



Society for Anglo- Chinese Understanding

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTS 2017

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SACU

The Society for Anglo-Chinese Understanding (SACU) is a voluntary non-profit, people-to-people organisation that has been dedicated to promoting understanding and friendship between the peoples of the UK and China since our founding, By Dr Joseph Needham and others, in 1965. SACU is a member-based organisation. We have no political affiliations and are open to all who subscribe to our aims.

SACU mission is

To promote understanding and advance the education of the UK public in all aspects of China and the Chinese People by:

- providing facts and analysis about China – not uncritically but always from a firm basis of friendship
- helping the British people to understand the meaning of China – past and present
- promoting friendship and mutual respect between the peoples of China and the UK

We aim to promote Understanding – for a purpose

- to help the UK flourish in a world increasingly influenced by China
- to help overcome misplaced suspicion and increase understanding of China within UK
- to help members progress their China-related interests and so to help SACU thrive

SACU also has a role in helping to support Chinese people making their way in the UK as students and workers, with friendship and understanding as well as education in all aspects of living in UK.

PROGRAMME GROUP REPORT

We had 9-10 committee members in our group throughout 2017 and met 'as and when' to arrange a varied programme for the year, mostly in London, with May being an extremely busy month. The Programme was as full as we could manage (given our limited resources) and our events have all been well-supported.

11 January – Carol Hughes Commemoration: We commemorated the life and times of Carol Hughes, an early and enthusiastic member of SACU, who went on two SACU delegations to China in 1972 and 1977. We showed the film of her illustrated talk about the Huxian peasant paintings which she had given to The Meridian Society. We held the event at the Bloomsbury Gallery which served a light meal and tea to nearly 40 guests, including many members of Carol's own family.

8 May – Mark Thomas Book Launch: Mark Thomas, nephew of George Hogg, spoke about his new biography, *Blades of Grass: The Story of George Aylwin Hogg*, in the chapel of St George's School, Harpenden, where George Hogg studied. Attendance included members of the school community and six SACU members.

12 - 14 May– China in Context: We also worked with our partners Guanghai Bookshop/ Cypress Books to promote their major book fair and events, with Frances Wood and Zoe Read speaking. The events were all held at China Exchange, Gerrard Street.

20 May - China's 21st Century Silk Road: Setting the terms of an alternative Globalisation? SACU Panel Discussion: This was SACU's major event in 2017. Held at King's College London, the panel comprised: Shao Zheng, Counsellor for Policy Analysis and Strategic Planning at the UK Chinese Embassy, Dr Frances Wood, SACU Vice President, historian and former Curator of the Chinese Collections at the British Library, and Keith Bennett, Vice-Chairman of the 48 Group Club and long-standing SACU member, and was chaired by Professor Kerry Brown of the Lau China Institute. We must thank Jenny Clegg, SACU VP, for identifying this topical theme and bringing together an expert panel. Timed to coincide with the major international summit on the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) which had just taken place in Beijing, the event was a great success and heavily oversubscribed with well over 100 people attending. We were grateful to the Lau China Institute for their support in providing both the venue and refreshments.

24 May – Author Talks: A British Journey of Rediscovering China. We held a joint event with Guanghai Bookshop, on Shaftesbury Avenue. Zoe Reed, SACU Chair, Frances Wood, SACU VP and historian, and Pete Jarvis, grand-nephew of George Hogg, spoke about the books celebrating Anglo-Chinese friendship and understanding which had been launched at the 'A Taste of Beijing' event at the British Library the previous September.

15 July - Bertrand Russell and China: New Directions in Anglo-Chinese Understanding after World War I: SACU and The Meridian Society held their AGMs in the morning then came together for the afternoon events. First Walter Fung, SACU Council member and *China Eye* Editor, gave an illustrated presentation on the SACU 50th Anniversary tour to China which had taken place in October 2016. Then as our

main event Tony Simpson, of the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation, spoke about the world-famous philosopher Bertrand Russell's time in China 1920-21 when Russell toured extensively giving lectures. Professor Sun Hua, Peking University, gave the historical context to this tumultuous period in China. We were pleased the event drew an audience of some 70 people. Again, we must thank Jenny Clegg, SACU VP, for suggesting this theme and arranging the speakers. The Lau China Institute of KCL again generously supported us by providing the venue for this day of activities.

