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ANNUAL REPORT 2017 – 2018**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2018

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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 18th November 2018 at 5.30 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 2018.
2. To elect members of the Management Committee in place of the ones who retire and are eligible for re-election:

Mr Gav D Buhariwala	Article 16(b)
Mr Javid S Canteenwala	Article 16(b)
Mr Behram R Kapadia	Article 16(b)
Mr Dorab E Mistry OBE	Article 16(b)

3. To elect the President of the Association from amongst the Members of the Managing Committee for the year 2018/2019.
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 2018/2019.
6. To transact the other usual business of an Annual General Meeting.

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 18th October 2018

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.

ZTFE Patron and Benefactor Mobed Faridoon B Zartoshty's 18th varsi prayers will be held at 3.30pm, prior to the AGM. The Gahambar meal will be served after the AGM.

The Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe (Incorporated)

April 2017 – March 2018

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 (Until AGM) House Sec & Joint Social Sec (After AGM 19 th Nov 2017)
Mr Darius J. Karkaria	Communications Officer
Ms Jesmin Sorab	Special Projects Officer
Mrs Parivash F Kiani	Iranian Com Engagement Coordinator
Miss Shazneen Y Munshi	Joint YZ Coordinator
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	Hufris C Palkhiwalla	Freny H Writer
Jessica P Todiwala (YZ Rep)	Sherri F Kapadia (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 18th October 2018.

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

18th October 2018

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31st March 2018

Management Committee

President	Mr M M Deboo
Vice President	Mr B R Kapadia
Vice President (External)	Mrs S B Sadri
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 Karkaria
	Ms J Sorab
	Mrs P F Kiani
	Miss S Y Munshi

Company Secretary Mr R F Munshi

Auditor Brian Paul Limited
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors
Chase Green House
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Year ended 31st March 2018

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 the 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. Although the constitutional documents of the association draw a distinction between Trustees and Management Committee members, under companies act and for charity commission purposes both these above categories are treated as Directors and Trustees.

The President is elected directly by members present at an AGM from amongst the newly constituted 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 regularly 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.

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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 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.

Strategic report

The following sections for achievements and performance and financial review form the strategic report of the charity.

Major Highlights of ZTFE activities

The ended 31st March 2018 has been another memorable year for the ZTFE. During the year:

- 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.
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All the invited speakers were 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 was relevant to members of all faiths, the participants 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.** 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 ‘Godrejs,’ 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 Mancherjee Merwanjee Bhownagree, 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 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.

- **Remembering Dr Dadabhai Naoroji** (4th September 1825 – 30th June 1917), the first elected Indian and Zoroastrian parliamentarian in 1892 was a momentous occasion for the Zoroastrians APPG. To mark the occasion the Zoroastrian APPG, on Thursday 22nd March 2018 in association with the ZTFE, being the APPG Secretariat, invited three speakers to the House of Lords to present essays on the Grand Old Man of India.

The speakers:

- i. Dr Vikram Visana, Postdoctoral Fellow Freie Universität Berlin presented ‘Never say die!: Dadabhai Naoroji’s Indianisation of British politics’.
- ii. Mr Daniel Hunt MA, Doctoral Researcher at Oriel College, Oxford University, discussed ‘The British political careers and historical legacies of Dadabhai Naoroji and Sir Mancherjee Bhownaggee’.
- iii. Dr Kusoom Vadgama, author and independent researcher, spoke on ‘Dadabhai Naoroji: the Icon of Indian Nationalism’.

All three speakers combined personal interest, with intellect and objective truths to produce three truly touching tributes to Naoroji and his lifelong pursuit of getting a fairer deal from the British Government for India. A key theme of all three was Naoroji’s benevolence and philanthropic work as a true Zoroastrian, and his abilities as a skilful politician to manoeuvre through the turbulent atmosphere of parliament enabling the voices of Indians globally to be heard. Naoroji didn’t allow the power of the Empire to distort his views, rather he stood up to the neglect of the Empire in India and actively aimed to correct the Empires faults.

ZTFE patron and Zoroastrian APPG Co Chair Lord Karan F Bilimoria CBE made the opening remarks, to a packed House of Lords Committee Room, on influence of Dadabhai Naoroji on his parliamentary career and like Dadabhai, he took the oath on the Khordeh Avesta upon entering Parliament. The touching words from Ms T. Ajungla Jamir, Counsellor (Political & Extradition) at the Indian High Commission and closing remarks from ZTFE President Mr Malcolm M Deboo, led to the final words of **Dr Vadgama who**

had the room in total suspense with a quote from Naoroji himself, “I am a Hindu, a Muslim, a Parsi, but above all an Indian”. A true citizen of India, but also of Britain, he deserves to be remembered as the greatest patriot of India in the last century!

- Sir Simon Hughes and Lord Nanvit Dholakia hosted the London Liberal Democrats **Dadabhai Naoroji 125th Parliamentary Anniversary Memorial Dinner** in the London Borough of Islington on Tuesday 7th November 2017. Lord Karan F Bilimoria CBE, President Malcolm M Deboo, Trustee Rusi K. Dalal, Dr (Mrs.) Roshan R. Dalal and Darius Potel were invited to the above event.
- 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 as were prior to the General Election. ZTFE President continues to head the APPG Secretariat.

Zoroastrian APPG Group Officers elected at its 4th AGM on 13th September 2017		
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

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 Trunk 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 Trunk 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.**
- The penultimate Grand Trunk Project commemorative event to raise awareness on the 70th anniversary of the Partition of the Indian Subcontinent was held at the Zartoshty Brothers Hall, Zoroastrian Centre on Saturday 24th March 2018. **ZTFE together with the Faiths Forum for London, supported by Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG), Hindu Council UK, British Pakistani Foundation, City Sikhs Network and Multi Faith Network organised the penultimate Grand Trunk Project commemorative event on the 70th anniversary of the Partition.** The expenditure was jointly shared by ZTFE and the Faiths Forum of London.
Over 120 attendees, including Councillors from the London Borough of Harrow and inter faith friends marked the happenings of 1947, shining a light on tales of community and resilience and importantly exploring what our communities have in common. There were performances of poetry, music, testimonies and a photo gallery and a historical exhibition

marking the inter-generational experience of 70 years on. **ZTFE President Malcolm M Deboo shed light on the experience of Parsis caught up during the partition.**

- **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 served dhansak to over 700 people.**

- Hon Secretary Mr. Rohinton F. Munshi, Ervad Yazad T. Bhadha and Ms. Phiroza Gan-Kotwal represented the **ZTFE and the Zoroastrian community at Remembrance Sunday Ceremony**, Harrow, Sunday 12th November 2017. Ervad Yazad T. Bhadha is an executive member of Harrow Inter Faith and Rohinton F. Munshi a past Hon Treasurer of HIF remains a member together with Phiroza Gan-Kotwal. The event consisted of a parade by members of the Armed Services and respective cadets from those services. Joining the parade were also police cadets and various organisations such as the British Legion, Scouts and a number of schools. Harrow's Parade is now the second largest in London, after the Cenotaph in Whitehall. A wreath was laid by the Mayor of Harrow and by: members of the Armed Services, parliamentarians, HIF Chair and others. As part of the service, The "Shared Act of Commitment," as in previous years was recited by HIF members.
- President Malcolm M Deboo, Hon Treasurer Javid S Canteenwala and Trustee Rusi K Dalal represented the **ZTFE at the annual Global Working Group (GWG) Meeting at Banaji Atash Behram, Mumbai**, on Wednesday 20th December 2017. The meeting was well attended by representatives of the Global Zoroastrian Anjumans and Associations. It commenced at 10am with a packed agenda and concluded in the evening.
- President Malcolm M Deboo, Trustee Rusi K Dalal and Dr Roshan R Dalal represented ZTFE at the **Iranshah Udvada 2nd Utsav (IUU)** from Saturday 23rd till Christmas Day Monday 25th December 2017. Like the 1st IUU in 2015, the 2nd IUU was also organised by the Foundation for Development of Udvada, supported by the Government of Gujarat Department of Tourism, and Udvada Samast Anjuman, under the leadership of Vada Dasturji Khurshed K Dastoor, High Priest of the Iranshah Atashbehram and Zoroastrian representative on the Government of India National Minorities Commission. Similar to the 1st IUU, the 2nd IUU, was held over a three day period where Udvada village was transformed to expect over 2000 visitors including senior national and Gujarat state politicians and Zoroastrians who are household names in India. The programme was a mixture of talks, cultural programme and entertainment and tasty Parsi food. The Guests of Honour on the opening evening were the Chief Minister of Gujarat, Vijay Rupani and Union Minister of Minority Affairs, Shri. Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi; on the second day were Union Minister for Textiles and Information and Broadcasting, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani and Dr Farrokh E Udwardia; and on the third day Shri Venkaiah Naidu, Vice-President of India who delivered a speech ex tempore, which was well received by the all present. Dr Farrokh E Udwardia was then felicitated by the Vice President. On the second day the ZTFE President was invited to join a panel discussion; 'How do we make our Zoroastrian Religion Relevant to the Modern Times?'
- ZTFE and the Zoroastrian community were invited by the High Commissioner of India to the **Republic Day Reception** on Friday 26th January 2018 at the Ballroom, InterContinental Hotel in Mayfair. Besides ZTFE patron Lord Karan F Bilimoria, other ZTFE invitees included President Malcolm M Deboo, Trustee Rusi K Dalal, Dr Roshan R Dalal and former Trustee Noshir J Avari. It is the first time in recent years that the Republic Day Reception was held on 26th January, which is the actual day, due to a directive from PM Modi and the BJP Government. The reception was very well attended and included UK Government Ministers, Commonwealth Secretary General and High Commissioners.

- ZTFE was represented at the **Holocaust Memorial Day** events at City Hall on Monday 22nd by President Malcolm M Deboo and at the Harrow Arts Centre on Monday 29th January 2018 by Hon Secretary Rohinton F Munshi, Resident Priest Ervad Yazad T Bhadha and Phiroza Gan-Kotwal.
- ZTFE Joint YZ Co-ordinator and XYZ Co-ordinator Shazneen Y. Munshi attended the **World Zoroastrian Youth Leaders Forum at the Asha Centre** from 16th to 25th March 2018. Shazneen found the overall experience positive and interesting. The forum discussed issues facing the Zoroastrian diaspora including: Zoroastrian culture practices, gender equality in community leadership and within the priesthood, the inclusion of non Zoroastrian spouses and their children, education amongst others and the creation of a ‘guiding principles document.’ Speakers from the UK and abroad, gave presentations at the event and provided inspiring speeches on a variety of themes. Delegates were tasked with determining how best to implement their overall vision in their respective Zoroastrian communities. Mrs. Zerbanoo Gifford founder of the Asha Centre, praised Shazneen as she had provided a positive contribution to the event.
- **ZTFE Resident Priest Ervad Yazad T Bhadha was invited to chair a workshop at ‘Young people and inter faith learning and action’** on Tuesday 27th March 2018, organised by The Inter Faith Network for the UK (IFN), which held an all day focus group session in London for young people aged 16-25. The participants discussed issues they saw central to inter faith learning and action, and also their thoughts on what would encourage greater involvement of their peer group. The event was a great opportunity for young people to contribute and also to meet other young people who are interested in this area that is so vital in our ever more diverse society. The focus group session assisted IFN to update and expand its widely used Connect youth inter faith action guide. Ervad Yazad T Bhadha represented the ZTFE and Harrow Interfaith. He was invited by IFN to chair one of the workshops. It was the first time he had chaired an inter faith workshop. The feedback from the organisers was that he had conducted himself in an impartial manner allowing the participants to make useful contributions.

After year end

- President Malcolm M. Deboo had the honour and privilege in representing the ZTFE and the Zoroastrians in the UK and the Commonwealth at the **Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) at Buckingham Palace**, Thursday 19th April 2018. The live ceremony was aired on BBC News 24 and SKY. CHOGM was also uploaded on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qrkBNYMKXEs>. Many Members had commented, that President Malcolm M. Deboo, looked very distinguished in his dugli and pudgri as he was prominently visible amongst the guests, **seated diagonally behind TRHs Prince Charles, Prince William and Prince Harry when footage of the event was aired hourly on television’s “BBC News 24” and SKY.** Similar footage was also aired India in and other Commonwealth countries by their respective television networks.

- ZTFE Trustee **Rusi K Dalal** was invited to hear **Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi** at Westminster Central Hall on Wednesday 18th April 2018. The PM was visiting the UK for the 2018 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, which opened formerly at Buckingham Palace on Thursday 19th April 2018. A day prior to the formal opening, Shri Narendra Modi delivered his ‘Bharat Ki Baat, Sabke Saath’ amid tight security in a packed Westminster Central Hall, opposite Westminster Abbey, where he spoke to an invited audience mainly made up of the Indian Diaspora, including Trustee Rusi K Dalal.
- On Tuesday 14th April 2018, **BBC World Service Radio** aired a 50 minute programme for ‘The Forum’ on Zoroastrianism, titled ‘**History of Zoroastrianism**’. The presenter was Rajan Dattar (BBC Travel Show) and the participants in the ‘History of Zoroastrianism’ on the BBC World Service were:
 - ❖ Professor Yuhan Sohrab-Dinshaw Vevaina, Bahari Associate Professor of Sasanian Studies at Oxford University;
 - ❖ Dr Sarah Stewart, Shapoorji Pallonji Lecturer in Zoroastrianism and Co Chair, Shapoorji Pallonji Institute for Zoroastrian Studies at SOAS, University of London;
 - ❖ Ervad Yazad T Bhadha, Resident Priest at Zoroastrian Centre, London;
 - ❖ Malcolm M Deboo, President Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe.

