



# Society for Anglo- Chinese Understanding

## ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2016

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### **SACU**

The Society for Anglo-Chinese Understanding (SACU) was founded in 1965 to promote understanding and friendship between the British and Chinese people. It is open to all who subscribe to these aims. As a registered charity engaged in such work, SACU - which has no political affiliations - plays a vital role in providing regular and reliable information about China and the Chinese people. SACU publishes a quarterly magazine 'China Eye'. The SACU library is presently housed at Sheffield University and access is available to SACU members. We are grateful that the SACU Archive collection of photographs is stored at Oundle School with other materials and it is hoped to add to the Archive in due course. These resources can be reviewed by arrangement.

### ***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.
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### **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.

## REVIEW OF THE YEAR

2016 has seen SACU go from strength to strength with an increasing number of high quality activities and growth in membership. This report summarises the main activities, and we would encourage more members to get in touch and join us in organising ever more events, which are promoting friendship and understanding within spheres of their particular interests. Inevitably it is hard looking back 18 months to summarise activities for 2016 for our AGM in July 2017. If there is some blurring into 2017 activities then that is because it seems artificial somehow to leave current activities out! But we will ensure that all 2017 events are also covered in next year's Annual Report. Meantime I hope you find the following Annual Report informative and interesting and that it prompts you to join us at our AGM on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and to get in touch with your ideas of things you would like to do to promote friendship and understanding between the peoples of China and the UK.

## SACU 2065 Project Update

As reported last year, we have initiated a SACU 2065 Project with the objective of fitting SACU for its next 50 years; to continue, as Liu Xiaoming Chinese Ambassador said at our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, its mandate *"...to carry forward, in this new age and with new ideas, the lofty cause of bridging gaps and strengthening bonds."*

Our goal is to build a robust future-proof organisation with systems that require very little money to run them, recognising that we have no central office premises or paid staff and that work is undertaken by volunteer officers dispersed across the Country.

Council established a SACU 2065 Project Team and is very grateful to Betty Gasson, who has been supporting the Team to develop the work in a voluntary capacity. We have identified a few principles that will guide Council as we seek to develop SACU for the next 50 years and these are set out below. However the Priorities for the SACU 2065 Project Team are (a) setting up the Virtual Office and refreshing our governance arrangements and (b) taking advantage of social media and the intranet in a more systematic way.

## Principles guiding SACU's development

1. SACU is a membership organisation and we will continue to build a strongly committed and connected membership, which is maintained through a network of active branches. The size is not so important, but we wish it to continue to grow - the critical thing is that all members support the vision and feel actively committed to the Society.
2. Because we think that if people feel they are giving and contributing it will help build bonds of connectedness, we have decided to shift our thinking from one where the Society needs to provide benefit to its members to one which creates an "ask" of members - that they do something to promote the aims and objectives of SACU.
3. A longer term aim is to renew SACU's role in promoting educational tours to China, perhaps by providing a series of educational tours in addition to the current bi-annual tours when we connect with organisations in China that share our mission e.g. CPAFFC. Such a development would be in partnership with a travel agent.
4. We want, again in the longer term, to recapture some of SACU's original purpose, which was education in its broadest sense, not just the organised educational tours of China but also for example Chinese Language teaching. This would require further exploration and partnership development, for example with the Confucius Institutes.
5. in this *new age* there is a role for SACU in *bridging gaps and strengthening bonds* between British people and Chinese people in the UK. People-to-People friendship and understanding has been a core part of SACU's mission since inception, and with growing numbers of Chinese People making their way in the UK, SACU has a role in supporting them with friendship and understanding as well as education in all aspects of living in UK. This is in

keeping with another of SACU's original objects *to promote and advance the education of the Chinese people in all aspects of the UK and British people.*

### **The Way We Work**

We recognise that we are a small organisation with extremely limited resources – 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 through provision of venues during this year. Guanghua Bookshop and Cypress Books have supported our events with bookstalls and by jointly hosting an event.

