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Dear Member

With the changing of the hour, the more seasonal weather has arrived – colder, foggy and some frost as well but we must be grateful for the extended period of good weather that we had. I think we've all been lulled into a sense of false security because of this and now Christmas seems to be fast approaching.

Thank you to those of you who managed to get to the Annual General Meeting recently, the minutes of which are attached. On behalf of the Association I should like to offer thanks to the following who are stepping down: Rose Gray - Independent Examiner and Gwyneth Groves – Liaison Officer. It is pleasing to note that two new committee members were elected at the AGM: Jacquelyn Conner (Liaison Officer) and Joan McSweeney. If you have any comments to make on the AGM, please let me have them or email Dave Lawrence (Chairman) at law-27@sky.com.

You may remember that last year we reported that some of us had gone to visit Bill Richards, who was Bursar at College from 1946-1978 and was celebrating his 100th birthday. When we left we promised to visit him again this year, so Maureen Fry, Dave Lawrence, Beryl Paine, Dave Pank and I were delighted to see him for lunch on 20th September to mark his 101st birthday. Congratulations Bill – it was really good to see you again and looking so well.

On a sad note, I have to report that we heard, rather belatedly, of the death of Pat Coe, ex Chemistry. We send our sincere condolences to her husband, Ken.

Irene Wood, ex Physics, had a fall and we sent her some chocolates. We send her our very best wishes for a speedy recovery.

I would encourage you to send in news and any photos you would like us to publish in our newsletters, which now appear on the Alumni section of the College website (back to January 2013) and can be accessed by following these instructions:

- www.qmul.ac.uk
- Alumni (6th tab along the top)
- Former Staff (3rd option down)
- Former Staff News (3rd option down).

BERYL RYAN writes: Visit to see “Dirty Rotten Scoundrels” at The Savoy Theatre on Thursday 23rd October, 2014: Sixteen members went to The Savoy Theatre in the Strand to see what turned out to be a very funny and entertaining musical, based on the film starring Michael Caine and Steve Martin. The main star of

the show is Robert Lindsay who some may remember as the star of probably one of his first appearances on TV as Citizen Smith. Also starring in the show is Bonny Langford, Gary Wilmot and Rufus Hound who is a former stand-up comedian.

The musical is set on the French Riviera, where a debonair English con-man, masquerading as a prince, sets out to seduce unattached ladies and to persuade them to part with their wealth. Things appear to be going quite well for him until a rival, not-so-suave con-man arrives in town and threatens Lindsay's very lucrative pitch.

Most of the comedic action occurs when these two join forces and its then that the audience laugh the most as the pair of them get into some hilarious situations, some of which are somewhat slapstick and most of which are dominated by Rufus Hound.

The show was really worth seeing. Thank you Beryl for arranging it all.

Beryl Ryan

BERYL PAINE WRITES: A reminder that annual subscriptions of £5 were due on 1st October, so if your name is on the attached list, please let me have your payment as soon as possible.

The year has flown by and it's almost time for our Christmas lunch get-together. I'm sure that those of you who were able to come will agree that the meal was excellent last year, so I have booked the same venue: Harlequin Restaurant, Kingsway Hall Hotel, Great Queen Street (off Holborn). The date is Wednesday 10th December, 12 noon for 12.30 pm. The subsidised cost is £12.50 per person for the three-course lunch, with wine and tea/coffee. The menu is attached. Please indicate your choice and return the page to me, together with your remittance, to reach me no later than 5th December.

I have also booked the next theatre visit to see "The Play That Went Wrong" at the Duchess Theatre, Catherine Street, London, on Thursday 29th January for the matinée at 2.30 pm. An amateur theatre group was rehearsing a play and everything that could go wrong did, so a fellow watching thought it was so hilarious that he wrote a play around it, hence the title.

The cost is £29.50 each, normal price £49.50. Please complete and return the relevant reply slip, together with your remittance, to reach me no later than 26th November. I will accept a deposit £10 per head, balance to be paid by 15th January.

Beryl Paine

I do hope that we will see as many of you as possible at the Christmas lunch, but as this will probably be the last newsletter before the end of the year, I should like to take the opportunity to wish all our members a very enjoyable Christmas and a happy and healthy 2015.

Yours sincerely



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