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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



I am sure that all of you will readily join me in expressing pleasure at the steady increase in membership. As I write the figure stands at 347, up by no less than 7.8% since this time last year. This most welcome increase can be attributed to the ROSA website, which allows access to be made around the world, to the excellent data and information provided by our 'IT Team'.

Turning a 'hit' on the web-site into an active member does not however occur overnight, and here we must recognise the invaluable role played by our Secretary who follows up every enquiry, where an address has been supplied, with a personal letter accompanied by what we call the 'welcome pack'.

My plea this time last year, and again at the Annual General Meeting held in June 2002, for more active and positive help has had some success, albeit rather limited. We have received a couple of offers of help 'from home' with assistance in the preparation of our magazine and Newsletters, greatly aided these days thanks to the benefits of e-commerce. One new addition to our Committee, Ernie Rayner, is greatly welcome and appreciated. Ernie's valuable contribution is already bearing fruit. We remain however 'thin on the ground' in terms of those who are willing and able to regularly attend our monthly meetings, the time when the decisions have to be made for the benefit of the entire membership. It is with the foregoing very much in mind that I make no apology for repeating my request for additional help, essential if we are to stand a chance of meeting the expectations of our growing membership.

I would not wish the foregoing remarks to detract in any way from our appreciation to those who have given time to attend the Reunions, visit the Reedham Foundation Museum, write in, use the services of ROSA Merchandising and/or support the work undertaken by The Reedham Trust throughout the past year. To you all I express my personal, and most sincere, thanks for your valued interest and support.

There is little doubt that one of the key successes in recent years has been the formation of The Reedham Foundation Museum, which moves from strength to strength with numerous new exhibits being received by our Curator virtually every week. To those of you who have yet to pay the Museum a visit, may I invite you to try and do so for I know that you will find the visit of immense interest. We have our Curator Mike Paterson, and his wife Mary, to thank for much of the behind the scenes activity. Please let Mike Paterson or the Assistant Curator, Ron Thomas, know if you wish to visit so that arrangements can be made to receive you.

My wife Pamela joins me in wishing you all a very happy, and above all healthy, New Year wherever you may be. We sincerely hope to see many of you during the year – for those unable to join us at the various gatherings throughout the year please be assured that we will all do our utmost to ensure that you are kept up to date with the affairs of ROSA and the Reedham Trust.

Tony Miller
President

THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



It gives me great pleasure to address you as ROSA's new Chairman and in reporting that 2002 has been a most successful year for ROSA. Membership is up to its highest level in many years, thanks in no small way to the success of the ROSA website, which has renewed people's interest in Reedham and ROSA. My thanks go to my colleague Dave Cox on the IT Team for all his efforts.

We warmly welcomed two new members on to our Committee this year, fulfilling the call to boost up the Committee. Ernie Rayner and Derek Pearce have both already made significant contributions. I would like to thank all my colleagues on the Committee for their time and hard work that they put in.

The Reunion was another resounding success with almost 100 members and their families and friends attending. We again saw some 'new faces' attending for the first time since leaving Reedham. In turn we hope these 'new faces' will bring along an old friend or two next year.

The Museum goes from strength to strength, with more items being added on a regular basis. Thank you to Mike and Mary Paterson ably assisted by Ron Thomas, for all the hard work they put in.

The Merchandising Team have been hard at it again this year and we thank them for all their efforts in raising valuable funds for both ROSA and The Reedham Trust. You will read elsewhere of our exciting new notelet products being launched with this issue of Rosabeam. Your Committee has been working very hard on new ideas for some even more exciting additions to our merchandising list. Ernie Rayner has a real treat in store for us all, which I feel will be a 'real winner'. I would like to sincerely thank Richard Clivaz, who through the Internet has again contributed some excellent work in producing the flyer for the new notelets.

For me, becoming Chairman of ROSA is like completing the 'Circle of Reedham Life', which began when I first climbed 'the hill' in September 1963 as a nervous 9 year old. Those of you who I have not met may know me as "the young boy arriving with his mother" in the Reedham Video. So to me I feel I have been involved with supporting Reedham, The Trust and ROSA for nearly 40 years now.

