

## **OMS Annual General Meeting.**

### **Co-Webmaster's report to 2023**

We now have the normal rate of routine posts and updates. The website remains an important source of information about the Society although major new posts are infrequent. It has been very valuable to have Alec Clews (OM 1978-80) as co-webmaster, especially as his Australian timezone means one or other of us can pick up issues arising at most times of day and week.

In particular, I thank Alec for recently setting up a Google groups account which it is hoped will provide an improved way to email members, relieving the Membership Secretary of the burden imposed by the current system. This has been a long-standing problem and we may now have a solution.

Rather like last year we had a spate of hacking attempts, this time 296 across a few days in July with a similar attack in August. As before it appears that hackers carry out these attacks in attempts to gain resources for crypto currency mining.

Also like last year we had a situation where our web hosts complained that we had exceeded our usage resource allowances. The host company are keeping an eye on things which have now settled down again. This recurring pattern may be linked to other hacking type attempts.

The Old Maidstonians LinkedIn group continues to grow slowly and now has 530 members.

I have continued to act as the host for Committee meetings held during the year by Zoom. It is now possible to meet in person but with help from the Membership Secretary, who has been the onsite link, the meetings have been held in hybrid (in person and online) form, enabling members not able to get to the meeting to take part. I have also recorded the meetings for the benefit of those not attending (and as a help to the Secretary in writing the minutes).

It is planned to hold this year's AGM in a similar hybrid form.

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