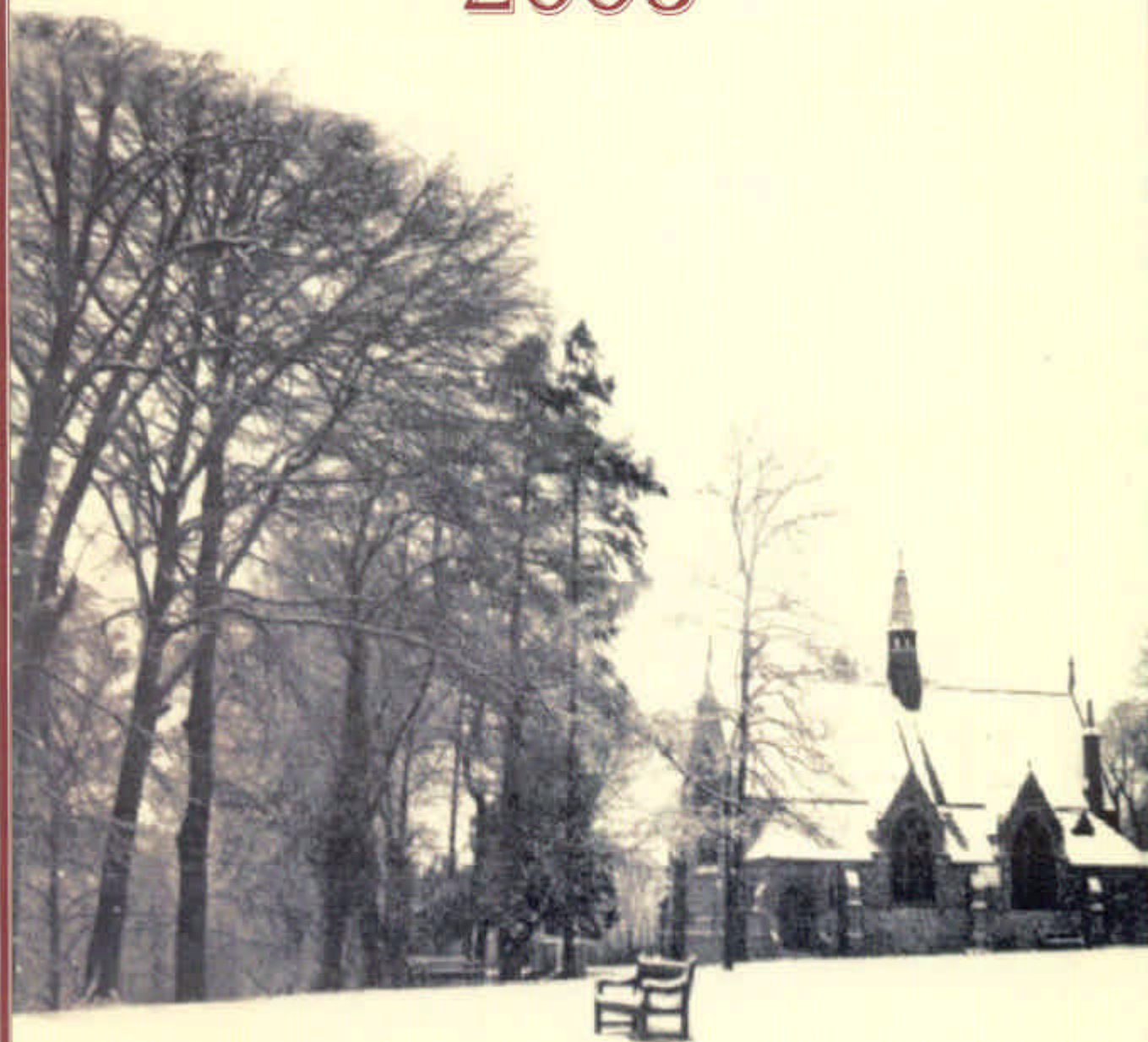


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THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A warm welcome to all our Members and friends in what has been a very busy year for ROSA, with many significant developments.

Many of you may be unaware that after many years of sterling service to ROSA, Mike Paterson and Tony Miller have chosen to step down, and retire from ROSA's Committee. The Committee also said farewell to Peter Lord and Ann Welby, who have also retired.

I am sure you will all wish to join me in thanking each of them for all their time and effort and commitment to ROSA. By way of special recognition for their exceptional long service to ROSA, Mike and Tony were both presented with a pair of crystal decanters on behalf of the membership. And lest we forget that behind every successful man there is always a very supportive woman, Mary and Pam were each presented with a large bouquet of flowers.