It is an honour for me to be at the helm of ROSA, in what is an exciting time ahead. I would like to thank my immediate predecessors, Brian Hord and Stuart Ellis, for the support and encouragement that they have given me.

On a personal note, I have more than most to be thankful to Reedham for. Not only did it give me a solid and valuable grounding in life, but also it was there that I met Denise, who was later to become my wife. In March 2003 we celebrate our Silver Wedding Anniversary, along with 2 lovely daughters. Ours was but one of three 'Reedham marriages' within 'our era' and I would like to do an article about other 'Reedham marriages' for next year's Rosabeam. So get your stories (or someone you know) along with maybe a photo to Mike Paterson or send an e-mail to rosabeam@reedham.org.uk.

Finally I would like to wish you all a happy and healthy new year and to thank our members and friends for their continued support and encouragement.

George Kanetti
Chairman

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT



“Headlines” for another year in the life of our Association.

- **Springtime** March 2002 Chairman resigns.
- **Summertime** June 2002 Membership vote to adopt Constitution document.
- **Autumn** October 2002 Merchandise sales top the £1000 for the year to date.
- **Winter** November 2002 Secretary reports membership figures (25 new to date).

The above four statements could be seen to sum up the year 2002 for ROSA.

Brian Hord had taken the position of Chairman at the 2001 AGM. In his acceptance address Brian had warned us that the year could be a busy one for him as he had planned a trip to Australia and a house move to the South Coast. We thank Brian for his contribution to the Committee, including his input to Rosabeam and his drive to try to attract more members and help for the Committee.

A great deal of time in discussion and debate took place in the months prior to the Reunion in respect of the proposed Constitution document. As Secretary I can assure members that at least five ‘final’ documents were prepared prior to the ‘final final’ copy that was sent to the members for their approval. The result of the ballot reported to members at the AGM in 2002 was as follows.

Total ballot papers issued	278	
Total votes cast	67	(65 for and 2 against)
Percentage in favour of Constitution	96.01%	Percentage against Constitution 2.99%

The motion was therefore carried and the Constitution voted in.

The merchandising or sales have been managed by Tony & Pam for the previous two years. The items available are now advertised on our website as well as in our publications. The result is almost a full time business. The financial results have been magnificent. The accounts show for the year 2001 £1477 and the year 2002 to date (31-12-02) £1052. We are not allowing Tony & Pam to rest on their laurels. We are expecting some new products to emerge early in the New Year 2003 to boost our sales still further.

I am pleased to be able to report increasing numbers of members joining ROSA. The present number of listed members is 347. This compares with 322 reported this time last year. Members regain contact in many ways. However the majority of recent new members have regained contact by using our website. This means of contact is very popular and we owe our sincere thanks to George and Dave for the time and effort put into maintaining our website.

With every good wish to all members.

Mike Paterson
General Secretary

MINUTES OF THE 2002 AGM

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at Beaumont School, Old Lodge Lane, Purley, on Saturday 15th June 2002

In the absence of a current Chairman the AGM was chaired by our Secretary, Mr Mike Paterson.

Apologies for Absence

Mike Paterson welcomed all ROSA members, Associates and guests and reported the following apologies:

Mrs Brenda Airey (nee Moseley), Peter Bennett, Mike Bouchier, Frank Burleton, Richard Clivaz, Mrs Barbara Coulbeck (Associate), Paul Cotton (Associate), Jim Eastabrook, B G Frazer-Hollins, Brian Hord, G E Leach, Mrs Brenda Loasby (nee Lord), Denis Long, J W Neal, Richard Newcombe, Alex Ogden, Mrs Barbara Parsons (Associate), J Pearse, Mrs D Smith (nee Dawson), Derrick Smith, Mrs B Weir (nee Robinson), A. Wittich.

Minutes of the A.G.M. held on Saturday 21st July 2001

Agreed and approved as a true record by the Committee in November 2001 and issued to Members via Rosabeam.

