

# Annual Report OAA UK/Europe

## 2010

### **Dinner at Stoke Lodge**

On April 26th His Excellency the High Commissioner, John Dauth, hosted a dinner at Stoke Lodge for members of the OAA UK/Europe. There was a very good attendance and a most enjoyable evening was had by all. Again the High Commissioner had everybody relate their own background which was both informative and amusing. We are most great grateful for the High Commissioner's continuing support of the OAA.

### **Lunch at Balliol**

This year we did something a little different and rather than a dinner somewhere in London, we held a subscription luncheon at Balliol College in Oxford. There was a good turnout and as the weather was kind to us, our pre-luncheon drinks were held on the lawns of the Fellows Garden before our lunch in the Old Common Room. After a very nice lunch during which we discussed some of our current business such as the proposed Grainger event, we proceeded across the road to see the refurbished Ashmolean Museum, one of the University of Oxford's museums and indeed the oldest public museum in England. The University have spent some £61 million on refurbishing the museum and it is truly marvellous. We had the pleasure of an introductory lecture and tour of what the museum could show us by Dr Tim Wilson, the Keeper of Western Arts. Everybody then pursued their own interests in the museum and I think a most enjoyable day was had by all.

### **Celebrating Grainger**

From the 17<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> February there is to a major event celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Percy Grainger's death. He was one of Australia's great composers and certainly the best known. The event is being held at King's Place Concert Halls with a final session on the Sunday at the British Library.

The committee of the OAAUK/Europe have undertaken to support this event in every way possible. Indeed we have been given a grant of \$1000 from the National Executive to sponsor a reception on the first night. Unfortunately the prices for everything are extremely high and anything we do will have to be very modest (for example even if we manage to find an Australian wine company to supply the wine we would be charged £12 corkage!). The Grainger celebration is also being supported by the Australian High Commission, the Agent General of Victoria and I hope the Agent General of South Australia.

### **Scholarship**

Roger Dace has reported back that the National Executive was very supportive about the idea of a bursary to support a young person from the UK to go to Australia for further experience. We have to flesh out this out in a bit more detail and then think about how we are going to provide the bursary, at least at this end, and provide for their travel to Australia.

### **Finances**

As of January 21, 2011 we have £758.56 in a savings account mostly comprising the contribution of \$1000 (£610.30) from National Headquarters to help with the Grainger celebration. Our only expenditure during 2010 was £200 which is an honorarium to my PA, Ms Nish Talawila, for her secretarial work for the OAA. All other administrative expenses are covered by my office.

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