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**THE ZOROASTRIAN TRUST FUNDS OF
EUROPE (INCORPORATED)**

ANNUAL REPORT 2016 – 2017

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017

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Notice

Dear Sir/Madam,

Notice is hereby given that an Annual General Meeting of the Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe (Incorporated) will be held at the Zartoshty Brothers Hall, Zoroastrian Centre for Europe, 440 Alexandra Avenue, Harrow HA2 9TL on Sunday 19th November 2017 at 3.30 pm to transact the following business:

Ordinary Business

1. To receive the Committee’s Report and the Audited Accounts as laid, for the year ended 31st March 2017.
2. To elect members of the Management Committee in place of the ones who retire and are eligible for re-election:

Mr Kobad S Avari	Article 16(b)
Mr Darius J Karkaria	Article 16(b)
Mrs Shenaz B Sadri JP	Article 16(b)
Ms Jesmin Sorab	Article 16(b)
3. To elect the President of the Association from amongst the Members of the Managing Committee for the year 2017/2018.
4. To elect the House Committee under Rule 10 of the Zoroastrian House Rules.
5. To reappoint Brian Paul Limited, Chartered Accountants, as Auditors for the year 2017/2018.
6. To transact the other usual business of an Annual General Meeting.

Special Business:

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1. To delete Article 18(b) of the Articles of Association, of the Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe (Incorporated) dated 1st December 1978:
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“No funds invested in the names of the Trustees shall be expended by the Committee in excess of a sum of ONE THOUSAND POUNDS in any one year except under the authority of a Resolution of a General Meeting.”

The Trustees and Managing Committee propose that article 18(b) be replaced as it is extremely outdated as to both the actual amount and actual practice. In place the following be inserted:

“No funds invested in the names of the Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe (Incorporated) shall be expended, for non routine purposes, by the Committee in excess of One Hundred Thousand Pounds in any one year except under the authority of a Resolution of a General Meeting.”

The modifications, deletions and replacements to the relevant Article can be found in this notice. Copies of the Articles of Association can be collected from the Association’s offices. Insertions are in ***bold italic type font*** with brief explanations where appropriate.

The (Hon) Treasurer and Managing Committee will explain the reasons for the proposed amendment and answer any questions relating to the proposed change.

Your Committee strongly recommends that the above Special Resolution requiring a three-quarter vote in favour, be resoundingly approved.

Please note that non-members will not be admitted to the meeting.

Yours faithfully,

Rohinton F Munshi – Honorary Secretary
For and on behalf of the Managing Committee 12th October 2017

P.S. In the interests of economy only one set of Management Committee Report / Annual Accounts and Notice are being sent to each family address. In case other family members wish to have their own separate set, please phone the Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe Secretariat with your request.

The Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe (Incorporated)

April 2016 – March 2017

Objectives

The main Objectives, in accordance with the Constitution of the Association are:

1. To advance the study and dissemination of information and knowledge of the Zoroastrian Faith.
2. To protect and enhance the interest of Zoroastrians in Europe.
3. To maintain a separate Burial Ground for Zoroastrians.
4. To hold religious, social and communal functions.
5. To give assistance to Zoroastrian students by way of loans and grants and to render such assistance to Zoroastrians as may be considered necessary.
6. To provide a place of worship devoted to the promulgation and practice of the Zoroastrian Faith.

Committee

The Managing Committee comprised of the following members:-

Mr Malcolm M Deboo	President
Mr Behram R Kapadia	Vice Pres & Social Secretary
Mrs Shenaz B. Sadri JP	Vice President External
Mr Rohinton F Munshi	Honorary Secretary & YZ & Travel Coordinator
Mr Javid S Canteenwala	Honorary Treasurer
Mr Kobad S Avari	Joint Honorary Treasurer
Mr Gav D Buhariwala	Joint Social Secretary
Mr Darius J. Karkaria	Communications Officer
Ms Jesmin Sorab	SOAS Religious Scholarship Officer (Until AGM)
	Special Projects Officer (After AGM 6 th November 2016)
Mrs Parivash F Kiani	Iranian Com Engagement Coordinator
Mr Bomy D Gandhi	Joint YZ Coordinator (Stepped down AGM 6 th Nov 2016)
Miss Shazneen Y Munshi	Joint YZ Coordinator (After AGM 6 th November 2016)
Mr Dorab E Mistry OBE	Global Working Group Representative

Trustees

Mr Rusi K Dalal
Mr. Rustom K Bhedwar
Mr. Ardeshir M Bilimoria

House Committee

The following served as House Committee members during the year:

Behram R Kapadia (Mang Com)	Gav D Buhariwala (Mang Com)	Roshan E Avari (Staff)
Ervad Yazad T Bhadha (Staff)	Ratan D Buhariwala (Staff)	Kumi N Avari
Nergish K Avari	Addie M Batliwalla	Freddy M Deboo
Hoshang R Khambatta	Benaifer N Menon	Phiroze H Munshi
Mahnaz Ostad	Hufri C Palkhiwalla	Freny H Writer
Shazneen Y Munshi (YZ Rep)	Jessica P Todiwala (YZ Rep)	

Ordinary Membership

All Zoroastrians are eligible, on election, to be enrolled as Ordinary Members on payment of subscription of £15 per year in advance for the period April to March. Ordinary Members can transfer to Life Membership on making a donation of £150 or more.

Life Membership

All Zoroastrians are eligible, on election, to be enrolled as Life Members on making a donation of £150 or more in one sum.

OAP Membership

All Zoroastrian Pensioners, men over 65 and women over 60, who have become OAP Members without payment of any membership fees do not qualify as voting members; i.e. they are not eligible to vote.

Notes

Members' attention is drawn to the following Articles of Association

- Article Nos 14, 15(a), 16(a) (b) (c) & (d), 18(a), 32 & 35 - as amended.
- Under Article 14, line 4, "All members of the Association who have paid their full subscription before the date of convening the meeting shall have the right to vote at such meetings". The Managing Committee therefore wishes to advise OAP members who are non-fee paying members that they are not eligible to vote.
- The date of convening the Meeting is 12th October 2017.

Important Notes

In the matter of Election to the Trusteeship, Managing Committee and the House Committee at the AGM, members are requested to observe the procedures listed below. This will greatly facilitate the conduct of the meeting.

1. Please send in nominations so as to reach the undersigned 48 hours prior to the meeting. Nominations from the floor will not be accepted.
2. Nominations must be duly proposed and seconded with the names in full in block letters, together with the written consent of the nominees.
3. Regarding House Committee elections, nominations are required for 12 members. The remaining 3 members will be filled from amongst the members of the Managing Committee.
4. All nominees, proposers and seconders must be fully paid up members prior to the date of Notice convening the Annual General Meeting.
5. Please submit all enquiries regarding the Management Committee Report / Annual Accounts in writing to the Hon Secretary / Hon Treasurer at least 7 days prior to the meeting.
6. The discretion of the Chairperson will stand at all times.

Yours faithfully

Rohinton F Munshi – Honorary Secretary
For and on behalf of the Managing Committee

12th October 2017

THE ZOROASTRIAN TRUST FUNDS OF EUROPE (INCORPORATED)
REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

The Management Committee present the combined report of the directors and trustees and audited financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2017.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Number: 277185

Company Number: 1403266

Principal and Registered Office: Zoroastrian Centre, 440 Alexandra Avenue, Harrow HA2 9TL

Auditors: Brian Paul Limited, Chase Green House, 42 Chase Side, Enfield, Middlesex, EN2 6NF

Bankers: National Westminster Bank plc, 362 Rayners Lane, Pinner, Middlesex HA5 5EB

Directors and Trustees

The Members of the Management Committee and the Trustees are directors of the charitable company and also its Trustees for the purpose of charity law. The Charity also has three Holding Trustees (Separately designated below).

Trustees

Mr R K Dalal
Ervad R K Bhedwar
Mr A M Bilimoria

Management Committee

President	Mr M M Deboo
Vice President & Social Secretary	Mr B R Kapadia
Vice President (External)	Mrs S B Sadri JP
Treasurer	Mr J S Canteenwala
Secretary	Mr R F Munshi
Joint Treasurer	Mr K S Avari
	Mr D E Mistry OBE
	Mr G D Buhariwala
	Mr D J Kakaria
	Ms J Sorab
	Mrs P F Kiani
	Miss S Y Munshi
Secretary	Mr R F Munshi

THE ZOROASTRIAN TRUST FUNDS OF EUROPE (INCORPORATED)

REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017

Structure, Governance and Management

The Company is limited by guarantee and was incorporated in 1978. It is registered as a Charity with the Charity Commission. Its operations are governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The Charity was set up to advance the Zoroastrian religious faith, provide and maintain a burial ground and to relieve poverty among Zoroastrians, as detailed in the Charity's constitution. In so doing the Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17(5)g of the 2011 Charities Act to have regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission in respect of public benefit.

Appointment of Directors and Trustees

Management Committee Members are elected annually at the AGM by Members of the Association, when one third of the Committee retire by rotation. Trustees are also elected directly by Association Members but serve for a period of seven years.

The President is elected directly by Members present at an AGM from amongst the newly constituted Management Committee. Office-bearers are elected from amongst the Management Committee at its first meeting after an AGM.

Organisation and Management

The Charity relies largely on the unpaid and voluntary services of its Trustees, Management Committee and a large number of volunteers. The Charity is run by the Trustees and Management Committee, who meet on a monthly basis and also communicate frequently by email. The President, together with each portfolio holding member of the Management Committee is responsible for the day-to-day running of the Charity. Specific sub-committees such as the Finance Sub-committee and the House Committee, are charged with specific responsibilities. The Trustees provide periodic guidance and review the affairs of the Charity at meetings with the portfolio holders and at specific meetings of the Trustees.

Induction of Management Committee Members and Trustees

Newly elected Members and Trustees are required to familiarise themselves with relevant publications of the Charity Commission and Companies House on their duties and responsibilities. A programme of mentoring newly elected Members by their more experienced colleagues is also in place.

Related Parties

The Charity has no subsidiaries or related parties.

Risk Management

The Management Committee and the Trustees undertake a review of the Charity's financial assets, available reserves and potential liabilities as a measure of prudent risk management at least once each year. From time to time other strategic and operational risks faced by the Charity in relation to its property and its activities are also reviewed. Appropriate measures

including the use of insurance are taken to mitigate partially or eliminate completely their potential impact.

Objectives and Activities

The Charity seeks to provide services of a religious, social and cultural nature to Members of the Zoroastrian Faith, one of mankind's oldest religions, now recognised as one of the nine major religions practised in the UK and Europe. The Charity maintains the only Zoroastrian Religious Place of Worship in Europe at the Zoroastrian Centre in Harrow as well as the only Zoroastrian Burial Ground in Europe at Brookwood in Surrey. The celebration of Zoroastrian festivals and the conduct of prayers, rituals and religious worship are a cornerstone of its activities. The Charity actively participates in worldwide Zoroastrian community affairs particularly in relation to education, welfare, and social uplift. The Charity also participates actively in UK and European Inter-Faith organisations.

Achievements and Performance

The Association is grateful to its in-house Investment sub-committee which handles the management of the investments. The sub-committee reports to the Finance committee and periodically also reports to the Trustees and the management committee.

Major Highlights of ZTFE activities

The ended 31st March 2017 has been another memorable year for the ZTFE. During the year:

- **ZTFE sponsored the delegation** of Vada Dasturjis Dr Firoze M Kotwal and Cyrus Dastoor of Surat, accompanied with senior and young Zoroastrian priests, including Ervad Asphandiar Dadachanji, for a 2 day visit to New Delhi in May 2016 to visit 3 Zoroastrian exhibitions in the Everlasting Flame International Programme. All the priests were grateful to the ZTFE, especially the younger priests as they found the visit inspirational as the exhibits broaden their knowledge on Zoroastrianism. The visit to New Delhi organised by ZTFE members; co curator of the Everlasting Flame exhibition, Firoza Punthakey Mistree and Khojeste Mistree. The priests' delegation also had an audience with Dr. Najma Heptulla, Honourable Minister of Minority Affairs Government of India, as it gave them an opportunity to thank the Indian Government for sponsoring the Everlasting Flame International Programme.
- Besides the ZTFE core funding the Everlasting Flame Exhibition, it had also loaned 9 artefacts to SOAS and also its large Afarganyu (fire vase) from the Setayasht Gah, Zoroastrian Centre, to be exhibited in the Brunei Gallery for the duration of the exhibition from October till December 2013. The ZTFE Afarganyu was exhibited at an extremely prominent position in the exhibition; it formed the display of an inner sanctum in a Zoroastrian Fire Temple and was seen by over 22,000 visitors. Since the vast majority of the visitors were not Zoroastrians, thus seeing an inner sanctum of a Zoroastrian Fire Temple was one of the highlights of their visit to the Everlasting Flame exhibition. It was delightful to see that **the photograph of the ZTFE large Afarganyu from the Setayasht Gah, Zoroastrian Centre, exhibited at the Everlasting Flame exhibition in 2013 at SOAS, appear on the front cover of; 'SOAS Centenary Special Issue 100' of The Middle East at SOAS, Volume 12, Number 5, October – November 2016.**

- On the auspicious Adar mah Adar roj – Friday 22nd April 2016, **benedictory prayers were recited at the Zoroastrian Centre to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen’s 90th birthday**, well being of the Royal Family and the House of Windsor, and for the continued peace in the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. The event was reported in India by the community press and by the India ethnic press in the UK.
- ZTFE patron Lord Karan F Bilimoria CBE DL and Gareth Thomas MP for Harrow West, co Chairs of the **Zoroastrian All Party Group** together with the ZTFE organised another successful event in the Houses of Parliament on Monday 25th April 2016 titled; **“Faith Based Ethics in Business: The Tata and the Cadbury way!”** Speakers Dr David Landsman OBE Executive Director Tata Ltd, Sir Dominic Cadbury former Chairman of Cadbury Schweppes and High Commissioner of India, His Excellency Mr. Navtej Sarna. The event was fully booked and attended by parliamentarians and ZTFE members and well-wishers including the co Chairs of the Inter Faith Network for the UK, Executive Director for the Religious Education Council for England, academics and leaders and representatives of the other faith communities. The event was reported in India, by the India ethnic press in the UK and also by the community press.
- ZTFE represented the Zoroastrian community at the **Templeton Prize Ceremony, Honouring Rabbi Lord (Dr) Jonathan Sacks**, at Central Hall, Westminster, on Thursday 25th May 2016. Lord Sacks, former Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregation UK, in his acceptance speech voiced his concern about the rise of extremism in Europe partly due to globalisation, migration and refugees. He urged the corporate world to be more sensitive about setting up call centres and outsourcing their business abroad, because it was endangering democracy.
- ZTFE represented the Zoroastrian community at the Golden Tours Foundation reception at the House of Commons on **Remembering Indian Soldiers of World War I**, on Thursday 25th May 2016. Following this event the ZTFE and Golden Tours Foundation agreed to jointly organise a World War I Centenary Commemorative free community event titled; **‘The Indian Soldiers in WWI’, at the Zoroastrian Centre during Inter Faith Week on Saturday 19th November 2016**. The aim of this centennial WWI commemorative event is to remember the immense contribution and sacrifice made by the countless Black, Asian, Minority and Ethnic (BAME) volunteers from the British Empire and Commonwealth countries who served the King Emperor & Great Britain during the First World War.
- ZTFE President was honoured to be invited to represent the Zoroastrian community at the **National Service of Thanksgiving to mark the 90th birthday of Her Majesty the Queen at St Paul’s Cathedral**, on Friday 10th June 2016. The service was broadcast live on BBC1, and extensively by other news networks, which gave the opportunity to many Zoroastrians to see their representative on live television.

- ZTFE represented the Zoroastrian community at the **Interfaith and International Vigil of Peace hosted by Oxford Centre for Mission Studies** on Friday 10th June 2016. The aim of the vigil was to generate spiritual resources and awareness of the scale of worldwide conflict, promote human unity and solidarity as well as space, respect and trust between communities, strengthen existing relationships and build new ones with other faith communities, the public and the media.
- ZTFE President was invited to represent the Zoroastrian community at the **Foreign and Commonwealth Office reception to mark the 90th birthday of Her Majesty the Queen at Lancaster House** on Monday 13th June 2016
- ZTFE YZs were invited to represent the Zoroastrian community at **Lambeth Palace Big Iftar event with the Archbishop of Canterbury** on Monday 27th June 2016.
- **Dr Rashna Writer conducted a weekend introductory seminar titled; ‘Essentials of Zoroastrianism’**, which was targeted towards the youth, from 1st till 3rd July 2016. The objective of this weekend course was to help our Zoroastrian youth who are often asked to explain their religion and customs to come to an understanding of the Zoroastrian faith, and in turn explain it to our friends in the wider community. The feedback from the participants was extremely positive with a request for Dr Writer to conduct further weekend courses.
- **ZTFE Resident Mobed Yazad T Bhadha delivered a talk on Zoroastrianism at Harrow Inter Faith Q&A event** at Harrow Civic Centre on Tuesday 12th July 2016. Ervad Yazad’s talk was received well; the feedback was complimentary on his ability to answer the questions put to him.
- ZTFE members were invited by our patron Lord Karan F Bilimoria CBE DL to the **launch of the biography on his late father titled; ‘Lieutenant General Bilimoria: His Life & Times’**, at the Nehru Centre on Monday 25th July 2016. Major General Ian Cardoza AVSM, SM, the author of the biography gave a powerful speech about his commanding officer of the 5th Gurkha Rifles (Frontier Force), Lt Gen Faridoon Noshir Bilimoria PVSM ADC (1933 – 2005), during the 1971 Indo – Pak / Bangladesh Liberation War, who was highly decorated and later promoted to General Officer Commander-in-Chief of the Central Indian Army. Maj Gen Cardoza was also extremely complimentary of the Parsi community. The book launch was attended by many senior figures of the British Army, including Field Marshal John Chapple – the former Chief of General Staff, who was one of the speakers. High Commissioner of India Navtej Singh Sarna was also one of the speakers. Other speakers at the event mentioned that Lt Gen Bilimoria was a thorough army officer, highly respected and extremely popular with his men and was known as ‘A Soldier’s General’. He was also a family man who treasured his wife Yasmin and his two sons Karan and Nadir. Lord Bilimoria recalled the values

passed on to him by his father, who died at the age of 72 in 2005. Lt Gen Bilimoria was remembered as an inspiration to generations of Indians both inside and outside the army. His name is invoked annually during 10 day muktad ceremony at the Zoroastrian Centre by our Ervad Sahebs.

