



TRINITY HALL
ASSOCIATION

104TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

28th September 2019

Lecture Theatre, 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the 103rd AGM, 22nd September 2018
3. Election of President
Roger McKinlay (1979), having been duly nominated, stands for election as President.
4. Election of Secretary
 - (a) To note the retirement of Dr Chris Angus (1967) as Secretary.
 - (b) Dr David Billett (1968), having been duly nominated, stands for election as Secretary.
5. Committee Members
 - (a) To note the retirement of Dr Emily Floeck (2007) and Dr Andrew Lennon (1998) as members of the Committee.
 - (b) To propose the appointment of Ms Lizzie Iron (1977) as a member of the Committee.
6. Secretary's Report
7. Financial Report
8. AOB

Lizzie Iron (197780)

I'm forever in debt to my brother-in-law for introducing me to Trinity Hall, when I vaguely thought I'd apply to Clare. Among the first in-take of undergraduate women, I joined a gentlemen's club and left a thriving co-ed community, the essence of which is lifelong friendship. I come back often, and walking under the crescent at the lodge gate still feels like coming home.

English and drama at Cambridge were fizzing in the late seventies: tutorials with Peter Holland often felt like intellectual vertigo as he mined the layers of Shakespeare's language, while Stephen Fry, Hugh Laurie, Emma Thompson – and Andrew Marr - were all cutting their teeth. At the time, some were more obviously destined for fame than others.

A couple of terms of fair-weather coxing also gave me the unique experience of The Bumps, and I can still just about propel a punt if there's enough champagne in the picnic hamper.

After college – and a memorable wedding ceremony in the Chapel - I was catapulted into 30 years of mobile life with the British Army, finally landing in the charity sector for my first proper job, running the Army Families Federation, which represents the interests of army families. Various roles in the Third Sector have given me insights into different government departments, and I've been lucky to be involved at critical periods in each area of work. As legal processes are modernised and reformed after legal aid was slashed in 2013, it's a fascinating time to be working in a charity that helps people trying to represent themselves through the civil and family courts.

Cambridge and Trinity Hall were my foundations as an adult: I relished the sense of quality, developed a taste for history, and have valued the important thread of continuity since I first climbed the steps to the top of N staircase (I'd asked for a view of the river, and someone in the office took note – typical of The Hall's attention to detail).

Having been a rather ineffectual year-rep for rather a long time, I'll be pleased to try and contribute more actively as a member of the THA committee!