Our gratitude goes to Stuart Ellis for his vote of thanks to both Tony and Mike and a special thank you also to Stuart's sister Brenda who helped with the presentations.

A pictorial record of the presentations can be found with the AGM Report on pages 16-17, in black and white and on the back cover of Rosabeam, in colour.

Tony & Pam and Mike & Mary have all asked that I pass on their sincere thanks to the Membership.

To the retiring members, we wish you all well and we hope to see you again soon at one of our forthcoming ROSA events, where you will all be most welcome.

The Committee has realised that in the recent past, other stalwarts of ROSA have not received due recognition. It has been suggested that we erect an Honours Board or have a Roll of Honour, hopefully in the Museum, to recognise the tireless work that many old scholars have given to ROSA. A photo gallery could also complement this. A period of service could be recorded, say a minimum of fifteen years maybe? If you wish to nominate someone for this honour please let our Secretary have the details. The Committee will be discussing this in the coming months and I will report back to the Membership in the Newsletter.

You will read elsewhere in Rosabeam of changes in personnel on the Committee, but I would like to personally wish our new Secretary, Maureen Jones, our new Treasurer, John Jones and our new head of Merchandising, Ernie Rayner, every success for the future. They all have tough acts to follow, but I have every confidence that they will continue the good work of their predecessors.

Mike has offered any assistance he can to Maureen and John during this transition period and to be their 'guiding light', for which we are extremely grateful to Mike.

Ann Welby also continues to offer help where needed, in particular with Rosabeam and she will again be organising the Golf Day in April 2004. Many thanks Ann.

We welcomed Sean Matthews (1957-69) as the latest new recruit to the Committee.

I would like to thank all the Committee (old and new) for their support and hard work in the last year, but in particular, my Deputy Chairman, Dave Cox for all his support.

We enjoyed another successful Reunion with over 90 people attending and over 70 sitting down for the buffet meal. It was wonderful to again see more new faces which all bodes well for our future.

At the AGM a motion was passed to amend the Constitution in order to allow Associate Members to continue to serve on the Committee. Your Committee has been working hard in response to the many comments received regarding the Constitution document. To this end, with your Rosabeam you will find a revised version of the ROSA Constitution embracing your valued opinions, which your Committee now feels, better reflects the desires and aspirations of all ROSA Members. In the Committee's opinion these revisions do not represent 'any contentious issues of fundamental importance to the future of ROSA' and therefore no postal ballot is required. However any further comments members may have should be addressed to our Secretary so they may be presented to the next AGM where the amended document will be presented to the Membership to be adopted.

Members unable to attend the next AGM may register their preference to the Secretary and this will be recorded at the AGM.

The Museum continues to gather new and interesting artefacts, more of this in the Curator's report. Our thanks as ever, to Mike and Mary Paterson for all the work they put in and also to Ron Thomas.

Sadly, I have to report to the Membership that the facility afforded to ROSA, by The Reedham Trust, to hold our Committee meetings at The Lodge, has currently been withdrawn. This has been a tradition for almost 25 years, since the school closed. The reason given is that we no longer have any serving Committee Members who are also members of The Board of Management of the Trust, a condition that I confess the current Committee were previously unaware of.

However, your Committee is continuing in its endeavours to reach a workable solution and we are hopeful that a resolution to this situation will soon be achieved. I will report further on this matter to all the membership in the Spring Newsletter.

Currently, we are holding our meetings at my home and we have now switched the normal day for our monthly meetings to the second Thursday in the month. However, any ROSA Member wishing to attend one of our meetings would be most welcome, but please first check the date and venue with our Secretary. This does though mean that Members will be unable to visit the Museum at the same time.

Following on the AGM, we have now appointed an Auditor, Mr Keith Robbins, who is an accountant with the local authority.

The launch of the new 'Reedham Revisited' photo booklet at the Reunion was well received and I know Ernie Rayner has some interesting ideas in the pipeline.

The website continues to bring in new or renewed contacts and has prompted many old scholars to renew their friendships and arrange to meet up again. Richard Clivaz has again been active 'down under' and reports of his 'reunions' can be found on pages 50-51.

You will see we have a busy schedule of events for the coming year which have all ended up being on the third Saturday of the respective month – so mark your calendars early and keep these dates free. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible throughout the year.

Our newest Committee Member, Sean Matthews, has proposed what the Committee feels is possibly the most exciting idea to take place for ROSA, and one which will not only raise a lot of funds for ROSA, The Trust and other deserving causes, but will also give all ROSA Members and friends the opportunity to win big, and I mean BIG money prizes.