Matters Arising

Mike Paterson reported that enquiries were being made regarding the cleaning of the memorial stone on the Reedham site, as the lettering had become obscured.

Ray Davis: Dave Connor suggested as a tribute to Ray Davis that a 'golden ruler' be purchased and exhibited, in honour of Ray's dedication and commitment to Reedham.

At this point, the AGM observed a minute's silence.

Mike Paterson reported that further mention of the sad loss of Ray Davis would be made later in the meeting.

President's Address – Tony Miller

It is indeed a pleasure to have the opportunity of addressing you, and in so doing, extend a very warm welcome to all our guests on this special day in the ROSA calendar.

Since we last met a year ago, events within our Association have moved forward at what many would say has been at an extremely encouraging pace, in terms of interest shown and the arrival of many new members – largely as a result of our excellent website. However, the demands upon those currently responsible for ensuring the smooth running of your Association are understandably increased, with such added interest and the greater expectations of our enhanced membership, and it is in this area that I am bound to say we face real difficulties.

Despite the appeals made by our two most recent past Chairman for more help within the Committee, such appears to have fallen on deaf ears, for such has just not been forthcoming to the point that we currently do not even have a Chairman of the Association; as Brian Hord, elected at last year's AGM resigned in February following his re-location to the South Coast. Unless there is an early resolution to these difficulties, then there will be a real need for the few of us that remain in office to reassess the level of service that can reasonably be offered to members. To be forced to curtail certain aspects of our Association activities would, in my view be extremely regrettable, but the future now really does lie in your hands.

It is frequently said that "to give is far more rewarding than to receive". May I therefore ask you all to stop for a moment and ask yourself "what am I able to give back to Reedham by way of a thank you"? All that we ask for is a little of your time in order that we can build upon the success achieved by the few in recent years. The fact that our membership is as high as it has been for many a year says a great deal. You all obviously enjoy being a member of the close knit Reedham family and are more than happy to subscribe and participate in the various activities offered which is greatly appreciated. All that we now ask for is for you to help the Association so as to ensure that it may continue for the benefit of all for many a year to come. Our hard working Secretary awaits your call. Thank you.

ROSA Secretary/Treasurer's Reports – Mike Paterson

I am pleased to report the membership of our Association continues to grow in numbers. The present total is 333 made up as follows:

ROSA Boys	160
ROSA Girls	89
Overseas	47
Associates	37
Total at 15/06/02	333

Members have regained contact in various ways, but many have 'discovered' us via our website. A full report will be given on the website including the number of 'hits' to date. I understand these hits are averaging 300 per month. Congratulations to our IT team and thanks for the work they undertake on our behalf.

The Rosabeam, published in early January, was again received and welcomed by many, if not all members. The content and style of this magazine has maintained a high standard over the recent years and again we are very fortunate to have a dedicated production team for this publication and for the Summer Newsletter.

A year ago we welcomed the election of our Chairman, Brian Hord. In his acceptance address Brian hinted that the year could be very busy for him with a trip planned to Australia and also a house move to the South coast. Subsequently, Brian had to reluctantly stand down from this position, following his move. We thank Brian for his contribution to the Committee, including his input to Rosabeam and other documentation discussed during the year.

The recent months have been taken up with discussion regarding the proposed Constitution document and with the order placed with printers for a re-print of 'The Home on the Hill'. The Constitution document has been mailed to members for their decision on whether or not to proceed with this document. The printers have produced the re-print of 'The Home on the Hill' and this is available for purchase. The book itself is popular in the local area with residents interested in the history of their land and homes.

An election will take place for a Secretary and the Committee for the ensuing year. Mention has already been made of the need for help on the Committee with general subjects eg proof-reading, and we are still awaiting response. With the growing number of members, we shall soon need to increase our Committee numbers or curtail our activities.

Accounts Period - 01.01.01 to 31.12.01

Mike Paterson issued copies of the accounts.

