

Dear members

After quite a break I felt it was timely to send out another short newsletter. We had a very successful AGM at the end of June resulting in a slight change of name for the Association. It will now be the QMU Association, which we hope will encourage more previous and current staff to join us. We also have amended the committee structure to reflect the changing societal communications systems, and also to reduce the number of volunteers needed to be in committee. We have a new Madras Lodge Treasurer in Kathy Munro, but sadly we currently **Do Not** have a bookings officer. I have taken this on as an interim measure but this will make the Lodge booking unsustainable in the future if we cannot find someone( or two persons) who might take this on for a while.

A new Social secretary is in place (Elaine Acaster) and Cely remains minute secretary. We also have a new committee member in Gemma Blackledge-Foughali, who fills the vacancy left by Sylvia resigning. Finally, Head of Development/Alumni, Thomas Kelly, and the Student president( or alternate) will become ex-officio members allowing us to develop stronger links with QMU and the Student Union.

At Madras Lodge, we have fairly strong bookings over the main summer months, but do consider a stay later in the year now we have efficient new heating, and better insulation. I would encourage you to take a look at the refreshed Madras Lodge webpages to see how it has changed.

<https://sites.google.com/site/madraslodge/home>



Obviously there is still a fair bit to do décor wise, which will be tackled when vacancies permit.



The garden will be maintained by volunteers, with the weekend prior to the garden bin being collected used to do the work. Watch out for a schedule for this and please do join us if you wish.

As always I would encourage you to recruit new members to the Association, as this is our life blood. This year a special rate of

£30 life membership is available as a coronation special.

The coffee get togethers will recommence in autumn so keep a look out for the emails. Don't forget to check your spam/junk mail in case, as several of mine have gone there in error.



Do get in touch with us if you wish to have greater involvement in the Association in any way.

Best wishes

Lindesay