FRIENDS OF HADHRAMAUT

England & Wales · Charity number 1062560

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	1997-05-29
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Address	48 Richmond Park Road London SW14 8JT
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Activities

Objects: FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN HADHRAMAUT TO RELIEVE POVERTY, SICKNESS AND DISTRESS, TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO FURTHER SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DECIDE

Activities: Relief of poverty in Hadhramaut (formerly part of the Eastern Aden Protectorate) in the Republic of Yemen.Who can benefit: Centres for Blind , Handicapped and Autism, Orphans, Schools, Hospitals and Clinics, Womens' Sewing Centres and Welfare Groups, Self Help \\ Development Initiatives for Individuals and Families in Exceptional Hardship.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Amateur Sport, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** HADHRAMAUT - YEMEN REPUBLIC
- Yemen

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£88,593	£74,800	-	-
2023-12-31	£61,366	£25,119	-	-
2022-12-31	£68,378	£25,580	-	-
2021-12-31	£160,568	£150,222	-	-
2020-12-31	£56,430	£200	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
SALEH BIN GHALIB AL-QU'AITI	Chair	1997-04-15
Asma Mohamed Ibrahim		2024-08-19
BRIAN ALBERT FYFIELD-SHAYLER BEM CML		
FATIMA GHALIB AL-QU'AITI		1998-04-15
MAIJA TERESA PRIMROSE CALVERT		2011-10-28
Muzna Al-Qu'aiti		2022-08-20
Sultana Al-Qu'aiti MBE		1997-04-15

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Accounts

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Patrons	Angela Kilmartin, John Ducker, Patricia Ducker
Chairman	Saleh bin Ghalib al-Qu'aiti
Vice-Chairman	Salah Mohammad al-Qu'aiti
Adviser	Brian A. Fyfield-Shayler
Treasurer	Sultana al-Qu'aiti

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COMPLETED PROJECTS

Ambulance for Wadi Hajr

The trustees allocated the generous bequest from the late **John Ady** of **£11,000** towards the purchase of an ambulance for the people of Wadi Hajr who have no means of conveying their deceased relatives from hospitals in Mukalla back to their burial grounds in Wadi Hajr. This request came to us from Dr. Khaled Saleh Abdulmanea via FOH Muhammad Bin Dohry. Our Vice-Chairman Salah has found a second-hand Land Cruiser in Dubai, costing approximately **£30,000** including its conversion, refurbishment and shipment to al-Shihr. Photos in 2026 Newsletter!

A total of **£3,525** was raised at our garden party in July and a further **£15,500** was raised from Friends' donations.

Wadi Hajr (population approximately 25,000) is about 105 kms from Mukalla and is one of the poorest districts in Hadhramaut, comprising several villages and a few towns such as Sidara and Maifa'ah. Its people find it impossible to afford the high cost of fuel in the current deteriorating economic situation.

Salah writes: *The needs of the people are dire. This is our first major project for Hajr. Most roads are not asphalted; therefore, a Land Cruiser Ambulance will be purchased and transported to al-Shihr. Each return trip will cost **YR 48,000** (approximately **£150**) for 40 litres of diesel which the Al-Sadara Foundation (local charity registered under Ministry of Social Affairs) will pay for, including the salary of the dedicated driver. The ambulance will be used every time a death occurs. Family members will accompany the body from al-Mukalla for burial in Hajr and will occasionally contribute towards transportation costs. Muslim burial rites stipulate that the deceased are buried as soon as possible.*

This ambulance will also be used to transport not just the dead but the living as well. Pregnant women requiring a caesarean and/or emergency response and other sick patients will be using the ambulance to transport them to Ibn Sina Hospital in al-Mukalla. The ambulance will be fully equipped with a stretcher bed, first aid box and a medical assistant will always be on call as and when required.



Ministry of Social Affairs & Labor
Sadara Foundation for Development and Empowerment
Release No: (869)

مكتب وزارة الشؤون الاجتماعية والعمل/ ساحل حضرموت
مؤسسة الصدارة للتنمية والتمكين
تصريح رقم (869)

Bism allah alrahman alrahim

The date: 15/11/2023

To Hadhramaut friends Society - London.

Subject: Providing an ambulance to convey funerals.

In reference to the topic mentioned above, we ask you to provide an ambulance to convey funerals from Mukalla city whic is the capital of Hadhramaut governorate to Hajar district, which is located in the western side to Mukalla city and it is about (105) KM Faraway from Mukalla. Hajar district is one of the poorest districts in Hadhramaut to the extent that its citizens find it very hard to convey their funerals due to the faraway distance from Mukalla to Hajar district and due to the high unaffordable costs of fuels in such deteriorating economic situations.Thus, We hope that our humanitarian request will be accepted by the friends of Hadhramaut in London.

Best wishes

Dr. Khaled Saleh Abdulmanea.
The head of Alsadara Foundation
for development and empowerment

Al-Jol Mashah Medical Centre

This clinic lies about 15 kilometers east of Mukalla in the area of al-Harshiyyat on the road to Riyan Airport. FOH have provided inhalers, medicines, laboratory items. The trustees agreed to build 2 rooms with a corridor and 1 lavatory within the compound at their request. One room will be used for examination by the Doctor. The second room will be used as a store/pharmacy and the connecting passage may be used as a waiting area for patients. Two air conditioners and a geyser for hot water have been installed.

















Al-Himam Handicapped Centre, Al-Qatn

FOH has provided white boards and other educational materials for classrooms. Pupils have been helped with uniforms and stationery.

Medical Centres

FOH is supplying medicines to clinics to be given to poor patients who cannot afford to buy them. **70** individuals have been helped with medical assistance.

Ruqib Centre for Family Medication

Ruqib lies about 10 kilometers from Mukalla on the coast between Al-Jol Mas'ha and Riyan Airport along what was previously known as the West Road. FOH supplied this Centre with medicines, BP gauges and a laptop for office use.

Ramadan 2024

Salah distributed food baskets to **250 families** located in Ghail BaWazir, Shehr, Mukalla, Tarim and al-Qatn. Each basket contained rice, sugar, flour, tuna, cooking oil, cream caramel, milk, jelly and tomatoes. Salah hopes to help more families in Ramadan 2025.

PENDING PROJECTS

Al Khansaa Secondary School for Girls, Al Qatn

The buildings renovated 13 years ago need painting and maintenance which the trustees agreed to after an inspection visit by Salah. Between 2011-2014, 6 classrooms and 2 verandahs were renovated and 6 new lavatories constructed. From 2016-2019, renovation of the roofs and general maintenance was carried out. In 2017-18, classrooms were repainted and floors repaired.

Gymnasium for Sports, Youth and Culture Club, al-Qatn, Wadi Hadhramaut

FOH would like to construct a gym for the local population with the stipulation that 2-3 days a week be set aside for women only. Estimate approximately: **£20,000**.

GARDEN PARTY, WYCH ELM, AMPNEY CRUCIS, 27th JULY 2024

Unprecedented that our Patrons hosted a Garden Party twice within a decade!

Unprecedented that our gracious hosts John and Patricia Ducker funded the **entire** costs of the party from their own pockets, making sure every penny went towards our Ambulance Appeal.



Unprecedented that 5 Trustees and 5 Local Coordinators attended a FOH event.



Maija, Wolfgang, Mick, Rukhsana, Sverre, Nina & our new Independent Examiner Tariq Isa

Here are some comments from amongst the **80** guests which attest to the general feeling of conviviality and togetherness which FOH engenders.

- Wishing you every success raising money for an excellent cause. I came away with new memories, friends and a library of rare books.
- What a lovely occasion, sharing memories of the Hadhramaut. Everything was so beautifully arranged.
- The barn had some amazing things for sale! FOH is a truly family affair!
- The event was extremely well organised and lavishly provisioned and everyone much appreciated all that had been done to make things run so smoothly.
- I thoroughly enjoyed the occasion and hearing stories of the Hadhramaut, a place that holds much history for my family.
- Thank you so much for the beautiful and inspiring fund-raiser weekend. A proper gemstone in this ribbon of life.
- FOH is amazing in all it does for those in Hadhramaut whose needs are so great. I just loved the wonderful spirit that pervaded the whole event.
- It was a great pleasure to have attended the Garden Party, a wonderful and memorable gathering with an excellent tea. A very busy day for all those working to make it the great success it was.
- I want to say how much we enjoyed the Garden Party. It was such a joy to see old friends and then watch the younger generation also getting involved. A huge thank you for keeping us involved with the Hadhramaut and its people.
- It was wonderful to meet so many FOH supporters and learn more about all FOH does for the Hadhramaut.

It was heartening to see the generosity of those who travelled far and wide to a small village in the Cotswolds to raise money for our Ambulance Appeal: Norway, Germany, France, Haiti, Pakistan, Italy, Saudi Arabia and the UK.

The people of Hadhramaut and in particular of Wadi Hajr half way across the world, thank the Duckers most warmly for raising funds towards purchasing the much-needed ambulance.

Extracts from Speech by FOH Treasurer

In 2014 John and Patricia Ducker hosted a marvelous garden party attended by 85 guests including 7 former British political officers who had served in the former Aden Protectorates. A decade later, the Duckers have again graciously invited over 80 guests to their beautiful home and grounds, hosting this summer garden party entirely at their own expense as they wish every single penny raised today to go

towards our fundraising. This is a remarkable act of generosity.

They have been working tirelessly for several months seeing to all the excellent arrangements. The tea has been outstanding. They have kindly agreed, in consultation with the trustees, and at Muhammad bin Dohry's instigation, that all funds raised from today's event will go towards the purchase of an ambulance.

I would like to thank all the trustees today for their very hard work. Several amongst you have personal links with the Hadhramaut: Rupert Wise was born in Mukalla; Patricia Loudon and Corinne Hillman lived with their parents in Mukalla, not forgetting our dear patrons John and Patricia who served in the Hadhramaut and came to know it so well.

Special thanks to our outgoing patron John Harding, who cannot be with us today, for all his services to the charity. A gentleman of great distinction and an accomplished mountaineer, we wish him and Georgina our very best for the future.

I am delighted to introduce our newly appointed patron Angela Kilmartin who was the very first person to join FOH along with the late Leonard Ingrams. She has hosted no less than 5 fundraising events for FOH.

We remember some dear departed Friends: Alan D'Arcy, who died in Torquay in 2022. Most of the books on sale today were left to FOH in his will; Joan Wilson who died in Deddington at the age of 95; William David Booth who died in Almeria; Nazar Mustafa MBE who died in Croydon; Lady Anne Walker who died in London; Dick Eberlie who died in Tavistock at the age of 91; Anthony Colantonio who died in Canada; Ambassador Werner Krebs who died in Bonn and Abdullah Zain, whose generosity was unsurpassed, who died in London.

A lot of hard work goes into the newsletter, thanks to Rukhsana Rashid and Muzna al-Qu'aiti. We continue to focus on distributing food and medicines to poor families as that is the dire need of the day.

A special vote of thanks to all our trustees, Francis Sidwell, Timothy Ducker, Suleyman Pasha, Ismail Hafiz and the wonderful catering staff and helpers for all their hard work today. Thank you to Jane Taylor, David Halford, James Budd and Angela Kilmartin for donating the raffle prizes.

I now invite Asmaa Hafiz, our youngest FOH here today, to present our wonderful patrons John and Patricia with a small token of our appreciation.

S. al-Qu'aiti

The event was like a vicar's tea party on steroids, with an abundance and variety of sandwiches, cakes and scones with cream that could hold its own in any setting. A fine combination of an English Cotswold-style barn with elements of the exotic, wall hangings from Kyrgizstan and a Hadhrami door. The invitees, supporters of FOH from around Europe, throughout the British Isles and the wider world, were treated to a true classic of an English tea party. Short of Alice (of Wonderland fame) making an unscheduled appearance with the Mad Hatter in tow, all the essential ingredients were there in spades. What a treat for all!

D. Halford

This was my very first garden party since joining FOH last year and it was a very special experience. There was so much attention, dedication and generosity shown in those few hours, and I left with a fantastic haul of art, books and stories about Hadhramaut. A huge thank you to the Duckers for hosting a truly memorable event!

A. Ibrahim

A beautiful sun dappled afternoon in a magical Cotswolds setting with family, friends and supporters from far and wide made for a very successful and productive charity fundraiser for the ambulance appeal. Setting up and running the traditional crafts stall with fellow trustees was hard work but enormous fun, especially the sight of all the big smiles on the buyers' faces as they headed home with their unique purchases in aid of a very good cause.

F. al-Qu'aiti

A fulfilling day was spent after a long absence from FOH events. The opportunity to serve the charity, socialise and enjoy afternoon tea was a refreshing experience in the green idyllic surroundings of the Duckers' blessed home.

M. al-Qu'aiti

£3,525 was raised in Ampney Crucis for FOH.



Owain & Fflur Raw-Rees with Eileen & Peter Crichton



J Price, J Budd, T Wise, R Loudon, V Brown, G Hancock, A Ibrahim



Nina, Vanja, Pius, Sverre



Wolfgang, Patricia, Huda Luqman, John







J Taylor, P Vaughan, R Sultanova



Don’t miss Hadhrami window!



Sandra Hawkins & Clara Rachel



A Forrest, Lady & Lord Green, B Hawkins

OUR NEW TRUSTEE

We welcomed **Asma Ibrahim** (FOH 26.06.23) as our 8th trustee on 23rd August and are delighted that she has come on board. She writes: "Thank you very much for your invitation to become a trustee. I gratefully accept the position and look forward to working with the rest of the team". Asma graduated from Cambridge (Newnham College) with a BA in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies in July 2022. As a student, she founded the Cambridge University Yemen Society. She is co-director of *Al Yamaniah*, a bilingual digital network for female creatives in both Yemen and the diaspora. She speaks conversational Mandarin, Spanish and Arabic.

OUR NEW INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

We welcomed **Tariq Isa** (FOH 26.04.97) as our third Independent Examiner on 18th August and are very pleased that he has come on board. He served as our Webmaster from 2007-2013. Tariq read PPE at Mansfield College, Oxford (1987-1990) and lives in Gloucestershire. Maija Calvert adds: "Congratulations Tariq! My Dad would be very proud of you and would have wished you good luck with the Independent Examiner position".

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

Fondation Berfred

We have no words to thank Fondation Berfred yet again for the most magnanimous donation of **£17,323.52** which they granted FOH in October. On behalf of FOH, the trustees and the Hadhrami people, whose welfare we have been striving since 1997 to improve, we would like to offer our deep appreciation to the Fondation. We could not continue our efforts without the generosity of donors such as Fondation Berfred. It is indeed deeply moving to Hadhramis that there are people halfway across the world in Switzerland who care for them. The Berfred board has stipulated that the FOH trustees are "best placed to determine where there is the greatest need and priority for financial help on which to spend the donation".

Alex Ingrams	Margaretha Østern	Richard Saville
David Grainger	Sir Harold Walker	Dimity Spiller
Abdullah & Zaida Zain	Norma & Jim Turnbull	Mark Blackett-Ord
Syroon Karrim	Philippa Vaughan	Lord & Lady Green

Maurizio Ferroni	Jean Franco	Dr. Daniel Medina
Sir Tom & Lady Anne Phillips	Christopher & Primrose Arnander	Muhammed, Fatma & Mubarak bin Dohry
Anna Haug	Mrs. Hydes	Jamie Bowden
Javid & Karim Mustafa	Marc Girgis	Mohammad A Khan
Mohamed Ali Foundation	Nuria Iqbal	Sonia Sheharyar
Ulla & Maija Calvert	Quentin Rappoport	Phillipa Pardue
John P Bryson QC	Hazel Strouts	James Budd
Anne Carey	Taha & Renate Husseini	Teresa Adderley
Daniel Hayes	Shama Husain	Shahnaz Jafar
William J Maxwell	Ian Wildy	Paul Hughes-Smith
Francis Sidwell	Angela Kilmartin	F & L Fernandez-Armesto
Charles Nolda	Nina Kneppen	Caroline Islam
Dina von Randow	Inger Kristoffersen	Julia Basirov
Andy Bickle	Dr. Naheed Khan	Jim Maxwell
Jean Bowyer	Patricia & Richard Loudon	Caroline Dawnay
Vivian Brown	Dr. Razia Sultanova	Robert & Tempe Mansfield
Juli Avedissian	Huda Luqman	Dorothy Cockrell
Clara Rachel Colle	Zahra Afsah	Lady Wright
Peter & Eileen Crichton	Julia & Hugh Miles	Dr. D W Bryer
Peter Danby-Smith	Rukhsana Rashid	Carolyn Snelling
Susie Harding-Edgar	Tom & Rupert Wise	Major W J Yeoman
Nanina Shaw-Reade	Norman Cameron	Robert Shipman
Sameera Misbahuddin	Suleyman Pasha	Asma Ibrahim
Dr. Julian Reade	Vanja Pantovic	Tariq Isa
Yoko Miyazaki	Alison & John Price	Francis Witts
Ann Forrest	D & P Silve	Mick Walton
Pius Fischer	Nicholas Pelham	Beatrice Wiesemann
Wolfgang Gaerte	Dr. Olivia & Laura Reade	George Hancock
Jane Taylor	Peter & Pat Taylor	David & Elizabeth Halford
Alexis de Vivenot	Aaron Yeganeh	Marco Livadiotti
Alexandre Cumas	Owain & Fflur Raw-Rees	Farida Riaz
Bernard Hawkins	Edda Henry	Corinne Hillman
Sandra Hawkins	Andrew Dawson	Chris Bradley
Dr. Willi Steul	Dr. Hanne Schönig	Sverre & Elisabeth Driveklepp
Sarah Searight Lush	Dr. Alex Ingrams	Dr. Stephan & Renate Keller
Daphne Sanders	Maamoun & Mona Zahid	John, Patricia & Timothy Ducker

Our heartfelt thanks to these Friends who continue to support us through Standing Orders: **Dr. David Bryer**, **Emma Whitaker**, **Lady Bute**, **Lord Green of Deddington**, **Suad al-Juffali**, **Dr. Ronit Lami**, **Dr. Thanos Petouris**, **Canon Peter D Ingrams**, **Dr. Iain Walker**, **BA Fyfield-Shayler**, **Yumna Zain, Julian Lush** and **Dr. FJ Pocock**. We hope other Friends will consider setting up Standing Orders to help our cause.

Our profuse thanks to **Zaki Farooq** for his generosity and to donors in the **United Arab Emirates**.

John Ady (FOH 1.12.98) generously bequeathed **£11,000** in his will to FOH in January 2024. We are most grateful to this outstanding FOH for his munificent bequest.

Query: In September we received a donation from **D and P Silve**. The treasurer would like to know who this couple is in order to thank them.

NEWS OF THE CHAIRMAN

Saleh, currently based in Riyadh/Jeddah, would be happy to meet any FOH passing through: salehbinghalib@hotmail.com

NEWS OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN

Salah was very happy to meet Alexis de Vivenot in Ghail BaWazir in September and show him round. Alexis adds: "The last few days have been such a pleasure, but most of all it was so delightful to meet Salah at last and see the fruits of all his painstaking and tireless labour for FOH." It goes without saying, to echo Alexis' remarks, that Salah's entirely voluntary work and support to FOH on the ground, is exemplary. He labours on, always putting the needs of the poorer sections of the Hadhrami population uppermost in his mind, especially when distributing food aid and medical help. There are no words to thank him and his family for their loyal commitment to the charity and for their extraordinary support on so many levels.



Dr. Muhammad Salah al-Qu'aiti in Azal Hospital, Sanaa performing Cranioplasty surgery



Salah with his sons Ali & Ghalib in Aden where the al-Qatn Handball team won the Republic of Yemen Hand Ball Championship after beating Taez in February 2024



Salah with renowned Pakistani volleyball star Wasim Afridi in Aden



L to R: Salah; Naif al-Bakri, Minister of Youth & Sports; Hussain Awadh, acting head of Yemeni Volleyball Union; during Volleyball Championship in Aden in which al-Qatn Sports Club won the trophy

NEWS OF THE ADVISER

The Treasurer is in touch with Brian Fyfield-Shayler by telephone. He likes to keep abreast of what is happening in FOH and sends his warm regards to all Friends. He regrets his inability to attend any events related to FOH.




Charles & Julia Sanders with Brian in Tavistock in February

NEWS OF THE TREASURER

In Jeddah, Sultana was delighted to meet **Anne Carey** from London, **Jean Franco** from Amsterdam, the **Misbahuddin family** from Essex, **Dr. Aina Khan OBE** from Hertfordshire and **Seemi Ghazi** from Vancouver. In June she and other FOH participated in the BYS AGM. In September she attended the online AGM of the Friends of Socotra in Vienna where she was delighted to reconnect with **Marco Livadiotti** and connect him with his old friend José-Marie Bel. Marco ran the largest tour company Universal in Sanaa for decades, which organised all the FOH tours Sultana led with Alan D'Arcy until her last tour in 2007. Marco writes: "It is quite extraordinary to reconnect again after so many years. I am currently working on my Yemen dossiers. I have been working for the last 3 years on some important project proposals for Socotra. It is a great pleasure for me to be part of Friends of Hadhramaut. Yemen is a very special, precious and unique place with its amazing people. I hope to contribute whatever will be possible to FOH given my long experience in Yemen, in the cultural and natural heritage conservation fields".

Sultana hosted FOH loyalist **Chris Bradley** (FOH 20.7.97), one of our earliest Friends in Jeddah along with 9 Australian tourists he was guiding on a tour of the Kingdom. "It was a highlight of 2024 for myself and the group to meet you in Jeddah and reconnect with the Hadhramaut". Chris delivered a memorable talk at the October Gallery in 2011 on his epic solo walk from Wadi Hadhramaut to the Arabian Sea.

NEWS FROM CANADIAN BRANCH

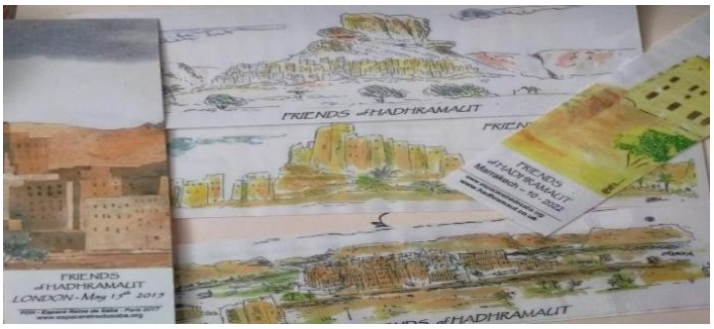
LC Alexandre Cumas enlisted Marc Girgis, a new FOH from Quebec in May. He hopes to organise a fundraising event in Montreal in 2025.

NEWS FROM FRENCH BRANCH

LC Maija Calvert continues to update our Facebook/Instagram pages. We were delighted to see Maija at our summer Garden Party.

Jose-Marie Bel gave a talk *Les plantes odoriférantes, mythiques, historiques en Arabie du Sud, Hadramawt et Oman .. Les arbres à encens et à myrrhe, sur les routes caravanières* in Asmara in January in the presence of the French Ambassador. Bel adds: "J'ai parlé de la valeur exemplaire du Hadramawt". He was able to visit Aden in June after a gap of 16 years

and met many old friends. FOH is very grateful to Jose Marie Bel for promoting our work.





JM Bel participated in the Maritime Festival in Brest in July where he transported a Hadhrami "*boutre*" (small Hadhrami sailing *dhow*) and Ethiopian "*pirogues*". Please visit his website: www.espacereinedesaba.org

NEWS FROM GERMAN BRANCH

Our intrepid **LC Wolfgang Gaerte** has yet again written an excellent article for the DJG (Deutsche-Jemenitsche Gesellschaft) magazine Jemen Report: https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/zmatbdorxiieyft0vo025/JR-24-Sultana-al-Qu-aiti-Wolfgang-Gaerte.pdf?rlkey=eeupydtnsht2pp8saq1ua15op&st=7mtl4spj&dl=0



Wolfgang at Garden Party



Ruth & Joachim at the DJG AGM

We remain beholden to him for his constant support of our work. He attended the AGM of the DJG in Nuremberg in April along with FOH Ruth Hildebrandt (current treasurer DJG), FOH Joachim Düster and Sultana al-Qu'aiti on Zoom. We were delighted to see Wolfgang and his sister Beatrice at our summer Garden Party in July.

NEWS FROM ITALIAN BRANCH

LC Mick Walton very kindly donated proceeds from book sales at the Sir Richard Burton meeting in Vienna in October 2023 to FOH.

Hats off to Mick for organising the 7th International Sir Richard F Burton conference in Dublin in October, featuring no less than 4 FOH speakers: Mick Walton, Carolyn Snelling, Dr. Shahina Ghazanfar and Alison Dingle. The title of Mick's lecture *Captain Burton's Diet – but not of Worms!*



Mick, Carolyn, Shahina, Alison

Mick writes from Pordenone:
Best wishes to you all from Italy. Carolyn and I were very pleased to attend the summer garden party - thanks to the hosts - and meet so many FOH from all around the world. Much of my free time this year was spent organising the 7th International Sir Richard Burton Conference in Dublin. Let's hope to have a greater turnout for the 8th Conference in Tangier in October 2025.

I would be grateful if some of the "Old Hands" who knew Hadhramaut in the 1950-70s could send me a short video of their reminiscences (just 5 minutes or so, filmed on a mobile phone) so I can put together a short documentary about Hadhramaut. These videos can be sent via any app or programme to me at: mickwalton@libero.it

NEWS FROM NETHERLANDS BRANCH

LC Dr. Alex Ingrams is the great-great nephew of W H Ingrams OBE CMG whose wife Doreen Ingrams was our first patron. He will be organising an event with Friends of Birzeit University (FOBZU) in 2025 to commemorate the 10th death anniversary of our second patron Leila Ingrams.

Alex writes from Utrecht:
2024 saw the arrival of some new FOH members. We are delighted to be joined by Jean Franco, who is studying for a Master's degree in Anthropology at Amsterdam University, researching the Hadhrami diaspora in South Asia; Waleed al-Ward, a graphic designer and freelance artist, also at Amsterdam University who has recently worked on art and media projects celebrating Yemeni literary and cultural heritage and Ahmed al-Hagri, a film maker from al-Mukalla.

Alex feels privileged to be part of Leiden University which has a vibrant academic environment for scholarship on Yemen. Scholars at Leiden recently were awarded a prestigious Horizon 2020 grant that - among other things - funded a series of online lectures raising awareness of scholarly knowledge and history of Yemen. These regular lectures continue into 2026:
https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/events/series/leiden-yemeni-studies-lecture-series

Two excellent Yemeni restaurants - Bab Al-Yemen in Utrecht and Reef Al-Yemen in The Hague - recently opened and have received glowing reviews in the national media. These add to several existing places such as Restaurant Hadramout in The Hague. Not only is this good news for Dutch culinary life, but it provides a lovely way for visitors to the Netherlands to experience a meeting of cultures and see places where the Yemeni diaspora is thriving. Please contact me if you are on a visit and would like to hear more: alex.ingrams@gmail.com

NEWS FROM NORWEGIAN BRANCH

A total of **£7,003** was raised at our successful Oslo event attended by 61 guests. It was very well organised and we were lucky to have 3 patrons there. We were delighted to see Sverre, Nina, her daughter Elisabeth and her mother Inger at our summer Garden Party in July.

NEWS FROM PAKISTAN BRANCH

We are very grateful to **LC Rukhsana Rashid** for helping the Editor with the production and compilation of this newsletter and for completing numerous secretarial and administrative tasks on behalf of FOH throughout the year. We were delighted to see her at the Garden Party.

NEWS FROM SINGAPORE BRANCH

A message from Zahra al-Juneid (zahra.aljuneid@gmail.com) in Singapore: My book *A Reverent Journey* was published in 2022 and launched by the then President of Singapore,

Madam Halimah Yacob in December 2022. The book is on my Hadhrami ancestor, Syed Omar Aljunied, who came to Singapore in 1819 and built the first house of worship here in 1820. The book was to commemorate the bicentennial celebration of the mosque. In September 2023 it won the Singapore Book Award 2023 for the Best Publishing Title. The book is available for purchase online:
https://wardahbooks.com/collections/singapore-sea/products/a-reverent-journey-masjid-omar-kampong-melaka

NEWS FROM USA BRANCH

LC Johnny Mulholland is very keen on hosting an event in USA and would be very grateful for a FOH in North America to come up with any ideas.

