

SOMERVILLE COLLEGE

OXFORD

The Annual General Meeting of the Somerville Association was held on Saturday 14 March 2015 at Somerville College.

The President, Susan Scholefield, welcomed everyone to the AGM.

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2014 were approved without comment..
2. All matters arising were covered in the agenda.
3. Elections to the Committee;
Nick Cooper was duly re-elected to the committee for a further term of three years.
4. Future Events. The President highlighted the memorials for Catherine Hughes on 9 May and Anna Morpurgo Davies on 20 June, the Commemoration Service on 13 June and the Family Day on 12 September.
5. The President congratulated Somervillians who had been honoured since the last AGM : in the Queen's Birthday Honours list DCVO to the Lady Juliet Townsend , LVO, Lord-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, (Somerville, English, 1960) , who sadly died in November; in the New Year's Honours list Esther Rantzen (English, 1959) , who has been made a Dame for her services to charity; and Sonia Phippard (Physics, 1978), Director of Water & Flood Risk Management at DEFRA, who has a CBE.
6. Invited by the President, the Principal reported on the state of the College. She mentioned undergraduate sporting and dramatic successes and said that Somervillians dominated the student press. Somerville tutors continued to score highly in the Survey of Student Satisfaction. The Treasurer was working on plans for a new student accommodation block behind Penrose – to be developed in conjunction with a commercial developer. Development continued in relation to the College's India Centre : the post-graduate academic programme was up-and-running and there might also be a new building. During the last few months the College had also launched an ambitious new campaign to honour Dorothy Hodgkin by funding a Fellowship in her name.
7. The President closed the meeting and thanked members for their attendance.
8. There followed the Winter Meeting on the subject *Mary Somerville*, speakers Dr Alice Prochaska and Lesley Manville interviewed by Sara Kalim.