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 [Beijing], Lanzhou City University [Gansu], Needham Research Institute [Cambridge] and various organisations that are connected with Needham and George Hogg here and in China, including the schools [Oundle and St Georges Harpenden respectively] each attended. We work similarly with organisations such as the Meridian Society, the Scotland China Association, Ensuring We Remember Campaign, British Association for Chinese Studies, British Postgraduate Network for Chinese Studies, and have joined a number of networks like the British Council Generation UK, which all help to build our alliances and enable us to progress our mission.

### **Events and Activities in UK**

I'm very pleased that Ros Wong has continued with her great work as SACU Programme Development and Delivery Group Coordinator. Her report is below and sets out just what a busy year we have had organising events, and it also takes a forward look to 2017. Similarly Diane Davies has continued with her great work as SACU Younger People's Recruitment Working Group Coordinator, and her report below also outlines the successful 2016 and takes a forward look into 2017. Diane is not a Council member and her work involves keeping a number of recently recruited younger people as well as existing Council members actively involved in the Working Group. Ros is a Council member and her role involves careful coordination across a number of Council members who comprise the Group, and we are pleased to welcome Jian Goh, a newly recruited member, who has joined the Group and offers his skills. A particular thanks to Dr Jenny Clegg, Vice President, for her work in identifying key themes that are appropriate for SACU to hold events on and then securing the commitment of great speakers for the events; and to Frances Wood for her excellent contribution speaking at events and also thinking about SACU's role. Both Ros and Diane are actively involved in all the follow up action to make the agreed events happen, including liaising with venues and production of promotional material – using the skills and talents of their Groups' members to, for example, design the flyers for events, for which we are grateful to Linxi LI, and active promotion through WeChat and other channels by Cai CHEN. Both Chris Henson and Corinne Attwood help with promotion through social media networks Facebook and Twitter, and Yuan Gao helps with Eventbrite. Other Council members use what links they have into networks and individuals who are likely to be interested in promoting our events. A real team effort by all has led to a real increase in quality, quantity and attendance at events.

### **The work of SACU Officers and Council Members**

In addition to all this new development work, the bedrock of Council Officers also make their contribution, which is an equally unstinting commitment to and hard work for SACU. Firstly I must mention and thank Walter Fung, China Eye Editor, who continues unfailingly to produce SACU's magazine every quarter with its great range of interesting content. The amount of work undertaken by Walter goes far beyond the term 'editor' to cover all the physical aspects of production of the magazine and distribution to members. This is a terrific quarterly achievement. Chris Henson, Membership Secretary, similarly works extremely hard maintaining the Membership Database, and with our growing membership his workload has increased as every new member has to be set up on the system and send a welcome letter. Chris also produces the monthly e-newsletter that contains a wealth of information about forthcoming events which are likely to be of interest to our members. In 2016 he also organised our SACU 50th Anniversary Tour to China - no small feat! Corinne Attwood is our Secretary and does great work ensuring that our Council meetings are organised, venues booked, and produces agendas and minutes for the meetings. Corinne also pulls together the Annual Report and ensures we hold our AGM each year on time – all valu-

able work to ensure that the organisation is properly managed. Maintaining the Register of Directors at Companies House and the Charities Commission on an annual basis is another of Corinne's important tasks to keep us registered as a Charity.

Jane Hadley has held a number of significant roles for SACU and is currently our Treasurer. She has sustained this role throughout the years and the organisation is extremely grateful that she has done so. During 2016 Jane signalled that she wished to step down from the Treasurer role and I'm pleased to announce that Yuan GAO has volunteered to take over from her. Yuan was co-opted onto Council and she and Jane have been working together to ensure a smooth handover from the July 2017 AGM. Rob Stallard wrote in his 2015 Report on the Website that having reached the milestone of 20 years of single-handedly creating and maintaining the website that it is now time for someone else to take up the baton. He put a call out for someone to get in touch and I'm pleased to report that Peter Jarvis has volunteered to take on the website. This is great news and Peter, who is George Hogg's grandnephew so has a personal commitment to SACU and its work, has been co-opted onto Council and is working with Rob on a smooth transition. Both Jane and Rob are to be particularly thanked for the many years that they sustained SACU, covering a number of officer roles in the process. Without their commitment and hard work I doubt SACU would exist as a great platform to build on. Both Jane and Rob have accepted the role of Vice Presidents some time ago so SACU will continue to benefit from their knowledge of SACU and its history, which is so important as it repositions itself to move forward.

