy magazines drops each year, most of them are sent to older members and alas we are losing them! Currently we have 59 Hard copy subscribers.

I am happy to continue editing the magazine but if anyone wants to take over, please let me know.

The Website does need a new owner who has the time and inclination to keep it updated. I am not that person, so we need to find someone to take over. Richard Hemery is the technical guy and is very helpful.

Unfortunately, no one raised their hand to offer help with the Web site, so this position is still vacant. Paddy will continue to update it until we can find someone to do this role.

Note the Alumni web site address is www.shuttleworthcollege.co.uk

5. Students College Report: Catherine Lloyd

Vice Principal's report to the Shuttleworth College Association AGM – May 2024

There are only a few weeks left of this academic year as we move into a period of assessment and exams. Due to the structure of T Levels April and May are a focus for assessments both practical and exam based. We have cohorts of T Level crops and T Level horticulture students who will complete this year. Next year we expect another step up in assessment activity as both the range of courses and student numbers increase. Our T level livestock students are progressing well and enjoying their programme.

The farm is performing well, and we are looking forward to taking extra land in September 2025.

The term has gone well, with a large number of trips and visits undertaken to enrich the students' experience. This includes study tours as well as trips to local collections and venues. We have engaged with a wide range of employers who have given presentations to student groups which have enhanced the curriculum. We also hosted an event for John Deere which was great employer engagement for students to benefit from.

Animal Management has been delivering a zoo club as a taster for young people thinking of studying animal management when they leave school and so far, this has been fully subscribed with positive

feedback. We have had busy open days and are hoping for an increase in student numbers from September. We will also be able to offer more residential places now the work on the halls is complete. The Royal Horticultural Society course we offer to adults continues to be extremely popular.

We were pleased that one of the science labs was able to be fully refurbished. This is now a fantastic high quality teaching environment and will be a great space to deliver our HE sessions in.

We also have the annual ball and presentation event planned for the end of term.

6. Election of Officers for the ensuing year:

Chairman: Richard Infield - Proposed by Charlotte Maynard, seconded by Tony Abbott

Vice Chairman: Bob Cowper – Proposed by Richard Infield, seconded by Paddy Godwin

Secretary: Charlotte Maynard – Proposed by Sarah Perrett, seconded by Tim Durrant

Treasurer: Sarah Perrett - proposed by Paddy Godwin, seconded by Tony Abbott

IT Manager: Patrick Godwin – Proposed by Charlotte Maynard, seconded by Peter Homer

Editor: Paddy Godwin – Proposed by Peter Homer, seconded by Nick Badger

Website: Vacant

The following committee members stood down from the committee:

Committee members: Nick Drury, Eric Yates, Claire Van Leersum, Tony Abbott, Bruce Ashworth (HND 79/82), Tim Durrant (OND 76/79), Nick Badger (HND 92/95) Peter Homer (ex-Mechanical Lecturer). Proposed by Richard Infield and Seconded by Sarah Perrett and were re-elected ,en bloc ‘.

7. Reunion Sun 3rd May 2026

A deposit has been paid and a contract signed with Shuttleworth for use of North Park to put a marquee. They are unable to confirm access to the Mansion house until nearer the time. We will however get access to the Swiss Garden and the Collection.

Boss Hogs has been booked for the hog roast. @£10 a head.

Richard has booked the marquee which includes generator, chairs, tables, and coil matting floor. Richard will chase him for the invoice to pay a deposit. (Fairytale Marquees).

The total cost is £1,600 plus VAT and there will be a damage waiver fee of £500 incl VAT as a deposit which will be returned 14 days post the event.

Charlotte also contacted Chris at Boss Hogs hog roasts, and he has confirmed that Sunday 3rd May 2026 is fine, and the cost will remain as £10 per head.

Richard has obtained a quote from Fairytale Marquees for a 9m x 30m Marquee with coir matting on the ground, 230 chairs, 23 round tables, and 8 trestle tables, Generator at a cost of £3,695 plus VAT. Marquee will be built on Friday and taken down on the Monday.

We will also need to consider the price for a Bar and toilets. We discussed the total cost, which would be around £9,500 all in (with toilets etc.)

As a comparison, the 2023 reunion cost approx. £7,000 in total (after income from ticket sales).

We will also need a licenced bar – Charlotte to speak with Boss Hogs and see if they can provide this.

Tony is happy to provide tea and coffee again.

Ticket pricing was discussed, and it was agreed a fair price would be £20 per head and the committee would take a loss of approx. £4,000 (based on 230 people attending).

Charlotte will add the 3rd May reunion date on the facebook page.

8. Auditing of Accounts

Sarah will organise auditing of the accounts.

9. The annual draw then took place:

1st prize (£250): No 147 - Mr G Warrener HND 83/86

2nd prize (£150): No 97 - Mr A Ducker NDA 59/61

3rd prize (£50): No 128 – Mr KW Burgess NDA 70/72

10. Any Other Business

There was none.

Following the meeting a tour was provided by the Farm Manager Shane Durham around the new Kingshill Farm.

11. Next Meeting

Next Committee meeting – Tuesday 9th September 2025 via Teams @ 7.30pm

Date of 2026 AGM – Tues 12th May – on-line via Teams @ 7.30pm

This concluded the Annual General Meeting

Charlotte Maynard

10th May 2025