

THE OLD CESTREFELDIAN SOCIETY



Eighty Fourth Annual Dinner and Reunion

The 2013 dinner was held in the Chesterfield Football Club Stadium, Whittington Moor.

This grand occasion was attended by 95 Old Cestrefeldians who had attended the school in the decades from the '30s to the '80s together and included two former masters.

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

Dining was punctuated by the retiring 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 Eric Cooper. Eric used his own educational journey to highlight the equality of opportunity afforded to the children of Chesterfield through the grammar school system contrasting it with the current position where outcomes show that opportunity depends significantly on the district of residence. He also gave examples of the inspirational and caring qualities of the former staff at the School.

Sir Robin Saxby replied in his short speech emphasising the responsibilities of the office.

Steve Pettett introduced our new President, Tom Roberts and in his speech catalogued some of the many achievements of our new President together with examples of the service that he had given to the community.

Steve then 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.

Tom Roberts gave a very entertaining response modestly comparing his own achievements with those of other former Presidents and Old Cestrefeldians.

Following the presentation of the Accounts by our Treasurer, Mike Hadfield, Frank Gorman gave details of the proposed exhibition of memorabilia of the Old School in 2014 and requested those with suitable relics to contact him.



The end of the formal proceedings was led by John Roberts in the usual rather competitive rendering of the School Song followed by Jerusalem.