

Oxford Region Girtonians

Annual Report

October 2014 – October 2015

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It seems no time since I gave my last report as Acting Chair. It is good to be back among friends with the prospect of a very interesting talk to listen to. But first we must have a brief AGM.

Your Committee has met a number of times during the year and we have organized the following events:

- Last year's AGM was followed by a talk by Sir David Madden on his diplomatic career.
- Our Christmas lunch was at The Plough in Wolvercote.
- At our Spring Meeting in March Ursula Howard talked to us about that remarkable charity, The Mulberry Bush.
- We had a marvelous summer expedition to Hidcote Gardens on a beautiful summer day following a convivial pub lunch at The Ebrington Arms.

We hope to have a similar pattern of events next year. Meg Day continues to produce the Newsletter which is a useful reminder of what we have done and what we plan to do next.

Meg and I were both at Girton last month for a splendid event marking the Commemoration of Benefactors. The list of names read out in the chapel begins with the founders back in the 1860s and comes right up to friends I knew well when I was Mistress, such as Bertha Jeffreys and Alison Duke. Then there was an excellent dinner – days of prunes and custard long gone. The event coincided with the launch of a big campaign for the “Collegiate University” called “Dear World ... Yours Cambridge”. The College looks and feels very good these days.

A word about the Committee. We were particularly sad to lose Barbara Isaac to cancer. She was on the committee from her return from America until her death. There will be a memorial event held for her shortly. On a happier note we are very glad to welcome back Dee Sichel. Felicity Rutland has also promised to join the committee.

Finally, please keep the date of Monday 7th December for our Winter lunch. It will be at The Anchor in Hayfield Road. We are waiting for them to confirm the menu but will get out a notice shortly.

Juliet Campbell