- ZTFE President was invited to Scotland Yard by **Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe**, for a meeting with other senior strategic faith leaders Tuesday 26th July 2016. This was the first time a Zoroastrian has been invited to this meeting. Following this meeting, ZTFE was invited for the first time to the **National Police Memorial Day Service at St Paul's Cathedral** on Sunday 25th September 2016
- **Lord Nick Bourne of Aberystwyth, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department of Communities and Local Government, visited the Zoroastrian Centre for the first time** on Thursday 4th August 2016. He was ceremonially welcomed inside the Zoroastrian Centre by Parsi ladies performing the Aachu – Michoo ceremony and then placing a garland on him, while the Iranian ladies sprinkled rose water and requested him to look in the mirror. The Minister in his address mentioned that he was well aware of the contribution of the Zoroastrian community in UK as well in the Indian Sub Continent thanks to his close Zoroastrian friends and from fellow parliamentarian Lord Karan F Bilimoria. He thanked the ZTFE for the active role it plays in inter faith and the local community in Harrow. The Minister also congratulated the ZTFE for restoring and conserving the English Heritage Grade II* listed building and transforming it into the Zoroastrian Centre. Over refreshments while eating sev and chutney sandwiches, the Minister chatted with ZTFE members, before bidding farewell.
- Ava Mehta, author and former teacher of the XYZ Children's Fun Club was invited to the Zoroastrian Centre on the auspicious day of Shahenshai Navroze, Wednesday 17th August 2016, to launch her second **children's book; 'The First Navjote'**.
- ZTFE was invited by the Mayor of Harrow to the Victoria Cross Service & Act of Reconciliation in **Commemoration of Lieutenant William Leefe Robinson VC**, at All Saints Church, Harrow Weald on Saturday 3rd September 2016. William Leefe Robinson was born on 14th July 1895 in Coorg (Kodagu), India and died on 31st December 1918 in Harrow. Lt Robinson of the Royal Flying Corps became a national hero after shooting down the first enemy zeppelin airship of Cuffley, Hertfordshire, for which he was bestowed the Victoria Cross for his bravery in 1916 by King George V at Windsor Castle.
- ZTFE participated in the **launch of the 'Interfaith Refugee Initiative' together with representatives of other world faiths including Lord Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury** at the St John's Wood Liberal Synagogue on Monday 12th September 2016. The event was widely covered by national newspapers and news channels, including the BBC, Sky and ITV.

- ZTFE President and Ervad Yazad T Bhaha represented the Zoroastrian community at the **‘In Memoriam: The Life and Legacy of His Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj (1921 – 2016)** at the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Neasden, on Thursday 22nd September 2016. His Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj, who passed away on 13th August 2016, had met a ZTFE delegation headed by Vada Dasturji Dr Firoze M Kotwal in the Mandir at the turn of the millennium.
- ZTFE President represented the Zoroastrian community at the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Cable Street fought against Sir Sir Oswald Mosley and his British Union of Fascists, with Chief Rabbi Mirvis, Mayor of London, Navin Shah AM on Sunday 9th October 2016.
- ZTFE patron Lord Karan F Bilimoria CBE DL and Gareth Thomas MP for Harrow West, were unanimously re-elected as co Chairs of the **Zoroastrian All Party Parliamentary Group** at its 3rd AGM held in the House of Lords on Monday 17th October 2016. ZTFE President continues to head the APPG Secretariat.

Zoroastrian APPG Group Officers elected at its 3rd AGM on 17th October 2016		
Role	Name	Party
Chair	Gareth Thomas MP	Labour Co-operative
Co-Chair	Lord Karan F Bilimoria	Crossbench
Secretary	Stephen Pound MP	Labour
Treasurer	Jonathan Djanogly MP	Conservative
Treasurer	Lord Dolar Popat	Conservative
Vice Chair	Virendra Sharma MP	Labour
Vice Chair	Baroness Usha Prashar	Crossbench
Vice Chair	Lord Nanvit Dholakia	Liberal Democrat
Vice Chair	Lord Mohamed Sheikh	Conservative
Secretariat	Malcolm M Deboo	ZTFE President

- **Zoroastrian APPG in association with the ZTFE organised; ‘A Celebration of British Indians and their Contribution to the UK Parliament’ to coincide with ZTFE Patron Lord Karan F Bilimoria CBE DL 10 years in the House of Lords, on Wednesday 2nd November 2016.** The iconic event was hosted in the House of Commons Dining Room, packed with Parliamentarians and invited guests, including 10 speakers providing their thoughts on Lord Bilimoria’s milestone and the broader contribution of British Indians to UK Parliament. Lord Nick Bourne, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the Department of Communities and Local Government was the opening lead speaker. Besides the Zoroastrian APPG Chair Gareth Thomas MP and Co-Chair Lord Bilimoria, the other speakers were Baroness Usha Prashar and Lord Nanvit Dholakia – both mentors to Lord

Bilimoria, Lord Dolar Popat, Virendra Sharma MP, ShaileshVara MP, Baroness Shreela Flather, Lord Jitesh Gadhia, the Acting Indian High Commissioner, Dinesh Patnaik, ZTFE President Malcolm M Deboo and Past President Dorab E Mistry OBE. The event was reported in the community press including Jam-e Jamshed and Parsiana and ethnic press including Asian Voice and Eastern Eye. ZTFE presented all the speakers with its Sesquicentennial Gold Medallion, while Lord Bourne was also presented with a copy of the; ‘Everlasting Flame: Zoroastrians in History and Imagination’. ZTFE presented its patron Lord Bilimoria with a golden shawl. ZTFE is thankful to **Godrej Industries Ltd for sponsoring the successful Zoroastrian APPG event including the High Tea served afterwards.**

- Trustee Rusi K Dalal represented the ZTFE at the **Memorial Service for Professor Paul Webley CBE, Director of SOAS**, at Senate House on Wednesday 2nd November 2016. Late Professor Webley was a friend of the ZTFE and the Zoroastrian community whose support for SOAS hosting the Everlasting Flame Exhibition in 2013 was pivotal!
- **The Faith Communities Forum (FCF)** at the Inter Faith Network for the United Kingdom at its meeting on Tuesday 8th November 2016 conducted a secret ballot and **elected ZTFE President Malcolm M Deboo to serve as a Co-Moderator of the FCF, alongside Bishop of Bedford Rt Revd Richard Atkinson.**
- ZTFE and Golden Tours Foundation (GTF) jointly organised; **“Remembering Indian Soldiers of World War I” symposium at Zoroastrian Centre on Saturday 19th November 2016, to coincide with 2016 Inter Faith Week and Remembrance Week.** The symposium was funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and supported by the National Army Museum and the Armed Forces. It highlighted the immense contribution and sacrifice made by countless South Asian, Black, Minority and Ethnic volunteers from the British Empire and the Commonwealth countries who, served the King Emperor and fought shoulder to shoulder next to soldiers of the United Kingdom. Over 250 participants of all faiths and none from all parts of London and further afield such as Coventry, Leeds and Edinburgh, were present, including the Worshipful the Mayor of Harrow Councillor Rekha Shah, GLA Assembly Member for Harrow & Brent Navin Shah, Co Chair of Zoroastrian APPG and Harrow West MP Gareth Thomas, Chair of the British Hindu APPG and Harrow East MP Bob Blackman, Lord Dolar Popat of Harrow, Air Attaché of the High Commission of India Air Commodore Anil Sabharwal, British Army Special Operations Warrant Officer Ashok Kumar Chauhan, Air Commodore Dr Faridoon Amroliwala, Director of the Inter Faith Network for the UK Dr Harriet Crabtree OBE and Deputy Director David Hampshire.

The presentations were varied covering Zoroastrian contribution, Dogra Regiment from Jammu and Kashmir, contribution by the Nizam of Hyderabad, Nepalese and Maratha Regiments, Lieutenant William Leefe Robinson of the Royal Flying Corps who was awarded a VC by King George V for shooting down the first Zeppelin Airship in the UK – he was born in India and died in Harrow aged only 23 on 31st December 1918, Indian

Cavalry rescuing the Baha'i spiritual leader from being beheaded by the Ottoman Turks, Indian Jews in WWI, African and Caribbean contribution by the Black Poppy Appeal and students from Sai School, Harrow, dressed in soldier uniforms from WWI, marched their way into the Zartoshty Brothers Hall to music of WWI and each child read out their thoughts and poems honouring the fallen.

The Ministry of Defence had loaned their exhibition; "We Were There", which highlighted the little known contribution by Britain's ethnic minorities to defence over the past 250 years, commencing from those who served with Vice Admiral Lord Horatio Nelson at the Battle of Trafalgar. It also included photos of the famous Engineer Brothers in the RIAF during WWII. The National Army Museum had loaned videos highlighting contribution of Indian soldiers on the Western Front, Palestine, Gallipoli and East Africa. **ZTFE and GTF had also put up an exhibition highlighting the contribution of Indians during WWI and included photos of the Zoroastrian Cenotaph** in Kharghat Colony, Mumbai, and also Zoroastrians decorated for their bravery, including Major (Dr) Ratanshaw N Kapadia MC – uncle (kaka) of our ZTFE Vice President and Social Secretary Behram R Kapadia. Major Kapadia who was a Surgeon in the Indian Medical Corps and was the only Zoroastrian and Indian in WWI to have been awarded military medals by 4 countries; Military Cross Great Britain, French Croix de Guerre, Belgian Croix de Guerre and Indian Military Medal.

The symposium received very good reviews in Inter Faith Week blogs and in the Asian press, especially from Amit Roy in Eastern Eye on Friday 25th November 2016, who reported; **"Last Saturday (19th) was well worth spending at the Zoroastrian Centre in Harrow, where Malcolm M Deboo, president of the ZTFE had organised a whole day of events to remember the contribution of 1,302,394, personnel who "left the shores of India from all communities during the First World War". In fact, it was a privilege to be present.** It was crash course in chapter of British – Indian history that has been, until recently, all but ignored. To be sure, those who came from the subcontinent fought as Indian soldiers, but in Inter Faith Week, it was a legitimate exercise to pick out the sacrifices made by Zoroastrians, Jews, Muslims and others."

- ZTFE Vice President (External) was invited by the Rt Hon Sir Eric Pickles MP to an all party launch of 'I am Better Than That: Britain is no place for hate crime', Houses of Parliament, Thursday 1st December 2016. After the launch, Sir Eric thanked the ZTFE and Zoroastrian community for their support towards eradicating hate crime in the UK. Sir Eric when he was the DCLG Secretary of State was the keynote speaker at the inaugural event of the Zoroastrian APPG in October 2013 and was glad to see **Zoroastrians supporting the National Anti Hate Crime Campaign.**
- ZTFE was once again was invited to the **Holocaust Memorial Day Ceremony** at City Hall, Monday 23rd January 2017 and also to the Harrow Holocaust Memorial Day, Harrow Arts Centre on Monday 30th January 2017.

- ZTFE President was invited to make a presentation on Zoroastrianism and Sikhism for **350th Birth Anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh in Parliament** on Tuesday 31st January 2017. His talk was titled; “Zafarnāma (Epistle of Victory) of Guru Gobind Singh & Shahnameh (The Books of Kings) of Firdausi Toosi”, which was very well received by the Sikh community and others present.
- Following the **Terror Attack on Westminster Bridge and in Parliament** on Wednesday 22nd March 2017, ZTFE President was invited to a breakfast meeting with the Metropolitan Police Commissioner and Home Secretary at New Scotland Yard. The President also participated in a candlelight vigil with the Mayor of London at Trafalgar Square on Thursday 23rd March 2017. A 3 minute silence was also held at the Zoroastrian Centre on Friday 24th March 2017, in remembrance of those who had been killed or injured in the Westminster attack. The President represented the ZTFE and the Zoroastrian Community at the ‘Service of Hope’ in Westminster Abbey on Wednesday 5th April 2017, which was organised as part of the ‘14 Day Strategic Plan for events after a major incident’, formulated by London Resilience Partnership, which includes holding a ‘14th Day Service of Hope’. The event was also mentioned in the BBC News 24 and some footage of the faith leaders including the President walking in procession in the Westminster Abbey was featured.
- Following the **Terror Attack in Manchester** on Monday 22nd May 2017, ZTFE President was once again invited to a breakfast meeting with Metropolitan Police Commissioner at New Scotland Yard on Wednesday 24th May 2017. A 3 minutes silence was also held at the Zoroastrian Centre on Zartosht – no Diso on Wednesday 24th May 2017, in remembrance of those who had been killed or injured in the Manchester attack.
- ZTFE President was invited to the Holi Reception at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on Wednesday 8th March 2017.
- ZTFE was represented the Zoroastrian community at the annual Service of Remembrance of Commonwealth Soldiers at Memorial Gates on Monday 13th March 2017.
- ZTFE President was invited to the annual Commonwealth Day Observance Service in the presence of Her Majesty The Queen at Westminster Abbey on Monday 13th March 2017.

After year end

- World Congress of Faiths (WCF) & ZTFE jointly organised a successful inter faith event at the Zoroastrian Centre on Sunday 23rd April 2017 titled; “**Exploring insights into existential questions based on science and religion**”. The speakers were:
 - ❖ Mr Jay Lakhani, a theoretical physicist specialising in Quantum Theory who qualified under the tutorship of Sir Roger Penrose. A Hindu educationalist working with schools, colleges and Universities and was appointed as the first Hindu tutor by Eton College.

- ❖ Rabbi Dr Raphael Zarum, a theoretical physicist who has published a number of papers on Quantum Chaos Theory. A leading Jewish educator in the UK and lectures at conferences and seminars, synagogues and Jewish community centres across the globe. In 2008 he was ranked 26th in the Jewish Chronicle Power100 list of the most influential people in UK Jewry.
- ❖ Dr Jehangir Cama, a Post-Doctoral scientist at the University of Cambridge at the Physics department, and works in Biophysics. A Research Fellow at Clare Hall, Jehangir is closely associated with the UNESCO Parzor Project for the Preservation of Parsi Zoroastrian Culture and Heritage since its inception.
- ❖ Dr Harshad Sanghrajka MBE, who after a successful career with IBM, is currently Deputy Chairman of the Institute of Jainology, and lecturers in Jainism in the UK, Africa, Asia and India. He has represented the Jain faith at the Vatican, the Inter Faith Network of the UK and the Religious Education Council.
- ❖ Reverend Laurence Hillel is Co-Director of the London Inter Faith Centre and Assistant Priest at St Anne's, Brondesbury, and Willesden Area Inter Faith Adviser for the Church of England.

All the invited speakers are experienced in inter faith dialogue. The moderator was Pejman Khojasteh, WCF Treasurer. The event was attended by over 125 persons of all faiths and none, as the topic is relevant to members of all faiths and they were encouraged to ask questions from their religious perspective even though not represented on the panel. The feedback forms rated the event very highly. Prior to the event, the participants were given a conducted tour of the Zoroastrian Centre.

- **Vada Dasturji Khurshed Dasturji Kekobad P Dastoor, High Priest of Iranshah Atash Behram, Udvada, performed the Dae Mah Hormuzd Roj Jashan at the Zoroastrian Centre on, Sunday 14th May 2017. It was the first time Dasturji had performed an Anjuman Jashan in the UK.** After the Jashan, Dasturji gave a short talk titled; 'Zoroastrians: Serving our Community & Serving our Country'. **Dasturji then presided over the felicitation ceremony honouring those who have served the ZTFE and the Zoroastrian community over the past four decades, by presenting them with a ZTFE Sesquicentennial Gold Medallion, listed pages 82 - 84).** Dasturji was accompanied with his wife Havovi and his two younger children. Our patron, Lord Karan F Bilimoria CBE DL had rescheduled his appointments to attend the Jashan and gave a vote of thanks. Shanelle Zubin Irani, the daughter of Smriti Zubin Irani – Union Cabinet Minister of India for Textiles, who is well known to Vada Dasturji also attended the event. The event was a success and concluded with a celebratory dinner prepared by Armin and Yazdi Dastoor.
- HMS Trincomalee is not only the oldest ship afloat in the Royal Navy, but it is the oldest warship ship afloat in the world. It was built by Jamsetji Bomanji Wadia, the great Parsi Zoroastrian Master Ship Builder of the legendary Wadia family at Bombay Dockyard for the British Admiralty in 1817. **Vada Dasturji Khurshed Dasturji Kekobad P Dastoor, ZTFE Patron Lord Karan F Bilimoria CBE DL and ZTFE President Malcolm M Deboo headed the Zoroastrian delegation at HMS Trincomalee Bicentennial Commemoration Launch & Make in India, in collaboration with the National**

Museum of Royal Navy and HMS Trincomalee Trust on board Indian Navy Ship Tarkash, Thames Quay, West India Dock, Tuesday 9th May 2017. The host of the event were The Commanding Officer Captain Ritu Raj Sahu, Officers and Men of INS Tarkash.

Vada Dasturji Khurshed Dasturji Kekobad Dastoor was requested to recite a short prayer:

- ❖ Invoking the fravashis of the Wadia Master Ship Builders; Lovji Nusserwanji, Maneckji Lovji, Bomanji Lovji, Framji Maneckji and Jamsetji Bomanji.
- ❖ Remembering, revering and praising the good heroic and the beneficent souls of the armed forces, rulers and righteous people who have served and sacrificed their lives defending our freedom in India and the United Kingdom from our adversaries.

In front of the First Sea Lord of the Royal Navy, the immediate former First Sea Lord, Officers in the RN, Army and RAF, the Defence Minister of the United Kingdom, the Commander and Officers of INS Tarkash, the Indian Naval Attaché in London and the Indian High Commissioner, Vada Dasturji concluded with a benedictory prayer requesting Ahura Mazda to protect all those who sail on the INS Tarkash defending the borders of India and conducting its international maritime duties and for the HMS Trincomalee to continue to be afloat for another 200 years. Since India is a secular country, it is extremely rare for a prayer to be recited publicly on board an Indian Navy Ship, thus special permission had to be granted for Vada Dasturji to recite prayers on INS Tarkash, which is a rare honour!

ZTFE Sesquicentennial Medallions were presented to;

- ❖ Captain Ritu Raj Sahu, Commanding Officer, INS Tarkash.
- ❖ Admiral Sir Philip Jones KCB, ADC, First Sea Lord, Royal Navy.
- ❖ Admiral Sir Jonathon Band GCB, DL, Chairman National Museum of the Royal Navy and former First Sea Lord.
- ❖ Colonel Euan Houston OBE, Chairman HMS Trincomalee Trust.
- ❖ Commodore Sameer Saxena, Naval Adviser, High Commission of India
- ❖ His Excellency Yasvant K Sinha, High Commissioner of India.

The ZTFE delegation comprised of Vada Dasturji Khurshed Dasturji Kekobad P Dastoor, Mrs. Havovi K. Dastoor, Ervad Yazad T. Bhadha, Patron Lord Karan F. Bilimoria CBE DL, President Malcolm M. Deboo, Vice President and Social Secretary Behram R. Kapadia, Hon. Treasurer Javid S. Canteenwala, Hon. Secretary Rohinton F. Munshi, Trustee Rusi K. Dalal, Past Trustees Noshir J. Avari and Dr. Firoze R. Munshi, WZCC Chair (UK) Shernaz Engineer, Zarir J Cama of HSBC and Farroakh Parekh of Tata Ltd.