Linda Rosen, Ivor Kenna, Flo Kenna, Andrew Hicks and Haris Livas-Dawes contribute both at the meetings of Council and through local activity, including particularly Haris's work to develop and maintain, with Brian Morgan, the Yorkshire and Humberside branch. Andrew made a particularly helpful contribution to the development of the SACU 2065 Project principles which will guide our development and will help with constitutional review work as needs be. Walter and Jenny are working to re-invigorate the Manchester branch, and Chris, having moved to the area, is working to establish a Cambridge Branch. It is part of SACU's development principles to grow a network of active branches and so we really would encourage anyone who wants to establish a local branch to please get in touch and help with this important area of work.

As Chair I find SACU absorbs more and more of my time! It is a privilege to be Chair at this exciting time and to be able to work with so many talented colleagues contributing different strands to delivering our overall agenda. In addition to focusing particularly on the current priorities and bringing things together, I spend quite a bit of time building and sustaining partnerships and supportive connections – both here and in China. For example we recently hosted a delegation from Lanzhou City University, including joining them at St George's School Harpenden, where George Hogg went to school, and then took them to visit the house where he grew up. I will visit Lanzhou, at their request, to attend the opening ceremony of a new research centre and museum the University is establishing to commemorate Rewi Alley, George Hogg and others.

### **George Hogg Education Fund and North West China CO-OP ADOPT Project**

Finally, I would like to draw attention to this important development activity which, with everyone's help, will we hope connect SACU and its members to helping the development of rural communities in north west China. I attach a copy of our information sheet on this and would urge members who are interested in supporting this major fundraising initiative to please get in touch. We are looking for innovative ways to raise the money and keen to hear your thoughts!

**Zoë Reed, Chair**  
**Zoe@sacu.org**

### **Events in 2016**

We held several interesting and varied events during 2016. The first half of the year continued SACU's Golden Anniversary Year Programme 2015/16, planned and organised after the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary symposium in May 2015 by the '50<sup>th</sup> Follow Up Working Group'. At the AGM in July 2016, the '50<sup>th</sup> Follow Up Working Group' became the 'SACU Programme 2016/17 Development and Delivery Group' which continued to meet and arrange a variety of events in London to maintain the new impetus of the Golden Anniversary year. There were 6-7 Group members during the year (increasing to 10 by Spring 2017).

**February** – Film show: 'China!' A film made by Felix Greene in 1964, introduced by his daughter Anne Greene, which we showed at King's College London (KCL) with the support of the Lau China Institute and proved to be a well-attended event. It was the first full-length documentary by a westerner after the 1949 revolution.

**March** – Illustrated talk: 'China in Change: Photo Discoveries from the Forties' by Andrew Hicks based on his book *Jack Jones: A True Friend to China*. Jack Jones worked with the Friends Ambulance Unit (FAU) 'China Convoy' in 1940s, a unique Quaker project that took medical aid to China. We held this well-received talk with the support of EY (Ernst & Young) at their splendid offices by the Thames.

**May** - 'China and the BRICS' panel discussion was SACU's major event and final item in our Golden Year Programme, held at King's College London, again with the support of the Lau China Institute. The BRICS club – Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa – an association of emerging economies, was discussed by an expert panel, chaired by Jude Woodward. Each panellist was asked to speak on one country but all answering the same set of questions. The Panel consisted of Ravi Bhoothalingam (India), Dr Francisco Dominguez (Brazil), Dr Marcus Papadopoulos (Russia) and Keith Bennett (South Africa and China). Despite much interest and online advance bookings through Eventbrite, turnout was not as great as anticipated (some 80 reservations but less than half attended). Another problem arose when Ravi Bhoothalingam became ill days before the event and was unable to leave India. He made his presentation by phone whilst we displayed his accompanying screen images. It was a timely and informative discussion for those attending along with informal networking afterwards, but we were rather puzzled by the relatively low turnout.

