

Robin and Amrit for presidents!

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Robina Amritusque ad praesidentiam ASNACōrum!

Robin 7 Æmrit tō ēower presidentdōme!

Robin ocus Amrit dobar preastanta-si!

Robin ok Amritr til presidentanna yðra!

Rhopin a Amrit γ'ch prestantau!



Greetings all!

We are Amrit and Robin, and we'd rather like to offer ourselves up as your presidents. We've both enjoyed being on the committee this year and contributing to our wonderful society; we hope to be able to continue our tradition of silly medieval fun. We may personally spend most of our time putting the 'lol' in 'philology', but we solemnly promise to represent the interests of all ASNCs and bring our sense of fun to all corners of our delightful discipline, be they historical, linguistic or literary. Yay presidency!

Policies

Ask the Department about acquiring some more useful and up-to-date books for the Common Room, continuing the work of our current noble leadership.

See about whether it's possible to contact freshers earlier: we'd like to make an offer holders group as soon as possible so that potential freshers can add themselves to it, and we'll also ask the department about whether they can put a link to the group in the emails they send to freshers once they achieve their offers.

Consider matching up freshers in Colleges that have no elder ASNaCs with childless second-years so they don't have to grow up without suitable support. Aww.

Possibly reshuffle committee roles before the next election by taking opinions on reducing the roles of Mead and Cider, Vice President, Social Secretary and Catering to two or three.

Pub! We'd really like to get Pub going again; we strongly support moving it back to an after-dinner 7pm time, and suggest maybe weekly Facebook events so people can see others will be coming. Also we could bring games and things; we've already written ASNaC Articulate which was tested on the last Trip.

The Society speaker event at the end of Lent: as the last three will have been on Old English, Welsh and Norse, we propose an Irish-related speaker.

ASNC Trip

We're planning to come up with precise details and costings and so on and then hold a vote some time in Michaelmas over which of these two options to do:

Option 1: Argyll

Amrit, Eve and James went to this region in summer and consequently we know all of the wonderful things there are to do there. We'd meet in Glasgow on the Friday (it looks like flights from major English cities are available for about £30 each way, which is cheaper than train tickets to a lot of places) before getting in a minibus to Argyll. The trip would probably cost about £105.

Once we're there we'd be able to visit some very exciting places, some of them rather isolated. In the area around Kilmartin there are a load of archeological sites – burial mounds, stone circles – that we'd like to visit. Also look forward to an abandoned early medieval church, a holy well, a castle, and Dunadd fort, where you can all be crowned king or queen of Dál Riata.

Option 2: Ireland

This plan is slightly less fleshed out at the moment, but we'd likely stay in Dublin and do trips out to exciting places. It looks like this would cost about the same or be slightly cheaper than option 1.

Mini-trip!

There are a lot of exciting ASNC-related things near Cambridge, so we propose additionally organising a day-trip or two on Saturdays during term. Sutton Hoo?

The Shadow Manifesto

As well as the aforementioned mundane policies, we also present a selection of further proposals, in which we hope all true ASNCs will see the sense:

Raise funds by 'acquiring' body parts from the Blessed Rhodri, previous President, as relics for the Society, which the adoring masses may then pay to kiss or otherwise interact with.

Arrange a séance to raise the eternal soul of Sir Ifor Williams.

Conduct the Cattle Raid of King's. We deserve those cows much more than them.