How many of you do the Lottery every week with no realistic chance of winning a small prize, let alone a substantial one! Well forget all that. Watch out for forthcoming details of the '**ROSA Lotto**'.

The basic idea is that ROSA Lotto members contribute £10.00 per annum (less than 20p a week) for a share (max of 3 per member) to a fund for the benefit of being included in a lottery draw. Each member has a unique number based on their school number and the year they left the school.

The prize money will be dependent on take up, but is envisaged to be about half of the total funds collected in. Therefore if we have 150 members (shares) contributing £10.00 then the total prize fund would be £1500. Prize money could be a 1st Prize of £500.00, 2nd Prize of £250.00 and 3^d Prize of £150.00 with £600 for ROSA, The Trust and deserving causes. However if every Member took up their maximum allocation we would have 350 members contributing £30 per annum (or 58p a week) then the total prize fund would be £10,500.00. Prize money could be a 1st Prize of £2500.00, 2nd Prize of £1500.00, 3^d Prize of £750.00, 4th Prize of £500.00 and 5th Prize of £250.00 with £5000.00 for ROSA, The Trust and deserving causes. You get the picture.

The draw would take place at the Annual Reunion and so even those members unable to join us on the day will have an even keener interest in the proceedings. Full details will be circulated to all Members early in the New Year.

My sincere thanks go to all our ROSA Members for your continued support.

My aim, and that of your Committee's, is to preserve all the good traditions of ROSA, embracing all our Members, 'young' and 'not so young', whether they attended Reedham or have been invited to join the Association. After all, we do belong to the one 'Reedham Family'.

In closing, along with all Members of your Committee, we wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

George Kanetti
Chairman

GENERAL SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

Please Note the New Secretary's details:

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We would like to begin this report by paying tribute to Mike Paterson, your General Secretary for many years and a man whose boots it will be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to fill!

It is an indication of just how much of his time Mike dedicated to ROSA, when his role is now split between two people!

Having only been in this role for a couple of months, since returning from Geneva, we cannot reflect a great deal on what has happened in the past year, but would like to say a few words about the future of our Organisation, and how we will be continuously looking for ways to bring more Old Scholars into the Association and find new and exciting ways to raise funds, whilst enjoying ourselves!

As Mike reported in last year's address, we continue to see an increase in the Membership of ROSA. We have now topped the 350 mark and we are following up on the new faces that are appearing on our Website, which will hopefully add to the ever-increasing number.

We are currently putting all existing members names on to a database, which will make it easier to contact you when organising mini-reunions etc by better targeting those living in particular areas.



We are looking forward to the many events already planned for 2004, and some of you may have noticed the theme for the dates of our confirmed events - they are all falling on the third Saturday of the month. This has happened by chance, but is something that we shall try to continue. If you know that it will always be the third week of the month it will obviously make it easier for you to plan ahead when attending the Reunion and other events.

We have had some excellent suggestions for fundraising, one of which our Chairman has shared with you, but if any of you have any other ideas for future events, fundraising etc, please share them with us - there is no such thing as a silly idea!

We are reinforcing our links with Beaumont School, the new home of our Annual Reunion. Our Chairman, together with our Historian, Derrick Smith have met with the Headteacher, Mrs Harvey, More on this visit will be reported in the Newsletter.

Merchandising is still selling well, with current sales for 2003 at £1425.05. Again, we are looking at new ideas for the merchandising and these will also be shared with you later in Rosabeam.

Mike referred to the Constitution in his last address. Those of you who were able to attend the Reunion in June will be aware that we put forward a resolution to amend the Constitution to correct some anomalies. An updated copy is enclosed with your Rosabeam for you to review and to vote on at the next AGM. Those unable to attend the AGM can register any comments and a vote with the Secretary.

We will sign off now and wish you all a very happy Christmas and all good wishes for 2004.

Look forward to seeing you at the Reunion 2004!

Maureen Jones
General Secretary

John Jones
Treasurer

THE REEDHAM TRUST REPORT

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Trust Secretary: Jean Watkins

Caseworker: Susan Hassanein

October 2003

Dear ROSA Member

The past year has been a busy one for the Trust and we are pleased to record that grant expenditure to children in need of assistance increased to a record level of £265,000.

No two applications are ever the same, but all involve a child or children who are without one or both parents and who are in need of a secure and protected environment. By awarding grants to enable these children to attend a boarding school (state or independent) they are provided with the stability and care which they so desperately need, whilst at the same time maintaining contact with their family.