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Amna Yaghmour on the death of her husband **Saleh Saeed Ahmad Baothman Al-Amoudi** in Jeddah in October 2022

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Joan Wilson** (FOH 1.11.2001) who passed away in Deddington, Oxfordshire in November 2023 at the age of 95

Our deepest sympathy to Beryl Booth on the death of her husband **William David Booth** (FOH 1.11.2004) in Almeria in December 2023

Our deepest sympathy to Begum Karim Mustafa and family on the death of their husband/father **Nazar Mustafa MBE** (FOH 7.1.1999) in Croydon in January



Our deepest sympathy to Sir Harold ("Hooky") Walker on the death of his wife **Lady Anne Walker** (FOH 23.2.22) in London in January. Her funeral was held at Chelsea Old Church London in February and attended by several FOH

Our deepest sympathy to Joan Eberlie on the death of her husband **Dick Eberlie** (FOH 5.11.99) who died in Tavistock in January. He was 91 years old. Dick had been Private Secretary to Sir Richard Turnbull, the High Commissioner in Aden between 1964 and 1966, and as such participated fully in Turnbull's discussions with the various parties in the Federation of South Arabia over that period. Aden was a very important part of Dick's life because it was there that he met and married his wife Joan and started 57 years of happily married life. He wrote about all these events in the third volume of his memoirs, *'Aden - The Curtain Falls'*. He also authored *District Officer in Tanganyika* and *The Winds and Wounds of Change*

Our deepest sympathy to Pina and family on the death of **Anthony Colantonio** (FOH 1.8.18) in February in Terrebonne, Canada

Our deepest sympathy to Lina Mukharesh and her family on the death of her mother **Amal Al-Ahdab** in Syria in March

Our deepest sympathy to Katharina Krebs on the death of her husband **Ambassador Werner Krebs** (FOH 14.4.97) in Bonn in March. Sultan Ghalib and Sultana remember them with particular affection during their posting to Jeddah (1977-80)

Our deepest sympathy to Seemi Ghazi on the death of her uncle, the well-known author, poet and journalist **Tariq Ghazi** (formerly managing editor of Saudi Gazette) who passed away in Canada in April



Our deepest sympathy to the Zain family on the death of **Abdullah Zain** (FOH 2.9.98) in London in April

When Abdullah and Zaida Zain joined FOH in September 1998 (and their daughter Yumna in 2001), we had no idea that they would become the most generous, committed and loyal supporters of the people of Hadhramaut. We mourn Abdullah's passing deeply. He made FOH his main cause throughout his 26-year affiliation. When Abdullah first heard about FOH in the Croydon Mosque thanks to an ad in Q Magazine (courtesy Fuad Nahdi RIP), he decided to drive all the way to the registered office to find out what exactly FOH was! There he met Sultan Ghalib al-Qu'aiti who listened rapt to Abdullah's recounting his ancestral connection to Ghurfa in Wadi Hadhramaut and how his grandfather had migrated to South Africa. Abdullah was ecstatic at reconnecting with his homeland on a FOH tour in October 2000 with Zaida, where he met members of his al-Toufah family.

In 1999, the family started their very generous annual donations in cash and kind for the poor and needy especially during Ramadan. They donated an amazing amount of medicines, surgical equipment, spectacles and material, which went to Mukalla in our sea shipment in 2000. The family helped our former patron Leila Ingrams at an evening of Uzbek music at the Royal Asiatic Society in 2000 in memory of our patron Jim Ellis. In 2001 the family bought an ambulance for Tarim Hospital; 40 beds and mattresses for hospitals in Shihr, Hami, Raydah and Qusair; 200 blankets and a generator for Bayn al-Jabal School on the *Jol* and 55 stretchers. Abdullah would always search out the lowest price for medicines in the UK for onward transportation to Hadhramaut. In September 2001 an insurance surcharge of £1,000 was imposed on our shipment and who met the cost? The Zain family. Who can forget the meal the family provided at Goodenough College to the group of Hadhrami musicians from Seiyun in June 2002. May God rest his soul in peace. Ameen.

S. al-Qu'aiti

Our deepest sympathy to Bozena Baker on the death of her husband **Chris Baker** (FOH 21.12.97) in June in Beckenham, Kent. We are delighted that Bozena has taken on his membership. Chris was an early supporter of FOH and a loyal donor and retained fond memories of the Hadhramaut where his father was posted (Seiyun) from 1965-67

Our deepest sympathy to Ulla and Maija on the death of their husband/father **Geoffrey P S Calvert OBE** (FOH 20.2.97) in London in August



Sultan Ghalib al-Qu'aiti adds: Dear old Geoff's demise brought back a flood of cherished memories going back well over five decades. I wish I had been able to bid him farewell. He was such a precious and kind soul, always ready to offer invaluable advice, ever so quietly and without the least pretense. I first met him at Oxford in 1970, where we read Islamic History together, but before that, and unknowingly at the time, I had come to know his godfather James Bridges, who had been a Political Officer in South Arabia. I know that he will always be with us in spirit and sorely missed by all who knew him. May the Almighty keep his beloved wife and daughter in His benign care. Ameen.

John Bunney adds: I treasure the memory of the pleasure we had in each other's company. I carry the fondest memories of a person whose terse conversational manner hid a man of huge good sense, clarity of view and compassion. He was the most untypical Banker! One of the striking characteristics was Geoff's care and support for his local members of staff. He looked after them and maintained a helping contact long after he had left that particular posting.

Our deepest sympathy to Maha Bahamdoun on the death of her husband **Sultan Aziz** in Portland USA in October

Our deepest sympathy to Shima Khan and her family on the death of her father in law **Mushtaq Ahmad** in Massachusetts in December

THANKS

Huraiby el-Huraiby, our wonderful webmaster, for all his help in constantly updating the FOH website

Dr. Anne Regourd for mentioning FOH in a special entry in *Nouvelles Chroniques du Manuscrit au Yémen* of which she is the Director

Jean Franco, Dr. Naheed Khan, Virginia Gray Henry & **Chris Bradley** for posting newsletters in UK

Andrea Hess for donating catalogues, a book on Yemen and silver jewelry to the garden party

Dr. Marie-Christine Heinze for sending 2 copies of Jemen Report to FOH and for including German LC Wolfgang Gaerte's article on FOH in the Report

Jane Taylor, **David Halford**, **James Budd** & **Angela Kilmartin** for donating raffle prizes at

the summer garden party

CONGRATULATIONS

Owain Raw-Rees on being made a Freeman of the City of London in January. Owain writes: "One of the few rights left to a Freeman is to herd sheep across London Bridge. Once a year, in September, there is a team event for such. Apparently, I am also exempt from being press ganged into the Navy!"

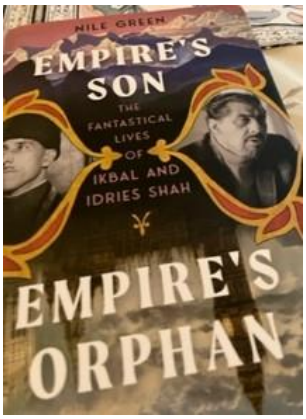
Sabiha Omar on her daughter Mahera's documentary film *Sometimes Even the Shore Drowns* which received the Best International Special Mention Award at the 5th Nepal Cultural International Film Festival in March and on her son Abid Omar's founding of Pakistan's Air Quality Initiative

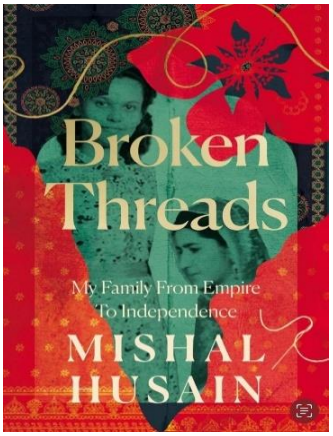
Alison Shan Price MBE on her 40th wedding anniversary

Ann Grainger, a loyal Friend, on her 80th birthday

Pia Kanaan on her appointment as Junior School art teacher at the new Misk campus in Riyadh

Dr. Nile Green, Ibn Khaldun Endowed Chair in World History at UCLA, USA on his latest book *Empire's Son, Empire's Orphan: The Fantastical Lives of Ikbal and Idries Shah* (W.W. Norton, 2024) and on a lecture: *Persian Printing in Comparative Context: The Place of Iran in 3 Technological Diffusion Zones* at the Faculty of Arts and Science at The University of Toronto in September





Shama Husain on her daughter Mishal Husain's new book *Broken Threads* published in June by Harper Collins and on her talk at the FT Weekend Festival in September - *In the Footsteps of My Grandparents in Pakistan's Mountainous Far North*

Dr. Razia Sultanova & **Dr. Hamid Ismailov** on the marriage of their son Daniyar in London

in June

Amna Yaghmour on the marriage of her granddaughter Leen BaOthman in Jeddah in June

Anne Carey on her 90th birthday in July

Andrea Hess & **Lyn Taylor** (Mut und Feder) on their joint publication *Löffel & Co - ein Bilderbuch* (Bad Hindelang 2023)

Dr. Nizar Ghanem on his new book *Pockets of Arabian Musical Genres in Popular Sudanese Song*



Salah al-Qu'aiti on becoming a grandfather in July

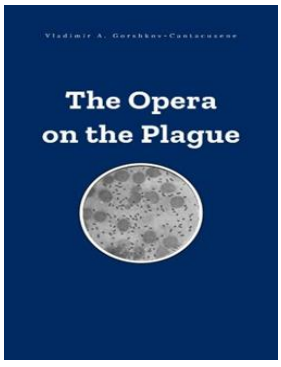
Fay Huidekoper-Cope on her 93rd birthday celebrated in Breda, The Netherlands

David & Ann Grainger on their granddaughter Heidi's admission to Sheffield University

Mehryar Ali Khan on his marriage to Maria Hashmi in Islamabad in September

Eva Bekkelund-Eriksen on her new novel *Gutten* published in September by Kagge Forlag Norway

Dr. Noel Brehony CMG on his lecture to the Royal Society of Asian Affairs in October - *The Houthis, the Red Sea and the Future of Yemen*



Basileus Vladimir A Gorshkov-Cantacuzene on his new book *The Opera on the Plague* published by Moscow University Press 2024 in which the author expresses his gratitude to the al-Qu'aiti family

Dr. Fiona Kerlogue on her talk *Textile Travels of a Museum Curator* for the Oriental Rug and Textile Society in Bristol in October. The ORTS Journal is edited and produced by **Fiona** and her team

Dr. Shahina Ghazanfar on her presentation *Plants of the Quran* at the Lahore Literary Festival in February and on her presentation *Sir Richard Burton's Visit to the Land of Midian* to the International Sir Richard F. Burton conference in Dublin in October. She is an Honorary Research Associate and Science Editor *Flora of Iraq* at the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew

Alison Dingle with **Carolyn Snelling** on their joint presentation *Isabel Burton: Childless Cat Lady?* at the International Sir Richard F. Burton conference in Dublin in October

Wolfgang Gaerte on singing in the choir at the Düsseldorf Aquazoo performance of Mozart's *Cosi fan tutte*

Christine Dayananda on her cousin-in-law Dr. Harini Amarasuriya's election as Prime Minister of Sri Lanka

Nadia Isa on being awarded 1st position in the Riding *Competición de Doma Territorial, repris San Jorge* (*pre-Saint George*) in Madrid

Zeenut Ziad on her son Dr. Waleed Ziad's appointment as Associate Professor of History at Georgetown University in Qatar

Reverend Helen Burnett on organising an interfaith carol concert for Palestine in Parliament Square London in December

Dr. Abdurrahman Azzam on his lecture *A Tale of Two Heroes: Salah ad-Din and Lopes* in Jeddah in January 2025

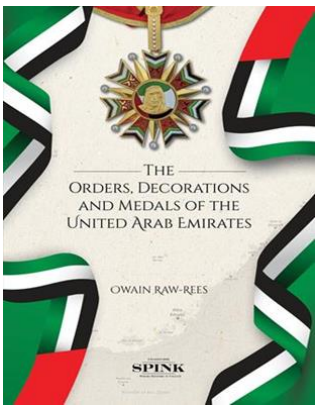
NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Please visit **Mark Whitcombe's** website: www.olives-en-Provence.com

FOH looks forward to continued cooperation with the BYS under its new chairman **Tahir Qassim** MBE

Dr. Iain Walker has sent us a link to the *Deutsche Morgenländische Gesellschaft* based in Halle, Germany https://dmg-web.de/page/home_de

Owain Raw-Rees has had two books published by TSL Publications: *Solomonic Decorations - A History of the Ethiopian Order of the Seal of Solomon* and *Somalia - The Awards of a Fallen State.* His most recent book was launched at Spinks in November





Magdalen College celebrated the 80th birthday of **Professor Oliver Taplin** and marked his 50th anniversary as a Tutorial Fellow

Dr. Razia Sultanova organised a Kazakh traditional music concert with artist Ayaulym Zhumkenova in Cambridge in March. Her book *Afghanistan Dispossessed: Women, Culture and the Taliban* was published in 2022 by Pen & Sword Books



Dr. Olivia Reade, Dr. R Sultanova, Ayaulym Zhumkenova & Nanina Shaw-Reade

The British Yemeni Society (BYS) in conjunction with the Royal Geographical Society held an event in March, *'Echoes of Yemen: Maps, Manuscripts, and Memories'*: an exploration of the rich history and culture of Yemen through a rare exhibition of photographs, documents, maps and stories from the RGS Collections



From Sicily to Sumatra a Conference in honour of **Professor Jeremy Johns** was held at The Khalili Research Centre, University of Oxford in May https://krc.web.ox.ac.uk/article/from-sicily-to-sumatra-conference-in-honour-of-professor-jeremy-johns



Dr. Ingrid Hehmeyer, Toronto Metropolitan University, gave a presentation on *History of Water Management in Yemen: An Interdisciplinary Study* at Leiden University in May

In June, renowned photographer **Peter (Abdul-Adheem) Sanders** gave an online talk entitled *Shajarat al Nur Tree of Light*. He serves as a permanent ambassador for MOSAIC, a charity established by HM King Charles III

Ambassador **Aftab Khokher** took up his new appointment in Jeddah as Assistant Secretary General (Science and Technology) to the Organisation of Islamic Conference in July accompanied by his wife Begum **Afshan Khokher**

The **Friends of Socotra** held its AGM and annual conference in Vienna in September

Here is a link to a photograph of the harbour of Mukalla, South Arabia which **Maggs Bros** (48 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3DR) is selling:
https://www.maggs.com/departments/travel/authors/yemen-anonymous/albumen-photograph-of-the-harbour-of-mukalla/209887/



ABCD (Action around Bethlehem Children with Disability) bade farewell to **Val Jourdan MBE** as she stepped down as Chair of Trustees. Val has been at the helm of the charity since she founded the organisation 4 decades ago. We are honoured to count her as a Friend

Trevor Mostyn has reviewed *The Selected Writings of Dervla Murphy: Life at Full Tilt* edited by Ethel Crowley for the Journal of the Royal Society for Asian Affairs

Alison Shan Price MBE FRGS is pursuing a PhD '*From Personal to Political Space: the British woman Arabist in the Near/Middle East (1815-1945)*' at Newcastle University under Professor Mark Jackson with the aim to create an exhibition. She presented a day programme in October at Rewley House, University of Oxford, entitled *The Middle East and Victoria's Women*. Both included information about the Hadhramaut and Doreen Ingrams where she also publicised the work of FOH

Jean Franco started a Master's degree at Amsterdam University in September

Frank Gardner OBE participated in the Barnes Bookfest in September

Sir Sherard Cowper-Coles was a keynote speaker at *Arabia Phoenix: Vision, Change and Growth* at the Royal Geographical Society, London in October

Michel Mouton (CNRS France) is now in the Sultanate of Oman pursuing research in the vicinity of Mleiha, an important settlement in the late Pre-Islamic centre of the South-East Arabian Kingdom of Uman, where he worked as an archaeologist from 1986-2011

On the occasion of the 37th Founder's Day of Mukarram Jah School, Hyderabad Deccan, a historically significant book titled *The Nizams Sikander Jah, Nasir-ud-Daulah, Afzal-ud-Daulah, the Subsidiary Alliance, and the Two Great Indian Rebellions* authored by **Sultan Ghalib bin Awadh al-Qu'aiti** was launched in October (Published by the Mukarram Jah Trust for Education and Learning). He has also authored a book: *Faisal bin Abdul-Azeez Aal Saud: A Perspective of a Modern Islamic Leader* (available from: ayubkhan2020@gmail.com)

Dr. Heather Elgood on her appointment as Director of the Global Alumni Network and Founder SOAS-Alphawood Postgraduate in Asian Art SOAS University of London

Dr. Miranda Morris has co-authored a fascinating article in the latest issue of TAYF (Issue 20), the Friends of Socotra (FoS) bulletin about the Soqotra Folklore Museum in Riqeleh. FOH Dr. Sue Christie compiled the first issue in 2003, which was then called *Dioscorida*. FOH values its continuing cooperation with FoS and its Chairperson Dr. Kay Van Damme

Afshan Waheed on becoming a grandmother

Please visit **Kristiane Backer's** website: www.barakaconsultants.com

Gavin Strachan gave a talk on *Textiles of the Balkans* in November as part of the *World Textile Weekend* in Edinburgh

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Editor: **Muzna al-Qu'aiti** Co-Editor: **Rukhsana Rashid**

We welcome comments, suggestions and contributions and reserve the right to edit any material submitted to hadhramaut@btinternet.com

The password for reading newsletters on our website www.hadhramaut.co.uk is ***frankincense***

The trustees agreed to award **Dr. Aina Khan OBE** Honorary Life Membership in view of her generous assistance in setting up our Virgin Money account in 2023

20 new Friends joined in 2024 from Canada, Italy, Japan, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, United Kingdom, USA and Yemen

FOH CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Country	Number	Country	Number
UK	311	Russia	3
USA	47	Spain	3
Germany	36	Australia	3
France	35	Switzerland	3
Canada	28	Montenegro	3
Saudi Arabia	28	Barbados	2
Italy	25	Denmark	2
Pakistan	14	Kuwait	2
Singapore/ Malaysia	11	Belgium	2
Norway	9	Greece	1
UAE	8	Qatar	1
The Netherlands	6	Sri Lanka	1
India	5	Morocco	1
Austria	4	Iran	1

Yemen	5	Oman	1
Egypt	4	Japan	1

Corrigendum
Inadvertently, **Emma Whitaker's** name was not included in the list of Standing Orders in Newsletter 27. We would like to apologise to her for this oversight.

We would like to apologise to **Dr. Anne Regourd** for failing to mention (Newsletter #27) her valuable presentations at the Yemeni Studies Manuscript workshop held at Leiden University Library in June 2023. Dr. Regourd presented a paper on *Zabid-Africa, scribes put themselves to the test: the case of Kitab Unwan al-Sharaf* and went on to show us the actual manuscript from the library's collections: '*Unwān al-sharaf al-wāfī fī al-fiqh wa-al-naḥw wa-al-taʾrīkh wa-al-ʿarūḍ wa-al-qawāfī* by Ibn al-Muqriʾ (b.754/1353 or 755/1354 – d. 837/1433 in Zabīd). Dr. Regourd is a researcher at CNRS, France. She is a papyrologist, codicologist and an epigraphist working on texts in Arabic. Since 2001, she has been the academic director of the programme for safeguarding manuscripts in the private libraries of Zabid. She is the Director of the Journal *Nouvelles Chroniques du Manuscrit au Yémen*: www.anne.regourd.org

Comments on Newsletter 27

United Kingdom

London

- With all the present troubles in the world your work is admirable
- What an immense newsletter! So much of interest
- I have just been skimming through the 40-plus pages of the latest Newsletter; what a rich compilation! Congratulations to you and all others who had a hand in producing it
- Thank you for your hard work in putting this newsletter together, this was a lovely read and I greatly admire the efforts of everyone who has dedicated so much time and energy to FOH and its projects
- Thank you, very impressive
- Congratulations on such a lengthy and impressive Newsletter, just been through it all and was much impressed
- I am writing to you having just devoured the latest FOH newsletter - it has been a real pleasure to read about the various Society updates and events from the past year, and especially to hear of the fantastic charitable work assisting Hadhrami communities made possible by FOH
- The newsletter looks great! Many more pictures which makes it user friendly to read which is good
- I wish to thank you for the latest edition of the FOH newsletter, which you have sent - a magnificent work as ever. It is something of the start of a new era now that John Harding has retired as your Patron
- I much enjoyed reading the FOH newsletter, which was full of interesting reports of the annual activities. The Oslo trip sounded like enormous fun; well done FOH for organising it
- Your newsletter arrived…. you have done amazing things through FOH
- I have read the newsletter with the greatest interest. It is wonderful that much is being achieved despite such difficult circumstances. God bless the Hadhramaut!

Devon

- This is a seriously impressive newsletter - I am very impressed with the detail and how much content there is

- The December newsletter made very interesting reading and is an excellent production

Surrey
- What a splendid and informative newsletter

Oxfordshire
- I have just run through the new FOH newsletter and am, as so often, amazed and delighted about all that has been and is being achieved in the Hadhramaut despite the great and most regrettable situation there at the moment. Lovely that Salah's sons are now married. They will all be able to support each other in the very important work they do for FOH
- It was lovely to get reminders of Norway in the newsletter-thank you!

Gloucestershire
- What an absolutely fascinating FOH newsletter (as always) but containing such sad news about super old FOH friends such as Alan D'Arcy and Stephen Day
- Congratulations on an excellent newsletter
- Many congratulations to you all on another amazing FOH newsletter detailing all your many successes across the globe, for the people of Hadhramaut
- How very much I enjoyed the newsletter. I was gripped by the account of the Norwegian schooner! It was a fascinating read; the best one yet in fact

Essex
- Many thanks for a brilliant 44-page newsletter; you all must have worn yourselves out with such enormous amounts of detail. Sad about Alan D'Arcy, I enjoyed his company on our historic Hadhramaut visit
- Wonderful newsletter, super quality and so readable

Norfolk
- It's always such a great read

East Sussex
- Thanks for the FOH newsletter, read with great interest and much encouragement

Kent
- I hope the Friends are prospering. What you are doing is all the more important with the current political instability. I do think it is a great cause and FOH is doing a magnificent job

Germany
Dὺsseldorf
- Congratulations on this really excellent FOH Newsletter

Laatzen
- I really enjoyed the newsletter. I am always impressed by the interesting content and the amount of work you put into it, really incredible

Berlin
- Danke für den informativen Newsletter

Turkey
Istanbul

- We thoroughly enjoyed reading your impressive FOH annual account and flattered to appear in it a couple of times; this is a labour of love written so fully and perfectly and it is all in such a good cause

France
Paris
- We admire the work of FOH
- Merci pour la très riche et intéressante newsletter de FOH!

Gye sur Seine
- Many prayers for our brothers and sisters in the Hadhramaut

Pyrenees
- FOH newsletter is amazing. How FOH acknowledges everybody who has been somehow connected to the Hadhramaut. I hope the interest continues and people in Hadramaut will benefit in whichever way the charity can help
- Thank you for the excellent newsletter

Norway
Oslo
- Wow! This was a very comprehensive and interesting Newsletter
- It was like a miracle meeting Friends in Oslo last year. The work FOH does to benefit the population in Hadhramaut is very admirable - particularly for such a good cause

Italy
Pordenone
- By the way, congratulations for all the work that was put into the latest newsletter. It's important for all the Hadhramis to be reminded that "*we are not alone*"

Pakistan
Islamabad
- What a wonderfully newsy newsletter! Very enjoyable. I particularly appreciated the historical information and photos from Hadhramaut, which give a flavour of the region for those not familiar with it. You might want to furnish more interesting/important details of history/personalities, current conditions and some cultural aspects

Singapore
- Thank you very much, very beautiful

Canada
Ottawa
- Always a pleasure to get the FOH newsletter, and see news of so many old Friends

United Arab Emirates
Abu Dhabi
- So much hard work came into completing the newsletter

Saudi Arabia
Jeddah
- God Bless your efforts and all the team of FOH
- So much work goes into the newsletter. I always read every word; apart from that, it is always entertaining, informative and a pleasure to read

Australia
New South Wales

- The Hon Justice John P. Bryson QC writes: "Newsletter number 27 was profoundly interesting as it showed how deep, widespread and effective is the concern felt by many people in many countries for the well-being of the Hadhramaut and its people. I rejoice to read how practical assistance from the Friends operates in health, education and ordinary everyday needs. I have never seen the Hadhramaut. I share this wide concern because James and Joanna Ellis, close relatives of my dear late wife, told me much about the Hadhramaut and their lives and experiences there. My support will continue".

Austria
Zeiselmauer

- A heartfelt thank you to FOH for the latest newsletter. The compelling information in the document and acknowledgment of contributors creates a sense of community and appreciation. Keep up the great work!

ARCHIVE ON HADHRAMAUT

We ask Friends to contribute short articles for this section and to send us any rare/interesting photographs of the Hadhramaut

Nicholas Morris' account of his trip to South Arabia

We are delighted to add Nicholas Morris' (FOH 3.11.22) fascinating account of his trip to South Arabia in 1962, which he has kindly allowed us to reproduce. It is particularly heartening to read about the parents of Rupert Wise, Andrew Dawson and Richard Day. These connections between the older generation and the younger ones are what makes FOH very special.

A week in the Hadhramaut March 1962

After completing training at the Royal Naval College in Dartmouth in July 1961, I crewed on Marlet, one of the college's yachts, in the Fastnet race and then joined HMS Chichester in mid-August. Shortly thereafter we made a fast passage to Kuwait to provide air radar cover during the crisis caused by Iraq's threats to invade. By the end of the year we were in Hong Kong, then back to the Persian Gulf and on to Aden. The text that follows is based on a draft that ends half way through the week and thereafter on a letter to my parents, begun during the week and completed two days after it. I have left the text largely as I wrote it aged just 21 except where changes were needed for clarity. The photo captions are as on the original slides.

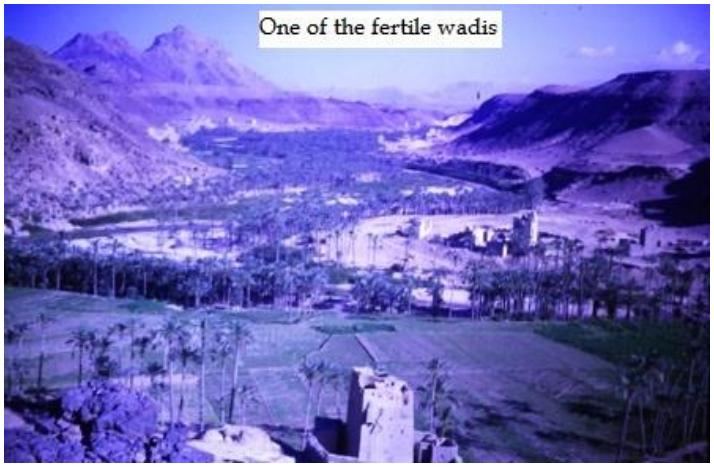
When I realised that HMS Chichester would be in Aden for ten days in March 1962, I remembered an invitation during a chance encounter with an old family friend in a pub in Kent the previous August and his invitation: "do come and see me if you are ever in Aden." He was Michael Crouch, an officer in the Aden Political Service some six years older than me, and I still had a card of his with "The Residency, Mukalla" as his address, to which I wrote from Bahrain. We arrived in Aden on Saturday, 17th March. There was nothing from Michael in the mail awaiting us but there was a letter from my mother enclosing one from Michael's mother with a different address for him and information on a weekly Department of Agriculture flight that could take me there. Michael's parents and mine had first met in the Sudan and his parents had taken over my mother's cheetah, Maggie, when my mother left El

Fasher in 1940 to go to my father's parents in Australia for my birth.

Taking a lift in a BP launch, I soon found myself at the Dept. of Agriculture. Yes, they knew Mr. Crouch: he was the Assistant Adviser (AA) in Wahidi State, about 180 miles east of Aden by air, but they had no flights there so my only option was an Aden Airways flight which operated every Sunday. Within an hour I had booked a seat on the plane and drafted a cable to Michael, to go via the army, saying that I "might, repeat might" arrive at Rawda at 0900 the next day.

In the launch returning to HMS Chichester our postman gave me a letter from Michael that had been waiting for me at HMS Sheba, the Aden shore base. He had received mine and I was relieved to find myself again invited and told to go and do what I had already done. The next hurdle was official permission, and the inevitable question, "but how are you going to get back?". I said that there was a possibility with the RAF and that the Dept. of Agriculture had a Land Rover going into the area which might be able to give me a lift on its return, but that I already had my return Aden Airways ticket back from Rawda on Sunday 24th March. "Deadline 2359 on Sunday 24 March – off you go."