On their website, BBC World Service ‘The Forum’ advertised the programme summary under the heading; ‘Sacred flames that burn for hundreds of years’ with the caption; ‘Malcolm Deboo, President of the oldest Zoroastrian organisation on in Europe, tells Rajan Dattar why it is important for his fellow believers to keep ritual fires burning for extremely long periods of time and how the flames enable them to communicate with Ahura Mazda, the Wise Lord.’

‘History of Zoroastrianism’ was aired in the UK initially on Saturday 14th April 2018 at 8pm. Between Saturday 14th and Wednesday 18th April 2018, it was aired again in the UK at different times and also in different parts of the world.

The programme is available online on its own webpage, via Forum homepage

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p004kln9>. Also Free podcast on

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/forum>, or through iTunes

<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/podcast/forum-a-world-of-ideas/id284278990?mt=2>, or through

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- ZTFE President Malcolm M Deboo, together with Life Members Dr Zar J Amroliya and Dr Shahpur Patell attended the introductory ‘**Indo – Iranian Philology Day: From linguistics to cultural understanding**’ at **Wolfson College, University of Oxford** on Saturday 28th April 2018. The Iranian Philology section was conducted by Dr. Yuhan Sohrab-Dinshaw Vevaina, Bahari Associate Professor of Sasanian Studies & Dr. Elizabeth Tucker, Jill Hart Senior Research Fellow in Indo-Iranian Philology (Emerita). Dr Tucker was the first speaker and spoke on ‘What is Indo – Iranian Philology’ followed by other speakers speaking on Avesta as sacred scriptures, Sanskrit texts and Vedic reading, using Old Persian philology to discover history. Another important aim of the philology day was to convey to the participants that Oxford is the only university in the UK with both a Chair of Sanskrit and Chair of Comparative Philology and is uniquely placed to establish a Chair of Indo –

Iranian Philology, for which they are seeking endowments totalling between, £3 to £7 million. Indo – Iranian Philology is currently only kept going at Oxford University thanks to the largely unremunerated efforts of Dr. Elizabeth Tucker for the last 40 years. It was extremely heartening that a young Zoroastrian scholar – Dr. Yuhan Sohrab-Dinshaw Vevaina was appointed as the Bahari Associate Professor of Sasanian Studies.

- **Dr. Yuhan Sohrab-Dinshaw Vevaina, Bahari Associate Professor of Sasanian Studies, University of Oxford delivered the 21st Dasturji Kutar Memorial Lecture at SOAS,** titled; “Birds of a Feather: On Zoroastrian Funerary Practices Then and Now” on Wed 16th May 2018. The annual lecture was attended by many members of the ZTFE and the Zoroastrian community.
- **Professor John R Hinnells, Scholar of Zoroastrian and Parsee Studies & ‘Honoured Friend of the ZTFE’ sadly passed away** peacefully in Oxford on Thursday 3rd May 2018, aged 76. He was born on 27th August 1941. ZTFE conveyed their deepest sympathies to his sons, Mark and Duncan, grandchildren and family. President Malcolm M Deboo, Trustee Rusi K Dalal, Nahib Dastur of the Anjuman Atashbehrām Dr Jamasp K Dastoor and Dr Shahpur Patell represented the ZTFE and the Zoroastrian community attended the funeral of Professor John R Hinnells, on Thursday 24th May 2018. Trustee Rusi K Dalal together with SOAS Zartoshty Professor Almut Hintze paid a warm tribute to Professor Hinnells at ‘The Study of Religions at SOAS and Beyond: An Event in Memory of Professor John Russell Hinnells’, SOAS Atrium, Paul Webley Wing, Thursday 11th October 2018.

Professor John R Hinnells was a well known Zoroastrian scholar. His academic work is particularly significant in four major areas; the question of Zoroastrian influence on Christianity, Mithraism, the Zoroastrian diaspora and the study of religions in general. He authored and edited many books on Zoroastrianism, Mithraism and Comparative Religion. The ZTFE will always be in his debt for his ‘Zoroastrians in Britain’, which continues to be the primary source of information for those wanting to find out more about the UK Zoroastrian community and the ZTFE, the oldest faith based voluntary organisation in the UK from its origins in the 19th century until the late 20th century. Professor Hinnells’s hard work in establishing the Zartoshty Professorship of Zoroastrian Studies at SOAS, together with the late Professor Mary Boyce and our patrons the Zartoshty Brothers, is a testimony of the high regard he had for Zoroastrianism in the study of world religions. His work helped create awareness not only of the Zoroastrian faith, but more importantly the contemporary practitioners of Zoroastrianism. It was one of the reasons that the ZTFE & The Faridoon and Mehraban Zartoshty Fund for Zoroastrian Studies readily agreed to sponsor the publication of the Festschrift for John R Hinnells; ‘Holy Wealth: Accounting for This World and the Next in Religious Beliefs and Practice’ (2017). (See pages 86 – 87 for tribute to Professor John R Hinnells.)

- ZTFE President was invited to witness the historic **Installation Ceremony of Dr Sarah Mullally, the first Woman Bishop of London,** at St Paul’s Cathedral on Saturday 12th May 2018. Dr Sarah Mullally is the 133rd Bishop of London.

- President Malcolm M Deboo, Trustee Rusi K Dalal, Life Members Dr Roshan R Dalal and Rukshana M Daruwalla represented the ZTFE at the **11th World Zoroastrian Congress, Perth, Australia, Friday 1st – Monday 4th June 2018**, the first World Zoroastrian Congress to be held in the southern hemisphere. 11WZC was attended by 330 delegates from 14 countries. The largest contingents were from India, Iran and Australia, whilst North America, Europe, Middle East, Pakistan, Hong Kong and Singapore had representations in single digits.

President Malcolm M Deboo was invited to speak at the 11th WZC; his speech was titled; **‘Remembering the immense contribution and sacrifice made by Indians including Zoroastrians who served the King Emperor and Great Britain during the First World War.’**

The 11th WZC was hosted by the Business Association of Western Australia (BAWAZ) and chaired by Firoz Pestonjee. It was held at the prestigious Crown Complex, comprising of 4*, 5* and 6* hotels, 24 hour casino, concert venue and a theatre. **The 12th WZC will be organised by ZAGNY in New York during summer 2022.**

- President Malcolm M Deboo and Trustee Rusi K Dalal represented the ZTFE at the **9th GWG meeting, held in Perth, Australia** on Friday 1st June 2018 at the Crown Complex held in the morning prior to 11th WZC opening ceremony.
- President Malcolm M Deboo represented the ZTFE and the Zoroastrian community at the **70th Anniversary Service of Thanksgiving ‘Spirit of Windrush: Contributions to Multicultural Britain’, Westminster Abbey, Friday 22nd June 2018.**
- **The launch of the ‘SOAS Shapoorji Pallonji Institute of Zoroastrian Studies’ took place at the Brunei Gallery on Wednesday 27th June 2018. The ‘SOAS Shapoorji Pallonji Institute of Zoroastrian Studies’ is one of the successful legacies of ‘The Everlasting Flame: Zoroastrianism in History and Imagination’ exhibition in 2013 core funded by the ZTFE**, thus SOAS invited all the donors whose names are listed at the back of the Everlasting Flame Exhibition catalogue to the launch. The ZTFE Managing Committee and Trustees were invited too. There were over 150 invitees in total, of which 70 were Zoroastrians.

The formal launch function commenced by Vada Dasturji Jamasp Asa being invited to bless the occasion with a short Zoroastrian prayer. In her welcome, SOAS Director Baroness Valerie Amos mentioned the Zoroastrian faith was one of the 9 faiths recognised in the UK, their participation in inter faith and community cohesion. She summarised the history of Zoroastrian studies at SOAS starting with the Parsi community lectureship in 1929, to Professors Boyce, Bivar, Hinnells, Kreybroek and Sims Williams, endowments by Zartoshty Brothers and Professor Boyce to establish the Zartoshty Professorship, Everlasting Flame Exhibition and the core funding by the ZTFE and thanking Shapoor Mistry and Shapoorji Pallonji And Company Limited for their £5 million endowment in 2017 to establish the SOAS Shapoorji Pallonji Zoroastrian Institute.

Shapoor P Mistry, Chairman & Managing Director of Shapoorji Pallonji And Company Limited, in his speech mentioned that he has always been interested in knowing more about his religious heritage and supporting its priests. Shapoorji Pallonji Group has been around for over 150 years, thus their support to SOAS is for the long term and the launch is the

beginning of the journey. The launch was a proud moment for him and Shapoorji Pallonji Group as they were the first steps to protect the Zoroastrian religion and culture, and assisting the priests. **Shapoor was impressed by ‘The Everlasting Flame: Zoroastrianism in History and Imagination’ exhibition which inspired him to donate £5 million to SOAS in 2017.** He was convinced that his initiative to support SOAS in strengthening Zoroastrian studies was correct.

Dr Sarah Stewart, Co Chair of the Institute, spoke about the aims of the SP Institute, including outreach by having summer schools in Rome and school visits in London to generate awareness about the usefulness in studying Zoroastrianism, create a Digital Library and Sound Archive at SOAS and plans to export the Everlasting Flame Exhibition to North America in 2022 to coincide with the 12th World Zoroastrian Congress, New York.

Co Chair Professor Almut Hintze, spoke about the history of Zoroastrian research conducted by SOAS and the European Research Council Grant to film the Yasna ceremony, which was undertaken in Mumbai in late 2017 and early 2018. The film will form the basis of the ‘Living Zoroastrianism Exhibition’ at the Foyle Special Collection Gallery within the Brunei Gallery, from 12th October till 15th December 2018. After the formal function, guests were invited to put on VR glasses to see the impressive 5 minute trailer of the Yasna ceremony performed by Ervads Adil Besania and Asphandiar Dadachanji at the Vatcha Gandhi Agairy using 8 digital cameras simultaneously operating remotely.

President Malcolm M Deboo thanked Baroness Amos for inviting ZTFE and in her speech praising the ZTFE and the Zoroastrian community for their interfaith participation. He reminded everyone that it was the government of Tony Blair in which Baroness Amos was a Cabinet Minister, which had first given Zoroastrians a level playing field with the other faiths in the Faith Zone, Millennium Dome. Although ZTFE had been associated with SOAS since the inception of the Parsi Community Lectureship, but our current relationship began with our Honoured Friend of the ZTFE Professor Hinnells meeting our benefactor and patron Mehraban Zartoshty in Mumbai in 1996, where he together with his brother Faridoon agreed within 5 minutes to assist SOAS to establish a Chair in Zoroastrian Studies at SOAS. This led to ZTFE in 1997, after the 2nd World Zoroastrian Youth Congress, felicitating Professor Mary Boyce in the very same Brunei Suite where the launch of the Shapoorji Pallonji Institute is taking place today, organised by our then president and current trustee Rusi K Dalal in the presence of an august gathering of Zoroastrians including Mehraban Zartoshty, Dasturjis Kotwal and Jamaspasa, Khojeste P Mistree, Phiroza Godrej, scholars and academics. Shortly afterwards Dr Almut Hintze was appointed Zartoshty Lecturer, but it was only because of the immense generosity of the visionary Professor Mary Boyce that the Zartoshty Professorship was established in 2011.

It was because of the Zartoshty Brothers and Honoured Friend of the ZTFE Professor Mary Boyce, ZTFE had agreed to core fund the Everlasting Flame Exhibition in 2013, which was one of the best investments the ZTFE made as its successful legacy continues. On behalf of the Zoroastrian community, the **ZTFE felicitated Shapoor Mistry by draping a shawl and presenting him with the ZTFE Sesquicentennial Medallion**, for his and his family’s generous endowment to establish the SOAS Shapoorji Pallonji Institute of Zoroastrian Studies. It will definitely benefit the ZTFE, the UK Zoroastrians and the wider community.

- Prior to the launch, the inaugural meeting of the **SOAS Shapoorji Pallonji Institute of Zoroastrian Studies Advisory Panel** took place at SOAS prior to the launch. The Advisory Panel is to offer guidance and support to the Shapoorji Pallonji Institute and its Co

Chairs, Professor Almut Hintze and Dr Sarah Stewart. It is purely advisory as the decisions will be made by SOAS! Comprising of 9 members; Shapoor P Mistry is a permanent member, 4 members nominated by Shapoor Mistry and Shapoorji Pallonji And Company Limited and 4 members nominated by SOAS, one will be the Pro Director who will Chair the Panel. ZTFE President Malcolm M Deboo was nominated by SOAS to join the advisory panel.

