



Newsletter of AOUG in the West Midlands.

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WELCOME.

Every year, the AOUG has an AGM, hosted in turn by the different Regions & Nations. Our Region will be hosting the 2013 AGM in Walsall. It is interesting to note the importance of the AGM. We must prepare to have an excellent AGM in our Region. This is a unique opportunity for our region because it is an Anniversary year. The AOUG will celebrate 25th Anniversary. We will have many outstanding excursions to engage members. It is an exciting opportunity to meet old members, make new friends and to talk to members from other Regions & Nations.

All AOUG AGMs have a unique structure. Attendees register on Friday with the first excursion in the afternoon. The AOUG Officers and Executive Representatives do not have any meetings on Friday because of various duties assigned to them. On Saturday morning, there is an AGM. It is divided into two parts, followed by a workshop. In the afternoon, we have an Executive Committee [EC] meeting. Whilst AOUG Officers and Executive Representatives of Regions & Nations are engaged with these meetings and workshops; members, their families and friends are free to join excursions and activities which are taking place. On Saturday night, we have a Gala Dinner followed by entertainment. Either the Mayor or Lord Mayor of the Town/City is invited to join us. On Sunday, AOUG Officers pack up all the AOUG belongings. Usually, there is a final excursion in the morning. There is a short farewell after the excursion.

AOUG AGM 2012 IN LIVERPOOL - A Brief Account.

The AOUG AGM 2012 took place in Liverpool from 18th to 20th May at the Britannia Adelphi Hotel, a stylish Edwardian hotel situated in the centre of Liverpool [www.britanniahotels.com]

FRIDAY 18TH MAY, 2012.

An AOUG Registration Desk was in the Foyer. It was open from 12.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. The AOUG's merchandise stall was next to it. Members arrived from all Regions & Nations. Some of our members had been to the AGM before and for others, it was their first time. It was an excellent get together.

EXCURSIONS.

The first excursion was on Friday 18th May at 2.00 p.m. Our members had a Yellow Duckmarine Tour [www.theyellowduckmarine.co.uk] for about one hour. The vehicle took people on a tour of the main famous sights of Liverpool and then, it splashed down into Salthouse dock. Also, members visited Maritime Museum [www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk]. It was opened in 1980 and expanded in 1986. It has many different international collection of valued interests including the transatlantic slave trade, emigration to New World, Merchant Navy and RMS Titanic.

SATURDAY 19TH MAY, 2012.

The AOUG's AGM commenced at 10.00 a.m. and ended by 12.00 p.m. The Executive Members stayed behind for the workshop until 1.00 p.m. The EC meeting took place after lunch. In the afternoon, there was an excursion to Speke Hall [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/spekehall].

The Gala Dinner was at 7.30 p.m. followed by entertainments which ended by midnight.

SUNDAY 20TH MAY, 2012.

There was no meeting today, except to get ready to depart. However, there was an excursion planned to "The Beatles' Story" Museum [www.beatlesstory.com] in the morning. There was an opportunity to visit docks and museums within the dockland area.

OUR AOUG FOUNDER MEMBER, OLGA CAMM PASSED AWAY.

We are very sorry to lose our AOUG founder member, Olga Camm on 1st June, 2012. I met Olga regularly at AGMs and sometimes, at the EC meetings at Walton Hall. The last time I met her was at the AGM 2012 in Liverpool. We shared a table at the Gala Dinner. I received the AOUG Flag from the present hosting Region 08 and I brought it to our table. Olga was delighted about this great achievement for our Region 04 and the start of 25th Anniversary celebrations. We will miss our Founder member very much. Peace be upon her. Amen.

OMEGA MAGAZINE.

OMEGA will be reaching you by 6th August, 2012. There are interesting articles and useful information. Please enjoy reading it.

AOUG WEBSITE.

The AOUG website [www.aoug.org.uk] has many interesting updates. It is an excellent way to increase membership benefits. Please visit this website regularly.

AOUG MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS.

Please note that memberships renewals can be made online. Please visit the AOUG website [www.aoug.org.uk]. Those members who have not renewed yet, please do so as soon as possible.

CONTACT DETAILS.

If you have changed any contact details, then please inform either me or the AOUG Office.

DIARY DATES.

Saturday 3rd November, 2012 at 1.00 p.m.

A guided tour of the Pen Room Museum, 60 Frederick Street, Hockley, Birmingham, B1 3HS. [www.penroom.co.uk]. Free Event.

Saturday 23rd February, 2013 at 2.00 p.m.

A visit to the Dudley Museum and Art Gallery, St. James Road, Dudley, DY1 1HU. [Tel: 01384815575] [www.dudley.gov.uk]. Free Event.

Saturday 21st September, 2013 at 2.00 p.m.

A visit to the Museum of Cannock Chase, Valley Road, Hednesford, Staffordshire, WS11 1TD. [Tel: 01543877666] [www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk]. Free Event.

Saturday 16th November, 2013 at 11.00 a.m.

A visit to Coventry Transport Museum, Millennium Place, Hales Street, Coventry, CV1 1JD. [Tel: 02476234270] [www.transport-museum.com]. Free Event.

Tea & Coffee Mornings:

Tea & Coffee mornings are held regularly at St. Peter's House, Exchange Street, Wolverhampton. Members discuss activities and events as well as visit the AOUG website [www.aoug.org.uk]. Please contact Mohammad Motawalla for further information.

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