I spent the night ashore at HMS Sheba and rose at dawn to be at the airport at the prescribed 0630 for a 0700 take off. The crew, however, worked to an 0800 schedule on Sundays. At 0810 the DC3 was airborne and with a dozen local passengers we headed along the coast and then inland. I spent the flight in the cockpit, trying to glean from the extremely helpful pilots what I was in for. The hilly buff-coloured countryside was enlivened by the occasional green wadi but looked rugged. Rawda appeared as a flat stretch of stony desert with the largest stones removed and boasted a tattered windsock. [A 2013 satellite image shows there is still a rough strip there.] With scarcely a bang we were down and as we taxied to a halt at 0930 I saw my host. His letter had told me that he had just got engaged, and as the Aden Airways flight was his lifeline for mail and supplies, I was hopeful that he would meet it even if he hadn't got my cable, but it was a relief to see him there. The Dept. of Agriculture had quoted 24 hours for the transit time for my cable, but Michael had received it just as he was leaving Maifa'ah (the capital of Wahidi State) to camp for the night by the runway.

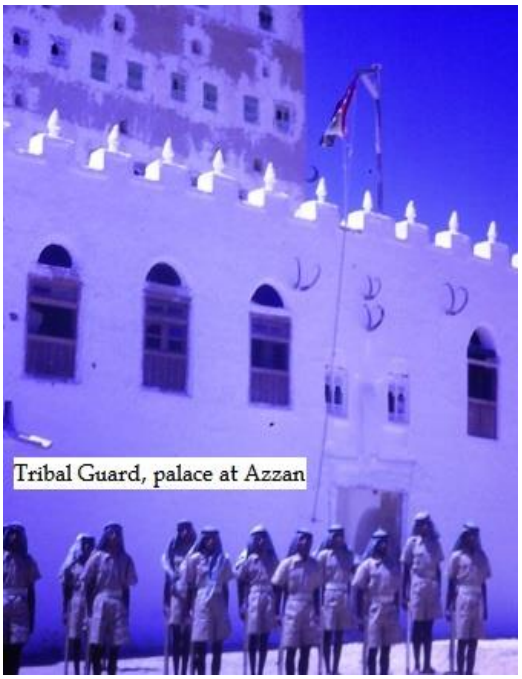

One of the fertile wadis

While Michael was unloading two weeks' worth of stores and mail I took stock of the countryside around me. We were on a plateau, surrounded by steep cliffs and scored by wadis. With the Land Rover loaded, we headed for Habban, some 40 miles away, as I listened avidly to the programme ahead. My timing was perfect. Wahidi, one of the richest states in the East Aden Protectorate (AP) was joining the Western AP Federation and the Senior Assistant Adviser (SAA) of the eastern section of that Federation, Michael's boss, was arriving that morning for a six-day tour of Wahidi. I could accompany him as "Assistant Naval Adviser", and would see as much of the area and its people as was possible in a week. We were on our way to meet him.

As we bumped along the track I listened fascinated as Michael explained what would be the programme. Everywhere we stopped we would be greeted by the traditional rifle shots over our heads, the round of hand-shaking and greetings, and then retire to drink sweet tea with biscuits and tinned fruit, or a full Arab meal. Michael explained the customs and formalities: sitting cross-legged and decently, not showing the soles of one's feet, eating with the right hand and the knack of doing so without making a mess, the art of eating rice, and more. I still have the 'Beihan chair' I was given, a continuous woven belt for sitting on the ground that fits in the small of the back and round the knees. (Editor: in the Hadhramaut it is called a "habwah").

We reached Habban first and I was introduced to the State Secretary, Wahidi, and the Commander of the Wahidi Tribal Guard, a force about 200 strong that manned some 20 forts along the border of Wahidi. As we sat waiting a single shot rang out from the tower above the town, signaling that the SAA's party was in sight. The SAA is Ralph Daly; he was in the Sudan from 1948 to 1954. Ralph was delightful, late 30s and the most amusing raconteur I have ever met. With him was Bill Heber Percy, ex-Welsh Guards and Captain in the AP Levy, who is to become AA in the next State west. I learned that "Assistant" in the titles does not reflect reality – Michael is the political officer for the state and organizes the financial assistance to it; his responsibilities seem close to those of a colonial district commissioner. The SAA inspected the guard and was greeted by the fusillade of shots that I came to take for granted.


Tribal Guard at Habban


Tribal Guard, palace at Azzan


We lunched here ↓

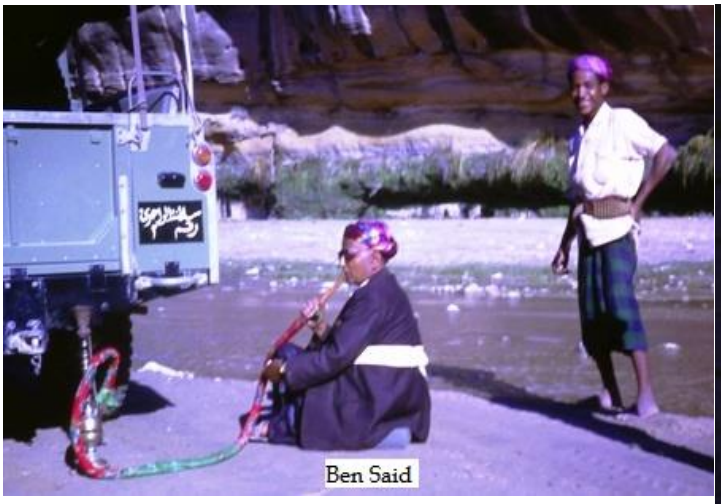
Greetings over, I had my first meal and found it excellent. I soon became quite adept at eating with my hand. As the 'learner' I was fed with many titbits by my Bedouin hosts (but no sheep's eyes). After a meeting of the town council and farewells, we were off in a convoy of four Land Rovers, back along the wadi to Rawda and then to the end of the new Jirdan road. Hitherto the only vehicular access to the Hadhramaut plateau has been from Mukalla. At considerable expense, Wahidi was building a road from Rawda along the old camel spice route up onto the desert plateau. The road was well up into the mountains in the most difficult section, and was now being cut and blasted through sand and rock as it wound up towards the clifftop nine miles ahead. Almost 200 tribesmen were working on the road, under the command of the Deputy AA, a Bedouin who had won the MC fighting Saudis as an officer in the AP Levy.

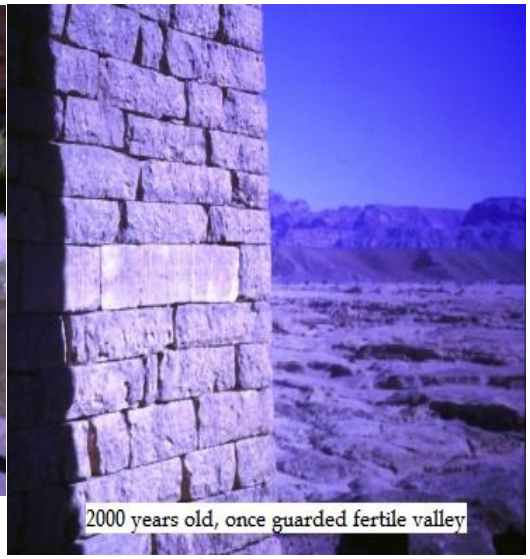

The camp at the new road

We camped one mile from the end of the road, with every mod con including a hot hip bath. After it, we walked down the hill to the main camp for dinner. Tribesmen from all over the north of Wahidi had been gathered to demonstrate their loyalty. The scene was timeless. 60 or so tribesmen were squatting round the fire in colourful clothes, with their rifles stacked like stooks behind them. Visible behind the circle round the fire were others, the 'miskeen' waiting on our leftovers. A full moon shone down between the steep sides of the wadi. It was a timeless scene, the clean mountain air, the cries of the night birds, the sound of the camels chewing, and the circle round the fire unchanged from two thousand years ago. Only the shadows of the vehicles and the new rifles brought us back to the 20th century.

Awoken at 0615, I took my cup of tea outside the tent and watched the first rays of sunlight etch a golden rim round the top of the wadi. As the golden band thickened I could see the ancient track which the new road was to follow. Breakfast over, we walked up to the very end of the workings and watched the preparations for two small explosions, timed for our benefit, which were to remove rocks from the path of the road. Further back the tribesmen were working quickly bringing rocks up to build the road and keeping up a swift chant. The bangs over, and suitably impressed, we moved up to see how the black powder had been measured; each explosion had achieved exactly the desired effect.

Camp broken, we headed back down the valley, stopping at Rawda to meet the notables, including one reputed to be 120 years old, a white-haired man with clear eyes and a strong sense of humour. He had made a rare descent from his house to meet the SAA and we felt very honoured. Rawda is a town with small groups of trees and a reputation for the longevity of its inhabitants, but also with many children visible. We had a tight schedule and were soon heading for Hauta for more gunfire, handshakes and sweet tea with the Town Council and notables; then on to Azzan where we were to meet the Sultan of Wahidi, Sultan Nasser, and some of his family ("the princes" says our programme) and have lunch with him.


Ben Said


2000 years old, once guarded fertile valley

The Sultan is the ruler and is assisted by a State Secretary, Ben Said, described to me as the "wicked uncle" of the Sultan, and one of the most powerful men in the Aden Protectorate, of which Wahidi is one of the biggest and richest states. The inhabitants are a very proud people with a traditional way of life. Each village has its notables, its descendant of the Prophet, tribesmen and 'miskeen'. They are very courteous but impetuous: Wahidi and its western neighbour have been fighting off and on for years over a barren strip of desert on their border. All the tribesmen carry guns, many loaded and some cocked. One of the dangers of the traditional greeting is that once it is over the rifles are slung over the shoulder and inevitably some point at you as you walk towards the meeting house – safety catches are rarely used.

Azzan is known as the town from which one of the three wise men came, and like all the towns in Wahidi except the administrative capital, Maifa'ah, is very old. After an excellent late lunch at the Sultan's palace we set out in convoy to visit an old fortification at Naqab Al-Hajr. The Aden Protectorate is rich in sites of archaeological interest. This one dated from the Himyaritic era (around 110 BC – 520 AD) and several of the very thick walls of the fortress were completely intact with inscriptions clearly visible. We then parted company with the Sultan and State Secretary and arrived in Maifa'ah in the late afternoon. Maifa'ah is only eight years old and built on an island in the wadi, with fresh water close to the surface. The whole town turned out to greet us. We then retired to the residency, Michael's home and headquarters, a large white house with electric power from a generator. After a hot bath and another excellent meal, I was ready for bed.

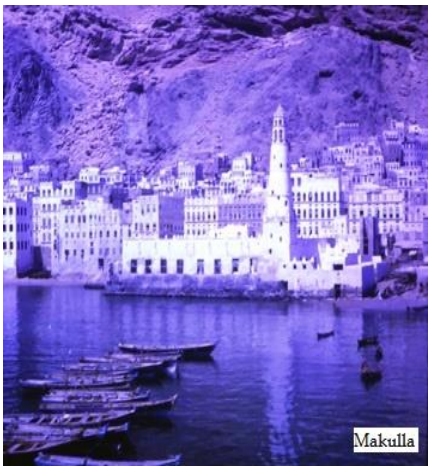
At Azzan I had met Don Willcox of the Dept. of Agriculture, who is responsible for most of the East AP: a very nice man of about 30, who was in Somaliland for six years. He has an experimental agricultural station at Maifa'ah, with bulldozers, tractors etc., and a workshop run by Vincent, a deserter from the Italian Navy. The two of them and Michael are the only non-locals resident in the state. The programme the next morning, Tuesday, was for discussion on state affairs at the secretariat so I spent it with Don, visiting his very attractive gardens and then driving out to look at wells with Mr. Henson, the sales director of a Danish pump manufacturer, who had arrived unexpectedly and was completely out of his depth. I then joined up with the SAA's party for lunch with the State Secretary, followed by a siesta. In the early evening we drove to a spring where sand grouse came in to drink at dusk and shot eight. That evening Vera Dawson joined us for dinner. She is a SRN and based in Mukalla. Being the only health professional in the East AP with access to sick women, she is regularly on tour, and stayed through Wednesday.

More discussions at the secretariat on Wednesday while I toured cotton fields with Don. Then lunch at the residency, followed by a tour of the Sultan's gardens and our delicious sand grouse for dinner. We left Maifa'ah at 0800 on Thurday for Rodhum, a town on the way to the coast which has hot springs. After the usual round of meetings, we continued to Balhaf, the port of Wahidi, where we visited a proposed quarry site and water supply scheme before having lunch. After lunch we left for Bir Ali, an old sultanate that had just joined Wahidi State. Bir Ali is also a port and the only one with all-year access on this stretch of the coast. After meeting Sultan Nasser's deputy, Sultan Alawi, and other notables, inspection of the guard of honour, and "horrible sweet tea and flies", we drove along the beach to swim by a huge rock, some 300 feet high and about half a mile long (Husn Ghurab). We then climbed the rock to find the remains of a huge fortress on top, which had apparently guarded the port of Cana through which the vast spice trade in Himyaritic times passed. We returned to Bir Ali for dinner with Sultan Alawi.

Ralph Daly and Bill Heber Percy left by Land Rover on Friday morning for Aden and Michael and I set off along the beach for Mukalla, with a critically ill old man whom we were taking to hospital there. After an hour and a half, we came to the mouth of a tidal lagoon, where a strong current was draining back to the sea as the tide fell. As we were fording this, the Land Rover stalled and the force of the water started to dig it into the sand. Within an hour, the vehicle was completely under water. We evacuated our sick passenger immediately and left him with locals as we set off on foot for the house of the Schlatholts – he being the irrigation officer for the area. To quote a letter home written three days later: "Michael said gaily, 'let's run; only five miles along the beach'. In fact, nine miles and he didn't know the way so we left the beach much too early and did five miles barefoot across baking sand and thorn scrub. What fools! However, no ill effects;it took from 1135 – 1425. Me in underpants with strips of Michael's pants on my feet and he with the tails of my shirt on his feet. Very funny on reflection."


The welcome at Maifa'ah


Going down - Michael in attendance


Makulla

We had lunch with the Schlatholts and he then drove us back. We were very sad to find the old man dead, but it seems he might not have made it to Mukalla in any event. We were obviously not the first vehicle to suffer there, and with the tide down the men of the nearest village had lifted our Land Rover out for the standard rate of 150 shillings. We towed it back to the workshop, where Schlatholt flushed the engine through with oil, and it was ready at 10:15 the next day. So, we spent the night at the Schlatholts lovely house with, he proudly told us, the only flushing WC in the East AP outside Mukalla. They are a most amusing couple. He is very tough, ex-German Navy. His ship was scuttled off Somaliland at the end of the war and he and another rowed across to the Arabian Peninsula where they were captured by Arabs, made to work for them, turn Muslim, and he to then marry a local girl (later divorced). He escaped in 1951. Mrs. Schlatholt is German and charming and they were most hospitable to us. Over dinner I learnt that they had only been to England once for three weeks in 1956, and had stayed in Cedar Lodge, the house in Kent my parents had rented when they returned from the Sudan in 1948.

We left on Saturday morning and in just over two hours had driven, largely along the beach, the 75 miles to Mukalla. Mukalla deserves its description as the Venice of Arabia (without the canals) and is most attractive. There we had lunch with the Deputy British Agent, Mr. Wise, and his wife. He had been a Commander in the RNR and both were very nice. I was then taken to RAF Riyan, which is just a strip with a few facilities, and found a flight to Aden which left at 17:40. Two hours later I was clearing customs and at 2100 I arrived back on-board HMS Chichester. The total cost of an amazing week was £12.5.0 in air fares and £1.5.0 in tips at Michael's recommended rates. He had been a splendid host. In my letter of thanks, I wrote that "I could not have been made to feel more at home if I had been 'budgeted' into the programme for Ralph's visit from the start".

Postscript

I was back in Aden for two days almost exactly a year later, on board HM Yacht Britannia, returning from the royal tour of Fiji, New Zealand and Australia. In my next letter home, I wrote that I had spoken to Michael Crouch by radiophone.

"He is now Assistant Adviser to the Sultan of Lahej, 20 odd miles N. of Aden, and at the moment is Senior Adviser for the whole of that area as his boss is on leave. A responsible job – he is overall in charge of two battalions on the Yemen border. The Lahej post is the senior AA's one in the Protectorate and has with it an old palace close to the Sultan's, peacocks in the garden, and (empty) lion cages at the back. The next day I had lunch and tea at Lahej. Ralph Daly also came to lunch and I heard all the news about Wahidi. They [Michael, his wife Lynette, her sister Angela Waudby, who had driven me to Lahej, and Ralph] came back on board to a cocktail party that evening. I found Arabia, even on such a fleeting visit, still held a great attraction for me."

A year after that, in 1964, I was back in Aden as first lieutenant of HMS Kemerton, a minesweeper. We were based in Bahrain but in Aden for several weeks for a refit. Michael and Lynette were about sail for the Far East on a French cargo liner, the *Cambodge*, and we met up several times before they left. Michael's sister, Sabrina, was an air hostess with Aden Airways, and Lynette's sister, Angela, and their mother were staying with Michael and Lynette. Michael was to become Senior Assistant Adviser for the Hadhramaut on return from leave, a choice posting. He introduced me to Stephen Day, a political officer like Michael, and Assistant Adviser to four Federation States, based in Zinjibar, close to the productive Abyan cotton scheme. Again, from a letter home:

"Stephen collected me on Sunday afternoon [22 March] and we drove the 50 miles along the beach and inland to his house in Zinjibar for the night. We were shaken at five on Monday morning and drove about 70 miles out to Mudia in Dathina State where we spent the night. On Tuesday afternoon we left Mudia and after a brief stop at Lawdar we climbed the incredible road up the escarpment and on to the Yemen plateau, reaching Mukeiras, about five miles from the border, at 7 pm. We spent the night as the local notable's guests in a very squalid disused hotel and flew back to Aden on Wednesday afternoon. The road up the escarpment was completed about four years ago by a South African and makes the Simplon Pass look very tame. The mountains rise almost vertically 3,000 ft from the lower plateau (the Khor) to an initial height of 6,000 ft. The road has been blasted out of the mountainside, except for one stretch along a spur. There are 51 hairpin bends in it, and parts are so narrow that the three tonners have to take two or three bites at the corners. We saw several vehicles that had gone over the edge for the thousand-foot drop. Even in our Land Rover there were moments … Stephen Day is a delightful person and very good company, about 27 and has been out here for three years. He read anthropology at Cambridge and led the widely publicised Oxbridge expedition from Dakar to Tangiers in 1960. He is most amusing about this part of the world. He was driving the Land Rover containing four Labour MPs when they were stoned a few months ago. He lives in a glorious house set in a small plantation, with gazelle in the garden and dozens of cool rooms. I felt a new man on my return."

I visited Aden briefly twice in December 1965, with the navigating officer of HMS Berwick. Michael and Lynette came on board for lunch during the second visit. We were there again in August 1966, but just for a few hours to fuel. After a gap of 35 years, I returned to Aden in February 2001 on an inspection mission for UNHCR. Proper hard-top roads connected the places I had visited in 1962, and we drove to a refugee camp that must have been in or near the old Wahidi State and back to Aden in a few hours. UNHCR (2015) has a field office in Maifa'a, assisting refugees from the Horn of Africa.

Michael Crouch died in July 2013. He would surely have approved of – could even have written - his Daily Telegraph obituary.
http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/obituaries/politics-obituaries/10326913/Michael-Crouch.html

Ralph Daly died in September 2006. His Daily Telegraph obituary includes details of his efforts to save the Arabian Oryx, with which Michael was closely involved in the early stages. (Michael was a key member of the first expedition of Operation Oryx, which took place shortly after my visit.) The obituary also confirms my assessment of Ralph as a raconteur.
http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/obituaries/1536280/Ralph-Daly.html

Nicholas Morris December 2015

The Hadhrami Arab Diaspora in Indonesia: A Rich and Complex History
The Qatar National Library hosted this conference in February 2024.
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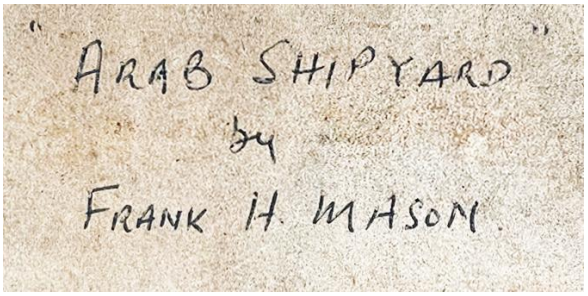
The inauguration in April 1955 of the first hospital in Shibam (previously a clinic) in honour of Dr. Eva Hoeck (1917-1995), a remarkable German doctor from Hamburg who worked in the Hadhramaut. She authored *Als Ärztin im Lande der Beduinen: Zehn Jahre im Yemen und Hadramout* (1958) and *Doctor Amongst the Bedouins* (1962). In 1937, medical services started in Shibam with a health inspector and a nurse offering services to local citizens.

Query

Here is a painting of a dhow and of the title written in ink on the back. The painting is in oil on canvas attached to a board. It is signed **Frank H Mason** near the bottom left-hand corner. The size is about 39 cm high and 54 cm wide. It belongs to a Friend who bought it at an auction in southern England in 2023. It has been suggested that it could indeed be al-Mukalla!
https://www.pannettartgallery.org/havens-and-harbours-the-marine-art-of-frank-henry-mason/

The Editor would welcome any comments/observations from our membership on the location of the shipyard depicted.





Photograph and Caption from Christine Gaskell, taken by her father Ernest Killby



The 2 small children in this photo are Rupert Wise and Andy Dawson with their mothers Janet Wise and Vera Dawson. Rupert was born in Mukalla in May 1957 and Andrew in August 1960. My mother Sheila is the one in the middle - the man lying down in the front is Mike Newlands the doctor who worked with my father and did a huge amount of work for health including the Women's Hospital in Mukalla. Every Friday friends would go down to the beach for a picnic and relaxation. The white Land Rover belonged to my father.

William J Maxwell's Expedition to the Interior of Hadhramaut in 1960

William J Maxwell has sent some pictures from an expedition he took with 12 colleagues and a local guide/interpreter, while working for the RAF at Riyan Airbase near Mukalla in 1960-61. The expedition, led by Flight Lieutenant Deacon assisted by the CO of RAF Salalah, consisted of a Land Rover and a Bedford 3-ton 4x4 truck. They travelled up the old West Road from Mukalla to Duan and camped in the open on the Jol. It was exceedingly cold and they needed 3 blankets to make up a sleeping bag. The evening meal consisted of tins of various meats and vegetables heated in a large pan and served to officers and men alike. This culinary delight was named "Hadhramaut Stew".

A Selection of W J Maxwell's Slides



Approaching Tarim



Sweet shop Tarim Bazaar



Woodworker Tarim Bazaar



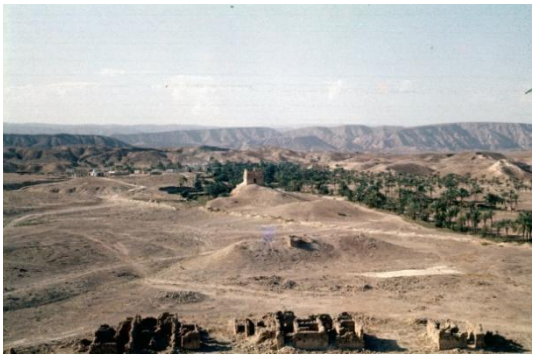
Roadside bike repair



Donkey carrying "lakhmi" dried shark




Wadi Doan




Wadi Hadhramaut




Hadhramaut Stew




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Typical Seiyun House



Raising Water from Well Seiyun



Hadhramaut Pump Scheme



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Our audited accounts and official returns (as required by UK law) are prepared by the Treasurer and presented to the Charity Commissioner online, after an Independent Examination by Tariq Isa. The accounts may be inspected on the Charity Commission's website: www.charitycommission.gov.uk

FUTURE EVENTS



Our patron **Angela Kilmartin** with **Princess Caroline Murat**

Friday 25th July 2025

Angela Kilmartin is graciously hosting a recital by renowned international pianist, Caroline Haffner (Princess Caroline Murat) at the church of St. Sepulchre-Without-Newgate, Holborn as part of the Bach Festival followed by an afternoon tea at Butchers Hall, Smithfield, London.

Further details will be sent in the Spring.

SAVE THE DATE: 25 JULY 2025

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STERLING INCOME & EXPENDITURE 2024

INCOME

Brought forward from 2023	36,247.07
Subscriptions	476.83
Donations	50,342.64
Gift Aid	1,526.63
TOTAL INCOME	**88,593.17**

EXPENDITURE

Administration

Services	181.39
Accommodation	241.00
Stationery	445.23
Printing and Photocopying	262.88
Postage	585.52
Phone calls	197.70
Transportation	1,445.60
Purchases for event	724.14
Webmaster and computer service	60.00
Bank Charges	37.10
Transfers to Yemeni Rials (Vice-Chairman's Account)	70,620.77
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**74,801.33**
INCOME LESS EXPENDITURE: Balance at 31.12.2024	**13,791.84**

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Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts of **Friends of Hadhramaut**
(Registered Charity Number 1062560) for the year ended 31 December 2024

I, **Tariq S. K. Isa**, of Greystones, Edgeworth, Gloucestershire, confirm that I have examined the accounts of *Friends of Hadhramaut* for the year ended 31 December 2024 in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission. My examination covered both the Sterling and Yemeni Rial accounts.

The preparation of the charity's accounts is the responsibility of the Trustees. I have been engaged to conduct an independent examination. The accounts are not required to be audited under statute, and no audit has been undertaken.

My role is to review the accounts and to consider whether any material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that:

I. Proper accounting records have not been kept, or
II. The accounts do not accord with those records, or
III. The accounts do not comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Based on my examination, no such matters have come to my attention. I confirm that the accounts have been prepared by the Trustees on a receipts and payments basis and I have no reason to doubt their accuracy.

I am independent of the charity and have the requisite professional expertise. I am a serial entrepreneur and investor, and currently COO of Connexion Capital LLP, a multi-family office and investment adviser established in 2007. My experience in advising startups, analysing investment opportunities, and managing our own portfolio equips me with the financial knowledge and independence required to act as Independent Examiner.



Signed:
Name: Tariq S. K. Isa
Independent Examiner
Date: 25 September 2025

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

After a long wait, FOH opened a new Sterling online account with Virgin Money UK in August 2023. Please be advised that any currency donations can be sent directly to the online account. **Please see bank details on back page.** .

OUR NEW PATRON

A fond farewell to our outgoing Patron John Harding and a warm welcome to our new Patron Angela Kilmartin

In May our dear and esteemed Patron **John Harding** (FOH 10.4.97) wrote to the trustees:

"In the light of my own present circumstances I believe that the time has come for me to step down as an FOH Patron. Naturally, I have come to this conclusion with reluctance for we go back a very long way (served in Hadhramaut 1960s) and it has been a great privilege to play some part, albeit very minor, in FOH affairs. However, given my age (90 next August), the role of FOH Patron is better served by someone younger, more mobile and more closely in touch with FOH's aims and its diverse activities which go from strength to strength. I will always treasure my association with FOH and even more so, my long friendship with the Al-Qu'aiti family. We will of course, continue to follow FOH's progress with interest and it is Georgina's and my sincere hope that there will be future opportunities for us all to meet up again. Georgina and I both send FOH our warmest best wishes for the future."

The Trustees accepted the entirely understandable reasons for our much valued Patron**'s** retirement and wrote to John to thank him for his unstinting and generous commitment to FOH. It was always a great pleasure to see John and Georgina at our events. They shall continue to remain much loved and appreciated Friends of Hadhramaut.

In June, John wrote to us: "I would like to thank FOH fulsomely for their kind and undeservedly generous words. Inevitably life moves on and one must adapt to changed circumstances. I often think of those words of Islamic wisdom: *we travel on the wheel of fate and know not what is written*. It is a consolation to have had some uplifting experiences and adventures over the years and produce 3 wonderful daughters and to be blessed with 10 grandchildren. I was delighted to learn that Oslo was such a success. I was particularly sad to miss this event as I spent several months in Scandinavia whilst at Cambridge, mainly in

Sweden where I worked during a long vacation. Also, a few visits to Norway for some gentle mountaineering, sailing round Lofoten and expeditioning in Svalbad. It was a great honour to have served as an FOH Patron since 2015 and done some small service in the Hadhramaut 73 years ago. I have no doubt that FOH will continue to flourish".

