



Trinity Hall Association – Secretary’s Report 2025-26

Membership of the Committee remains as approved at the 2025 AGM, except for one resignation. For the 2026 AGM, the President and Secretary are recommended for re-election and three new Members are proposed.

Matriculation years for current Committee members range from 1974 to 2012, with gaps for the decades of the 1980s and 2000s. We offer remote facilities for Committee meetings and the AGM, to encourage more overseas alumni/ae to take part.

Financially, we are now able to present a return to net assets and will continue to consider the best use of funds to deliver the organisation’s objectives. We have committed to sponsoring extra undergraduate activities to encourage more awareness of the Association and the THA President attended both the MA Drinks in March and July’s Gelato event.

Four regular meetings of the Committee were held over the year, with September’s and February’s in College – the latter allowing for Members to take advantage of their dining rights. The November session was held online and the June meeting was in London at Dr Johnson’s House, preceded by a private tour of the House. Routine business has included allocation of the THA Student Awards and a range of alumni events, described below.

Following a now-established tradition, as an introduction to the 2025 AGM, one of the THA Volunteer Awardees gave a moving report of their project, which was not without risk to the student and – with luck – could make a real difference to the community they worked with. For 2026, the Association has agreed funding for all five applications for the THA Awards, which cover a range of activities, including two medical projects in Vietnam and India, two projects teaching in Nepal, and Turtle Conservation in Costa Rica. Project reports are published on the THA Section of the College website as the students submit them.

The College’s celebration of 675 years engaged the alumni community throughout the year, such that all 140 places for the 2025 THA Annual Dinner were booked within a week. 134 guests actually attended, from matriculation years 1951 to 2024, including a group of 1995 post-graduate alumni who used the dinner as a mini-reunion and enjoyed the experience of sitting on the balcony looking down over the Hall below!

Between the AGM and the Dinner, a panel event covered perspectives on the history of the College together with plans for the future. Fascinating talks were presented by Alexandra Brown, College archivist; Drs Justin Davis, art historian and ex-Guards Officer and diplomat; and Dr Sandra Raban, Fellow of the College and one of the first two women admitted to the College in 1976. There is not enough room here to do justice to the event, but it’s still on YouTube and is well worth watching at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bkcBRRM5zko>

On 23 May 2026, a total of 60 guests, with alumni from matriculation years 1954 to 2023, enjoyed a unique regional dinner, on board HMS Warrior in Portsmouth Harbour. The weather was perfect, allowing guests to promenade on the deck of the ship and take in views across the water. Guests then went below for tours of the ship by a local guide and a truly atmospheric meal on the gun-deck, dining much as the sailors and gun-crews would have eaten, surrounded by the cannon, ropes and other paraphernalia of this historic 19th century warship.

On behalf of the Association, the Committee thanks Rachelle, Liz, Rebecca and the team in the Development Office and the Master and the wider College Staff for their consistent support of the Association – we couldn't achieve what we do without the positive relationship that we enjoy with the College.

Lizzie Iron, Secretary
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