During the year, the Trust was delighted to receive an exceptional number of very generous grants and donations, which helped to boost the Trust's income. Please remember that if you are a taxpayer you can increase your donation to the Trust by 22% by giving under the **Gift Aid Scheme**. Please contact the office for further details. To all those R.O.S.A. members who have made donations to the Trust over the past year – a big thank you. We are also very grateful to all those members who have purchased R.O.S.A. merchandise - as Reedham receives a percentage of the income from the sale of these. So please keep buying the bookmarks and notelets - I'm sure they make excellent Christmas presents!

We were pleased to see several Old Scholars at the Trust's Golf Day held in June. This event was enjoyed by everyone and raised over £3,000 for the Trust.

The Museum, as always, continues to generate a great deal of interest, and during the year many more exhibits were added to the collection. Lack of suitable display space and storage facilities have prompted the Trust to make an application for a National Heritage Lottery Grant – the outcome of which is currently awaited. R.O.S.A. members are always welcome to visit the Museum – but please contact the office first to ensure there is someone to let you in!

The Trust was saddened to learn of the death of Jim Neal in December 2002. Not only was Jim a Reedham Scholar, but he also served on the Board of Management of the Trust for a period of 15 years (1980-95) and gave many years of service to the Selection Panel. Jim's contribution to the Trust was invaluable, and all those who knew him remember his warm personality and great sense of humour. The Trust received many generous donations in Jim's memory for which we are very grateful.

Finally, Sue, Lesley and I send you all our very best wishes for 2004 – we hope the coming year will be a good one for you all.

Yours sincerely

JEAN WATKINS (MRS)
TRUST SECRETARY

LETTER FROM THE ROSA PRESIDENT

Having been assured that all the relevant details past, present and future, of the activities of our Association are being covered in detail in the individual reports by the responsible officers, I am sure that you will not mind, indeed I suspect you will be pleased, to learn that I propose focusing on what I view as being a very significant decision taken by a colleague of long standing at this year's Annual General Meeting.

I refer, of course, to the decision by the Association Secretary and Treasurer for the past 27 years – Mike Paterson - not to allow his name to go forward for re-election.



As one would have expected a few words of thanks were conveyed to Mike at the AGM for his service to ROSA however, I felt in hindsight, that these words did not do the situation justice. Whilst the re-union was, I am pleased to say, very well attended the actual number of paid up members of the Association was just 15% leaving 85% of our members unaware of the decision, and thus not able to express their personal thanks. Speaking, as I have, to a number of you since the AGM, you have all expressed disbelief at Mike's decision and were unanimous in your desire to express heartfelt appreciation for all that he had undertaken for ROSA over three decades. Hopefully my attempt to say '**Thank You**' on my account as well as yours will go some way to correcting the situation.

As a personal and close friend of Mike and his family as well as serving alongside him throughout his term of office, I probably know him as well as most, of the immense effort that he has put in serving members of ROSA since 1976. I am tempted to suggest that ROSA would not be where it is to-day but for Mike's contribution. I guess that there will be very few, if any, reading this report that have not received a letter - or two- from Mike over the years. His thoughtful approach to each and every member is a real example to us all. Every letter received was personally and promptly answered, as was each subscription and donation. He kept a close eye on the finances of the Association always ensuring that the best interests of all the members was paramount.

Mike's efforts went far beyond those that might be expected of him, supported admirably, at all times, by his wife Mary. You were always sure that every detail of every event would be dealt with well in advance leaving little or nothing to the last minute and thus chance. Mike will be remembered in his role as Secretary/Treasurer alongside such dear friends, and stalwarts of ROSA, Skipper Lewis, Arthur Morris, Stan Cocks, Cyril Singer, R Walters, Ted Robinson and Denis Long to name but a few, all of whom served ROSA in an exemplary fashion. One thing that is certain is that the very many friends Mike has made throughout his term of office will remain his friends for many a year to come

From each and every one of the current membership of 350 please accept our most sincere thanks for a job very well done Mike. Mike has been succeeded by husband and wife team John (Treasurer) and Maureen (Secretary) Jones. It goes without saying that we all wish them well in their endeavours.

Fortunately, we have not lost Mike's dedication to Reedham affairs for, as a valued Member of the Board of Management of The Trust, he will be continuing his role as Curator of the Reedham Foundation Museum, again with the help of his wife Mary. I know just what a visit to the Museum means to Old Scholars and the constant additions being received and displayed will, I know, add further interest and pleasure on your next visit.

My wife Pam joins me in sending our very best wishes to all our friends for the festive season and the year that lies ahead.