Angela Kilmartin was the very FIRST person to join FOH on 12th December 1996. From the outset her commitment and loyalty to the charity has been outstanding. She has organised no less than 4 fundraising events covering a wide range of venues: September 2002 - a memorable evening at the Tower of London (marvelously assisted by June and Melanie Lake); 2007 – an unforgettable tour of St. Paul's Cathedral where Angela sang a song; June 2009 - a splendid river trip on the Stour, North Essex; September 2019 - an unforgettable garden party at Cressing Barns, Essex.



In July we unanimously agreed at the annual trustees meeting to invite Angela to become our **8th** patron, upon the retirement of John Harding. We were delighted when she accepted:

"Your amazing letter arrived here in Essex inviting me to become a patron of FOH. I am taken aback by its contents and have indeed given it serious contemplation spread over several bouts of self-discussion. Age and health are big factors. The balance of 'yay or nay' has eventually tipped towards 'yay'. Our lengthy association and wonderful friendships have played a big part in this decision process. I also recognise the trustees' undoubted abilities and strenuous commitment to this charitable cause for the people of Hadhramaut. FOH is the best example I know of on the Asian continent in which superb charity abounds. It is underwritten and overseen by your team on the ground to a 100 percent level of satisfactory aims and outcomes. I am therefore very pleased and greatly honoured to have been asked to take a place on the Board. I really am. I accept this position with interest, love and admiration for what FOH achieves and look forward to my involvement."

Angela is convent-educated and won performers' awards to the Guildhall School of Music and Drama following her five years of modelling. As lecturer, researcher and author of many books on Cystitis, she is globally recognised for this pioneering work. Mercury poisoning from dental fillings became another health promotion. Angela undertook book tours in USA and presented these subjects on UK media shows: www.angelakilmartin.com

Following 7 years living in Lagos and Jeddah, she has been thrilled to support FOH and loved visiting the Hadhramaut in 2007 on a tour organised by the Treasurer and Alan D'Arcy where she was able to witness many FOH projects firsthand. Moving to Witham, Essex in 2011, Angela became a District and Town Councillor, Chairman and then town Mayor. She is Chairman of the Witham History Group and the Witham Luncheon Club. After retiring in May 2024 from the Council, Angela looks forward to helping FOH in her role as Patron.

URGENT APPEAL FOR AMBULANCE

The people of Wadi Hajar, one of the poorest districts in Hadhramaut, are in dire need. They have appealed to FOH for an ambulance to transport their dead from Mukalla (approximately 105 kms) to their villages for burial. Due to the high, unaffordable cost of fuel and the deteriorating economic situation, we hope that this very deserving request will be met. A second-hand ambulance in the UAE can be purchased for **AED150,000** (approximately **£ 30,000**) and can be transported overland to Mukalla.

COMPLETED PROJECTS

In April, after 7 years of a devastating war in Yemen, Saudi Arabia and the Houthi forces agreed to a ceasefire. We hope this will alleviate the misery of over a million Hadhramis in one of the world's worst humanitarian crises. The Hadhramaut is the largest governorate in Yemen. When we founded FOH in 1997, we concentrated on shipping medical, educational and disability related equipment from the UK to al-Mukalla. We spent our donations on building lavatories, dormitories, classrooms, playgrounds, shelters and sports facilities. We furnished sewing, autism centres and clinics in far-flung areas and supplied medicines. As the situation deteriorated, we found that bricks and mortar were no longer the priority. Food was and **IS** the crying need of the day. People need clean drinking water and sustenance. As the war continued, incomes fell, unemployment rose, and Covid-19 struck. Most donations are currently spent on distributing dry goods, continuing medical aid and helping towards minor surgeries. FOH could not operate without the voluntary dedication of our man on the ground Salah Al-Qu'aiti, who for the last 26 years has managed all our projects; he is the cornerstone of FOH. Last Ramadan was particularly traumatic for many Hadhrami families both in coastal areas and in the wadis. Families could not afford to buy food and therefore fasting was challenging. Salah managed to put together food baskets with essentials: sugar, salt, flour, noodles, rice, tuna cans, dates, tomato paste and milk powder, distributing them to needy families, ably assisted by his two sons. The necessity of continuing with these baskets is crucial especially as these rations only last a month. We need to maintain food supplies to families in bereft areas.

Al-Moqaibel Hospital, Al Jahi, Wadi Leisar

Thanks to the Berfred Foundation and their magnanimous donation of an X-ray machine to this hospital, an average of 250 patients a month are using this facility as stated by Hamed Al-Safi, Health Office Manager, Wadi Doan. FOH has provided the hospital with X-ray film so that the machine can keep running on a regular basis.

Aid and Donations in Hadhramaut

Salah distributed 135 baskets of food in Ramadan in Mukalla, Ghail BaWazir and its environs. His son Ali distributed more than 50 in al-Qatn, 30 in al-Shihr and to some needy families in Tareem. This time the quantity of sugar was reduced from 19 kgs to 5 kgs. Salah tried to cover as many families as he could.

He also distributed 100 school bags along with stationery in the Mukalla area and over 170 uniforms were distributed to poor families in the al-Shihr area. Medicines were distributed to

poor families in the Wadi and along the coastal areas and to Medical Centres in Harshiyat and Rukab.

PENDING PROJECTS

Sports, Youth and Culture Club, al Qatn, Wadi Hadhramaut
Thanks to a very generous donation from the Berfred Foundation FOH is currently laying the foundations for a purpose built gymnasium in the club grounds which will comprise a large hall to be used by both women and men, an office, 2 changing rooms and 2-3 toilets. Used gym equipment has been purchased from Abu Dhabi.



LEGACIES AND WILLS

Those thinking about leaving a legacy to FOH can check our bona fides by consulting the website of the Charity Commission of England & Wales: www.charitycommission.gov.uk. FOH is registered with the Commissioners under Charity Number 1062560 since May 1997. If you are planning your will (or making additions to an existing one) we cannot over emphasise how grateful we, and the poorest people of Hadhramaut would be for a bequest from you. If there is a particular project you are interested in supporting, or specific terms and conditions you would like to make, please contact the treasurer at our registered address, or ask your solicitor to do so.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

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Our heartfelt thanks to these Friends who continue to support us through standing orders: **Lady Bute**, **Lord Green of Deddington**, **S al-Juffali**, **Dr. Ronit Lami**, **Thanos Petouris**, **Canon Peter D Ingrams** and **Dr. FJ Pocock.** We hope other Friends will consider setting up orders to help our cause.

We would like to offer our profuse thanks to anonymous donors in the **United Arab Emirates**.

In October 2023 the **Berfred Foundation** made a magnanimous donation of **£21,956.79** to FOH.

NEWS OF THE CHAIRMAN

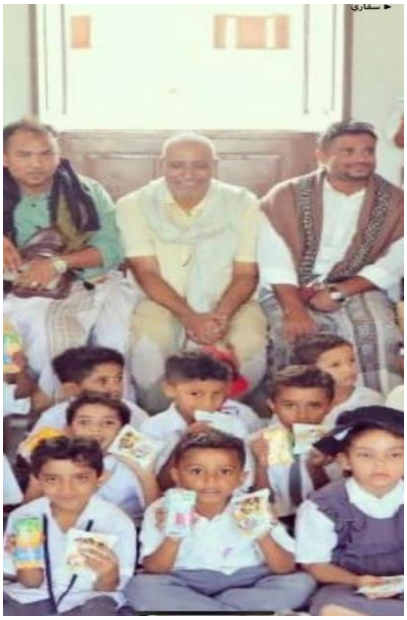
Saleh, currently based in Riyadh/Jeddah, would be happy to meet any FOH passing through: salehbinghalib@hotmail.com

NEWS OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN

In May 2022, **Salah** organised a visit for a group of children from a local kindergarten in Ghail BaWazir who visited "al-Bagh".

In September his two eldest sons were married; both Muhammad and Ali are a great help to him in his work.







Salah Al-Qu'aiti

NEWS OF THE ADVISER

Brian Fyfield-Shayler can only be reached by post: BA Fyfield-Shayler, 5 Quant Park, Tavistock, Devon PL19 0JQ



James Budd & Brian, Tavistock, September 2023

NEWS OF THE TREASURER



Sultana was very pleased to welcome Aisha Gray Henry from Kentucky in February and Dr. Gerhard Heck and Frau Renate Ammann from Mainz to her home in Jeddah in March as well as Farida Azad in September and Dr. Ulrike Freitag in December. George Hancock, Jean Franco and Shima Khan joined FOH when they visited Jeddah in April. She was delighted to meet Sheikha Al-Attas in Vienna in May and honoured to meet Dr. Jan Just Witkam, Emeritus Professor of Codicology and Paleography of the Islamic World, Leiden University in Leiden in June. She was very grateful to Wolfgang Gaerte for organising her journey to Oslo from Berlin.

Dr. Gerhard Heck and Frau Renate Ammann

Sultana met David and Ann Grainger and Prince Abbas Hilmi at Durham University in June; Eva Bekkelund-Eriksen and Mimi Cejka from Oslo in London in August as well as Mick Walton from Italy.



Jean Franco & George Hancock



Eva Bekkelund-Eriksen & Mimi Cejka



Farida Azad

NEWS FROM NORWEGIAN BRANCH

FUNDRAISING DINNER AT THE EKEBERGRESTAURANTEN, OSLO 19th MAY



The organisation for our 3 day Oslo event was superb. **60** plus attendees comprising 10 nationalities came to this stunning city to enjoy the variety of experiences arranged by our hosts. We witnessed the colourful Constitution Day Parade with a wealth of fabulous folkloric costumes worn by the proud Norwegians, as we walked around soaking up the friendly atmosphere and watched the cheerful school children as they marched past to the tunes of their impressive bands. This was followed by a most delicious, copious lunch prepared lovingly by Nina and her mother Inger, comprising many Norwegian specialities at their beautiful home in Hagan where we were regaled to a musical interlude featuring Angela Kilmartin, Sarah Finch, Arild Berger and Sverre. Our historic trip to Hole the next day was ably coordinated by Torunn Bratli and by the charming Eva who greeted us in the Bosnes church, associated with King Olav the Holy, where we enjoyed listening to Norwegian folk songs sung hauntingly by Ase Bratli. We all enjoyed the talks in the bus on Norwegian culture and history given by Torunn and Eva, not to mention the breath-taking scenery. A return to the amazing Oslo Opera House to watch a performance of the ballet *Crystal Pite: Light of Passage* and explore the remarkable edifice. Our restaurant was chosen for its spectacular views over the city and for its gastronomy. This was preceded by a guided tour of the renowned Munch Museum. We were very fortunate to have 2 keynote speakers, who journeyed from Bergen, to address us on fascinating aspects of Hadhrami history.

Presentations



Dr. Anne Bang, Professor of Middle Eastern and African Islamic History at the University of Bergen gave a presentation on *The Tale of the Two Riyadhas: The Riyadha Mosque of Lamu, Kenya and the Riyadha of Sayun, Hadhramawt*. Her main research has been on the influence of Hadhramaut in East Africa in terms of migration but especially in the field of intellectual and religious leadership. She is the author of several books including *Islamic Sufi Networks in the Western Indian Ocean*.



Dr. Leif Manger who retired as Professor in the Department of Social Anthropology at the University of Bergen gave a presentation on *The Hadhrami diaspora in East Africa*, in which area he is a specialist. He is the author of the *Hadhrami Diaspora: Community-building on the Indian Ocean Rim* (2010). He has also published works on trade, communal labour and socio-cultural processes of Arabisation and Islamisation.

Auction of Painting



Sverre and Norunn auctioning the painting

Britt Boutros-Ghali, a world famous Norwegian artist, very generously donated her painting to help raise funds for Hadhramaut. It was successfully auctioned by Norunn Vorland at the Oslo dinner for €1,750. We are grateful to Norunn Vorland and Hisham Hafiz for initiating the idea of auctioning the painting. The buyer wishes to remain anonymous. Britt was born in Norway in 1937 and studied painting and sculpture in Oslo in the late 1950s. She became a pivotal player in the Abstract Expressionist scene of the day. She has exhibited internationally throughout her career, and her work is widely collected, both privately and in public institutions worldwide. In 1996 she was awarded the St.Olav's Order, the highest honour given to an artist, by King Haakon of Norway.

Comments from Friends on the Oslo event

London

- It was ALL BRILLIANT. Everyone was so happy, with Oslo, with getting to know fellow guests, with the immense generosity of the Norwegians.
- I thank FOH for looking after me so perfectly during the Oslo festivities. FOH made me - as indeed it made all of us - feel special through your very warm welcome and your actions. It was indeed a wonderfully well-organised and unforgettable occasion and I will always remember how clearly communicated was FOH's deep compassion and commitment to the people living there. My thanks to Sverre for his enormous contribution to the event.
- I just wanted to say what great fun we had during the fundraising trip to Oslo last week. FOH organised it so well and Sverre and Nina were delightful, kind and welcoming hosts showcasing their city and country.

Montpellier

- Super contente de ces quelques jours passés à Oslo. Merveilleuse organisation!

Essex

- We had a wonderful time. Every day we spent in Oslo was brilliant, thanks to Sverre and Nina. I found the talks interesting and the food out of this world.

Oslo

- I cannot tell you how impressed I was about your excellent and very considerate placing at the tables - let alone all those lovely detailed information packages,

delicious dates and Hadhrami gifts for us all. I want to congratulate you all on a great success. Best wishes for your continued most valuable work!
- Nina and Sverre really deserve a medal for bravery and perseverance for making all these efforts again and again!!
- Truly an evening full of inspiring people and conversations.

California
- I was happy to learn about Friends of Hadhramaut and the wonderful things that the organisation does to help people in need. The trip to Oslo was such a wonderful experience. Every day was an adventure, and it was a pleasure to get to know Sverre and Nina, and learn about their beautiful country.

Frankfurt
- Oslo wird mir in guter Erinnerung bleiben. Eine fantastische Stadt, die durch das FOH - Treffen für mich noch interessanter war.

Düsseldorf
- Allergrößter Dank für das Gelingen eines geradezu phänomenalen Treffens in Oslo!!! Ohne die FOH, das Tagungs- und Kulturprogramm hätte ich niemals solche Erlebnisse und Begegnungen in solch einem schönen Land gehabt!!!

Gloucestershire
- Thank you for all the trustees and the Norwegians did to make the FOH meeting so enjoyable

Extracts from Speech by FOH Treasurer

When Pius Fischer called me in August 2017 from Augsburg to tell me that he had enrolled 2 Norwegian friends of his into FOH – a certain Sverre Driveklepp and one Nina Kneppen, I was delighted. They not only agreed to become the Local Coordinators for FOH, but at Cressing Barns in 2019, they offered to host a fundraising event in Oslo, 2020. We remain utterly beholden to them for their persistent tenacity in spite of having to postpone this event no less than 3 times. Sverre and Nina first put together this remarkable programme in 2020. Their diligence and the total bonhomie with which they have welcomed us all is heartwarming. They have regaled us with a breathtaking panorama of Norwegian gastronomy, culture, art, music, ballet and hospitality. It is impossible to find words to thank you Sverre and you Nina. The people of Hadhramaut, 1000s of miles away, thank you from the bottom of their hearts!

We have amongst our 60 guests tonight our 2 esteemed Patrons - John and Patricia Ducker who lived and served in the Hadhramaut in the 60s. Thank you John and Patricia for gracing our event today!

It is heartening and deeply moving to see so many Friends and supporters who have travelled such long distances from all over the world. Raya Abu Gulal and her daughter Aida al-Taie have travelled all the way from the Middle East and Juli Avedissian all the way from California.





Angela Kilmartin & Sarah Finch Sir William & Lady Patey

We welcome our loyal supporters from the UK: Alan Rush, Phillipa Vaughan, Angela Kilmartin, Sarah Finch, Patricia Loudon and Corinne Hillman (whose father Col. Hillman served in the Hadhramaut in the 1960s); Julia Miles (whose late husband Oliver Miles also served in the Hadhramaut); James Budd and Philippa Pardue; Sir William and Lady Patey who was instrumental in raising funds for classrooms in Ghail BaWazir when she chaired ICING (International Children In Need Group) in Riyadh. I never met the late Dr. William Roff, one of our earliest supporters, former Professor of Islamic and South-East Asian History at Columbia University, but I am delighted that his wife Susan has come from Scotland to join us.

From Austria, we welcome Bernhard Herzmaier. From Spain, Aida Kellal. From Montenegro, Vanja Pantovic. From Denmark, Aziz Omar and from France Joelle Febvre and Marie Jose Defrance.

What would we do without our indefatigable Local Coordinator in Germany, Wolfgang Gaerte who succeeded in bringing his sister Beatrice, Dina von Randow, Dr. Gerhard Heck and his wife Renate, Pius Fischer, Nicolaus Kummer and Marion Herb. Thank you Wolfgang! Thank you Pius!

Last, but not least, we welcome our wonderful Norwegian Friends. My close friend, Margaretha Ostern, introduced me to Norwegian history and culture in Jeddah 45 years ago. Elsa Rennes from Kristiansand and Widad Shihabi from Bergen were the first Norwegian FOH in 1997. In 1999 the remarkable Eva Bekkelund-Eriksen joined FOH.

I would like to thank 2 exemplary trustees. They work terribly hard both behind the scenes and here tonight. I applaud Maija Calvert, our Local Coordinator in France, and our trustee Fatima Al-Qu'aiti who has come all the way from California.

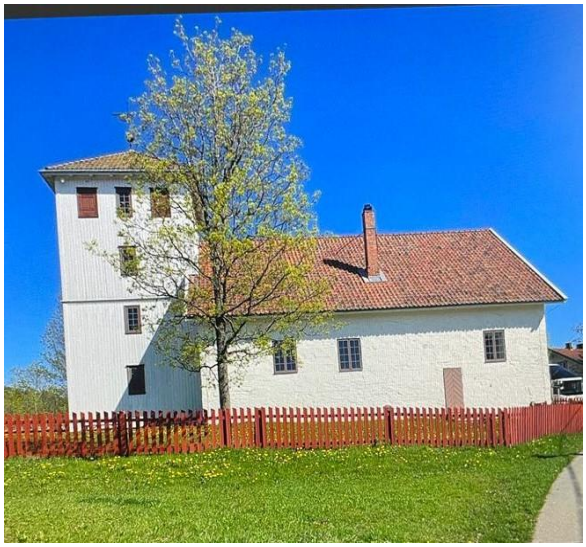
Tonight, we honour Karl Erik Larsen, born in 1947, who passed away in March in Bergen. He was to be with us tonight and is proudly represented by his son Erik as we recall the most remarkable story of his great-grandfather Arthur Larsen, who was a crew member on a Norwegian 2-masted 150 ton schooner called the **Asp** on a voyage from Norway to China in 1927. This was the first Norwegian vessel EVER to call at al-Mukalla. Details and photographs are in our Archives section. Our thanks to Karl for joining FOH in 2016 and for alerting us to this amazing journey.

€ 5,936 was raised in Oslo for FOH. sverre.driveklepp@gmail.com

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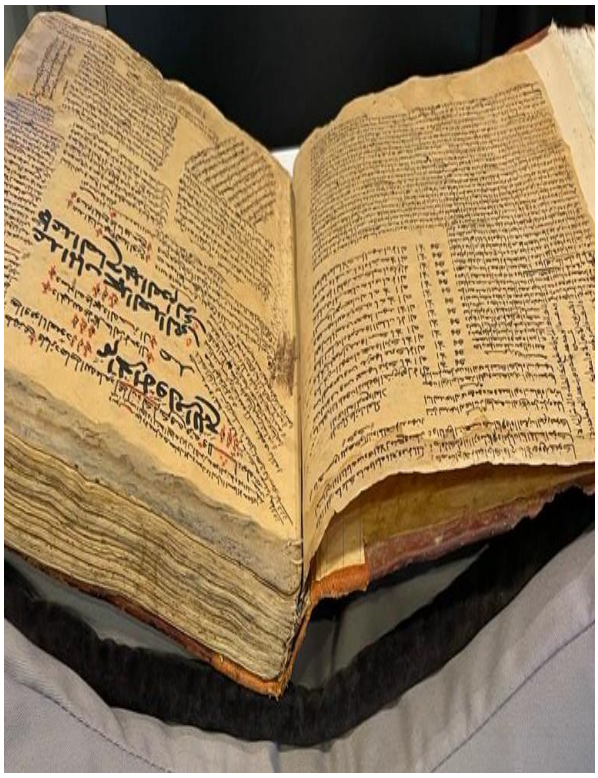
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NEWS FROM NETHERLANDS BRANCH

Dr. Ed Hayes, Postdoctoral Researcher at Leiden University collaborated with Dr. Kate Pukhovaia, Assistant Professor at Utrecht University and specialist in Yemeni history of the 13th-17th centuries to host an event with administrative support from the Leiden University Centre for Islam and Society (LUCIS).





The earliest Yemeni Zaidi text on Fiqh

Local Coordinator Dr. Alex Ingrams (alex.ingrams@gmail.com), Dr. Anne Regourd, Renate Husseini and Sultana al-Qu'aiti attended the two-day seminar on Yemen at Leiden University in June. It included a pop-up exhibition of Yemen-related artifacts at Leiden University Library, a Yemeni studies roundtable, a manuscripts workshop for students and scholars and a research lecture by Dr. Scott Lucas (Associate Professor of Islamic Studies Arizona University): "*Publish or Perish: Religious Zaydi publishers in Yemen during the 1990s*".



Renate Husseini

https://www.library.universiteitleiden.nl/news/2022/09/amsterdam-yemen-library-now-available?fbclid=IwAR0AXWqzGJ9mYTKK8QZr_5uN5zR**Renate Husseini**k9AbKhdlGdT4VdytH4TlWeyvNsUgkXGA



New FOH Ronnie & Florence Mollinger

The library of a great scholar: Dr. J J Witkam



I met Dr. Jan Just Witkam, Emeritus Professor of Codicology and Paleography of the Islamic World, Leiden University in Leiden in June. Dr. Witkam is the first Dutch Friend of Hadhramaut, joining as early as December 1997. I was introduced to him through Daniel van der Meulen's wife Dr. Helene van der Meulen-Duhm and through our second patron Leila Ingrams. I had heard about his amazing house dating back to the 14th century and situated in the oldest part of Leiden from Dr. Ulrike Freitag who had stayed there while he was away in Cairo doing research at the National Library of Egypt. It sits on the confluence of two rivers and has the most amazing views out onto the old town.

We talked about Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani and it was enlightening to hear how deeply Dr. Witkam respected his intellect as a true visionary. He had served on the Board of the Al Furqan Islamic Heritage Foundation. Sheikh Yamani entertained many projects and ideas which included his desire to do more research on Snouck Hurgronje, the great Orientalist who lived in Jeddah (1884-85). His phonographic recordings in Jeddah are all stored at the Oriental Department, Leiden University Library, including all his private letters and papers which Dr. Witkam has worked on.

I asked him about Dr. Anne-Marie Schimmel, a close friend whom he ranked very highly as an Islamic scholar and as a scholar of Persian, Urdu and Arabic. He himself is also a scholar of Persian History having studied Persian at Tehran University and worked there during the Pahlavi era. He went to India in 1974, visiting Delhi and Hyderabad where he gave a lecture at the Salar Jang Museum and donated books to the Curator in the Library who reciprocated with a gift for the Leiden University Library.

I asked Dr. Witkam about the Hadhramaut as he knew the family of the renowned writer and traveller Daniel van der Meulen. He visited the Hadhramaut in 1994 just after the *Wahda* (Unification) and was taken there by the Dutch government flying from Sanaa to Seiyun and then driven to Tarim where he visited the famous Maktabat Al Ahqaf which impressed him. The Dutch government sent two young scholars/librarians from Leiden University to help with cataloguing the manuscripts in the Ahqaf Library. He was sorry not to have visited Mukalla but he did visit Shibam which remained etched in his memory as a wonderful architectural feature.

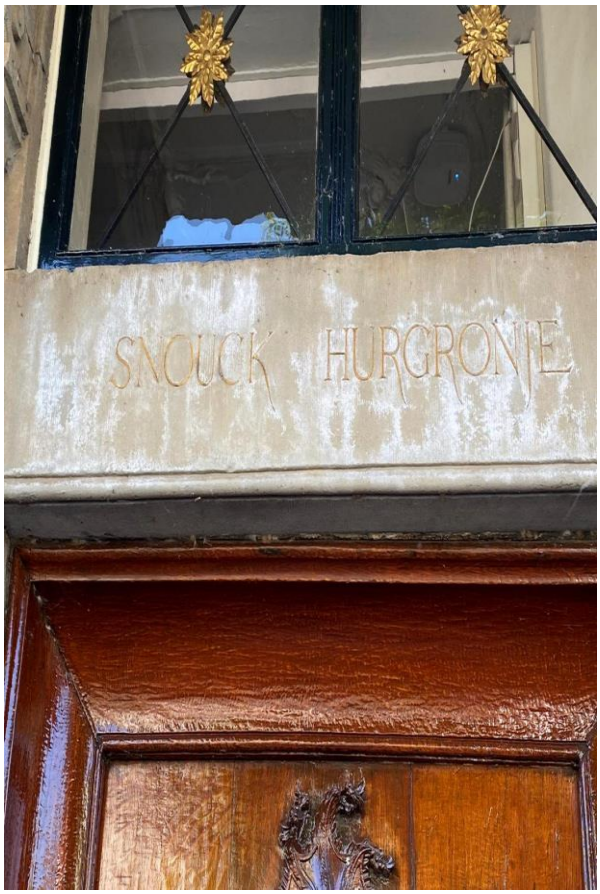


I was then graciously escorted to his magnificient library which was the highlight of my visit and a very unique experience for me as I beheld thousands of splendid volumes and leather-bound tomes which resonated deep scholarship and elevated erudition. Many of the books are precious, old legal documents bound



in parchment as Dr. Witkam's father had taught Roman Law at Leiden University. He picked up a book that he had just completed in 2022 *Values of old paper* and gifted it to me with a dedication. In all my years I have never seen a private library containing works of such antiquity.





Sultana al-Qu'aiti

NEWS FROM CANADIAN BRANCH

We are very grateful to Local Coordinator **Alexandre Cumas** for hosting and organising the annual Parc Centennial barbecue and fundraiser in July. The total amount raised was Canadian $240. firetexion@gmail.com



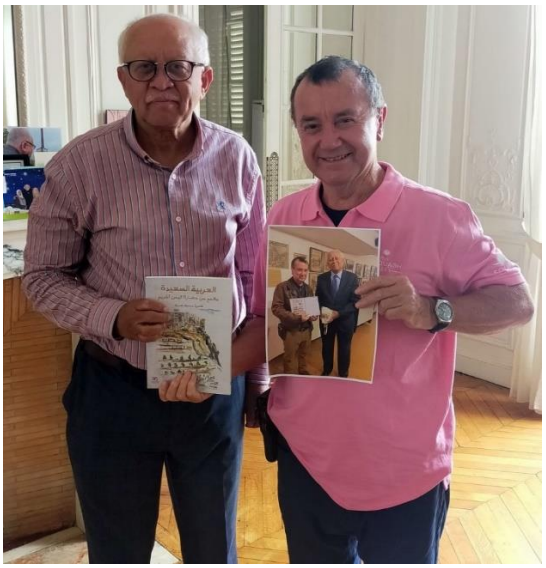
FOH Supporters in Montreal

NEWS FROM FRENCH BRANCH

As a trustee and Local Coordinator, we thank **Maija Calvert** for her tremendous support at our Oslo event. In August Maija moved from Paris to a new job in Antibes. maijacalvert@gmail.com



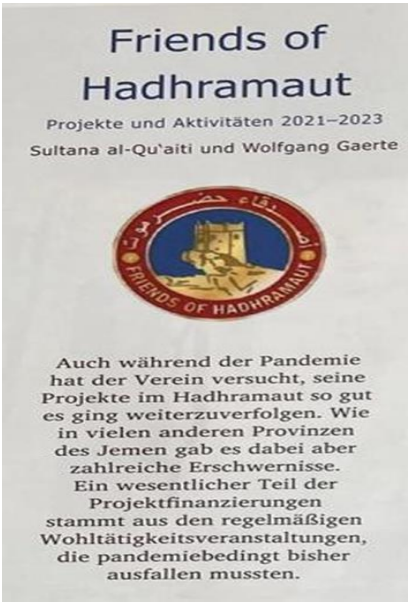
Many thanks to **JM Bel** for promoting FOH in Angers in March. He has prefaced and illustrated a book called *Al Arabiyya Al Saeeda* (Arabia Felix) authored by Fathiyya Mahmoud Siddiq, wife of the Yemeni Ambassador to France.