10 November- Two years in Peking 1965-66: Living and Teaching in Mao's China: Talk by Reginald Hunt, chaired by long-standing SACU member Keith Bennett. Reg and his wife Waddi were early SACU members who went to 'Peking' to teach English and took their young family with them. Reg gave an interesting and clear account of what he saw and experienced in mid-1960s China, the period that included the start of the Cultural Revolution. 50 guests attended, many of whom were also early SACU members from the 1960s and 1970s and who enjoyed sharing similar experiences of living in China at that time. Feedback told us members would welcome more such events about SACU's early days where older members could share experiences and younger members, particularly Chinese members, could learn more about the history of their country. We thank EY (Ernst & Young) for providing free use of a meeting room together with a splendid finger buffet and drinks in their prestigious London HQ by the Thames.

Manchester: SACU members in Manchester and the North West held a Chinese New Year Dinner in February 2017.

Cambridge: US-China Relations – Is Trust Possible? SACU member Dr Michael Tai gave a talk on US-China relations at the Needham Research Institute in Cambridge on **3 May**. Chris Henson, SACU Membership Secretary, organised the talk to launch a new Cambridge branch. 13 guests attended, enjoying an evening of informal and thought-provoking discussion. We are grateful for the support of the Needham Research Institute and its Librarian John Moffett for hosting this talk and for offering to host more SACU events in the future.

Forward into 2018

At the last Programme Group meeting of the year, we agreed that in the coming year (2018) we would aim to reach beyond London. Based on the strength of interest shown in our 21st Century Silk Road event in May, we started planning a similar event in Manchester as our main event for 2018, to be BRI 'with Manchester characteristics'.

We also agreed to work together with the SACU Recruitment Group (formerly the Younger People's Group) in 2018, to coordinate their series of SACU ChinaCafés members-only events with the main public events in one interwoven programme.

It is important now for the Programme Group to plan a longer-term schedule of events so that we will always have a forthcoming event to offer new members. There are various ways members can be involved in organising events and we would always welcome more offers of help.

Ros Wong
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SACU DEVELOPING YOUNGER PEOPLE RECRUITMENT GROUP

This year's SACU ChinaCafé series of informal discussions amongst members, organised by our 'SACU Developing Younger People Recruitment Group' took place March-May on the theme of 'Making it in the UK'. In this second SACU ChinaCafé series we focused on Chinese and British-Born Chinese who have been successful in UK in their field. We heard about and could learn from their own challenges and experiences in starting out in the UK:

5 March – **"Chinese Voices in the BBC"** SACU ChinaCafé, Joseph Yen and Chichu Liu

2 April – **"Chinese Detective Hears Sound of East"** SACU ChinaCafé, David Yip and Beibei Wang

7 May – **"Chinese Real Estate Meets Philanthropy"** SACU ChinaCafé, Lady Xuelin Bates and Kam Fai Tai

At the first event, "Chinese Voices in the BBC", Chichu Liu (BBC News Team) and Joseph Yen (a former senior producer for the BBC World Service) fascinated us about how life at the BBC for Chinese staff had changed since the 70s. Then David Yip (actor of The Chinese Detective fame) chatted with the flamboyant international percussionist Beibei Wang about their respective success in the performing arts, ending with an exhilarating musical performance from Beibei. Finally, at the third ChinaCafé, we were inspired by the personal values translated into business success of Kam Tai Fai, Global Director at SURE Architecture, and Lady Xuelin Bates, a philanthropist and property developer who spends time as Chair of the Walk for Peace Charity Foundation which she set up with her husband. All three SACU ChinaCafés were very different but equally enthralling.

Zizzi's, St Katharine's Dock, London, with its attractive waterside location, was the venue for all three events, and we are grateful for the restaurant's support. We provided afternoon tea in a relaxed café-style environment which encouraged discussion and networking amongst members and speakers.