Tony Miller
President

MINUTES OF THE 2003 AGM

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at Beaumont School, Old Lodge Lane, Purley, on Saturday 21st June 2003

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to this year's Reunion, in particular those who had travelled a long way and to those attending for the first time or who were returning after many years.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from the following:

Alan Sidaway, Frank Burleton, Nancy Keyes, Arthur Morris, John Pearce, Tony Wittich, Patricia Cox, Dennis Cyril, Doreen Creasey, Ken and Joy Davis, Paul and Brenda (nee Moseley) Airey, Paul Atkinson, Ralph Lennon, Jimmy Ross, Maureen Holmes (nee Penn), Patricia Goodman (nee Penn), Moira Pickup (nee Young), Ian Southerden, Richard Clivaz, Penny Johnson (nee Whittaker), Beryl Weir (nee Robinson), Brian Hord, Vic and Joan Walters, Richard Miller, Dave and Hazel (nee Lestourgeon) Cox.

Approval of the Minutes of the AGM held on Saturday 15th June 2002

These were agreed as a true record by the Committee in November 2002 and issued to Members via Rosabeam. Copies were also available on the day.

Proposed by: Derek Pearce, Seconded by: Ron Thomas.

Matters Arising

The Chairman drew to the meeting's attention the adoption of a new ROSA Constitution at last year's AGM and that one item seemed to have an oversight in that Associate Members were not able to continue to serve on the Committee. The Committee had voted on a revision to the Constitution item number 9 to now read:

"Committee Members are elected at the AGM or may be co-opted to the Committee.

All Committee Members must be either paid up Members or Associates and shall have equal voting rights with decisions taken by a simple majority. In the event of equal voting the Chairman shall have an additional casting vote".

With the exception of this one change all other items remain the same.

The Chairman recommended to the meeting a proposal to amend the Constitution to allow ROSA's Associate Members to continue to serve on the Committee by inviting those Members present to vote by means of a show of hands.

There were no votes against the proposal, which was carried unanimously and was duly adopted. Three abstentions were noted.

The meeting then received reports from the various officers, as follows;

Chairman's Report

This has been a busy and exciting time for me in my first year as Chairman, but most importantly, it has been a very rewarding year.

I would like to thank my predecessors, Brian Hord and Stuart Ellis, for their encouragement and support and also the members of our present Committee for all their hard work and their support throughout the year.

It is pleasing to report that many old scholars and friends of Reedham are continuing to renew their links with ROSA. Last month alone, we had 10 new applications to join ROSA and today we have many attending the Reunion who are returning for the first time. This all bodes well for the future of the Association and we look forward to going from strength to strength.

With regard to our publications, we are looking to get Rosabeam out to members in November now, so as to give us a 6-month interval between Rosabeam and the Newsletter. So please let us have any articles you may wish to submit in plenty of time.

Thank you for the messages of appreciation for Rosabeam and the Newsletter, which are most welcomed by the production team.

Ann Welby, Peter Lord, Mike Paterson and Tony Miller have announced their wish to now retire from the Committee and I would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere gratitude from all of ROSA for the work they have done for us all.

In recognition of Mike and Tony's outstanding long service to ROSA, The Chairman called upon Stuart Ellis and Brenda Slocombe (nee Ellis) to present a token of our appreciation to them both, and also to Pam Miller and Mary Paterson.

Stuart then addressed the Meeting:

"I joined the Committee in 1963, as a 17 year old and Tony Miller was on the Committee and had been for a number of years prior to that. When Mike joined the Committee, Tony was the Secretary, then the Batchelor brothers took over as Secretary and Treasurer and then Mike took over from them. Mike has served the Association for a number of years and without Mike the Association would be where it is today. I know Mike is a man of few words, but Mike, can I sincerely thank you and your dear wife Mary, your better half. Thank you very much. To Tony also, without Tony as President, Chairman, and general dogs body really Tony has been for a number of years. We thank you very much. I remember the times when we'd hold our Committee meetings up in the West End of London, a 17 year old in the West End of London, in the Goat Pub and the Duke of York - those were the days. Tony, thank you very much indeed".



A Presentation of a pair of Crystal Decanters was then made to both Tony and Mike along with bouquets of flowers for Pam and Mary.

The Chairman thanked Stuart and Brenda.

Mike's Reply: "As many of you know, actually I was in receipt of a presentation 2 years ago and really and truly that was the time that I probably should have gone, it would have saved all this today. Thank you very much indeed. And thank you for including Mary and Pam (that's on behalf of Tony). I've thoroughly enjoyed my spell as General Secretary and as I've often said, I've received a lot more than I've put into it, because of the friendship and satisfaction and being able to keep in

touch with people. I've thoroughly enjoyed it and thank you very much. I wish my successors, and you will hear later in the meeting that we do in fact have some successors for these posts, every success. I look forward to putting my feet up. Thank you very much indeed".