Dr. Riyadh Yassin with JM Bel

NEWS FROM GERMAN BRANCH

We thank Local Coordinator **Wolfgang Gaerte** for his presence at Oslo and his sterling efforts in recruiting German Friends to attend the event. He attended the AGM of the Deutsche Jemenitische Gesellschaft (DJG) in Berlin in May along with Ruth Hildebrandt, Sultana al-Qu'aiti, Marie-Amelie Steul, Dr. Matthias Eigenbrodt, Zuhair al-Jefri and Joachim Duester. He never loses an opportunity to publicise our work. w.gaerte@yahoo.com



We thank Wolfgang for writing such a detailed and interesting account of FOH's work in the Hadhramaut for the annual Jemen Report. The Pdf link to the article:

FOH Article in Annual Jemen Report 2023.pdf



Wolfgang Gaerte and Marie-Amelie Steul



Ruth Hildebrandt, Treasurer DJG



Dr. Freitag & Dr. Dannemann meeting HM King Charles III & Queen Camilla, Berlin, March 2023



The LCs father Felix Gaerte on his way to Buckingham Palace for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953



W Gaerte, Dina v Randow, Udo & Rosie Kluth, Beatrice Wiesemann in Kiel

NEWS FROM ITALIAN BRANCH

Our Local Coodinator **Mick Walton** writes: At the 5th International Sir Richard Burton Conference held in Vienna in October, I made a short, out-of-conference presentation about the Hadhramaut, distributed material about FOH and donated 50 percent of the profits of the bookstall to FOH. mickwalton@libero.it

NEWS FROM PAKISTAN BRANCH

Local Coordinator **Rukhsana Rashid** leaves no stone unturned in helping FOH in myriad ways. We are especially grateful to her for her consummate skills and painstaking hard work in the preparation of this newsletter. Rashid.rukhsana@gmail.com



Congratulations to **Rashida Masood** and **Saleem Bukhari** on the inauguration in December 2023 of the Memorial Park Group, Karachi where trees were planted.

NEWS FROM SINGAPORE BRANCH

Our new patron Angela Kilmartin visited Singapore in November 2023 where she was delighted to meet a few FOH. We hope to forge closer links with this branch through Farah Ali Bahajaj fabjajrp@gmail.com Sharifah Zahra Aljunied has written a book entitled *A reverent journey: Masjid Omar Kampong Melaka 1820-2020 and Beyond* (Singapore 2022). The Mosque is the first prayer house built in Singapore by her ancestor Syed Omar bin Ali Aljunied. Syed Omar was born in Tarim and came to Singapore in 1819. In September 2023, the book won the Singapore Book Award.



Angela at the Raffles Hotel



Angela with Khadijah Alattas, Aisha al-Sarihi & Farah Bahajaj

NEWS FROM USA BRANCH

A *cri de coeur* from Local Coordinator **John Mulholland**: "I see several countries are moving ahead with plans to create events for FOH. Meanwhile, the largest nation among FOH supporters (currently 65), the USA, sits idly by. What is the "hook" to get Friends here more interested? Although I am well inserted into our Atlanta Arab and international communities, Yemen is low on their lists of interests. I am very keen on generating greater awareness amongst our USA membership and would very much appreciate some feedback from Friends on our continent as to how to raise funds for Hadhramaut. Does any Friend have contact with the Washington Center of Yemeni Studies?" jmulholland45@aol.com

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy to Wafaa Murad on the death of her mother **Wahiba Tahir Abdul Aziz** in February 2020 in Jeddah

Our deepest sympathy to Dr. David Bryer CMG (former Chair of Oxfam International) on the death of his wife **Margaret Isabel Bowyer Bryer** (FOH 30.10.07) in March 2020

Our deepest sympathy to Siegfried Niederberger on the death of his wife **Monika Niederberger** (FOH 1.1.18) in the autumn of 2022

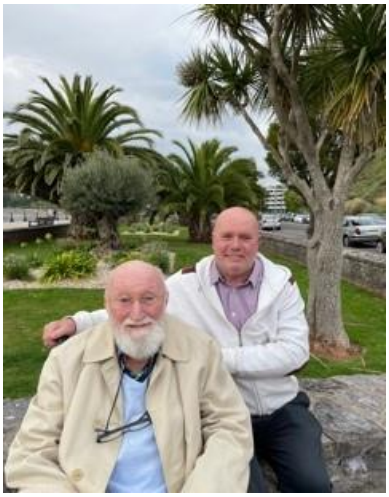
Our deepest sympathy to Dr. Antoine Turzi on the death of his mother **Francesca Turzi** aged 98 in Toulouse, France in December 2022



It was with great sadness that I learnt of the death of **Alan D'Arcy** (FOH 23.1.97) on 15th December 2022 in a Torquay care home thanks to a call from Gary Mundy.

I first met Alan in Hadhramaut in 1997 on a BYS tour that our former patron Jim Ellis had led. Alan co-hosted two early memorable garden parties in Torquay with Pandora Holloway and helped (along with Gary) with the garden party in 2016 hosted by Yousif al-Nasser. He was an outstanding Friend. Having no family of his own, I would make it a point of visiting him every year in Torquay but sadly was unable to do so last year.

Alan was born on 20.5.1930. He was a Wing Commander in the Royal Air Force (RAF) and served in the Aden Protectorate Levies (APL) from 1953-56. From 1948-1951, he served in the RAF Administration in Cranwell. He once told me how cold it was when he worked on the coke stoves at Compton Bassett. In Aden, he befriended Godfrey Meynell and Bill Heber-Percy who encouraged him to join the Western Aden Protectorate service. From 1963-1967 he served as a political officer in Nisaab, Upper Awlaqi Sultanate. Muhammad Awadh, the grandson of the former Awlaqi Sultan became his ward. Alan was delighted to be re-connected with the Awlaqis after joining the BYS tour in 1997. He led several tours for the BYS and served as their Treasurer from 1998-2003. Alan will be sorely missed.



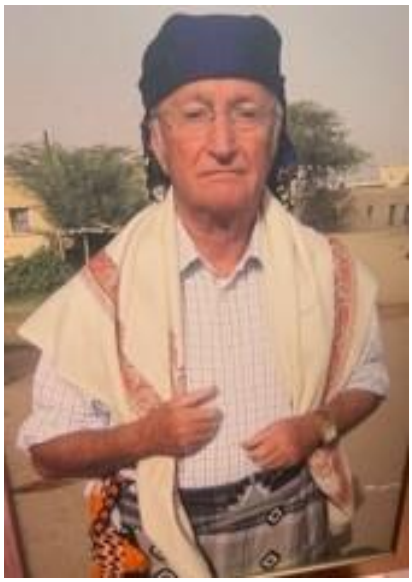
Alan and Gary, Torquay 2021

Our heartfelt condolences to Gary Mundy and Muhammad Awadh. Gary left no stone unturned in looking after Alan, seeing to his every need; shopping, cooking, taking him to the doctor, to hospital and finally arranging for him to be moved from his flat in Paignton to a care home in Torquay. He was an exemplary friend to Alan, caring for him as a son would care for his father and given his nursing background, meticulous in his medical care for Alan. Gary had arranged for Alan's flights to Oslo in 2020 and booked hotels; unfortunately the FOH fundraising event had to be postponed due to Covid-19. Alan had travelled all the way to Venice to support FOH in 2014. FOH is pleased to confer Alan's FOH membership on Gary.

A memorial tea was held in memory of Alan in Torquay in June at the Robin Hill Hotel. Those present were BA Fyfield-Shayler, Andrew Mead, Gary, Maj.Yeoman, Julia Sanders, Yousif al-Nassir and Sultana. Andrew's arrangements were excellent as always and FOH is very grateful to him and Yousif for all their help and generosity.



Left to right Andrew Mead, BA Fyfield-Shayler, Yousif Al-Nassar, Julia Sanders, Maj. Yeoman & Gary Mundy



Alan leading FOH tour in 2005

Sultana al-Qu'aiti

Our deepest sympathy to the children of **Tom Stacey** on his death in London in December 2022. A memorial service was held for him in May 2023 at St. John the Baptist Church, London

The Treasurer writes: Shama Husain and Robert Shipman attended the memorial service, representing FOH. We first met Tom in 1997 in Jeddah and thereafter developed a warm friendship. Tom was amongst the very first to join FOH (27.1.97), a charity which was very close to his heart. He was both a generous supporter and a loyal attendee at our events. I last met Tom at his daughter Tilly's pottery exhibition in 2022. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the entire family on the passing of a remarkable man

Sultan Ghalib al-Quaiti remembers: It is impossible to describe a man of Tom's many rare and diverse qualities and gifts. Although "very English" in his outward appearance and demeanour, he possessed that bravura of unhesitatingly mixing with a huge variety of people. Blessed with a fine intellect and an always open and questioning mind of a great professional journalist, he was also gifted with a very keen and shrewdly observant eye. He was a sincere and generous friend and host, always willing to go well out of his way for a deserving cause.

May you rest in eternal peace dear Tom; you will always be dearly remembered by all those who came into contact with you. REQUIESCAT IN PACEM

Our deepest sympathy to Dr. Muna Bagour on the death of her husband **Omar Cornel Pavel Vulcu** (FOH 22.11.13) in Munich

Our deepest sympathy to Marion Leslie née Serjeant on the death of her brother **Lesley Serjeant** in January 2023

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **HEH Nizam Mir Barkat Ali Khan Mukarram Jah, Asaf Jah VIII** (FOH 29.11.2000) on his death in Istanbul in January 2023. The Nizam was tremendously grateful to our Vice Chairman for showing him the Hadhramaut when Salah arranged his visit and accompanied him in 2000

Our deepest sympathy to Caroline al-Juneid on the death of her father **Jurges Klibingaitis** in Melbourne in February 2023 and on the death of her sister **Maxine Klibingaitis** in Melbourne in April 2023

Our deepest sympathy to Lady Vanessa Patey on the death of her father **Leonard Morrell** aged 97 in London in February 2023

Our deepest sympathy to Angela, Richard, Philippa and Belinda on the death of their husband/father **Stephen Day** (FOH 20.05.07) in Surrey in March 2023. A memorial service was held for him in April where our Patron John Harding represented FOH. Angela will continue her beloved husband's FOH membership. Stephen was Chairman of the British Yemeni Society in 1998

Sultan Ghalib al-Quaiti remembers: Stephen was a fine political officer who served the people in the Western Aden Protectorate with a sensitive and responsible open mind, always keen to understand and give serious consideration to the other side's views when he felt that this was in the mutual interest. Not surprisingly, this display of independence would have been hardly welcome by his superiors. He was a caring and loyal friend. The Fadhlis for one remember him to this day with great respect and appreciation

Muzna al-Quaiti adds: It was very kind how Uncle Stephen saw me through my MA at SOAS, always checking in with consideration during his time at MBI Al-Jaber Foundation.



Our deepest sympathy to Irmelin, Elisabeth and Erik Dahl Larsen on the death of their husband/father **Karl Erik Larsen** (FOH 18.09.16) in Bergen in March 2023. We are pleased that his son Erik has taken on his father's FOH membership

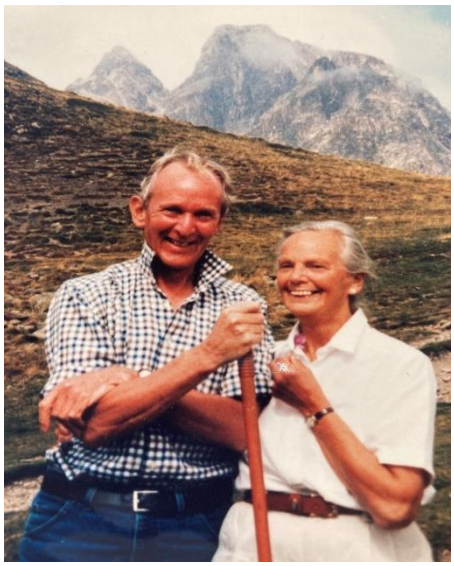
Our deepest sympathy to Dr. Abdul Aziz bin Ali al-Qu'aiti and his family on the death of his wife **Shafiqa Rubia Ali al-Qu'aiti** in Jordan in May 2023

Our deepest sympathy to Asya Alashaikh on the death of her mother **Noura Hassan** in Riyadh in June 2023

Our deepest sympathy to Felipe and Laura Allard on the death of their mother **Baroness Allard nēe Sharifa Aziza AlAtas** (FOH 13.6.14) in London in June 2023. The Treasurer attended her funeral at Kensal Green cemetery and her memorial service held in London in September 2023

Our deepest sympathy to Caroline Lees on the death of her husband **Colonel Brian Lees LVO OBE** (11.2.97) aged 91 in London in June 2023. During a distinguished 34-year army career, he served with the British Army in Aden and then the Aden Protectorate Levies in the 1950s, before returning to the region as Defense Attache in Saudi Arabia and Yemen 1975-79. Several FOH attended a memorial service at The King's Chapel of the Savoy, London on 9th October 2023 (his 92nd birthday) where Sir Harold Walker gave the eulogy.

Our deepest sympathy to Ulrike Freitag on the death of her mother **Annelies Krause** in Germany in July 2023



Our deepest sympathy to Alison Johnson on the death of her mother **Dr. Muriel Berkeley** (FOH 22.10.98) who died in July 2023 in Scotland two weeks short of her 98th birthday. We are delighted that Alison has taken on her mother's membership: "My parents first went to Aden at the invitation of the Anglican church who had some land where they wished to set up a mother and baby clinic. They ended up forging links between the local hospitals and the Ministry of Health with their equivalents in Aberdeen. They enjoyed the company of all the Cuban doctors who were great fun. They also did some basic medical work - particularly M who was able to visit veiled women in their homes. My father (Dr. Jim Berkeley) was always talking about the Hadhramaut - what an amazing place!"

Our deepest sympathy to Jane Forrester on the death of her husband **Bob Forrester** (FOH 16.8.03) in August 2023 in Brockham. Several FOH attended the funeral service at St. Michael's Church, Betchworth in September 2023

FOH extend their heartfelt condolences to the family of **Al Muqaddam Ali bin Muhammad Saeed Al-Juhi** who died in Uqran, Wadi Hadhramaut in September 2023. He entertained our patron Joanna Ellis at his home in 2005 and accompanied our patron Leila Ingrams when she inaugurated FOH classrooms in Reidat al Juhiyyin in 2004

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Muhammed Amir Muhammed Khan, the Raja of Mahmudabad** (FOH 10.5.99) who died in October 2023 in Lucknow after a prolonged illness

THANKS

Louise Hosking and the British Yemeni Society for including the FOH Oslo event in their April 2023 newsletter: "it is such a well put-together event"

Daphne Sanders for sharing the Oslo event flier with her Norwegian friends

Shama Husain and **Robert Shipman** for attending Tom Stacey's memorial service on behalf of FOH in May 2023

Dr. Gerhard Heck and **Dr. Ulrike Freitag** for posting letters in Germany

Dr. Marie-Christine Heinze, President CARPO (Centre for Applied Research in Partnership with the Orient) for publishing an article on FOH in the annual Jemen Report (DJG)

Owain Raw-Rees for donating a signed David Shepherd print of Mukalla to FOH

Geoff Calvert OBE Independent Examiner for auditing our accounts voluntarily

Huraiby al-Huraiby, our diligent webmaster, for keeping the FOH website updated with such dedication and enthusiasm

CONGRATULATIONS

Louis Blin on his appointment in September 2022 as Research Director Middle East at the European University, Florence and on sharing a panel of discussions at Riyadh's Annual Book Fair in September where 80 French publishers participated *La Ligue Islamique Mondiale: Le Renouveau Musulman?* and *Récits présentés et annotés Alexandre Dumas Récits d'Arabie* (L'Harmattan)

Sverre Driveklepp on the occasion of his mother Arna Driveklepp's 93rd birthday in November 2022 and on the birth of his grandson Albert Driveklepp Skulstad in Oslo in October 2023

Julian Paxton on the marriage of his son Edward to Faye in Cape Town in December 2022

Sir Harold Walker on his 90th birthday in 2022

Pia Kanaan on her transfer from Switzerland to Ludgrove Boys Preparatory School in Berkshire

Princess Caroline Murat (Caroline Haffner) on initiating, founding and organising the 17th Gstaad New Year Music Festival in December 2022

John Mulholland on his Sicilian story being published in *Atlanta-Italy News, Presented by Global Atlanta*

Muhammad Salah al-Qu'aiti on passing the neuro-brain surgery specialisation exam from the Yemeni Medical Board, being one of seven top candidates to qualify in the whole of Yemen

Dr. Gerhard Heck on being awarded the 2020 ITB prize for the best German language Oman travel guide *Oman Reise Handbuch*. Dumont have also published his well-known travel handbook *Arabische Halbinsel*

Felipe Fernandez-Armesto, William P Reynolds Professor of History at Notre Dame University USA, on his latest book *Straits: Beyond the Myth of Magellan* published by Bloomsbury in 2022 and on editing the *Oxford History of the World* (OUP 2023)

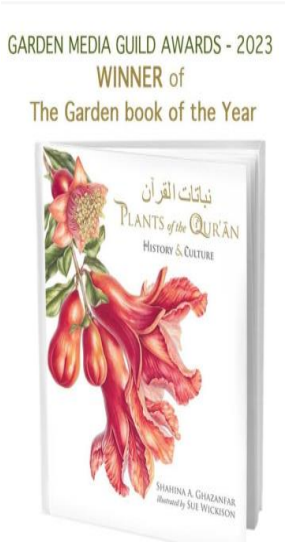
Dr. Razia Sultanova on her latest book *Woman's Journey in Afghan Music Study: Field work in a Burka* and on her book *Afghanistan Dispossessed: Women, Culture and the Taliban* (Pen and Sword 2023); and on her book "*From Shamanism to Sufism: Women, Islam and Culture in Central Asia"* (IB Tauris, 2014) being translated into Serbian (UTOPIA Publishers Belgrade) and on her appointment as a Visiting Professor at Charles University, Prague and Honorary Professor at the Eurasian International University, Bishkek. She and her husband Hamid Ismailov participated in the Lahore Literary Festival in February 2023. Congratulations to both of them on the forthcoming marriage of their son Daniyar

Dr. Gorshkov-Cantacuzène V.A. on the publication of his book *The protection of rights to biotechnological inventions in the European countries of the "Eastern Bloc"* **(**Moscow: Yurait 2023)

Ovidio Salazar, award-winning filmmaker on directing the first-ever cinematic account of the Hijrah *In the Footsteps of the Prophet* in July 2022



Dr. Shahina Ghazanfar, honorary research associate at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and a Gibbs Fellow at Newnham College, University of Cambridge on her presentation to the British Omani Society on "Language and Ecology in Southern and Eastern Arabia" in March 2023 and on her exhibition *Plants of the Quran* at the Shirley Sherwood Gallery of Botanical Art in Kew Gardens. Based on her recent publication *Plants of the Quran: History and Culture*, Shahina presented a lecture at the Pakistan Society in September 2023. She was awarded the degree of Doctor of Science from Cambridge University in October



Alison Shan Price MBE FRGS on being awarded a Masters in History in March 2023 by Swansea University. Her thesis was entitled *What influence did British women Arabists have on the Anglo-Arab relationship in the Middle East (1914-45)?* Her thesis offers an insight into the cultural evolution, intercultural collaborations and activism of women Arabists: Gertrude Bell (1868-1926), Freya Stark (1893-1993), Violet Dickson (1896-1991) and Doreen Ingrams (1906-1997) in Syria, Iraq, Kuwait, Yemen and Hadhramaut

Jill Hammans on becoming a great grandmother in April when her eldest granddaughter gave birth to James Hamish

Dr. Jan Just Witkam on his online lecture to Princeton in April *Lives and Letters: The Correspondence of Christiaan Snouck Hurgronje (1857-1936)*

Professor Nile Green (UCLA) on the publication of his recent book *How Asia Found Herself: A Story of Intercultural Understanding* in April 2023 (Yale University Press) and on presenting a paper at *The Worlds of Islam in Asia* at the King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies in Riyadh in November 2023 and on an article *Arabic as a South Asian Language* in the International Journal of Middle East Studies in February 2023

Dr. Alex Ingrams on his daughter Rosanne's third birthday in May 2023

Paul Hughes-Smith on his 80th birthday in May 2023

Lina & Omar Mukharesh on their daughter Lana's graduation from Harvard Children's Medical Hospital in Boston and their son-in-law Dr. Mohanad's graduation from Duke Medical Hospital in North Carolina

Professor Vitaly Naumkin Director Institute of Oriental Studies at The Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow on being appointed Consultant Editor of the Journal of Islamic Studies Oxford

Dr. Willi Steul on the marriage of his son Francois-Joseph to Katerina in June 2023

Yousif Al-Nassar on his Hajj (pilgrimage) in 2023



John Mulholland our LC in USA and Gabriella on their golden wedding anniversary

William Facey on co-editing *Diary of a Journey through Inner Arabia, 1883-1884* by Julius Euting (Arabian Publishing May 2024)

Linda Davies on her new book *What Every Woman Needs to Know to Create Financial Abundance* https://amzn.eu/d/3egNAt4



Dr. Muhammad Salah al-Qu'aiti on his marriage to Muneera Saleh Mohsin al-Qu'aiti and **Ali Salah al-Qu'aiti** on his marriage to Manar Abdullah Saleh al Batl in al Qatn in September 2023

Saeed Chinoy on his 82nd birthday in September 2023 in Kuala Lumpur

Samaan Rahman on the marriage of his sister Syeda Aisha Rahman in London in November 2023

Sabiha Omar on her golden wedding anniversary

JM Bel on the birth of his granddaughter Jude in Paris in October 2023

Aziz Omar on the publication of his online article and open-access in the Journal of Agriculture and Human Values in September 2023 *"Rebalance power and strengthen farmers' position in the EU food system? A CDA of the Farm to Fork Strategy"* https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10460-023-10508-5

Jamie Bowden CMG OBE MVO on his appointment as a Trustee of the British Omani Society

Asma Ibrahim on the launch of her new magazine "al Dar". Al Yamaniah was founded in March 2020 with the aim of championing women of Yemeni heritage working in the creative/cultural space. "We share their work, facilitate opportunities and bring greater awareness about the great talent in our community and the work that is being done. It's very much a diaspora-led project, however we try to ensure all of our content is bilingual to be as inclusive as possible". https://alyamaniah.wixsite.com/al-yamaniah/home

Martin White, former Manager Eastern Bank Mukalla, on his 95th birthday

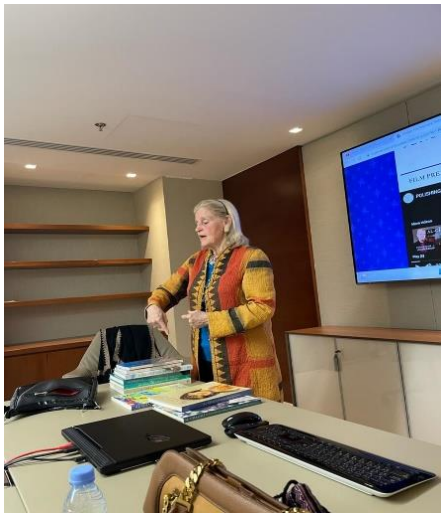
Ann Grainger on her 80th birthday

Christopher Arnander on his 91st birthday

Julian Lush on his 90th birthday

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Barbara Schumacher on her *Adventures* in KSA published in EURABIA magazine No 4/2022, the quarterly online magazine of the German Arab Society



Aisha Gray Henry introducing Fons Vitae, (USA) to the King Faisal Center in Riyadh in February. She also gave a talk in Washington in October at the Smithsonian National Museum of Asian Art.

Renaud Detalle is the current Representative of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights - Yemen

Ahmed Rashid participated in the Lahore Literary Festival in February 2023

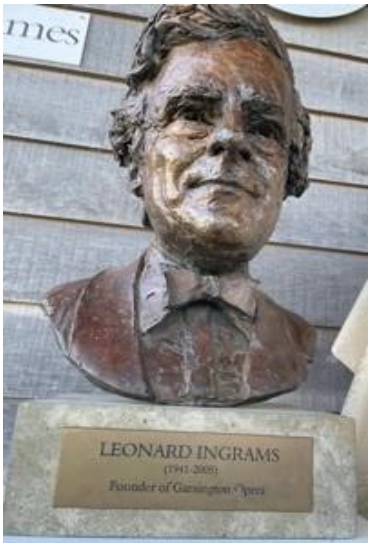
Earl St Andrews attended the coronation of HM King Charles III in May 2023 in Westminster Abbey

Sir Harold Walker KCMG is Honorary Vice President of the Royal Society for Asian Affairs

Elizabeth Ingrams organised the installation of the bust of her mother Rosalind Ingrams, co-founder with her late father Leonard Ingrams of the Garsington Opera in May 2023 at the Wormsley Estate







HRH Princess Maha al-Faisal organised a seminar on the *Arabian Narrative* in February 2023 at the King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies in Riyadh

Please visit artist **Caroline Lees** website: www.carolinelees.co.uk

Prince Abbas Hilmi was the guest of honour at a seminar organised by The Mohamed Ali Foundation Fellowship Programme at Durham University, attended by FOH Alan Rush and the Treasurer in June 2023

Nael Zafarul Islam is now running a riyad in Marrakesh. All FOH are most welcome https://www.riadlacigale.com/

The 6th International Sir Richard Burton Conference was held on 20th October 2023 at the *Diplomatische Akademie* in Vienna organised by LC in Italy **Mick Walton. Alison Dingle** also attended the conference

A memorial to former President **Anthony Smith CBE** has been installed in the ante-chapel at Magdalen College, Oxford

Yemen artefacts recovered: https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2023/sep/12/v-and-a-ancient-yemen-stones-stelae-london-museum

Richard Hunt has left Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford and is heading the Foundation at Sherborne, Dorset which is the school's fundraising arm

Dr. Miranda Morris authored a chapter in a new book entitled *Language and Ecology in Southern and Eastern Arabia* (Bloomsbury Publishing 2022)

Jean Franco's grandfather Umberto Nicolini was one of the master painters of Deruta. An exhibition of his work in the Museo Regionale della Ceramica in Deruta, Umbria will run until 6th January 2024 https://www.labottegadelvasaio.com/it

James Firebrace has stepped down as Chairman of the British-Yemeni Society (BYS) after 4 years; he remains involved in both Yemen and the Horn of Africa on issues relating to food security, renewable energy and coping with climate extremes

Tom Stacey's daughter Tilly Young held an exhibition of her pottery in November 2023

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Editor: **Muzna al-Qu'aiti**. Co-Editor: **Rukhsana Rashid**.

We welcome comments, suggestions and contributions and reserve the right to edit any material submitted to hadhramaut@btinternet.com

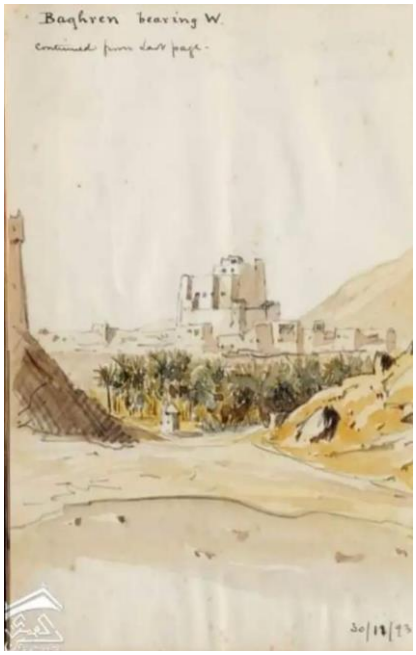
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29 new Friends joined in 2023 from Austria, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, The Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, UK, USA and Yemen

Corrigendum

Henry Bridges Molesworth is the artist who painted these scenes of Hadhramaut in 1893. These were wrongly attributed to Theodore Bent in the last FOH Newsletter # 26.







HB Molesworth was born at Woolwich on 7th July 1855 and died at his home in Limpsfield Chart on 8th February 1954. He was educated at Windermere College and joined Dartmouth as a naval cadet in 1869. He served in the Royal Navy as a midshipman until May 1873. In November 1873 he was appointed as an Assistant Engineer to the Public Works Department in India and served first on the Northern Bengal State Railway and later on the Jhelum-Pindi State Railway during the Second Afghan War. Later on he was appointed District Engineer on the Nizam's State Railway.

