

**QUEEN ELIZABETH (KENSINGTON) BRANCH, K.C.L.A.  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> March 2005  
Time: 18.30  
Location: Room 6.13, James Clerk Maxwell Building, Kings College

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Ann Wood (AW) Chair  
Henry Embling (HE) Membership Secretary  
Audrey Stubbs (AS) Treasurer  
John Brockhouse (JB)  
Lyn Embling (LE)  
Barbara Thorpe-Tracey KCL Alumni Office  
Queen Elizabeth (Kensington Branch) KCLA referred to as the Association

1. **Apologies for absence:** Jean Atkins, Pat Cox, Gary Thomas, Helen Huckvale, Michael Farrow, Michael Barker, Hilary Phillips.
2. **Matters arising from minutes of Committee meeting on 8th December 2004:**  
The minutes were not available as yet as HH was absent through illness. Items that were remembered by members were in any case to be addressed in later parts of the agenda.
3. **Correspondence**  
Brian Salter, Academic Registry has written to request nominations for Fellow of Kings College. Information on the eligibility of nominees was enclosed and is available from the Chair or Kings College Academic Registry. This is an annual request which should be kept in mind by members of QECA who may wish to nominate QEC alumni who have excelled in any sphere of life and/or who have made significant contributions to KCL in any way.  
  
KCL Orchestra is to perform works by Debussy, Toru Takemitsu and Tchaikovsky, at St John's Smith Square on March 15th, tickets are available from the Alumni Office.  
JB had had a request from KCLA for photos of our meetings to add to their records and to use in publications where appropriate. It was suggested they contact GT to use some of the ones on the website.  
HE had received emails from QECA members concerning the downloading of Envoy from the QECA webpages. These responses were positive and are confirmed by data received from GT concerning the downloading of Envoy in recent months (see website news).
4. **Treasurer's Report**  
AS reported that we had still not received the bill for the October Annual Reunion, and asked for committee members to submit their costs as soon as possible.
5. **Envoy**  
LE reported that she had received no new articles for the next edition and was considering using old articles from the original QEC magazine. GT had reported that downloads of Envoy were increasing (see below). New articles are always welcome from anyone, anywhere, so please send them to LE soon.
6. **Website news**  
**Activity on the web site:** Since October last year the number of visits to the web site has significantly increased, reaching 1,918 visits in February.

People also have downloaded quite a few copies of Envoy (both the 2003 and 2004 editions). In the last 11 months 468 copies of Envoy 2003 were downloaded, and 368 copies of Envoy 2004 since it was available in Sep 2004.

**Friends Reunited:** GT still sends a short e-mail to everyone who registers new on the QEC bit of FR. There have been some nice responses from this, for example Rod Webb (now Professor in Canada) responded saying that he had found the web site and it was he in one of the pictures of the 60's field trips (a set of pictures for which there were no names) and he named a couple of other people as well. Events such as this, and the number of visits to the web site, suggest that the Association is very much alive and well.

GT was going to use the 'reunions' part of FR to 'announce' the Chair's letter. However FR have changed the way the reunion bit works. The most significant change is that you can now e-mail everyone in a year, and indeed every year, with information about the 'reunion'. This could be a very powerful way to contact every QEC'er on FR, so the Committee might want to think about what we want to send out. There is now a charge of £10 (to discourage hoaxers) but being able to e-mail every QEC'er on FR for £10 seems a good deal! AW is to contact GT to enquire about the details of this scheme - not that the cost is excessive, just to work out what's best to do.

**Material for the Web site:** As always GT is a bit short of new material. There are a few more pictures from Liz Young and the 60's to put up, and the History of the Biology Department. So please could any mass correspondence to members ask them for material for the web site. The History of the Biology Dept is going to be put up as a series of chapters month by month, just to build up the excitement. As the document is all text & thus not ideal for a web site, GT has asked for any relevant pictures to be sent to him.

#### 7. **KCLA reunion June 2005 - Kensington walk**

Following the success of the 2004 Alumni Weekend, a similar event will take place this year over the weekend of June 10-12<sup>th</sup>. Details of activities will be announced by KCLA and the Alumni Office in 'In Touch' magazine as well as on the website. Of particular (nostalgic) interest to former QEC students will be (we hope) a walk around Kensington on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June. The final details have yet to be confirmed, but we plan to meet and start the walk at the Windsor Castle pub on Camden Hill Road. People can turn up early for a pre-walk lunch or drink at the venue, or arrive as we start the walk. Information will be publicised in the annual mailout to members and also on the QECA website when the arrangements have been finalised.

#### 8. **QECA reunion October 2005**

The format will be similar to that of previous years and will be publicised on both the QECA website and in the Calling Notice to be sent out in July. The guest speaker will be Professor Martin Hughes of the Chemistry Dept. All Chemistry alumni will be particularly welcome at this event, as the Chemistry BSc degree programmes finally close this summer. AW will be writing to former members of staff to inform them of the event and to extend an invitation to come along.

#### 9. **QECA reunion June 2006 - Life Sciences closure/reunion**

Plans have been made to hold a reunion and celebration of the life and times and huge successes of the various degree programmes which will close next summer. These include Biology, Zoology, Botany, Biological Sciences and Microbiology which were taught at QEC. Other degrees closing at the same time include Environmental Sciences, Environmental Health and Immunology. The reunion will coincide with the annual KCL June reunion, and take place on Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup> 2006. It is hoped that the final students will have an opportunity to meet former students of these disciplines from QEC, Chelsea and King's colleges. This event is being jointly coordinated by Dr Jill Sales in the Dept of Life Sciences, and Dr Ann Wood current chair of QECA and also a member of the Dept of Life Sciences. We plan to start around a mid-late morning coffee break, followed by a talk from a guest speaker, then lunch, a further talk from a second guest speaker, and closing with a final tea break. Details of speakers and costs of attendance will be announced once they are finalised.

#### 10. **QEC 'Prize' feedback**

To date AW had received only a few messages concerning the possibility of a QEC Prize. None of this feedback has been negative. It was decided that the topic should remain on the website for further consideration by members and the final decision taken at the Annual (October) AGM when members could be consulted directly. If there was a positive outcome, the fundraising could be launched by the end of the year.

**11. AOB**

No items were raised.

**10. Date and time of next meeting**

15th June 2005: JCMB room 6.13