Tony's Reply: "Mike has said all that I would wish to say, perhaps you will accept me just saying thank you all very much".

The Chairman thanked both Mike and Tony.

ROSA Secretary/Treasurer's Reports – Mike Paterson

Accounts Period - 01.01.02 to 31.12.02

Copies of the accounts were distributed on the day. Two principal aspects of these accounts will be evident. First that there is an excess of Expenditure over Income for the year, of £339.00. This really is due to the Expenditure under "Sales" in respect of the Third Re-Print of the Home on the Hill of £2209.00. Allowing for the fact that we didn't have that expenditure I think that the small deficit for the year is particularly reassuring.

The Accounts otherwise are fairly similar to the previous year's. Points to be aware of include the following;

Out of a total membership of 343 at 31st December 2002, 291 are Life Members.

Subscription Forms received from 93 members in the year.

We received 29 New Life Members in the year. As already mentioned by our Chairman this number is very reassuring and this was an exceptional number for that year.

Under Sales the comparative figures for Bookmarks, £224.00 as opposed to £800.00 the previous year, reflects the 'second year sales figure'. These were particularly well sold in the first year.

Under Sundries the Donations were made up of six contributors.

Under Expenditure for The Reedham Trust the figure of £850.00 is made up of £714.00 from members contributions and the balance of £136.00 from the percentage on sales due to the Trust.

The Accounts have been audited by Ian Paterson. Ian Paterson will not be continuing as Auditor.

Finally, my thanks, both personally and on behalf of our Association, to all the members who regularly maintain their support for our Association.

Approval of Accounts: Proposed by Stuart Ellis, seconded by Derek Pearce.

Report on ROSA Merchandising Activities - Tony Miller

Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen. It is with pleasure that we take this opportunity to bring our members up to date with the activities, and results, of this recently introduced arm of ROSA.

In the 23 months of operation, that is up to the end of May 2003, the total revenue received, directly related to the marketing activities, amounts to £3778.00. Within this figure one or two extremely interesting facts emerge. Actual sales of Merchandise amounted to £2619.00. Direct donations to the Reedham Trust were £564.00 and to ROSA £458.00. In addition many of the items sold resulted in a specific donation being made to The Reedham Trust - the figure raised to date, within the sales figure referred to earlier, being no less than £430.00. Much appreciated I can assure you by The Reedham Trust.

We have been extremely heartened by the interest, and support received, to the initiatives launched to maximise sales beyond the ROSA Membership. These include residents of The Reedham Estate and neighbouring roads together with local clubs, schools and organisations to whom presentations on the work of The Reedham Trust have been made, as well as to friends of Reedham.

The latest additions to the range of items available, namely the Notelets and the illustrated booklet 'Reedham Revisited', researched and designed, by Ernie Rayner, and launched today in competition with the Harry Potter book, have we are pleased to say been well received by members.

The running of ROSA Merchandising will be taken over by Ernie Rayner, effective from the 1st July 2003, and to whom all enquiries, after that date, should be directed. Thank You Mr Chairman.

Report by the Mini Reunion Co-Ordinator (Peter Lord) – Maureen Jones

Isle of Wight 2002 - 22 of us gathered at the Cottage Restaurant in Shanklin. After lunch most of our number retired to Diana Stoner's bungalow for tea and cake, a really wonderful and a much appreciated end to a splendid day.

Details of the 2003 visit, which will be on the 20th September, can be found on the tables. Please see George Kanetti if you would like to book today.

Golf Event – This was held at the Burgess Hill Golf Centre and was a very successful day. Eight of us played the 9hole course, and the scoring was very close with Paul Airey edging victory. Meanwhile another serious competition was taking place on the putting green where 'the north' narrowly beat 'the south'. 14 of us sat down to an exceptionally good lunch and it was agreed that we should hold this event again. Congratulations to Ann Welby for arranging this.

Littlehampton 2003 – Would you like to relive the popular 1960's coach trips organised by the Guild of the Nineteen Lubricators – Remember the Wild Mouse, the Miniature Railway, the Boating Lake? We are hoping to organise this trip from the Lodge in the summer of 2003. If you are interested please speak to Ernie Rayner.

We are also looking at the possibility of a **West Country Reunion in 2004** – Derek Pearce is looking to progress this and we hope to have some more details for you in the near future.

If any one has any thoughts on an activity that they would like the Committee to look into please speak to one of us.

