



**Corona Worldwide**  
Registered Charity Number 204802  
**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended**  
**31<sup>st</sup> December 2016**  
(Receipts and Payments Account)



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**14th MARCH 2017**

**Present:** Mrs L Prys-Roberts (President), Mrs A Mizner (Deputy President), Mrs M Withey (Chairman), Mrs J Atkinson (Hon Treasurer), and 31 members.

**1. President Opens the Meeting:** Mrs Linda Prys-Roberts opened the meeting, and welcomed everyone to the University Women's Club, especially the guests.

**2. Apologies for absence** were received from Baroness Flather, and eight other members.

**3. The Minutes of the 58th AGM** on March 15th 2016 were approved, and signed by Mrs Prys-Roberts.

**4. Trustees' Report:** Mrs Vicky Pitcher reported on the activities of the Board of Trustees in 2016, and said that, as well as overseeing the smooth running of the Society, they had been keen to pursue links with other Commonwealth Organisations. She urged members to think about serving as Trustees, as she felt that having new members was good for the Society.

**5. Executive Committee Report:** Mrs Maureen Withey reported on the activities of the Executive Committee over the year, and said that she found this committee extremely helpful in terms of the experience of the members, and the reports that they wrote. She particularly felt that its members brought a broader perspective to issues facing the Society than the narrower grouping of the Board of Trustees. She also commented that she was pleased to see that the overseas branches were flourishing and recruiting new members, and paid tribute to the work of the UK branches.

**6. Adoption of Reports:** The adoption of the reports on the activities of the Trustees and the Executive Committee was proposed by Mrs Pauline Bates and seconded by Mrs Connie Topping, and carried unanimously.

**7a. Hon. Treasurer's Report:** Mrs Atkinson reported on the accounts for 2016, which had been examined. The accounts (see back page) showed a small deficit for the year. This was mainly to a drop in subscription income, and an increase in the cost of meeting rooms over the year. She did not expect the meeting room increase to be a recurring expense, as she was now able to book the cheaper room, but the decline in subscription income was more worrying going forward. The good news was that the value of Corona's assets had increased by £5,000.00 in line with the FTSE-100.

**7b. Adoption of the Hon. Treasurer's Report:** The adoption of Mrs Atkinson's report was proposed by Ms Sally Perkins, and seconded by Mrs Kathy Cracknell.

**7c. Election of the Independent Examiner:** Mrs Atkinson thanked her younger son, Peter, who was training as a Chartered Accountant, for examining the 2016 accounts, and said that he was willing to examine the 2017 accounts. Mrs Atkinson said that the level of receipts in 2016 was still below the threshold where the Charity Commission require the examination of the accounts, but this was a requirement of the Constitution. The election of Mr Atkinson was seconded by Mrs Alison Latter, and carried unanimously.

**GENERAL (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)**

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
	£		£
Subscriptions		Salaries	0.00
Investment Income and Interest	7,192.00	Travelling Expenses	1,428.00
Tax received through Gift Aid	1,277.00	Office Expenses: Audit	75.00
Individual Donations	2,547.00	Professional Charges	60.00
Branch and Affiliates' Donations	1,266.00	Affiliated Societies' Subs	160.00
Annual General Meeting	1,093.00	Postage	142.00
Functions:		Rent including Cleaning	10,908.00
London Functions	3,250.00	Telephone and Internet	954.00
Other	0.00	Magazine Costs inc Mailing	1,864.00
London Events		Photocopying	0.00
Fundraising: 100 Club	2,070.00	Miscellaneous Expenses	780.00
Founder's Day Coffee Morning	300.00	Purchase of Goods	662.00
Sale of Goods	750.00	Annual General Meeting	1,160.00
Other	1,000.00	Cost of Functions:	
		London Functions	2,594.00
		Other	0.00
		London Events: tickets	1,804.00
		Administration	0.00
		Fundraising: 100 Club	900.00
		Other	1,000.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b><u>23,738.00</u></b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>24,491.00</u></b>
<b>DEFICIT</b>	<b><u>753.00</u></b>		

**MEMORIAL (RESTRICTED FUNDS)**

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
	£		£
Donations	0.00		
Interest	2.00		
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b><u>2.00</u></b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>
<b>SURPLUS</b>	<b><u>2.00</u></b>		
<b>TOTAL DEFICIT</b>	<b><u>751.00</u></b>		

**8. Election of Officers:** Mrs Prys-Roberts said that the Life Vice Presidency for 2016 had been offered to Mrs Kathy Cracknell, who was pleased to accept. As well as her work as both Deputy Chairman and Chairman of the Society, she had been active in overseas branches, and had been Chairman of Tanzania Branch in Dar es Salaam.