- Churches Together for Ealing visited the Zoroastrian Centre, Saturday 20th May 2017.
- ZTFE President attended ‘A Service of Thanksgiving To Celebrate The Centenary Of The Commonwealth War Graves Commission’, Westminster Abbey, Tuesday 23rd May 2017.

- The 20th Dasturji Sorabji H Kutar Memorial Lecture at SOAS was delivered by Professor Jessie S Palsetia on Thursday 25th May 2017. The title of the lecture was; **“Parsi Traders and Travellers: Global Zoroastrians in the Age of Empire.”** Professor S. Palsetia covered the dealings of some of the most well known Parsi merchant families of the 18th to the 19th century. These included the ‘Godrejes,’ Tatas, Jeejeboys, Reddymoneys, Wadias and others. He spoke of their trade in cotton, the export of opium to China (the ‘China Trade,’) until the latter became morally unpopular in about the mid 1850s. From that period onwards some exerted their focus on industrial projects.
- **The ZTFE, the National Liberal Club and the UK Parliament commemorated the Death Centenary of our Founder Trustee Ervad Dr Dadabhai Naoroji. Exactly 100 years to the day after he passed away in Bombay on Friday 30th June 2017, The Grand Old Man of India, was remembered by The National Liberal Club in Whitehall,** established by the Liberal Prime Minister William Ewart Gladstone in 1882. At 12 noon, ZTFE Life Member Zerbanoo Gifford unveiled a specially commissioned portrait of the first Indian / Asian MP to be elected in Britain, who in 1892 won the seat of Central Finsbury for the Liberal Party. Zerbanoo Gifford was the first female Asian councillor to be elected for the Liberal Party, in the 1980s for the London Borough of Harrow. Zerbanoo is a biographer of Dadabhai Naoroji, published in 1992 – Parliamentary Centenary. She is also the Founder Director of the Asha Centre. The portrait is painted by the artist Kaya Mar. ZTFE Resident Priest, Ervad Yazad T Bhadha was then invited to recite Zoroastrian prayers invoking the Fravashi of Dadabhai Naoroji followed by ZTFE President Malcolm M Deboo invited to speak on the Grand Old Man. ZTFE Trustee presented the National Liberal Club with a ZTFE Sesquicentennial Medallion.

Later that evening the ZTFE remembered their Founder Trustee in 1861 and Longest Serving President from 1861 till 1908. At 5pm, our Ervad Sahebs commenced the Jashan ceremony invoking the Fravashis of Ervad Dadabhai Ervad Naoroji, his wife Osti Gulbai Ervad Dadabhai, his parents Osti Maneckbai Ervad Naoroji and Ervad Naoroji Ervad Pallanji, his three children and their spouses; Ervad Ardeshir Ervad Dadabhai and Osti Vir Ervad Ardeshir, Osti Shirin Osta Fram and Osta Fram Osta Muncherji and Osti Maki Osta Homi and Osta Homi Osta Muncherji.

Following a tea and refreshments invited speakers spoke on the **Life and Times of Dadabhai Naoroji and his Legacy after 100 years.**

- ❖ Assistant Professor of History, University of South Carolina, Dr Dinyar Patel’s paper was titled; ‘Remembering Dadabhai Naoroji on the Hundredth Anniversary of His Death’. (Paper was read out.)
- ❖ Message was read out from our patron Co Chair of the Zoroastrian APPG, Lord Karan F Bilimoria CBE DL.
- ❖ Biographer of Dadabhai Naoroji and Sir Manacherjee Merwanjee Bhowanagree, Omar Ralph’s talk was titled; ‘Dadabhai Naoroji – Indian Patriot & The First Asian MP’.

- ❖ Parliamentary Historian and Honorary Librarian at the National Liberal Club, Dr Seth Thoevoz's talk was titled; 'Dadabhai Naoroji: A politician in Britain'.
- ❖ Co Chair of the Zoroastrian APPG and MP for Harrow West, Gareth Thomas's talk was titled; 'Lessons from life of Dadabhai Naoroji for the community and political life now'.
- ❖ Greater London Assembly Member Brent & Harrow Navin Shah's talk was titled; 'Dadabhai Naoroji, The Grand Old Visionary'.
- ❖ Liberal Councillor for Rayners Lane Ward, Harrow, Christopher Noyce's talk was titled; 'Was Dadabhai Naoroji a Liberal?'
- ❖ ZTFE President Malcolm M Deboo's talk was titled; 'ZTFE Founder Trustee & President Dadabhai Naoroji: Interfaith, Gandhiji & Emancipation of the Zoroastrian in Iran'.

ZTFE Sesquicentennial Medallions were presented to the Speakers. The evening concluded with a 3 course meal.

- Due to the our Prime Minister calling a snap General Election for Thursday 8th June 2017, the Dadabhai Naoroji Death Centenary event in Parliament on Thursday 29th June 2017 was cancelled and rescheduled on Wednesday 18th October 2017. **The Dadabhai Naoroji Death Centenary event in Parliament was jointly organised by the History of Parliament Trust and Zoroastrian APPG, in association with the ZTFE, in Attlee Suite, Portcullis House. Dadabhai Naoroji's office was on the site of Portcullis House; Palace Chambers, 9 Bridge Street, Westminster (along with the old St Stephens Club).**

The event was Co Chaired by Gordon Marsden MP, Chairman of the History of Parliament Trust and Gareth Thomas MP, Co Chair of Zoroastrian APPG. The invited speakers were:

- ❖ Lord Bhikhu C Parekh, Emeritus Professor of Political Philosophy and Labour Peer.
- ❖ Lord Karan F Bilimora CBE DL, Co Chair of Zoroastrian APPG and Cross Bench Peer.
- ❖ Lord Nick Bourne - Under Secretary of State at the Department of Communities and Local Government and Conservative Peer.
- ❖ Rt Hon Emily Thornberry, Labour MP for Islington South and Finsbury and Shadow Foreign Secretary.
- ❖ His Excellency Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha, High Commissioner of India.

ZTFE President Malcolm M Deboo presented ZTFE Sesquicentennial Medallions to the Speakers. The event is jointly sponsored by the History of Parliament Trust, Cobra Beer, Tata and ZTFE.

Even though it was Diwali and several simultaneous events were being held in Parliament, yet the Attlee Suite at Portcullis House was packed! Besides ZTFE members, there was the presence of Parliamentarians, Civil Servants, Councillors, High Commission of India, History of Parliament Trust, National Liberal Club, Amnesty International, Tata, Cobra Beer, Academics from SOAS, Oxford, Cambridge, Durham, Edinburgh and Exeter

Universities, Media from BBC and Asian Press, Inter Faith leader and representatives, Heads and Representatives of Indian community organisations.

- Under Parliamentary rules the all APPGs must have an AGM following a General Election. ZTFE patron Lord Karan F Bilimoria CBE DL and Gareth Thomas MP for Harrow West, were once again unanimously re-elected as Co Chairs of the **Zoroastrian All Party Parliamentary Group at its 4th AGM** held in the House of Lords on Wednesday 13th September 2017. The other Office Bearers remain the same and ZTFE President continues to head the APPG Secretariat.

Following the AGM, Mr Hemant G Padhya of the ‘Hindu Swatantryavir Smruti Sansthanam UK’ gave a talk titled; **“The 110th anniversary of unfurling the flag of Indian Independence by Madame Bhikhaiji R Cama – The Forgotten Heroine of India’s Independence”**. Padhya negotiated with the local Swiss Government in Geneva, and the Indian Government, BJP MP and Bollywood Actor Vinod Khanna, to repatriate the ashes of a great Indian Revolutionary Freedom Fighter Pandit Shyamaji Kriashnavarma from Geneva back to Mandvi, Gujarat in 2003. Padhya witnessed the official handover of the urn containing the ashes of Pandit Shyamaji in Geneva by the Swiss Government to then Gujarat Chief Minister Narindra Modi, on 22nd August 2003. He has been active in reviving the memory of Pandit Shyamaji in the UK, Madame Cama and other Indian Freedom Fighters. Padhya also helped Professor Nawaz B Mody of Bombay University in her research on Madame Bhikhaiji R Cama when the forgotten Indian Freedom Fighter resided in London and Paris.

- Pallonji Shapoorji Mistry, Chairman of Shapoorji Pallonji Group, was one of the invitees at the private viewing and launch of the ‘The Everlasting Flame: Zoroastrianism in History and Imagination’ exhibition at the Brunei Gallery, SOAS, on Thursday 10th October 2013, for which ZTFE raised £100,000 to core fund. Hence the ZTFE was delighted to be informed on 12th July 2017, 3 years and 9 months after Pallonji Shapoorji Mistry visited the Everlasting Flame exhibition, that the Shapoorji Pallonji Group awarded £5 million gift to SOAS to create the world leading ‘SOAS Shapoorji Pallonji Institute of Zoroastrian Studies’ in London. **This generous £5 million donation made in the centennial year of SOAS by Shapoorji Pallonji Group, combined with the initial donation by the Zartoshty Brothers - ZTFE Patrons and Benefactors and subsequent donation by Professor Emeritus Mary Boyce, makes SOAS the leading university in the world promulgating Zoroastrian religion, history, heritage and culture. Another legacy of ZTFE core funding the Everlasting Flame Exhibition!**
- ZTFE participated with the Faiths Forum of London in the **launch of the ‘Grand Trunk Project’ to mark 70 years independence of the Indian Subcontinent and the Partition of India and Pakistan**, at the Guildhall, City of London on Tuesday 4th July 2017. The Partition was the largest mass migration in recorded history, which saw a period of inter communal violence. Today, these tensions can still be felt. Through humanising the

historic happenings and focusing on the power of commonality, the Grand Truck Project hope is to try a new wave of interfaith dialogue amongst communities which have never truly mixed in this respect or come together to acknowledge the events without placing blame. Rather than focus on the narrative that divides, the Grand Trunk Project hopes to build a collective cultural memory to build unity and coexistence amongst British Muslim, Sikh, Hindus, Jain, Zoroastrian and other faith communities. The Grand Truck Project embodies the spirit of the ancient and historic Grand Trunk Road in the Indian Subcontinent, which linked peoples and countries, creating relationships and friendships despite the differences. Working in collaboration with faith leaders, community groups and others, the project aim to celebrate our differences and support much needed dialogue about our differences. **A series of 11 different events across 11 different cities will be taking place across 2017 alone, including the Zoroastrian Centre during Inter Faith Week on Saturday 18th November.**

- **Following the 5th Varsi / Sal prayers for our Patron, Benefactor and Philanthropist Mobed Mehraban J Zartoshty on Friday 7th July 2017, Dr Rashna Writer delivered a public lecture titled; “Charity as a Means of Zoroastrian Self-Preservation” in the memory for our patron and benefactor Mobed Mehraban J Zartoshty and his brother Mobed Faridoon B Zartoshty.**
- **On Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th July 2017, Dr Rashna Writer conducted an introductory course on Zoroastrian History, at the Zoroastrian Centre, on the Median Dynasty and the Achaemenid Dynasty, the Founders of the Iranian State.** Dr Rashna Writer was a Senior Teaching Fellow in the Department of Study of Religions, SOAS) from 2008 – 2013, where she lectured on Zoroastrianism in Ancient and Modern Worlds.
- **Book launch ‘Field Marshal; Sam Manekshaw: The Man and his Times’ biography by Zenobia & Brigadier Behram M. Panthaki (Retired) at High Commission of India, Friday 21st July 2017 and Zoroastrian Centre, Sunday 23rd July 2017.** Brigadier Behram Panthaki served on the staff of Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw from 1965 to 1973. He and his wife Zenobia have written the fascinating book detailing their unique experiences with the Field Marshal, his military acumen, his ability to hold politician’s feet to the fire, his love for the simple soldier and his unique sense of humour. The book has over 200 photographs and is dedicated to the men in uniform who laid down their lives defending their country and to their widows. The royalty will be donated to the War Wounded Foundation of India and the War Widows Welfare Association of India.
- **Book Launch ‘In Hot Blood: The Nanavati Case that shook India’; authored by well known senior Indian journalist and columnist with The Times of India Bachi Karkaria, at Zoroastrian Centre Sunday 3rd September 2017.** Award winning journalist and author Mihir Bose was in conversation with Bachi Karkaria about the infamous murder case. Hot Blood is the first non-fiction account of India’s first upper class crime of passion and the sensational trial of Commander Kawas Nanavati, who served in the Royal Navy

during WWII. It painstakingly reconstructs the case's amazing journey from Sessions to Supreme Court of India. It takes a hard new look at the central characters: the Parsi Commander Kawas Nanavati, his English wife from Portsmouth, Sylvia, and her Sindhi playboy lover, Prem Ahuja, whom the commander shot dead on 27th April 1959. The trial was one of the most significant in Indian jurisprudence.

- **The Parsi Theatre Revival Group performed a hilarious short Parsi Natak; 'Behra Dorabji No Buffat'** to a full house on Shahenshai Navroze on 17th August 2017, followed by a repeat performance on Khordad Sal on 22nd August 2017.
- ZTFE participated in the **70th Indian Independence Day celebrations**, facilitated by the High Commission of India, at the Gymkhana on Sunday 10th September 2017. **ZTFE had a food stall, which severed dhansak to over 700 people.**
- **ZTFE Zoroastrian Senior Citizens Home Project (ZSCHP) Designated Fund** stood at £107,401/- at year end 31st March 2017. An Open Forum was held on Sunday 17th September 2017, giving the community the opportunity to discuss the progress so far, take views and feedback about the ZSCHP. The ZSCHP Steering Committee, chaired by Counsel Emeritus Noshir J Avari and Dr Firoze R Munshi, organised their second Fund Raising Gala Night at the Zoroastrian Centre on Saturday 21st October 2017. The successful event generated around £15,000 income towards the ZSCHP, mainly from members and well-wishers sponsoring adverts and goodwill messages in the programme brochure, sale of raffle tickets and Armin & Yazdi Dastoor agreeing to cater well below the cost price. The ZSCHP raffle was priced at £1/- per ticket was drawn on the night and had 10 fabulous prizes, which were all doanted. The first prize was a holiday to Malta, including flights and hotel accommodation, donated by Red Tours. The lucky winner was a ZTFE Office Bearer who donated back the prize, which was auctioned and generated further income for the ZSCHP.

ZTFE recognises donors and volunteers

Ruby & Russy Phiroshaw Bilimoria Fund

ZTFE is grateful to Ruby and Rusy Piroshaw Bilimoria for their generous donation. The 'Ruby & Russy Phiroshaw Bilimoria Fund' has been established in their memory. Their generous donation will remain intact, while the income generated from it will be used towards the objects of the ZTFE.

Rusy and Ruby were born in Zanzibar and were childhood sweethearts. They came to the UK in 1964 following the bloody revolution in Zanzibar. Sadly they had no children. Rusy was a very hard working entrepreneur and had indulged in various business ventures during this time. Rusy and Ruby were able to generate wealth after both decided to become franchisees in McDonald's. This successful venture, due to very hard work and the business acumen they had acquired on the way became a great success story. They were both highly

regarded by McDonald's and they sold the franchise in early 2001 to retire. Rusy and Ruby in their younger days had made several overland trips to Iran, Saudi Arabia, Balkans, USSR and other parts of the world. They had many plans during retirement but these were dashed when they learned that Ruby was diagnosed with Parkinson's. She fought very hard and Rusy became her full time carer for over ten years until she passed away on the 27th July 2014. Sadly, Rusy died soon after the passing away of his beloved wife on 20th October 2014. Rusy and Ruby were inseparable since their first meeting and he could not contemplate life without her. **May their generosity inspire others to leave funds in their will for the ZTFE!**

On Sunday 14th May 2017, Vada Dasturji Khurshed Dasturji Kekobad P Dastoor, High Priest of Iranshah Atash Behram presided over the felicitation ceremony honouring those who have served the ZTFE and the Zoroastrian community over the past four decades, by presenting them with a ZTFE Sesquicentennial Gold Medallion. The volunteers who served the ZTFE and Zoroastrian community during the 1970s, 80s, 90s and 00s honoured were:

- ❖ **Ervad Sahebs;** Ervad Rustom K Bhedwar, Ervad Zubin R Bhedwar, Ervad Yazad C Unwalla, Ervad Mahiar J Vajifdar, Ervad Zubin P Writer and Ervad Yazad T Bhadha. Ervads Yazad C Unwalla and Zubin P Writer were unable to attend the event and will be felicitated in the future.
- ❖ **Managing Committee past and present members;** Faridoon Madon MBE, Dr Godafreed Irani, Filly K Maravala, Honorary Treasurer Viraf H Gandhi, Vice President Farrokh T Byramjee, Vice President Faroukh B Sorab, Honorary Treasurer Ardeshir M Billimoria, Past President Paurushasp B Jila and Jesmin Sorab (for the New Premises). Dr Godafreed Irani and Paurushasp B Jila were unable to attend the event and will be felicitated in the future. Farrokh T Byramjee, felt that it wasn't appropriate that he should be felicitated for the minimal amount of voluntary work he had undertaken to date for the community.
- ❖ **Administrative Secretary and Volunteers;** Kerman F Munshi, Freny Y Jasavala, Yazdi J Jasavala, Farokh N Daruwalla and Mani K Grung. Farokh N Daruwalla, Freny and Yazdi J Jasavala, respectfully declined because they had volunteered as they loved helping the community and not for the purpose of being acknowledged.
- ❖ **House Committee and Volunteers;** Simin S Shahrokh, Yasmin M Sepai, Sheru B Jila, Bomi S Sepai, Perviz B Sepai, Daulat M Kapadia, Minoo R Kapadia, Gulshan R Billimoria, Paridokh J Falahati and Jamshid Falahati. Daulat and Minoo R Kapadia respectfully declined because they believe it is the duty of each and every individual to do something for their community in whatever way possible, thus they were glad to volunteer their services.

❖ **Services to the community;** Dr Jamshed P Randeria.

All the recipients of the ZTFE Sesquicentennial Gold Medallion had been unanimously agreed at by the Managing Committee on 28th April 2017. The list of Zoroastrians honoured with a ZTFE Sesquicentennial Gold Medallion since 2011 is attached at the end of the annual report, pages 82 - 84. After the felicitation all enjoyed a celebratory dinner prepared by Armin and Yazdi Dastoor.

