

THE OLD CESTREFELDIAN SOCIETY



Eighty Third Annual Dinner and Reunion

The 2012 dinner was held in the **b2net Stadium**, Whittington Moor, the home of Chesterfield F.C

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 three former masters.

Old Cestrefeldians who were no longer able to meet were remembered.

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 the Old Cestrefeldians' Society was proposed by Harry Stephenson to which our retiring president, David Tate replied, in his short speech outlining the activities of the last year.

Sir David Walker introduced our new President, Sir Robin Saxby, and spoke of the Old School's motto, "Non quo sed quomodo" suggesting that the need for targets in life was critical to success and that consideration should be given to modifying it to "Quo et quomodo" alluding to Sir Robin's achievements.

Sir David proposed the toast to our new President while the regalia of office, the Shield and Cap, were presented by the retiring President for safe keeping through the coming year.

Sir Robin Saxby then gave a very entertaining response with reminiscences of life in Chesterfield and beyond.

The end of the formal proceedings was led by John Roberts in a rather competitive rendering of the School Song followed by Jerusalem after which there was the opportunity for extended conversation and to view a display of various historic artefacts and also paintings by Keith Pollard of the School in earlier days.



Sir David Walker proposes the toast to our new President



Sir Robin Saxby (left) receives the Regalia of Office from David Tate



Earnest conversation in one section of the Dining Room