## Royal College of Nursing History of Nursing Society Committee
### Annual Strategy Meeting 2nd June 2016 11:30-16:00

**Notes**

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<th>Item 1</th>
<th>Attendees:</th>
<th>Claire Chatterton (CC) (Chair)</th>
<th>Margaret Graham (MG)</th>
<th>Alison O'Donnell (AOD)</th>
<th>Dianne Yarwood (DY)</th>
<th>Sarah Paterson (SP) (Guest)</th>
<th>Denise Alexis (DA)</th>
<th>Sarah Chaney (SC) (Guest)</th>
<th>Teresa Doherty (TD)</th>
<th>Frances Reed (FR) (Guest)</th>
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<td>Apologies:</td>
<td>Jane Brooks (JB)</td>
<td>Helen Goldsmith (HG)</td>
<td>Tristan Griffin (TG)</td>
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| Item 2 | Activity | 2. Minutes of the last annual meeting 5th November 2015  
Amendments – Alison item 6 should read “Claire covered Alison’s talk in Chester on 4th February 2016”  
Dianne item 6, should read “Dianne gave a talk to The Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire Western Front Association, on Those Who Served (the RCN members who died in WWI)” | Action |
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|        |          | 3. Congress  
Committee attendance at Congress:  
- Dianne - full attendance (HoNS voting member).  
- Claire – full attendance (Sun / Mon on OU stand)  
- Alison - Sunday and Tuesday  
- Margaret – Tuesday and Wednesday  
- Tristan and Helen -? full attendance  
- Jane – apologies  
DY will give a talk at the London regional dinner on Mon eve.  
Our fringe events: | Agree  
Next Congress dates:  
13th-17th May 2017 Liverpool.  
12th-16th May 2018 Belfast |
- “Remembering the Somme, Sister Edith Appleton, Front Line Nurse” CC chairing, Dick and Lisa Robinson speaking. Sun 18:00-18:45
- “The RCN's Founders: The First Ten Years 1916-1926” Tuesday lunchtime (CC chairing AOD +TG speaking) with and this will be repeated on the Wednesday lunchtime with DY chairing, MG +HG presenting.

Four centenary events will be run by library and heritage team

- Sunday evening – virtual open house of HQ with handling collection.
- Mon eve - Text books 100 years in four eras (DY +CC to help Sarah Abley)
- Tuesday lunch time - RCN Krypton(ish) Factor game show,
- Wednesday lunch time - Uniforms – looking at the future of uniforms

Centenary stand will be there.
Library team will be receiving an award at congress for the Public Lecture Series.
Internet Café is rebranded as RCN Library stand.

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<th><strong>Review of current and future projects</strong></th>
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<td>History of Public Health Exhibition, in conjunction with History of Nursing Society and Public Health Forum. JB + CC on project team.</td>
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<td>Had meeting in RCN Archives and found large numbers of potential exhibits. Also looked at textbooks and leaflets at HQ.</td>
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<td>First draft of text for display boards due end of June with final signoff August. Event will run from October 2016 – March 2017.</td>
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**Events Programme 2016-2017**

Launch October all speakers confirmed, this will be held on Tuesday 4th October from 17:30.

Discussed possible March 2017 Florence Nightingale afternoon /workshop. Who would speak/how would it work?
Any comments on the draft programme please contact SC.

Discussed Unveiling of Mary Seacole statue

27th October AOD speaking to the Scottish Board re: RCN founders.

Next exhibition and events series planned - Defence Nurses Exhibition March-April 2017.

| Committee to inform FR if they know of any objects. |
| AOD - QNI report introducing the Queens Nurses institute |
| Sarah Chaney, to send updated programme to DA for distribution |
| TD to provide date. |
Have commented on draft 1st Bid. TG volunteered to represent HoNS with one other committee member – volunteers needed.
Hopefully would follow same model as MH and PH exhibition / events of joint forum working.

May then have exhibition / events re Diversity. 2017-18.

Need to mark 100 years since Flu epidemic / end of WW1.

Future Bids will include funding for chairing sessions and committee members can volunteer to do this and have travel paid.
Discussed promoting of forums at exhibitions.

Updated Autumn events programme.
Only 2 bookings for Thackray event in Leeds as yet on 29th June, organised by HG. CC going also.