Comments on Newsletter 26

United Kingdom
Sunderland

- We know that the good work is continuing in spite of the difficult conditions. Well done to all in FOH who are continuing to support the people of the Hadhramaut in these troubled times. The plight of the poor people in Hadhramaut has gone largely unreported being overshadowed by wars elsewhere: the work of FoH is therefore all the more necessary

Worcestershire

- Thanks so much for the newsletter - as always full of interest

London

- Congratulations on a magnificent newsletter - and for all the magnificent work you do
- Thank you for your brilliant newsletter and for the wonderful reports of all the work that has been accomplished
- Thank you for sharing the newsletter; it is great to see how active the charity is
- Many thanks for your long newsletter about the Friends of Hadhramaut. It is an engaging read, not least on account of the mention of people who are also friends or contacts in other areas. I admire your persistence in writing it all up

Stourbridge

- I was impressed by the international progress of FOH. Things have certainly become much more difficult in Yemen in the meanwhile and I am pleased that there is so much goodwill for the Hadhramaut directed from all over the world. It was also heartening to read news of some of you that we remember from our very memorable trip to Hadhramaut in 1997

Gloucestershire

- The FOH gatherings are always such wonderful events. We have received the wonderful newsletter. Congratulations to all for compiling the interesting news which must have taken many hours

Wiltshire

- I am happy to see your continued good work in the Hadhramaut

Oxfordshire

- We follow the charity's doings thanks to its indefatigable activity
- Thank you for the wonderful newsletter

Germany
Augsburg

- Thank you so much for sending us the annual detailed account of FOH news and the very impressive and rich content

Mainz

- I have read the newsletter with intense interest..... it took me straight back to my visit to Mukalla in 1980 and the wonderful journey I made with LC Wolfgang Gaerte in the Wadi Hadhramaut

Hindelang

- Schon vor einiger Zeit habe ich FOH ausführlichen Rundbrief gelesen und wollte Dir unsere Bewunderung mitteilen für Dein anhaltendes Engagement und Deine Kraft, die Du immer noch diesem Projekt widmest. Wie vielen Menschen würde es ohne Eure Hilfe viel schlechter gehen!!

Berlin

- Es ist mir eine Ehre. Ich werde immer ein Freund der Hadhramis bleiben

France
Pyrenees

- What a lot work it must have been to get all that information and what a community Friends of Hadhramaut is!

Paris

- My warmest thanks for this newsletter; it is very rich in information and has interesting pictures!
- It's absolutely astonishing, a most remarkable work of skill, attention and love

Troyes

- We are simply grateful to have something to give to this work of God FOH is doing

Norway
Oslo

- Very impressive!

USA
Georgia

- I am continually impressed by the important role this province (governorate) has played, and does play, in the history and formation of both the Arab and the modern worlds. Most of us know of the huge arc of Islam from Indonesia around the Indian Ocean and down the east coast of Africa. Few know that this arc was largely created by Hadhramis. Even less known is that the Zanzibarian writer who won the Nobel Prize for Literature last year, Abdul Razzak Gurna, is of 100 percent Hadhrami heritage. The latest newsletter is another Opus Magnus by the editor and her faithful crew

Italy
Rome

- Many thanks for the most recent newsletter and congratulations to the editor and typesetter for an excellent job

Pakistan
Islamabad

- Managed finally to check out the newsletter: very impressive production, kudos to everyone involved, you are doing so much great work

Barbados

- Great work FOH and a very interesting newsletter

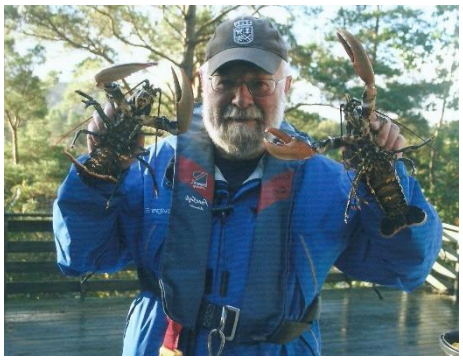
Australia
New South Wales

- I am reading your newsletters with great interest and with great admiration for the work of the Friends in one of the most difficult places to do good work

ARCHIVE ON HADHRAMAUT

We ask Friends to contribute short articles for this section and to send us any rare/interesting photographs of the Hadhramaut

Notes by the Master of the Norwegian motor schooner 'Asp' on a maiden voyage from Bergen to Foochow 1926-1928. Port Visit to Mukalla February 1927



In 1927 Karl Erik Larsen's grandfather was a crew member on a Norwegian 2-masted 150-ton schooner called the **Asp**. This was the first Norwegian vessel ever to call at Mukalla. The crew were invited to the palace to meet Sultan Ghalib's great-granduncle Sultan Omar bin Awadh al-Qu'aiti. The captain wrote a detailed description in his log on the visit to Mukalla which is reproduced below. (Courtesy Karl Larsen).

The nearest town of any importance was Mukalla, but according to advice given in Aden, we were not to go near any inhabited places on the Arabian coast under any circumstances, on account of pirates. I decided to take the chance and headed for Mukalla, in the hope to secure kerosene to mix with oil we got in Aden. We still had one of our fuel tanks full of Suez-oil, which was sufficient for five days run, but this was kept in reserve in case of an emergency so we travelled at slow speed to Mukalla. We arrived there in the afternoon of 21 February and stopped close to the landing place.

The place looked rather picturesque as we approached it, and thousands of natives could be seen watching our arrival. In view of the well-meaning warnings received in Aden it was with many misgivings that we received several fully manned canoes which came alongside. Our engine was kept running in readiness should it become necessary to dash out to sea. However, our fears were unfounded, and the friendly and sincere attitude of the officials who boarded us convinced me that no harm would befall us by remaining here, so we dropped anchor.

It was unexpected to see so many large whitewashed stone buildings, which gave the place a modern aspect. The Sultan's palace, which was pointed out to us, was a very conspicuous building, and when I expressed my admiration for the place to the boarding officials, I jokingly told them that we wished to call and pay our respects to the Sultan.

I was not a little surprised when a messenger from the palace came on board and expressed the Sultan's desire to see us, the officers. We hurriedly changed into a decent suit, and with mixed feelings of anticipation and awe followed the messenger ashore.

The Sultan sported a Ford car, and I looked on it as a tie with the outer world. We drove through the main street, running parallel to the beach, which was thronged with natives, who moved out of the way for the Sultan's car; and when they noticed white men in it, they raised

their eyes in surprise. Herds of sheep and cattle strayed in the street as well and did not heed the royal car. Most of the men carried in their belts a half-round dagger with a fancy handle.
At the palace gate, we passed a sentry, naked to the waist, holding an old-fashioned rifle. It looked odd when he presented arms as we rolled into the palace yard. We were met by a young man in European attire who spoke English fluently, apparently some sort of secretary to the Sultan. He led us up a broad staircase to the first floor, and I was struck with the refined look everywhere, revealing good taste. Without further ceremony, we were taken straight into the reception hall, where we met the Sultan. I was surprised as the mental picture I had formed of him was entirely different from the person in front of us. He was very interested in our ship and our experiences, and is a man of knowledge regarding world politics. As for the situation in China he was well informed, and even knew some prominent Chinese generals personally.

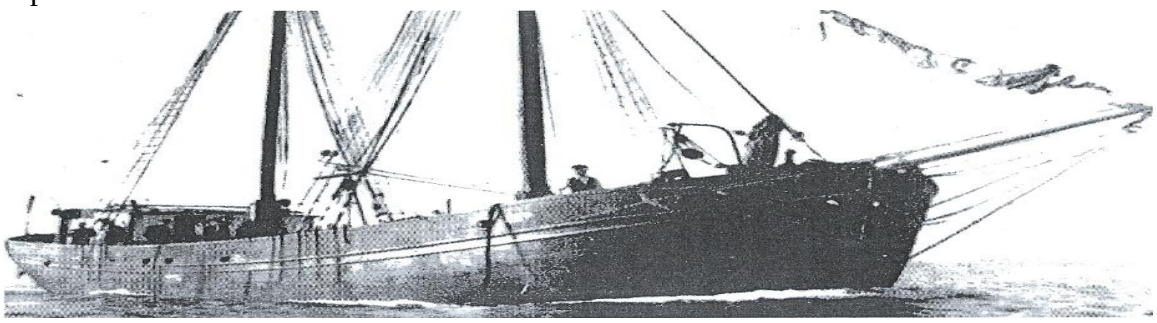
The servants brought a tea tray with cups of tea and biscuits. The secretary acted as interpreter, but did not join in the tea. There was another person present, a huge barefooted man, who continually kept looking at us, and I took him to be some sort of bodyguard. After a while, he disappeared, much to my relief, evidently convinced that we had no evil intentions.

I kept the reason for our visit to Mukalla a secret, in case the oil, which I required, should be raised in price. However, inspired by the Sultan's kindness, I confided my trouble to him, and he at once issued instructions to the effect that local dealers were to charge me no more than the market price for supplies of any kind sold to the ship, oil included. This eased my mind considerably, but the quantity of oil obtainable was not sufficient for our requirements.

After tea, we were taken out for a drive to the Sultan's bungalow, which was situated up in the hills, among the date-groves. The bungalow was vacant at the time, and it was amusing to walk round the many different rooms and apartments belonging to the harem ladies. The existence of a harem had not entered my mind, but in the matter-of-fact way it was explained by the Secretary I realised that the possession of some half-a-hundred women was considered a necessity in life for a man of the Sultan's standing. The giant who had embarrassed me on my arrival at the palace with his persisting stare was, I understood, a eunuch.

The town's fresh-water supply came from a lake in the vicinity of the bungalow, through a pipe. This had to be watched continually by armed guardsmen owing to the hostility of a neighbouring tribe, with whom the Sultan was at war. The population of Mukalla was about 25,000, and the chief communication with the world was by means of a coastal steamer, which called every fortnight on its way to Aden. The Sultan entertained the idea of having a wireless station erected, also the foundation of a modern hospital, which was badly needed.

When on the point of going ashore the next morning, I was surprised at receiving a present from His Highness consisting of four beautiful gazelles, two tins of honey and many bananas. The gazelles had recently arrived on a dhow from Africa, and they were therefore quite at home on board a ship. I did not really know how to return in a befitting manner such a royal compliment.



Our greatest trouble in Mukalla was to keep friendly visitors away, but when this was brought to the Sultan's notice, (not by us) he immediately dispatched some of his guardsmen to the ship to maintain order.

When leaving Mukalla the foredeck of the Asp resembled a farmyard more than a ship, with our numerous livestock - composed of four gazelles, one goat, two pigs, two dogs, a cat and a monkey - amidst bundles of hay.

I wrote him a letter of thanks and sent him a photograph in remembrance of the first Norwegian vessel, which had visited his port.

To this, I received a reply as follows, together with his photograph in full-dress uniform.





To, The Captain, Norwegian vessel
Asp, at Mukalla
Mukalla, Arabia 22/2/27

Dear Sir,
I am sending to you my photo as a token of remembrance. Please accept it and I shall be glad if you will keep it in your good vessel.
With best compliments
Yours sincerely
Sultan Omar Bin Awad AlQuaity

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An old map showing Hadhramaut from the New Relief Atlas (Circa 1880)



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Ghail BaWazir Summer Palace



The Qu'aiti summer palace visited by HAR Philby in 1939



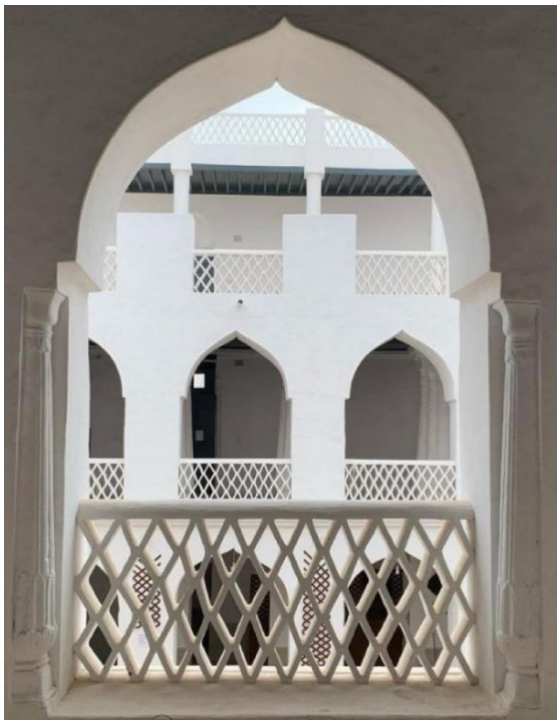


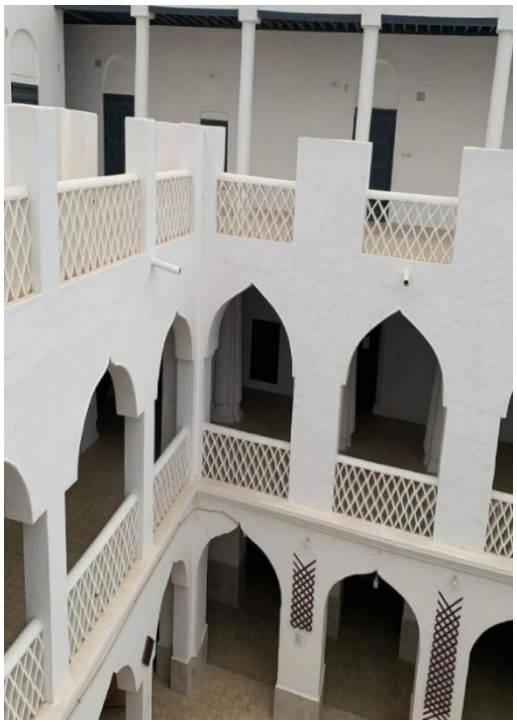
Ghail BaWazir Gateway

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Qasr al-Azhar

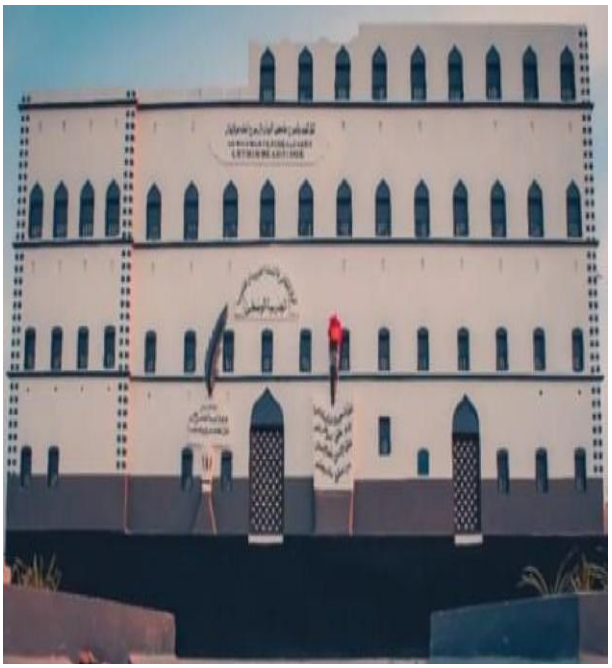
This palace, known as Qasr al-Azhar, was built by Munassar bin Abdullah bin Omar bin Awadh al-Qu'aiti in the 1890s in the fertile town of Ghail BaWazir, famous for its gardens and tobacco plantations. After its conversion to Madrasah al-Wusta in 1944, it is now a museum.





Madrasah al-Wusta





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Restoration of Al-Ghuwaizi Fort



Al-Ghuwaizi Fort, one of the historical landmarks of Hadhramaut

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The Quaiti Armed Constabulary Shibam 1963



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Jim Maxwell

Jim Maxwell has assembled 45 slides illustrating *A Tour of South Arabia 1960*: “We boarded our ship *Dilwara* from Southampton Docks on 20th April 1960. Colour film was purchased in Gibraltar and we sailed on to the Suez Canal after a stop at Famagusta in Cyprus, waiting at Port Said for the south bound convoy, and finally into the Red Sea landing at Aden some 12 days later. After a 2 week wait for a flight, I landed at RAF Riyan, which was my home for the next 12 months. I left Riyan in 1961 in an Aden Airways Dakota and the flight home from Aden landed at Stanstead Airport. My designation was Ground Radar Fitter”. The list of slides can be viewed at FOH List of Jim Maxwell Slides.pdf and the photographs are accessible on the FOH website: https://hadhramaut.co.uk/gallery/ . There are also links on both Facebook and Instagram.





Pictures of the RAF Riyan tie. It was not official as Riyan was a part of RAF Khormaksar. An enterprising airman contacted a Macclesfield tie manufacturer as a private venture. The design was inspired by a watercolour of a vulture perched on a signpost marked "To Riyan" hanging in the Signals Office.



Jim Maxwell aged 22 Wadi Hadhramaut



Jim Maxwell aged 85, Chester UK

ITEMS FOR SALE

The items listed below are for sale from the FOH registered address



Photograph courtesy David Halford

English bone china mugs with FOH logo at **£10** each or **£18** for **2**



David Shepherd's signed print of Mukalla (1960) is for sale as a result of a very kind donation by Owain Raw-Rees. **Any offers above £300 are welcome.** All proceeds to FOH. Please contact the Treasurer.

Mick Walton has donated copies of *Sir Richard Burton and his Circle* at **£10** each, the proceeds of which he will donate to FOH: mickwalton@libero.it

Copies of *Hadhramaut and its Diaspora: Yemeni Politics, Identity and Migration* (ed. Dr. Noel Brehony) at **£25** each

David Grainger has donated 3 sets of *The Geologic Evolution of Saudi Arabia, A Voyage Through Space and Time* to FOH at **£50** per set (published Saudi Geological Survey 2007)

A metal/enamel lapel badge produced by Thomas Fattorini Ltd and designed by Owain Raw-Rees at **£5** each

FOH ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Our audited accounts and official returns (as required by UK law) are prepared by the Treasurer and presented to the Charity Commissioner online by her, after an Independent Examination by Geoff Calvert OBE. The accounts may be inspected on the Charity Commission's website: www.charitycommission.gov.uk

GIFT AID

Gift Aid is extremely valuable to FOH and may be claimed only on unencumbered donations upon which the donor has paid UK Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the amount of Gift Aid claimed in the relevant tax year.

WANTED

Local Coordinators for Australia, India and Spain

Expert author required for article on Yemeni/Hadhrami textiles for the Journal of the Oriental Rug and Textile Society of Great Britain: https://www.orientalrugandtextilesociety.org.uk/ Please contact Fiona Kerlogue: fkerlogue@gmail.com

A Night of Yemeni Short Films Project

Asma Ibrahim has asked FOH to find sponsors for her film initiative: asmai4561@gmail.com

This project is being organised by Al Yamaniah in partnership with Yemen Art Base and Yemen Creative Hubs (who are funded by the Goethe-Institut and the European Union). The project is an effort to celebrate both early-career and established filmmakers. The objectives behind this initiative are to provide a chance for Yemeni filmmakers to show case their work abroad and to allow foreign audiences to engage with and appreciate Yemeni culture and storytelling.

The inaugural screening took place at the Garden Cinema in London in October. There are confirmed screenings in Beirut, Aden, Al Mukalla and the Arab American National Museum. In terms of the actual screening event itself, we can do all the remote work but we need logistical support on the ground. We only have a physical presence in a few select places like London so the support we need is a venue and setting up the event on the day. From our end, we can provide all the necessary information: a full programme in both English and Arabic, subtitles in the appropriate languages, social media posters, advertising etc.

We do not have any funding for this so ideally we can partner up with a venue/cultural centre that is interested in making this part of their programme (a 50/50 split on ticket sales is fine) and through links to universities or similar institutions where a student/staff member can book an appropriate room for the screening without charge. The Mukalla screening will take place in collaboration with Madarat Cultural Organisation in December.
https://alyamaniah.wixsite.com/al-yamaniah/al-dar-short-films-from-yemen

FUTURE EVENTS

Our Patrons John and Patricia Ducker hosted their first garden party for FOH in 2014. They will now be hosting a second **Summer Garden Party** at Ampney Crucis, Gloucestershire, England on **Saturday 27th July 2024**. Further details will be sent in the spring.

CONTACT DETAILS

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Please make all cheques payable to "Friends of Hadhramaut"

Sterling Account

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Life Subscription: £25 or €30

The account accepts ALL currencies which are transferred online.

FRIENDS OF HADHRAMAUT
Registered Charity No. 1062560

Sterling Income and Expenditure 2023

INCOME

Brought forward from 2022 (NATWEST A/C Closed Dec 2022)	21,895.43
Subscriptions	650.00
Donations	38,820.85
TOTAL INCOME	**61,366.28**

EXPENDITURE

Administration

Stationery	308.53
Printing and Photocopying	284.62
Postage	343.66
Phone calls	202.74
Transportation	323.21
Purchases for Oslo event	36.36
Webmaster and computer service	230.00
Bank Charges	18.40
Transfers to Yemeni Rials (Vice-Chairman's Account)	*23,371.69*
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**25,119.21**

INCOME LESS EXPENDITURE: Balance at 31.12.2023 **36,247.07**

SULTANA FS AL-QUAITI MBE

Sultana FS al-Quaiti

TREASURER

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The preparation of the charity's accounts is the responsibility of the Trustees. They have asked me to conduct an independent examination and the accounts will not be audited, as is appropriate for a charity of this size. I confirm the accounts have been prepared by the Trustees on a receipts and payments basis and have no reason to doubt their accuracy.

I am qualified to be the Independent Examiner of the charity after a career in financial services.

Geoff Calvert

Geoff Calvert OBE

July 3rd 2024

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Geoff Calvert OBE Geoff Calvert

7th September 2023

COMPLETED PROJECTS

PLEASE INFORM US IF YOUR POSTAL/EMAIL ADDRESS HAS CHANGED

LEGACIES AND WILLS

Those thinking about leaving a legacy to FOH can check our bona fides by consulting the website of the Charity Commission of England & Wales: www.charitycommission.gov.uk. We have been registered with the Commissioners under Charity Number 1062560 since May 1997. If you are planning your will (or making additions to an existing one) we cannot over emphasise how grateful we, and the poorest people of Hadhramaut would be for a bequest from you. If there is a particular project you are interested in supporting, or specific terms and conditions you would like to make, please contact the treasurer at our registered address, or ask your solicitor to do so.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

David & Ann Grainger	Pius Fischer	Dr. Julia Bray
Norman JM Cameron	John & Patricia Ducker	Mr. & Mrs. Bin Dohry
P M Vaughan	Vanja Pantovic	Norunn Vorland
Asma al-Hamiz	Philippa Vaughan	Anna Haug
Sultana & Fatima al-Qu'aiti	Nina Kneppen	Inger Kristoffersen
Sverre Driveklepp	Margaretha Østern	Corinne Hillman
Eva Bekkelund Eriksen	Patricia Loudon	Bernhard Herzmaier
Raya Abu Gulal	Leif Ole Manger	Anne Bang
Jan Einar & Gry Mette Daae	Dina von Randow	Julia Miles
Carl Schiøtz Wibye	Wolfgang Gaerte	Uwe & Mona Drettwan
Petter & Bente Holt Håkonsen	Aida Altaie	James Budd
Sir William & Lady Vanessa Patey	Ole Martin Gjeraker Tveit	Maija Calvert
Aziz Omar	Julia Schellens	Juli Avedissian
Gerhard Heck	Renate Amman	Beatrice Wiesemann
Sue Roff	Aida Kellal	Philippa Pardue
The Zain family	A H Hydes	J A Horrell
Shireen Karrim	Virginia G Henry	Latifa Lemoh
Arild & Torill Storvik	Nico Kummer	Julie Friis Petersen
Joelle Febvre	Marion Herb	Alan de Lacy Rush
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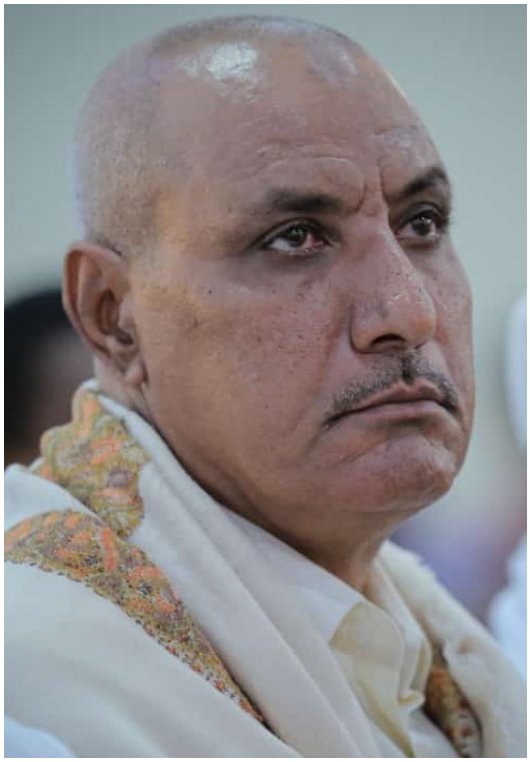
Our heartfelt thanks to these Friends who continue to support us through standing orders: **Lady Bute**, **Lord Green of Deddington**, **J Lush**, **E Whitaker**, **C Arnander**, **T Petouris**, **S al Juffali**, **Q Rappoport**, **P & S Ingrams**, **BA Fyfield-Shayler and Dr. FJ Pocock.** We hope other Friends will consider setting up standing orders to help our cause.

We would like to offer our profuse thanks to **a family in Saudi Arabia** who wish to remain anonymous.

NEWS OF THE CHAIRMAN

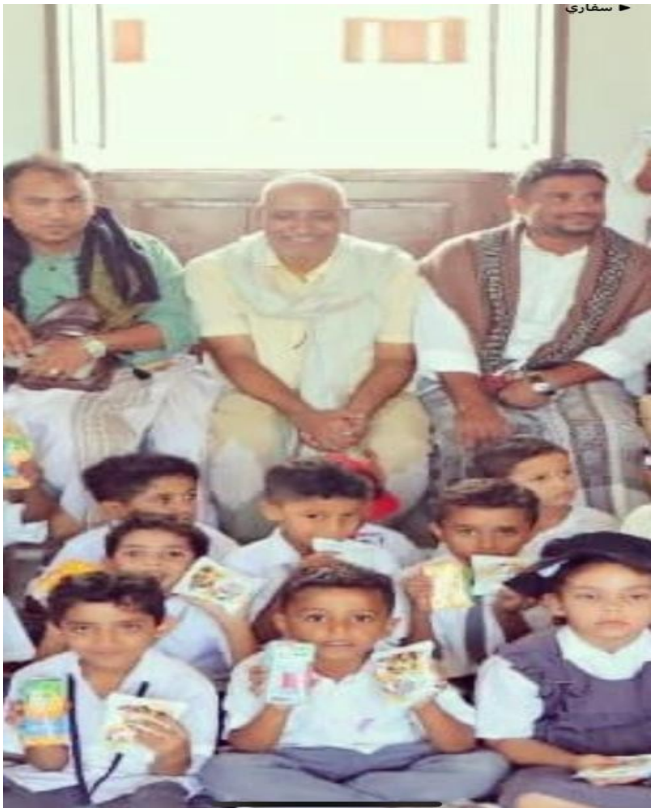
Saleh, currently based in Riyadh/Jeddah, would be happy to meet any FOH passing through: salehbinghalib@hotmail.com

NEWS OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN



Salah distributed 135 baskets of food, costing approximately 180 to 200 Saudi Riyals in Mukalla, Ghail BaWazir and its neighbours. His son, Ali distributed more than 50 in al-Qatn, 20 to 30 in Shehr and a few to some needy families in Ghail BaWazir and Mukalla. This time the quantity of sugar, was reduced from 19 kilo to 5 kilo, each basket contained rice, sugar, flour, tuna, cooking oil, cream caramel, milk, jelly and tomatoes. Salah tried to manage and cover as many families as he could.

In May 2022, **Salah** organised a two-day visit for a group of children from a local kindergarten in Ghail BaWazir who visited "al-Bagh", the Qu'aiti summer palace.







NEWS OF THE ADVISER

Brian Fyfield-Shayler can now only be reached by post: BA Fyfield-Shayler, 5 Quant Park, Tavistock, Devon PL 19 0JQ

NEWS OF THE TREASURER



Sultana was very pleased to meet Aisha Gray Henry from Kentucky in Jeddah in February 2023 and to welcome Dr. Gerhard Heck and Frau Renate Amman from Mainz to her home in Jeddah in March 2023 and George Hancock, Jean Franco, Shima Khan in April 2023 where all 3 became members of FOH.

She was very grateful to Wolfgang Gaerte for organising her journey to Oslo from Berlin and for arranging a meeting with Brigitte-Marianna Siebolds (one of our earliest German supporters) in May 2023.

