



**Corona Worldwide**  
Registered Charity Number 204802  
**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended**  
**31<sup>st</sup> December 2017**  
(Receipts and Payments Account)



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**13th MARCH 2018**

**Present:** Mrs L Prys-Roberts (President), Mrs A Mizner (Deputy President), Mrs M Withey (Chairman), Mrs J Atkinson (Hon Treasurer), and 26 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. She also welcomed the speaker, Mrs Kate Armstrong, whose mother, Margaret Reardon might be known to some of those attending.

**2. Apologies for absence** were received from Baronesses Chalker and Flather, and seven other members.

**3. The Minutes of the 59th AGM** on March 14th 2017 were approved, and signed by Mrs Prys-Roberts.

**4. Trustees' Report:** Ms Sally Perkins reported on the activities of the Board of Trustees in 2017, and said that, as well as overseeing the smooth running of the Society, they had been focussed on the future of Corona.

**5. Executive Committee Report:** Mrs Maureen Withey reported on the activities of the Executive Committee over the year, and said that its members do sterling work for the Society in a variety of ways. The adoption of the Trustees' and Executive Committee reports was proposed by Mrs Withey and seconded by Miss Yvette Bavin.

**6a. Hon. Treasurer's Report:** Mrs Jennifer Atkinson reported on the accounts for 2017, which had been examined. The accounts (see back page) showed a surplus for the year, due to two generous donations of £1000.00 each. There was a further drop in UK subscription income and branch donations. Both income and expenditure were increased as a result of acting as banker for the Joint Commonwealth Organisations' spring visit and lunch, although this had led to a nil balance overall. However, it had pushed our annual income over £25,000, which required the submission of the Trustees' Report to the Charity Commission. Apart from the JCO, expenditure was in line with the previous year, although there had been some extra expenditure incurred by the office move. The good news was that the value of Corona's assets had increased by £5,000.00 in line with the FTSE-100. Mrs Atkinson also mentioned that Southbank House was scheduled to change its name to China Works in May, and that members would notice the change of address on various literature.

**6b. Adoption of the Hon. Treasurer's Report:** The adoption of Mrs Atkinson's report was proposed by Mrs Patricia Farrant, and seconded by Mrs Catriona Lloyd Davies.

**6c. Election of the Independent Examiner:** Mrs Atkinson thanked her younger son, Peter, for examining the 2017 accounts, and said that he was willing to examine the 2018 accounts. The election of Mr Atkinson was seconded by Mrs Angela Mizner and carried unanimously.

**GENERAL (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)**

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
	£		£
Subscriptions		Salaries	8,316.00
Investment Income and Interest		Travelling Expenses	776.00
Tax received through Gift Aid	1,562.00	Office Expenses: Audit	45.00
Individual Donations	3,504.00	Professional Charges	94.00
Branch and Affiliates' Donations	413.00	Affiliated Societies' Subs	160.00
Annual General Meeting	1,336.00	Postage	81.00
Functions:		Rent including Cleaning	10,185.00
London Functions	5,600.00	Telephone and Internet	974.00
Other	0.00	Magazine Costs inc Mailing	1,625.00
London Events		Photocopying	0.00
Fundraising: 100 Club	2,100.00	Miscellaneous Expenses	1,469.00
Founder's Day Coffee Morning	382.00	Purchase of Goods	273.00
Sale of Goods		Annual General Meeting	1,270.00
Other	1,000.00	Cost of Functions:	
		London Functions	5,183.00
		Other	0.00
		London Events: tickets	1,185.00
		Administration	0.00
		Fundraising: 100 Club	1,160.00
		Other	1,000.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b><u>27,097.00</u></b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>25,897.00</u></b>
<b>SURPLUS</b>	<b><u>1,200.00</u></b>		

**MEMORIAL (RESTRICTED FUNDS)**

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
	£		£
Donations	0.00		
Interest	1.00		
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b><u>1.00</u></b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>
<b>SURPLUS</b>	<b><u>1.00</u></b>		
<b>TOTAL SURPLUS</b>	<b><u>1,201.00</u></b>		

**7. Election of Officers:** Mrs Prys-Roberts said that the following were nominated for election in 2018:-

- Mrs Angela Mizner was elected as Deputy President of the Society for a second term. She was proposed by Mrs Eileen Torbet, and seconded by Mrs Withey.
- Mrs Jennifer Atkinson, requiring annual election as Hon. Treasurer, was proposed by Mrs Vicky Pitcher and seconded by Mrs Margaret Pinder.
- Mrs Maureen Withey had served one two-year term in office, and wished to stand again. She was proposed by Mrs Maggie Prinn and seconded by Ms Sally Perkins.
- Mrs Vicky Pitcher and Ms Sally Perkins had both served one two-year term in office, and wished to stand again. Mrs Pitcher was proposed by Mrs Ellen Wallis and seconded by Mrs Margaret Powell, and Ms Perkins was proposed by Mrs Connie Topping and seconded by Mrs Margaret Hunt.

