

# **BASQUE CHILDREN OF '37 ASSOCIATION UK**

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

30TH NOVEMBER 2012

Registered Charity No 1115920

**Basque Children of '37 Association UK**  
**TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2012**

**Constitution**

The Association was formed in November 2002 and registered as a Charity on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2006 with number 1115920. C/o The Secretary at 8 Hernes Road., Oxford, OX2 7PU. The constitution was adopted at an extraordinary General Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2006. The Aim of the association is to advance the education of students, academics and the public in the subject of the exile in 1937 of 4000 Basque Children to the UK during the Spanish Civil War.

**Activities**

This has been a remarkably full year for the Association, both in terms of activities and also of commemorative events. The year 2012 marked the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival in Britain of 4,000 Basque children refugees, many of whom were destined never to return to their home country and never to see their parents again. We decided to mark this historic date with an event held in conjunction with the Spanish Department and the Library at Southampton University. Because of logistical constraints, we were not able to hold it on 23 May, the date on which the refugees first stepped on English soil, but we were able to have it on 12 and 13 May.

As it was anniversary year, various activities were planned throughout the year. The first of these was held at the end of April, a Day School on the Basque children run in conjunction with the Department of Continuing Education at Oxford University, at which Herminio Martinez and Natalia Benjamin presented papers. Shortly after there followed the events marking the anniversary: the Association was responsible for the programme of the 12 May and Southampton University for the 13 May. Various exhibitions had been organised, and distinguished guests (amongst whom were the Spanish Ambassador and representatives of the Basque and Spanish governments, the Sheriff of Southampton and Mayor-Elect of Eastleigh, the historian Adrian Bell) gave short speeches, as did four of the "niños", leading to the symbolic handing over of the archives by the Secretary of the Association, Natalia Benjamin, to the Head of the Hartley Library at Southampton University. Professor Chris Woolgar. An excellent lunch was served to 230 people, after which there was the entertainment: the na-mara duo performed some of their songs, including "Only for Three Months". The last event was the troupe of Basque dancers who had come specially to participate in the event and who were superb. The next day's programme concentrated on film and was lead by members of the Spanish Department. It was generally agreed that the commemorative event put on by the Association had been a great success.

A few days later, there was a plaque unveiled on the building in Blackboys, Sussex, that had been used as a home for some of the children, (now it is a youth hostel). It was unveiled by two of the "niños" who had come for the previous event from the USA.

In June, there was a programme on the BBC which focussed on the second generation from the Basque refugees. On 3 December there was a programme on BBC Wales entitled: "Wales and the Basque refugees, the children's story". For this, the Producers had come twice to see the archives held in Oxford and were given much help.

In October, the Annual Lecture of the Association was held in London. It was given by Richard Baxell who spoke on "Defeat and Exile: the British volunteers and the Basque children 1937-1945".

The Association continues to give close support to the International Brigades Memorial Trust, and members attended their annual lecture given by Peter Carroll on "The Spanish Civil War in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century", as well as the Memorial Day in Jubilee Gardens in July, when a wreath was laid on behalf of the Association.

Research has been going on about the colonies, with two members producing studies of the colonies at High Wickham and Derby. Natalia Benjamin produced a second, bi-lingual, book of testimonies of the children to mark the anniversary event: "Memorias the Basque Children remember and are remembered". Throughout the year, members have given talks at the usual venues, such as local history societies.

The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the May commemorative event, and a special edition of the Newsletter has been produced which contains not only the texts of all the important speeches, but also letters from attendees, saying why it was such a special occasion for them.

At the forthcoming AGM, there will be proposals for the purpose of changing the structure, composition and administration of the Association.

**Trustees**

The Trustees, who have served throughout the year, were elected at the Annual General Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2012. Manuel Moreno, Natalia Benjamin, Carmen Kilner, Herminio Martinez.

**Agents and Advisors**

Bankers: BBVA, 142 Brompton Road, London, SW3 1HY

Hon Auditor: TCL Webb, 7 Sandy Lane, Shrivenham, Swindon SN6 8DZ

On behalf of the Trustees

N. Benjamin, Hon Secretary .....Date.....

# Basque Children of '37 Association UK

## BALANCE SHEET AT 30TH NOVEMBER 2012

	2012	2011
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank Accounts (see note 1)	8639	9537
Stock (see note 2)	1848	3316
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>10487</b>	<b>12853</b>
 NET ASSETS	 10487	 12853
 REPRESENTED BY UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	 10487	 12853

### Notes to the accounts

#### (1) Bank Accounts;

BBVA Current Account	4659	1181
BBVA Euro Account (£ equivalent)	1874	281
COIF Charity Deposit Fund	0	4558
Co-op Current Account	734	2687
Caja de Ahorros de Navarra - (CAN )Euro Account (in Spain)	1372	830
	<b>8639</b>	<b>9537</b>

In preparation for a simplification of the administration of the Association in 2013, our facility with COIF has been closed and the balance of £4597 transferred to our BBVA sterling account.

#### (2) Stock

The stock of books, DVDs etc that was physically counted in November 2012 and in view of the slow moving nature of these goods the value has been written down to 50% of its cost price. This resulted in a write off of £1469 included in the figure for stock under the heading of expenses.

#### (3) Grants received

Grants received included £8024 from the Basque Government and £3000 from the Spanish Embassy in London both receipts for the 75th Anniversary held in Southampton in May 2012.

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## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2012

	2012	2011
<b>INCOME</b>		
Grants (see note 3)	14370	6093
Members' Donations	1202	835
Members' Subscription	1210	1206
Sale of Books, DVDs, etc	516	489
Gift Aid	289	344
Interest on deposit Account	42	37
Other Income	5837	234
Talks associated donations	1856	1068
	<b>25322</b>	<b>10306</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Events and displays	225	389
Stock costs (books, DVD etc	1782	611
Newsletter	315	255
Postage, stationery etc	1099	695
Honoraria	400	400
Other costs	627	457
Project costs	-	5169
<b>75th anniversary event</b>	<b>23240</b>	
Grant repayments	-	2037
	<b>27688</b>	<b>10011</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>	<b>(2366)</b>	<b>295</b>
Balances brought forward	12853	12558
<b>Funds Available</b>	<b>10487</b>	<b>12853</b>

These accounts were approved by the trustees on 23rd January 2013



AMC Kilner Hon. Treasurer

# **Basque Children of '37 Association UK**

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BASQUE CHILDREN OF '37 ASSOCIATION UK**

I report on the accounts of Basque Children of '37 Association UK for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> November 2012, which are set out on the attached pages.

### **Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiners**

As the Charities trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (The Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners, under section 43(7)(b) of The Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations for you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which:

1. gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to
  - keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of The Act and
  - prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of The Acthave not been met; or
2. in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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