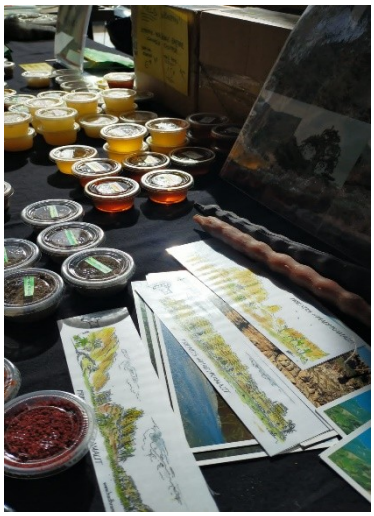


She was honoured to meet Dr. Jan J Witkam, Emeritus Professor of Codicology and Paleography of the Islamic World, Leiden University in Leiden in June 2023.

NEWS FROM CANADIAN BRANCH

Local Coordinator (LC) **Alexandre Cumas**

NEWS FROM FRENCH BRANCH



Many thanks to **JM Bel** for promoting FOH in Angers in March 2023

As a trustee and Local Coordinator, we thank **Maija Calvert** for her presence and support at our Oslo event

NEWS FROM GERMAN BRANCH



We thank **Wolfgang Gaerte**, our Local Coordinator, for his presence at Oslo and his sterling efforts in recruiting German Friends to attend the Oslo event. He attended the AGM of the Deutsche Jemenitische Gesellschaft (DJG) in Berlin on 13th May along with FOH Ruth Hildebrandt, Sultana al-Qu'aiti and Marie-Amelie Steul.

Dr. Ulrike Freitag &
Dr. Gerhard Dannemann
on way to meet HM King
Charles III, Berlin, March 2023



We thank him for writing such a detailed and interesting account of FOHs work in Hadhramaut for the Jemen Report. Here is the link to an excellent article written by our intrepid LC for the annual Jemen Report from the DJG, who never loses an opportunity to publicise our work.



The LCs father Felix Gaerte on his way to Buckingham Palace in 1953 for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II

NEWS FROM ITALIAN BRANCH

NEWS FROM NETHERLANDS BRANCH

Dr. Ed Hayes, Postdoctoral Researcher at Leiden University collaborated with Dr. Kate Pukhovaia, Assistant Professor at Utrecht University and specialist in Yemeni history of the 13th-17th centuries to host an event with administrative support from the Leiden University Centre for Islam and Society (LUCIS).

Dr. Alex Ingrams, Renate Husseini, Faye Huiderkoper-Cope and Sultana al-Qu'aiti attended the two-day seminar on Yemen at Leiden University on 7-8th June 2023. It included a pop-up exhibition of Yemen-related artifacts at Leiden University Library, a Yemeni studies roundtable, a manuscripts workshop for students and scholars and a research lecture by Dr. Scott Lucas (Associate Professor of Islamic Studies Arizona University): "*Publish or Perish: Religious Zaydi publishers in Yemen during the 1990s*".

Internal political issues, war, and an ongoing humanitarian crisis keep plaguing the region that used to be known as Arabia Felix. In light of these events, how has the study of Yemen developed over the past decade? An international group of academic experts on Yemen come together to discuss how their work continues to be possible and relevant despite closed borders and the difficulties the region is facing.

https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/events/series/whats-new-spring-lecture-series-2023

NEWS FROM NORWEGIAN BRANCH

Nina and Sverre really deserve a medal for bravery and perseverance for making all these efforts again and again!! Margaretha Ostern

NEWS FROM PAKISTAN BRANCH

Rukhsana Rashid, our local coordinator, leaves no stone unturned in helping FOH in myriad ways. We are especially grateful to her for her consummate skills in the preparation of this newsletter.



Many congratulations to **Rashida Masood** and **Saleem Bukhari**, of the Memorial Park Group, Karachi for planting trees in memory of loved ones

NEWS FROM SINGAPORE BRANCH

NEWS FROM USA BRANCH

A Cri de Coeur from our local coordinator **John Mulholland**:
"I see several countries are moving ahead with plans to create events for FOH. Meanwhile, the largest nation among FOH supporters (currently 65), the USA, sits idly by. What is the "hook" to get Friends here more interested? Although I am well inserted into our Atlanta

Arab and international communities, Yemen is low on their lists of interests. I am very keen on generating greater awareness amongst our USA membership and would very much appreciate some feedback from Friends on our continent as to how to raise funds for Hadhramaut. Does any Friend have contact with the Washington Center of Yemeni Studies (WCYS)?"

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy to Dr. David Bryer CMG (former Chair of Oxfam International) on the death of his wife **Margaret Isabel Bowyer Bryer** (FOH 30.10.07) in March 2020

Our deepest sympathy to Wafaa Murad on the death of her mother **Wahiba Tahir Abdul Aziz** in February 2020 in Jeddah

The Treasurer writes: It was with great sadness that I learnt of the death on 15th December 2022 of **Alan D'Arcy** (FOH 23.1.97) in a Torquay care home thanks to a call from Gary Mundy.

I first met Alan in Hadhramaut in 1997 on a BYS tour that our former patron Jim Ellis had led. Alan co-hosted two early memorable garden parties in Torquay with Pandora Holloway and helped (along with Gary) with the garden party in 2016 hosted by Yousif al-Nasser.He was an outstanding FOH and a close family friend. Having no family of his own, I would make it a point of visiting him in Torquay but sadly was unable to do so last year.

Alan was born on 20.5.1930. He was a Wing Commander in the Royal Air Force (RAF) and served in the Aden Protectorate Levies (APL) from 1953-56. From 1948-1951, he served in the RAF Administration in Cranwell.He once told me how cold it was when he worked on the coke stoves at Compton Bassett. In Aden, he befriended Godfrey Meynell and Bill Heber-Percy who encouraged him to join the Western Aden Protectorate (WAP).From 1963-1967 he served as a political officer in Nisab, Upper Awlaqi Sultanate. Muhammad Awadh, the grandson of the former Awlaqi Sheikh became his ward. Alan was very happy to be re-connected with the Awlaqis after joining Jim's tour in 1997. He led tours for the BYS and served as Treasurer from 1998-2003. Alan will be sorely missed. (Military operations in the Upper Awlaqi Sheikhdom 1957-63 Wadi Yeshbum)



My heart goes out to Gary Mundy, whom some of you will have met in 2016. Gary left no stone unturned in looking after Alan, seeing to his every need; shopping, cooking, taking him to the doctor, to hospital and finally arranging for him to be moved from his flat in Paignton to a care home in Torquay. He was an exemplary friend to Alan, caring for him as a son would care for his father and given his nursing background, meticulous in his medical care for Alan. Gary had arranged for Alan's flights to Oslo in 2020 and booked hotels; unfortunately the FOH fundraising event had to be postponed due to Covid-19. Alan had travelled all the way to Venice to support FOH in 2014. FOH is pleased to confer Alan's FOH membership to Gary.

Our deepest sympathy to Dr. Antoine Turzi on the death of his mother **Francesca Turzi** aged 98 in Toulouse, France in December 2022

Our deepest sympathy to the children of **Tom Stacey** on his death in London in December 2022. A memorial service was held for him on 19th May 2023 at St. John the Baptist Church, London.
The Treasurer writes: Shama Husain and Robert Shipman attended the memorial service. We first met Tom in 1997 in Jeddah and thereafter developed a warm friendship. Tom was amongst the very first to join Friends of Hadhramaut (27.1.97), a charity which was very close to his heart. He was both a generous supporter and a loyal attendee at our events. I last met Tom at his daughter Tilly's pottery exhibition in 2022. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the entire family on the passing of a remarkable man.

Sultan Ghalib al-Quaiti adds: It is impossible to describe a man of Tom's many rare and diverse qualities and gifts. Although "very English" in his outward appearance and demeanour, he possessed that bravora of unhesitatingly mixing with a huge variety of people. Blessed with a fine intellect and an always open and questioning mind of a great professional journalist, he was also gifted with a very keen and shrewdly observant eye. He was a true loyal, sincere and generous friend and host, always willing to go well out of his way for a deserving cause. May you rest in eternal peace dear Tom, you will always be dearly remembered by all those who came in contact with you. REQUIESCAT IN PACEM
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Our deepest sympathy to Dr. Muna Bagour on the death of her husband **Omar Cornel Pavel Vulcu** in Munich in January 2023

Omar Vulcu and Sultan Ghalib in France 2008

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **HEH Nizam Mir Barkat Ali Khan Mukarram Jah, Asaf Jah VIII** (FOH 29.11.2000) on his death in Istanbul in January 2023

Our deepest sympathy to Caroline al-Juneid on the death of her father **Jurges Klibingaitis** in Melbourne in February 2023 and on the death of her sister **Maxine Klibingaitis** in Melbourne in April 2023

Our deepest sympathy to Nadia and Tariq Isa on the death of their uncle **Mian Usman Aminuddin** in Islamabad in February 2023

Our deepest sympathy to Angela, Richard, Philippa and Belinda on the death of their husband/father **Stephen Day** (FOH 20.05.07) in London in March 2023, a memorial service was held for him in April where our Patron, John Harding represented FOH. Angela will continue her beloved husbands FOH membership.
Sultan Ghalib al-Quaiti remembers: Stephen was a fine political officer who served the people in the Western Aden Protectorate with a sensitive and responsible open mind, always keen to understand and give serious consideration, to the other side's views, when he felt that this was in the mutual interest. Not surprisingly, this display of independence would have been hardly welcome by his superiors. He was a caring and loyal friend. The Fadhlis for one, remember him to this day with great respect and appreciation.
Muzna al-Quaiti adds: It was very kind how Uncle Stephen saw me through my MA year at SOAS, always checking in with consideration during his time at MBI Al-Jaber Foundation.

Our deepest sympathy to Irmelin, Elisabeth and Erik Dahl Larsen on the death of their husband/father **Karl Erik Larsen** (FOH 18.09.16) in Bergen in March 2023

Our deepest sympathy to Dr. Abdul Aziz bin Ali al-Qu'aiti and his family on the death of his wife **Shafiqa Rubia Ali al-Qu'aiti** in Jordan in May 2023

THANKS

Louise Hosking and the British Yemeni Society for including the FOH Oslo event in their April 2023 newsletter: "it is such a well put-together event"

Daphne Sanders for sharing the Oslo event flier with her Norwegian friends

Shama Husain for attending Tom Stacey's memorial service on behalf of FOH in May 2023

Dr. Gerhard Heck for posting letters in Germany

Dr. Marie-Christine Heinze President, CARPO – Center for Applied Research in Partnership with the Orient in Bonn for publishing an article on FOH in the annual Jemen Report (DJG)

CONGRATULATIONS

Julian Paxton on the marriage of his son Edward to Faye in Cape Town in December 2022

Paul Hughes-Smith on his 80th birthday in May 2023

Sir Harold Walker on his 90th birthday in 2022

Pia Kanaan on her transfer from Switzerland to Ludgrove Boys Preparatory School in Berkshire

Dr. Gorshkov-Cantacuzène V.A. on the publication of his book *The protection of rights to biotechnological inventions in the European countries of the "Eastern Bloc"* Moscow: Yurait, 2023

Princess Caroline Murat – Caroline Haffner on initiating, founding and organising the 17th edition of the Gstaad New Year Music Festival in December 2022

John Mulholland on his story of Sicily being published *Atlanta-Italy News, Presented by Global Atlanta*

Sverre Driveklepp on the occasion of his mother Arna Driveklepp's 93rd birthday in November 2022

Muhammad Salah al-Qu'aiti on passing the neuro-brain surgery specialisation exam from the Yemeni Medical Board, being one of seven top candidates to qualify in the whole of Yemen

Dr. Gerhard Heck on being awarded the 2020 ITB prize for the best German language travel guide on Oman *Oman Reise Handbuch*. Dumont have also published his well-known travel handbook *Arabische Halbinsel*

Felipe Fernandez Armesto on his latest book *Straits: Beyond the Myth of Magellan* published in 2022

Dr. Razia Sultanova on her latest book *Afghanistan Dispossessed: Women, Culture and the Taliban* (Pen and Sword 2023).She and her husband Hamid Ismailov participated in the Lahore Literary Festival in February 2023

Ovidio Salazar, award-winning film- maker, on producing the first-ever cinematic account of the Hijrah *In the Footsteps of the Prophet*

Dr. Shahina Ghazanfar, honorary research associate at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and a Gibbs Fellow at Newnham College, University of Cambridge on her presentation to the Anglo-Omani Society on "Language and Ecology in Southern and Eastern Arabia" in March 2023 and on her new exhibition *Plants of the Quran* at the Shirley Sherwood Gallery of Botanical Art in Kew Gardens

Dr. Alex Ingrams on his daughter Rosanne's third birthday in May 2023

Louis Blin on his appointment in September 2022 as Research Director Middle East at the European University, Florence and on his new publications *La Ligue Islamique Mondiale: Le Renouveau Musulman?* and *Récits présentés et annotés Alexandre Dumas Récits d'Arabie* (L'Harmattan)

Jill Hammans on becoming a great grandmother in April when her eldest granddaughter gave birth to James Hamish

Lina & Omar Mukharesh on their daughter Lana's graduation from Harvard Children's Medical Hospital in Boston and their son in law Dr. Mohanad's graduation from Duke Medical Hospital in North Carolina

Alison Shan Price MBE FRGS on being awarded a Masters in History in March 2023 by ……. .Her thesis was entitled:

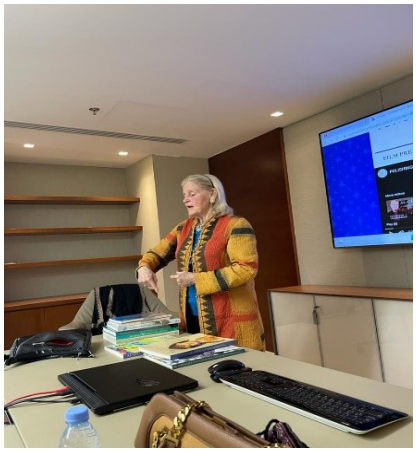
Dr. Jan Just Witkam on his online lecture to Princeton in April *Lives and Letters. The Correspondence of Christiaan Snouck Hurgronje (1857-1936)*

Professor Nile Green (UCLA) on the publication of his recent book *How Asia Found Herself: A Story of Intercultural Understanding* in April 2023 (Yale University Press)

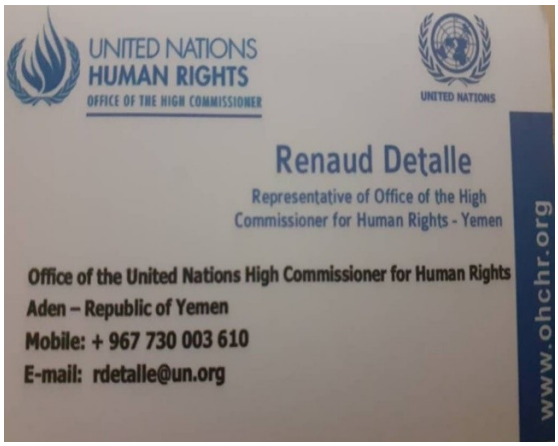
Professor Vitaly Naumkin Institute of Oriental Studies Moscow on being appointed Consultant Editor of the Journal of Islamic Studies Oxford

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Barbara Schumacher on her "*Adventures*" in KSA published in EURABIA magazine No 4/2022, the quarterly online magazine of the German Arab Society



Aisha Gray Henry introducing Fons Vitae to the King Faisal Centre, Riyadh, February 2023



Renaud Detalle, Representative of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights - Yemen

Ahmed Rashid participated in the Lahore Literary Festival in February 2023

HRH Princess Maha al-Faisal organised a seminar on the *Arabian Narrative* in February 2023 at the King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies in Riyadh

Please visit artist **Caroline Lees** website: www.carolinelees.co.uk

Earl St Andrews attended the coronation of HM King Charles III in May 2023 in Westminster Abbey

Sir Harold Walker KCMG is Honorary Vice President of the Royal Society for Asian Affairs

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

We welcome comments, suggestions and contributions and reserve the right to edit any material submitted to hadhramaut@btinternet.com

The password for reading newsletters on our website www.hadhramaut.co.uk is **frankincense**

5 new Friends joined in 2023 from the UK, USA and Norway

Corrigendum

Comments on Newsletter 25

United Kingdom
Sunderland

- We know that the good work is continuing in spite of the difficult conditions in Yemen

Worcestershire

- Thanks so much for the newsletter - as always full of interest

London

- Congratulations on a magnificent newsletter - and for all the magnificent work you do
- Thank you for your brilliant newsletter and for the wonderful reports of all the work that have been accomplished. How hard you have worked on it
- Thank you for sharing the newsletter, it is great to see how active the society is
- Many thanks for your long newsletter about the Friends of Hadhramaut. It is an engaging read, not least on account of the mention of people who are also friends or contacts in other areas. I admire your persistence in writing it all up

Stourbridge

- I was impressed by the international progress of FOH. Things have certainly become much more difficult in Yemen in the meanwhile and I am pleased that there is so much goodwill for the area directed from all over the world. It was also heartening to read news of some of you that we remember from our very memorable trip to Yemen in 1997

Gloucestershire

- The FOH gatherings are always such wonderful events
- We have received the wonderful December 2022 FOH newsletter. Congratulations of compiling all the interesting news. It must have taken many hours to compile.

Oxford

- Thank you for the wonderful Newsletter

Germany
Augsburg

- Thank you so much for sending us the annual detailed account of FOH news and the very impressive and content rich program in Oslo

Mainz

- I have read the newsletter with intense interest..... it took me straight back to my visit to Mukalla in 1980 and the wonderful journey I made with LC Wolfgang Gaerte in the Wadi Hadhramaut

Hindelang

- Schon vor einiger Zeit habe ich FOH ausführlichen Rundbrief gelesen und wollte Dir unsere Bewunderung mitteilen für Dein anhaltendes Engagement und Deine Kraft, die Du immer noch diesem Projekt = Deiner Initiative - widmest. Wie vielen Menschen würde es ohne Eure Hilfe viel schlechter gehen!!

France
Pyrenees

- What a work it has been to get all that information. What a community Friends of Hadhramaut is

Paris

- My warmest thanks for this Newsletter it is very rich in information and has interesting pictures!
- It's absolutely astonishing. Most remarkable work of skill, attention and love

Norway
Oslo

- Very impressive!

USA
Georgia

- I am continually impressed by the important role this province (governorate) has played, and does play, in the history and formation of both the Arab and the modern worlds. Most of us know of the huge arc of Islam from Indonesia around the Indian Ocean and down the east coast of Africa. Few know that this arc was largely created by Hadhramis. Even less known is that the Zanzibarian writer who won the Nobel Prize for Literature last year, Abdul Razzak Gurna, is of 100 percent Hadhrami heritage. The latest Newsletter is another Opus Magnus by the editor and her faithful crew.

Italy
Rome

- Many thanks for the most recent Newsletter and congratulations to the editor and typesetter for an excellent job

Pakistan
Islamabad

- Managed finally to check out the newsletter: very impressive production - kudos to everyone involved, you are doing so much great work

Barbados

- Great work FOH and a very interesting Newsletter

ARCHIVE ON HADHRAMAUT

We ask Friends to contribute short articles for this section and to send us any rare/interesting photographs of Hadhramaut

Notes by the Master of the Norwegian motor schooner 'Asp' on a maiden voyage from Bergen to Foochow 1926-1928. Port Visit to Mukalla February 1927



Karl Erik Larsen's grandfather was a crewmember on a Norwegian 2-masted 150-ton schooner called the **Asp** in 1927. This was the first Norwegian vessel ever to call at Mukalla. The crew, were invited, to the palace to meet Sultan Ghalib's great granduncle Sultan Omar bin Awadh al-Qu'aiti. The captain wrote a detailed description in his log on the visit to Mukalla, which is reproduced below. (Courtesy Karl Larsen).

The nearest town of any importance was Mukalla, but according to advice given in Aden, we were not to go near any inhabited places on the Arabian coast under any circumstances, on account of pirates. I decided to take the chance and headed for Mukalla, in the hope to secure kerosene to mix with oil we got in Aden. We still had one of our fuel tanks full of Suez-oil, which was sufficient for five days run, but this was kept in reserve in case of an emergency so we travelled at slow speed to Mukalla. We arrived there in the afternoon of 21 February and stopped close to the landing place.

The place looked rather picturesque as we approached it, and thousands of natives could be seen watching our arrival. In view of the well-meaning warnings received in Aden it was with many misgivings that we received several fully manned canoes which came alongside. Our engine was kept running in readiness should it become necessary to dash out to sea. However, our fears were unfounded, and the friendly and sincere attitude of the officials who boarded us convinced me that no harm would befall us by remaining here, so we dropped anchor.

It was unexpected to see so many large whitewashed stone buildings, which gave the place a modern aspect. The Sultan's palace, which was pointed out to us, was a very conspicuous building, and when I expressed my admiration for the place to the boarding officials, I jokingly told them that we wished to call and pay our respects to the Sultan.

I was not a little surprised when a messenger from the palace came on board and expressed the Sultan's desire to see us, the officers. We hurriedly changed into a decent suit, and with mixed feelings of anticipation and awe followed the messenger ashore.

The Sultan sported a Ford car, and I looked on it as a tie with the outer world. We drove through the main street, running parallel to the beach, which was thronged with natives, who moved out of the way for the Sultan's car; and when they noticed white men in it, they raised

their eyes in surprise. Herds of sheep and cattle strayed in the street as well, and did not heed the royal car. Most of the men carried in their belts a half-round dagger with a fancy handle.

At the palace gate, we passed a sentry, naked to the waist, holding an old-fashioned rifle. It looked odd when he presented arms as we rolled into the palace yard. We were met by a young man in European attire who spoke English fluently, apparently some sort of secretary to the Sultan. He led us up a broad staircase to the first floor, and I was struck with the refined look everywhere, revealing good taste. Without further ceremony, we were taken straight into the reception hall, where we met the Sultan. I was surprised as the mental picture I had formed of him was entirely different from the person in front of us. He was very interested in our ship and our experiences, and is a man of knowledge regarding world politics. As for the situation in China he was well informed, and even knew some prominent Chinese generals personally.

The servants brought a tea tray with cups of tea and biscuits. The secretary acted as interpreter, but did not join in the tea. There was another person present, a huge barefooted man, who continually kept looking at us, and I took him to be some sort of bodyguard. After a while, he disappeared, much to my relief, evidently convinced that we had no evil intentions.

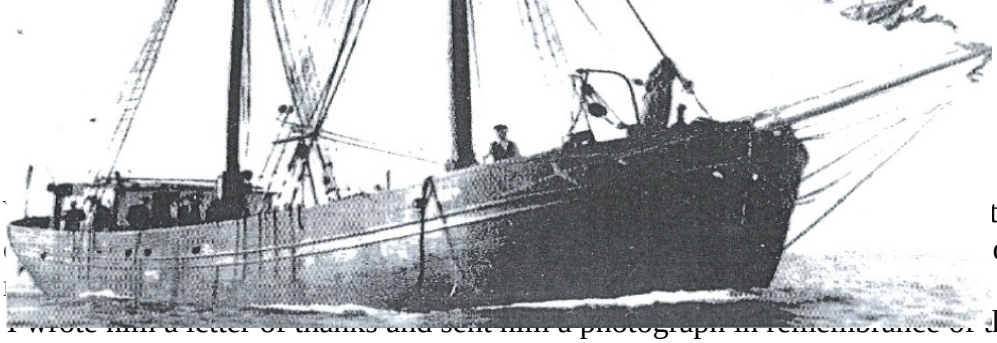
I kept the reason for our visit to Mukalla a secret, in case the oil, which I required, should be raised in price. However, inspired by the Sultan's kindness, I confided my trouble to him, and he at once issued instructions to the effect that local dealers were to charge me no more than the market price for supplies of any kind sold to the ship, oil included. This eased my mind considerably, but the quantity of oil obtainable was not sufficient for our requirements.

After tea, we were taken out for a drive to the Sultan's bungalow, which was situated up in the hills, among the date-groves. The bungalow was vacant at the time, and it was amusing to walk round the many different rooms and apartments belonging to the harem ladies. The existence of a harem had not entered my mind, but in the matter-of-fact way it was explained by the Secretary I realised that the possession of some half-a-hundred women was considered a necessity in life for a man of the Sultan's standing. The giant who had embarrassed me on my arrival at the palace with his persisting stare was, I understood, a eunuch.

The town's fresh-water supply came from a lake in the vicinity of the bungalow, through a pipe. This had to be watched continually by armed guardsmen owing to the hostility of a neighbouring tribe, with whom the Sultan was at war. The population of Mukalla was about 25,000, and the chief communication with the world was by means of a coastal steamer, which called every fortnight on its way to Aden. The Sultan entertained the idea of having a wireless station erected, also the foundation of a modern hospital, which was badly needed.

When on the point of going ashore the next morning, I was surprised at receiving a present from His Highness consisting of four beautiful gazelles, two tins of honey and many bananas. The gazelles had recently arrived on a dhow from Africa, and they were therefore quite at home on board a ship. I did not really know how to return in a befitting manner such a royal compliment.
Our greatest trouble in Mukalla was to keep friendly visitors away, but when this was brought to the Sultan's notice, (not by us) he immediately dispatched some of his guardsmen to the ship to maintain order.



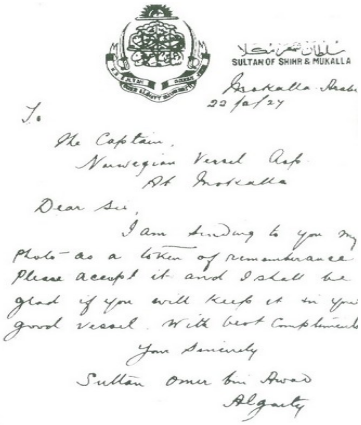


than a ship, with dogs, a cat and a

I wrote him a letter of thanks and sent him a photograph in remembrance of the first Norwegian vessel, which had visited his port.

To this, I received a reply as follows, together with his photograph in full-dress uniform.





SULTAN OF SHIHR & MUKALLA

Mukalla Shehr
22/2/27

To
The Captain,
Norwegian Vessel Asp
At Mukalla

Dear Sir,
I am sending to you my photo as a token of remembrance. Please accept it and I shall be glad if you will keep it in your good vessel. With best Compliments
Yours Sincerely
Sultan Omar bin Awad
Alquaity

To, The Captain, Norwegian vessel
Asp, at Mukalla
Mukalla, Arabia 22/2/27

Dear Sir,
I am sending to you my photo as a token of remembrance. Please accept it and I shall be glad if you will keep it in your good vessel.
With best compliments
Yours sincerely
Sultan Omar Bin Awad AlQuaity

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Ghail BaWazir Summer Palace and Gateway

This palace is known as Qasr al-Azhar, built by Munassar bin Abdullah bin Omar bin Awadh al-Qu'aiti in the 1890s in the fertile town of Ghail BaWazir, known for its gardens and tobacco plantations. After its conversion to a school in 1944, it is now a museum.



