



ASSOCIATION OF OPEN UNIVERSITY



GRADUATES IN YORKSHIRE

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SUMMER 2017

Our next Yorkshire event could prove to be our wildest yet!! The Yorkshire Wildlife Park, near Doncaster, should prove an interesting experience. Although I have never visited it before, I and two of my great-grandchildren are looking forward to the visit. Although some members choose to drive to events, we do try to find places to visit that are accessible by public transport, but this is not always possible. This time, Doncaster is relatively easy to get to by train and buses leave from the nearby bus station in the Frenchgate Centre next door. I look forward to meeting up with members on Saturday, August 19th at 11.00am.

Our September event has been suggested by a York-based member and sounds really interesting. If you are a National Trust member you will be able to look up Goddards in your NT guide. A creation of Edwin Lutyens – an amazing architect - for the Terry family, with probably the most famous female garden designer, Gertrude Jekyll, responsible for the garden, (the same combination as redesigned Lindisfarne Castle in 1901) this house and its gardens look really interesting. Again, I expect to visit with grandchildren and/or great grandchildren. Please come and join us.

Lesley Sleigh – Executive Representative

AOUG in Yorkshire AGM Report.

We met on June 3rd at the Friends Meeting House in York. We are currently without a Treasurer, which puts greater responsibility on other Officers, and new Committee members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining us, but would like further information before committing yourself, please feel free to contact me to discuss the idea. We usually meet three or four times a year in Leeds.

Lesley Sleigh – Executive Representative

Recent Events

We have enjoyed visits to Saltaire, near Bradford, Abbey House Museum and Kirkstall Abbey in Leeds and the Harley Gallery and Portman Collection at Welbeck Abbey (Handshake event with Region 05) over the last few months. These visits are suggested by our Committee members, but we would be delighted to receive suggestions from any of our members. Please contact me with your ideas – we are planning 2018 now.

Lesley Sleigh – Executive Representative

Foundation Funding

Every year, the AOUG Foundation for Education offers nine Research Awards and fourteen Awards for new graduates who have overcome even more adversity than most students. You will have read about previous winners in OMEGA. The Awards for 2017 have been advertised and nominations have been received. However, this year there is real concern that there could be insufficient funds to cover them, if we receive eligible nominations in every category.

As in the past, interest from investments has been added to your donations and at our recent AGM in Darlington, we were pleased to receive money from the Region 09 raffle and the piggy bank (which is on display wherever possible). However this is still unlikely to be enough.

These Awards are highly regarded by The Open University and we are proud to be able to acknowledge what its students have achieved. Please consider sending a donation to the AOUG Office if you can spare it. Cheques should be made payable to 'AOUG Foundation for Education Limited' and sent to AOUG Office, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes, MK7 6AA. Payment can also be made by phone at 01908 653316 or by annual covenant (please request a form). Thank you.

Associate Membership

The AGM 2017 at Darlington has overwhelmingly voted to allow friends and relations to join our organisation as Associate Members. They will not have any voting rights or be able to join our Executive Committee; however they are very welcome to receive OMEGA and Newsletters and benefit from our social activities. Previously, at the AGM in 2016, we allowed students with the OU to join us. The cost is £20 per year (£24 for Continental Europe and £28 for the Rest of the World), the same as a full member. They have to be nominated by a full member of AOUG. So let's welcome as many people as we can to allow our organisation to grow in strength.

We have had a great deal of interest and have already had Associate Membership applications, so please spread the word. Is there anyone in your family who might be interested? Please request Associate Membership forms from the AOUG Office on 01908 653316 or at aoug@open.ac.uk. Thank you.

AGM 2018

Next year, the AOUG AGM is to be held in Rochdale, Greater Manchester –Region 09 - in May. Further details will be in the Winter edition of OMEGA, so please watch for the information and consider joining us for all or part of the weekend. It is great opportunity to meet up with fellow members of the Association. We hope to make it a big event because next year will be the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Founding of our Association.

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Walking Group	Ginny Feeny	8 Sandy Gate Hebden Bridge HX7 8HZ	01422 847008 ginnyf@talktalk.net

DATE	EVENT
Saturday August 19th 11.00am	Meet in the Masai Lounge next to Leopard Heights, Yorkshire Wildlife Park, Warning Tongue Lane, Branton, Doncaster, DN4 6TB. Tickets are £17 for adults, £15 for students and concessions and £14 for children (3-15). Tickets must be booked at least 24 hours in advance. From Doncaster Station/Frenchgate Centre, Stand A4, there is a 57 bus every 10 mins to Branton. Contact Lesley Sleigh lesleigh@live.co.uk
Saturday, September 23rd 10.30am	Meet in the Dining Room at Goddards, 27 Tadcaster Road, YO24 1GG. This house was designed by Edwin Lutyens for the Terry family (of chocolate fame). The garden was designed by Gertrude Jekyll. This is a NT property, so free entry to NT members. Bus No 4 from outside the Railway Station to Dringhouses (they run about every 15 mins). Contact Lesley Sleigh.

	Walking Group	Details from Ginny Feeny
Saturday August 13th	Allerton	01422 847008
Saturday September 17th	Hetton	ginnyf@talktalk.net

Please return this slip to Lesley Sleigh, 6 Rockcliffe Mount, Luddenden Foot, HX2 6AJ

I would like information about donating to the AOUG Foundation for Education

I would like information about donating to YOUGET

I would like more information about Treasurer/Committee member roles

I would like to learn more about nominating a new graduate for an Award

This Year's AOUG Foundation Lecture.

At 2pm on Friday 6th October 2017, at The Open University, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes, Tamsin Waterkeyn will be delivering the AOUG Foundation Lecture. Tamsin, an Open University postgraduate, has been researching for a Doctorate in Education whilst working full time in Saudi Arabia and has just returned to the United Kingdom. Tamsin was our AOUG Ted Castle Bursary winner in 2016.

The subject of her lecture is “The Socio-Cultural Impact of Globalisation and English in Saudi Arabia: A Narrative Enquiry”.

This promises to be a very interesting and informative lecture, deserving of full support and, for those who have not been to campus in recent years, it also gives the opportunity to see how things have changed. Members who have not been to one of the Lectures before will be particularly welcome.

Admission is by ticket only at a cost of £10.00 which also includes a buffet lunch. Tickets are available from the AOUG Office - aoug@open.ac.uk - or by phone 01908 653316 before September 8th.

And finally.....

Please accept my apologies for the delay in producing this Newsletter. I have been struggling with my computer for some time. Ten minutes internet connection on an average day does not allow much work to be done!! I am keeping my fingers crossed now.

If you change your address, your telephone number or your email address, please ensure that you notify the Association. We do have members who are still paying their subs but who can no longer receive OMEGA as we have no current address. If you now have an email address, please let the Office have the details.

Lesley Sleight – Executive Representative

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Name PI number

My current e-mail address is

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I am interested in events near or talks on

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I am willing to arrange a Yorkshire event