The SACU Developing Younger People Recruitment Group came together after SACU's 50th Anniversary with the aim of recruiting more younger members. Several of those new SACU members became active members of this Group and proactively helped to bring in the speakers, record the events, and run each ChinaCafé, and I would like to thank them. We found during 2017 that we had recruited some new members who happened not to be 'young' (in years anyway!). We had also deliberately invited existing SACU members to come to the SACU ChinaCafés this year because they wanted to come, and our new members were keen to network with them. We therefore decided that looking ahead we would open our recruitment remit to people generally. Also, some of our new young members joined not just to come to events but also to get involved in the running and development of SACU. The group's name from 2018 will change to 'SACU Recruitment Group' and the group is set to organise another SACU ChinaCafé series. This time the events will be spread through the year as members-only events, interspersed with the general events programme.

Finally, this second series of ChinaCafés has resulted in another 16 new younger members for SACU, a successful result (compared to 10 new members in 2016). Our work will continue to include consideration of another ChinaCafé series but equally developing new programme ideas and introducing our new younger members into the work and mainstream SACU programme of events.

Diane Davies
(former) SACU Recruitment Group Coordinator

MEMBERSHIP

Membership levels were mainly stable through 2017 but we again experienced growth from our ChinaCafe series of talks which also resulted in an increase in our 'younger members' category. We thank Zizzi's restaurants for again hosting all three of the talks at their St Katharine Docks location in London.

As has been the case in previous years, academics and academic institutions remain a significant component of our membership and the contribution to China Eye by new members who are also authors has been noticeable. Our international membership number increased in 2017 as it did in the previous year. We welcomed new members from France, the United States, and Australia during 2017 and we continue to correspond through our newsletter with our fellow friendship societies in the United States, Netherlands, Finland, Iceland and Canada. We have individual members in the PRC, Hong Kong, several European countries, Canada, Australia and the USA. Our emphasis at SACU on mutual cultural understanding through people to people contact is widely appreciated and we will continue to emphasise that part of our mission through our newsletter and our new website in the coming year.

The PayPal facility at our website is increasingly in use and contributing to a more efficient and less time-consuming renewal process. I do not have to write to members who use PayPal's automatic payment and would recommend PayPal to members who don't need to see a renewal letter to remind them. The savings in time and cost is greatly appreciated.

As Membership Secretary, I continue to write a monthly newsletter of forthcoming events and news items which I think will be of interest to SACU members. This has evidently been well received by the membership as I have had no requests to 'unsubscribe' from members. Members also contribute news and events to the newsletter. The London-focus on events is unavoidable but we are eager to grow membership and publicise events elsewhere in England and Wales. We currently have no members in either Eire or Northern Ireland.

Most of my time as Membership Secretary is taken up by compiling the e-newsletter and dealing with membership renewals and concerns but I am also involved in greeting - with other SACU officers - visiting officials of our correspondent societies in China, such as the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC) and the other "FFCs" that are affiliated with cities and provinces throughout China on their visits here. This is a valuable but generally unnoticed part of the work SACU does in the area of 'mutual understanding' and any members who would like to participate in the management of SACU and join us in these meetings are very welcome. Please contact Zoe, our Chair, or any other officer of SACU if you are interested in doing so.

Chris Henson
Membership Secretary and eNewsletter
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TREASURER'S REPORT

I am pleased to report that SACU's 2017 was a financially successful year thanks to the donations to George Hogg Cooperative Educational Fund from our members and a very generous donation from a family member of George Hogg, and the SACU modernisation donation from Peking University/Beijing Publishing Group in recognition

of the work we did to support the book launch in the British Library 2016. This possibly masks however an underlying shortfall as, for example, the cost of producing and posting China Eye has increased significantly. The Editor of China Eye is working on options to reduce the cost which is also linked to our expanding use of social media and this will be presented to Council for discussion. As our ambitions grow and we become more active there is a need to budget more clearly and carefully. One thing we have noticed is that membership fees have not been increased for a number of years and hence this maybe something we still need to explore.

PayPal is now a major tool for both membership fees and donations. I am glad to see we have received donations from sports-related fundraising event, Music Fun Run, which five young SACU members participated in. The income from membership fees also grew due to the **ChinaCafé** series of events which attracted a number of young members.

