

THE OLD CESTREFELDIAN SOCIETY



Eighty Second Annual Dinner and Reunion

The 2011 dinner was held in the **b2net Stadium**, Whittington Moor, the new home of Chesterfield F.C., a tour of whose premises preceded the formalities.

This grand occasion was attended by some 100 Old Cestrefeldians who had attended the school in the decades from the '30s to the '80s together with two former masters.

Old Cestrefeldians who were no longer able to meet were remembered and, in particular, Ted Needham, formerly Chairman of Coalite, whose estate had generously provided the wine.

Dining was punctuated by the President's many requests to take wine with those who had participated in various ways in the life of Chesterfield Grammar School and the Society.

The formal toast to the Old School and Society was proposed by Gordon Reddish to which the retiring president, John Little replied, in his short speech outlining the activities of the last year.

The President then installed David Tate as his successor, affixing the Shield of Office and passing over the President's Cap for safe keeping through the coming year.

The toast to the new President was proposed Robert Wilkins, David giving a typically entertaining response.

The end of the formal proceedings proved somewhat less formal than anticipated as a result of the failure of the sound system. Nevertheless John Roberts led the assembled houses in a spirited rendering of the School Song and Jerusalem.



Retiring President, John Little, with 2011 President, David Tate, displaying the Badges of Office.



Clarke House members gathered for their verse of the School Song. "Non quo sed quomodo" seemed particularly apposite.