**September** - The first (and challenging) item for the agenda of the Programme Group was the major event co-hosted by Beijing Publishing Group (BPG), Peking University and SACU. 'A Taste of Beijing' was held in the British Library Conference Centre on 14-15 September 2016 as an integral part of BPG's 2016 British Tour and Cultural Exchange event which also took BPG to Edinburgh and Oxford. On two warm September days, we welcomed altogether over 200 guests, either to the formal day of talks on Wednesday or the informal 'drop in' events organised by SACU on Thursday, with some people attending on both days! Throughout both days, there was a beautiful display of 500 books published by BPG available for guests to browse.

The event was opened with an address by Minister Counsellor Mr Xiang Xiaowei, followed by addresses from representatives of the three organising partners: Mr Qiao Bin, President, BPG; Professor Sun Hua, Peking University; and Zoe Reed, SACU Chair, and then an address by Mr Lei Fengyun, of the China Association for International Exchange of Personnel, UK.

Next, BPG launched four newly-published books in both English and Chinese on the theme of demonstrating good relations between China and Britain. Professor Sun Hua presented George Hogg's *I see a New China* and Simon Winchester's biography of Joseph Needham; Jenny Clegg introduced her father's book, *Aid China*; and Zoe Reed presented her own book, *A Bridge between Hearts*.

Tan Liefei, a Chinese scholar gave an absorbing account of the history and culture of Beijing's traditional hutongs, followed by a formal signing of a Strategic Cooperation Agreement between BPG Fangcao Educational and Technology (Beijing) LLC and the Anglo Chinese School in London whilst we were entertained by a martial arts performance. In the afternoon, on the theme of 'Chinese literature going global', Mr Han Jingqun, Editor-in-Chief of Beijing 'October' Arts & Literature Publishing House of BPG, presented an award to Nicky Harman for her translation into English of *Gold Mountain Blues* by Ling ZHANG. Chinese writer Xu Zhechen, author of *Running Through Beijing*, then spoke about life in contemporary Beijing and how the city has changed rapidly in recent years. Awards were made to St George's School and Oundle Schools Essay Competition winners. The day ended with John Moffett, Librarian of the Needham Research institute in Cambridge, talking about Joseph Needham's work in wartime China.

Thursday, the second day of the event, was less formal with a full day of films and talks organised entirely by SACU members. There was time throughout the day to view the exhibition of pho-

tographs and documents, 'Chinese Wartime Science – through the lens of Joseph Needham' as well as the BPG book display.

John Moffett spoke again about Joseph Needham, his work and founding SACU. SACU Vice President Frances Wood spoke of 'Learning from Dunhuang'. We were able to show a film extract made by Tianjin TV, which followed the 2013 SACU tour, 'Footsteps of Joseph Needham', made as part of a forthcoming TV series not yet released. The last item on the programme was a Felix Greene film, 'Eight or Nine in the Morning', which he made in 1960s about education in China.

It was a very successful event and I was sad to see the dismantling of BPG's beautiful displays and banners at its conclusion. I co-ordinated invitations for Wednesday and I would like to thank Diane Davies who co-ordinated Thursday's guest list. Most of all I would like to acknowledge the extremely hard work of Zoe Reed, SACU Chair, to make it all happen.

**November** - we held a most enjoyable fundraising meal at The Swan next to the Globe Theatre, thanks to the generosity of BPG.

The last event of the year was a well-received talk by Tim Luard, former BBC China correspondent, on his book, *Admiral Chan Chak's Escape from Hong Kong*, about Hong Kong's surrender to the Japanese in 1941. Again, EY supported us by providing us with a room and buffet in their prestigious London offices.

**Outside London:** SACU members in Manchester held a Chinese New Year Dinner in February. Yorkshire and Humberside branch held regular meetings throughout the year.

### **Forward into 2017**

By the end of 2016 we had a Forward Programme planned to take us up to the AGM in July 2017, including our major event, a panel discussion on 'One Belt One Road' or 'China's 21<sup>st</sup> century Silk Road', timed to coincide with the major summit on this topic in Beijing. We also had a 'Long List' of further ideas to consider with the aim of developing a two-year rolling programme. In fact, we had an extremely busy month in May, so making it hard, at the time of writing (29 May 2017) to just report 2016 events.