I would urge all members to think of fundraising ideas and to please bring them forward! These can be for specific programmes like our George Hogg Fund or generally to support the work of SACU.

SACU's financial accounts for 2017 are, at the point of writing this report, being audited and will be available for presentation at the AGM.

Yuan Gao
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WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

Our new website www.sacu.org.uk went live in March 2018. We aim to give our members a place where they can find out more about SACU and its rich history and can also get information on upcoming events, donate to our funds and read articles of interest. The site is complemented by our social media channels on Twitter, Facebook and WeChat, where members and non-members alike can read frequently-updated content that has been curated by our channel authors.

Initial feedback on the new website has been very positive, with members liking the clean look and feel and the new content. It is still work in progress and we are about to migrate much of the historical SACU content from the old site. If any members would like to get involved in the management of the site we are always looking for keen volunteers, especially if you have previous experience in WordPress – please contact webmaster@sacu.org.uk We also welcome feedback and suggestions on what you would like to see on the site, using the same email address.

Finally, huge thanks should go to Rob Stallard who single-handedly built and maintained the old site for so many years!

Pete Jarvis
Webmaster
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CHINA EYE

The past year has seen a continued increase in the number of articles for China Eye, which has resulted in a more substantial magazine, and therefore better 'value for money' for our members.

Fewer diary items have been included because China Eye is issued only four times a year and is not really suitable for time-sensitive notices. The more frequently issued SACU email newsletter is more effective for publicising events.

Sino File reports mainly positive news items about China, some of which do not get sufficient coverage in the UK press. The 'From the Chinese press' section covers items which may not be included at all in the British press, but which convey important information if we are to be kept up-to-date and understand the important developments currently taking place in China.

I am very thankful to everyone who has sent in material for publication. Regular contributors include Flo and Ivor Kenna, David Rosier, Jacqueline Buksh, Michael Sheringham, Rob Stallard and Haris Livas-Dawes. All have written interesting quality articles for most issues during the year.

A number of Council members have also sent in regular reports and articles, notably Zoe Reed, Jenny Clegg and Ros Wong. There have also been specialist articles written by Andrew Thomas (China's space programme), Minna Roberson (decorative Chinese arts), Dirk Nimmegeers in Belgium (Chinese current affairs), Tamara Treichel in Beijing (playing Joan Hinton) and Alina Huang in Fujian province (visit to Blantyre, David Livingstone's birthplace).

I am grateful for assistance with the 'logistics' of the regular production of China Eye. Cilla Hollman-Sykes has continued to proofread Sino File, ensuring that a high standard of English is maintained, and Brian Morgan has supplied a number of his own personal Chinese paintings for use in China Eye. Brian has also given support and assistance in other ways. I should also mention Prontoprint of Stockport, who have so far delivered 58 editions of China Eye, always on time.

Walter Fung
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Council of Management and Executive Committee

Vacancy	President		
Jane Hadley	Vice President	Zoe Reed	SACU Chair
Frances Wood	Vice President	Corinne Attwood	Honorary Secretary
Jenny Clegg	Vice President	Yuan Gao	Treasurer
Rob Stallard	Vice President	Ros Wong	Events Coordinator
		Chris Henson	Membership & eNewsletter
		Walter Fung	China Eye
		Cai Chen	Marketing
		Peter Jarvis	Webmaster
		Andrew Hicks	
		Linda Rosen	
		Ivor Kenna	
		Florence Kenna	
		Haris Livas-Dawes	

The Council has held four meetings in 2017 – 3 in London and 1 in Manchester. As discussed at the last AGM, an Executive Committee has now been established comprising Zoe Reed Chair, Yuan Gao Treasurer, Corinne Attwood Secretary and Ros Wong Events Coordinator. The purpose of the Executive Committee is to progress work between Council meetings. It sometimes meets in actual face to face meetings and sometimes meets 'virtually' through SACU's virtual office in Microsoft Office TEAMS. We have 2 formal sub committees – the Programme Group; The George Hogg Fundraising Group and are planning to launch the Archives Project Group.