Reedham Museum Curator's Report – Mike Paterson

The last 12 months have been a period of consolidation for the Museum. Items for inclusion in the Museum continue to be received. Of special interest this year has been the purchase from the British Film Institute of two short films of Reedham Drill. These films were made in the early nineteen hundreds, 1907 and 1910. A very generous gift by an Old Scholar of a TV and a video has enabled us to view these films at the museum.

In the recent months visits have been made to the Museum by both the local schools, St Nicholas School and Beaumont Primary School (where we are this afternoon of course). These visits were made during the week time and our thanks are due to the staff in the Reedham office for their time and patience in conducting the children around the Museum.

All contributions to the Museum are welcome and our thanks are due to all who have in anyway added to the contents.

Derrick Smith, who happily is with us today, is our historian and he continues to maintain our database records and the numbers of names included in this document now total 5250.

Ron Thomas continues to help with the Museum by giving his time to supervise visits and to conduct visitors around the exhibits.

My thanks to both these Members for their support. My particular thanks are for my wife Mary, who spends a great deal of time listing, labelling and generally maintaining the items in the Museum. She as you may well know is the brains behind it anyway really.

Today the Museum is open for viewing. Do take time to make a visit.

My thanks again to all contributors to the Museum, together we have a collection of items that are gradually reflecting the life and history of our school and the people who lived and worked in it over many years.

IT Team Report – David Cox

It has been another active year for the Reedham Website, with many new names dropping by, many for the first time, and hopefully some of those here today.

We have had almost 3500 hits this year and we now have over 150 e-mail addresses.

A small milestone was the addition of the Discussion Forum, which opened up lots of story threads, allowed people to muse, discuss, or simply get things off their chest about what it meant to be at Reedham all those years ago.

Whatever the mood, if a thought is genuine, and without profanity, then it is welcome on the Discussion board, or indeed on the simple Guest book. We are after all, not an institution ourselves, but an association of people who experienced the life at Reedham, or as Associate Members, those who wish to contribute to the good work of the Association and The Reedham Trust. Anyone who feels they may not be welcome after all this time, then be assured – you are welcome.

Most of the activity still stems around people communicating, wanting to communicate, and wanting to take part in some activity. It isn't always an easy task to keep up with the changes, but that is what this team is all about.

We received approximately 25 new requests for ROSA membership details. Of course not all come to fruition immediately, but new blood is important to the Association when there have been no new boarders for Twenty Years to automatically come “fresh to the fold”!

In addition the e-mails continue to pop into the mailbox without boundary of countries or eras, and we welcome the opportunity to share those with visitors to the site, along with photos, which just as easily slide through the Internet to us.

Photo's especially bring the memories flooding back, and among the many items to treasure from the merchandising pages, is a new item launched today – the Reedham Revisited photo book.

Another project to investigate will be to allow purchases on-line. The industry has matured, and only the very fainthearted shy from a secure page to the bank or to an online auction site these days, so let's see if we can do something for ROSA too. It will depend on the partner, and whether charges make it viable, however it could increase the distribution of items, documents or even subscriptions in the future.

In closing I thank all those who have sent messages of appreciation, and welcome the opportunity to serve the association for another year.

ROSA Historian's Report – Derrick Smith

Those members who were present at last year's AGM will know that your historian has been mainly engaged in creating a list of the names of all those who have passed through Reedham during the 135 years of its existence. I am pleased to report that this list now includes the names of 5254 individuals. It covers both former pupils and ex-staff and where possible gives the years of entrance and of leaving.

The project began because no official list had survived, other than your secretary's list of ROSA members, and it seemed right that the contribution of Reedham to the lives of so many individuals ought to be marked in some way.

During the past year names have been added or confirmed from the 1901 Census, the recently located Sanatorium log book, from a collection of school photos dated around 1880, from old issues of “The Reedham Magazine” from the 30's and 40's, and from the last school admission registers for the boys and for the infants.

The Sanatorium logbook, already mentioned, covers the years from 1936 to 1979 and contains the names of over 1100 children. These have now been indexed with dates and it is possible to locate quickly the relevant entry.

Some of the 1880 photos have been mounted and framed for the museum and these include John Edmed, Reedham's first headmaster, and James (Daddy) Carter, his successor. There is also an interesting picture of the first headmistress and of a fearsome early drill instructor (not Mr Bristow!).

There have been many family history enquiries about former pupils and I'm always pleased to search the records and report back with findings or suggestions,

A collection of personal reminiscences of individuals' Reedham experiences has been begun. At present these have mostly been culled from the back numbers of Rosabeam, but it is hoped to add more from other sources. The intention is to build up a first hand oral history, not to be published, but to be kept in the museum as a contribution to social history. Any contributions will be gratefully received.

