

NORTHUMBRIAN CAMBRIDGE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Friday, September 25, 2020

Email-conducted instead of in person
at the Royal Grammar School

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

In lieu of the recent resignation of Judy Vigurs, our Membership Secretary, I have assumed the role of the Membership Secretary, and compiled this report. We are grateful for Judy's work on our behalf over the last five years, and wish her a speedy recovery. Susan Austin, our Hon. Treasurer, will be assuming this responsibility in future. I have updated the membership list, and will be passing it on to the new Committee, but if any members have changes of address, telephone number or email, may I ask you to send these to Susan (susanmaustin@hotmail.com).

Currently, we have 178 members, including 6 Honorary members (Ian Fells, Roger Leech, Angus McDonald, Teresa Saunders, Bill Schardt, James Wright) and 5 Associate members (Betty Cooper, Fiona Douglas, Colin Ferguson, Fay Saunders, Jenny Willis). Associate members are partners of deceased NCA members who have regularly attended our events, and to whom it is our policy to offer NCA membership and continued access to events. We have 143 members on our email list, and 35 on our postal list.

Our oldest member, Dr Betty Schofield, celebrated her 100th birthday recently. We were saddened to hear recently of the death of Nick Jackson (Caius, 1958-61) on August 29, 2019. Nick was a long-time member of the Association until his resignation in 2017, and a valuable member of the Committee up until 2016. An *In Memoriam* was published in the July newsletter. There are no resignations of members to report. We welcomed three new members to the Association in the course of the year, Malcolm Duff (Peterhouse, 1962-65), David Bateman (Selwyn, MB BChir, 1969-72) and Associate member, Fiona Douglas (whose late husband was at Jesus College), and we have had an enquiry from a Cambridge graduate who has recently moved to the North East and plans to join us presently.

In consequence of our outreach to Freshers via our annual Welcome Party and reunions, and our offer of free Associate membership, we have no less than 101 students on our list, 11 from 2016, 28 from 2017, 17 from 2018 and 45 from 2019. These students are sent our biannual newsletter as well as news of our activities and it is hoped that if/when they return to the North East, they will join the Association as full members.

The Alumni Groups biennial leadership conference due to be held in Cambridge, at Jesus, on July 18th, had to be cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic. An online Cambridge University Alumni Groups' Digital Leadership Forum (AGDLF) was held instead on July 30 and August 1, which attracted 100 representatives from 60 Alumni Groups across 27 countries. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Stephen J. Toope spoke, and there were sessions focussed on digital events, social media, the results of the 2019 Alumni Survey, and what Freshers' Events would look like this year. Heather (Cordell) attended a number of the online events on our behalf, and circulated to the Committee afterwards the most pertinent slides from the session on future Freshers' events.