- **11 January** - we commemorated the life of Carol Hughes, former long-standing SACU member, showing a film of her talk about the Huxian peasant paintings.
- **3 May** - In Cambridge Chris Henson organised a talk on US-China relations by SACU member Dr Michael Tai at the Needham Research Institute in Cambridge to launch a new Cambridge branch of SACU.
- **8 May** - Book launch by Mark Thomas of his biography of his uncle, George Hogg at St George's School in Harpenden.
- **20 May** - SACU's major event: 'China's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Silk Road: SACU Panel Discussion' took place very successfully with over 100 people attending.
- We also worked with our partners Guanhwa Bookshop (owned by Cypress Books) to promote their major book fair and events 12 - 14 May, with Frances Wood and Zoe Reed speaking.
- This year's SACU ChinaCafé series of lively, informal events, organised by SACU's younger members took place concurrently March-May.
- **24 May** - joint event with Guanhwa Bookshop to promote three books with Frances Wood, Pete Jarvis and Zoe Reed as speakers

**Ros Wong**  
**Programme Group Co-ordinator**

### **SACU Younger People's Recruitment Working Party**

One aim of SACU's Golden Year Programme of Events was to increase SACU's influence and sustainability by attracting more younger members. With this aim, in 2015 a small group was formed to develop a Younger People's Programme. Inspired by a young person's idea at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event we decided to organise a series of informal network events, with speakers attractive to younger people interested in China and where they could interact with existing SACU members, learning from them and keeping their interest in China alive. With the help of Chris and

Sarah Henson, we found a very attractive location for our events at the waterside Zizzi's in St Katharine's Dock, London.

Our first series of 3 SACU ChinaCafes ended on 8 May 2016. They were attended by 45 people (plus speakers and organisers) and we gained 10 new members of SACU, who are young and working or studying in London, including some recently returned from Chinese internships. We have collaborated with London Universities Chinese sections, British Council Generation UK, CRCC Asia and the UK Tsinghua Association and this has given us access to very large databases of young people. We sought to increase membership from both British and Chinese communities. We were very successful in attracting young Chinese people. Looking ahead we want to understand how we might attract more young British members.

The theme of our first series was "China – Culture Past and Present". We were fortunate to secure three prestigious and entertaining speakers in: Jemimah Steinfeld – who spoke fascinatingly about her first book about Sex and Youth in Modern China; Richard Boyd – who entertained us about some cultural differences and barriers between China and the UK and questioned us about their relevance today; Frances Wood – who described her experience as one of the first British Council exchange students back in 1976 during the Cultural Revolution.

Some of our 10 new members joined our Working Group to continue the recruitment drive. Some also joined the SACU Council, including Yuan Gao who is assisting Jane with her Treasurer's work. They have all embraced the SACU Annual Programme and helped in the running of major SACU events, designing flyers and promotion.

We are planning cultural and sporting events and also organised a new 2017 Spring series of 3 SACU ChinaCafes at the very welcoming riverside Zizzi's. This time the theme was about Chinese people who have been successful in their field in the UK. We have also changed the format a little and with the energy and connections brought to the group by the new recruits were able to field two speakers, largely intergenerational, who were in conversation with each other about what they did, how they had started in the UK and their challenges and experiences over the years. Refreshed with afternoon tea, everyone then joined the conversation. Our aim in 2017 is to maintain the interest of the new members, develop new programme ideas and introduce them to the work and mainstream SACU programme. More detail of the highly successful SACU ChinaCafe2017 series will be given in the next Annual Report but important to mention that we achieved our target to recruit more than our 2016 achievement of 10 younger SACU members!

**Diane Davies**  
**SACU Younger Peoples Recruitment Working Group Coordinator**

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership levels were mainly stable through 2016 but we experienced significant growth from our China Cafe series of talks which also resulted in an increase in our 'younger members' category. We thank Zizzi's restaurants for 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 2016 as it did in the previous year. We welcomed new members from France, the United States, Australia and Canada during 2016 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 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.