Approval of Accounts and election of Auditors; Proposed by Derek Pearce. Seconded by Peter Lord.

Finally, on a personal note, thanks to all members who have maintained their support for our Association, and for the continued correspondence and comments received regularly in my mail.

Thanks to you all for coming to join with us today.

Report on ROSA Merchandising Activities - Tony Miller

Members will recall that following the introduction of the latest item to be added to the list of merchandise, namely the 'Home on the Hill' bookmarks, it was decided to arrange for this arm of the Association to be dealt with as a separate entity. In the absence of any member volunteering, my wife Pam kindly agreed to deal with the increasing volume of mail orders along with a little help from me.

It is extremely heartening to report a real upsurge of interest, following the introduction of revised order forms listing all the items which are available, coupled with an enhanced 'shop' on the ROSA website.

Sales in the year 2001 were up four fold over the previous year. Sales this year are currently running at a three-fold increase over the year 2000.

The bookmark project is a real success with sales now nearing the 1000 mark. Many members have discovered that these are an ideal present to slip into a birthday or Christmas card and in so doing, both ROSA and the Trust receive valuable P.R. Our marketing initiative, whereby we targeted some 500 residences on and adjacent to the Reedham Estate, brought forth some good sales figures for both bookmarks and copies of the book 'The Home on the Hill' as well, of course, as valuable P.R.

It has been necessary to invest in the third re-print of the book 'The Home on the Hill' due to the marked increase in sales over the past 12 or so months. It should be remembered that the Trust benefits from sales of both the book and the bookmarks with £1 for every sale being donated to the Trust.

Following the real success of the Reedham Video, sales are now nearing the 250 mark. I am reliably informed that steps are being taken to launch a second Reedham Video in the not too distant future, one which will include additional historic material not seen before, plus a section recording events over the more recent past. Please be advised that everyone will be advised just as soon as this new video is available. I am assured that this item will be every bit as popular as the original edition.

If anyone has any particular views on desirable items for the future, do please let us know, and I am sure we will do our best to oblige, always providing that such is financially viable.

Many thanks for your continued and valued support.

Report by the Mini Reunion Co-Ordinator - Peter Lord

There have been two events since the AGM of last year.

Both were lunch occasions, which seems to be the most popular type of gathering because it offers the opportunity for those present to sit around and gas all day. However, there is no reason why some other form of gathering cannot be arranged in the future.

The first event was our annual visit to the Isle of Wight in September. Twenty members and partners sat down to lunch in the Cask and Taverners in Godshill at 1.00 p.m. Some members had been collected from the pier head at Ryde beforehand by the prestigious ROSA taxi service. It was a splendid meal laced with lashings of reminiscences and chat and seemed to go on forever. Our thanks to Colin Rowe and to Jim Neal for finding the venue and making the arrangements. After lunch we were invited to tea and cake at the home of Diana Stoner, which was attended and enjoyed by all. It rounded off a wonderful day. The foot passengers were then returned to the ferry at 6.00 p.m.

Our second event was lunch in Southend-on-Sea, where 18 of us sat down at the Fisherman's Wharf Restaurant. Here we are indebted to Dave Connor for the choice of venue and for showing us the delights of Southend. Lunch was taken outside, despite changeable weather – supplemented by gas fired patio heaters. The menu was extensive and the food was excellent. It was also wonderful to see and hear some newly surfaced members meeting up with school chums for the first time since leaving Reedham. This is surely mainly what our Association is about.

After we had enjoyed our lunch, in most cases to excess, Dave Connor rounded us up and insisted we went to the end of Southend's 1.3 mile long pier. He did have the goodness to let us take the train rather than walking and the trip was very rewarding. All too soon it was time to go home.

I shall keep Southend in mind for a return visit in a couple of years time.

Peter Lord indicated that 'flyers' were distributed to each table regarding this year's visit to the Isle of Wight and that he was available to take bookings.

He also offered assistance to anyone wishing for a mini-reunion to be arranged in their area.

