



ASSOCIATION OF OPEN UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

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Welcome to your Spring Local Newsletter.

A quick introduction to myself: I am the Development Officer for the Association. My role includes supporting Executive Representatives and also supporting Regions & Nations currently without a Representative. Therefore, because Region 06 is currently without an Executive Representative, I am producing this Newsletter! However, would you be willing to help out by producing a future Newsletter? Or perhaps you have an interesting story to share or a favourite recipe that could be included in a future edition? If you have any ideas or might be willing to help and would like to find out more before committing yourself, please contact the Office.

Friday 6th October 2017

**AOUG Foundation for
Education Research Awards**

At 12 noon

Followed at 2pm by

AOUG Foundation Lecture

**“The Socio-cultural Impact of Globalisation &
English in Saudi Arabia: A Narrative Enquiry”**

**to be given by Tamsin Waterkeyn,
AOUG 2016 Ted Castle Bursary winner**

**£10 for full or part day including a buffet lunch -
Admission by ticket or invitation only**

**Tickets available from AOUG Office
aoug@open.ac.uk or 01908 653316 before
Friday 8th September**

You have an interesting programme of events coming up over the next few months with some Handshake events with neighbouring Regions – please see the Diary Dates on page 3 of this Newsletter.

You will soon be receiving the next edition of OMEGA in the post. If you have not received it by the end of April, please contact the AOUG Office so that your contact details can be checked and another copy sent out if necessary.

I look forward to seeing some of you at next month's Social Weekend & AGM being held in Darlington.

**Philip Evans
Development Officer**

Exciting times for the Association!

Following the Resolutions that were passed at last year's AGM, we now have a new class of membership of the Association: "Associate Members". This new class of membership launched on Monday 13th March and is already attracting new members to the Association.

There are three groups of people who are eligible to become Associate Members. The first two groups are related to degree-level study with The Open University. These two groups include people who:

- a) have completed an amount of study with the OU to be eligible to claim a degree but have yet to formally accept it (such as if they are still studying in order to achieve their degree with Honours) or
- b) are current OU students who are signed up to study a degree with the OU.

The third group is for the friends or spouse of a deceased Full Member who are now ineligible to come to events. They can be nominated as an Associate Member by any current Full Member who knows them.

Associate Members will pay the same subscription as any other member and will receive the same communications and be eligible to attend all events. However, Associate Members will not be eligible to stand for election to serve on the Executive Committee nor will they be able to vote in any Association elections.

Philip Evans
Development Officer

Joke Corner

Teacher: I want you to tell me the longest sentence you can think of

Pupil: Life imprisonment!

Vacancy

There is an immediate vacancy for the position of Executive Representative.

Would you be willing to be co-opted to serve from the AGM until May 2018?

This is the perfect opportunity to see if this is something for you, with the knowledge you're only committed to next May.

Contact the AOUG Office if you'd like to know more, without committing yourself!

AOUG@open.ac.uk

Don't forget...

There are many ways in which to interact with your Association:

- Face-to-face events
- OMEGA magazine
- Local e-Newsletters
- Facebook: [Click here](#)
- Twitter: [Click here](#)
- AOUG private forum: [Click here](#)

Diary Dates:

Saturday 22nd April. 12 noon

Meet at the Stables Tea room at Canons Ashby, Northamptonshire, NN11 3SD, South of Daventry off the A361, as a Handshake Event with Regions 04 and 05. The house remains virtually unaltered since about 1710 and is maintained by The National Trust. Entrance £10 (Free to NT Members). Please contact the Executive Representative for Region 05 for more information.

Friday 19th - Sunday 21st May 2017

AGM and Social Weekend. The AGM will be held on Saturday 20th May at Blackwell Grange Hotel, Darlington.

Thursday 22nd June. 1pm

Meet at the main entrance to Bletchley Park to find out more about the home to British codebreaking and the first computers. Visit what is often regarded as the best kept secret from World War II. Meet by the entrance. Entry is £17.25 with a £2 discount for seniors. Advance tickets are £16 and available at www.bletchleypark.org.uk. Located on Sherwood Drive, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK3 6EB. This is a Handshake event with Region 02. Please contact the Executive Representative for Region 02 for more information.

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