

## Presidential Manifesto for Sarah Mercer and Katie Haworth

Caroline and Caitlin have been amazing presidents, and we aim to be as dedicated to the Society as they have been, and to continue with their good work. If we were chosen as Presidents of the Society, we would repeat:

- **ASNC trip:** As the trip worked so well last year and was such good value for money, we aim to organise a similar thing. We have been looking at possible destinations in the southwest, and hope that there will be plenty to appeal to both Germanicists and Celticists!
- **May Week:** Following on from the success of last year's Trinity Hall Garden Party, we are planning to do a similar event at this year's May Week. With the help of the Social Secretary, we would continue the traditional ASNC picnic (perhaps with some punting thrown in for good measure!)
- **Fresher's Group:** We would also like to continue the excellent work Caroline and Caitlin did in terms of making next year's Freshers feel welcome, including creating a new Facebook page and working with the Access Officer and the Archbishop.
- **Social events:** Generally we want to continue having a varied selection of social events throughout the year, including ASNC pub (obviously!), club nights, film nights, pub-quizzes etc., and we want to look at some new ideas too, like visits to Ely etc.

Having had first-hand experience of being **Catering Officer**, we would like to consider the future of this role (depending on the results of the elections). We agree with all of Caroline and Caitlin's suggestions (e.g. making the position at shared responsibility, organising a rota etc.) and would look at how we can make changes.

We also have some new ideas which we would bring to the Society if we were elected as Presidents:

- **Website:** We would like to look at the Society website and see how it might be updated and improved. For example, we would like to have a Committee photo up as soon as possible. We would also aim to get the Yule Play videos and photos on the website. Most importantly we would want to create a page and video dedicated to would-be ASNCs, intended to compliment the official University video but with a focus on the Society and the more light-hearted side of ASNC!

- **Common Room:** We would like to hold an informal meeting for all members of the Society (and Department) to discuss matters relating to the use of the Common Room. We would encourage people to tell us, email us or bring up at the meeting any points they think should be discussed.

And finally... why you should elect us as Presidents:

- **Sarah** is a fierce defender of ASNC (how else do you get the nickname 'Viking Princess Mercer'), knows all about organising and promoting all things fun and sociable having been Social Secretary, and is an excellent speaker.
- **Katie** has demonstrated her commitment to the Society in her role as Catering Officer, has experience of organising ASNC-y trips (having somehow managed to shepherd Rob, Ed, Sarah and Anna to Scandinavia and back safely last year), and is a good listener.
- Both of us have had experience of being members of the Society before, we are friendly and approachable, and both of us have the interests of Society as a whole at heart.