Reedham Museum Curator's Report – Mike Paterson

Mike Paterson reported on the continuing growth of the collection of Reedham memorabilia as follows:

Publications of particular interest have been received from ROSA membership.

- 1844 – 1894: A Story of the Five Decades.
- The Reedham Dialogues by John Edmed, Headmaster of the Asylum for Fatherless Children, Reedham, Coulsdon, Surrey - 1876

Books and records were discovered in the Lodge including a marriage register in respect of the weddings held in the Reedham Chapel.

The Reedham Bible has been returned from the village of Reedham in Norfolk.

We have been contacted by the Surrey History Society from Woking. They have offered to help with advice in maintaining records etc.

A more recent addition to the museum has been a collection of pictures and photos of members and staff and pupils at Reedham in the 1800s.

The website includes reference to the museum, which also attracts much interest and enquiries.

We still receive enquiries from members of the public for information regarding friends or relations who may have resided at Reedham and we have also received correspondence from Derrick Smith who has compiled a list of Reedham pupils and staff.

ROSA Historian's Report – Derrick Smith

As Honorary Historian for the Association, my main activity has been to compile a list of the pupils and staff who were at Reedham, from its foundation in 1844 and over the next 135 years. It may be surprising to learn that no complete list appears to exist, possibly due in part to the destruction of the Reedham offices in the City during the Blitz, and also to the loss of some records when Reedham closed its doors in 1979.

I am pleased to say that, so far, I have been able to assemble a list of 4,740 names (2,977 boys and 1,763 girls). This has been possible by utilising the National Census returns for the years 1861 to 1891. The 1901 census should provide or confirm another 300 names when it eventually becomes available. Another major source of names and dates has been the back numbers of the Rosabeam. Various other sources have also been found such as a Board of Governors report and admittance registers for some years. Increasingly useful is the Reedham website where new names appear from time to time, dates of entry and leaving are confirmed and first names are provided where before we only had initials.

The list consists of just the names of children and staff, together with dates of entry and leaving, where known. Even in this limited form, it is evidence of the contribution that Reedham made to the lives of so many individuals. The list is not being published, but will be held by Mike Paterson and myself. There is considerable enthusiasm for family history nowadays and I know that Mike finds the list particularly useful when enquiries reach him. I too, am always pleased to help via the Internet or by post. I estimate that there are probably up to a thousand names still to be found. If any old scholars would like to help complete the list just jot down the names of all those you remember being at Reedham with, and send or e-mail them to me.

Derrick Smith's address is 35 Vale Road, Parkstone, Pool, Dorset, BH14 9AT, and e-mail: derricksmith29@hotmail.com.

Mike Paterson concluded the Reedham museum update by inviting all to visit the museum to see the display.

IT Team Report – David Cox

David Cox welcomed all guests attending the 2002 Reunion and explained that due to technical problems (equipment damaged as a result of a power surge) the IT service would unfortunately be limited on the day. He further reported:

I'm happy to say the website has enjoyed even more interest this year and in combination with 'FriendsReunited', a general schools contact site, the level of activity has been very encouraging.

By far the majority of changes have been correspondence received and the replies, so in response to this the 'Instant Guest Book' has been set up. This allows people to leave messages and view them almost instantly. It is still monitored, and personally I encourage the use of this facility as it is automated! This is not a commercial set up and the work is done when I can and when George has new items. We welcome positive feedback about amendments.

Another facility soon to appear will be a discussion forum. Topics can be raised and replies grouped with them. Again monitored, the stimulating environment is just one step away from 'chat level' and again geography is no barrier, so it should be viewed as a good way to bring us all closer as a group. I have employed this on other websites and feedback suggests this would be appreciated. We are soon due to make changes to the Service Provider, and a forum will be set up at that time (hopefully inside 2 months). This will make the site even more automated thankfully.

We are conscious that not every member can, or indeed will, want to use these facilities, but for those who do, I believe we can offer a good service. It is gratifying to see the level of interest and the number of registered e-mail addresses is now well over the old 100 target.

