

Suffolk Lunch - Saturday October 22nd 2016

By way of an experiment it had been decided to try out a formula of arranging morning meetings of our SOF Council and Finance Committee, followed by lunch, rather than having the usual afternoon meetings, followed by Supper. This formula did not suit the Trustees, as it would have been difficult to have fitted their meeting in very early in the day, so they had met together the previous evening. The 10.00 timing of the Young OFs committee meeting was not entirely conducive to rousing large numbers but, nevertheless, those who did make it, had a very positive meeting and came up with excellent ideas. Before the lunch, our President, Chris Essex said a few words to the close on 100 people gathered in Pauls Court, including in his pre-prandial address a hand count of those present in favour of lunch or of supper gatherings for future years. The result was indecisive, so the constructive compromise may well come down to alternation of the two.

As for this year's lunch we were treated to excellent fare served in buffet style and the wonderfully good value cost of just £10, including a reception drink – all free to those who had attended the young OFs meeting. This is a reflection not only of the generosity of the College, but also of their enthusiasm for bringing OFs back in large numbers, from across the generations, and in a spirit of warm welcome to the school. We are grateful to John Horton and Jane Easey who together managed the occasion and the administration of it, bringing together an excellent cross-section of Framlinghamians, who took real advantage of the free lay out of the tables to mix and mingle well into the afternoon.

We were pleased to welcome at the lunch our newly inducted Honorary OFs, Ruth Noble, Housemistress of Pembroke, together with her partner, Chris Glegg, Tom Huggins, now responsible for the design of the OF section of *The Framlinghamian*, and Jon Slay, recently appointed Housemaster of Garrett, together with his wife Emma. Dorothy Englert was unable to attend. We hope that our new Hon OFs will wish to join us at future occasions such as this. Profiles of them all will appear in the next issue of *The Framlinghamian*. As ever, it was good to see the Rosens making the trip across from France for the occasion.

Those present were: Roger Askew (K52-56), Julia Bagert (V05-07), Chris Bellamy (G54-64), Jenny Binder (P99-11), David Boatman (Hon 05), Jack Bonham (G06-11), Nigel Burnip (S58-65) and Pat, Nick Chaplin (Hon 06), Dominic Coleridge (S06-10), Bill Collard (S55-58), Hugo Corrie (S80-85), Norman Dodd (42-52) and Mrs D Dodd, Simon Dougherty (G60-67), Jane Easey (V87-89), Victoria Easey (V03-13), John Ellerby (G67-75) and Helen, Ruth Elwood (P80-84), Chris Essex (K69-75), Jon Ford (G58-62), Jason Fung (K11-16), Chris Glegg, Guest of Ruth Noble, Cameron Greenhall (K11-16), Daphne Hall (Hon 99), Guy Hayward (K44-50) and Mrs G Hayward, Michael Hellyer, David Hodge (S44-50) and Mrs Hodge, Michael Holden (G52059), Dudley Holland (R45-52) and Mrs Holland, John Horton (G56-60) and Mrs Jill Horton, Peter Howard-Dobson (R65-69), Tom Huggins (Hon2016), John Ineson (G43-50), Tony Martin (G47-55), Robert Mayhew (R56-60) and Mrs Di Mayhew, Norman Mayhew (R48-56), Alice McFarlane (Guest of Vicky McFarlane (V86-88), Martin Myers-Allen (Hon 01), Will Nias (G04-10), Ruth Noble (Hon 2016), Andrew Payn (Hon 06), David Pitcher (R44-51), Norman Porter (K50-57), Luke Quartermaine (K11-16), Jack Richards (G016-11), Brian Rosen (S40-46) and Dominique Rosen, Rowena Rosen and Simon Rosen (S64-73), James Ruddock-Broyd (G46-52), Richard Sayer (S56-61) and Georgina Sayer, John Slay (Hon 2016) and Emma Slay, Brian Smith (S53-57) and Valerie Smith, Clive Smith (S54-58), Michael Smy (S57 66), Chris Sneath (K51-56), and Liz Sneath, Janet Stuart, guest of Chris Bellamy, Paul (Hon 2011) and Amanda Taylor, Dr Clare Terrell, John Thurlow (K48-55) and Peggy Thurlow, Susan Wessels (Hon 2014), Nick Whitehead (K06-11), Ele Williamson (M13-15), Carl Witham (S06-11), Will Wright (R11-16), Peter Youngs (R53-60) and Mrs Peter Youngs.