ZTFE Remembers

- During the year ZTFE commemorated the 1st death anniversaries of former member of the House Committee **Mrs Silloo (Shirin) Kersey Jasavala MBE** on 7th May 2016, **ZTFE Honorary Member, past President and past Trustee Kersey J Jasavala** on 8th November 2016, **ZTFE volunteer Mr Savak J Rustomji** on 7th August 2016, long standing ZTFE volunteer **Mrs Amy Rustom Bhedwar** on Khordad Sal, 22nd August 2016. ZTFE also commemorated the 2nd death anniversary of Mr Shahrokh Shahrokh, Past ZTFE President & Honorary Architect, on 15th September 2016, the 32nd death anniversary of Dasturji Dr Sorabji H Kutar on 20th April 2016; 3rd death anniversary of Mrs Khorshed M Sodhi on 17th April 2016; the 4th death anniversary of Mobed Mehraban J Zartoshty on 6th July 2016 and the 16th death anniversary of his elder brother Mobed Faridoon B Zartoshty on 17th November 2016; the 20th death anniversary of Mehraban Farhangi on 25th October 2016; and the 4th death anniversary of Ervad Jalbhai K Karkaria on 3rd March 2017. Afterwards all partook in a Gahambar meal.
- ZTFE was saddened by the demise of its former **ZET Lecturer of Avesta & Silversmith Mr Jal E Amrolia** on Thursday 12th May 2016. Sadly Jal's wife Armin passed away only 3 months earlier, on Tuesday 2nd February 2016. In his forties, Jal took up silver-smiting and not only made pieces of jewellery for his wife he loved dearly, but started reproducing beautiful Achaemenid and Sassanian works of art. Jal's work was exhibited in the 'Everlasting Flame: Zoroastrianism in History and Imagination Exhibition' at the Brunei Gallery, SOAS in 2013 and at the National Museum of India, New Delhi in 2016. The 1st death anniversaries of Armin J Amrolia were commemorated on 1st February 2017 and of Jal E Amrolia on 11th May 2017.
- ZTFE was saddened by the sudden demise of **Vada Dasturji Dr. Peshotan H. Mirza of Iranshah, Udvada**, from cancer, on Sunday 26th June 2016. Dasturji Mirza was diagnosed with cancer only in March 2016. Despite going into remission for about two months, the cancer returned aggressively, from which he could not recover. India does not have a National Health Service, unlike the UK. Undergoing medical treatment for cancer can cost thousands of pounds. ZTFE members and well-wishers who held Dasturji in high esteem donated funds for his post operative care.
- ZTFE was saddened by the demise of **Miss Banoo Kekobad Patell**, in Karachi on Friday 19th August 2016. Banoo regularly participated in most ZTFE activities and always made it

a point of attending religious ceremonies. **ZTFE is grateful to Miss Banoo Kekobad Patell for remembering the ZTFE in her will.** Banoo's 1st death anniversary was commemorated on 19th August 2017.

- ZTFE was saddened by the demise of **Mrs Jer Bomi Bulsara** in Nottingham, on Sunday 13th November 2016. Jer, **mother of the late Freddy Mercury**, together with her late husband Bomi Bulsara regularly attended events at the old Zoroastrian House when they were residing in London. **ZTFE is grateful to Mrs Jer Bomi Bulsara for remembering the ZTFE in her will.**
- ZTFE was saddened by the demise of **past ZTFE Vice President Mrs Ruby Nariman Contractor** on Tuesday 27th December 2016. Ruby was co-opted to the Managing Committee of the Zoroastrian Association of Europe, name of our Association prior to it being re-named the ZTFE, on Sunday 18th March 1973. The vacancy had arisen following the sad demise of past President and stalwart Jehangirji D Moos. Ruby was proposed by Shahpur F Captain, Vice President and Honorary Treasurer and seconded by President Dr Shirinbanoo S Kutar. Her candidature was unanimously approved by the Managing Committee. Following the AGM, Ruby was elected ZTFE Honorary Secretary on Sunday 17th November 1974 during the presidency of Dr Shirinbanoo S Kutar, and became Vice President on Sunday 19th October 1980 during the presidency of Shahpur F Captain.

Ruby Nariman Contractor in her capacity as the Honorary Secretary was one of the signatories to the Memorandum and Articles of The Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe (Incorporated) in 1978. Ruby resigned from the Managing Committee in 1985. Prior to Ruby joining the Managing Committee, she together with her late husband Nari (Nariman) Contractor served the ZTFE for many years on the House Committee, ably assisting their good friend and Social Secretary Soli Master. Both Ruby and Nari voluntarily served the ZTFE for many years. Like many stalwarts of yesteryear the Contractors collectively contributed to the sustainability of the ZTFE, during the years when funds were scarce.

- ZTFE was saddened by the demise of **past ZTFE House Committee Member Mr Bomonshaw (Bomi) C Jila** on Tuesday 3rd January 2017. He had been unwell for several years with Parkinson Disease. Bomi C Jila was a long term ZTFE volunteer and member of the House Committee. Bomi together with his wife Sheru had rendered selfless service over a period of 40 years. Their dedicated selfless service was well known at the old Zoroastrian House during the Muktaad season for doing all the tough jobs, long after everyone else had departed. It was this selfless example that left a deep impression on their daughter Bapsy and their young son Paurushasp, who witnessed their parents, toiled for the good of the community. Paurushasp was elected to the Managing Committee in 1999. In 2005 he was elected the youngest ZTFE President and the first president to be born in the UK. Jessica P Todiwala, Bomi granddaughter and Bapsy's daughter, is currently the YZ Chair.

The Jilas were also the core founder members of the North London Zoroastrians Association (NOLZA). Besides voluntarily serving his Zoroastrian community, Bomi was a well known volunteer in his residential London Borough of Haringey and also served as a Special Constable in the Metropolitan Police Service for many years at a time when ethnic community volunteers were rare. Bomi and Sheru inspired their son Paurushasp and granddaughter Jessica to voluntarily serve the ZTFE and our community.

- ZTFE was saddened by the demise of **Noshir Irani** on Thursday 2nd March 2017. Noshir Irani was well known within the Zoroastrian community and the wider Asian community, especially in Brent and Harrow, because of his job as a carpet contractor. With his attention to care, he had gained many repeat customers over the years, including the ZTFE. It was **Noshir Irani who fitted the beautiful good quality red carpets at the Zoroastrian Centre, which are still in good condition after a decade. He also fitted the red carpet in the Navsari Atash Behram.**
- ZTFE was saddened by the demise of **past ZTFE Trustee Maneck Ardhesir Dalal OBE** on Monday 6th March 2017. During his illustrious career Maneck Ardhesir Dalal OBE held numerous directorships in industry and voluntary sector. He was a pioneer and will be forever known for introducing Air India and the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan in London. At the age of 29 and at the behest of his hero J R D Tata, the young post graduate from Trinity Hall, Cambridge University, started the Air India Office in London in 1948. He joined Tata Airlines (Air India) in 1946 and was its Manager in New Delhi, when he had the opportunity to meet Mahatma Gandhi in 1946 – 1947 and organised the airlift of refugees during the Partition. Maneck was sent to London in 1948 to start the twice weekly operations for Air India. In 1948 only eight airlines operated out of Heathrow Airport, which was only a collection of huts - one of them being Maneck's office. Maneck contributed significantly to the Air India's success. He was truly one of the builders of Air India and was its regional director from 1959 – 1977. In 1977 he retired from Air India and joined the Tatas and became Managing Director of Tata Ltd, London, 1977 – 1988 and Vice Chairman 1988 – 1989. Obituaries on Maneck A Dalal were written in the Parsi press, Indian Press and National Press in the UK, including The Times on 25th April 2017.

Mr Maneck A. Dalal OBE chaired the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan for over 40 years, from 1973 till 2011. Thus the Bhavan, ZTFE and Air India jointly held a commemoration service on Monday 15th May 2017 at The Bhavan in West Kensington. Eighteen eminent speakers paid tributes to Maneck A Dalal, including His Excellency Mr Yashvardhan K Sinha – Chairman of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan since 2011, High Commissioner of India, Ms Tara Naidu – Air India Regional Manager UK & Ireland, Mr Joginder Sanger – Chairman ZTFE Patron Lord Karan F. Bilimoria CBE DL, President Malcolm M Deboo, Trustee Mr Rusi K. Dalal, and Mr Farrokh K. Kavarana – Director Tata Technologies Pte Ltd. ZTFE's tribute to its past Trustee is attached at the end of this Annual Report.

Mr. Ratan N Tata – Chairman of Tata Trusts had sent a message, which was brought to London by Mr Farrokh K. Kavarana and also read by him. Both Ratan N Tata and Farrokh

K. Kavarana were very well known to Mr Maneck A. Dalal. When they were studying in the UK, Maneck was their guardian and they would spend their summer vacations with him.

- ZTFE was saddened by the demise of **past ZTFE Trustee Ervad Bahman Shahriar Mobed** in Honolulu on Saturday 10th June 2017. Ervad Bahman & Mrs Nahid Mobed sponsor the annual Khordad Sal and Zartosht-no Diso Gahambars as per the Iranian Zoroastrian calendar since the 1980s. Ervad Bahman, son of Ervad Shahriar and Morvarid Mobed, was born in Yazd in 1918. At the age of 5, Bahman moved with his parents on a strenuous overland route to Bombay, India, where his father owned a successful import export business. In 1928 he returned to Iran. Following graduation, he was accepted into the military academy in Tehran, where he studied law. At the age of 23, Bahman lost his father to a tragic accident in India. Being the eldest, he had to look after his family in Yazd. He simultaneously worked as a civil servant at the Ministry of Finance and managed his father's business together with his uncle. However, Bahman like his father wanted to be an entrepreneur and decided to leave Iran for Europe. But before leaving, he proposed to Nahid and they got married in January 1953. Shortly after their marriage, they boarded a train to Germany to start their new life together. Bahman established successful Persian carpet businesses, initially in Germany, but being the entrepreneur he was always seeking new opportunities, which led to relocate to USA, then to UK and finally spending the latter years of his life in Honolulu, where his daughter lived. While in Bombay, Bahman developed the taste for spicy food and was known to carry a bottle of Tabasco sauce. Being the entrepreneur, Bahman always loved to live on the edge of life and to keep moving. His motto was; "You've got to keep things spicy".

It was in the UK, after meeting the late Dasturji Dr. Sorabji Kutar and Dr. Shirinbanoo S Kutar, that Ervad Bahman, was once again able to put his priestly training into practice. Like many of the Irani Zoroastrians of his generation, he had not forgotten the philanthropy of the Parsees of India, in ameliorating the lives of needy Zoroastrians, from the 1860s till the 1920s. **This in part led him and his wife, Nahid to make a generous donation to the ZTFE in the 1980s sponsoring the annual Khordad Sal and Zartosht-no Diso Gahambars as per the Iranian Zoroastrian calendar. Around the same time, the ZTFE also received generous donations from Meherban and Goli Farhangi who endowed Jashn-e Sadeh and Jashn-e Mehergan, and Faridoon and Mehraban Zartoshty who endowed Jashn-e Tirgan. Their generosity continues to benefit the ZTFE to this day.**

Religious Activities

During the year the ZTFE House Committee organised religious activities at the Zoroastrian Centre revolving around the Zoroastrian Shahenshai (Parsi) and Iranian Zoroastrian Calendars. These included the annual ten day muktad (remembrance) prayers during August followed by the celebration of the Shahenshai Navroze (Parsi New Year), Khordad Sal (birth anniversary of prophet Zarathushtra), Zartosht – no Diso (death anniversary of prophet Zarathushtra), monthly parab Jashans (thanksgiving ceremonies) and the Fravardigan (prayers for the departed) at Brookwood cemetery. As per the Iranian

Zoroastrian calendar, panjeh (remembrance) prayer in March followed by the celebration of the Jamsheedi NoRuz (Iranian New Year), Khordad Sal (birth anniversary of prophet Zarathushtra), Zartosht – no Diso (death anniversary of prophet Zarathushtra) and seasonal festivals including Tirgan Mehrgan and Sadeh. The ZTFE also organised the annual varsi (remembrance prayers) for its departed patrons Dastur Dr Sohrabji H Kutar, Ervad Jalbhai K Karkaria, Mobed Faridoon B Zartoshty, Mobed Mehraban J Zartoshty, Mehraban Farhangi, Shahrokh Shahrokh, Mrs Khorshed M Sodhi, Mrs Amy Bhedwar, Mrs Silloo J Jasavala MBE and Kersey J Jasavala.

Since employing a full time resident priest in November 2013, the ZTFE commenced the practice of having an evening boi ceremony five days a week. During Jamsheedi NoRuz, Shahenshai Navroze, Khordad Sal and for the entire duration of the annual ten day muktad period, five boi ceremonies were performed daily to ensure the fire in the Setayasht Gah was kept burning for twenty four hours. At 1 am in the morning on the last day of the muktad an additional ceremony was performed in the Zartoshty Brothers Hall to bid farewell to fravashis prior to their departure to the spiritual world. Navjote prayer classes also commenced at the Zoroastrian Centre, which are held every Sunday.

Social Activities

During the year the ZTFE House Committee organised various social activities at the Zoroastrian Centre including the annual Shahenshai Navroze Dinner & Dance on 17th August 2016, Jamsheedi NoRuz Dinner & Dance on 21st March 2017, New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance on 31st December 2016, Bazmeh Shab – Iranian Dinner & Dance on 12th November 2016, a spectacular Indian musical evening – Achala H Miyani and Ali Omar and comedian Bhanubhai Pandya on 3rd September 2016. After year end, another spectacular Indian musical evening was organised – Filly Marvala & His Group on 24th September 2017. Also after year end, the YZs organised the Bekhradnia Sports Day on 1st July 2017 and the Parsi Theatre Revival Group performed an entertaining short Parsi Natak; 'Behra Dorabji No Buffat to a full house on Shahenshai Navroze on 17th August 2017, followed by a repeat performance on Khordad Sal on 22nd August 2017.

Children's Education Fun Club

During the year, Miss Shazneen Y Munshi, Ervad Yazad T Bhadha, Ervad Jimmy K Madon, Ruby B Sethna, Shaizeen D Persha, Kerman Y Jasavala, and Cyrus M Kapadia together with other young volunteers continued to organise the ZTFE Children's Education Fun Club during every third Sunday of the month. **A NoRuz party, sponsored by Simin & Shahrokh Shahrokh Children's Fund, was organised on the 2nd Sunday in March to celebrate Jamsheedi NoRuz, when every child was given a NoRuz present by Amu NoRuz.**

The XYZ Children's Education Fun Club Report for 2016 – 2017 compiled by the XYZ Children's Education Fun Club Coordinator is attached after the YZ Report for 2016 – 2017, pages 70 - 71. ZTFE believes that religious education is essential for the righteous upbringing of all children in any society. Thus all parents are urged to take

advantage and bring their young ones to attend these classes. The classes help children gain knowledge, understanding and conviction of our ancient Zoroastrian Culture, Heritage and Religion.

Young Zoroastrians

During the year ended 31st March 2017, the Young Zoroastrians (YZ) committee continued to be proactive with their dedicated approach to building strong relationships and bonds within the community. Through organising a range of fun activities and introducing new initiatives such as the regular ‘Gymkhana evenings’, there have been growing numbers of YZs from the UK as well as abroad who have got involved with the community. With the mottos of ‘get involved’ and ‘together we can do better’, the youth have grown into a strong cohesive unit with the online Facebook group reaching over 200 strong YZs. The YZ committee organised many activities and trips specifically for the YZs as well as the wider community including the annual Asha Centre Weekend Trip in the heart of the Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire, from Friday 15th to Sunday 17th July 2016. Other activities have included salsa dancing, karaoke, zumba, quiz and bingo nights to sports days, fun runs, week-end trips away and interfaith activities.

The YZ Committee also organised a weekend introductory seminar on Zoroastrianism with Dr Rashna Writer from Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd July 2016. ZTFE Resident Mobed and YZ Inter Faith Coordinator Ervad Yazad T Bhadha together with YZ Treasurer Ervad Shahyan F Dastur were invited to represent the Zoroastrian community at Lambeth Palace Big Iftar event with the Archbishop of Canterbury on Monday 27th June 2016. After year end, the YZs organised the Bekhradnia Sports Day on 1st July 2017, weekend introductory seminar on Zoroastrian History from Saturday 8st to Sunday 9th July 2017, weekend trip to Asha Centre from Friday 4th to Sunday 6th August 2017. Ervad Yazad T Bhadha and Khushnuma R Anklesaria represented the ZTFE YZs and Zoroastrian community at the Interfaith Iftar with the Mayor of London Sadiq Khan, Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth, and Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster Cardinal Vincent Nichols (who visited the Zoroastrian Centre in November 2011) at Archbishop's House, Westminster, on Tuesday 13th June 2017.

The YZ Report for 2016 – 2017 compiled by the YZs is attached after the ZTFE 2016 AGM Minutes, pages 66 - 69.

Gymkhana

In July 2013, the YZ committee took an initiative to host regular ‘Gymkhana evenings’ at the Zoroastrian Centre for Zoroastrians of all ages to socialise and engage with each other through a range of activities and games. These evenings have proved a great hit with the wider community as well as the youth who have otherwise never been involved with the YZs. With the motto of ‘together we can do better’, we have received many helping hands to make gymkhana evenings a success. **The Gymkhana celebrated its 3rd anniversary Gymkhana on Saturday 3rd July 2016** attended by over 150 persons. (For further information see The YZ Report for 2016 – 2017, attached after the ZTFE 2016 AGM

Minutes.) After year end, Gymkhana celebrated its 4th anniversary celebrations on Saturday 8th July 2017 attended by over 170 persons.

The “Z” Club

Following the success of the Friday evening Gymkhana by the YZ Team, 50+ age group members of the ZTFE came together to launch the Wednesday “Z” Club, launched on Wednesday 17th September 2014. The “Z” Club engages and involves retired people in the Zoroastrian community and also engages and mobilises 50+ age group friends to facilitate the club. The Z Club offers a place where those who have retired or are semi-retired or are working from home can come together and share their time with each other. The Club has drawn together people of all ages to provide this service and facilitate an environment that is happy and safe and most importantly, a “home from home”.

During the year, the Z Club organised a successful coach trip and a picnic lunch in the park in the Royal Borough of Windsor followed by a riverboat cruise on the Thames with cream tea on Wednesday 20th July 2016. The trip was heavily subsidised, for £10/- only! But the subsidy was actually offset from the surplus and donations received by Z Club. From the surplus the Z Club also made donations to the ZTFE Mobed Fund, ZTFE Senior Citizens Home Project, Mobed Fund and placed an advert in the 2016 Directory of Zoroastrian for UK and Europe. On 24th August 2016, the Z Club celebrated Shahenshai Navroze. The Z Club also celebrated its 3rd anniversary on 21st September 2016 with a special birthday cake. On 21st December 2016, well known Zoroastrian Chef Cyrus Todiwala OBE of Cafe Spice Nameste specially cooked for the Z Club a Christmas Turkey Lunch. An Iranian Ceremonial NoRuz table with “Haft Seen” was prepared for the Z Club on 15th March 2017 for their Jamsheedi NoRuz celebrations, which they celebrated with a specially prepared Iranian meal. After year end the Z Club organised their successful annual subsidised coach trip and picnic to Hitchin Lavender Farm in Hertfordshire on 18th July 2017.

