**BILLYGOATS SOCIETY OFFICERS**

The Billygoats Society was formed in 1948 to support the then Fitzwilliam House Boat Cub. The initial officers were the President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Society also voted a number of distinguished people at the college to the position of Vice President. In addition, the President of the Boat Club, from 1956 called the Captain of Boats of the Boat Club, was automatically a Vice President of the Billygoats and from 1951 an Honorary Vice President during his term of office. It is interesting that the membership cards of the Billygoats Society printed in the early 1950s referred to the President of the Boat Club as Hon. Vice President (obviously of the Billygoats Society) and Captain of Boats. The last person to hold this office of Hon Vice President was Robin Mackness in 1960-61. No one knows why this tradition was dropped.

The Constitution of the Billygoats Society was changed in 1962 and at the meeting when this revised constitution was approved John Adams was appointed Secretary, a post he was to hold for 50 years until 2012.

I am indebted to John who kindly provided the following explanations for some of the following appointments.

In 1958 it was agreed that the role of R W Haywood in 1957-58 had been that of auditor, the Secretary having been acting as Treasurer in addition to his nominal role. Accordingly, at the 1958 AGM C H McCarthy’s post was renamed ‘Secretary/Treasurer’ and R W Haywood was appointed Auditor.

In 1962 on the departure of Secretary/Treasurer Prof F J Willett to Australia Rev F H Palmer, College Chaplain, held the fort until the AGM in December. The Committee decided that it would be appropriate in future if the Treasurer should be a resident Senior Member of the University and all have been with the exception of Cedric McCarthy. This was advised by Mr W W Williams who was under the impression that this was a necessary requirement of any society linked to the University, which later proved to be incorrect.

Currently the Billygoats Society has a number of Honorary Members which include Mrs J D Adams, Prof B F G Johnson, Dr D J Seddon, Mr N Temple, Prof R D Lethbridge, Mr A Moule (Head Coach), and Prof M Potter (2019). Dr K C A Smith, who was elected as an Honorary Member in the mid 1950s, died in 2019.

The first Vice Presidents were W S Thatcher M C, Censor, and N G Pounds and when the latter departed to USA he was replaced in 1957 by W W Williams. Mystery surrounds the election of Walter Grave, the last Censor and first Master of Fitzwilliam, as a Vice President. He had not joined Fitzwilliam at the time of the 1959 AGM yet his name appears, wrongly spelt as W Graves, as a Vice President in 1960 on the menu card of the Billygoat and Fairbairn Boat Club Dinner before that year's AGM had been held. So unlike Mr Thatcher, his predecessor as Censor he cannot have been so elected by a General Meeting. John Hunter (founder of the Billygoats with John Willett), was elected a Vice President in 1999 and died in 2009. John Eisold, former Head Porter, was elected as an Ordinary member but died some years ago.

The current Vice Presidents are Sarah Winckless (elected 2009), John Adams (elected 2019), who is also Secretary Emeritus and Prof Michael Potter (elected 2019).

Today the Honorary Members in order of seniority are David Seddon, Joan Adams, Brian Johnson,Antony Moule and Nick Temple.

I have listed those who have served the Society as Auditor in the details below although as an auditor they have to be independent so are not actually officers of the Society. Indeed, in many cases they are nothing whatever to do with the Society for which they audit the accounts. When John Jenner was elected as President in 1976 his position as Auditor was taken over by Dr R Kelly and when Dr Kelly was elected as President in 1979 John reverted to the role of Auditor.

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