

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING / ANNUAL LECTURE OF THE LONDON BRANCH OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 2024

Dear Guests,

AGM DOCUMENTS

Please find attached the following documents for your perusal:

- 1) AGM Agenda
- 2) Minutes of AGM held on 25 January, 2023 (for approval)
- 3) Report of the Branch Chair
- 4) Financial Statement to date (for approval)

EVENT TIMETABLE

18:00	Arrival of guests
18:30	Welcome from Cheryl Gurnham, Chair, London Branch, University of Bristol Alumni Association
18:35 – 18:45	Annual General Meeting of the London Branch
18:45	Introduction of the Annual Lecturer, Misha Glenny by Cheryl Gurnham
18:45 – 19:45	Annual Lecture and Q&A
19:45-19:50	Thank you from Cheryl Gurnham
19:50-21:00	Reception with refreshments
21:00	Close

LONDON BRANCH OF UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL ALUMNI

Annual General Meeting: 8th November 2024

Bridewell Hall, St Bride Foundation, 14 Bride Lane, Fleet Street, London,
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AGENDA

1. Welcome and apologies for absence
2. Minutes of 2022 AGM held on 17 October 2023 – for approval
3. Chairman's annual report 2023/2024
4. Financial statements to end October 2024 – for noting
5. Election of Chair for a three-year term (until the 2027 AGM) - for decision

Under the constitution, the officers of the branch retire by rotation. This year the Chair, Cheryl Gurnham, is retiring and has decided to offer herself for re-election.

6. Any other business

MINUTES OF THE 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 17 OCTOBER 2023

PRESENT: Julian Metcalfe (Chairman) Sir Paul Nurse (Chancellor)
Alan Ingham (Secretary) Professor Evelyn Welch (Vice Chancellor)
Tim Curthew-Sanders (Treasurer) Professor Palie Smart
All attendees of 2023 annual lecture

1) Welcome and introductions

- JM welcomed the attendees of the 2023 annual lecture and introduced committee officers.
- JM outlined the purpose of the London Branch and the agenda for the evening.
- JM outlined essential Health and Safety information for the venue.
- JM provided a summary of Branch activities over the past years.
- AI noted apologies from Sir Eric Thomas, who was unable to attend.

2) Minutes from last AGM and matters arising

- Papers from 2022 AGM (held in January 2023), current finances, agenda and Chairman's statement circulated.
- JM invited attendees to voice any objections to the 2022 AGM minutes.
 - No objections were raised. Minutes adopted.

3) Minutes from last EGM and matters arising

- JM invited attendees to voice any objections to the 2022 AGM minutes.
 - No objections were raised. Minutes adopted.

4) Annual report

- JM delivered Chairman's statement to those attending and thanks for their support.
- JM summarised the events of 2023.
- JM outlined our upcoming events, including the Carol Service at the end of this year.
- JM re-iterated our aim to continue engaging young alumni in our work.
- JM closed by thanking the Committee and the University for their work during the year, and that the AA grant to fund this event (at the House of Lords) was greatly appreciated.

5) Financial statement

- TCS talked through the provided financial statements and highlighted that a grant had been provided by the AA to subsidise this event (at the House of Lords).
- TCS invited questions. No questions were asked.

6) Election of Treasurer

- TCS stood for re-election as Treasurer.
- JM asked whether anyone present also wished to stand. No candidates came forward.
- JM asked for any objections. None were raised.
- JM formally declared election result. TCS resumed position of Treasurer until 2026 AGM.

6) Election of Chair

- JM declared his intention to stand-down as Chair.
- Cheryl Gurnham (CG) offered her candidacy.
- JM asked whether anyone present also wished to stand. No candidates came forward.
- JM asked for any objections. None were raised.
- JM formally declared election result. CG assumed position of Chair until 2024 AGM.

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNUAL REPORT NOVEMEBR 2023 – OCTOBER 2024

I was appointed as chair at our last AGM meeting, held in October 2023 at the House of Lords, with Baron Jonathan Evans of Weardale, former Director General of MI5. My appointment was just for one year, taking over from Julian Metcalfe, who wished to step down from his role a year early. The role of Chairperson is therefore due for election again this year, but I am happy to stand again.

Notice is therefore given that the position of Chairperson of the London Branch is open for election at this year's AGM. I am willing to stand again. However, if any other member of the Branch wishes to stand for election to this role, please contact enquiries@4088.co.uk.

Since our last Annual General Meeting, I am pleased to report that the London Branch of the University of Bristol Alumni Association has continued to thrive and engage our alumni community through a variety of events and initiatives.

Below is a summary of our activities and key developments over the past year.