Visits to Zoroastrian Centre by schools, colleges and universities

ZTFE Trustee Mr Rusi K Dalal, accompanied by Resident Mobed Yazad T Bhadha, continues to facilitate educational visits to the Zoroastrian Centre from schools mainly located in Harrow. The main purpose of these school visits is for the pupils to gain Zoroastrian religious knowledge and learn about our community as part of the RE curriculum. At times up to 90 school children visit the Zoroastrian Centre at a time. The lessons usually last for 45 minutes and then the pupils are taken to the Setayasht Gah for further practical demonstration. The talks (lessons) are quite demanding which he has been doing for several years with great success, as is evident from the letter of thanks ZTFE gets from these schools. The schools also keep on returning year after year, thus clearly indicating the success and value of these visits to the ZTFE as well as the schools. Zoroastrian Centre is periodically visited by college and university students of religion, including from SOAS studying Zoroastrianism, to witness Zoroastrian worship by practitioners of the Zoroastrian faith.

External Representation

As in previous years, the ZTFE continued to make external representations on behalf of the Zoroastrian faith community at the national and local level, including the Department of Communities and Local Government, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Inter Faith Network for the UK, Faith Forum for London, Harrow Inter Faith Council, Religious Education Council for England and Wales, National Council for Faiths and Beliefs in Further Education, Harrow SACRE and the School of Oriental and African Studies, SOAS.

The Faridoon & Mehraban Zartoshty Fund for Zoroastrian Studies

Thanks to the endowment established by its patrons and benefactors the Late Zartoshty Brothers, has enabled the ZTFE to support students studying Zoroastrian and Iranian Studies at SOAS since the beginning of the millennium. **The Faridoon & Mehraban Zartoshty Fund for Zoroastrian Studies** has supported Ms Mandana K Moavenat from Iran awarded MA; Mark Gifford from UK awarded MA; Nahib Dastur Dr Jamasp K Dastoor from India awarded MA; Nazeen R Engineer from India awarded MA and PhD; Mehrbod Khanizadeh from Iran awarded MA, currently completing his PhD; Kerman D Daruwalla from India awarded MA, commenced PhD 2016, Ruzbeh V Hodivala from India commenced MA 2016. ZTFE Resident Priest Ervad Yazad T Bhadha completed his MA in September 2017, after year end. The Fund has supported Mr Kiyam Foroutan from Iran who commenced his PhD in 2015 at the University of Leiden and Dr Ruth Young from UK at the University of Leicester for exploration of Zoroastrian village in Yazd in 2015.

ZTFE also supported Ms Farah Ghadiali from India in 2015, was awarded Masters in Music from Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music, and an Advanced Post Graduate Programme in Music at Trinity Laban Conservatoire in 2016.

ZTFE supported the publication of ‘Gift to A Magus: Indo – Iranian Studies Honouring Firoze Kotwal’ edited by Jamsheed K Choksy & Jennifer Dubeansky 2012; ‘Change and Continuity in the Zoroastrian Tradition in the Zoroastrian Tradition’ by Almut Hintze 2013; ‘Everlasting Flame: Zoroastrianism in History and Imagination’ edited by Sarah Stewart 2013; Festschrift for John Hinnells edited by Almut Hintze and Alan Williams 2016.

Poor Peoples Project Fund supporting the needy in India

ZTFE established the Poor People Project Fund in 1987, following an appeal from the then YZs after their pilgrimage trip to India with Khojeste P Mistree of Zoroastrian Studies (ZS). The ZTFE supported by the Zoroastrian community in the UK, continues to support the needy in India via ZS, its partner agency based in Mumbai. The ZTFE Poor Peoples Project Fund currently supports 23 impoverished residents of Mumbai, Navsari, Udvada and Bharuch by distributing funds to them on a monthly basis. Periodically, the ZTFE also puts out emergency medical appeals to assist Zoroastrians.

Financial Review and Results

The Income of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2017 was £592,262 (2016: £488,840), whereas the costs of Charitable Activities were £266,348 (2016: £312,957) and Governance Costs were £68,337 (2016: £75,704).

The realised gain on investments amounted to £0,000 (2016: loss £16,192) whereas the Unrealised gain amounted to £355,179 (2016: Loss £125,708). The net movement in funds for the year was a surplus of £612,756 (2016: deficit £41,721).

The Charity benefitted from its prudent investment policy. The portfolio is constantly reviewed by the investment sub-committee and also by the Trustees and the full managing committee. The policy of investing in blue chip dividend paying companies as well as in dividend paying, reputed investment trusts and funds has ensured a steady income stream for the charity.

During the year the overall net assets of the charity increased substantially from £6,042,061 to £6,654,817.

The income of the charity is primarily derived from voluntary donations made by members of the community, subscriptions, major donations from munificent patrons and other benefactors, bequests as well as investment income and gains. The substantial Reserves prudently held by the charity have stood it in good stead during these uncertain economic times.

The results for the year are set out in detail on page 38 - 60.

Investment Powers and Policy

All investments held by the Charity have been acquired in accordance with the powers invested in the Trustees and Management Committee by the Articles of Association.

The investment policy of the Charity aims at balancing the need for growth and income while preserving capital. The Trustees and Management Committee remain responsible for determining the investment policy and its implementation, but the task of maintaining the portfolio has been delegated to a sub-committee & independent brokers Charles Stanley, acting in consultation with the Trustees.

The investment policy is based on the following criteria:

- A reasonable spread of investments across mainly UK market sectors including a significant proportion in higher income yielding stocks, UK government securities and treasury deposits;
- Exercising prudence in balancing security of capital with the need to generate income;
- Complying with charity legislation and the Charity's constitution.

Reserves Policy

Upon the sale of the freehold property at 88 Compayne Gardens in 2005, 65 percent of the surplus was transferred to the Unrestricted Designated Funds so as to ensure that income and gains from these investments will balance or exceed the running and maintenance expenditure of the Association. This would ensure that the Charity would have sufficient income to maintain its current level of activities for the foreseeable future. For the purpose of the running costs and maintenance of the Zoroastrian Centre, a minimum reserve of £500,000 is deemed sufficient.

Plans for Future Periods

The ZTFE's future plans are to continue to fund raise in order to sustain its full time priest and staff team. Also to establish a senior citizens residential home for its members, for which it commenced raising funds in 2014.

In the forthcoming year major maintenance work will be undertaken on the external facade and the kitchen at the Zoroastrian Centre.

The ZTFE will continue to serve its membership and the wider Zoroastrian community by improving the facilities of worship at the Zoroastrian Centre, Harrow, and at its burial ground at Brookwood Cemetery, Surrey. It will continue to organise its religious, educational, cultural and social activities. ZTFE will also continue to provide secretariat support to the Zoroastrian All Party Parliamentary Group. It will continue to participate in the inter faith arena and engage in community cohesion. The ZTFE will continue in its endeavour to raise the awareness and profile of the Zoroastrian community in the UK and Europe.

Responsibilities of the Management Committee and Trustees / Directors

Company law requires the Management Committee and directors, whereas charity law requires the Trustees, to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Members of Management Committee and the Trustees / Directors have:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently;
- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- followed applicable accounting standards;
- followed the SORP, Accounting by Charities; and
- prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

The Management Committee and the Trustees / Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and the applicable Charities

(Accounts and Reports) Regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for preventing and detecting fraud and other irregularities.

Statement of Disclosure to Auditor

So far as the Management Committee and Trustees / Directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware. Additionally, the Management Committee and Trustees / Directors have taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as Members of the Management Committee and Trustees / Directors in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

Brian Paul Limited were reappointed as auditors for the year ended 31st March 2017 at the Annual General Meeting on Sunday 6th November 2016.

The Report of the Management Committee was approved on 12th October 2017 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr Malcolm M Deboo
President

Mr Javid S Canteenwala
Treasurer

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ZOROASTRIAN TRUST FUNDS OF EUROPE (INCORPORATED)

We have audited the financial statements of The Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe (incorporated) for the year ended 31st March 2017, which comprise the statement of financial activities, the statement of financial position, statement of cash flow and the related notes.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and auditors

As explained more fully in the statement of Responsibilities of the Management Committee and Trustees / Directors set out on page 34, the members of the Management Committee and the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charitable company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees / directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Report of the Management Committee to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE ZOROASTRIAN TRUST FUNDS OF EUROPE (INCORPORATED)**

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31st March 2017 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Report of the Management Committee for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' / directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the management committee and trustees / directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime.

Paul Phillips FCA
Senior Statutory Auditor
For and on behalf of Brian Paul Limited
Registered Auditor
Chase Green House
42 Chase Side
Enfield
EN2 6NF

Date:
19th October 2017

THE ZOROASTRIAN TRUST FUNDS OF EUROPE (INCORPORATED)

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017**

	<i>NOTE</i>	Unrestricted Funds General £	Designated £	Restrict ed funds £	TOTAL 2017 £	TOTAL 2016 £
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Voluntary income	2	100,085	359,385	27,264	486,734	394,080
Investment Income	3	60,373	4,214	40,941	105,528	94,760
Total Incoming Resources		160,458	363,599	68,205	592,262	488,840
Resources expended						
Charitable activities	4	101,901	17,838	146,609	266,348	312,957
Governance Costs	5	68,337	-	-	68,337	75,704
Total Resources Expended		170,238	17,838	146,609	334,685	388,661
Net outgoing resources before transfers		(9,780)	345,761	(78,404)	257,577	100,179
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Net outgoing resources before other recognised gains and losses		(9,780)	345,761	(78,404)	257,577	100,179

THE ZOROASTRIAN TRUST FUNDS OF EUROPE (INCORPORATED)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)
(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

<i>NOTE</i>	Unrestricted Funds General £	Designated Funds £	Restrict ed funds £	TOTAL 2017 £	TOTAL 2016 £
Other recognised gains and losses					
Realised gain / (loss) on sale of investments	9	-	-	-	(16,192)
Unrealised gain / (loss) on investments	9	203,164	14,186	137,829	355,179
		193,384	359,947	59,425	612,756
Net movement in funds				612,756	(41,721)
Fund balances carried forward at 1st April 2016		252,227	1,770,238	4,019,596	6,042,061
Fund balances carried forward at 31 March 2017		445,611	2,130,185	4,079,021	6,654,817
				6,654,817	6,042,061

THE ZOROASTRIAN TRUST FUNDS OF EUROPE (INCORPORATED)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 MARCH 2017

	Note	2017		2016	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible Assets	8		2,713,429		2,786,482
Investments	9		<u>2,970,847</u>		<u>2,612,889</u>
			5,684,276		5,399,371
Current Assets					
Debtors	10	9,263		4,115	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>971,924</u>		<u>649,887</u>	
		981,187		654,002	
Creditors: amounts due within one year	11		<u>(10,646)</u>		<u>(11,312)</u>
Net Current Assets			970,541		642,690
Net Assets			<u><u>6,654,817</u></u>		<u><u>6,042,061</u></u>
General unrestricted funds					
			445,611		252,227
Designated unrestricted funds	12		2,130,185		1,770,238
Restricted Funds	13		<u>4,079,021</u>		<u>4,019,596</u>
Total Funds	14		<u><u>6,654,817</u></u>		<u><u>6,042,061</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and the Managing Committee and authorised for issue on 12th October 2017.

They have been signed on behalf of the Trustees and Management Committee by:

Mr M M Deboo
President

Mr J S Canteenwala
Treasurer

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2017**

	Note	TOTAL 2017 £	TOTAL 2016 £
Net cash used in operating activities	16	219,288	81,983
<i>Cash flow from investing activities:</i>			
Interest and dividends received		105,528	94,760
Proceeds from sale of investments		(0)	214,846
Payments to acquire investments		(2,779)	(357,252)
Net cash provided by investing activities		<u>102,749</u>	<u>(47,646)</u>
<i>Cash flow from financing activities</i>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash provided by financing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		<u>322,037</u>	<u>34,337</u>
Cash and cash equivalent brought forward		649,887	615,550
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward		<u><u>971,924</u></u>	<u><u>649,887</u></u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. Accounting Policies

The following accounting policies have been used consistently in dealing with the items which are considered material in relation to the financial statements:

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which have been included at revalued amounts, and are in accordance with:

The Charities Act 2011;

The "Statement of Recommended Practice - "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" ;

The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and

the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The most significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity is the performance of investment markets (see the investment policy and performance and risk management sections of the trustees' annual report for more information).

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Statutory details concerning the charity are shown on page 7.

1.2 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided, where applicable, at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows :

i) Freehold Properties

The freehold properties are stated at cost. Depreciation is provided at 2% per annum on the straight line basis on the building element of the properties.

ii) Brookwood Bungli

This is the chapel of rest. Depreciation is provided at 2% per annum on the straight line basis.

iii) Furniture and Fittings

Depreciation is provided at 15% per annum on a reducing balance basis.

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1.3 Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals during the year.

The charity generally does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

The main form of financial risks faced by the charity are that of a lack of support from the community, volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk, and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors or subsectors.

1.4 Investment income and bank interest

Investment income and bank interest are apportioned to the credit of the unutilised restricted funds and the general and designated unrestricted funds based on the value of the relevant funds at the beginning of the year. Investment income and bank interest has not been allocated to those funds which were set aside for the acquisition and refurbishment of properties.

1.5 Realised gains or losses on sale of investments

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. The gains or losses on the sale of the investments are apportioned to the credit or debit of the unutilised restricted funds and the general and designated unrestricted funds based on the value of the relevant funds at the beginning of the year. The gains and losses on the sale of investments have not been allocated to those funds which have been utilised for acquisition and refurbishment of properties.

1.6 Unrealised gains or losses on investments

Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Unrealised gains or losses arising on the valuation of investments are apportioned to the credit or debit of the unutilised restricted funds and the general and designated unrestricted funds based on the value of the relevant funds at the beginning of the year. Unrealised gains or losses arising on the valuation of investments have not been allocated to those funds which have been utilised for acquisition and refurbishment of properties.

Unrealised gains arising on the revaluation of the freehold property acquired from restricted funds are apportioned to the credit of the restricted fund.

1.7 Life subscriptions

Life subscriptions received during the year are taken into the income and expenditure account.

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1.8 Resources expended

Expenditure for costs of charitable activities, investment management costs and governance costs are recognised on an accruals basis. Where applicable, expenditure is charged against the funds for which it is incurred. In other cases it is charged against the general unrestricted funds.

1.9 Donations

Donations are accounted for when received. Where applicable, donations are allocated to the funds as specified. In other cases, they are allocated to the general unrestricted funds.

1.10 Fund accounting

The general unrestricted fund comprises normal unrestricted funds and is used in accordance with the Charity's charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Details of the nature and purpose of the unrestricted designated and restricted funds are set out in the notes to these accounts.

The Charity has no set policy on transfers between funds, with individual transfers arising as a consequence of specific funding requirements.

1.11 Pensions

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution 'money purchase' scheme. The charity contribution is restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 7. There were no outstanding contributions at the year end. The costs of the defined contribution scheme are included within support and governance costs and charged to the unrestricted funds of the charity. The money purchase plan invests the contributions made by the employee and employer in an investment fund to build up over the term of the plan. The pension fund is then converted into a pension upon the employee's normal retirement age which is defined as when they are eligible for a state pension. The charity has no liability beyond making its contributions and paying across the deductions for the employee's contributions.

1.12 Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it is incurred.

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2. Voluntary Income

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total 2017	Total 2016
	General	Designated			
	£	£	£	£	£
Ordinary membership subscriptions	1,860	-	-	1,860	1,890
Life membership subscriptions	1,850	-	-	1,850	2,535
Donations: (other)	84,533	-	-	84,533	80,316
Burial Ground Fund - Upkeep and funerals	-	31,954	-	31,954	34,726
Grave Plot Reservation	-	6,800	-	6,800	12,720
WZCC	-	1,095	-	1,095	2,515
Income Tax Recovered	11,842	-	-	11,842	-
Medical relief fund	-	-	2,655	2,655	125
Library fund	-	-	-	-	110
Poor Peoples Project	-	-	4,864	4,864	26,472
Religious Funds	-	-	6,427	6,427	2,824
Mobed fund	-	-	10,717	10,717	58,605
Sesquicentennial Fund for Propagation of Zoroastrianism, Inter Faith and Goodwill	-	66,191	-	66,191	50,000
Ruby & Russy Piroshaw Bilimoria Fund	-	250,000	-	250,000	-
Senior Citizens Home Appeal	-	3,345	-	3,345	105,242
P, R and H Munshi Fund	-	-	2,601	2,601	16,000
	100,085	359,385	27,264	486,734	394,080

3. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total 2017	Total 2016
	General	Designated			
	£	£	£	£	£
Dividend Income	59,758	4,202	40,932	104,892	94,205
Bank Interest received	615	12	9	636	555
	60,373	4,214	40,941	105,528	94,760

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4. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total 2017	Total 2016
	General	Designated			
	£	£	£	£	£
Other charitable expenses	2,207	-	-	2,207	1,665
Welfare funds	37,419	-	-	37,419	48,712
Place of worship expenses	35,608	-	-	35,608	39,161
Burial Ground Fund - Upkeep and funerals	-	11,509	-	11,509	12,378
Repairs & maintenance	23,036	-	-	23,036	33,274
Depreciation	3,631	-	69,422	73,053	73,620
WZCC	-	1,580	-	1,580	2,925
Educational funds	-	-	22,264	22,264	50,827
Religious funds	-	-	51,898	51,898	42,490
Medical relief fund	-	-	2,431	2,431	-
Sesquicentennial Fund for Propagation of Zoroastrianism, Inter Faith and Goodwill	-	3,649	-	3,649	-
Library Fund	-	-	594	594	713
Senior Citizens Home appeal	-	1,100	-	1,100	7,192
	101,901	17,838	146,609	266,348	312,957

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5. Governance Costs

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total 2017	Total 2016
	General	Designated			
	£	£	£	£	£
Office salaries	50,107	-	-	50,107	52,555
Telephone, printing, postage & stationery	10,863	-	-	10,863	12,161
Auditors' remuneration	5,973	-	-	5,973	8,940
Legal and Professional Fees	1,394	-	-	1,394	2,048
	68,337	-	-	68,337	75,704

Auditors remuneration includes £5,973 (2016: £5,940) for audit fees and £nil (2016: £3,000) for additional accountancy services provided.

6. Trustees and Management Committee

None of the Trustees or Management Committee Members received any remuneration nor reclaimed any personal expenses during the year.

