

# Queen Elizabeth (Kensington) Branch, KCLA

## Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2011

Time: 6.30 pm.

Place: Room 613, James Clerk Maxwell Building

Apologies: Lyn Embling, Henry Embling, Pat Cox, Hilary Phillips, Ann Wood, Barbara McClelland, Mike Derome.

Present: Sally Henderson (Chair), John Brockhouse, Helen Parsons, Radha Robinson.

### **Minutes**

#### **Matters arising from minutes of Committee Meeting on 2nd February 2011.**

There were no matters arising directly from the February meeting that were not discussed later in this meeting. Pat Cox had responded to Sally's letter and the letter was read by the committee.

### **Correspondence**

None presented to the meeting.

### **Treasurer's report**

Pat Cox sent the following report. We are yet to receive a bill for our lunch last October. Our balance at Nationwide (Treasurer's Account) is £1735.68. This includes two dividends, October 2010, £82.25, and April 2011, £58.73. This is an increase on the combined dividends from last year (£116.21) because we had transferred £1000 into the account from our Nationwide account to JP Morgan shares. Incidentally the total interest on our Nationwide account amounts to 5p!

### **Envoy**

Lyn sent in the following Envoy report. She has written her report on 'The Seedy Side of Life' and Mike Black has checked that it is OK. Lyn has also received a very nice article from Jean Atkins about life at post-was QEC.

Lyn has received a short write up from Philip Francomb (QEC 1960-1964) about life since leaving QEC plus an article about Dirac.

Lyn asked Sally to send her a short write up about herself, with a photograph to introduce herself as the new Chairman. She also asked for a Chair's report and a KCLA report (usually written by John as he attends the KCLA meetings). All contributions should be received by Lyn by mid-July so that she can get it to the printers at the very beginning of August.

### **Website News**

The website continues to be well used by members.

Gary has sent in the following report "A bit late for a Committee update, but as it happens I've just finished a revamp of the home page of the web site. Basically the last design was predicated on a constant trickle of new items but the reality is that I get very little new stuff for the website. I've therefore gone for a home page that makes it easier to find all the stuff on the website (127 pages, as it happens).

Henry sent a full membership list to Gary before Christmas. Henry has yet to sent out the calling notice for this year's reunion.

### **Annual reunion. October 2011.**

The date is set at Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011. Tom Sanders has emailed Henry saying that he is available to give the talk. He has not yet given a title. (In addition, Sally reported that Brian Winchester has agreed to give the talk for 2012) The Committee agreed to follow the format of previous years. Helen will book the Old Council Room for coffees from 10.30am. Tom's talk will be in Lecture Theatre 2 at 11.30, followed by the AGM at about 12.30. Lunch in the River Room will follow from 1.00pm. Helen will check the number booked for last year and book this year accordingly. It was felt that the quantities of food and drink were about right last year (2010). Helen will update Henry on cost as soon as the booking is confirmed so that it can be included in the calling notice but £28 would seem to be about right.

### **KCLA**

The deadline for any items for In Touch is 6<sup>th</sup> July. John gave the meeting a resume of forthcoming events. The committee were very happy to pay John's expenses to attend the Annual Dinner at the House of Lords; the after dinner speech being 'Is a Science degree a waste of time?' The KCLA weekend is 10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> June and John is intending to attend.

### **Date and time of next Committee meeting**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012, room 613 James Clerk Maxwell Building, 6.30 pm. As before, Helen will bring suitable refreshments.