



CATHOLIC RECORD SOCIETY

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Annual Report 2016–2017 & Notice of Annual General Meeting 2017

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1. *Membership of Council.*

- a. Following the last AGM, Mr Hodgetts was re-elected by Council as Chairman of the Society.
- b. Following the resignation of Dr Hagerty as Membership Secretary, the Council appointed Dr Liesbeth Corens as his replacement.
- c. At the AGM Drs Corens and Nockles, and Mr Hodgetts each complete their three-year term as Elected Members of the Council. Dr Nockles has indicated that he is willing to stand again for election. Mr Hodgetts has served two consecutive terms on Council so cannot stand again. Dr Corens has become an honorary officer.
- d. These changes leave three vacancies as Elected Members of Council to be filled at the AGM. Prof Bill Sheils and Dr Peter Nockles have so far been nominated. Other nominations, giving the names of the proposers and seconders together with the signed consent of the nominees, should be sent to the Hon. Secretary by 20 June 2017.

2. *Annual Conference.* The Society held its annual conference at Murray Edwards College, Cambridge, in July 2016. The 2017 conference will be held from Monday 24 to Wednesday 26 July at Murray Edwards College, Cambridge. The programme and booking forms are available on the website.

3. *York History Day.* The Society is delighted to co-sponsor the next History Day at the Bar Convent, York, on Saturday 3 June 2017. The day will begin with coffee at 10am, and will conclude with Mass at 5pm. Full details can be obtained from the Society's web-site, or judith.smeaton@btinternet.com or Tel. 01904 704525.

4. *Financial Report.*

- a. As at 31 March 2017 the Society held liquid assets of £37,057 (2016: £28,085) and invested assets of £473,402 (2016: £410,535), including the capital donated to and restricted to the purposes of the Society's research funds. The increased capital of the Society is due to improvements in markets over the year and the management of investments by our new financial advisers CCLA; the continued support and donations from members; achieving a small surplus of Conference income over expenditure. The fully audited accounts for the financial year 2016/17 will be available at the start of the Annual Conference and will be proposed for adoption at the AGM. Members not attending the conference may obtain a copy from the Hon. Treasurer.
- b. The Society is most grateful to members who subscribe by banker's order which saves substantial sums in ever-increasing postal charges. Similarly, valuable revenue accrues to the Society when UK members take advantage of the Gift Aid

Scheme, which allows income tax to be recovered on their subscriptions. To join the scheme it is necessary only to inform the Hon. Membership Secretary: 'I wish the CRS to treat as Gift Aid donations my annual subscription and all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise.' A bequest can be made as follows: 'I give to the Catholic Record Society, Registered Charity No. 313529, the sum of £____ free of all duties payable on my death and I declare that the receipt of the Hon. Treasurer or other proper officer of the Society for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge for the same.'

5. *Membership Report.*

- a. On 1 April 2017 the membership of the Society was comprised of 227 individual members in the British Isles, 38 international individual members, and 17 religious houses in the British Isles. There were 2015 institutional subscriptions to *British Catholic History*.
- b. The following have joined the Society: Dr Cormac Begadon, Durham; Mr Mark O'Meara, Deal; Jaime Goodrich, Detroit; Dorothy Cashman, Dublin; Susan Cogan, Utah; Danielle Kay.
- c. There have been 20 resignations from the Society (17 members in the British Isles and 3 international members).
- d. Notification has been received of the deaths of Professor R. W. Taylor, J. A. Forster, I. Pettman, R. A. Jones and J. B. Lloyd. The annual Mass for deceased members will be offered during the Annual Conference.
- e. There continues to be positive liaison between the Society, Cambridge University Press and Boydell & Brewer in order to ensure that individual membership and distribution lists are accurate. The Membership Secretary is grateful to both publishers for their generous assistance.

6. *Editorial Report.*

- a. In November 2016, *Mannock Strickland (1683-1744) Agent to English Convents in Flanders. Letters and Accounts from Exile*, edited by Richard G. Williams, was published and distributed to members as Records Series volume No. 86.
- b. This autumn, *The Chronicles of Nazareth (The English Convent) Bruges 1629-1793*, edited by Caroline Bowden, will be issued as Records Series volume No. 87.
- c. There is currently no volume in preparation for 2018.

8. *The Society's Research Funds.*

- a. As reported at the 2016 AGM (see Minutes, paragraph 9, below) one award from the David Rogers Research Fund for travel and subsistence expenses in 2016/17 was approved by Council.

b. The closing date for applications to the Research Funds for subsistence and travel grants in 2017/18 is **1 July 2017**. Awards are based entirely on the quality of the intended research and are made without regard to gender, race, religion or status, and are not dependent on membership of the Society. The application form will be found on the Society's website.