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

Election of Officers

As we now have a new Constitution, we shall be starting with a 'clean sheet' and be going through all the posts and nominations for the coming year. The following details were recorded:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominations</u>	<u>Proposed by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
President	Tony Miller	Derek Pearce	Ron Thomas
Chairman	George Kanetti	John Jones	Anne Parry
Treasurer	John Jones	Denise Kanetti	Stuart Ellis
Secretary	Maureen Jones	Derek Pearce	Ernie Rayner

Auditor: Ian Paterson has been doing this job for a number of years, but will now be stepping down. No nominations had been received prior to the AGM and neither was any forthcoming at the meeting. It was decided that under the circumstances the Committee would look into this and will communicate a decision to the membership at the earliest opportunity, hopefully in the Rosabeam.

Election of Committee

The following Members of the Committee were prepared to stand for the forthcoming year; David Cox, Paul Cotton, John Jones, Maureen Jones, Denise Kanetti, George Kanetti, Linda Lestourgeon, Derek Pearce, Ernie Rayner and Derrick Smith.

The above were nominated on block. Proposed by: Mike Murdoch, seconded by Ann Welby.

One other nomination was received for Sean Matthews.

Sean was Proposed by: Felicienne Blenman, seconded by Antoinette Blenman.

Any Other Business

David Connor proposed a vote of thanks for the Committee, for their past year's work and to those taking on office again for the forthcoming year.

The Chairman thanked David Connor and declared the meeting closed.

Date of Next AGM – 19th June 2004

ROSA INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2002

	2002 £	2001 £		2002 £	2001 £
Income			Expenditure		
Subscriptions	138	175	Rosabeam (including postage)	823	793
Life subscriptions	435	180	General postage	173	83
Rosabeam	876	722	Reedham Trust	850	901
Reedham Trust	714	638	Printing & stationery	247	316
Postage recovered	92	-	Museum expenses	214	459
			Gratuities	66	105
			Web site fees	140	-
			Bank charges	9	-
	<u>2,255</u>	<u>1,715</u>		<u>2,522</u>	<u>2,657</u>
Functions			Functions		
Re-union	1,138	757	Re-union	1,007	791
Christmas lunch	<u>323</u>	<u>283</u>	Christmas lunch	<u>338</u>	<u>283</u>
	<u>1,461</u>	<u>1,040</u>		<u>1,345</u>	<u>1,074</u>
Sales			Sales		
Bookmarks	224	800	Re-print "Home on the Hill"	2,209	-
Reedham video	120	90	Book marks	-	2,253
Home on the Hill	277	198			
Photographs	150	200			
Ties/badges/tapes	43	50			
Directory	57	39			
Postage recovered	76	100			
Donations per sales	<u>151</u>	<u>-</u>			
	<u>1,098</u>	<u>1,477</u>		<u>2,209</u>	<u>2,253</u>
Sundries					
Donations & legacies	472	334			
Museum	394	505			
Bank interest	<u>57</u>	<u>103</u>			
	<u>923</u>	<u>942</u>			
Balance of expenditure over income	<u>339</u>	<u>810</u>			
	<u>6,076</u>	<u>5,984</u>		<u>6,076</u>	<u>5,984</u>

Represented by

Current assets

Current account	877	772
Building Society account	<u>2,005</u>	<u>2,449</u>
	<u>2,882</u>	<u>3,221</u>

Reserves

Reserves brought forward	3,221	4,031
(Deficit)/excess for the year	<u>(339)</u>	<u>(810)</u>
Reserves carried forward	<u>2,882</u>	<u>3,221</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 2002 and the balance of expenditure over income for the year then ended.

I.M. Paterson

Ian Paterson, BA FCA MBRP

20 February 2003

ROSA REUNION 2003

PRESENTATIONS TO TONY MILLER AND MIKE PATERSON



**STUART GIVES A VOTE OF
THANKS ON BEHALF OF
THE ASSOCIATION**



**MIKE RECEIVES HIS GIFT OF A PAIR
OF CRYSTAL DECANTERS FROM THE
ASSOCIATION.**



**FOLLOWED BY A "THANK YOU" IN MIKE'S
INIMITABLE AND FRIENDLY MANNER**



**TONY RECEIVES HIS DECANTERS AND FOLLOWS
WITH A SHORT REITERATION OF MIKE'S THOUGHTS**



**PAM MILLER AND MARY PATERSON ARE PRESENTED WITH
BOUQUETS TO RECOGNISE TOO, THEIR SUPPORT AND
MAGNIFICENT CONTRIBUTION OVERS THE YEARS**

