Stourbridge Old Edwardian Club

Minutes of the 128th Annual General Meeting Held at the Club

on Monday 1st December 2025 at 8pm

1. **Apologies:**

   Mike Aston, Clive Bowen-Davies, Stuart Edwards, Robert Franks, Mark Ryan, Andrew Taplin, Martin Timmins, Graham Wood, Kenneth Wright. William and Jess Barclay, Denis Lees, Ed Davies, Bill Harris, Luke Brennan.

2. **Act of Remembrance**:

   President Arnold Homer recorded with regret those members known to have passed away during the period since the previous AGM, namely: **Past Presidents** John Edwards, Rob Hill; **Others**: Paul Hingley (ex-Chair of School Governors), Brian Hughes, John Hand, Roy Mucklow. A silence was observed.

3. **Minutes of the last Meeting**:

   The minutes of the last AGM held on Monday 2nd December 2024 had been made available for more than 1 week and it was agreed they should be taken as read.

4. **Matters arising**: None

5. **Annual Report and Financial Statement**:

   The Annual report and Financial Statement as circulated to all members were tabled and duly accepted.

6. **Appointment of President for the ensuing year**:

   The retiring President Arnold Homer thanked the Committee for their help and all the Subcommittee chairmen for assistance in managing the running of the Club. He then announced that he would be standing for a further year as President owing to the commitments of others.

7. **Appointment of Vice President for the coming year**:

   The President thanked Alf Edwards for agreeing to continue as his Vice President for the coming year, pending his anticipated election as President at the next AGM in December 2026.

8. **Appointment of Officers and Committee:**

   The Hon. Secretary announced the nominations for appointment of Officers and nominations in respect of General Committee vacancies. All had been proposed and seconded and visible on the notice board for more than 7 days before the meeting.

   Andrew Taplin was re-nominated to the post of Honorary Membership Secretary; David Burrows as the returning Honorary Treasurer and Alan Roden as the returning Honorary Secretary. Clive Bowen-Davies, John Brown, Roger Hadley and Roger Stephenson had retired by rotation but were standing for re-election. Luke Brennan was nominated to serve onto the General Committee.

   No other nominations had been received for Officer positions nor Committee members and hence no ballot was required. All nominees were duly appointed. There are still 3 vacancies on the Committee.

9. **Appointment of Honorary Auditor:**

   Messrs Folkes Worton LLP, Chartered Accountants were appointed as Honorary Auditor for the period ending on the date of the next annual general meeting at which accounts are presented to the Club.

10. **Appointment of Honorary Solicitor:**

    The accepted approach was that we leave the position vacant on the basis we can consult an appropriate person of expertise as needed.

11. **Presidential Summary:**

    The President thanked everyone for their support and commented on how time flies because there is so much to do. He referred to this wonderful club. There are few clubs where the club belongs to its members though we have considerable natural wastage of our numbers due to age.

    The youngsters at the College have no interest in the Club. Hence the President is pleased that Luke Brennan is joining the Committee and at risk of lowering the average of the Committee to "70 something"!

    He continued that we need to give serious thought to how we continue and deal with the rapidly ageing membership. This is a prime site with the site next door. One possibility may be for a new building, and we occupy the ground floor. Perhaps it could be called a "King Edward house". We need to be "movers and shakers" if we want to progress the Club. It will be hard work for it to have a meaningful future.

    The President concluded with confidence that we will all give the same support to his successor as we have done to him to date.

12. **Vote of thanks:**

    Past President Peter Cartwright then thanked the President for the continuance of the excellent position of the Club. He added thanks to the Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Membership Secretary, Hon. Secretary, Social Committee and Chair of House Committee (David Trewin) for managing the Club's operations.

    Finally, he thanked our excellent stewards, Tim and Tracey, for all they do for us and for our many venue hirers.

13. **Other business:** None other than as covered above.

14. **Close of meeting:** President Arnold Homer thanked members for their attendance and thoughts and declared the meeting closed at 8.23 pm.

…… **Arnold Homer 2025-2026 President**

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Attendance Register

PRINT NAME	Signature
ALAN RODEN	
ARNOLD HOMER	
DAVID BURROWS	
NIVEN MACLINSON	
BRIAN ARCH	
PETER CARTWRIGHT	
JEM HARRIS	
GARTH WOOLDRIDGE	
MILES FRAZER	
JOHN BROWN	
ROGER HADLEY	
Roger Stephenson	
COLIN ENCOCK	
MARTYN PRICE	
ALF EDWARDS	
STEWART BARCLAY	
DAVID TRENIN	