ROSA memberships are at an all time high and I don't think we should be shy about putting a lot of that down to the website. George Kanetti tells me there have been many more initial enquiries recently. Also, there are superb stories where people look for the word Reedham on the Internet for all sorts of reasons. A good example is Clint Green's diary found in a loft many years later - now being returned to him.

We are always looking for articles beyond normal correspondence, so if there are pictures out there which depict special events, we would like the opportunity to highlight them and keep the content moving.

Another suggestion has been for people to send photos of 'Then and Now' – don't be shy – maybe bring something to the Reunion for us to scan in to the computers? Before anyone asks, I've already done mine – they're on the correspondence 2002 pages. If we get enough, we'll start a dedicated page.

Other items of interest may be old letters or certificates – these can all be scanned or photographed for the site. The possibilities are endless.

We must try to be an outward looking Association, but renewing friends and acquaintances, especially at the Reunion, is special, as ROSA is its people – from all walks of life, over such a wide span of years and in many cases now countries, most once at "the Reedham we all now miss in one way or another!"

Election of the Committee for Ensuing Year

Mike Paterson reported that in view of Mr Bass's poor health, it was considered that it would not be in his best interests to continue serving on the Committee at this time. Mike expressed appreciation on behalf of ROSA and the Committee for all his hard work and efforts in the past.

The following Committee members were prepared to continue; Mr P Cotton, Mr D Cox, Mr J & Mrs M Jones, Mr G Kanetti, Miss L Lestourgeon, Mr P Lord, Mr A Miller, Mr M Paterson, Mr D R Smith, Mrs A Welby and Mr R Thomas.

The above were proposed by Fred Williams and seconded by Brian Batchelor.

Derrick Smith (see above) would also be happy to continue as Honorary Historian.

Brian Usill offered to help with the Committee, but would not be able to attend meetings.

Alan Sidaway offered to be our representative for Scotland.

Nominations for new Committee members were sought; Tony Miller proposed Ernest Rayner, and David Cox seconded the nomination.

Proposed Constitution

Mike Paterson indicated figures as follows that a total of 67 votes were received. 65 votes in favour of the Constitution and 2 against (97% and 2.99% respectively).

As the required 75% of the vote was achieved the document was accepted.

At this point, Tony Miller spoke about the benefits of adopting a constitution, one of these being that we can now apply for a lottery grant for improvements to the museum. He said that part of the criteria for applicants to be considered for a lottery grant is the need for organisations to have a constitution document.

Any Other Business

Ray Davis: As previously recorded, it was proposed to commemorate Ray by purchasing a 'golden ruler', and perhaps this could be presented to the winning team (e.g. rounders) or sportsman at each Reunion day. Dave Connor agreed to arrange the purchase of the trophy.

Stuart Ellis had also received a letter from Ray's wife Shirley, in respect of the tribute to Ray Davis.

Stuart concluded the meeting by inviting people to either play in or watch and support the rounders match, and mentioned that there were many prizes donated to the raffle.

Date of Next AGM - 21st June 2003

ROSA INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

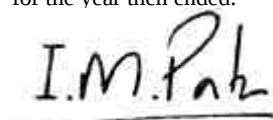
ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2001

	2001	2000		2001	2000
	£	£		£	£
Income			Expenditure		
Subscriptions	175	150	Rosabeam (including postage)	671	-
Life subscriptions	180	180	General postage	83	205
Rosabeam	722	512	Reedham Trust	901	744
Reedham Trust	638	639	Printing & stationery	316	183
			Museum expenses	459	13
			Gratuities	105	100
			Videos/photos	-	116
	<u>1,715</u>	<u>1,481</u>		<u>2,535</u>	<u>1,361</u>
Functions			Functions		
Re-union	757	1,119	Re-union	791	1,092
Christmas lunch	283	-	Christmas lunch	283	-
Northants lunch	-	262	Northants lunch	-	260
Celebration dinner	-	75	Celebration dinner	-	475
	<u>1,040</u>	<u>1,456</u>		<u>1,074</u>	<u>1,827</u>
Sales			Sales		
Bookmarks	800	-	Bookmarks	2,253	-
Reedham video	90	113	(Production costs £2,048, advertising costs £205)		
Home on the Hill	198	65			
Photographs	200	66			
Ties/badges/tapes	50	37			
Directory	39	32			
Postage recovered	100	-			
	<u>1,477</u>	<u>313</u>		<u>2,253</u>	<u>-</u>
Sundries			Sundries		
Donations & legacies	334	250	Write off Rosabeam covers	122	
Museum	505	39			
Bank interest	103	113			
	<u>942</u>	<u>402</u>			
Balance of expenditure over income	<u>810</u>		Balance of income over expenditure		<u>464</u>
	<u>5,984</u>	<u>3,652</u>		<u>5,984</u>	<u>3,652</u>