9. The Society is most grateful to the Jesuit Fathers of Mount St., London, for providing rooms for its Committee and Council meetings.

Minutes of the AGM held at Murray Edwards College, Cambridge on 26 July 2016

1. Mr Hodgetts took the chair; 32 members were present. Apologies for their absence were received from Abbot Scott; Sr Kenworthy-Browne; Rev Drs Broadley, Phillips; Canon Tony Harding; Prof McClelland; Drs Hagerty, Mercer, Young.
2. The Minutes of the 2015 AGM were accepted.
3. The *Annual Report 2015–16* was presented. Mr Hodgetts commented on the Society's officers and membership of the Council:
 - a. The Council had appointed Mr Patrick Powell as treasurer. Proposed by Dr Dillon; seconded by Mr Sutton; all agreed.

The *Report* was adopted on the motion of Dr Serenhedd James and Fra' Duncan Gallie.

4. Mr Powell said that the full accounts for 2015–16 had been made available for inspection at the start of the annual conference. They had been scrutinized by the Custodial Trustees and accepted. He distributed and spoke to a one-page summary and reported that there had been a slight decrease in income from £39,466 to £39,202 from the end of the financial year in 2015 to the end of the financial year in 2016. Expenses had decreased from £53,116 to £46,202. Reflecting general market conditions, the value of investments had fallen to £415,848. Mr Powell said the society was moving its investments from UBS to CCLA and that he was in the process of setting up online banking to allow direct payments. The accounts were adopted for submission to the Charity Commission on the motion of Fr Harris and Dr Thomas.

5. In the absence of the Membership Secretary, Dr Hagerty, his report was read by Dr Kelly. The membership of the Society was comprised of 288 individual members in the British Isles, 40 international individual members, and nineteen religious houses in the British Isles. There were 2,048 institutional subscriptions to *British Catholic History* in 2015.

6. In the absence of the Volumes Editor, Dr Young, his report was read by Dr Kelly. In 2015, *The Gages of Hengrave and Suffolk Catholicism, 1640–1767*, by Francis Young, was published and distributed to members as Monograph Series volume No. 8. Before the end of the year, *Mannock Strickland (1683–1744), Agent to English Convents in Flanders: Letters and Papers from Exile*, edited by Richard Williams, will be issued as Records Series volume No. 86. Another volume in the Records Series (an edition of the Chronicle of the English Convent, Bruges by Caroline Bowden) is currently in preparation and members can expect the next volume in 2017.

7. Dr Dillon recorded her gratitude to the members of the *British Catholic History* board for all their support and advice. She also expressed her thanks to all at CUP, in particular Daniel Pearce who had overseen the transfer of the journal to the publisher.

- a. Dr Dillon reported that the royalties received from CUP exceeded the estimate by 35% and that the journal had increased from 193 institutional subscribers to 2048. It was now distributed in every continent and eleven institutions had also purchased the entire digital back copies.

- b. Dr Dillon thanked the Council for supporting the move, as well as all those who undertook peer reviews.

- d. Rev Dr Lannon asked for the actual royalties received. Dr Dillon said it was £2133, the society receiving 10% of all profits. She added that the society no longer has any printing costs. Dr Bowden congratulated Dr Dillon on all her work and said it was a pleasure to receive the journal, a statement met by applause.

8. Elections. Mr Hodgetts said that the term of office of three members of Council was at an end:

Abbot Bellenger, Rev Dr Phillips and Mrs Smeaton. There had been three nominations for the vacant spots: Drs Champ and James, and Mrs Smeaton. All approved of their election to the Council.

9. Awards. In Prof McClelland's absence, Dr Dillon read the report.

a. There was one award from the Rogers fund: Helen Anne Kilburn for her work on the influence of feudalism, religious conflict and Englishness on the institutionalization of slavery in Maryland under the proprietorship of the Lords Baltimore, 1634–1689, £900.

10. The Conference Director, Dr Thomas, said that attendance stood at 62. The AGM voted to hold its next Annual Conference in Murray Edwards College from Monday 24 to Wednesday 26 July 2017.

11. Mr Hodgetts thanked the society's council for its support and hard work; Drs Thomas and Corens for organizing the conference; the conference speakers; and the college.

**The Annual General Meeting of the Society will take place at
Noon on Tuesday 26 July 2017 at Downing College, Cambridge**

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the 2016 AGM and any matters arising therefrom.
3. Adoption of the Annual Report 2016-17.
4. Financial Matters: a. Adoption of the Annual Accounts 2016-17
5. Editorial Reports: a. Volumes Editor
 b. Journal Editor
6. Elections:
 - a. Election of three nominees to serve for three years as Elected Members of Council.
7. Awards Committee Report:
8. Date and venue of Annual Conference and AGM in 2018.
9. Votes of thanks.
10. Any other business.