Corinne Attwood
Secretary
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REVIEW OF THE YEAR

2017 has been another busy year for SACU with a growing number and variety of events. We have taken some important strides to improve our infrastructure and communication channels. This report of the Council of Management summarises our activities over the year and we would as ever encourage members to get in touch and join us in suggesting and organising events which encompass their particular areas of interest. As a membership organisation we need the active involvement of all our members to survive and thrive!

I am taking this opportunity to look back over 2017 but also to bring members up to speed with activities in the first half of 2018. In producing this report, it has been heartening to read the 2016 Annual Report and see what great strides we have made since then.

SACU Infrastructure and Communication Channels

Last year we reported on the SACU 2065 Project, the progress we had made and the principles we had developed to guide SACU's development. The main principles impacting the way we organise ourselves and prioritise activities, are that we want SACU to be an organisation with an active membership and that we think we are more likely to achieve that if we create an 'ask' of members. The 'ask' is that they do something to promote the aims and objectives of SACU. We are therefore focusing our work on building and maintaining the infrastructure to support a committed and connected membership. This means we are prioritising (a) improving our communication channels, (b) building and strengthening our network of local branches and (c) continuing with our public meetings and events and at the same time developing member-only spaces such as the SACU ChinaCafes, where members can network and work together on shared interests.

As Pete Jarvis our new webmaster reports, our new website is live and I would like to place on record SACU's grateful thanks for all his work at getting us to this stage and for continuing to support our future developments in this area. A sub-group of Council members met recently to develop SACU's Social Media Policy. A number of us are active in various channels and we think it is important to coordinate our efforts and agree our approach to digital media for maximum clarity and impact. We explored the fact that China has changed very significantly since SACU was founded in 1965 and we want to ensure our digital offer stays current and responds to the trends and changes as they emerge. We noted that many people are looking more and more to "real time" platforms such as Twitter and WeChat for their content so this should be the cornerstone of our approach. We plan to grow our activity in this space and use

our other channels such as Facebook, our website, our YouTube channel, for more "long-lived" content such as films, articles and book reviews.

Betty Gasson has now finished her voluntary work with us and we are very grateful for the support and focus she gave us during our modernisation journey. One of the things she did was to identify Microsoft Office TEAMS as the ideal software for our Virtual Office. She obtained free use of it for us as a Charity. Incidentally she was ahead of the curve in identifying this as now a number of other organisations such as the NHS are also adopting Microsoft Office TEAMS as their collaboration tool. Pete Jarvis has taken over from Betty in supporting the Officers to get to grips with the TEAMS software and we are confident that soon each officer will be storing all SACU's important work and records within TEAMS. The reasons for this are so that we can collaborate together to ensure shared decision-making where necessary, for security and back up should any of us choose or need to step away from the work at any stage, to keep all our SACU work in one place and to reduce the burgeoning growth of emails.

The work of SACU Officers and Council Members

SACU is continuing to thrive and develop in terms of influence and range of activities. It does this purely through the hard work, commitment and teamwork of a dedicated band of volunteers – the SACU Officers and Council Members! You will have seen elsewhere in this document the reports from Chris Henson Membership Secretary, Pete Jarvis Webmaster, Walter Fung China Eye Editor, Yuan Gao Treasurer, Corinne Attwood Secretary, but these short reports really don't do justice to the vast amount of work, dedication and organisation that is required by each of these people who run SACU. Each person has a busy life and it is to their credit that they manage to factor in such a professional approach to their voluntary work for SACU. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them for everything they do to help maintain, develop and grow SACU.

Ros Wong, our Events Programme Coordinator, together with Diane Davies our non-Council Recruitment Group Coordinator, also set out in their reports the range of activities SACU has run and participated in during 2017. As you can see we have been extremely busy and I would particularly like to place on record SACU's thanks to Diane Davies for all she has achieved as she has now stood down from the role, and to Ros Wong for her unfailing efficiency and commitment in all she does. We still need more people to help with events though – so please make contact and offer to get involved! Every little helps – so please do volunteer your services.