- SOAS invited all the ZTFE donors whose names are listed at the back of the Everlasting Flame Exhibition catalogue together with ZTFE Trustees and Managing Committee to the **opening ceremony of ‘Living Zoroastrianism’ – A unique interactive exhibition engages the public in the Virtual Reality (VR) experience of a 3000 year old Zoroastrian ritual, Foyle Gallery within Brunei Gallery, SOAS on Thursday 11th October 2018.** The formal launch function commenced by ZTFE Resident Priest Ervad Yazad T Bhadha and his younger brother Ervad Rayomand being invited by SOAS Zartoshty Professor Almut Hintze to bless the occasion with a short Zoroastrian prayer. Like the previous Everlasting Flame Exhibition, SOAS once again requested ZTFE to loan exhibits for the Living Zoroastrianism Exhibition. The exhibition was open to the public from Friday 12th October till Saturday 15th December 2018.
- Trustee Rusi K Dalal together with President Malcolm M Deboo conducted a successful **Walking Tour of the Zoroastrian Burial Ground, Brookwood on Thursday 12th July 2018, for members of The Art Fund.** The tour was requested by the Art Fund and was advertised in their newsletter and website priced £24/- for their members. The entire proceeds going to the Art Fund to raise funds for Art related projects. The Art Fund is a reputed National Charity established in 1903, which raises funds and finances for Art related projects and activities. The tour covered the section of the cemetery which included the Wadia and Tata Mausoleums and the early graves dating from 1861 till prior to the Second World War. The Art Fund thanked ZTFE for their warm welcome and hospitality. They truly appreciated that the tour covered an incredible range in terms of historical background, the current position and for sharing the stories of distinguished members of the Zoroastrian community. They were not intrusive as they were extremely mindful that the burial ground is still in use by the Zoroastrian community and only one landscape photograph was taken.
- A **Zoroastrian introductory seminar with Dr Yuhana Sohrab-Dinshaw Vevaina, Bahari Associate Professor of Sasanian Studies, University of Oxford, held at the Zoroastrian Centre** on Sunday 1st July 2018. A positive feedback was received from the participants, many requesting a follow up seminar.
- **Dr Meherbod Khanizadeh gave a bilingual talk on Tirgan** following the Zartoshty Brothers sponsored Jashn-e Tirgan, Sunday 1st July 2018.
- **Dr Meherbod Khanizadeh gave a bilingual talk on the importance of charity in Zoroastrianism** following the 6th Varsi Jashn for our patron Mobed Mehraban J Zartoshty on Saturday 7th July 2018.

- Ervad Yazad T Bhadha, ZTFE & Youth Representative for Harrow Inter Faith, facilitated a discussion group; **‘Developing a youth dimension to existing inter faith programmes’** at the National Meeting of The Inter Faith Network for the UK – ‘Young People and Inter Faith Engagement: Making a Difference Together’ at Derby County Football Ground, Wednesday 4th July 2018.
- ZTFE President Malcolm M Deboo was invited by Lord Callanan, Minister of State, Department for **Exiting the European Union**, to a Faith Groups Roundtable to discuss EU exit by UK, Monday 16th July 2018.
- ZTFE members were invited to the 26th Vladimir G Lukonin Memorial Lecture titled, **‘Fashioning the Achaemenid Elite: Dress and Identity in Ancient Iran, c. 559 – 330 BCE’**, by **Professor Lloyd Llewellyn-Jones**, Cardiff University which was delivered at the British Museum on Thursday 26th July 2018. Professor Llewellyn Jones explored the form and function of the clothing of the Achaemenid nobility at the time of the first Persian Empire. The Achaemenid Persians inherited a particular form of dress which linked them to their nomadic Eurasian ancestors. Consisting of trousers, a sleeved tunic and a long-sleeved coat, this ‘cavalry costume’ was intimately linked to the horse-riding identity which the Achaemenids had inherited from the steppe peoples of ‘greater Iran.’ Alongside the physical garments themselves, customs, traditions and meanings were encoded in their use and in particular the sleeved-coat was imbued with a semi-magical quality which made it the focus of significant ceremonial. The lecture was very well attended.
- ZTFE Life Member Soonu Engineer spoke on the **‘Parsi Contribution to Pakistan’ at a seminar titled, ‘A Tribute to Pakistani Religious Minorities’ Role in Nation Building’, hosted by Pakistan High Commission in London** on Wednesday 8th August 2018. His Excellency Sahibzada Ahmed Khan, the recently appointed High Commissioner of Pakistan to the United Kingdom, presided over the proceedings. The keynote speaker was the former Bishop of Rochester, the Right Reverend Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali, President of the Oxford Centre for Training, Research, Advocacy and Dialogue (OXTRAD). Soonu Engineer made a short presentation on the Zoroastrian community in Pakistan. Several Zoroastrians were invited, including WZCC UK Chapter Chair Shernaz Engineer, President Malcolm M Deboo, Trustee Rusi K Dalal, Dr Roshan R Dalal, Jamshed Irani and Ruzbeh Hodiwala. The objective of this exclusive seminar, which was oversubscribed, was to acknowledge the rich contributions made by the Pakistani minorities beyond the headlines. It illustrated that religious minorities make four to five per cent of the Pakistani population but their role in the development of the country is phenomenal. Since the very creation of Pakistan (and even before) the role of Pakistani religious minorities has been eminent and commendable in nation building, social welfare, defence, education, health and cultural fields.
- Golden Tours Foundation in partnership with ZTFE had an exhibition bus parked outside Zoroastrian Centre on Sunday 12th August 2018 from 11am till 10pm, exhibiting; **‘Inspiring Young Minds!!! – Remembering the 1.4 million Indian Soldiers, The Forgotten Heroes of the First World War’**. This travelling exhibition is sponsored by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. ‘Inspiring Young Minds’ is a centennial project remembering

and saying ‘thank you’ for their immense contribution and sacrifice made by the countless volunteers from undivided India who served the King Emperor & Great Britain during the First World War. Their contribution changed our world! ‘Inspiring Young Minds’ is a follow up exhibition to ‘The Indian Soldiers in WWI’ seminar held at the Zoroastrian Centre during Inter Faith and Remembrance Week on Saturday 19th November 2016.

- **On the auspicious occasion of Shahenshai Navroze 1388 YZ, Friday 17th August 2018, ZTFE felicitated 3 Zoroastrians who were recently awarded their MA or PhD in Zoroastrian Studies by SOAS. They were:**

Ervad Yazad T Bhadha MA, Resident Priest at the Zoroastrian Centre, was awarded a MA in Zoroastrian Studies, from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, on Wednesday 25th July 2018.

Mr Ruzbeh Hodiwala MA from Ahmadabad, India, was awarded a MA in Zoroastrian Studies, from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, on Friday 27th July 2018.

Dr Meherbod Khanizadeh from Kerman, Iran, who received his ‘confirmation of award letter’ by SOAS dated 9th August 2018 confirming that he has successfully completed his **PhD on his thesis; ‘Reward for Sacrifice: The Paharvi Version of Yasna 9.1-15’.** From October 2018, Dr Khanizadeh will be employed as a post doctoral researcher at SOAS for 3 years, assisting Professor Almut Hintze with the ‘Multi Media Yasna Project’ funded by Euro €2.5 million grant from the European Research Council.

Professor (Dr) Perses J. Amroliya and his brother Dr Zar J. Amroliya presented a copy of, ‘ASHAVANS: A Legacy of Zoroastrian Leadership’ by Meher Bhesania on 101 prominent Zoroastrian leaders, to commemorate the occasion. **Dr Meherbod Khanizadeh was also presented with a ZTFE Gold Sesquicentennial medallion for completing his PhD.**

In their acceptance, all of them thanked the ZTFE and the ‘Faridoon & Mehraban Zartoshty Fund for Zoroastrian Studies’ for sponsoring their further studies in Zoroastrianism at SOAS.

- ZTFE once again sponsored the **Dhansak Food Stall at the annual Indian Independence Day** celebrations, Nanvat Centre, Hayes UB3 1AR, Sunday 26th August 2018. The food stall was organised and manned by Trustee Rusi K. Dalal, Joint Social Secretary Gav D. Buhariwala, Mehernosh Bilimoria, and Zarir Chacha, who serving ‘Dhansak’ to 300 hundred guests at this event. The turnout was low compared to previous years, because it was a rainy day, but our volunteers endured and ensured a Zoroastrian food stall was maintained as in past years. Links with the Indian High Commission in the UK have been kept strong since the early 1990s by the good work of Trustee Rusi K. Dalal.
- The Zoroastrian Centre was once again visited by the members of the **London Appreciation Society** on Wednesday 19th September 2018. On Saturday 22nd September 2018, the **ZTFE once again participated in the annual Open House and opened Zoroastrian Centre to the general public,** thus giving over 300 visitors the opportunity to marvel the art deco grade 2* listed building including the Zartoshty Brothers’ Hall and view the historical photos of the building on display by Robert Douglas Law. He once again volunteered to mount all the historical photographs and conduct the hourly tours at the

Zoroastrian Centre from 11am till 4pm for Open House and also for the London Appreciation Society.

- For nearly two decades, the ZTFE has been lobbying the UK Government to include a Zoroastrian representative as part of the faiths and belief groups at the annual National Service of Remembrance held at the Cenotaph, Whitehall, on Sunday closest to 11th November. **ZTFE is glad to report that on Wednesday 17th October 2018, the UK Government website, <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/more-faith-and-belief-groups-to-join-the-national-service-of-remembrance>, reported that Zoroastrians will be represented from this year on Sunday 11th November 2018, being the centenary of the WWI Armistice.** This breaking news was reported in the UK and Indian press, including The Times on Wednesday 17th October 2018 and also the Business Standard in India. It should be noted that this happy outcome would not have been possible without the relentless campaigning of our patron Lord Karan F Bilimoria CBE DL on behalf of our community. We must recognise and record our thanks! Also our gratitude to the Faith Minister Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth at the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), for pursuing this matter with his counterpart at the Department of Culture, Sports and Media (DCMS). **ZTFE and the Zoroastrian community will be represented at the annual National Service of Remembrance held at the Cenotaph, Whitehall, on Sunday 11th November 2018 at 11am by our patron Lord Karan F Bilimoria CBE DL and President Malcolm M Deboo.**

Also at 11am, Hon Secretary Mr. Rohinton F. Munshi, and Ms. Phiroza Gan-Kotwal will represent the **ZTFE and the Zoroastrian community together with members of other faiths at the Remembrance Sunday Ceremony, held at the War Memorial, Harrow Town Hall.** As part of the service, The “Shared Act of Commitment,” as in previous years will be recited by Harrow Inter Faith members. There will be parade by members of the Armed Services and respective cadets from those services. Joining the parade will also be police cadets and various organisations such as the British Legion, Scouts and a number of schools. Harrow’s Parade is now the second largest in London, after the Cenotaph in Whitehall. A wreath will be laid by the Mayor of Harrow and by: members of the Armed Services, parliamentarians, HIF Chair and others.

ZTFE will also participate in ‘National bell ringing in the UK’ to mark 100th anniversary of WWI Armistice at 12.30pm, when ZTFE Resident Priest Ervad Yazad T Bhadha will perform the ‘Thanksgiving Maachi ceremony’ in the Setayash Gah, Zoroastrian Centre.

At 3pm, our patron Lord Karan F Bilimoria CBE DL, President Mr Malcolm M Deboo, Hon Secretary Mr Rohinton F. Munshi and Ervad Yazad T Bhadha will represent ZTFE and the Zoroastrian community at **‘A Service of Thanksgiving and Prayer for Peace to mark the Centenary of the Armistice signalling the end of World War I’ in Southwark Cathedral.**

At 6pm, President Malcolm M Deboo will represent **ZTFE and the Zoroastrian community at The National Service of Thanksgiving to commemorate the centenary of the WWI Armistice in Westminster Abbey.**

ZTFE Zoroastrian Senior Citizens Home Project (ZSCHP)

The 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.** Shernaz Engineer, member of Steering Committee, introduced the accomplished soprano Sara Hartley Llewellyn to ZSCHP, who was invited to sing at the successful event, which was one of the main highlights of the evening. The 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 donated. 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.