As Membership Secretary, I continue to write a monthly newsletter of forthcoming events and news items of particular interest to SACU members. This has evidently been well received by the membership as I have had only one request to 'unsubscribe' from a retiring member. 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 available time is taken by compiling the newsletter and dealing with membership concerns but I was happy to take responsibility for organising SACU's 2016 50th Anniversary tour to China. The assistance and expertise of SACU member Janice Dickson, an old China hand and experienced China travel agent, was invaluable. Our trip was a success and an account was reported in China Eye, and there will be a presentation at the AGM.

**Chris Henson**

## **WEBSITE**

There have been only a few changes to the web site ([www.sacu.org](http://www.sacu.org)) during the year. Visitor numbers has reduced a little to about 17,000 page visits per month. Advertisements on some pages have brought in about £5 a month which covers the costs of running the web site.

Through the web site we continue to receive queries from people all over the world. The web site is updated with new material from China Eye after it has been published and the contents of every monthly newsletter are put on the home page to publicise forthcoming events.

Towards the end of 2016 a volunteer has been found who will hopefully be able to take over during 2017.

**Rob Stallard**

## **CHINA EYE**

It has been an especially successful year for China Eye. Having just passed the 50<sup>th</sup> Edition, we have seen an increase in the number of contributors and a widening of our scope in subject content. In addition, China Eye has in some ways become a more integral part of SACU's projects, especially the ChinaCafe series of events, the 'SACU 2065' project and the Co-op Adopt activity supported by the George Hogg Fund.

We have continued to be supported by regular contributors such as Flo and Ivor Kenna, Jacqueline Buksh, Michael Sheringham, Brian Morgan, Andrew Hicks and Haris Livas-Dawes, but an especially gratifying aspect is the number of contributors who live abroad. These include Alina Huang (Fujian, China), Tamara Treichel (Beijing, China), Tim Zachernuk (north-west China), Dirk Nimmegeers (Belgium) and I am expecting an article from Alaric Searle, at present in Tianjin, China. Some new authors have been encouraged to write articles by Chris Henson and Rob Stallard, for which I am grateful.

On the more 'business' side we have had regular briefings and updates from Zoe Reed, Ros Wong and Jenny Clegg. Diane Davies and new committee member Yuan Gao have explained the scope and opportunities presented by the successful ChinaCafe initiative to reach younger Chinese people. Barnaby Powell has given us the benefit of his vast experience in finance to explain the new Chinese banks and their implications for the world. Other authors have included John Ham, Alison Minns, David Rosier, Bill Gibson and Rodney Mantle, who have written on a wide variety of China related topics.



To accommodate this increase in contributions, some recent issues of China Eye have exceeded the original norm of 32 pages; issue No 51 contained 48 pages. I do try to include everything suitable that is sent in within each four-month period because I appreciate that those who have made the effort to write are impatient to see their work in print. Everybody is encouraged to submit articles for publication in China Eye, so long as it is in line with SACU's mission of providing facts and analysis about China and contributing to friendship and understanding of China.

Finally thank you to all who have sent in messages of support and encouragement and also to Teresa Ray (feedback), Keith Ray (covers) and Cilla Hollman Sykes (proofreading) for their continued assistance.

**Walter Fung**

### **Treasurer's Report**

I am pleased to report that the Society's financial position remained stable at the end of 2016, For the third successive year there has been a surplus thanks partly to a substantial donation received for the 2065 project. In the previous two years the Society's financial position was greatly improved by the proceeds of the Derek Towersey bequest that was received in two separate payments in late 2014 and early 2015.

To ensure that the Society's financial position remains stable it seems that it will be necessary to find ways to increase our income to cover the higher cost of production and mail-out of the magazine China Eye. We are very grateful to everyone who has organised and supported fundraising events during 2016, and to those who organise the SACU branch activities, providing opportunities for members to meet together throughout the year.