Events and Activities:

- Carol Service (11th December 2023)
This is always a popular annual event, held at St Vedast-alias-Foster.
- Tour of Westminster Abbey (16th March 2024)
This event was a unique and well-received experience, with full attendance. Due to the nature of the tour, we had to limit numbers, but tickets sold very quickly. Thank you to our tour guide who provided their services free of charge
- Wine Tasting (23rd April 2024)
Hosted by Mimi Avery (of this historic Averys wine cellars in Bristol), this event again sold out extremely quickly. The event was held at Champagne Charlies.
- London Walks (21st May 2024 and 24th July 2024)
This is a regular annual event and is always popular, which is why we host two of them. This year's walk was around Covent Garden and Soho. Both walks were well attended. David Clark has organised these walk events for many years and we are grateful for his enthusiasm in doing these each year. This year, he has been handing over organisation to our new committee member, Kinga Grzeszczyk.
- Temple Quarter Enterprise Campus Panel Discussion and Q&A (13th May 2024)
This event was a discussion and Q&A with Barra Mac Ruairí (the University's Chief Property Officer) and Palie Smart (Associate Pro Vice-Chancellor for Civic Global Engagement) about the University's plans for Temple Quarter. Although attendance was lower than expected, the attendees found it informative.
- Canterbury Cathedral Tour (12th October 2024)
At this time of writing this event has not yet happened. This will include a guided tour, lunch, and an optional overnight stay in the cathedral grounds.
- Annual Lecture and AGM (8th November 2024)

We sold over 225 tickets for the above events, with 19% graduating in the last 10 years.

Financial Overview:

We have managed our finances prudently, ensuring that our events are self-sustaining while also providing value to our members and where appropriate offering subsidised tickets for more recent graduates. Thank you in particular to the Alumni Association for awarding us an Alumni Association Initiative Grant to make the Annual Lecture and AGM possible with discounted tickets for recent graduates.

As an association, we are finding London venues, in particular, to be very expensive, making it difficult for us to deliver value for money and make events accessible for everyone.

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A detailed breakdown of our financial activities will be presented at the AGM.

Committee Updates:

Following last year's informal drinks at the Founder's Arms, we have welcomed some more recent graduates on our committee.

The current list of committee members is as follows:

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| 1. Sheila Annor | 10. Kinga Grzeszczyk |
| 2. Lily Blair-Slater | 11. Isabelle Hodgkiss |
| 3. David Clark | 12. Gideon Hoffman |
| 4. Melissa Crawshay-Williams | 13. Alan Ingham (Secretary) |
| 5. Tim Curthew-Sanders (Treasurer) | 14. Martin Lunnon |
| 6. Eleanor Elliot | 15. Julian Metcalfe |
| 7. Maya Ellwood | 16. Anthony Seymour |
| 8. Shelagh Farrell | 17. Yunus Skeete |
| 9. Cheryl Gurnham (Chair) | 18. Lilly Weiss-Skørtén |

Thank you to everyone who has been involved in organising our events this year.

Our meetings are hybrid meetings, both in person in the City of London and via Teams. If you are interested in joining the committee, please speak to an existing member of the committee, or contact enquiries@4088.co.uk.

Looking Ahead:

As we look forward to the coming year, we aim to continue building on our successes and exploring new opportunities to engage our alumni community, through organising different types of events. We welcome any suggestions and feedback.

Please do join us at the Carol Service at St Vedast-alias-Foster on 16th December 2024.

Cheryl Gurnham

Chair, London Branch of the University of Bristol Alumni Association
8th November 2024

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Financial Statements for year to 31 July 2024

	Income	Expenditure	Surplus/(Deficit)
Social	250 *	418	-168
Walk September 2023	780	774	6
Annual Lecture/AGM	10,931 **	7,393	3,539
Carol Service	1,560	1473	87
Westminster Cathedral	1,620	1,596	24
Wine tasting	1,340	1,652	-312
Walk May 2024	783	841	-58
Lecture- Temple Quarter	176	9	167
Walk July 2024	722	485	237
Surplus for year.			<u><u>3,520</u></u>

* Donation from University

** Includes grant from University

Balance Sheet at 31 July 2024

	2024	2023
Cash at bank	7,928	9,408
less : Monies received in advance for 2023/4 event	0	5,000
Net assets at 31 July 2024	<u><u>7,928</u></u>	<u><u>4,408</u></u>
Balance at 1 April 2023	4,408	4,407
Add surplus above	3,520	1
Balance at 31 July 2024	£ 7,928	£ 4,408

Financial Statements for 16 month period to 31 July 2023

	Income	Expenditure	Surplus/(Deficit)
Chartwell	930	858	73 *
Walk July 2022	620	583	37
St Brides	325	285	40
Walk June 2023	706	687	19
Annual Lecture/AGM	1,118	1,041	77
Carol Service	1,800	1,567	233
Lecture- Paediatrics	575	900	-325
Sundry expenses			-154
Surplus for period			<u><u>1</u></u>

* Joint event with Churchill Hall Association

C Gurnham


8th October 2024

T Curthew-Sanders


8th October 2024