In December 2017, ZSCHP via Shernaz Engineer was requested by the soprano Sara Hartley Llewellyn and her team of singers, the “Hartley Voices” to organise another fund raising event at the Zoroastrian Centre for which the surplus would be equally shared by ZSCHP and “Sarcoma UK”, a charity supported by “Hartley Voices,” because recently one of their members had passed away after contracting sarcoma. The **Hartley Voices Charity Musical Concert was held on Sunday 25th March 2018.** Like Sara Hartley Llewellyn, the Hartley Voices singers were of exceptional quality and the musical concert was enjoyed by all. It generated a surplus of around £3,000. **The ZSCHP Designated Fund stood at £143,448/- at year end 31st March 2018.**

The ZSCHP Open Forum held at the Zoroastrian Centre on Sunday 17th September 2017 highlighted a strong interest from those present to create a **subcommittee of volunteers to act within a shorter term time frame, to address the isolation of our elderly by enabling them with telephonic befriending and commuting support to the Zoroastrian Centre for events.** Thus the **“ZSCHP Short Term Option” subcommittee** was formed headed by Mrs Rozy K Contractor and Mr Rubin D Italia. This subcommittee linked volunteers to help elderly Zoroastrians attend the Jamsheedi NoRuz celebrations at the Zoroastrian Centre on 21st March 2018. Subsequently other senior citizens (apart from previous regular attendees) are being helped in their monthly commutes to the “Z Club”. Wanting to help even more elders for the August Muktad and Shahenshai Navroze, which are attended in large numbers by many elderly in our community, the subcommittee created awareness by publishing its intent in June 2018 (approximately 3 months in advance), attended some formal forums including the Z Club and helped to spread the word with like-minded volunteers across the community.

At the **ZSCHP Open Forum many present did not support the concept of constructing a ZSCH and were vociferous about it.** This negativity regularly surfaces at private social parties at residences of our members, resulting in the ZSCHP steering committee struggling to

raise enthusiasm among our senior citizens, which is the intended target audience. As a result fund raising for the ZSCH has been extremely challenging. This has led to the ZSCH **Chair Noshir J Avari and Co Chair Dr Firoze R Munshi increasingly having very serious doubts about the validity of the ZSCHP**. Hence on Friday 20th July 2018, Noshir J Avari decided to stand down as the ZSCHP Chair. Whilst he remains passionate about the ZSCHP, he had reached a frustration point and for that reason he decided to step down as Chair. On Friday 27th July 2018, Dr Firoze R Munshi stood down as he always considered his position as Co-Chair of the ZSCHP was to offer not only the steering committee his support but also to Noshir J Avari in his capacity as Chair. The Managing Committee reluctantly accepted their resignations and thanked them for their services and for bringing the ZSCH project to the position it had reached so far.

On 14th August 2018, the Managing Committee and Trustees at their meeting intensely discussed the validity and future of the ZSCHP. Since they too attend these private social parties, they too are very much aware of the various challenges and the lack of support from the community for the ZSCH, but noted that as the **burdens on the NHS grew, faith communities would have to take more responsibility to care for their elderly. There should be little doubt that this would continue into the future. Other faith communities in the UK have already risen to the challenge and have their own senior citizen homes**. Hence the Managing Committee agreed that the ZSCHP should continue as a long term project. A new ZSCHP Chair will be appointed who shared the same vision and had the energy and time to lead this pioneering project. In the meantime ZSCHP Steering Committee and the Short Term option subcommittee will continue with their good work.

ZTFE & General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

The new law regarding the collection and retention of personal data came into effect on 25th May 2018. The changes brought through are under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The ZTFE holds personal information about its members which was provided initially to the ZTFE by the members themselves. ZTFE uses this to communicate with the membership via email, post and telephone. ZTFE does not give personal information about their members and well-wishers to any other organisation or third party.

With references to the GDPR and the information provided by the “Information Commissioner’s Office,” (ICO) website, the Managing Committee concluded that the GDPR required ZTFE to have formal permission from its membership and well-wishers for ZTFE to continue to communicate with them. Thus after year end, ZTFE emailed all its members and well-wishers the GDPR consent form and the Safe’s Privacy Policy and also posted to all its members. They were urged to reply before 25th May 2018, informing them that if they did not respond it would be challenging for the ZTFE to communicate with them, after this date if they have not given ZTFE express permission for us to do so. The ZTFE GDPR consent form required the express consent of all of its members and that of its well-wishers to process their personal details in compliance with the GDPR. The majority of the ZTFE members responded, after few reminders, mainly by email.

The Safe’s Privacy Policy was also uploaded onto the ZTFE website, also explaining our “Cookie Policy,” which is relevant when one browses the website. The Privacy Policy refers

to what personal information ZTFE hold, how we came to hold it and what rights you have in respect of your personal information.

ZTFE recognises donors and volunteers

Ruby & Russy Piroshaw Bilimoria Fund

ZTFE is grateful to Ruby and Russy Piroshaw Bilimoria for their generous donation of £264,000. The 'Ruby & Russy Piroshaw 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. 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 death anniversaries of Jal E Amrolia on 11th May 2017, Miss Banoo Kekobad Patell 1st death anniversary on 19th August 2017. ZTFE is grateful to Miss Banoo Kekobad Patell for remembering the ZTFE in her will.
- ZTFE commemorated the 33rd death anniversary of Dasturji Dr Sorabji H Kutar on 20th April 2017; 4rd death anniversary of Mrs Khorshed M Sodhi on 17th April 2017; the 5th death anniversary of Mobed Mehraban J Zartoshty on 6th July 2017 and the 17th death anniversary of his elder brother Mobed Faridoon B Zartoshty on 17th November 2017; the 21st death anniversary of Mehraban Farhangi on 25th October 2017; 2nd death anniversary of Mrs Amy Rustom Bhedwar on Khordad Sal, 22nd August 2017 and the 5th death anniversary of Ervad Jalbhai K Karkaria on 3rd March 2018. Afterwards all partook in a Gahambar meal.
- ZTFE was saddened by the demise of **past ZTFE Trustee Ervad Bahman Shahriar Mobed** in Honolulu on Saturday 10th June 2017. ZTFE commemorated his 1st death anniversaries of death anniversaries on 10th June 2018. Ervad Bahman & Mrs Nahid Mobed sponsor the annual Khordad Sal and Zartosht-no Diso Gahambars as per the Iranian Zoroastrian calendar since the 1980s. (See page 84 to read ZTFE tribute).
- ZTFE was saddened by the demise of **Professor Dr Jamshed Pestonji Randeria** on Sunday 17th December 2017. Professor Dr Jamshed Pestonji Randeria LCEH, DF(Hom), FLCOM, MD(Hom), LMHI was well known to many of us in the ZTFE and the wider community as a lecturer and practitioner of homoeopathic medicine and traditional osteopathy. His traditional skills in osteopathy and bone setting are legendary and many

Zoroastrians have been his patients for decades. He also successfully cured many through administering homoeopathy when conventional medical remedies were not effective. Hence on Sunday 14th May 2017, following the Dae mah Hormuzd roj Jashan performed by Vada Dasturji Khurshed K Dastoor of Iranshah Atash Behram, Udvada, the ZTFE felicitated Professor Dr Jamshed Pestonji Randeria by requesting Vada Dasturji to present him with a ZTFE Sesquicentennial Gold Medallion for services to the community. Many patients will miss him and his incredible kindness and wealth of medical experience!

- ZTFE was saddened by the demise of former **ZTFE (Hon) Social Secretary Mr. Godrej K. Bhumgara** on 13th January 2018. He originally hailed from Zanzibar. Godrej and his late dear wife Roshan, served our community in various capacities for nearly three decades. They resided in Luton, which meant travelling the great distance to organise, participate and carry through a great many events in the ZTFE. Godrej and Roshan tackled the back breaking jobs that the House Committee had to handle without ever complaining or even mentioning any difficulty. In their selfless dedication, they were a true inspiration and role models for the next generation of ZTFE volunteers. Godrej and Roshan served 7 consecutive ZTFE Presidents from the late Mr. Shahrokh Shahrokh to Mr. Dorab E. Mistry. They always put their community above self! (See page 85 to read tribute by former ZTFE President Dorab E Mistry OBE).
- ZTFE was saddened by the demise of former **ZTFE House Committee Member Mrs. Perviz Bomi Sepai** on 13th February 2018. Perviz & Bomi gave much devoted service to the ZTFE. Apart from volunteering at ZTFE events they used to lay out the Muktaf vases when another steely and determined volunteer, the late Mrs. Sheroo Rustomji could no longer do it. The ZTFE felicitated Perviz & Bomi Sepai for their services to the ZTFE with a Sesquicentennial Medallion on Dae Mah Hormuzd Roj, Sunday 14th May 2017, which was presented to him by Vada Dasturji Khurshed K Dastoor, High Priest of the Iranshah Atash Behram, Udvada, at the Zoroastrian Centre, Zartoshty Brothers' Hall.

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 muktaf (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, Ervad Bahman S Mobed, Mrs Khorshed M Sodhi, Mrs Amy Bhedwar, Miss Banoo K Patell and Jal E Amrolia.

Since employing a full time resident priest in November 2013, the ZTFE commenced the practice of having a 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 2017, Jamsheedi NoRuz Dinner & Dance on 21st March 2018, New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance on 31st December 2017.

The YZs organised the Bekhradnia Sports Day on 1st July 2017. The Parsi Theatre Revival Group spearheaded by ZTFE Joint YZ Coordinator Miss Shazneen Y Munshi, 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.

Z Club coordinator Gul R Bilimoria and ZTFE Special Projects Officer Jesmin Sorab organised a spectacular Indian musical evening with Filly Maravala & His Group on 24th September 2017. Jashn-e Sadeh Bazmeh Shab on 27th January 2018, organised by ZTFE Iranian Community Engagement Coordinator Parivash F Kiani and her team attracted 100 persons, vast majority of the participants were Iranians. Catering was by Persian Palace and music by DJ Bhafi was enjoyed by all.

ZTFE Table Tennis Tournament on Sunday 11th February 2018 was organised by past Administrative Secretary Mrs. Kerman F. Munshi together with Ms. Mahtab F Munshi, Dr. Subodh Kant and Hon Secretary Rohinton F. Munshi. The tournament was a success. The winner of the children's' tournament was Kiyonush Irani and of the adults' tournament Mr. Hoshang Daroga.

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 2017 – 2018, pages 75 - 76. 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 2018, 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 4th to Sunday 6th August 2017. 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 7th to Sunday 9th July 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 YZs organised the Bekhradnia Sports Day on 1st July 2017, weekend introductory seminar on Zoroastrian History from Saturday 8th to Sunday 9th July 2017, weekend trip to Asha Centre from Friday 4th to Sunday 6th August 2017. ZTFE sponsored Joint YZ Coordinator Shazneen Y Munshi attended Young Zoroastrian leader's summit week at the ASHA Centre from Friday 16th to Sunday 25th March 2018.

After yearend an introductory seminar was organised on Sunday 1st July 2018, on Zoroastrian Religion, History, Heritage and Culture with Dr Yuhan Sohrab-Dinshaw Vevaina, Bahari Associate Professor of Sasanian Studies at the University of Oxford. Ervad Yazad T Bhadha chaired a workshop on ‘Young People and Inter Faith Engagement: Making a difference together’ at the Inter Faith Network National meeting on Wednesday 4th July 2018 at Derby County Football Club.

The YZ Report for 2017 – 2018 compiled by the YZs is attached after the ZTFE 2017 AGM Minutes, pages 70 - 74.

Gymkhana

The Gymkhana celebrated its 4th anniversary Gymkhana on Saturday 8th July 2017 attended by over 170 persons. (For further information see The YZ Report for 2017– 2018, attached after the ZTFE 2017 AGM Minutes.) After year end, Gymkhana celebrated its 5th anniversary celebrations on Saturday 14th July 2018 attended by over 50 persons.

The “Z” Club

The “Z” Club continues to engage and involve 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 successful annual subsidised coach trip and picnic to Hitchin Lavender Farm in Hertfordshire on 18th July 2017. On 23rd August 2017, the Z Club celebrated Shahenshai Navroze. The Z Club also celebrated its 5th anniversary on 20th September 2017 with a special birthday cake. On 21st December 2017, 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 28th March 2018 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 the Thames Barrier, Woolwich, on 18th July 2018. As this report goes to print, the ZTFE Club is organising a coach trip to the opening of the Gandhi Peace Centre at the Balaji Temple, West Midlands on Saturday 10th November 2018.

The Z Club Report for 2017 – 2018 compiled by the Z Club is attached after the XYZ Children’s Fun Club Report on pages 77 - 79.

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 and PhD 2018; Kerman D Daruwalla from India awarded MA, commenced PhD 2016, Ruzbeh V Hodivala from India awarded MA 2018. ZTFE Resident Priest Ervad Yazad T Bhadha awarded MA in 2018 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 Poor Peoples Project (PPP) was established by ZS in 1979. Currently the PPP supports 163 Zoroastrians in Mumbai, Udvada and Navsari. 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, by transferring funds for ZS to distribute the funds on a monthly basis. Periodically, the ZTFE also puts out emergency medical appeals to assist Zoroastrians, including for Ervad Sohrab Bharucha, Aspi Sepoy, late Ervad Malcolm D Hosdar and the Kerala Flood Appeal.

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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.

Financial review

The Income of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2018 was £398,656 (2017:£592,262), whereas the costs of Charitable Activities were £247,816 (2017: £266,348) and Governance Costs were £69,015 (2017: £68,337).

The realised gain on investments was £32,973 (2017: £Nil) whereas the unrealised loss amounted to £107,425 (2017: Gain £355,179). The net movement for the year was a surplus of £7,373 (2017: surplus £612,756).

The Charity benefited 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 reputable dividend paying investment trusts and funds helped in providing a steady income stream for the charity.

