

Old Cytringanians Newsletter

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It's that time of the year when we reflect upon past events and look forward to those planned for the future.

The spring lunch meeting on **Friday March 10th** coincided with one of last winter's brief but heavy snowstorms, adversely impacting upon the number of attendees. However, despite the weather, a depleted but appreciative audience enjoyed the speaker Margaret Burgon's amusing and insightful tales from her life as a vicar's wife.

The Annual Reunion Dinner took place on the evening of **Saturday April 22nd** at Kettering Golf Club when the guest speaker, Charles Lister, property manager at Boughton House, entertained members, partners and friends with enthralling stories from behind the scenes at one of England's most prestigious country houses.

A raffle held on the evening raised the sum of £145, which was donated to the Cransley Hospice.

I'm delighted to report a positive outcome to the story of former KGS art master Ieun Layton Matthews' painting. We recently received the following message informing that,

'The portrait of Geoff Perry has been transferred into the safe-keeping of the National Science Museum. It is currently being checked and labelled in preparation for a formal hand-over. A date is being arranged for members of the committee to visit the Science Museum in London as the portrait is entered into the Museum's Geoff Perry archive.'

The next lunchtime meeting will take place on **Friday October 20th** at Kettering Golf Club when the guest speaker will be Rob Kendall, a Trustee and Chair of the Friends of 78 Derngate, Northampton.

Mr Kendall's talk covers the recent restoration of 78 Derngate, the only house in England remodelled by renowned Scottish architect, Charles Rennie Mackintosh, for his client, train model-maker W.J. Bassett-Lowke in 1917. The talk covers both the early work of Mackintosh and his later years in France, together with an overview of Bassett-Lowke's influence in the design.

(Please see attached form for details)

Plans for the Annual Reunion Dinner are still ongoing but final details will be included in the January newsletter.

The Association made a donation of £250 towards the expenses of five Glendon and District Scouts who attended the recent ill-fated World Scout Jamboree in South Korea, A memorable experience for all involved!

On a sad note, we have been notified of the passing of the following members:

S Nicholls (1937-43), D Page, D James and former staff member David H Greenwood (1956-59). David Geenwood was a staunch supporter of the Association and a regular attendee at our functions for many years. Members may also remember Richard Knight (1950-55), whose death was reported from his home in St John's, Newfoundland. Also, J Dodge (1939-46), AG Hall (1946-51) and former staff member CG Brown (1962-93), who were inadvertently omitted from previous lists.

Our condolences to their families and friends.

Kind regards

Ian Addis (on behalf of the Old Cytringanians committee).