



**THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY**  
Bath and District Branch

Dear Member

I would like to let you know that Annie Maw, the Lord Lieutenant of Somerset was unanimously elected by members at the recent AGM to the office of Honorary President of the branch.

Resolutions were also passed at this meeting re-electing the current branch council and approving the trustees' annual report for the year ending 2019. A number of members logged into the meeting which was initially chaired by our patron the Mayor of Bath Councillor Manda Rigby.

The Chair's Report for 2019 can be found within the Trustee's Report for 2019 on our website( [www.rcsbath.org](http://www.rcsbath.org) ) in the section entitled 'about' and an update which was read out at the AGM can be located in the news section.

Currently we are in the process of going through the branch archives which we hope to lodge in the Public Records Office in Bath. There are a number of documents currently held in the Library at the University of Cambridge however they have kindly agreed to copy these and send them through so that they can be lodged in our local Public Records Office. This will then allow students and members of the public to access them.

We would also like to welcome Priscia Mwewa, a new student member. She has recently arrived from Mufulira in Zambia and will be studying at Bath Spa University. You can read more about her on the news section of our website. You will also find an entry in this section from Lotte Veale, another student member who has just completed her MA at Queen Marys in London after studying at Bath Spa University for several years. In addition to these a number of current student reports are available on various sections of the website.

At this point I would like to welcome back any of our Commonwealth scholars and look forward to hearing from new Commonwealth students who have just started at our universities or schools around the city.

In regard to our Christmas lunch we will keep you posted but it is looking very unlikely due to Covid -19 restrictions that this will take place. We are however looking towards some sort of an event online and currently discussing the possibility

of once again running our art competition between 2021 and 2022 once restrictions have been lifted.

Keep safe and do let us have any relevant news which could be included on our website.

Best wishes

Godfrey Hall Chair.