7. Employees

The average weekly number of employees, excluding directors, was 4 (2016: 4). The staff costs associated with these employees was made up as follows:

	2017	2016
	£	£
Wages and salaries	84,046	80,299
Social security costs	4,326	4,663
Employer pension contribution	1,527	249
	89,899	85,211

In addition to salaried employees and contributions of time by Trustees and the Management Committee / directors without remuneration, other volunteers contributed a significant amount of time to the Charity by providing professional and other services during the year. Due to the difficulty in determining their value, contributed services are not recorded in the financial statements. There are no employees with emoluments above £60,000.

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8. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold Properties £	Brookwood £	Furniture & Fittings £	Total £
Book Cost				
At 1 April 2016	3,471,079	21,051	175,822	3,667,952
Additions at cost	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2017	3,471,079	21,051	175,822	3,667,952
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2016	721,166	5,883	154,422	881,470
Charge for year	69,422	421	3,210	73,053
At 31 March 2017	790,588	6,304	157,632	954,523
Net Book Value				
At 31 March 2017	2,680,491	14,747	18,190	2,713,429
At 31 March 2016	2,749,913	15,168	21,400	2,786,482

Brookwood is a Freehold Property

Depreciation has been provided on Freehold Properties at 2% per annum on straight line basis. In the opinion of the Trustees and the Management Committee / directors, the market value as at 31st March 2017 is not less than the book value shown above.

All tangible fixed assets are held for conducting the charity's activities. These include heritage assets which would have been donated at various times and for which because of their very nature, no values can be attributed within the financial statements.

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9. Fixed Asset Investments

	Listed Investments	Premium Bonds	Total
	£	£	£
Market Value			
At 1 April 2016	2,611,954	935	2,612,889
Acquisitions at cost	2,779	-	2,779
Elimination at book value on disposals	-	-	-
Net gain on revaluation	355,179	-	355,179
At 31 March 2017	2,969,912	935	2,970,847
Historical cost of investments existing at 31 March 2017	2,263,604	935	2,264,539
Historical cost of investments existing at 31 March 2016	2,260,826	935	2,261,761

The net unrealised gain at 31 March 2017 amounted to £355,179 (2016: unrealised loss £125,708).

No investments were sold during the year (2016: loss of £16,192 based on book value).

10. Debtors

	2017 £	2016 £
Other debtors	9,263	4,115
	9,263	4,115

11. Creditors

	2017 £	2016 £
Taxation and social security		1,830
Other Creditors	1,397	1,022
Accruals	9,249	8,460
	10,646	11,312

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12. Unrestricted funds - Designated

	At 1st April 2016	Income	Expenses	Investment Income	Gains	At 31 March 2017
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Religious Funds - Appurtenances Maintenance	4,459	-	-	-	-	4,459
Burial Ground Fund - Upkeep and funerals	133,678	31,954	(11,509)	-	-	154,123
Grave Plot Reservation	27,745	6,800	-	-	-	34,545
Zartoshty Brothers Designated Fund	114,778	-	-	-	-	114,778
Maintenance Fund	873,422	-	-	-	-	873,422
ZTFE Development Fund	294,757	-	-	-	-	294,757
Relief Appeals	8,819	-	-	-	-	8,819
WZCC	5,499	1,095	(1,580)	-	-	5,014
Senior Citizens Home appeal	105,156	3,345	(1,100)	-	-	107,401
Sheroo Rustomji Bequest	19,925	-	-	-	-	19,925
Sesquicentennial Fund for Propagation of Zoroastrianism, Inter Faith and Goodwill	132,000	66,191	(3,649)	4,214	14,186	212,942
Sesquicentennial Fund No 2	50,000	-	-	-	-	50,000
Ruby & Russy Piroshaw Bilimoria Fund	-	250,000	-	-	-	250,000
Total designated unrestricted funds	1,770,238	359,385	(17,838)	4,214	14,186	2,130,185

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The above designated funds are in support of the Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe main objectives but expenditure is at the discretion of the Trustees and the Management Committee.

The Maintenance and Development Funds have been set up following the sale of 88 Compayne Gardens during 2005. The Maintenance Fund has been established for meeting the general running expenses of the Association, whilst the Development Fund is to be used for any future special projects. The relief fund was established during 2007 and comprises funds received for specific disaster relief funds which have now closed. It is the intention of the Management Committee to use these funds to support future disaster relief appeals.

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13. Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe are in support of the main objectives of the charitable company. Each fund supports work in a specific area covered by the classification of funds below such as house purchase and burial property, religious activities and other activities. Each fund comprises the unexpected income and income invested in assets earmarked for specific purposes; the classification gives an indication of the individual fund's specific purpose. The main funds are :

	1st April 2016 £	Income £	Expenses £	Investment Income £	Realised Gain/(Loss) £	Unrealised Gain/(Loss) £	31st March 2017 £
House purchase fund							
Faridoon & Mehraban Zartoshty Fund	63,775	-	-	-	-	-	63,775
Arbab Rustam Guiv & Madam Guiv Fund	61,614	-	-	-	-	-	61,614
House Purchase Fund (88, Compayne Gardens)	30,574	-	-	-	-	-	30,574
Sir Dhunjibhoy & Lady Bomanji Fund	7,000	-	-	-	-	-	7,000
Sir Cowasji Jehangir New Premises Fund	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	5,000
House Extension Fund	80,831	-	-	-	-	-	80,831
J D Moos Memorial Fund	3,538	-	-	-	-	-	3,538
Lady Freny Dhunjibhoy Bequest	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	5,000
Dasturji Sohrabji Hormashji Kutar Fund Hall donation	16,809	-	-	-	-	-	16,809
	274,141	-	-	-	-	-	274,141

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	1st April 2016 £	Income £	Expenses £	Investment Income £	Realised Gain/(Loss) £	Unrealised Gain/(Loss) £	31st March 2017 £
New Premises Fund							
440 Alexandra Avenue - Property fund	909,249	-	(69,422)	-	-	-	839,827
- Refurbishment fund	1,470,078	-	-	-	-	-	1,470,078
- Atash Dadgah fund	24,931	-	-	-	-	-	24,931
Brookwood extension appeal	20,089	-	-	-	-	-	20,089
	2,698,488	-	(69,422)	-	-	-	2,629,066

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	1st April 2016 £	Income £	Expenses £	Investment Income £	Realised Gain/(Loss) £	Unrealised Gain/(Loss) £	31st March 2017 £
Educational and Charity Funds							
Broacha Trust	32,899	-	-	1,050	-	3,536	37,485
Manchershaw S Vajifdar Bequest	40,903	-	-	1,306	-	4,396	46,605
Faridoon & Mehraban Zartoshty	40,459	-	-	1,292	-	4,348	46,099
Dinshaw N E Dinshaw	12,859	-	-	411	-	1,382	14,652
Athravan Educational Fund	4,501	-	-	144	-	484	5,129
Dr S H Kutar Fund for Medical Students	38,334	-	-	1,224	-	4,120	43,678
Navroze Modi Memorial Fund	5,469	-	-	175	-	588	6,232
Zoroastrian Education Fund	5,267	-	-	168	-	566	6,001
Faridoon & Mehraban Zartoshty Fund for Zoroastrian Studies	528,582	-	(22,264)	16,873	-	56,806	579,997
	709,273	-	(22,264)	22,643	-	76,226	785,878

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	1st April 2016 £	Income £	Expenses £	Investment Income £	Realised Gain / (Loss) £	Unrealised Gain / (Loss) £	31st March 2017 £
Religious Funds							
Mobed Fund	267,734	10,717	(40,635)	8,547	-	28,773	275,136
Zartosthy Brothers Ghambar Fund for Jashn-e Tirigan	24,505	305	(360)	782	-	2,634	27,866
Mobed Faridoon Zartosthy Memorial Fund	23,596	275	(403)	753	-	2,536	26,757
Bahman & Nahid Mobed Fund for Fasli Khordad Sal & Zarthost-no- Diso	13,168	245	(635)	420	-	1,415	14,613
Dasturji & Mrs S Kutar Fund for Athornan Children	53,458	-	-	1,707	-	5,745	60,910
Mr & Mrs Meherban Farhangi Fund for Jashn-e Mehrgan & Jashne-e Sadeh	5,513	415	(800)	176	-	592	5,896
Dr. H. Pithawala Khordad Sal Ghambar Fund	11,191	508	(525)	357	-	1,203	12,734
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	399,165	12,465	(43,358)	12,742	-	42,898	423,912

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	1st April	Income	Expenses	Investment	Realised	Unrealised	31st
	2016			Income	Gain /	Gain /	March
	£	£	£	£	(Loss)	(Loss)	2017
					£	£	£
Arbab & Mrs Guiv Fund	6,425	-	-	205	-	690	7,320
Shirmand K Bekhradnia	5,140	-	-	164	-	552	5,856
Y Z Religious Activities Fund	32,475	1,811	(801)	1,037	-	3,490	38,012
Simin & Shahrokh Shahrokh Noruz Children's Fund	6,625	586	(739)	211	-	712	7,395
Sukhar & Kathi Fund	9,303	1,696	-	297	-	1,000	12,296
H Gagrat Prayer Fund	3,930	-	-	125	-	422	4,477
Poor Peoples Project	24,909	4,864	(7,000)	795	-	2,677	26,245
Phiroze, Roshan & Homi D Munshi for Adibehest, Ava and Zarthost-no Diso Jashans	16,000	2,601	-	-	-	-	18,601
	503,972	24,609	(51,898)	15,576	-	52,441	544,700

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	1st April 2016 £	Income £	Expenses £	Investment Income £	Realised Gain / £	Unrealised Gain / £	31st March 2017 £
Library Funds							
Prof Shapur Hormusji Modi & Mrs Shirin S Modi Library Foundation Fund	5,173	-	-	-	-	-	5,173
Zartosthy Brothers Library	3,302	-	-	105	-	355	3,762
Library Fund - other	42,257	-	(594)	1,349	-	4,541	47,553
	50,732	-	(594)	1,454	-	4,896	56,488
Entrepreneur Fund							
	8,291	-	-	265	-	891	9,447
Grave Maintenance							
Individual Funds	20,117	-	-	642	-	2,162	22,921
Jerbai Wadia Settlement	4,088	-	-	131	-	439	4,658
General Fund	17,429	-	-	-	-	-	17,429
	41,634	-	-	773	-	2,601	45,008

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Medical relief fund

Medical Relief Fund

7,206	2,655	(2,431)	230	-	774	8,434
7,206	2,655	(2,431)	230	-	774	8,434

TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS

4,019,596	27,264	(146,609)	40,941	-	137,829	4,079,021
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14. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds £	Total	Total
	General £	Designated £		2017 £	2016 £
Fund balances as at 31st March 2017	445,611	2,130,185	4,079,021	6,654,817	6,042,061
Represented by:					
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	2,713,429	2,713,429	2,786,482
Investments	-	1,682,442	1,288,405	2,970,847	2,612,889
Net current assets	445,611	447,743	77,187	970,541	642,690
	445,611	2,130,185	4,079,021	6,654,817	6,042,061
Fund balances as at 31st March 2016	252,227	1,770,238	4,019,596	6,042,061	

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15. Members' Guarantee

The Company is a company Limited by Guarantee. Under the terms of the company's Memorandum of Association, every member of the Association undertakes to contribute to the assets in the event that the company is wound up during the time that he is a member (or within one year of ceasing to be a member) and should the assets of the company be insufficient to meet its liabilities on winding up.

The extent of each members contribution to the assets in such circumstances is however limited to a maximum of one pound sterling.

16. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2017	2016
	£	£
Net movement in funds	612,756	(41,721)
Add back depreciation charge	73,053	73,619
Deduct interest and dividend income showing in investing activities	(105,528)	(94,760)
Deduct gains / add back losses on investments - realised	-	17,195
Deduct gains / add back losses on investments - unrealised	(355,179)	125,708
Decrease / (increase) in debtors	(5,148)	6,486
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	(666)	(4,544)
Net cash used in operating activities	219,288	81,983

17. Movements within cash and cash equivalents

There were no movements of funds during the year.



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Of the Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe (Incorporated)
Held on Sunday 6th November 2016 at 3.30 pm in the Zartoshty Brothers Hall
Zoroastrian Centre, 440 Alexandra Avenue, Harrow HA2 9TL**

Members Present (on stage)

Mr. Malcolm M. Deboo	President
Mr. Behram R. Kapadia	Vice-President & Social Secretary
Mrs. Shenaz B. Sadri JP	Vice-President External
Mr. Javid S. Canteenwala	Honorary Treasurer
Mr. Rohinton F. Munshi	Honorary Secretary, YZ & Travel Co-ordinator

Members Present

Mr. Dorab E. Mistry OBE	Global Working Group Officer
Mr. Kobad S. Avari	Joint Treasurer
Mr. Gav D. Buhariwala	Joint Social Secretary
Mr. Darius J. Karkaria	Communications Officer
Ms. Jesmin Sorab	SOAS Scholarships Officer

Trustees (on stage)

Mr. Ardeshir M. Bilimoria
Mr. Rusi K. Dalal

Apologies

Mrs. Parivash F. Kiani	Iranian Engagement Officer
Mr. Bomy D. Gandhi	Joint YZ Co-ordinator
Ervad Rustom K. Bhedwar	Trustee

Members attending

The total number of members attending the AGM was 76. The breakdown is as follows:
Life, 64, Ordinary, 9 and OAP: 3.

- The meeting commenced at 3:40 pm with a short Humbandagi led by resident Mobed, Ervad Yazad T. Bhadha and was joined by all the attendees.
- The Honorary Secretary, Mr. Rohinton F. Munshi read out the Notice for Special Business of the AGM dated 4th October 2016, up to the Explanatory statement.

President Malcolm M. Deboo welcomed all Members and then with Honorary Treasurer, Javid S. Canteenwala explained that each of the three resolutions (**items 1-3 inclusive**) would be discussed in turn. Once all questions, discussions and responses had been given in respect

of the first Resolution, a vote would be held. This process would be repeated for Resolution two and three.

The Managing Committee and Trustees then explained why the three Resolutions pertaining to Special Business had been laid before the Members for their approval. Members raised questions which were discussed and responded to by the President, Office Bearers and Trustees from the stage and by other members of the Managing Committee from the floor.

Special Business

1. Resolution 1 – Art 18(b)

“No funds invested in the names of the Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe (Incorporated) shall be expended by the Committee in excess of 10 per cent of the Total Net Asset balance (as per the latest published audited financial statements) in any one year except under the authority of a Resolution of a General Meeting.”

The Resolution was **proposed** by Mr. Zal N. Sethna and **seconded** by Mr. Percy Writer.

2. Resolution 2 - Article 22(b)

“Title deeds to property will be held in the name of ‘The Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe (Incorporated)’, in such secure manner and location as agreed by the Trustees.”

The Resolution was **proposed** by Counsel Emeritus Mr. Noshir J. Avari and **seconded** by Mr. Marzban Karkaria.

3. Resolution 3 – Article 23

“The Association’s powers include actions calculated to further its Objects, and those conducive or incidental to doing so. In particular, the Management Committee, subject to consent of the Trustees, has power to:

(a) deposit or invest funds;

(b) employ a professional fund-manager; and

(c) arrange for the investments of the Charity to be held in the name of a nominee in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as the Trustees of a Trust are permitted to do by the Trustee Act 2000.”

The Resolution was **proposed** by Mr. Dorab E. Mistry OBE and **seconded** by Mrs. Gulshan R. Bilimoria.

Voting on each of the three Resolutions had been conducted by way of a show of hands. However at the end of voting for Resolution three, some Members requested a secret ballot. President Malcolm M. Deboo stated that since the secret ballot was requested, then as required by the constitution voting on each of the resolutions would be conducted by secret ballot.

From amongst the Members Mr. Percy Writer acted as the Returning Officer. He was assisted by Mr. Mahiar Ardeshir, Miss. Jessica P. Todiwala and Mr. Zenhar D. Marolia. ZTFE Administrative Secretary Mrs. Roshan E. Avari was also requested to assist the scrutineers.

Mr. Percy Writer informed President Malcolm M. Deboo of the results of the secret ballot and that:

- i. 73 ballot papers had been distributed as the 3 OAP members are not entitled to vote.
- ii. 69 valid votes had been cast
- iii. 4 ballot papers were unaccounted for and
- iv. none were rejected.

Mr. Percy Writer and his team of assistants confirmed that they were satisfied that the secret ballot process had been conducted correctly and each of the team confirmed that the results returned by the scrutineer to the President were accurate.

As required by the constitution, Resolutions with 75% vote in favour were adopted.

The **results** and **outcome** of the secret ballot are recorded as:

<i>Resolution</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Total No of votes</i>	<i>% For</i>	<i>Outcome</i>
Resolution 1	48	20	1	69	69	Rejected
Resolution 2	57	12	0	69	82	Approved
Resolution 3	55	14	0	69	79	Approved

As such Resolution 1 had been rejected. Resolutions 2 and 3 had been approved.

President Malcolm M. Deboo thanked the Members for their support.

It was noted that the view from the floor in respect of resolution one was that matters should continue as in previous years. The Managing Committee and Trustees resolved to call another *special general meeting* to present a more suitable resolution to the members after a period of wider communication and consultation.

Ordinary Business

The Honorary Secretary, Mr. Rohinton F. Munshi then read the Notice of the Annual General meeting dated 4th October 2016, in respect of Ordinary Business following the completion of Special Business.

President Malcolm M. Deboo stated that given the length of time it had taken to complete Special Business and that since the Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2016 had already been sent out to all the members in advance of the AGM, which was very thorough, thus he opted not to summarise it as is the norm during the AGM. However, Members could raise any issues in Any Other Business should they wish.

4. To receive the Committee's Report and Audited Accounts as laid, for the year ended 31st March 2016

In his role as Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Javid S. Canteenwala highlighted the salient features of the ZTFE Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2016, by presenting PowerPoint slides. This was very well received by the Members present who thanked him for his clarity in explaining the accounts to them. He answered questions put from the floor concerning the accounts and financial matters. Mr. Javid S. Canteenwala thanked his colleagues on the Finance Sub-Committee, namely Trustee Mr. Ardeshir M. Bilimoria, Vice-President Mr. Behram R. Kapadia, Joint Treasurer Mr. Kobad S. Avari, Past Treasurer and President Mr.

Dorab E. Mistry OBE and President Malcolm M Deboo for their collective efforts.

The resolution to receive and adopt the Committee's Annual Report and Audited Accounts as laid, for the year ending 31st March 2016 was placed before Members by the Treasurer. The resolution to adopt the Committee's Annual Report and Audited Accounts was proposed by Counsel Emeritus Mr. Noshir J. Avari and seconded by Dr. Firoze R. Munshi and was approved unanimously by the Members.