**8. Constitution Amendments:** A summary of the proposed amendments to the Constitution had been circulated with the papers sent out in advance to all who were attending. Mrs Atkinson went through the various changes and the reasons for them. At that stage the meeting was inquorate for the purposes of amending the Constitution, but it was known that there was one member who was on her way. A vote on the amendments was taken at the end of the meeting after her arrival, and carried unanimously. Mrs Hilary Temple suggested that postal votes be issued in future in cases where important votes need to be taken.

**9. The 100 Club:** The final draw of the 2017 100 Club was made. Mrs Atkinson thanked Mrs Anne Elvin for having run the 100 Club for the past year, and said that she had agreed to run the 100 Club again in 2018. She said that flyers for the 2018 100 Club were available.

**10. Life Vice President 2018:** Mrs Prys-Roberts said that the Life Vice Presidency for 2018 had been offered to Mme Raymonde Rassou of Mauritius Central Branch. Mrs Angela Mizner, who knew Mme Rassou personally, spoke of her work for the branch on the island, and the regard in which she is held in Mauritius.

**11. Corona Events 2018:** The following events for 2018 were publicised at the meeting:-

- **Summer Lunch 2018:** Ms Perkins reported that the venue for the summer lunch in 2018 will be Purley Downs Golf Club, just outside Croydon on Thursday 5th July. There would be a drink on arrival, followed by a two-course lunch with tea or coffee afterwards at a cost of £28.00. As usual, partners, family and friends would be welcome, and application forms were available at the meeting for anyone who wished to book early.
- **London Events:** Mrs Topping said that they had started the year with a visit to the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy in February, and March's visit would be to the King Charles II exhibition at the Queen's Gallery. April would see a visit to the Freemason's Hall, May to the Postal Museum and June to the Garden Museum. There would be two visits in July, one to Ely Place and the second to see 'As you like it' at the Regents Park Open Air Theatre, and there would be no August visit. There was a visit to the Garrick Club planned for October, but the remaining months were yet to be filled. However, the lights trail at Kew was on the list to be revisited, and might be the outing in December.

- **Joint Commonwealth Organisations:** Mrs Prys-Roberts said that the JCO 2018 visit would be to the Guildhall for a tour at 10:45 on Thursday 10th May. This would be followed by a two-course lunch at the Pewterers' Hall, and a visit to the Church of St Lawrence Jewry with an optional tour. The cost of the visit would be £60.00, and Mrs Margaret Pinder was handling the applications for Corona.

**11. Any other business:**

- a. Mrs Lloyd Davies thanked members for their support, and cards during her recent illness. It was much appreciated.
- b. Mrs Withey presented a card to Mrs Topping who would be 80 later in the week. It had been signed by the members present.
- c. Mrs Topping was asked how many she usually had to attend the London Events visits, and was told it was usually 12-15. Some events were complicated by the need to book well in advance, and she also sometimes had last-minute bookings.
- d. Mrs Clare Bartram mentioned the new EU General Data Protection Regulation, which was due to come into force in May, and asked what was being done about it. The meeting was informed that a form will be sent out with the May mailing for members to sign.
- e. Mrs Gretta Hudson thanked those at Headquarters for their help and support over the years, and especially Mrs Pam Cowan.
- f. Mrs Christine Marsh thanked all the officers for their support and hard work over the past year.



The speaker, Mrs Kate Armstrong followed immediately after the meeting. She gave an illustrated talk about the overseas life of her mother, Corona member, Margaret Reardon. The Reardons had served both in Africa and the Pacific. Mrs Armstrong had brought copies of her mother's book 'An Unexpected Journey' for anyone who wished to buy one. As Mrs Reardon was not well enough to make the journey from her Cambridgeshire home to London to attend the meeting, the Trustees had arranged to send her flowers.

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