**Jane Hadley**

### **COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT**






Jane Hadley	Vice President & Treasurer	Zoë Reed	SACU Chair
Frances Wood	Vice President	Corinne Attwood	Secretary
Jenny Clegg	Vice President	Linda Rosen	
Rob Stallard	Vice President & Webmaster	Walter Fung	China Eye editor & production
		Chris Henson	Membership; Cambridge branch
		Ros Wong	
		Ivor Kenna	
		Florence Kenna	
		Haris Livas-Dawes	Yorkshire & Humberside branch
		Co-Optees:	Yuan Gao Cai Chen Peter Jarvis

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017**

The Annual General Meeting is to be held at 11.00am on Saturday 15th July 2017 in Room K4U.12, Strand Campus, Kings College, The Strand, London WC2R 2LS.

You are warmly invited to attend.

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

-  To receive the Review of the Year.
-  To receive and adopt the Report of the Council of Management and the Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2016.
-  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 2016 AGM (available at the meeting)
  - ii. Election of tellers if necessary
  - iii. Election to Council vacancies
  - iv. Renewal of Memorandum of Association with the Meridian Society
4. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of the Accounts
5. Appointment of scrutineers
6. Report of the Council of Management
7. SACU Branches
8. Motion(s) submitted by members or by Council
9. Any other business

Close

2015

2016

**FIXED ASSETS**

Office Equipment at cost  
Less Depreciation

0

Net Written Down Value

0

**CURRENT ASSETS**

10502

Balances at Bank

13455

0

Debtors

0

10502

13455

**Less CURRENT LIABILITIES**

358

Creditors

1111

1221

Deferred income to 2017

1461

1579

2572

8923

**SURPLUS OF CURRENT ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES**

10883

**REPRESENTED BY:**

5490

**ACCUMULATED FUND BROUGHT FORWARD**

8923

3433

**SURPLUS/LOSS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR**

1960

8923

**ACCUMULATED FUND AT END OF YEAR**

10883

**STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTOR(S)**

For the year ending 31st December 2016 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under 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, on .....2017.

**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 2016 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.



K. A. Inskip

9th May 2017

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**SOCIETY FOR ANGLO-CHINESE UNDERSTANDING LTD.****PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2016**

<b>2015</b>		<b>2016</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
2879	Membership subscriptions applicable to 2016	3166
267	Donations	240
3902	Bequest	
	G Hogg Fund	394
	Advertising Income	35
4	China Eye sales	12
7	Interest received	12
	Events	231
	2065 Project	2700
	Fundraising	225
570	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	
158	Misc	
77	Books	
<b>7864</b>		<b>7015</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
567	Council expenditure	873
2643	China Eye printing & postage	2999
130	Web site	26
244	Administration	225
150	AGM	200
	Events & Publicity	511
697	Room Hire	221
<b>4431</b>		<b>5055</b>
<b>£3,433 NET SURPLUS/LOSS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>£1,960</b>



## The George Hogg Education Fund and the North West China CO-OP – ADOPT Project

The Society for Anglo-Chinese Understanding (SACU) [www.sacu.org](http://www.sacu.org) has launched the George Hogg Education Fund to assist in the vocational training of people in co-operative business methods in rural North West China, especially in localities and institutions associated in the past with George Hogg. Through its projects, the fund will open a new window for people in Britain to get to know more about life at the grass roots level in China.

### What is the George Hogg Education Fund?

The fund was launched by the Society for Anglo-Chinese Understanding in 2015. It aims to:

- promote educational exchange between localities and institutions in Britain and China with a particular association with George Hogg
- disseminate understanding of the international [Rochdale] co-operative principles in China, collecting money for practical projects which promote adoption of the principles
- further promote understanding of China in Britain by opening a new window for people to get to know more about life at the grass roots level in China.

The fund will operate through SACU's link with the International Committee for the Promotion of Chinese Industrial Co-operatives (ICCIC). Financing for the fund will come from sources additional to SACU membership, raised specifically for the support of the project.

### Who was George Hogg?

George Hogg (1915-1945) may be little known in his own country of Britain but he has a certain legendary status in China's North West for his work in the wartime co-operative movement. He attended St George's School, Harpenden, and Oxford University. After graduating in 1937, Hogg embarked on a world tour. Landing in Shanghai in early 1938 just after the Japanese invasion, he saw a city in ruins. After coming into contact with the Gung Ho Chinese Industrial Co-operative (CIC) movement, he decided to dedicate himself to its work.