During the year the overall net assets of the charity increased from £6,654,817 to £6,662,190.

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 of the year are set out in detail on pages 41 - 64

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 and 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, sixty-five(65) percent of the surplus was transferred to the Unrestricted Designated Funds in order 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.

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

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Financial review *(continued)*

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditor

Each of the persons who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

The trustees' annual report and the strategic report were approved on Thursday 18th October 2018 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mr M M Deboo
President

Mr J S Canteenwala
Treasurer

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of The Zoroastrian Trust Funds Of Europe

Year ended 31st March 2018

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe (the 'charity') for the year ended 31st March 2018 which comprise the statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account), statement of financial position, statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (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.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31st March 2018 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;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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Year ended 31st March 2018

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which 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' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors 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, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of The Zoroastrian Trust Funds Of Europe *(continued)*

Year ended 31st March 2018

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

**Paul Phillips FCA
Senior Statutory Auditor**

**For and on behalf of
Brian Paul Limited
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditor
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**The Zoroastrian Trust Funds Of Europe
Company Limited by Guarantee**

**Statement of Financial Activities
(including income and expenditure account)**

Year ended 31st March 2018

		2018		2017	
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	225,466	44,304	269,770	486,734
Investment income	6	78,711	50,175	128,886	105,528
Total income		<u>304,177</u>	<u>94,479</u>	<u>398,656</u>	<u>592,262</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	7,8	168,645	148,186	316,831	334,685
Total expenditure		<u>168,645</u>	<u>148,186</u>	<u>316,831</u>	<u>334,685</u>
Net (gains) / loss on investments	9	45,415	29,037	74,452	(355,179)
Net income / (deficit) in funds		<u>90,117</u>	<u>(82,744)</u>	<u>7,373</u>	<u>612,756</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>2,575,796</u>	<u>4,079,021</u>	<u>6,654,817</u>	<u>6,042,061</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>2,665,913</u>	<u>3,996,277</u>	<u>6,662,190</u>	<u>6,654,817</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 44 to 64 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

Year ended 31st March 2018

	Note	2018 £	2017 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	14	2,640,857	2,713,429
Investments	15	3,167,606	2,970,847
		<u>5,808,463</u>	<u>5,684,276</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	16	7,918	9,263
Cash at bank and in hand		856,875	971,924
		<u>864,793</u>	<u>981,187</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	<u>11,066</u>	<u>10,646</u>
Net current assets		<u>853,727</u>	<u>970,541</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>6,662,190</u>	<u>6,654,817</u>
Net assets		<u>6,662,190</u>	<u>6,654,817</u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	19	3,996,277	4,079,021
Unrestricted funds	18	2,665,913	2,575,796
Total charity funds		<u>6,662,190</u>	<u>6,654,817</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on Thursday 18th October 2018, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr M M Deboo
President

Mr J S Canteenwala
Treasurer

The notes on pages 44 to 64 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31st March 2018

	Note	2018 £	2017 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net income		87,849	612,756
<i>Adjustments for:</i>			
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets		72,572	73,053
Net gains on investments		74,452	(355,179)
Dividends and interests		(128,641)	(104,892)
Other interest receivable and similar income		(245)	(636)
Interest payable and similar charges		702	–
Accrued expenses		917	9,249
<i>Changes in:</i>			
Trade and other debtors		1,345	(5,148)
Trade and other creditors		(497)	(9,915)
Cash generated from operations		<u>27,978</u>	<u>219,288</u>
Interest paid		(702)	–
Interest received		245	636
Net cash from operating activities		<u>27,521</u>	<u>219,924</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		128,641	104,892
Purchases of other investments		(710,639)	(2,779)
Proceeds from sale of other investments		439,428	–
Net cash (used in)/from investing activities		<u>(142,570)</u>	<u>102,113</u>
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(115,049)	322,037
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		971,924	649,887
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		<u>856,875</u>	<u>971,924</u>

The notes on pages 44 to 64 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31st March 2018

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Zoroastrian Centre, 440 Alexandra Avenue, Harrow, Middlesex, HA2 9TL, United Kingdom.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in GBP sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

The charity considers 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 performance and risk management sections of the trustees annual report for more information).

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In producing these accounts the trustees have considered accounting policies and relevant estimates. In the trustee's opinion and to the best of their knowledge significant accounting entries are based upon facts. However, these accounts do include estimates in relation to useful life of assets and immaterial accruals

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment as set out in the notes to the accounts

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31st March 2018

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Freehold property	-	2% straight line
Fixtures and fittings		15% reducing balance

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31st March 2018

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

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. Investments are made in equities, funds and money market deposits.

The main forms 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.

Investment income and bank interest

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

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.

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.

Life subscriptions

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31st March 2018

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares or preference shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Irrecoverable VAT

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

Pensions

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a contribution 'money purchase' scheme. The charity contribution is restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 12. The costs of 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 employees contributions.

4. Limited by guarantee

The Company is limited by guarantee and was incorporated in 1978 in England and Wales.

**The Zoroastrian Trust Funds Of Europe
Company Limited by Guarantee**

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31st March 2018

5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2018 £
Donations			
Donations: (other)	79,947	–	79,947
Burial Ground Fund - Upkeep and funerals	66,575	–	66,575
Grave Plot Reservation	1,800	–	1,800
WZCC	555	–	555
Place of worship	–	9,437	9,437
Medical relief fund	–	9,616	9,616
Library fund	–	–	–
Poor Peoples Project	–	4,250	4,250
Religious funds	–	5,077	5,077
Mobed fund	–	11,924	11,924
Sesquicentennial Fund for Propagation of Zoroastrianism, Inter Faith and Goodwill	–	–	–
Ruby & Russy Piroshaw Bilimoria Fund	14,000	–	14,000
Senior Citizens Home Appeal	40,484	–	40,484
Phiroze, Roshan & Homi D Munshi Jashan Fund	–	4,000	4,000
Income tax recoverable	5,825	–	5,825
Banoo Patell Bequest for Mobed Support	12,000	–	12,000
Subscriptions			
Ordinary membership subscriptions	1,680	–	1,680
Life membership subscriptions	2,600	–	2,600
	<u>225,466</u>	<u>44,304</u>	<u>269,770</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2017 £
Donations			
Donations: (other)	84,533	–	84,533
Burial Ground Fund - Upkeep and funerals	31,954	–	31,954
Grave Plot Reservation	6,800	–	6,800
WZCC	1,095	–	1,095
Place of worship	–	–	–
Medical relief fund	–	2,655	2,655
Library fund	–	–	–
Poor Peoples Project	–	4,864	4,864
Religious funds	–	6,427	6,427
Mobed fund	–	10,717	10,717
Sesquicentennial Fund for Propagation of Zoroastrianism, Inter Faith and Goodwill	66,191	–	66,191
Ruby & Russy Piroshaw Bilimoria Fund	250,000	–	250,000
Senior Citizens Home Appeal	3,345	–	3,345
Phiroze, Roshan & Homi D Munshi Jashan Fund	–	2,601	2,601
Income tax recoverable	11,842	–	11,842
Banoo Patell Bequest for Mobed Support	–	–	–

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5. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2017 £
Subscriptions			
Ordinary membership subscriptions	1,860	–	1,860
Life membership subscriptions	1,850	–	1,850
	<u>459,470</u>	<u>27,264</u>	<u>486,734</u>

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2018 £
Dividend Income	78,471	50,170	128,641
Bank Interest received	240	5	245
	<u>78,711</u>	<u>50,175</u>	<u>128,886</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2017 £
Dividend Income	63,960	40,932	104,892
Bank Interest received	627	9	636
	<u>64,587</u>	<u>40,941</u>	<u>105,528</u>

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7. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2018 £
Other Charitable expenses	3,902	–	3,902
Welfare funds	32,919	1,757	34,676
Place of worship expenses	30,729	–	30,729
Burial Ground Fund - Upkeep and funerals	16,915	–	16,915
Repairs and maintenance – net of insurance claim	1,692	–	1,692
Depreciation	3,150	69,421	72,571
WZCC	439	–	439
Educational funds	–	5,912	5,912
Religious funds	–	41,351	41,351
Poor Peoples Project	–	23,700	23,700
Senior Citizens Home Appeal	4,437	–	4,437
Library funds	–	125	125
Medical relief fund	–	5,920	5,920
Sesquicentennial Fund for Propagation of Zoroastrianism, Inter Faith and Goodwill	5,447	–	5,447
Support costs	69,015	–	69,015
	<u>168,645</u>	<u>148,186</u>	<u>316,831</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2017 £
Other Charitable expenses	2,207	–	2,207
Welfare funds	37,419	–	37,419
Place of worship expenses	35,608	–	35,608
Burial Ground Fund - Upkeep and funerals	11,509	–	11,509
Repairs and maintenance	23,036	–	23,036
Depreciation	3,631	69,422	73,053
WZCC	1,580	–	1,580
Educational funds	–	22,264	22,264
Religious funds	–	51,898	51,898
Poor Peoples Project	–	–	–
Senior Citizens Home Appeal	1,100	–	1,100
Library funds	–	594	594
Medical relief fund	–	2,431	2,431
Sesquicentennial Fund for Propagation of Zoroastrianism, Inter Faith and Goodwill	3,649	–	3,649
Support costs	68,337	–	68,337
	<u>188,076</u>	<u>146,609</u>	<u>334,685</u>

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8. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2018 £	Total fund 2017 £
Other Charitable expenses	3,902	–	3,902	2,207
Welfare funds	34,676	–	34,676	37,419
Place of worship expenses	30,729	–	30,729	35,608
Burial Ground Fund - Upkeep and funerals	16,915	–	16,915	11,509
Repairs and maintenance – net of insurance claim	1,692	–	1,692	23,036
Depreciation	72,571	–	72,571	73,053
WZCC	439	–	439	1,580
Educational funds	5,912	–	5,912	22,264
Religious funds	41,351	–	41,351	51,898
Poor Peoples Project	23,700	–	23,700	–
Senior Citizens Home Appeal	4,437	–	4,437	1,100
Library funds	125	–	125	594
Medical relief fund	5,920	–	5,920	2,431
Sesquicentennial Fund for Propagation of Zoroastrianism, Inter Faith and Goodwill	5,447	–	5,447	3,649
Governance costs	–	69,015	69,015	68,337
	<u>247,816</u>	<u>69,015</u>	<u>316,831</u>	<u>334,685</u>

9. Net gains on investments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2018 £
Realised gain/(loss) on sale of investments	20,114	12,859	32,973
Unrealised gain/(loss) on investment	(65,529)	(41,896)	(107,425)
	<u>(45,415)</u>	<u>(29,037)</u>	<u>(74,452)</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2017 £
Realised gain/(loss) on sale of investments	–	–	–
Unrealised gain/(loss) on investment	217,350	137,829	355,179
	<u>217,350</u>	<u>137,829</u>	<u>355,179</u>

10. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2018 £	2017 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>72,572</u>	<u>73,053</u>

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11. Auditors remuneration

	2018	2017
	£	£
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	<u>6,300</u>	<u>5,973</u>

12. Staff costs

	2018	2017
	£	£
Wages and salaries	83,654	84,046
Social security costs	4,270	4,326
Employer pension contribution	1,534	1,527
	<u>89,458</u>	<u>89,899</u>

The average weekly number of employees excluding directors was 4 (2017: 4).

In addition to salaried employees and contribution of time by the 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.

13. Trustee remuneration and expenses

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

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14. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 1st April 2017 and 31st March 2018	<u>3,492,131</u>	<u>175,822</u>	<u>3,667,953</u>
Depreciation			
At 1st April 2017	796,892	157,632	954,524
Charge for the year	69,843	2,729	72,572
At 31st March 2018	<u>866,735</u>	<u>160,361</u>	<u>1,027,096</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31st March 2018	<u>2,625,396</u>	<u>15,461</u>	<u>2,640,857</u>
At 31st March 2017	<u>2,695,239</u>	<u>18,190</u>	<u>2,713,429</u>
Freehold Properties Breakdown			
	Freehold Properties £	Brookwood £	Total £
Cost at 1st April 2017	3,471,080	21,051	3,492,131
Depreciation			
At 1st April 2017	790,588	6,304	796,892
Charge for the year	69,422	421	69,843
At 31st March 2018	<u>860,010</u>	<u>6,725</u>	<u>866,735</u>
Net book value			
At 31st March 2018	<u>2,611,070</u>	<u>14,326</u>	<u>2,625,396</u>
At 31st March 2017	<u>2,680,492</u>	<u>14,747</u>	<u>2,695,239</u>

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 Management Committee/Directors, the market value as at 31st March 2018 exceeds 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 no values can be attributed within the financial statements.

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15. Investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1st April 2017	2,970,847
Additions	710,639
Disposals	(439,428)
Fair value movements	(74,452)
At 31st March 2018	<u>3,167,606</u>
Impairment	
At 1st April 2017 and 31st March 2018	
Carrying amount	
At 31st March 2018	<u>3,167,606</u>
At 31 st March 2017	<u>2,970,847</u>

All investments shown above are held at valuation.