I would like to thank all Council members for their contributions to the meetings. Andrew Hicks was a key driver behind the need to modernise in this digital age and Frances Wood and Jenny Clegg, two of our Vice Presidents, drive forward some SACU work, described below, that focuses on their particular areas of interest and expertise.

George Hogg Cooperative Education Fund and NW China CO-OP Adopt Project [please see www.sacu.org.uk for details]

Jenny Clegg has been the driving force behind the instigation and development of this Fund. She has the links back into China where we hope to contribute to the funding of development work with rural communities in NW China. I think this is a very important initiative as it will add to our unique offering as the organisation with interest in China, of which there are several in UK, which is actively involved in working to support Chinese people in rural NW China improve their lot - something Joseph Needham set out to do with the scientific community in the 1940s. Please watch this space as we ramp up our fundraising efforts to raise sufficient funds to support our first Co-op. Again, we really need your help and thoughts and fundraising skills to make this project fly – please make contact and offer to get involved!

Essay Competition

Frances Wood and I are working on this together with Professor Sun Hua from Peking University and I'm pleased to report that in 2018 the 3rd PKU/SACU Essay Competition is underway. Peking University are funding 2 prizes – one for the George Hogg China/UK Friendship and Understanding competition, open to the children attending all senior schools in Harpenden [George Hogg's home town], and one for the Joseph Needham China/UK Friendship and Understanding competition, open to senior students at Oundle School [Joseph Needham's school].

Archive Project

Frances Wood and I are also supporting two SACU members to develop proposals to seek research funding to undertake a comprehensive Archive Project. There are 4 components (1) catalogue, preserve and digitise our extensive photographic collection; (2) catalogue, preserve and digitise SACU's organisational documents; (3) cataloging, preserving and integrating the historic material contained in our old website; (4) collect oral histories from SACU members and others who can help us construct a full history of SACU. We are particularly keen to hear from older SACU members about their memories so please get in contact!

China Links and activity [please see www.sacu.org.uk and our YouTube channel 1965 SACU]

During 2017 I visited China on holiday and to meet with family but also managed some SACU business! I met with a number of officials, colleagues and friends of SACU to discuss areas of common interest. I wrote up a full report which was published in China Eye and is available on our website. I was honoured to have a role in the formalities at Lanzhou City University opening of its Rewi Alley Museum and also to meet with senior local government officials who are keen for SACU to act as a bridge to help in the development of sister city proposals.

Tianjin TV's films which include participants on the SACU 2013 In the footsteps of Joseph Needham Tour, Frances Wood and myself, were finally shown in China in spring 2018. We have now got copies of two episodes, which Cai Chen our marketing officer provided subtitles for, and they are available on our YouTube Channel. We are very grateful for Cai Chen's hard work in establishing and maintaining SACU's YouTube and providing subtitles as necessary. **Please contact Cai Chen on marketing@sacu.org.uk** with offers of help or interest. Please also contact her if you have old SACU films or other material of interest to members.

The Way we Work

We recognise that we are a small organisation with extremely limited resources and entirely run by volunteers – but with big ambitions to progress our mission. The way we work therefore is in partnership with other organisations and we want to particularly record our thanks to Lau China Institute, Kings College London and EY London for their sponsorship and provision of venues during this year. We are pleased to announce that we have now established a partnership with Guanghai Bookstore, who promote our events, support some with the provision of a bookstall, and offer SACU members 10% discount. Going forward we will continue to build on existing partnerships and establish new ones.

SACU also continues to build friendships with organisations allied to our mission including the CPAFFC, the Chinese Embassy, friendship associations from other parts of China and the world, the ICCIC, Needham Research Institute and various organisations that are connected with Needham and George Hogg here and in China including the schools each attended. We work similarly with organisations such as the Meridian Society, the Scotland China Association, and have joined a number of

networks like Generation UK which all help to build our alliances and enable us to progress our mission.