5. To elect Members of the Management Committee in place of the ones who retire and are eligible for re-election under Article 16(b);

Mr. Malcolm M Deboo	Article 16(b)
Mr. Bomy D. Gandhi	Article 16(b)
Mr. Rohinton F. Munshi	Article 16(b)
Mrs. Parivash F. Kiani	Article 16(b)

Nominations received for the four positions on the Managing Committee were as follows:

Candidate	Proposer	Secunder
Mr. Malcolm M Deboo	Mr. Mahiar G Ardeshir	Mr. Freddy M. Deboo
Mr. Rohinton F. Munshi	Mr. Kerman Y. Jasavala	Mrs. Roshan E. Avari
Mrs. Parivash F. Kiani	Mr. Jamshid Falahati	Mrs. Paridokht J Falahati
Miss. Shazneen Y. Munshi	Mr. Jeshad C. Palkhiwala	Mrs. Gulshan Y. Munshi

As there were four candidates for the four positions, all three candidates standing for re-election were unanimously re-elected and Miss. Shazneen Y. Munshi was also unanimously elected to the new Managing Committee by the Members. President Malcolm M. Deboo read out the names of the twelve members of the new Managing Committee as:

Mr. Kobad S. Avari	Mr. Gav D. Buhariwala	Mr. Javid S. Canteenwala
Mr. Malcolm M. Deboo	Mr. Behram R. Kapadia	Mr Darius J. Karkaria
Mrs. Parivash F. Kiani	Mr. Dorab E. Mistry OBE	Mr. Rohinton F. Munshi
Miss. Shazneen Y. Munshi	Mrs Shenaz B. Sadri JP	Ms. Jesmin Sorab

6. To elect the President of the Association from amongst the Members of the Managing Committee for the year 2016-2017

Mr. Malcolm M. Deboo vacated the Chair during the procedure for the election of the President. Vice-President Mr. Behram R. Kapadia read out the names of the twelve members of the Managing Committee. Mrs. Gulshan R. Bilimoria proposed Mr. Malcolm M. Deboo to serve as President and this was seconded by Counsel Emeritus Mr. Noshir J. Avari. As Mr. Malcolm M. Deboo was only one candidate, thus Members unanimously elected Mr. Malcolm M. Deboo as the President for the year 2016 – 2017.

President Malcolm M. Deboo thanked the Membership for their continued confidence in his Presidency stating that he would continue to serve the ZTFE and the Zoroastrian Community diligently.

7. To elect the House Committee under Rule 10 of the Zoroastrian House Rules

The entire House Committee standing for re-election was unanimously re-elected. President Malcolm M. Deboo then read out the names of the members of the New House Committee together with Managing Committee appointees, ZTFE Secretariat and YZ representatives:

Mrs. Kumi N. Avari	Mrs. Nergish K. Avari	Mr. Addie M. Batliwalla
Mr. Freddy M. Deboo	Mr. Hoshang R. Khambatta	Mrs. Benaifer N. Menon
Mr. Phiroze H. Munshi	Mrs. Mahnaz Ostad	Mrs. Huftris C. Palkhiwala
Mrs. Freny H. Writer	Miss. Shazneen Y. Munshi YZ Representative	Miss Jessica P. Todiwala YZ Representative
Mr. Behram R. Kapadia Managing Com. appointed	Mr. Gav D. Buhariwala Managing Com.appointed	
Mrs. Roshan E. Avari ZTFE Secretariat	Mr. Ratan D. Buhariwala ZTFE Secretariat	Ervad Yazad T Bhadha ZTFE Secretariat

8. To re-appointment Brian Paul Limited, Chartered Accountants, as Auditors for the year 2016-2017

Treasurer Mr. Javid S. Canteenwala thanked the Auditors for their help and assistance. The resolution to re-appoint Brian Paul Limited, Chartered Accountants, as auditors for the year 2016-2017, was proposed by Trustee Mr. Ardeshir M. Bilimoria, and seconded by Mr. Dorab E. Mistry OBE. The resolution was unanimously passed by the Members.

9. To transact the other usual business of an Annual General Meeting

Members raised questions which were discussed and were responded to by the President and the Office Bearers from the stage.

President Malcolm M. Deboo concluded the AGM by observing as he had done last year, that one of the main reasons the ZTFE continued to exist as the oldest Indian / Asian religious voluntary association in the UK, was because of the voluntary service of its members and their financial support through donations.

He acknowledged and thanked his colleagues on the Managing Committee, the Trustees, Counsel Emeritus Mr. Noshir J Avari, the Staff Team, House and YZ Committees, Children’s Educational Fun Club, Gymkhana Club, Z Club, ZSCHP Steering Committee, all the Mobeds and all the volunteers for their support and assistance over the past year. Members who had given the ZTFE continued support over many years were mentioned and included Mrs. Bapsy K. Buhariwala and her family, Mr. Hoshang R. Khambatta, Mrs. Gulshan R. Bilimoria, Mrs. Freny H. Writer and Mrs. Freny and Mr. Yazdi Jasavala.

President Malcolm M. Deboo also thanked the Donors for their continued support. He paid tribute to patrons and benefactors the late Mobed Mehraban J. Zartoshty and his brother the late Mobed Faridoon B. Zartoshty and thanked the Zartoshty family for their continued support of the ZTFE. He also thanked the families of the late Mrs. Khorshed M. Sodhi, Ervad Jalbhai K. Karkaria and Mrs. Silloo and Mr. Kersey J Jasavala for their continued support.

Meeting Ended

The meeting ended at 8:10 pm.



Young Zoroastrians Annual Report April 2016 to present

During the last 18 months, the Young Zoroastrians (YZ) Committee has taken a proactive, driven and dedicated approach to building strong relationships and bonds within our youth group. Through organising a wide range of fun activities and regular events, we have engaged a growing number of YZs to get involved and feel a strong sense of pride in being a Young Zoroastrian in the UK today. We hope to continue to inspire future generations.

The YZ committee has organised many activities and trips specifically for the YZs as well as for the wider community from karaoke and salsa nights to YZ nights out and trips!

Some of the key events are highlighted below.

Zoroastrianism religious education course led by Dr Rashna Writer – July 2016

A fantastic two day seminar where the YZs and community learnt about the fundamental teachings of Zoroastrianism and had the opportunity to ask questions. With much debate and discussion, we were all engaged by Dr Rashna Writer's fantastic delivery of the material and thoroughly enjoyed the course.

Gymkhana 3rd Anniversary Celebration and Re-launch – Special Extravaganza July 2016



On Friday 3rd July, the YZs celebrated the 3rd Anniversary of their 'Gymkhana evenings' initiative. To date it was our largest and most successful Gymkhana with over 85 people who attended! It was very special to see Zoros of all ages come out in numbers and support our community, singing their hearts out in style! From popular hits and classics to Bollywood numbers and a group sing a long to Freddie's 'Bohemian Rhapsody' - we had it all! Zoros definitely have got talent!!! We also had a special Iranian dance workshop with our lovely Mojdeh Kaviani and a Salsa workshop with our

Latino Master Ervad Jimmy Madon. Delicious food, dancing, music and games all proved a great recipe for a wonderful evening!

ASHA Centre trip – July 2016



The Young Zoroastrians enjoyed a fantastic week-end away at the ASHA Centre in the heart of the Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire from Friday 15th July to Sunday 17th July. The ASHA Centre, founded by Zerbanoo Gifford, a fellow Zoroastrian and patron of numerous international organisations, is a youth centre dedicated to promoting intercultural understanding and peace. Lush rose gardens, cosy bon fires, group sing-a-longs, walks in the forest, drama workshops, toast club, tea, cakes, friendships, Salsa, breakdancing, Desi girls, new hit record 'We are Zoros!'

midnight games of murder in the dark and paranoia, Hobbiton and of course lots of volley ball – all made for a truly amazing YZ week-end away!!!

Other events throughout the remainder of 2016 included a YZ trip to **Thorpe Park** – August 2016, **YZ Trampolining Air Hop trip** – September 2016, **Traditional Gymkhana Night** – September 2016 and a YZ **Go-Karting** event – November 2016.

Gymkhana Mexican Night – February 2017

On Saturday 18th February, we had our Gymkhana Mexican Night Saturday Special. We had Zoros of all ages come out in numbers to enjoy a truly amazing evening. From a Cha Cha Cha dance class with our Latino Master Ervad Jimmy Madon and a marshmellow chilli eating competition to playing Pinata and lots of yummy Mexican food, it was a Fiesta to remember!



Gymkhana Parsi and Irani Night – May 2017

Our Traditional Parsi and Irani night was a lovely evening filled with nostalgia and fun – celebrating our traditional food, music, games and dancing styles!



Gymkhana 4th Anniversary Celebration – July 2017

The Gymkhana 4th Anniversary Celebration was held in July 2017 with lovely food, fun and games.

ASHA Centre trip – August 2017

The Young Zoroastrians enjoyed a fantastic week-end away at the ASHA Centre in the heart of the Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire from Friday 4th August to Sunday 6th August. The ASHA Centre, founded by Zerbanoo Gifford, a fellow Zoroastrian and patron of numerous international organisations, is a youth centre dedicated to promoting intercultural understanding and peace. Beautifully scented rose gardens, cosy bonfires (both indoors and outdoors!), group sing-a-longs to Ed Sheeran with our guitar duo that is Cy and JMads, walks in the forest, Hobbiton, Salsa, drama workshops, toast club, ‘Zoros have got talent!’ with Iranian dancing, rapping to Stormzy and a one man theatre show, sharing stories of bizarre bawa dates and a grand finale all nighter – just a normal week-end away at the ASHA Centre! With most of the 24 YZs not having even met each other before or been involved in the community to forming strong friendships and becoming a big Zoro family, this was one of the best trips ever!



YZ committee members

Five existing members have continued to serve on the committee for this 18 month period, with the addition of four new members, Miss Sherrii Kapadia, Miss Dilshad Demehry, Miss Homa Bastani and Dr Zen Cassinath. The existing members are Miss Shazneen Munshi, Miss Jessica Todiwala, Miss Shaizeen Persha, Ervad Yazad Bhadha, and Ervad Jimmy Madon. Mr Jeshad Palkhiwalla and Mr Shahyan Dastur decided to step down in March 2017.

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YZ Treasurer	Jeshad C Palkhiwalla	jpalkhiwalla@gmail.com	07852811577
YZ Co-Treasurer	Shahyan Dastur	s.dastur1992@gmail.com	07572861479



Fun Club Zoroastrianism classes

The Fun Club Children's Zoroastrian Education classes (The Fun Club) take place on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 11am to 1pm at our Zoroastrian Centre in Rayners Lane, Harrow.

Led by a team of dedicated teachers and volunteers, the key objectives of the classes are to help children learn about the fundamental teachings of Zoroastrianism, how to apply these in their everyday lives and the meaning and significance of our customs/traditions.

The Fun Club team have worked hard to put together a comprehensive syllabus including topics relating to our religion, history, customs and culture, stories from the Shahnamah plus activities and games to ensure classes are fun and interactive.

- Fun Club organiser – Shazneen Munshi

Age groups/classes/teachers:

- 4-6yrs: Shazneen Munshi/ Ruby Sethna/Shaizeen Persha
- 7-9yrs: Shazneen Munshi/ Ruby Sethna/Shaizeen Persha
- 13yrs+ teenagers discussion group: Kerman Jasavala/Cyrus Kapadia/Yazad Bhadha
- Parents class: Jimmy Madon

The Fun Club has gone from strength to strength with more and more children participating. It's really important for our youth to feel a sense of pride about being a Zoroastrian, make friends within the community and carry forward the Zoroastrian flame for future generations. We also have a separate Teenagers Discussion Group and a separate Parents Class running simultaneously.

Please come along!



Special highlights!

Fun Club Class and Mini-Christmas party – Sunday 11th December 2016



On Sunday 11th December 2016, we had nearly 100 parents, children and teenagers come together for our festive Fun Club class and party. From learning about the Three Wise Men and their Zoroastrian roots to party games and gifts from our very own Zoro Santa, a lovely time was had by all!

We also re-launched the teenagers discussion group aimed at our younger YZs from the ages of 13-18. This group discussed the significance of the Sudreh and Kusti and the relevance of this to their everyday lives. And then there was of course pizza!

Fun Club Class and NoRuz party – Sunday 12 March 2017

On Sunday 12th March 2016, we held our annual Fun Club NoRuz party for the XYZs to celebrate this important occasion in our Zoroastrian calendar. From the Story of Jamsheed, learning about the significance of Navroze and the Haftseen table to egg painting, party games and gifts from Amu NoRuz, the children thoroughly enjoyed celebrating Navroze together!

We also had a great session with the teenagers discussion group who discussed topics of interest to them such as the history of our religion, Zoroastrianism in our daily lives and famous Zoroastrians.

Fun Club class British Museum trip and picnic – Sunday 14th May 2017



Our first ever Fun Club trip to the British Museum was a great success. 60 parents, children and teenagers all made their way to the British Museum, in the heart of Central London, for a fun-packed session. Dividing the children into age groups, they classes consisted of interactive tours around the Iranian Galleries, learning about the Persian empires and our Zoroastrian roots to Persepolis and Cyrus' Cylinder. We then all had a lovely picnic enjoying the Sunday sunshine!

Acknowledgments

The Managing Committee acknowledges the voluntary services provided by members who serve on several committees and work individually to help the efficient running of the Association. The Managing Committee wishes to place on record its thanks for the services rendered and for the support extended by these individuals. In particular, the Committee would like to mention the following:

The Trustees

Ervad Rustom K. Bhedwar, Ardeshir M. Bilimoria and Rusi K. Dalal for carrying out the duties of Holding Trustees and for handling the financial and investment matters of the Association.

Finance & Investment Committee

Members of the Finance Committee during the year under review: Javid S Canteenwala, Ardeshir M Bilimoria, Behram R Kapadia, Dorab M Mistry OBE, and Kobad S Avari for managing the financial affairs of the Association, including its investment portfolio in consultation with the Trustees.

Counsel Emeritus

Noshir J Avari of Avari and Avari Associates Limited for his wise counsel.

Secretariat

Administrative Secretary Roshan E Avari, Facilities Coordinator Ratan D Buhariwala Resident Mobed at the Zoroastrian Centre Ervad Yazad T Bhadha; Bapsy K Buhariwalla for her honorary secretarial help; Michael Jackson at Brookwood. They all diligently worked above and beyond the call of duty. Without their dedication, so much could not have been achieved on such a small budget.

House Committee

Behram R Kapadia, Gav D Buhariwala, from the Managing Committee together with Secretariat Roshan E Avari, Ratan D Buhariwala, Ervad Yazad T Bhadha, and their team during all functions, serving behind the bar, managing the tickets and PA system including Kumi N Avari, Nergish K Avari, Addie M Batliwalla, Freddy M Deboo, Hoshang R Khambatta, Jessica P Todiwala, Benaifer N Menon, Phiroze M Munshi, Shazneen Y Munshi, Mahnaz Ostad, Hufri C Palikiwalla and Freny H Writer. Also the volunteers who assist Mahair Ardeshir, Gulshan R Billimoria, Benaifer G Buhariwala, Nilam R Buhariwala, Daulat M Kapadia and Hoshang Writer amongst many others. Our thanks also to Bar Licence Holder Ratan D Buhariwala, Gav D Buhariwala, Freny H Writer and their team, who serve us enthusiastically behind the bar. Zarvan R Buhariwala and Malcolm G Buhariwala for their help at the Zoroastrian Centre.

Zoroastrian Senior Citizens Home Steering Committee

Chairperson Noshir J Avari, Co – Chairperson Dr. Firoze R Munshi, Honorary Secretary Perses C Sethna, Mr. Malcolm M Deboo, Mr. Behram R Kapadia, Mrs. Shenaz B Sadri JP, Mr. Javid S Canteenwala, Mr. Rohinton F Munshi, Mr. Dorab E Mistry OBE, Ms. Jesmin Sorab, Mr. Rusi K Dalal, Shiraz N Anklesaria, Rozy K Contractor, Anahita Z Daruwalla, Shernaz Engineer, Ashraf F Falahati, Rubin D Italia, Zubin B Sethna, Dr. Mahinder Sodhi, and Freny H Writer.

Z Club Steering Committee

Gulshan R Bilimoria, Mahtab F Munshi and Ashraf F Falahati.

Parsi Theatre Revival Group

Shazneen Y Munshi, Dolly Contractor, Gul R Billimoria, Yazad T Bhadha, Shazneen D Persha, and Ruby B Sethna.

Young Zoroastrians Committee & Gymkhana Steering Committee

Chair Shazneen Y Munshi, Vice Chair Jessica P Todiwala, Co-Treasurers Jeshad C Palkhiwalla & Ervad Shayan F Dastur, Co Event Coordinators Homa B Bastani, Ervad Yazad T Bhadha, Zen Cassinath, Dilshad Demehry, Sherrii F Kapadia, Ervad Jimmy K Madon and Shaizeen D Persha.

Children's Education Fun Club

Shazneen Y Munshi, Ervad Yazad T Bhadha, Kerman Y Jasavala, Cyrus M Kapadia, Ervad Jimmy K Madon, Shaizeen D Persha and Ruby B Sethna.

Ervad Sahebs

Ervad Yazad T Bhadha and all our Ervad Sahebs who give voluntary services for the performance of sacred rituals and religious services for the Zoroastrian community in the UK and mainland Europe. They include Ervad Sahebs Rustom K Bhedwar, Marazban H Dastoor, Zal N Sethna, Mahiar Vajifdar, Zubin R Bhedwar, Zubin P Writer, Yazd C Unwalla, Zarir D Patel and Farhad D Sett.

Religious events organisation

Roshan E Avari, Ervad Yazad T Bhadha, Ratan D Buhariwala, Gav D Buhariwala, Bapsy K Buhariwalla, Kerman F Munshi, together with Zarvan R Buhariwala, and Malcolm G Buhariwala for ensuring the vases are laid out and ensuring that the Zartoshty Brothers Hall is kept clean and tidy during the annual Muktdas.

Zartoshty Brothers Chair in Zoroastrianism

Baroness Valerie Amos, Director and Principal of SOAS and his entire staff, including Professor Almut Hintze and Dr. Sarah Stewart, for their dedication and commitment for the continued success of Zoroastrian Studies, which they are associated with over the past several decades.

Past presidents Dorab E Mistry and Rusi K Dalal who serve on the SOAS Advisory Board.

British Museum & The Iran Heritage Foundation

Dr Vesta Curtis & Dr John Curtis

Inter-Faith Representatives

Dorab E Mistry OBE, European Council of Religious Leaders.

Jehangir Sarosh, Secretary General of European Council of Religious Leaders and President Emeritus Religions for Peace Europe, our long-serving representative for Inter-Faith activities for his devoted work in promoting Zoroastrianism.