Financial assets held at fair value

	Listed Investments £	Premium Bonds £	Total £
Cost at 1st April 2017	2,969,912	935	2,970,847
Additions	710,639		710,639
Disposals	(439,428)		(439,428)
Fair value movements	(74,452)		(74,452)
At 31 st March 2018	<u>3,166,671</u>	<u>935</u>	<u>3,167,606</u>
Historical cost at 31st March 2018	<u>2,974,243</u>	<u>935</u>	<u>2,975,178</u>
Historical cost at 31st March 2017	<u>2,263,604</u>	<u>935</u>	<u>2,264,539</u>

The net unrealised loss at 31st March 2018 amounted to £107,425 (2017: unrealised gain £355,179) and net realised gain at 31st March 2018 amounted to £32,973 (2017: £Nil).

16. Debtors

	2018 £	2017 £
Other debtors	<u>7,918</u>	<u>9,263</u>

17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2018 £	2017 £
Accruals and deferred income	10,166	9,249
Other creditors	900	1,397
	<u>11,066</u>	<u>10,646</u>

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	At 1 Apr 2017 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Investment Income £	Gains and (losses) £	At 31 Mar 2018 £
18. Analysis of charitable funds						
Unrestricted funds						
General unrestricted funds	445,611	89,852	(141,407)	73,556	(43,181)	424,431
Designated unrestricted funds						
Religious Funds – Appurtenances maintenance	4,459	–	–	–	–	4,459
Burial Ground Fund – Upkeep and funerals	154,123	66,775	(16,915)	–	–	203,983
Grave Plot Reservation	34,545	1,800	–	–	–	36,345
Zartoshty Bros 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	5,014	555	(439)	–	–	5,130
Senior Citizens Home Appeal	107,401	40,484	(4,437)	–	–	143,448
Sheroo Rustomji Bequest	19,925	–	–	–	–	19,925
Sesquicentennial Fund for Propagation of Zoroastrianism Inter-Faith and Goodwill	212,942	–	(5,447)	2,371	(1,028)	208,838
Sesquicentennial Fund No. 2	50,000	–	–	–	–	50,000
Ruby & Russy Piroshaw Bliimoria Fund	250,000	14,000	–	2,784	(1,206)	265,578
Banoo Patell Bequest for Mobed Support	–	12,000	–	–	–	12,000
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	2,130,185	135,614	(27,238)	5,155	(2,234)	2,665,913

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19. Analysis of charitable funds (continued)

Restricted funds	At 1st April 2017 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Investment income £	Gains and losses £	At 31st March 2018 £
House purchase fund						
Faridoon and Mehraban Zartoshty Fund	63,775	-	-	-	-	63,775
Arbab Rustam Guiv and Madam Guiv Fund	61,614	-	-	-	-	61,614
House Purchase Fund (88 Compayne Gardens)	30,574	-	-	-	-	30,574
Sir Dhunjibhoy and 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 Hormashiji Kutar Fund Hall Donation	16,809	-	-	-	-	16,809
	<u>274,141</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>274,141</u>
New Premises Fund						
440 Alexandra Avenue Property Fund	839,827	-	(69,421)	-	-	770,406
- Refurbishment Fund	1,470,078	-	-	-	-	1,470,078
- Atash Dadgah Fund	24,931	-	-	-	-	24,931
Brookwood Extension Appeal	20,089	-	-	-	-	20,089
	<u>2,629,066</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(69,421)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,559,645</u>

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19. Analysis of charitable funds (continued)

	At 1st April 2017 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Investment income £	Gains and losses £	At 31st March 2018 £
Educational and Charity Funds						
Broacha Trust	37,485	-	-	1,323	(766)	38,042
Mancheshaw S Vajifdar Bequest	46,605	-	-	1,645	(952)	47,298
Faridoon & Mehraban Zartoshty	46,099	-	-	1,627	(941)	46,785
Dinshaw N E Dinshaw	14,652	-	-	517	(239)	14,870
Athravan Educational Fund	5,129	-	-	181	(105)	5,205
Dr S H Kutar Fund for Medical Students	43,678	-	-	1,541	(892)	44,327
Navroze Modi Memorial Fund	6,232	-	-	220	(127)	6,325
Zoroastrian Education Fund	6,001	-	-	212	(123)	6,090
The Faridoon & Mehraban Zartoshty Fund – Zoroastrian Studies	579,997	-	(5,912)	20,467	(11,845)	582,707
	785,878	-	(5,912)	27,733	(16,050)	791,649
Religious Funds						
Mobed Fund	275,136	11,924	(34,097)	9,709	(5,619)	257,053
Zartoshty Brothers Ghambar Jashn-e Tirigan	27,866	710	(1,271)	983	(569)	27,719
Mobed Faridoon Zartoshty Memorial Fund	26,757	225	(400)	944	(546)	26,980

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19. Analysis of charitable funds (continued)

	At 1st April 2017 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Investment income £	Gains and losses £	At 31st March 2018 £
Religious Funds (continued)						
Bahman & Nahid Mobed Fund for Fasil Khordad Sal and Zarthost-no-Diso	14,613	120	(815)	516	(298)	14,136
Dasturji and Mrs S Kutar fund for Athorman Children	60,910	–	–	2,149	(1,244)	61,815
Mehraban & Goli Farhangi Fund for Jashn-e-Mehrgan & Jashn-e-Sadeh	5,896	190	(285)	208	(120)	5,889
Dr. H. Pithwala Khordad Sal Ghambar Fund	12,734	1,388	(1,713)	448	(260)	12,598
Mr and Mrs Guiv Fund	7,320	–	–	258	(149)	7,429
Shirmand K Bekhradnia	5,856	–	–	207	(120)	5,943
YZ Religious Activities Fund	38,012	388	(3,818)	1,341	(776)	35,147
Simin and Shahrokh Noruz Children's Fund	7,981	301	(710)	282	(163)	7,691
Sandalwood & Kathi, Setayash Gah Fund	12,296	11,192	–	434	(251)	23,671
H Gagrat Prayer Fund	4,477	–	–	158	(91)	4,544
Poor Peoples Project	26,245	4,250	(23,700)	92	(534)	7,187

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19. Analysis of charitable funds (continued)

	At 1st April 2017 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Investment income £	Gains and losses £	At 31st March 2018 £
Religious Funds (continued)						
Phiroze, Roshan & Homi D Munshi for Adibehest, Ava and Zarthost-no-Diso Jashans	18,601	4,000	-	666	(380)	22,877
	<u>544,700</u>	<u>34,688</u>	<u>(66,809)</u>	<u>19,220</u>	<u>(11,120)</u>	<u>520,679</u>
Library Funds						
Prof. Shapur Hormusji Modi & Mrs Shirin S Modi Library Foundation	5,173	-	-	-	-	5,173
Zartoshty Brothers Library	3,762	-	-	132	(77)	3,817
Library funds - other	47,553	-	(125)	1,678	(967)	48,139
	<u>56,488</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(125)</u>	<u>1,810</u>	<u>(1,044)</u>	<u>57,129</u>
Entrepreneur Funds	<u>9,447</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>337</u>	<u>(200)</u>	<u>9,584</u>

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19. Analysis of charitable funds (continued)

	At 1st April 2017 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Investment income £	Gains and losses £	At 31st March 2018 £
Grave Maintenance						
Individual Funds	22,921	–	–	–	–	22,921
Jerbai Wadia Settlement	4,658	–	–	164	(95)	4,727
General Fund	17,429	–	–	615	(356)	17,688
	<u>45,008</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>779</u>	<u>(451)</u>	<u>45,336</u>
Medical Relief Fund						
Medical Relief Fund	8,434	9,616	(5,920)	296	(172)	12,254
	<u>8,434</u>	<u>9,616</u>	<u>(5,920)</u>	<u>296</u>	<u>(172)</u>	<u>12,254</u>
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	<u>4,079,021</u>	<u>44,304</u>	<u>(148,186)</u>	<u>50,175</u>	<u>(29,037)</u>	<u>3,996,277</u>

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20. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2018 £	Total Funds 2017 £
Tangible fixed assets	–	2,640,857	2,640,857	2,713,429
Investments	1,900,564	1,267,042	3,167,606	2,970,847
Current assets	768,354	85,373	853,727	970,541
Net assets	<u>2,668,918</u>	<u>3,993,272</u>	<u>6,662,190</u>	<u>6,654,817</u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31st March 2018

	2018 £	2017 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations: (other)	79,947	84,533
Burial Ground Fund - Upkeep and funerals	66,575	31,954
Grave Plot Reservation	1,800	6,800
WZCC	555	1,095
Place of worship	9,437	–
Medical relief fund	9,616	2,655
Poor Peoples Project	4,250	4,864
Religious funds	5,077	6,427
Mobed fund	11,924	10,717
Sesquicentennial Fund for Propagation of Zoroastrianism, Inter-faith and Goodwill	–	66,191
Ruby & Russy Piroshaw Bilimoria Fund	14,000	250,000
Senior Citizens Home Appeal	40,484	3,345
Phiroze, Roshan & Homi D Munshi Jashan Fund	4,000	2,601
Income tax recoverable	5,825	11,842
Banoo Patell Bequest for Mobed Support	12,000	–
Ordinary membership subscriptions	1,680	1,860
Life membership subscriptions	2,600	1,850
	<u>269,770</u>	<u>486,734</u>
Investment income		
Dividend Income	128,641	104,892
Bank Interest received	245	636
	<u>128,886</u>	<u>105,528</u>
Total income	<u>398,656</u>	<u>592,262</u>
Governance costs and expenditure on charitable activities		
Expenditure on charitable activities	247,816	266,348
Wages and salaries	54,357	50,107
Legal and professional fees	7,390	7,367
Telephone, printing, postage and stationery	6,566	10,863
Other interest payable and similar charges	702	–
	<u>316,831</u>	<u>334,685</u>
Total expenditure	<u>316,831</u>	<u>334,685</u>
Net gains on investments		
Realised (gain) / loss on sale of investments	(32,973)	–
Unrealised (gain) / loss on investment	107,425	(355,179)
	<u>(74,452)</u>	<u>(355,179)</u>
Net income	<u>7,373</u>	<u>612,756</u>

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Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31st March 2018

	2018 £	2017 £
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Other Charitable expenses		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Other charitable expenses	<u>3,902</u>	<u>2,207</u>
Welfare funds		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Welfare Funds	<u>34,676</u>	<u>37,419</u>
Place of worship expenses		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Place of worship expenses	<u>30,729</u>	<u>35,608</u>
Burial Ground Fund - Upkeep and funerals		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Burial Ground Fund- Upkeep and funerals	<u>16,915</u>	<u>11,509</u>
Repairs and maintenance		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Repairs and maintenance	<u>1,692</u>	<u>23,036</u>
Depreciation		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Depreciation	<u>72,571</u>	<u>73,053</u>
WZCC		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
WZCC	<u>439</u>	<u>1,580</u>
Educational funds		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Educational funds	<u>5,912</u>	<u>22,264</u>
Religious funds		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Religious funds	<u>41,351</u>	<u>51,898</u>
Poor Peoples Project		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Poor Peoples Project	<u>23,700</u>	<u>—</u>
Senior Citizens Home Appeal		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Senior Citizens Home Appeal	<u>4,437</u>	<u>1,100</u>
Library funds		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Library funds	<u>125</u>	<u>594</u>
Medical relief fund		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Medical relief fund	<u>5,920</u>	<u>2,431</u>
Sesquicentennial Fund for Propagation of Zoroastrianism, Inter-faith and Goodwill		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Sesquicentennial Fund for Propagation of Zoroastrianism	<u>5,447</u>	<u>3,649</u>

The Zoroastrian Trust Funds Of Europe

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year ended 31st March 2018

	2018	2017
	£	£
Governance costs		
Office salaries	54,357	50,107
Auditors remuneration	6,300	5,973
Legal and other professional fees	1,090	1,394
Telephone, printing, postage and stationery	6,566	10,863
Worldpay charges	702	–
	<u>69,015</u>	<u>68,337</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities	<u>316,831</u>	<u>334,685</u>



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Of the Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe (Incorporated)
Held on Sunday 19th November 2017 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. Kobad S. Avari	Joint Treasurer
Mr. Gav D. Buhariwala	Joint Social Secretary
Mr. Darius J. Karkaria	Communications Officer
Ms. Jesmin Sorab	SOAS Scholarships Officer
Mrs. Parivash F. Kiani	Iranian Engagement Officer
Miss. Shazneen Y. Munshi	XYZ Co-ordinator and Joint YZ Co-ordinator

Trustees

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

Apologies

Mr. Dorab E. Mistry OBE	Global Working Group Officer
Ervad Rustom K. Bhedwar	Trustee

Members attending

The total number of members attending the AGM was 91. The breakdown is as follows:
Life, 81, Ordinary, 8 and OAP: 2.

- The meeting commenced at 3:45 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 explained that the Notice of the AGM dated 12th October 2017, consisted of Ordinary Business and Special Business. He read the notice of the meeting pertaining to Ordinary Business first and said that he would read the notice pertaining to Special Business once Ordinary Business had concluded.

