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Dear Member

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th October 2015 at 11 am in the Robert Tong Room (1st floor main College building)(agenda attached). The main desk is usually staffed and there are lifts to the left of the desk – not the old rattletrap lift we all remember!

Following the meeting, we are booking a table at the Toby Carvery, The Eagle, Snaresbrook for 1.30 pm. The two course carvery, ie starter and main course or main course and sweet, costs £6.29. There is, of course, an alternative menu for those who do not want a carvery. As we will need to know the number of people coming, please complete the attached slip and send it with £5 towards the cost of the meal, to arrive no later than Tuesday 6th October. The balance, plus tea, coffee and a tip will be paid for by the Association. Other drinks can be purchased at the bar.

We were sorry to hear that Suzanne Emmerly had died. She worked in the Centre for Commercial Law Studies. Her son, Terry, has asked for any donation to be sent to St Francis Hospice.

We have not had very good attendances at the last few AGMs. I appreciate the distance for just a couple of hours deters some people but if you have not been to College for some time, you will be surprised to see all the alterations and additions, not only in College but also in Mile End Road. Please come along.

BERYL PAINE WRITES: I was disappointed that I had to cancel the river trip to Hampton Court in July. I was given 24 hours' notice that there was a problem getting the boat through Richmond Lock and we would only be able to go as far as Kew, shortening the journey by two hours. The outing was meant to be a three and a half hour boat trip, of which the most picturesque part is Kew to Hampton Court. As a strike had been called by tube workers starting at 6 pm, I decided it was best to cancel and when I saw the chaos of workers trying to get home, I'm sure you will agree I made the right decision.

We were lucky this month when a threatened strike was cancelled, which would have coincided with our visit to see "Sinatra" at the Palladium.

In the last newsletter I said I was planning to book to see Imelda Stanton in "Gypsy", which had received rave notices but there are no concessions and the cheapest group price is £39.50 and I asked if you would be willing to pay that amount. Only two members replied, one 'yes' and one 'no' so I have concluded either it is too expensive or you do not wish to see the show. Therefore, we have no plans for a theatre visit at the moment. However, there is the AGM followed by lunch if you wish in October, as mentioned above and please make a note that our get-together for Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 9th December. Full details nearer the date.

Beryl P

BERYL RYAN WRITES: Visit to the London Palladium to see "Sinatra" – Wednesday 9th September 2015:

A group of FSA members and guests went to see this show and everyone who went had a really great time. We had very good seats in the Royal Circle which of course adds to one's enjoyment.

The show was all about Frank Sinatra's life. It took the audience on a very memorable journey through the career of one of the world's most famous artists, made possible with the aid of multi-media, including holograms. Frank Sinatra died in 1998 but his music will continue to live on for many, many years to come, because so many of the songs he sang will go on for a very long time also. Songs like "Come Fly with Me", "Fly Me to the Moon", "New York, New York", and of course "My Way", to name but a few.

You really do need to be a fan of Sinatra to enjoy this musical extravaganza; I doubt very much if the show would be the choice of anyone who did not like him as a singer or indeed as an actor. His life and times were brought to life by a brilliant orchestra and company of very good dancers and singers. We were shown lots of family photographs, old film clips of his acting abilities and, of course, he did win an Oscar for his role in "From Here to Eternity". Also shown were several very rare interviews.

Anyone who is a Sinatra fan must surely come away from seeing the show with a much greater insight into the life of this great singer of very popular songs. A really great show – thank you Beryl for arranging such a memorable afternoon.

Beryl R

Yours sincerely



Sheila Fenn
Hon Secretary

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 20th OCTOBER 2015
IIN THE ROBERT TONG ROOM (1st floor main building)
at 11 am**

AGENDA

- 1 Chairman's Welcome.
- 2 Apologies for absence.
- 3 Minutes of 2014 AGM (previously circulated).

- 4 Matters arising.
- 5 Secretary's Report.
- 6 Treasurer's/Social Secretary's Reports.
- 7 Acceptance of Independently Examined Accounts.
- 8 Appointment of Independent Examiner..
- 9 Election of Committee/Officers.
- 10 Any Other Business.