

REPORT OF COUNCIL FOR TMWA LTD

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The financial year could well be described as satisfyingly uneventful for TMWA, with operations running at breakeven, supported by a strong performance from the bar, lacking any major structural issues with the clubhouse or natural disasters with the ground and concluding with a solid balance sheet.

We became increasingly aware of a number of developments in our strategic environment which we shall need to respond to in the years ahead, offering us a number of opportunities.

Foremost are changes at Trinity School, where fees are now subject to VAT, and, with parents' finances under pressure, we are seeing a lower take up of membership of our Association.

However, the decision to become fully co-educational and to grow the school to 1400 pupils, offers the challenge to develop to encompass ladies' activities in our existing sports and some new ones, and suitable facilities to go with them.

We feel we have a strong relationship with the School, support from the Headmaster and particularly Alumni Relations and the newly appointed Chair of the Court of Governors and the CEO of the John Whitgift Foundation.

The Foundation agreed to a 10 year extension of the Underlease to Trinity Sanderstead Sports and Social Club, the CASC comprising our sports clubs, which occupies and maintains the clubhouse and grounds at Sanderstead.

TMWA Ltd holds the licence and runs the bar, an income stream which helps support TSSSC. The new bar team, reporting to Chairman of Trading, Alan Bishop have done an excellent job in supporting the social programme at the Club. Major renovation and improvement of the clubhouse is TMWA's responsibility and the bar area and cellar have undergone major improvement works. Our contract with Carlsberg has been renewed and we have paid off the bar loan and now receive improved prices for an attractive range of products. We plan to upgrade our till technology, to improve operational efficiency,

We have a major building project on our list, the proposed extension of the patio, funded by a legacy from the late Geoff Wilsher. We have been frustrated in securing planning permission by the biodiversity requirements and the project is currently on hold and will be revisited together with a Cricket Club project for new nets. Among significant repair projects initiated is the replacement of 7 external storage doors additional work to improve the clubhouse fabric is planned/in hand.

The major Alumni activity is the Annual Reunion Dinner, formerly Founder's Day Supper, which is held at the School at the end of March. This year we had the pleasure of honouring David Swinson, recently retired as Director of Music at the School after a long and illustrious tenure. These celebrations always give enormous pleasure to a large gathering of Alumni. We recognise that the style of the event appeals mainly to our older members and we are looking for a more contemporary

format for the future. The 2026 Dinner was billed as The Last and triumphantly jointly chaired by Melodie Johnson and Warwick Jones, who have both made immense contributions to the Association.

We also invite more recent leavers (5, 6 and 10 years) to a less formal reunion at Sanderstead, for drinks and pizza, on the house, which is a vibrant September occasion, for our younger members.

Bruce Jupp, Chairman of the General Committee, organises the monthly Lunch at the Trinity Club, a congenial gathering of members who have generally managed to leave the constraints of work behind them. This now takes place on the first Wednesday of the month. It is also the venue for the monthly draw of winners of the 400 Club, run by Trevor Stotten, many of whom seem to be present at the draw. The 400 Club contributed £2330 to Club funds. Another of Bruce's duties is the publication, twice yearly, of the Trinity Club Magazine, a literary round up of our sporting and social activities, skilfully caressed into shape by Alan Bishop, in his spare time, for our entertainment.

Reports on the activities of our sports clubs will be found in the Report of the Management Committee for TSSSC Ltd, whose AGM follows this one. However, we should not neglect to highlight the activities of The Mitre Players, a vibrant member of our Association. The previous year's award-winning Young Frankenstein at The Minack Theatre was followed by this year's triumphant Rock of Ages at the Apollo Theatre, on the Isle of Wight.

The Autumn saw a fine performance of The Sunshine Boys, directed by Di Jones. The Clubhouse was transformed into the world of ageing vaudeville performers, with Warwick Jones and Keith Gauntlett delivering central performances full of warmth, humour and pathos.

As always, none of the productions or events would be possible without the technical, backstage and production teams, whose expertise and countless hours of work transformed the clubhouse for The Sunshine Boys (and The Ghost Train at the Clubhouse, which followed) as well as Rock of Ages at Trinity's Mitre Theatre. The Mitre Players continue to thrive because of the time, creativity and enthusiasm of so many people, both onstage and behind the scenes. A full review of their activities will appear in the forthcoming summer newsletter.

Looking ahead for the Association, we see that we have important decisions to make in how to apply our resources to best effect to enhance the enjoyment of all sections of our community, as we respond to the changes we have identified.