5. **Lunch**

6. **Women’s Work Collection & First World War holdings at IWM – invited guest Sarah Paterson**

Sarah gave a PowerPoint presentation of the IWM WW1 women’s work collection. IWM was set-up in March 1917 as a memorial and collection.
Sarah very happy to be contacted for more information and hopes members will visit.
Sarah Paterson, Library Development Team, Collections Access, Imperial War Museum
Tel: 020 7416 5346. Email: spaterson@iwm.org.uk

7. **Forum webpages**

   - Progress has been slow – lots of problems.
   - Discussed changing the image from old operating scene - committee to decide what image they would prefer?
   - Forum member numbers need updating – now over 1,400 so have doubled in 5 years
   - When the HoNS was established - to replace the RCN archives date
   - Click to list of events of HoNS from front page
   - Events tab – speak to Frances re: filters
   - Podcast from Nurses Day – CC to be uploaded onto webpages
   - Subject guides to be uploaded.
   - Photos taken of those present for web pages.
   - Details still needed from HG (brief bio)

   DA to update.
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|  | **Newsletter content so far for Autumn edition**- CC & DY doing a book review  
Bournemouth Nurses home Congress  
Exhibitions and talks  
Colloquium  
Fellows 40th  |
|  | DY to email content deadline dates to committee. |
| 8. Break |  |
| 9. Review of committee members roles and responsibilities | Unable to discuss with not all present. |
|  | ![2016 HoNS Committee Charter](image) |
|  | TD/ to update charter wording and email to DA for future discussion by committee. |
| 10. Committee updates TD |  |
|  | Black history month – Elizabeth Anionwu will be promoting her book at the RCN event.  
Thanks to everyone for their support on the Centenary which is going really well!  
Am giving a talk to the Fellows on their 40th birthday / RCN centenary in July and will be encouraging them to deposit papers  
Am presenting paper on material culture and the RCN centenary at the Women’s history Network in September  
Am waiting to hear back on a paper submitted to a research libraries / special collections conference in Salford in October. Me talking about the library and archive input to the RCN centenary and Christine talking about her experience of presenting her research on WW1 as an exhibition. |
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|  | AOD  |
|  | Volunteering half day a week at the RCN archives.  
QNIS work ongoing, will be presenting with them in February 2017 as part of the seminar series.  
Working with Napier University and Catherine Walker on the nurses at Criaglockhart with a presentation planned on October 15th 2016 at RCN in Edinburgh.  
Doing Founders presentation at Congress  
Presenting to the Scottish board on 27th October re: Founders looking at Annie Warren Gill. |
|  | CC  |
- Met with Liz Howard -Thornton who would like to set-up HoNS group in the Blackpool area.
- Gave a presentation at Salford University on Nurses’ Day re WW1 nurse, Minnie Wood.
- Gave a presentation at the event to remember the WW1 Anglo-Russian Hospital at HQ.
- Chairing the Monica Baly award again this year. AOD also on panel. Committee -please promote through their contacts.
- Helping with Somme commemoration events in Manchester – helping University of Manchester team, led by Christine Hallett, to recreate part of a casualty clearing station for schools and general public visits in Heaton Park, Manchester on 1st-2nd July
  [https://www.1418now.org.uk/commissions/somme-100-100-1916-1918-manchester/](https://www.1418now.org.uk/commissions/somme-100-100-1916-1918-manchester/)
- Paper accepted for AAHN conference in Chicago in September.

**DY**

- Anne Corrin and Pauline Walsh from education Forum have asked DY to develop a talk on history of nurse education.

**MG**

- History of Nursing Network in N. Ireland (HoN NI) is currently gathering information regarding professionally trained nurses with a local association. We have been awarded a HLF grant to put together a mobile exhibition and booklet.
- Our group was invited to the celebration dinner when Belfast City Council awarded the nurses of Belfast the Freedom of the City. This was a great honour for all of nursing and an historic occasion.
- HoN NI continues to gather oral histories.

### 11. Dates/times of next teleconference and 2017 Annual meeting

- Next committee teleconference – 8th September 10:00-11:00
- Next Annual Strategy meeting 1st June 2017 11:00-15:30

### 12. AOB

- UKAHN Colloquium will be on 11th July at Sandhurst – please help to publicise. In 2017 will be in Huddersfield.
- RCN Centenary Conference in London in November – CC to organise teleconference between speakers doing HoNS presentation (CC, JB, AOD, MG) – DY chairing.