Represented by

Current assets			Current liabilities		
Stock of Rosabeam covers	-	122	Reserves brought forward	4,031	3,567
Current account	772	905	(Deficit)/excess for the year	(810)	464
Building Society/Deposit account	2,449	2,848			
Deposit for 2001 reunion	-	156			
	<u>3,221</u>	<u>4,031</u>	Reserves carried forward	<u>3,221</u>	<u>4,031</u>

These accounts have been prepared from the books and records of the Reedham Old Scholars Association and from other information supplied. They are in accordance with the books and records and reflect the financial position as at 31 December 2001 and the balance of expenditure over income for the year then ended.



Ian Paterson, BA FCA MBRP

8 February 2002

THE REEDHAM TRUST

November 2002

Dear ROSA Member

Another year has gone by and the Trust continues to receive hundreds of applications for assistance from families throughout the UK. Many of the cases we receive are very distressing, and appear to reflect society today - the increase, for example, in single parent families has inevitably led to an increase in applications.

In financial terms, the year has proved a difficult one for all charities, following the fall in interest rates on deposits and volatile stock market conditions. However, despite this, the Trust not only maintained, but actually increased its grant expenditure by nearly 5%, enabling us to help 159 boys and girls at 75 boarding schools throughout the country.

We do receive many letters of thanks from parents, grandparents and from the children who we have supported themselves. Schools also often write - a letter recently received stated: "I thank your Trust for all the kind interest it has shown in supporting 'Susan' over the years. Without your input I am quite sure that both socially and academically she would not have developed as she has. You have helped rescue a young girl from the depths of despair". Letters such as these are indicative that the work of our founder, Dr Andrew Reed, is being continued today through the work of the Trust.

I would like to express my appreciation to all the Trust's Board and Committee members for their support and commitment throughout the year. Ron Hodges, who died last November, is deeply missed by us all, his contribution to the welfare of the Trust was immense, and the Trust received over £2,000 in donations in his memory - a mark of the high esteem and respect in which he was held.

The links between ROSA and the Trust remain strong and the Trust is pleased to be involved in the continuing development of the Reedham Museum. Hardly a week passes by without more exhibits, records etc being brought in.

I would like to thank George Kanetti and other ROSA members for their advice and assistance regarding the Trust's Website. It is our intention that our site will play a more positive role in connection with fund raising over the coming months.

Thank you again to all those ROSA members who help and support the Trust throughout the year in many different ways - your support is much appreciated.

And, finally, on a lighter note, in the 'Home on the Hill' reference is made to the flooding that occurred in Old Lodge Lane when it was made into a metalled road. During the War years the Board were concerned that "Instead of the rainwater seeping into the ground as hitherto, it drained from nearby roads into Old Lodge Lane which, falling away to the Brighton Road, found its lowest level at the school gates and deposited the water at this point." The flooding continues and this morning during a particularly heavy downpour, Sue Hassanein, our Caseworker, removed her shoes and waded to work through the 'puddle' which had reached the proportions of a 'lake' and Lesley Ackerley, our Secretary Assistant, hitched a lift through the floodwater from a passing car! Despite the wonders of modern technology some things never change!

A very Happy New Year to you all from Sue, Lesley and me.

Yours sincerely

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