Malcolm M Deboo, Co Moderator Faith Communities Forum (FCF) at the Inter Faith Network for the United Kingdom and ZTFE representative on the Faiths Forum for London (FFL).

Shenaz B Sadri JP and Shernaz Engineer, ZTFE representatives on the Women's Inter Faith Network.

Ervad Yazad T Bhadha, Rohinton F Munshi and Phiroza Gan-Kotwal, ZTFE representatives on Harrow Inter Faith Council.

Rusi K Dalal, Khushnuma R Anklesaria, Aspi B Chichger, Mini K Pochkhanawala, Jimmy K Suratia, Mehru S Fitter, Rushna P Master, Phiroze S Master and others for their assistance in promoting Zoroastrianism at Inter Faith events.

Lord Nick Bourne – Under Secretary of State, Hilary C Patel and Chris Turner at the Faith Communities Engagement Team, Cohesion and Faiths Division at the Department of Communities and Local Government for always remembering the Zoroastrian community.

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The Revd Mark Poulson, National Inter Religious Affairs Adviser, Church of England & Secretary for Inter Religious Affairs to the Archbishop of Canterbury for always remembering the Zoroastrian community.

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Rudolf Elliott Lockhart and his team at the Religious Education Council of England and Wales.

Jon Dal Din and Sister Elizabeth O' Donohue and their team at Westminster Interfaith.

Jack Lynes, Soonu Malkani, Punitha Perinparaja, Mary Hale, Pat Stevens, and their team at Harrow Interfaith Council.

Jasvir Singh, Leonie Lewis, Dr Natubhai K Shah MBE, and Mustafa Field MBE at the Faiths Forum for London.

Other Zoroastrian Groups

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Tribute to our dear Maneck Ardeshir Dalal OBE

By Dorab E Mistry OBE: ZTFE President 1997 - 2005

I met Maneck for the first time in February 1978 in the company of my late Chairman Sohrabji Godrej in London. Sohrabji was Soli to Maneck and his dear wife Kay and they had been friends for decades. Maneck was at the time MD of Tata Limited and President of the Royal Overseas League. Soon thereafter Maneck was the Chairman of the historic first ever Festival of India in London. At its inauguration, Maneck was flanked on the stage by 2 great ladies - Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and British PM Margaret Thatcher.

Maneck had built up Air India as an iconic national flag carrier. Side by side he created a vast Home of Indian Culture - the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan. He was truly India's Cultural Ambassador to the UK for 4 decades. He had also served 2 seven year terms as Trustee of our Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe. In 1993 Maneck was conferred an OBE.

During his tenure as MD of Tata Limited in London, he also joined the board of Tata Industries Ltd and was a trusted colleague and friend of the late JRD Tata.

Soon after being elected ZTFE President in November 1997 I phoned Maneck and discussed my new position with him. On Jamsheedi NoRuz 1998, ZTFE organised a big function at the old Zoroastrian House to felicitate Maneck on his life time achievements and his OBE. We remained close friends and he was a constant source of encouragement and advice. His last visit to the Zoroastrian Centre in Harrow was in 2011 (Malcolm M Deboo was President) when he spoke in public about his friend and hero JRD Tata. Maneck was already in his nineties but on that day he stood erect for 65 minutes and spoke in full flow without notes and without repetition or hesitation. It was a long personal journey down memory lane and Maneck was at his best as he held the packed hall spellbound. It will forever remain a fond memory for many of us.

It would be very difficult to describe exactly what made Maneck so successful. Perhaps it was his innate goodness and decency. He was always polite but he could be firm and strong. His nature was always generous and he always felt moved by other peoples' difficulty. Maneck did so much good, spread so much happiness and touched so many lives that it is impossible to pay an adequate tribute to him. Sometimes, out of admiration, I would refer to him as the Tallest Indian Brit. He would shudder and say "Nahi re Nahi, you embarrass me, Dorab". Not at all. It was my way of saying that he epitomised all that is best amongst Indians who have made Britain their home but have never forgotten their roots. Maneck liked to call himself a Bombay Parsee and was enormously proud of his roots and his family and of course his beloved Kay. His discipline was legendary and even in his nineties he made it a point to attend Indo British events at all times and always on time. He was Indian, British and Parsee - of the highest distinction.

**ZTFE Members & Zoroastrians felicitated with ZTFE Sesquicentennial Gold Medallion
for their services to the ZTFE and the Zoroastrian community
Medallion presented between 2011 – 2016**

No	Surname	First Name	Served as	Date honoured	Occasion
1a	Zartoshty	Faridoon	Patron & Benefactor	Thursday 8 th October 2011	ZTFE 150 th Anniversary Thanksgiving in presence of HRH Prince Philip
1b	Zartoshty	Mehraban	Patron & Benefactor	Thursday 8 th October 2011	ZTFE 150 th Anniversary Thanksgiving in presence of HRH Prince Philip
2a	Jasavala	Kersey J	Trustee, President, Vice President, Social Sec, Managing Committee	Thursday 8 th October 2011	ZTFE 150 th Anniversary Thanksgiving in presence of HRH Prince Philip
2b	Jasavala MBE	Silloo K	House Committee	Thursday 8 th October 2011	ZTFE 150 th Anniversary Thanksgiving in presence of HRH Prince Philip
3	Bhumgara	Godrej K	Social Secretary Managing Committee	Thursday 8 th October 2011	ZTFE 150 th Anniversary Thanksgiving in presence of HRH Prince Philip
4	Dastoor	Ervad Marzban H	Priestly services	Thursday 8 th October 2011	ZTFE 150 th Anniversary Thanksgiving in presence of HRH Prince Philip
5	Karkaria	Ervad Jal K	Priestly services & 90 th birthday, same age as HRH Pr Philip	Thursday 8 th October 2011	ZTFE 150 th Anniversary Thanksgiving in presence of HRH Prince Philip

6	Contractor	Nariman	House Committee & 90 th birthday, same age as HRH Pr Philip	Thursday 8 th October 2011	ZTFE 150 th Anniversary Thanksgiving in presence of HRH Prince Philip
7	Marchant	Dr Dara E	90 th birthday, same age as HRH Pr Philip	Thursday 8 th October 2011	ZTFE 150 th Anniversary Thanksgiving in presence of HRH Prince Philip
8	Khambatta	Hoshang R	House Committee	Thursday 8 th October 2011	ZTFE 150 th Anniversary Thanksgiving in presence of HRH Prince Philip
9	Ostad	Mahnaz	House Committee	Thursday 8 th October 2011	ZTFE 150 th Anniversary Thanksgiving in presence of HRH Prince Philip
10	Rustomji	Savak J	Administrative Volunteer & House Committee	Thursday 8 th October 2011	ZTFE 150 th Anniversary Thanksgiving in presence of HRH Prince Philip
11	Sodhi	Khorshed M	Donor	Thursday 8 th October 2011	ZTFE 150 th Anniversary Thanksgiving in presence of HRH Prince Philip
12	Dalal OBE	Maneck A	ZTFE 150 th Year Lecture Trustee / ZTFE Trustee 1980 till 1988	Friday 22 nd July 2011	ZTFE 150 th Year Lecture Recollections of the Late JRD Tata
13	Jamasp Asa Vada Dasturji Anjuman Atash Behram	Dr Kaikhusroo M	ZTFE Honorary Member	Sunday 23 rd October 2011	150 years of Zoroastrian Studies Conference
14	Kotwal Vada Dasturji (Retd) H B Wadia Atash Behram	Dr Firoze M	ZTFE Honorary Member	Sunday 23 rd October 2011	150 years of Zoroastrian Studies Conference
15	Choksey	Prof Jamsheed	Speaker 150 years of Zoroastrian Studies	Sunday 23 rd	150 years of Zoroastrian

		K	Conference	Oct 2011	Studies Conference
16	Mistree	Khojeste P	Speaker 150 years of Zoroastrian Studies Conference	Sunday 23 rd Oct 2011	150 years of Zoroastrian Studies Conference
17	Writer	Dr Rashna	Speaker 150 years of Zoroastrian Studies Conference	Sunday 23 rd Oct 2011	150 years of Zoroastrian Studies Conference
18	Poonawalla	Dr Cyrus P	Principal Sponsor (India) Everlasting Flame Exhibition	Sunday 16 th June 2013	First Visit to Zoroastrian Centre
19	Punthakey Mistree	Firoza	Curator Everlasting Flame Exhibition	Friday 11 th Oct 2013	ZTFE Dinner speakers and international guests
20	Zartoshty	Homa M	Overall success of Everlasting Flame Exhibition	Friday 11 th Oct 2013	ZTFE Dinner speakers and international guests
21	Bilimoria CBE	Lord Karan F	Overall success of Everlasting Flame Exhibition	Friday 11 th Oct 2013	ZTFE Dinner speakers and international guests
22	Mistry OBE	Dorab E	Overall success of Everlasting Flame Exhibition	Friday 11 th Oct 2013	ZTFE Dinner speakers and international guests
23	Dalal	Rusi K	Overall success of Everlasting Flame Exhibition	Friday 11 th Oct 2013	ZTFE Dinner speakers and international guests
24	Avari	Noshir J	Overall success of Everlasting Flame Exhibition	Friday 11 th Oct 2013	ZTFE Dinner speakers and international guests
25	Deboo	Freddy M	Overall success of Everlasting Flame Exhibition	Friday 11 th Oct 2013	ZTFE Dinner speakers and international guests
26	Kavarana	Farrokh	Sponsor Everlasting Flame Exhibition	Tuesday 10 th Dec 2013	Farrokh Kavarana / ZTFE sponsored reception for Everlasting Flame Exhibition

27	Cama	Zarir	Sponsor Everlasting Flame Exhibition	Tuesday 10 th Dec 2013	Farrokh Kavarana / ZTFE sponsored reception for Everlasting Flame Exhibition
28	Godrej	Pheroza	Curator Everlasting Flame Exhibition	Tuesday 10 th Dec 2013	Farrokh Kavarana / ZTFE sponsored reception for Everlasting Flame Exhibition
29	Dastoor Vada Dasturji Iranshah Udvada	Khurshed K	Visiting the ZTFE and the UK Zoroastrian Community	Sunday 11 th May 2014	ZTFE High Tea with Vada Dasturji Khurshed K Dastoor
30	Writer	Freny H	Secretary Managing Com 1990-1996 House Committee	Saturday 24 th May 2014	Hoshang Writer's 80 th birthday party
31	Master	Rushna P	Secretary Managing Com 1992-2000 House Committee YZ & 18-40 & 2 nd WZYC	Sunday 2 nd June 2014	Pearl Wedding Anniversary
32	Buhariwalla	Bapsy K	Administrative Assistant	Friday 18 th July 2014	Aspandarmad Mah Parab
33	Petit	Homa D Petit	Services to B D Petit Parsee General Hospital & to our Community	Saturday 11 th Oct 2014	Fundraising Gala Night B D Petit Parsee General Hospital
34	Zaiwalla	Sarosh	Overall success of Everlasting Flame Exhibition & Services to our Community	Saturday 11 th Oct 2014	Fundraising Gala Night B D Petit Parsee General Hospital

35	Ichhaporia (formerly Avari)	Nazreen B	Teacher & Coordinator XYZ Children's Education Fun Club	Sunday 8 th March 2016	Children's NoRuz Party Felicitation XYZ Fun Club Coordinator
36	Amroliia	Dr Zarthustra	Overall success of Everlasting Flame Exhibition	Thursday 28 th May 2015	Felicitation of ZTFE Honorary Member Dr Cyrus Poonawalla
37	Poonawalla	Adar C	Overall success of Everlasting Flame Exhibition	Thursday 28 th May 2015	Felicitation ZTFE Honorary Member Dr Cyrus Poonawalla
38	Sethna	Ervad Zal N	President, Vice President, Treasurer – Managing Committee	Saturday 18 th July 2015	Aspandarmad Mah Parab Felicitation ZTFE Honorary Member
39	Batliwalla	Jennifer A	Teacher & Coordinator XYZ Children's Education Fun Club	Sunday 13 th March 2016	Children's NoRuz Party Felicitation XYZ Fun Club Coordinator
40	Nadirshaw	Prof Zenobia	Lifetime 40 year + Achievement Award from the British Psychological Society	Monday 25 th April 2016	Zoroastrian All Party Parliamentary Group Event

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Sunday 14th May 2017, Dae Mah Hormuzd Roj

Agreed by Managing Committee at Meeting on Friday 28th April 2017

No	Surname	First Name	Served as	Date honoured	Occasion
1	Bhedwar	Rustom K	Ervad, Current Trustee, Vice President – Managing Committee	Sunday 14th May 2017	Dae Mah Hormuzd Roj Jashan performed by Vada Dasturji Khurshed K Dastoor
2	Bhedwar	Zubin R	Ervad	Sunday 14th May 2017	Dae Mah Hormuzd Roj Jashan performed by Vada Dasturji Khurshed K Dastoor
3	Unwalla	Yazad C	Ervad (Unable to attend)	Sunday 14th May 2017	Dae Mah Hormuzd Roj Jashan performed by Vada Dasturji Khurshed K Dastoor
4	Vajifdar	Mahiar J	Ervad	Sunday 14th May 2017	Dae Mah Hormuzd Roj Jashan performed by Vada Dasturji Khurshed K Dastoor
5	Writer	Zubin P	Ervad (Unable to attend)	Sunday 14th May 2017	Dae Mah Hormuzd Roj Jashan performed by Vada Dasturji Khurshed K Dastoor
6	Bhadha	Yazad T	Ervad	Sunday 14th May 2017	Dae Mah Hormuzd Roj Jashan performed by Vada Dasturji Khurshed K Dastoor
7	Madon MBE	Faridoon	Social Secretary Managing Committee 1972-1979	Sunday 14th May 2017	Dae Mah Hormuzd Roj Jashan performed by Vada Dasturji Khurshed K Dastoor
8	Irani	Dr Godafreed	Managing Committee 1982-1986 (Unable to attend)	Sunday 14th May 2017	Dae Mah Hormuzd Roj Jashan performed by Vada Dasturji Khurshed K Dastoor
9	Maravala	Filly K	Jt Secretary & House Sec Managing Com 1986-1992 / 1994-	Sunday 14th May 2017	Dae Mah Hormuzd Roj Jashan performed by Vada Dasturji Khurshed K Dastoor

			2009 & New Premises Committee		
10	Gandhi	Viraf H	Vice President & Treasurer Managing Committee 1987-1996	Sunday May 2017	14th Dae Mah Hormuzd Roj Jashan performed by Vada Dasturji Khurshed K Dastoor
11	Byramjee (Politely Declined!)	Farrokh T	Vice President & House Sec Managing Com 1994-2001 New Premises Committee	Sunday May 2017	14th Dae Mah Hormuzd Roj Jashan performed by Vada Dasturji Khurshed K Dastoor
12	Sorab	Faroukh B	Vice President & Social Sec Managing Com 1995-2004 New Premises Committee	Sunday May 2017	14th Dae Mah Hormuzd Roj Jashan performed by Vada Dasturji Khurshed K Dastoor
13	Bilimoria	Ardeshir M	Current Trustee, Treasurer Managing Com 1997-2002	Sunday May 2017	14th Dae Mah Hormuzd Roj Jashan performed by Vada Dasturji Khurshed K Dastoor
14	Jila	Paurushasp B	President, V Pres, Treasurer Managing Com 1999-2013 New Premises Committee (Unable to attend)	Sunday May 2017	14th Dae Mah Hormuzd Roj Jashan performed by Vada Dasturji Khurshed K Dastoor
15	Sorab	Jesmin	New Premises Committee	Sunday May 2017	14th Dae Mah Hormuzd Roj Jashan performed by Vada Dasturji Khurshed K Dastoor
16	Munshi	Kerman F	Administrative Secretary & House Committee Volunteer	Sunday May 2017	14th Dae Mah Hormuzd Roj Jashan performed by Vada Dasturji Khurshed K Dastoor
17a	Jasavala (Politely Declined!)	Freny Y	Administrative Volunteer	Sunday May 2017	14th Dae Mah Hormuzd Roj Jashan performed by Vada Dasturji Khurshed K Dastoor
17b	Jasavala (Politely Declined!)	Yazdi J	Administrative Volunteer	Sunday May 2017	14th Dae Mah Hormuzd Roj Jashan performed by Vada Dasturji Khurshed K Dastoor
18	Daruwalla (Politely Declined!)	Farokh N	Administrative Volunteer	Sunday May 2017	14th Dae Mah Hormuzd Roj Jashan performed by Vada Dasturji Khurshed K Dastoor

19	Grung	Mani K	Administrative Volunteer	Sunday May 2017	14th	Dae Mah Hormuzd Roj Jashan performed by Vada Dasturji Khurshed K Dastoor
20	Shahrokh	Simin S	House Committee	Sunday May 2017	14th	Dae Mah Hormuzd Roj Jashan performed by Vada Dasturji Khurshed K Dastoor
21	Sepai	Yasmin M	House Committee	Sunday May 2017	14th	Dae Mah Hormuzd Roj Jashan performed by Vada Dasturji Khurshed K Dastoor
22	Jila	Sheru B	House Committee	Sunday May 2017	14th	Dae Mah Hormuzd Roj Jashan performed by Vada Dasturji Khurshed K Dastoor
23a	Sepai	Bomi S	House Committee	Sunday May 2017	14th	Dae Mah Hormuzd Roj Jashan performed by Vada Dasturji Khurshed K Dastoor
23b	Sepai	Perviz B	House Committee	Sunday May 2017	14th	Dae Mah Hormuzd Roj Jashan performed by Vada Dasturji Khurshed K Dastoor
24a	Kapadia (Politely Declined!)	Daulat M	House Committee	Sunday May 2017	14th	Dae Mah Hormuzd Roj Jashan performed by Vada Dasturji Khurshed K Dastoor
24b	Kapadia (Politely Declined!)	Minoo R	House Committee	Sunday May 2017	14th	Dae Mah Hormuzd Roj Jashan performed by Vada Dasturji Khurshed K Dastoor
25	Billimoria	Gulshan R	House Committee Volunteer	Sunday May 2017	14th	Dae Mah Hormuzd Roj Jashan performed by Vada Dasturji Khurshed K Dastoor
26a	Falahati	Jamshid	Panjeh & Haftsheen Table	Sunday May 2017	14th	Dae Mah Hormuzd Roj Jashan performed by Vada Dasturji Khurshed K Dastoor
26b	Falahati	Paridokh J	Panjeh & Haftsheen Table	Sunday May 2017	14th	Dae Mah Hormuzd Roj Jashan performed by Vada Dasturji Khurshed K Dastoor
27	Randeria	Dr Jamshed P	Services to our Community	Sunday May 2017	14th	Dae Mah Hormuzd Roj Jashan performed by Vada Dasturji Khurshed K Dastoor