

# Presidential Manifesto for Beth McKinlay and Maura McKeon

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## A Short Introduction of Ourselves:

**Beth:** I'm sure I have met you all already but I am a second year and mainly do history and I also have a soft spot for Old English. I have frequently attended the weekly lunches and pub nights as well as being heavily involved in the organisation of the Christmas party. Although I am only hobbit sized I'm looking forward to being your president next year because I believe that with Maura we have what it takes to make ASNC the best it can be!

**Maura:** You all probably know me, but in case not I am a second year focussing on palaeography, languages and literature. I want to be President in order to give as much back to you all as I can. I have shown my commitment to ASNC by being catering officer for the past year, so you know I am capable of taking on a responsible role, and I will always put you first.

Katie and Sarah have done a fantastic job over the past year in developing and maintaining the society, which makes ASNC such a special and unique community for all of us. There are several aspects of their presidency that we will take forward as well as new and exciting ideas that we look forward to making a reality.

## *New Ideas:*

- **Common Room:** The common room remains a central part of ASNC life, although we recognise that sometimes it can be a bit rowdy and intimidating. To combat this, we will introduce regular 'study sessions', providing time in the week when people can work in quiet, and allowing students the opportunity for cross year peer support within the subjects.
- **Weekly Bulletin:** We will reintroduce the weekly bulletin to give information on relevant events happening, within both ASNC and the rest of the university; for example, the CLIO talks posted by Beth on the social page. The format will be easy to read, without swamping or spamming you.
- **Inter-year events:** While we understand that this is the role of the social secretary, we feel it is important that all ASNCs feel part of the community. Therefore, we will build upon the weekly pub nights to develop a range of activities bringing the years together, including some alcohol-free adventures such as punting excursions.
- **Prospective Students:** We were really inspired by Sarah and Katie's suggestion to put an informal video on the society website for prospective students. Working with the Netwalda, we will create a new section of the society website for future ASNClings, containing the video and other useful information.

## *What We Will Continue to Develop and Improve:*

- **May Week:** We know how important May Week is, so alongside the Social Secretary we will host the traditional picnic, which will be as entertaining and full of frivolity as always. We will also be willing to assist in the arrangement of any other events put forward.

- **Freshers' Week:** We will continue to make sure that new ASNCs feel welcome and included when they arrive in Cambridge by organising events and working closely with the Archepiscopus and Social Secretary. To allow the freshers the opportunity to socialise in both the department and college, we will arrange these events so that they do not clash. We will also make sure that we cater to everyone by extending the range of events to include informal film and game nights, as well as bringing back the pub quiz.
- **ASNC Lunch:** It continues to be a popular event that brings us together, and we will do everything we can to make sure it continues to be a success. For example, we will ensure that one of us is always there, in case anyone wants to make a suggestion, or even just have a chat.
- **Guest Speaker:** Continuing this tradition, we will invite an eminent individual to speak at the end of next Lent, perhaps leaning towards the literature aspect of the course.

### *The Trip*

The trip has now become an integral part of the ASNC experience, and we feel that it is important for its role to continue. Having pillaged the North and the South, it is now time for us to turn our attention to other worthy places, including:

- Dublin
- Mercia and Wales
- The West Coast of Scotland

Each destination has its merits, and we will give you all the chance to vote for your favourite.