Summary

SACU continues to make progress in delivering its mission in keeping with the original values of Joseph Needham and friends when they established SACU more than 50 years ago. However, it is doing it in the recognition that China and the world are now significantly different 50 years later so there is need to change the way we operate, then channels we communicate through and the subjects we work on. Fundamentally as a membership organisation we want to create an infrastructure which encourages members to get involved including pursue their own China-related interests. If more and more members become active and contribute their areas of interest and expertise we will be delivering our mission of promoting friendship and understanding between the peoples of China and UK. Please get in touch and get involved!

Zoë Reed
Chair
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018

The Annual General Meeting is to be held at 11am on Saturday 14th July 2018.

Venue: St. Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street, London SW1X 0BD

All members are warmly invited to attend.

The **purpose** of the AGM is to transact the following business:

- 👤 To receive and adopt the Annual Report of the Council of Management including the Review of the Year and the Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2017.
- 👤 To elect the members of the Council of Management.
- 👤 To appoint scrutineers for the coming year.
- 👤 To transact any other ordinary business of an AGM.

AGM Agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Messages and apologies for absence
3. Formal business:
 - i. Minutes of the 2017 AGM (available at the meeting)
 - ii. Election of tellers if necessary
 - iii. Election to Council vacancies: At each AGM one-half of the elected members of the Council retire from office and are then eligible for re-election. The Council members due to retire and stand for re-election are: Zoe Reed, Corinne Attwood, Chris Henson, Ros Wong, Ivor Kenna, Florence Kenna
4. Report of the Council of Management 2017 – each officer will present their section and there will then be time for questions and discussion
 - Events – Ros Wong Events Programme Coordinator
 - Membership and Members eNewsletter – Chris Henson Membership Secretary
 - Website – Pete Jarvis Webmaster
 - China Eye – Walter Fung China Eye Editor
 - Treasurer's Report – Yuan Gao Treasurer
 - Council administration – Corinne Attwood Secretary
 - Review of the year – Zoe Reed Chair
 - Questions and Discussion
5. Formal adoption of the Annual Accounts 2017 - to be presented to AGM
6. Appointment of scrutineers
7. SACU Branches
8. Motion(s) submitted by members or by Council
 - It is proposed that a motion be passed which will enable the Council to increase subscription rates if, following an appraisal of the income, expenditure, ways to reduce expenditure and budget requirements, it is evidently necessary.
9. Any other business
10. Close

BALANCE SHEET as on 31st December 2017

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2016		2017
FIXED ASSETS		
	Office Equipment at cost	
	Less Depreciation	
0	Net Written Down Value	0
CURRENT ASSETS		
13455	Balance at Bank	12401
0	Debtors	0
13455		12401
Less CURRENT LIABILITIES		
1111	Creditors	0
1461	Deferred Income to 2018	1724
2572		1724
10883	SURPLUS OF CURRENT ASSET OVER LIABILITIES	10677
REPRESENTED BY:		
8923	ACCUMULATED FUND BROUGHT FORWARD	10883
1960	SURPLUS/LOSS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR	(206)
10883	ACCUMULATED FUND AT THE END OF YEAR	10677

STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTOR(S)

For the year ending 31st December 2017 the company was entitled to exemption from audit section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

Approved and signed on behalf of the board of directors by(.....)

Director, on2018.

Report of the Independent Accountant to the members of
THE SOCIETY FOR ANGLO-CHINESE UNDERSTANDING LTD (A Company Limited by Guarantee 876179)

Without carrying out an audit, I confirm that the above balance sheet at 31st December 2017 and the profit and loss account for the year ended on that date are in agreement with the books and other records maintained by the treasurer of the company.

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SOCIETY FOR ANGLO-CHINESE UNDERSTANDING LTD.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2017

2016		2017
INCOME		
3166	Membership subscriptions applicable to 2017	4556
477	Donations/Fundraising	320
394	George Hogg Education Fund	1030
35	Advertising Income	35
12	Interest Received	32
231	Events	70
2700	2065 Project	
	Misc	145
7015		6188
EXPENDITURE		
873	Council expenditure	756
2999	China Eye Printing & Postage	3262
26	Website	185
225	Administration	1074
200	AGM	133
511	Events & Publicity	
221	Room Hire	986
5055		6395
£1,960	NET SURPLUS/LOSS FOR THE YEAR	£ (206)