

# **Oxford Region Girtonians**

## **Annual Report**

**September 2012 – October 2013**

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Oxford High School, Oxford, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2013

It again falls to me to present the Annual Report to the ORG. I am glad to say that the organisation remains in good, if somewhat precarious health. The membership is broadly stable – Margaret Pinsent will give details in her Secretary's report. Our finances are healthy - as you will hear in the Treasurer's report. Indeed they are so healthy that the Committee are proposing another donation to Girton which we will discuss later.

We have had a number of enjoyable events:

- We started the year in good ORG tradition with a pre-Christmas pub lunch; we met at the Abingdon Arms in Beckley on 5 December.
- On 9 March we met to hear Ann Cole give a fascinating talk on the Anglo-Saxon origins of so many English place names.
- On 1 June to celebrate ORG's 20<sup>th</sup> birthday we had a garden party at 3 Belbroughton Road. The sun shone, Meg Day organised a cake, we drank champagne and had a very special evening.
- Today's talk by Angela Tilby is our 4<sup>th</sup> event of the period.

Please keep the date of Thurs 5 December for the next Christmas lunch which will be at the White Hart at Wytham. You will be receiving a mailing about this and other events still in the planning stage.

I should also mention the Newsletter for which we owe thanks to Meg Day. It is always a good read and keeps us up to date with news from Girton as well as recording the doings of the ORG and sometimes highlighting the career of one of our members. I know that Meg would welcome contributions.

This may be a slightly less full programme than in some previous years but your Committee hopes that it meets the need. In the absence of new blood the members of the Committee are inevitably a year older. We are determined to keep the ORG going in the hopes that a younger generation will at some stage be ready to take over, probably doing things rather differently. In the meantime let us simply enjoy each other's company which is really what it is all about.

Juliet Campbell