

## **Jesus Old Members' Group Notice of Annual General Meeting**

*Members of the Jesus Old Members' Group are invited to attend the Group's Annual General Meeting to be held on Saturday 11 April 2015 at 10.15am in the Ship Street Centre to discuss the following matters:*

### **Agenda**

1. Welcome and introductions;
2. Apologies for absence;
3. To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 12 April 2014 (*document circulated herewith*);
4. To receive the Chairman's report (*see below*);
5. To receive the Treasurer's Report and approve the Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2014 (*document circulated herewith*);
6. To appoint the Officers of the Committee and Committee Members (*see below*);
7. To review the communications and web site used by the Group;
8. To note arrangements for Old Members' Day on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2015 and other social activities;
9. To note the provisional date for the 2016 Annual General Meeting;
10. Any other business.

### **Paul Seward**

*Secretary, 1 February 2015*

*The AGM will be preceded by presentations arranged by the College for all attendees at the Jesus Society Dinner. Details of the programme will be made available by the College to Dinner attendees.*

### **Proposed Committee**

The following people have volunteered to be on the Committee:

#### **Officers:**

Malcolm McIvor	Chairman
Paul Seward	Secretary
George Reah	Treasurer

#### **Committee Members:**

Richard Cosier	Membership Secretary
Alan Shore	Newsletter Editor
Norman Wright	Webmaster
Chris Hicks	Events Co-ordinator.

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**Chairman's Report**

This year has again been successful for the Group. Most importantly we have seen members continuing to attach great value to their links with both the Group and the College.

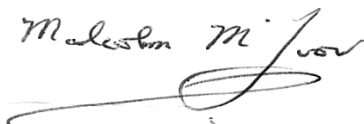
Most pleasing has been the initiative and enthusiasm of members – not the Committee – proposing events and for them to be organized with short lead-times and easy administration. A first was the initiative of Vera Farrants to have tickets to see King Lear at the National Theatre. The performance was clearly expected to be good but, as with all good things, the opportunity was fully subscribed in two days. Similarly Peter Dean was the driving force behind a visit to New College Chapel for Evensong and a tour of the Chemistry Labs. The latter came through the kind invitation of Prof. Mark Brouard, a long time fellow of Jesus and friend of Peter.

Old Members Day found the Principal only being able to make a cameo appearance – such are the demands on his time – but we enjoyed a brief insight into just how much leading edge research goes on through the College's Fellows. Prof. Georg Hollander took us to the frontiers of single cell research with work that would not have been possible just eighteen months earlier. (Any thoughts that single cells are simple were quickly dispelled!) We then had Prof. Tim Palmer talking about climate change. The challenges of this subject are tremendous and the associated controversies generate much heat. Prof. Palmer's command of the issues is perhaps demonstrated by his C.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List and leaving his audience hungry for more understanding. We are indeed privileged.

Our Committee has been strengthened by Chris Hicks joining as Events Organizer and the Committee establishing its modus operandi. Of particular note are the full succession of Alan Shore in the role of Newsletter Editor – who is always open to ideas and contributions. – and Richard Cosier. Richard has taken on not only the Membership Secretary role and the liaison with the Development Office for membership details but also the direct Group control of our website – [www.jcoom.co.uk](http://www.jcoom.co.uk). The Committee decided that direct ownership and control was important, given the ongoing change and IT issues surrounding us.

It came as a great pleasant surprise that the College has invited the Group to lunch on Old Members Day – the committee concluding that a nominal charge should be made. The full details may well be public by the time this report is with you. The morning programme will again be something not to miss with both our Principal and Prof. Diarmaid MacCulloch speaking. Some of us have heard the essence of Prof. MacCulloch talk before and are in no doubt that it deserves the widest possible audience. A diary must!

We look forward to ongoing and developing friendships through our events and communications.



Chairman