

Queen Elizabeth (Kensington) Branch, KCLA Chairman's Report for 2012-13

The Queen Elizabeth (Kensington) Branch [QE(K)A] has had a really successful year all-round.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of King's College Household and Social Sciences becoming Queen Elizabeth College and thus the admittance of men to the institution for the first time.

We held two committee meetings and its AGM/reunion over the past 12m.

QE(K)A's main event is the annual reunion and AGM which was recently held at the King's Strand site. Attendance was 60 people a 20% increase from last year. This event traditionally features a guest speaker with a connection to the college and this year we had two truly exceptional guests: Professor Brian Foster OBE, FRS (QEC Physics 72-75) who is professor of experimental physics at University of Oxford and his musical collaborator Jack Liebeck professor of violin at the Royal Academy of Music. They performed their show "Einstein's Universe" which explores the life of Einstein and his physics with an accompaniment of violin music; the violin having been a particular passion for Einstein. They have performed this show at many leading institutions around the world so we were very privileged to have them perform for us. As in previous years the King's Alumni Office were of great help in ensuring that the event was a success.

The association's newsletter, *Envoy*, continues to be well received by the membership who are always appreciative of it.

During the year the branch continued to increase its use of social media to communicate with its members by adding a Twitter account in addition to its Facebook account and website.

We would like to thank the KCLA for their financial support which has been invaluable in enabling the branch to thrive.

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