- President Malcolm M. Deboo welcomed all Members to the AGM and then proceeded to highlight the notable events, activities and achievements of the ZTFE as outlined in the Report of the Management Committee for the year ended 31st March 2017.

President Malcolm M. Deboo commenced by noting that the ZTFE's net assets had crossed £6.5 million, a significant achievement for the Association. He emphasised that the ZTFE continued to provide a number of different activities which encouraged participation from across all age groups of the community. This he said was accomplished through the continued success of: the Fun Club, Z Club, Gymkhana evenings and celebrations of Zoroastrian festive days throughout the year. The Young Zoroastrian Committee (YZs) had also continued to organise many youth events including the annual youth trip to the ASHA Centre, which remained as popular as ever. At the August Shahenshai Navroze celebration a Parsee Natak had also been performed reviving memories of the days when these were performed and enjoyed by many at the Association.

Fund-raising for the Zoroastrian Senior Citizens' Home (ZSCH) continued. An open Forum had been held in September 2017 where the Zoroastrian Senior Citizens' Home Steering Committee explained what endeavours they had been making with the end goal to build a ZSCH and alongside develop a network of Zoroastrian volunteers to support elderly Zoroastrians in need. A discussion on the proposals followed. A fund-raising gala ball in October raised about £20,000 for the ZSCH project.

Fund-raising for a variety of causes such as the Poor Peoples' Project, Mobed Fund and pleas for medical assistance from individuals overseas continued.

The Everlasting Flame Exhibition hosted first at SOAS in October 2013 core funding of which came from the ZTFE amongst others, had been reassembled in Delhi, India open to the public from March – May 2016. This year SOAS had received a £5 million gift from the Shapoorji Pallonji Group meaning that Zoroastrian Studies at SOAS will continue long into the future.

President Malcolm M. Deboo thanked all of the volunteer organisers of the various activity groups, committees and sub-committees, who gave so much of their time and energy in organising the activities and events that took place at the Zoroastrian Centre and occasionally outside it. He said that volunteers continued to play a vital role in ensuring that the ZTFE went from strength to strength. He also paid tribute to the Association's current and past Patrons and donors.

1. To receive the Committee's Report and Audited Accounts as laid, for the year ended 31st March 2017

In his role as Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Javid S. Canteenwala highlighted the salient features of the ZTFE Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2017, by presenting PowerPoint slides. This was very well received by the Members present.

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

The resolution to receive and adopt the Committee's Report and Audited Accounts as laid, for the year ending 31st March 2017 was placed before Members by the (Hon) Treasurer. The resolution to adopt the Committee's Report and Audited Accounts was proposed by Trustee Mr. Ardeshir M.

Bilimoria and seconded by Mr. Baji Kapadia and was approved unanimously by the Members.

2. 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. Kobad S. Avari Article 16(b)
- Mr. Darius J. Karkaria Article 16(b)
- Mrs Shenaz B. Sadri Article 16(b)
- Ms. Jesmin Sorab Article 16(b)

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

Candidate	Proposer	Seconder
Mr. Kobad S. Avari	Mrs. Benaifer G. Buhariwala	Mr. Ratan D. Buhariwala
Mr. Darius J. Karkaria	Mr. Rustom S. Dubash	Mrs. Aban D. Karkaria
Mrs Shenaz B. Sadri	Mr. Paurushasp B. Jila	Mrs. Zenobia V. Khambatta
Ms. Jesmin Sorab	Mrs. Freny H. Writer	Mrs. Gul R. Bilimoria

As there were four candidates for the four positions, the four candidates standing for re-election were unanimously re-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

3. To elect the President of the Association from amongst the Members of the Managing Committee for the year 2017/2018

Mr. Malcolm M. Deboo vacated the Chair during the procedure for the election of the President. Vice-President Mr. Behram R. Kapadia addressed the Members as to the election of the President of the Association for the forthcoming year. Mrs. Gulshan R. Bilimoria proposed Mr. Malcolm M. Deboo to serve as President and this was seconded by Trustee Ardeshir M. Bilimoria. The Members unanimously elected Mr. Malcolm M. Deboo as the President for the year 2017/2018.

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

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

President Malcolm M. Deboo announced that YZ Chair Shazneen Y. Munshi had stepped down as Chair of the YZs after leading the YZ Committee very successfully over the past four years. Miss. Shazneen Y. Munshi was one of two YZ representatives on the House Committee as well as the joint YZ Co-ordinator on the Managing Committee. As Miss. Shazneen Y. Munshi was no longer a YZ Committee Member and because there were already two Managing Committee members on the House Committee, she stepped down from the House Committee. However nothing prevented her from volunteering her services to the House Committee as she had done so meticulously over many years.

The remaining fifteen members of the House Committee standing for re-election, out of the sixteen

positions, were unanimously re-elected. President Malcolm M. Deboo then read out the names of the members of the New House Committee as:

Mrs. Kumi N. Avari	Mrs. Nergish K. Avari	Mrs. Roshan E. Avari
Mr. Addie M. Batliwalla	Mr. Gav D. Buhariwala	Mr. Ratan D. Buhariwala
Mr. Freddy M. Deboo	Mr. Behram R. Kapadia	Mr. Hoshang R. Khambatta
Mrs. Benaifer N. Menon	Mr. Phiroze H. Munshi	Mrs. Mahnaz Ostad
Mrs. Hufri C. Palkhiwala	Miss Jessica P. Todiwala	Mrs. Freny H. Writer

5. To re-appointment Brian Paul Limited, Chartered Accountants, as Auditors for the year 2017-2018

(Hon) 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 2017/2018, was proposed by (Hon) Treasurer Mr. Javid S. Canteenwala, and seconded by Mr. Percy Writer. The resolution was unanimously passed by the Members.

6. 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 Ordinary Business of the AGM by reiterating as he had done earlier and in past years, that one of the main reasons the ZTFE continued to exist as the oldest religious voluntary association from the Indian Sub-continent, here 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 (Mrs. Roshan E. Avari, Mr. Ratan D. Buhariwala and Ervad Yazad T. Bhadha), House and YZ Committees, Children’s Educational Fun Club, Friday Gymkhana Club, Wednesday Z Club, ZSCHP steering committee, Natak Revival Group, all the Mobeds and all volunteers for their support and assistance over the past year. Members who had given the ZTFE continued support over many years 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 J 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.

Special Business

(Hon) Secretary, Mr. Rohinton F. Munshi read out the notice in respect of Special Business.

On behalf of the Managing Committee and Trustees (Hon) Treasurer Javid S. Canteenwala delivered a PowerPoint presentation explaining why the Resolution pertaining to Special Business had been laid before the Members and recommended that it be approved. He explained what non routine and routine business meant with respect of the resolution: namely

- **Non routine**

Any expense that is routine is excluded e.g. normal day-to-day running of the ZTFE, the Zoroastrian centre is not impacted and thus excluded (eg. Salaries, Rates, Electricity).

- **Routine**

Expenses included payment of salaries, utility bills, rates, repairs, maintenance and upkeep of the Zoroastrian Centre and Brookwood Cemetery and associated “Bungli.”

Members raised questions which were discussed and responded to by the (Hon) Treasurer and Trustees.

1. Resolution 1 – Art 18(b)

“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 any one year except under the authority of a Resolution of a General Meeting.”

The Resolution was **proposed** by (Hon) Treasurer Javid S. Canteenwala and **seconded** by Trustee Ardeshir M. Bilimoria

Voting took was conducted by secret ballot.

From amongst the Members Mr. Percy Writer acted as scrutineer. He was assisted by ZTFE Joint YZ Coordinator Miss. Shazneen Y. Munshi, YZ Chair Miss. Jessica P. Todiwala, Mr. Zenhar D. Marolia and Mr.Mahiar Ardeshir.

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

<i>Total Members in attendance</i>	<i>Life Members</i>	<i>Ordinary Members</i>	<i>OAP Members</i>	<i>Eligible to Vote</i>	<i>Ballot Papers Distributed</i>
91	81	8	2	89	89

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 result returned by the scrutineer to the President and Members was accurate.

A Resolution shall be adopted if 75% vote in favour.

The **result** 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	70	18	1	89	79	Approved

As such Resolution 1 had been approved.

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

- **Meeting Ended**

The meeting ended at 7:15 pm.



Young Zoroastrians Annual Report 1st April 2017 to present

During the last 15 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. Some of the key events are highlighted below:

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!



Zoroastrianism religious education course led by Dr Rashna Writer – July 2017

A fantastic two day seminar where the YZs and community learnt about their Zoroastrianism history 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 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 bawā 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 BBQ – August 2017

The Young Zoroastrians had an amazing day out at Waterlow Park in Highgate. We had an amazing turn out, it was a day filled with lots of fun, games and lovely food.



YZ Gymkhana Night – November 2017

On Friday 3rd November 2017 we had our special Gymkhana Night Indian Chatt Night, We had amazing food like bhel, chutney sandwiches, kavabs and a lot more as well as playing lots of fun games and our traditional gymkhana special games like carom and cards.

YZ Ice Skating and Dinner Night – December 2017

For the past few years the Young Zoroastrians have adopted a new tradition where every winter we go Ice Skating and Dinner somewhere in London. In December 2017 we are please to inform you that we finally booked the Venue that we had been trying to book for many years We started the night with Dinner at the India Club and headed over to do Ice Skating at Somerset House. We ended the night dancing away in The Roadhouse Club in Covent Garden. This was one of the most successful YZ events we've ever hosted with a group of over 30 of us.



YZ Night Out – March 2018

Our first YZ event of the year was a night out in Shoreditch in London.

After yearend:

YZ Gymkhana 5th Anniversary

On Saturday 14th July had the 5th Anniversary Gymkhana. It was a very lovely evening. Being the World Cup Season, we brought the two together and held a World Cup Anniversary Celebration. We had a number of games with balloons, balls and food from various parts of the world including

Mexican, American and of course Indian, Parsi and Iranian food. For Deserts we had 2 lovely Cakes baked by one of our Committee Members.



ASHA Centre trip – August 2018

In August 2018 the Young Zoroastrians went again to our beloved Asha Centre. We enjoyed a Weekend away in the heart of the Forest of Dean in Gloucestershire from Friday 3rd August to Sunday 5th August. We had a lovely long weekend with an amazing bunch of Young Zoroastrians. Played a number of games followed toasted marshmallows and smores at the bonfire nights with lots and lots of singing. We had our traditional Volley ball game, walks through amazing gardens at the Asha Centre and our forest walk.



Zoroastrian Lectures – July 2018

In July 2018 we had very informative lectures/ talks about the Introduction to Zoroastrian Religion, History, Heritage and Culture with Dr Yuhan Sohrab-Dinshaw Vevaina, Bahari Associate Professor of Sasanian Studies at the University of Oxford. Before Lunch we had a question and answer session where we could ask Dr Yuhan Sohrab-Dinshaw Vevaina. After Lunch Dr Vevaina conducted an introductory seminar for beginners on the Zoroastrian Religion, History, Heritage and Culture.

YZ Gymkhana Night – September 2018

On Friday 21st September 2018 we had lovely Pizza Party and Quiz Gymkhana Night.

YZ committee members

Seven existing members have continued to serve on the committee for this 15 month period, with the addition of two new members, Miss Azmin Mistry and Mrs Meher Marolia.

The existing members are Miss Jessica Todiwala, Miss Sherrii Kapadia, Miss Dilshad Demehry, Ervad Yazad Bhadha, and Ervad Jimmy Madon, Miss Shaizeen Persha, and Miss Homa Bastani.

Miss Shazneen Munshi decided to step down at the AGM in 2017.

Role	Name	Email Address	Phone Number
YZ Chair	Jessica Todiwala	jessica_todiwala@hotmail.co.uk	07547382370
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YZ Event Co-ordinator	Ervad Jimmy K Madon	admin@jimmymadon.com	0753922 8661
YZ Inter Faith Rep	Ervad Yazad T Bhadha	yazadbhadha@yahoo.in	07405 465634
YZ Event Co-ordinator	Shaizeen D Persha	shaizeen_91@hotmail.co.uk	07863336559
YZ Event Co-ordinator	Homa Bastani	homabastani@yahoo.com	07724730351
YZ Event Co-ordinator	Meher Marolia	meher028@gmail.com	07846 696693
YZ Event Co-ordinator	Azmin Mistry	azmin.mistry01@gmail.com	07591 629767



Children's Educational Fun Club Annual Report 2017 – 2018

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 Shahnamhah 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/Shazeen Persha
- 7-9yrs: Shazneen Munshi/ Ruby Sethna/Shazeen 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 10th December 2017



On Sunday 10th December 2017, 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 11th March 2018

On Sunday 11th March 2018, 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.



Z – Club Annual Report 1st April 2017 to present

The Z-Club continues to thrive and as with previous years, this year has been full of exciting events, attracting increasing members of our community. Fun and games such as bingo, interspersed with regular exercise activities, sumptuous lunches, relevant talks from expert speakers and sometimes exciting movies, makes for a fun and interesting day out. Members' birthdays are celebrated with a cake and we attempt to create a general feel good element to the day for everyone to enjoy.