The following elections were made:-

- Mrs Linda Prys-Roberts was elected as President of the Society for a second term. She was proposed by Mrs Withey, and seconded by Mrs Pitcher.
- Mrs Jennifer Atkinson, requiring annual election as Hon. Treasurer, was proposed by Mrs Kathy Cracknell and seconded by Mrs Carolyn Mudford.
- Mrs Livia Almeida had all served one two-year term in office, but did not wish to stand again. There was one unfilled vacancy from 2016, so there were, therefore, two vacancies. The nominations for the vacancies were: Mrs Connie Topping, proposed by Mrs Atkinson and seconded by Mrs Margaret Pinder, and Mrs Margaret Pinder, proposed by Mrs Withey and seconded by Mrs Pitcher. All nominations were approved and all were duly elected.

**9. The 100 Club:** The final draw of the 2016 100 Club was made. Mrs Atkinson thanked Mrs Anne Elvin for having run the 100 Club for the past year, and said that she was delighted to announce that she had agreed to run the 100 Club again in 2017. She said that flyers for the 2017 100 Club were available.

**10. Corona Events 2017:** The following events for 2017 were publicised at the meeting:-

- **Summer Lunch 2017:** Mrs Margaret Hunt reported that the venue for the summer lunch in 2017 will be Cumberwell Park Golf Club, just outside Bradford-on-Avon. The restaurant overlooks the golf course, and there is a lift and plenty of parking. Alternatively, the railway station is well-connected, and a taxi would cost around £7.00. Booking forms at the lunch were available at the meeting, and would be sent out in the mailing, and the application deadline was 26th June 2017.
- **London Events:** Mrs Topping said that the list of London Events for 2017 was now complete, apart from November which had been left deliberately blank in case something interesting came up. The bookmarks were available at the meeting. She drew the meeting's attention to a number of the planned events, and pointed out that, although the Buckingham Palace garden tour was now run in addition to the State Rooms, those visiting the State Rooms at the London Events outing last year, would be able to visit again for nothing provided that they had kept their tickets. She also highlighted the July visit to the Thames River Police Museum, which she thought would be very interesting.
- **Joint Commonwealth Organisations:** Mrs Prys-Roberts reported on this informal grouping of like-minded organisations, and said that, for the 2017 event, she was organising a trip to Greenwich by boat followed by a lunch and a tour of Queen's House. She felt that this was a very useful forum for members of the different organisations to meet, and that she had had a good response from Corona members. However, there were still a few places left if anyone would like to come, although it would be an early start from Westminster Pier.

**11. Any other business:**

*a.* Mrs Prys-Roberts said that Bath Branch would be celebrating its 25 years in 2017. Originally split off from Bristol Branch, it was founded by Pauline Bates, with the help of Bristol. Mrs Bates was present at the meeting, and was delighted to receive a Certificate signed by the Chairman and the President on behalf of the branch. She thanked Bath chairmen past and present for keeping the branch going.

*b.* Mrs Prys-Roberts thanked Mrs Withey and Mrs Pitcher for their kindness in donating a glass of wine with lunch to members at the AGM.

*c.* Mrs Clare Bartram thanked Mrs Topping for all the work that she does on London Events. She said that she was sorry if the timings of events were not always good for members, but that, increasingly, these things were outside of their control.

*d.* Ms Sally Perkins reported that she had a full complement of members going to the Buckingham Palace Garden Party in May, and that she proposed to do a dry run with lunch before the event. She said that she would be sending requests for nominees for next year's Party to the branches in September, and will want their response by December. Actual numbers of tickets, and the date will be known in January. Ms Perkins said that all attendees must have a UK address to which their invitation can be sent, and must carry two forms of ID with them on the day.



The speaker, Mr Emyr Lloyd Davies followed immediately after the meeting. His talk was about the establishment of the Yorkshire School in Sri Lanka, following the tsunami of 2004. He also gave a brief overview of the worldwide work of Rotary. After his talk a collection in aid of the school was made. The talk was followed by a two-course lunch in the Dining Room.

*A full copy of the Minutes and the Accounts (over) is available from the office.*