

ASNC Presidential Manifesto for Thomas Kearns and Samuel Thompson

We would like to begin by thanking Katie and Sarah for their fantastic job as presidents and if we are elected we hope very much that we can provide continuity in the promotion of the vibrant and lively ASNC community.

If elected as ASNC Society President, we would first and foremost aim to continue the work of the previous committee. We both feel that our predecessors did a fine job of ordering and sustaining ASNC and very much hope to continue this. In this vein we would:

- Organise another fantastic **Society trip**. With our experience of the two previous outings we hope to use this as a foundation upon which we can deliver yet another great social opportunity. It is our goal to take the Society to the South East, particularly Kent and Sussex, as we feel that there is much of interest in that region to all subjects and periods of ASNC history, for instance the Saxon shore defences show a transition from the Romano-British polity to the Kingdom of Kent and Battle Abbey shows the end of the Anglo-Saxon period. As well as this, it is a region of which we have local knowledge allowing us to better organise the journey, accommodation, and activities.
- We would be sure to hold an **ASNC Garden Party** during May Week as per usual and again use our experience of previous parties to deliver the best possible experience at the best possible price.
- We would seek to expand the role of the **Fresher's Council** so as to build on the success of previous years in making ASNC a warm and welcoming place for all new students through more interfacing online and aiming for better communication between Freshers and other years.
 - o In much this same vein, we both have strong affinity for ASNC's open and welcoming **Community** and wish to ensure that we continue to be a Department known for this. To aid this, we would aim to improve the team work of the Committee through more regular Committee meetings as a means to continue the trend of the Committee's hard work and efficiency.
 - o We would also be willing to have an **open portion of committee meetings** so that non-committee members would have place to voice their concerns or suggestions
- We would strive to improve the **Subject and Society Websites** by facilitating greater promotion of the ASNC Blog and working to achieve more regular content updates.
- We would also aim to **improve communication with other Faculties**, particularly those from which we can borrow papers. We would promote usage of other Libraries as a means of increasing the availability of books as ASNC grows and strive to make timetables of other Faculties available to ASNCs who may be interested in relevant lectures.

Samuel Thompson, Having served a year as access officer has helped me to really get involved with ASNC and to promote it outside the University. I hope that if elected president I could bring experience having previously been on the ASNC committee and the committee for the university's American Football team, where I helped to organise the Fresher's fair stand.

Thomas Kearns, I strive to be welcoming and friendly and wish to offer support and advice when needed. I am also efficient and hard-working, meeting deadlines and always striving for the best. If elected President, I hope to make a presidency that is at once approachable and a visible presence in the Common Room, but also one that is committed to making ASNC the best that it can be as a place of learning but also as a community of friends.