Following a period as CIC Secretary in North West China, Hogg became headmaster of the CIC 'Baillie' school for war orphans in Shuangshipu, Shaanxi province, in 1942. In 1944, to escape the advance of war across North China, he led his 60 orphan students on a 700-mile hike over snow-bound mountains to Shandan, Gansu province. There he set up a new school but was tragically to die of tetanus some months later at the age of 30.

Hogg's biography, *Ocean Devil: The Life and Legend of George Hogg*, was published by James MacManus in 2008, and the [somewhat modified] story of his trek was made more widely known through the feature film, *The Children of Huang Shi* (2008), starring Jonathan Rhys Meyers. A new biography by Hogg's nephew, Mark Thomas, *Blades of Grass*, has been published by AuthorHouseUK in 2017.

Hogg is also to be remembered for his war reporting which eschewed the 'blood and guts' style to capture the everyday lives of Chinese village people. His book, *I see a New China*, published in 1944, was received with acclaim on both sides of the Atlantic as a 'straightforward and unpretentious' record of China at war.

### Introducing CO-OP - ADOPT

The George Hogg Education Fund will support the North West China CO-OP-ADOPT Programme. This will give donors the chance to specify which sort of co-operative they would like to sponsor and then to get feedback on how it is progressing. The Programme would enable the sponsored start-up co-operatives to be trained in co-operative business models and would give participants the necessary skills in management and business planning.

### The ICCIC

ICCIC stands for The International Committee for the Promotion of Chinese Industrial Co-operatives (Gung Ho-ICCIC) <http://www.gungho.org.cn>

ICCIC promotes member-owned and managed co-operative enterprises and the seven international co-operative principles in China, seeking to raise awareness as to what co-operatives are and how they can help in improving China's social welfare through eliminating poverty, creating equal opportunities, protecting the environment, and aiding in post-disaster relief and reconstruction.

Its main activities include training co-operative members, organizers and promoters; research on Chinese co-operative enterprises; and establishing exchanges between foreign and Chinese co-operatives.

ICCIC traces its origins back to the Gung Ho movement, set up in 1938 by a group of foreigners and Chinese, to organize worker refugees displaced by the Japanese invasion into manufacturing co-operatives in aid of China's resistance. Gung Ho means to 'work hard, and work together'. Gaining support from both the Nationalist government and the Communists, and with funds from overseas, including from the British co-operative movement, CIC grew to become a nation-wide network of some 3,000 co-operatives in the 1940s.

### **Co-operatives in China**

Despite China's economic miracle, there are still many people living in poverty.

It is an essential part of Chinese government policy to make the eastern and western regions, the cities and rural areas, more equal and to assist the more marginalized areas of western China. Part of the rural economic development policy is to establish more rural co-operatives.

Co-ops, if well managed, can be an effective way of helping people get out of poverty and of strengthening communities, establishing social and economic fairness for all.

Co-operatives in China currently come in all shapes and sizes, some of which do benefit farmers but some of which actually end up exploiting farmers.

To be successful, co-operative leaders and members need training both for management skills and for improving their co-operative understanding.

### **What is a co-operative?**

A co-operative is an organization owned and managed by the members who use its services or are employed there. Co-operatives provide consumers with a distinct values-based and community-owned and controlled alternative to private enterprise. Co-operatives around the world are guided by the same seven principles:

- Voluntary and open membership
- Democratic member control (one member, one vote)
- Member economic participation and share of profits
- Autonomy and independence
- Education, training, and information
- Co-operation among co-operatives
- Concern for community

### **How do I make a donation to the George Hogg Education Fund?**

To make a donation to the George Hogg Education Fund go to SACU's website [www.sacu.org](http://www.sacu.org) and click on the donate button to take you to the PayPal website. When prompted please put 'George Hogg Fund' into the message area. Thank you.

### **What is SACU?**

The Society for Anglo-Chinese Understanding (**SACU**) was founded over 50 years ago to promote friendship and understanding between the peoples of Britain and China. [www.sacu.org](http://www.sacu.org)

SACU seeks to 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

SACU aims to promote understanding:

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