It would be remiss of us if we did not thank from the outset, our loyal volunteer helpers who always come out in plenty to voluntarily assist to make the monthly events a success. There are too many to mention but you all know who you are and we thank you all wholeheartedly.

We also thank all members and well-wishers who have generously donated in cash, raffle items and those who have donated food. Through this very kind gesture, the Z Club has been able to contribute towards the Mobed fund and the Senior Citizens Home fund.

Our April 2017 event saw **Trevor Walker** from Prostate UK who came to educate and inform us on the importance of the awareness of prostate cancer symptoms. He left behind useful leaflets and cards for members, directing them to helpful information on Prostate Cancer and its symptoms.

In May 2017, **Mahtab Munshi** gave a visual tour of her inspiring trip to Iran. Some of the places visited struck a chord with many in the audience who were tempted to consider taking a tour of our rich ancient heritage. The trip described, took the audience on a virtual journey from Tehran to Shiraz, Persepolis, Yazd, Chak Chak, Esfahan, Mt Damavand, Namak Abrood, Hamedan and Kermanshah. The photo below is one taken of the Atash Behram in Yazd.



In June 2017 **Navaz Vatcha**, a wellbeing enthusiast, stimulated all of us into the benefits of meditation and positive thinking which probably played a part in over 50 members attending our annual outing to the Lavender Farm in Hitchin, the following month (July 2017)!



Lavender Farm in Hitchin

On 23rd August 2017 *Shahenshai Navroze* attracted a large number of members and was celebrated by our traditional Parsi bhonu, music and dancing.

Topics on health are always popular requests for our community as health concerns and rightly so, a priority. **Drs Mahinder Sodhi** and **Goody Irani** were warmly received when they presented on General Health and Wellbeing in September and October respectively. Dr Sodhi talked about the benefits of keeping active and maintaining good nutrition and Dr Irani injected a boost of good morale by talking about the benefits of having a positive approach to life. Everybody literally had a good laugh as she demonstrated her laughter therapy.

This was followed in November by **Arti Anand** who came from her busy schedule to talk about blood and organ donation and encouraged members to carry a donor card.

Z-club celebrated its end-of-year in true style on 21st December 2017 with a Parab Jashan followed by our Christmas function where we devoured our sumptuous Christmas lunch. After lunch, we celebrated with music provided by **Benny Black & Daughter**.

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With Benny's music still ringing in our ears, Z-club opened the New Year 2018 with a *Parab Jashan* on 17th January 2018.

21st February, the audience were entertained by a movie afternoon - *Victoria & Abdul* - a true story of a loyal friendship between the Queen and a young Muslim clerk from India.

More festive celebrations followed on 28 March with Norooz Celebrations with Iranian music, special Norooz gifts and a traditional Iranian Lunch.

Tajinder Nijjar, Chief Executive of the Citizens Advice Centre graced our doors in April to inform us of the invaluable services the Citizens Advice Bureau provides. The various issues and CAB's helpful website can be accessed by anyone at home.

This theme followed in May by **Mrs Behroze Bana** (solicitor) who came to discuss legal matters such as wills and probates.

June 2018 saw another entertaining movie afternoon, *The Viceroy's House*, the story of Lord Mountbatten's challenges during India's transition to independence. All talks and films are followed by a treat of cakes, biscuits, tea and coffee which makes for a most satisfactory end to our day.

As in the past, our summer 2018 July outing had a coach full of members attend the Annual Picnic at the Thames Barrier. This was an educational trip for many. For instance, did you know the gaps between the 10 steel gates of the Barrier are as wide as Tower Bridge to allow boats to pass through?

26th September 2018 was the 4th year anniversary of the Z Club and **Dr Subodh Kant (GP)** was invited to take an "ask-the-doctor" session which proved popular with our audience. Many queued afterwards to ask questions in person after the session ended.



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 Mahiar 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, Shernaz Engineer, Rubin D Italia, Dr. Mahinder Sodhi, and Freny H Writer.

Zoroastrian Senior Citizens Home Short Term Option Working Group

Shiraz N Anklesaria, Javid S Canteenwala, Rozy K Contractor, Rubin D Italia, Mahtab F Munshi & Zubin B Sethna.

Z Club Steering Committee

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The Managing Committee, whose hard work and devotion have made the ZTFE financially strong, spiritually active and socially vibrant.

Tribute to Ervad Bahman Shahriar Mobed RIP

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 Mehrgan, and Faridoon and Mehraban Zartoshty who endowed Jashn-e Tirgan. Their generosity continues to benefit the ZTFE to this day.

Malcolm M Deboo
President

Tribute to Mr. Godrej K. Bhumgara RIP

By Dorab E Mistry OBE: ZTFE President 1997 – 2005

I was saddened to learn of the demise of our dear former **ZTFE (Hon) Social Secretary Mr. Godrej K. Bhumgara** on 13th January 2018. He originally hailed from Zanzibar. Godrej and his late dear wife Roshan, served our community in various capacities for nearly three decades. They served on the House Committee at Zoroastrian House Compayne Gardens, under ZTFE (Hon) Social Secretary Mr Kersey J Jasavala. They resided in Luton, which meant travelling the great distance to organise, participate and carry through a great many events in the ZTFE. Godrej and Roshan tackled the back breaking jobs that the House Committee had to handle without ever complaining or even mentioning any difficulty. In their selfless dedication, they were a true inspiration and role models for the next generation of ZTFE volunteers. They always put their community above self!

Godrej was co-opted to the Managing Committee in July 1992 to fill the vacancy that had arisen following the sad demise of Jt. ZTFE (Hon) Social Secretary Mr Meherwan Sepai. Godrej's best and most inspiring work was accomplished when he together with Roshan handled the extremely taxing portfolio of Social Secretary in the old Zoroastrian House. Godrej stepped down from the Managing Committee in September 1995, but was always on hand to help the ZTFE in whatever task that was requested. Roshan's illness kept him away subsequently. He always had a word of encouragement for his successors and was generous to a fault.

After the demise of his beloved Roshan, Godrej once again was regularly attending functions at the Zoroastrian Centre. He was a seasoned international traveller often accompanied by his group of friends including Zoroastrians of his age group. Godrej had organised a well planned trip to India in January 2018 to visit the Taj Falaknuma Palace, the former palace of the Nizam of Hyderabad which is now a Taj heritage hotel. Sadly he was hospitalised shortly before Christmas 2017. Regrettably his health deteriorated leading to his sad demise.

The ZTFE felicitated Mr. Godrej K. Bhumgara, for his services to the ZTFE and to the Zoroastrian community, with a Sesquicentennial Medallion on 6th October 2011, which was presented to him by HRH Prince Philip at the Zoroastrian Centre, Zartoshty Brothers' Hall. Godrej belonged to that older generation of Zoroastrian community leaders whose values and morals always shone bright. It was for me a great privilege to serve with him. For his dedication, his service, his decency and his high moral values, Godrej K Bhumgara will always be remembered!

May his fravashi always bless us from Garothman Behest.

Tribute to Professor John R Hinnells RIP

27th August 1941 – 3rd May 2018

The Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe (ZTFE) and the Zoroastrian Community were saddened to be informed that Professor John R Hinnells, internationally renowned Zoroastrian scholar, passed away peacefully in Oxford on Thursday 3rd May 2018, aged 76.

Professor Hinnells was an extremely tenacious individual. From the age of 6 till 13, he was in hospital for treatment of tuberculosis. I suspect this disability incurred during his childhood made him more determined to succeed and leave behind a legacy.

Professor Almut Hintze, in ‘**John Russell Hinnells – a Profile**’ in the *Festschrift for John R Hinnells; ‘Holy Wealth: Accounting for This World and the Next in Religious Beliefs and Practice’ 2017* states; *“John R Hinnells’s academic work is particularly significant in four major areas; the question of Zoroastrian influence on Christianity, Mithraism, the Zoroastrian diaspora and the study of religions in general.”*

‘Zoroastrian Saviour Imagery and its influence on the New Testament’ (1969) was his first publication. It was reprinted in *‘Zoroastrian and Parsi Studies, Selected Works of John R Hinnells’* (2000).

As Peter Woodward, Honorary Secretary Shap Working Party wrote in his email dated 4th May 2018; *“John Hinnells was the initiator and the creative force behind so much of Shap’s early momentum, his contribution was unique.”* He was the founder Honorary Secretary of the Shap Working Party (1969). For decades he contributed the Zoroastrian festival dates in the ‘Shap Calendar of Religious Festivals’, which in recent years I have volunteered to take on this responsibility.

We in the Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe (ZTFE) and the Zoroastrian Community in the United Kingdom held Professor Hinnells in high esteem for his scholarly work on the Zoroastrian and Parsi community. It is for this reason that ZTFE benefactor and patron, Mobed Mehraban Zartoshty, immediately agreed within minutes of their meeting at the Taj Hotel in Mumbai, in December 1996, to donate the seed capital to restart Zoroastrian studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London. Professor Hinnells’s hard work in establishing the *Zartoshty Professorship of Zoroastrian Studies* at SOAS, together with the late Professor Mary Boyce, is a testimony of the high regard he had for Zoroastrianism in the study of world religions.

From the outset when Professor Hinnells made initial contact with our High Priest of the Zoroastrians of UK and Europe, Dastur Dr Sohrab H Kutar and ZTFE Trustee Cyrus P Mehta in the 1960s, he was always welcomed to the ZTFE to deliver lectures by all successive Presidents, Trustees, Managing Committees and the wider membership. He was highly regarded and always welcomed as an honoured friend by the ZTFE! For this reason the ZTFE Managing Committee, unanimously agreed to bestow on him the title of *‘Honoured Friend of the ZTFE’* on 20th May 2007, together with Professor A D H Bivar and posthumously to Professor Mary Boyce. In his acceptance speech, he mentioned; *“Whereas some of my colleagues specialising in other religions have received death threats, I and other academics specialising in Zoroastrian history, have received nothing but support. It is a matter of great pride that with the support of the Zartoshty*

Brothers, funds have been raised to establish a full time post in Zoroastrian studies at SOAS, the first such dedicated post in the world”.

The last time Professor Hinnells lectured at the Zoroastrian Centre, Harrow, was during the ZTFE Sesquicentennial weekend conference; ***‘150 years of Zoroastrian Studies’***, held on 22nd and 23rd October 2011.

In the 1980’s Professor Hinnells initiated a global – survey questionnaire associated with his research of the Zoroastrian community on which he delivered ***‘The Ratanbai Katrak Lectures’***, University of Oxford (1985). As a result of the Katrak lectures, saw the publication of ***‘Zoroastrians in Britain’*** (1996). **The ZTFE will always be in his debt for his ‘Zoroastrians in Britain’, which continues to be the primary source of information for those wanting to find out more about the UK Zoroastrian community and the ZTFE, the oldest faith based voluntary organisation in the UK from its origins in the 19th century until the late 20th century.**

It was one of the reasons that the Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe & The Faridoon and Mehraban Zartoshty Fund for Zoroastrian Studies readily agreed to sponsor the publication of the *Festschrift for John R Hinnells; ‘Holy Wealth: Accounting for This World and the Next in Religious Beliefs and Practice’* (2017).

Professor John R Hinnells **authored and edited many books on Zoroastrianism, Mithraism and on comparative religions**, including; edited *‘Comparative Religion in Education. A Collection of Studies’* (1970), *‘Persian Mythology’* (1973, revised 1990) with its beautiful colour photographs, edited *‘Mithraic Studies. Proceedings of the First International Congress of Mithraic Studies’* (1975), *‘Spanning East and West, Man’s Religious Quest – The Zoroastrian Quest’* (1978), *‘Parsis and the British’* (1978), *‘Zoroastrianism and the Parsis’* (1981), edited *‘The Penguin Dictionary of Religions’* (1984), which subsequently was translated into Portuguese, Japanese, Italian, Russian and Korean, edited *‘Who’s Who of World Religions’* (1991), *‘Bhownaggee’*(1995) which is one of the very few parliamentary biographies to be published on the second elected Asian and Zoroastrian MP and first Conservative MP, *‘Zoroastrians in Britain’* (1996), and *‘Zoroastrian and Parsi Studies, Selected Works of John R Hinnells’* (2000).

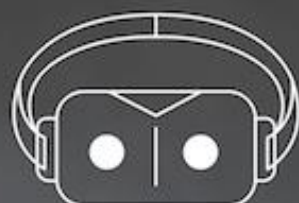
ZTFE and the UK Zoroastrian diaspora will truly miss him.

We thank Ahura Mazda for the academic work he produced, because it created not only the awareness of the Zoroastrian faith and its contribution and influence to other world religions, but more importantly, the contemporary practitioners of this ancient religion who many though were extinct. (I suppose this was why he was readily welcomed by many Zoroastrians in their homes.)

I ask Ahura Mazda for the immortal soul of Professor John R Hinnells rest in everlasting peace in Endless Light.

Malcolm M Deboo
President

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