



TRINITY HALL
ASSOCIATION

THA Secretary's Report

The 2018 AGM was held in College on Saturday 22nd September. At the AGM Michael Womack (1966) and David Lock (2012) retired from the Committee; the Revd Cortland Fransella (1967) and Dr David Billett (1968) were elected to it. The AGM was preceded in the afternoon by the first THA Symposium on the theme of 'Social Entrepreneurship'. This combined a series of talks covering a number of projects with a panel discussion on the subject. It was a fascinating afternoon and very much appreciated by those who were present. The AGM was followed by another truly superb dinner: wonderful food accompanied by some terrific wines, great service and excellent company – and then drinks in the Aula bar.

The 2018 autumn event on Saturday 17 November took us on a return trip to Yorkshire, this time to the award-winning Hepworth gallery in Wakefield, where we gathered for drinks, a tour of the galleries and dinner. It proved to be a stunning venue with a wonderful collection to view followed by a superb dinner.

On Saturday 9 May we headed to the West Country to the splendid surroundings of the Bishop's Palace at Wells. The evening got underway with drinks in the undercroft when we were unexpectedly joined by the Rt Revd Peter Hancock, the Bishop of Bath and Wells (for whom the Palace is home), who opened up the wonderful Bishop's Chapel and the Long Gallery for us to visit. The appearance of the Bishop might be explained by the presence of Revd Prebendary Stephen Lynas (1977) who had previously been the Bishop's Chaplain. Immediately prior to dinner Stephen hugely entertained us with tales from the history of the Palace. We were pleased to welcome the Vice Master to the dinner.

Looking forward, Saturday 7 November will see the THA at the Merseyside Maritime Museum in Liverpool for Dinner and Spring 2020 will see us at the Titanic, Belfast.

As always, we are deeply indebted to the support that we receive from the staff of the Alumni and Development Office throughout the year, without them we would find it very difficult to function. It has also been a great delight to welcome the Master, Vice Master and other Fellows to our events during the year as part of that enduring link between all of us and the Hall.

I shall be retiring as Secretary at this AGM after eight years in the post and eleven years on the Committee. Looking back over that time, it has been a great privilege to serve the Association and it has been a hugely enjoyable experience (apart from one saga, on which I couldn't possibly comment). I have served under four Presidents, all with very distinctive styles, and it has been a pleasure working closely with all of them, just as it has been a great pleasure working with the staff of the Alumni and Development Office. Email has proved a boon – over eight thousand emails sent and received, saving reams and reams of paper. Thirty-seven meeting prepared for,

minutes taken and written up. One of the best bits has been attending 33 events during that time and meeting so many members and their partners from across the generations – there is always a great buzz about THA events, meeting old friends and making new friends. But the other very real pleasure has been the ongoing links with College, with the Masters, Fellows, students and staff, and to see the College flourishing in so many ways.

Ave atque vale

Dr Chris Angus (1967)