The Qu’aiti summer palace visited by HAR Philby in 1939

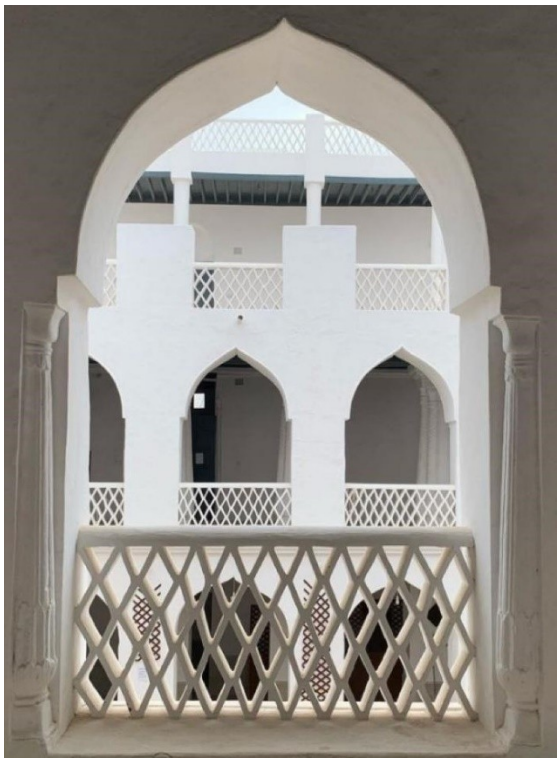


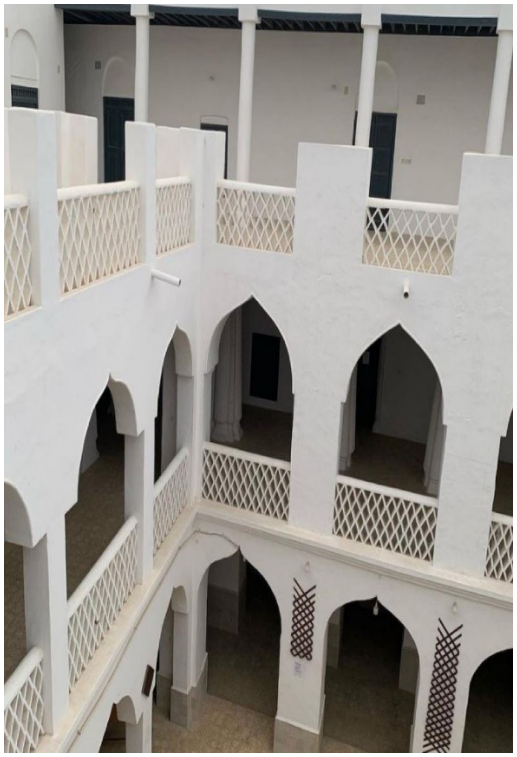


Ghail BaWazir Gateway

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Madrasah al-Wusta



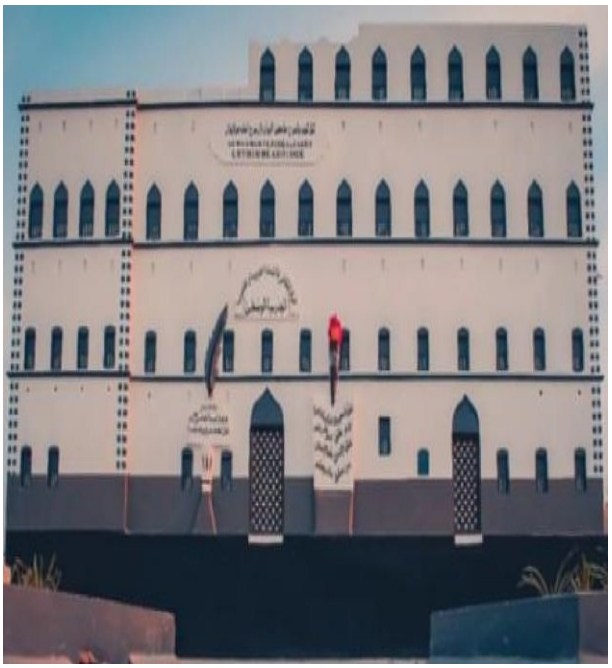


Interior of Madrasah al-Wusta



Exterior of Madrasah al-Wusta





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An old map showing Hadhramaut from the New Relief Atlas



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View of Mukalla



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ITEMS FOR SALE

The items listed below are for sale from the FOH registered address



Courtesy David Halford

FOH ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Our audited accounts and official returns (as required by UK law) are prepared by the Treasurer and presented to the Charity Commissioner online by her, after an Independent Examination by Geoff Calvert OBE. The accounts may be inspected on the Charity Commission's website: www.charitycommission.gov.uk

GIFT AID

Gift Aid is extremely valuable to FOH and may be claimed only on unencumbered donations upon which the donor has paid UK Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the amount of Gift Aid claimed in the relevant tax year.

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Local Coordinators for Australia, India and Spain

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Euro Account

Life Subscription: €30

FRIENDS OF HADHRAMAUT

YEMENI RIYAL INCOME & EXPENDITURE 2022

INCOME

Brought forward from 2021	30,839,523
Transfers from Sterling account	102,270,777
Donations in Hadhramaut	2,330,000
TOTAL INCOME	135,440,300

EXPENDITURE:

Administration:

Phone calls	370,000
Transportation	3,325,000
Payment for services	74,000
	3,769,000

AID & DONATIONS

Harshiyyat Medical Centre	105,700
Jol Mashah Medical Centre	396,700
Al-Aneen Autism Centre	90,000
Al-Qatn Sports/Youth Club	171,000
Al-Qatn General Hospital	2,607,000
Moqaibel Hospital, Al-Jahi, Wadi Leisar	49,041,300
Al-Qatn Laboratory	7,095,000
Al-Zahra Girls School, Al-Qatn	150,000
Food, Medical & Educational Aid to poor families	9,596,750

TOTAL EXPENDITURE	73,022,450
INCOME LESS EXPENDITURE	62,417,850
Balance held with Messrs Al-Umqi (Local Banker)	62,417,850

Sultana F S al-Quaiti (Treasurer)

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أصدقاء حضرموت

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Since our last fundraising event in Essex in 2019, our local coordinators in Norway regret very much that we have decided to postpone our Oslo event for the third year running due to the uncertain conditions prevailing in Europe. We shall keep you informed of any future gatherings.

Salah al-Quaiti, our valiant, dedicated "man on the ground" has also been affected by the ongoing situation on his home turf in Hadhramaut, as he has found his movements somewhat curtailed. After his courageous attempts to help the local population cope during the terrible trials at the height of the coronavirus epidemic in 2021, he has continued to assist needy families with food, medical aid and transport. Due to intermittent Wifi connections and electricity cuts, it has not always been possible to maintain regular contact with him. Salah is a brilliant arranger and we wish him and his family well and hope that they remain safe as the war in Yemen enters its eighth year. The original idea and concept of the charity would have been useless and got nowhere without the enormous amount of time and hard work he has put in.

Our £25/€30 life membership fee is to cover myriad administrative expenses, which are annually open to public scrutiny and audit on the UK Charity Commissioners website. FOH is entirely non-political with an international membership of over 600 Friends of all ages and professions. We have three worthy patrons who have a proven track record of great affection for and knowledge of the Hadhramaut.

FOH would like to thank you all for helping Hadhramaut.

PLEASE INFORM US IF YOUR POSTAL/EMAIL ADDRESS HAS CHANGED

FONDATION BERFRED

We remain immensely grateful to the Fondation Berfred in Geneva for their magnificent donation of £47,366.49 towards the purchase of life-saving medical equipment. With the agreement of the very generous, anonymous donor, it is hoped that medical items can be purchased locally in Aden/Sanaa/Mukalla to be used by hospitals in Hadhramaut. These include anaesthesia machines, mobile surgical suction units, electro-surgical units, patient monitors, operating tables, X-ray machines and ventilator models. Salah is currently looking into the best possible options to identify those areas where the need is greatest and where the hospitals we hope to supply have a proper, functioning hospital team.

COMPLETED PROJECTS

Aid was sent in Ramadan (April) 2021 to help poor and needy families to buy basic foodstuffs. Whereas in 2020, a ration of foodstuffs for the month of Ramadan cost YR 23,000, in 2021 Salah reported the cost had gone up to YR 40,000.

The urgent need of the day, according to our man on the spot, vice-chairman Salah, is to provide sustenance to the very poor in the form of foodstuffs as they simply do not have the money to buy even the most basic groceries. As in previous years, our whole focus remains on providing essential food supplies to deprived communities throughout the Hadhramaut. Salah cannot stress enough to all Friends the prime necessity of directing all the funds at his disposal towards alleviating hunger and on providing medical aid to those Hadhrami families who cannot afford to buy medicines or seek treatment at local clinics and hospitals. More than **350** families in al-Shihr, al-Mukalla, al-Ghurfah, Tubala, al-Qatn, Ghail BaWazir, Tarim and Seiyun have been helped in the past year with basic food items (rice, flour, oil, sugar, tea, tuna cans, tomato paste, pasta). Medical aid was distributed to more than **30** individuals in Wadi Hadhramaut and along the coastal areas in the form of medicines and financial aid towards surgeries for children and the elderly. Numerous university students from needy families have been helped with transportation costs from their lodgings to their campus. **23** midwives at al-Qatn hospital have been provided with shoes and uniforms.

Al-Zahra School, al Qatn, Wadi Hadhramaut

Text books were supplied to the school to be distributed amongst the pupils.

Sports, Youth and Culture Club, al Qatn, Wadi Hadhramaut

The local population is highly appreciative of the 3 rooms built by FOH last year. These are being used for administration, meetings, exhibitions, tournaments and for hosting visiting teams. The cafeteria, storeroom and generator room are also proving to be highly valued as well as the 5 lavatories.

Salah is looking forward to constructing a large, fully equipped gymnasium, which can be used for bodybuilding, martial arts, general fitness, boxing, wrestling and exercise.

LEGACIES AND WILLS

Those thinking about leaving a legacy to FOH can check our bona fides by consulting the website of the Charity Commission of England & Wales: **www.charitycommission.gov.uk**. We have been registered with the Commissioners under Charity Number 1062560 since May 1997. If you are planning your will (or making additions to an existing one) we cannot over emphasise how grateful we, and the poorest people of Hadhramaut would be for a bequest from you. If there is a particular project you are interested in supporting, or specific terms and conditions you would like to make, please contact the treasurer at our registered address, or ask your solicitor to do so.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

Carsten Pigott	Brian Fyfield-Shayler	Mick Walton
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Our heartfelt thanks to these Friends who continue to support us through standing orders: **Lady Bute, Lord Green of Deddington, J Lush, E Whitaker, C Arnander, T Petouris, SH Al-Juffali, Q Rappoport, P & S Ingrams, BA Fyfield-Shayler, Dr. FJ Pocock, Z Farooq** and the **Mohamed Ali Foundation**. We hope other Friends will consider setting up standing orders to help our cause.

We would like to offer our profuse thanks to **two families in Saudi Arabia** who wish to remain anonymous.

NEWS OF THE CHAIRMAN

In July 2021 Saleh al-Qu'aiti was appointed Director, General Directorate Foreign Affairs at the EU for the Southern Transitional Council in Yemen presided over by Major-General Aidarous Qassem Al-Zubaidi. He thanks Dr. Noel Brehony and Muhammed bin Dohry for their congratulatory messages. He was pleased to meet FOH Barbara Schumacher at the Red Sea Film Festival in November 2021. Those wishing to contact Saleh: salehbinghalib@hotmail.com

NEWS OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN

5.5.2021 Heavy rains caused flash floods in Hadhramaut, killing 5 and displacing 80 families. "People have never seen such heavy flooding for the last three decades" according to a resident of the Aideed district in Tarim, which was the worst affected. Severe damage was caused to houses which had been built irresponsibly on or near the watercourses, thereby restricting the flow of the flood waters. Salah was able to distribute cash, food and mattresses to **20** families in the stricken areas whose homes were destroyed. The joy on the faces of these destitute families was palpable as they rushed out to receive donations from Salah.

Salah distributed food items to more than 200 families during Ramadan 2021. He also visited the family of master-builder Karamah Obaid twice, giving them assistance as well as the family of the 3 blind sisters in Adaan near Qaudha.

Ali Salah al-Qu'aiti sent FOH this message from Yehya Madfa', a member of the al-Qatn Youth Club: "Our club has been blessed with its Director Salah al-Qu'aiti. We are privileged to have him as our leader; such a respected and educated individual who has taken the club to new heights and worked tirelessly to raise funds and support from local and national entities. Salah and the Captain of the handball team Daweel Muhammad make al-Qatn proud".

Haneen Jassem, an 11 year old girl from Shihr was diagnosed with a brain tumour in Cairo in July 2021. FOH sent funds towards her surgery costs.

Salah is pleased that apart from his two older stalwart sons, Muhammed, now working in the General Surgery Department at al-Kuwait University Hospital, Sanaa and Ali, who runs his pharmacy in al-Qatn, his third son Ghalib, who has graduated in Law from Hadhramaut University, is helping him a lot with matters relating to FOH.

NEWS OF THE ADVISER

I am afraid I am not achieving very much these days. I seem to have aged 10 years in the last 2! I am not as mobile as I was and can only be reached by mail: 5 Quant Park, Tavistock, Devon PL 19 0JQ.

NEWS OF THE TREASURER

Sultana al-Qu'aiti attended the online AGM of the DJG (German-Yemeni Society) in May 2021 with LC Wolfgang Gaerte, Ruth Hildebrandt and Dr. Hanne Schönig as well as the virtual *Jemen Ausstellung Alte Kultur-Aktuelle Konflikte* hosted by the *Arabisches Haus Nürnberg.*

She provided information on Doreen Ingrams to Alison Shane Price MBE (Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society) for her presentation in Kuwait in October 2021.



Sultana was very pleased to meet up with veteran FOH Alan D'Arcy and Gary Mundy in Torquay and Brian Fyfield-Shayler in Tavistock in October 2021.

She was delighted to attend the marriage ceremonies of Princess Caroline Murat and Dr. Antoine Turzi in Paris in November 2021 where she met FOH Henri and Genevieve Zipper de Fabiani.

She attended the funeral of Anthony Smith CBE on 11th December 2021 at Magdalen College Chapel, Oxford in appreciation of his generosity to FOH. FOH Susan Hitch gave a moving address.

NEWS FROM PAKISTAN BRANCH AND NEW LOCAL COORDINATOR

We are delighted to announce the appointment of **Rukhsana Rashid** (FOH 7.7.97) as our very first Local Coordinator based in Islamabad, where she has worked very hard over many years in helping the editor produce our newsletter, which has gone from strength to strength due to her commitment and vigilance. We welcome you on board and look forward to expanding our membership in Pakistan: Rashid.rukhsana@gmail.com

NEWS FROM FRENCH BRANCH

Jose-Marie Bel presented Theodore Monod's film *Le vieil homme et la fleur* at a gallery in La Valette-du-Var in October 2021 where he exhibited his water colours on Yemen and he also launched his book *Au Yemen avec Theodore Monod*. He presented a paper on Socotra at the AGM/conference of FoS in Ghent in October *Socotra Mission's Stories Memories (1999-2014)*. He held an exhibition at Espace Reine de Saba *Trésors photographiques retrouvés, mer Rouge, Erythrée, Ethiopie 1880–1936*: Exposition Trésors photographiques retrouvés en Afrique Orientale italienne • Espace Reine de Saba (offi.fr) where he presented his new catalogues.

Local Coordinator: maijacalvert@gmail.com

NEWS FROM NETHERLANDS BRANCH

Alex Ingrams (LC Netherlands) would like to emphasise that the shelters which FOH have been building in various schools are to be used for all kinds of recreational activities.

I started as the Netherlands LC last year. It's been wonderful to be more involved in the work of FOH although I have a difficult time meeting with other supporters given all the social restrictions at the moment. The group of Friends here is a small contingent and as a result of the pandemic there have been few opportunities to meet or share our experiences of the Hadhramaut. However, I'm looking forward to making new connections in the coming months. Are there any readers of this newsletter out there who can recommend Yemen or Middle East interest groups, organisations, clubs, etc that I can explore in the Netherlands? Please contact me: alex.ingrams@gmail.com

NEWS FROM NORWEGIAN BRANCH

Sverre Driveklepp and **Nina Kneppen** regret deeply that the Oslo event they have been planning for since 2020 has to be postponed yet again. They remain ever optimistic that once the unfolding situation in Europe stabilises, they will be able to host a new invitation to Norway: sverre.driveklepp@gmail.com

We congratulate Sverre and Nina on the birth of their second grandchild Edvard, born 3rd October 2021.

NEWS FROM USA BRANCH

John Mulholland (jmulholland45@aol.com) has made his old friend Ambassador **Jonathan Addleton**, who served in Yemen as USAID Programme Officer, a member of FOH. In November 2020, Jonathan was appointed Rector of Forman Christian College University, Lahore, Pakistan, the fraternal institution of Kinnaird College for Women, the alma mater of our treasurer! He also alerted us to the fact that the recent Zanzibari Nobel Prize winner for Literature Abdulrazak Gurnah's ancestors hail from Wadi Doan, Hadhramaut!

John is still riding his bike 200 miles a week whilst looking after FOH interests in the States. He has been able to visit cousins in Peru. Doubtless, he shall soon recruit FOH's first Peruvian Friend. He is very keen to host a fundraising event in the USA.

Many thanks to John for highlighting our work by voluntarily writing an article *Educational Development in Hadhramaut* for his friend Danilo Piaggesi's organisation K4D (*Knowledge for Development*) for inclusion in the book *Cases on Applying Knowledge Economy Principles for Economic Growth in Developing Nations* in order to give "a greater unique exposure to FOH highlighting the positive impact of our projects on the citizens of Hadhramaut, and at the same time, an objective basis for measuring our progress". An abstract and introduction from the article follows.

Educational Development in Hadhramaut

John M. Mulholland (Friends of Hadramaut, USA) and Sultana Feroze al-Qu'aiti (Friends of Hadhramaut, UK)

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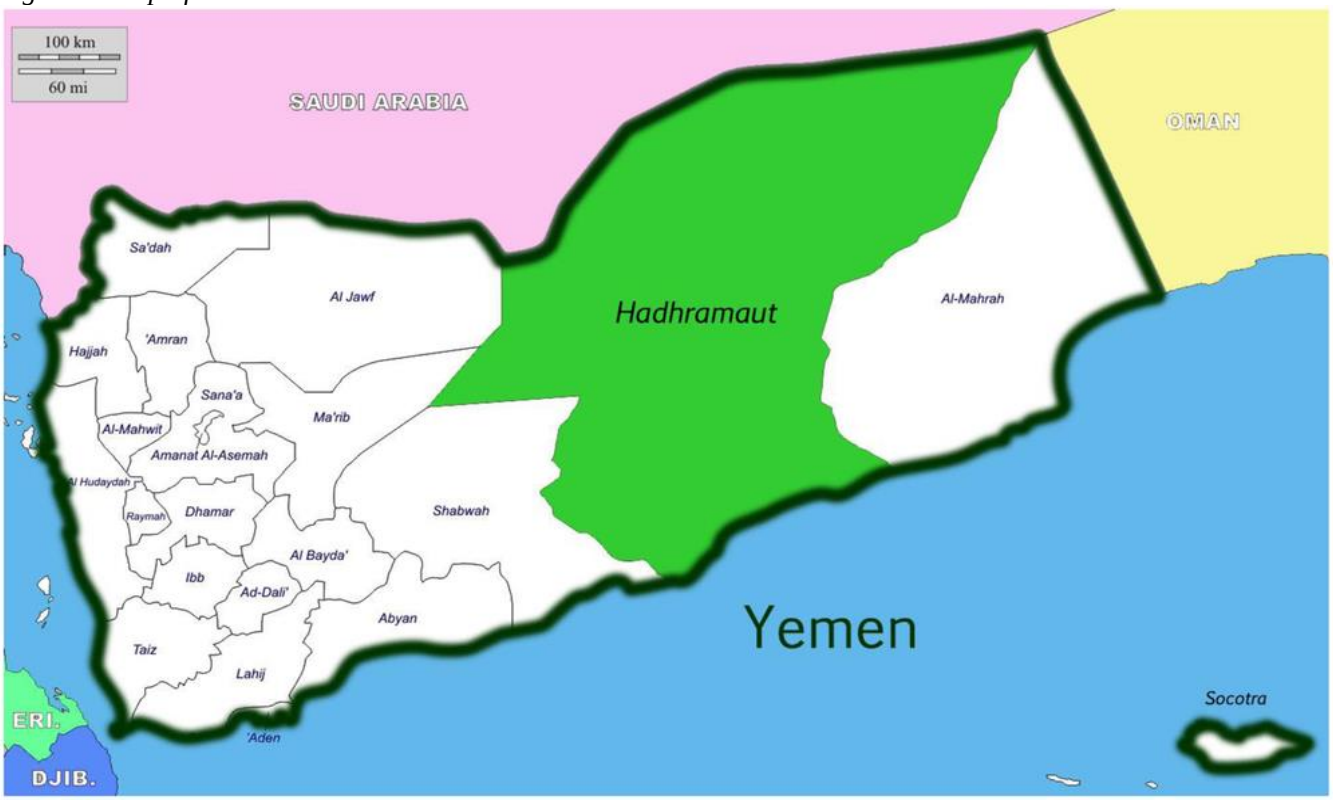
Abstract

This chapter will define the goals and describe the methods of Friends of Hadhramaut's (FOH), a UK-based charitable trust, efforts to nurture the seeds that will evolve to embrace the goals of the knowledge economy (KE) in Hadhramaut. As a charitable organization, FOH focuses its support on the health/medical and educational sectors of society. FOH has made additional strides to focus on girls' education and on those who have what we call “learning disabilities,” a label which covers a broad range of dysfunctions. This chapter will focus on FOH's methodology and achievements in the educational sector.

Introduction

The reader will likely ask, “Where is Hadhramaut”? As shown in the map (Friends of Hadhramaut Newsletter, 2021) below, it is the largest of Yemen’s 17 provinces (also frequently referred to as “Governorates”) and found on the south coast of the Arabian Peninsula on the Indian Ocean as shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1. Map of Yemen and the Hadhramaut



(Friends of Hadhramaut Newsletter, 2021)

The complete article is available online for purchasing at special conditions https://www.igi-global.com/chapter/educational-development-in-hadhramaut/296222

NEWS FROM GERMAN BRANCH

The Corona-Pandemic has hit us in Germany no more and no less than in most other countries. This means that our work is very much curtailed. We could not, unfortunately, recruit any new members and no special events took place. However, thanks to our close connections with the Deutsch-Jemenitische Gesellschaft (German-Yemeni Society) some things could be done. The Jemen-Report (No 1/2 2021), the really excellent annual magazine of the DJG, published a 3-page article written by me, describing our current projects and how the coronavirus has hit Hadhramaut; in some places the fear of Covid-19 being eclipsed by hunger and the shortage of clean drinking water. I can provide copies of the journal to those interested.

The DJG regularly mentions FOH on its website together with other societies like the British, Austrian, Polish-Yemeni Societies and the Friends of Soqotra. Do take a look at the DJG's homepage. On Facebook there are quite a lot of interesting articles in English and a really hilarious Hadhrami version of "jingle bells" which makes you want to sing it all year round! https://www.facebook.com/DeutschJemenitischeGesellschaft

Some of us took part digitally in a number of conferences and lectures organised by the DJG. The DJG and its magazine celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2020. For obvious reasons, this event was postponed to August 2021 and took place in the "Arabian House" in Nuremberg together with the Vernissage of a Yemen-exhibition. On this occasion the DJG announced its intention of getting some of the Yemeni-Societies and individuals linked closer together and to start an archive with culturally important illustrations of Yemen.

Local Coordinator, Wolfgang Gaerte: w.gaerte@yahoo.com

NEWS FROM CANADIAN BRANCH

Unfortunately due to the pandemic our yearly fundraising event was cancelled (again) but in lieu of this myself, James Allan and Anthony Giambagno all made personal donations.

Local Coordinator, Alexander Cumas: firetexion@gmail.com

NEWS FROM SINGAPORE BRANCH

Local Coordinator Farah Bahajaj may be contacted by those Friends residing in Singapore: fabjajrp@gmail.com

NEWS FROM ITALIAN BRANCH

FOH **Mick Walton** (LC Italy) and Carolyn Snelling organised a 200th birth anniversary conference on Sir Richard Burton at the Torquay Museum, where FOH Yousif Al-Nasser opened the conference with a recitation of the *azzan* beautifully executed by Tamim, a Qatari student. FOH Patricia Loudon, her sister Corinne Hillman-Bickle, Julia Sanders and Sultana Al-Quaiti attended the conference.



Dear Amici, I'd like to send my personal season's greetings to all Amici, and I hope we will be able to meet at some point in the not-too-distant future. I would also like to remind you that a lifetime membership of Friends of Hadhramaut costs a mere €30, and makes a very thoughtful gift for friends and relatives of all ages. Not only will the money help the people of Hadhramaut, but the recipient of your gift will be reminded of your generosity every time they receive help. Mick Walton: mickwalton@libero.it



R to L: Dr Tim Winter, Dean Cambridge Muslim College & Yousif al-Nasser, Director Torquay Mosque



L to R: Patricia Loudon, Corinne Hillman-Bickle, Yousif al-Nasser & Julia Sanders

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Gay Arnott** (FOH 27.9.01) who passed away in California

Our deepest sympathy to Corinne Hillman-Bickle and Patricia Loudon on the death of their brother **Jeffrey Christopher Hillman,** former Professor of Engineering at Witwatersrand University, Pretoria on 4th May 2020 in Durbanville, Cape Province, South Africa.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Nasser Awadh**, the well-loved cook/bearer of our two patrons Jim and Joanna Ellis, who died in Seiyun in 2020

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Dr. Runa Mackay** (FOH 6.11.97) on her death in June 2020. She was a most kind and generous donor, always commenting on our newsletter with great interest. Sultana adds: I can never forget her affectionate interest in and zeal for the Hadhramaut which she visited with a group of FOH. She will be greatly missed for her quiet dedication and matter of fact humility and her passing leaves a big vacuum for many of us. She founded Scottish Medical Aid for Palestinians and wrote *Exile in Israel* published in 1995.Her story as a pediatrician is medically impressive, socially moving and politically trenchant.



Our deepest sympathy to Ron, Katrina, Chris, Ashley, Clive and Dennis on the death of **Valma Streatfield** (FOH 29.7.97) at home near Reading on 10th June 2020 aged 88. We are delighted that her daughter Katrina, who lives in Perth, Scotland, has taken on her membership of the Friends.

Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Susan Shenstone and family on the death of her husband Ambassador **Michael Shenstone** (FOH 24.2.98) in Toronto on 8th September 2020 at the age of 91. Michael Shenstone led a distinguished career as a foremost expert on the Middle East at the Department of External Affairs and served as Canada's ambassador to Austria and Saudi Arabia

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **John Pegg** (FOH 12.12.97) who died in October 2020 at the age of 85 in Okehampton, Devon

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Warren D. (Skip) Snair** (FOH 23.9.14) who passed away in Montreal on 10th February 2021 at the age of 77. He worked for The Rolling Stones, as a newspaper columnist for The Sunday Express, as a ski instructor and was the Director of Promotions for Standard Radio in Montreal. He raised funds for the Montreal Children's Hospital. He will be sorely missed by his family and his many friends.

Our deepest sympathy to Julia Basirov and family on the death of her husband **Oric L'vov-Basirov** (FOH 9.6.99) in London on 11th February 2021. Sultan Ghalib al-Quaiti adds: "My friend Oric was a renowned Iranologist, archaeologist and historian. He was known as a master of dead languages with a particular expertise in funerary inscriptions. He was appointed Research Associate at SOAS and lectured there extensively as well as at universities across the world. He was a founding member of the Society for Iranian Oral Studies and co-founder of The Circle of Ancient Iranian Studies. He will be sorely missed."

Our deepest sympathy to Shafik Rahman on the death of his mother **Begum Furrok Rahman** in Leeds on 14th February 2021 at the age of 84

Our deepest sympathy to Dr. Mai Yamani and Dr. Maha Yamani and their families on the death of their father H.E **Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani** in London on 22nd February 2021 at the age of 90 and on the death of their mother **Layla Faidhi** in Grasse on 3rd April 2021 at the age of 90

Our deepest sympathy to Ambassador Shehryar and Sonia Akbar Khan on the death of his brother **Shahzad Akbar Khan** in Karachi on 6th March 2021

Our deepest sympathy to Sabiha Omar on the death of her brother **KM Aleem** in Arizona on 9th March 2021 at the age of 62

Our deepest sympathy to Sabahat Khan on the death of her father **Mir Behbood Ali Khan** in Hyderabad Deccan on 26th March 2021

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Ahmad Hussain al-Fadhli on the death of his uncle **Sultan Ahmad Abdullah al-Fadhli**, former Sultan of the Fadhli Sultanate in the Western Aden Protectorate (1962-66), in Cairo on 15th April 2021

Our deepest sympathy to Ibtissam al-Bassam on the death of her brother Ambassador **Mohammed Abdul Rahman al-Bassam** in Cairo on 18th April 2021

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Jose-Marie Bel on the death of his mother **Monique Juliot (**nee **Colas)** in Guadeloupe on 12th May 2021

Our deepest sympathy to Gail, Calvin and Fergus on the death of their beloved spouse and father **Roger Hugh Partridge** (FOH 6.12.05) in Little Bookham on 17th May 2021. He was "desperately sad about the terrible civil war in Yemen…so much of the beauty and history being destroyed, people killed by bombs and starvation". He always retained such wonderful memories of his trip to Hadhramaut in 2005. His and Gail's many generous contributions to help the beleaguered people of Hadhramaut will never be forgotten

Our deepest sympathy to Omar Mukharesh on the death of his brother-in-law **Dr. Ronald Brooks** in Virginia, USA in June 2021

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Susan K Pigott** (FOH 2.9.04) who died in Rutland on 20th July 2021. We are delighted that Carsten Pigott has taken on her membership of FOH: "Thank you for offering me the opportunity to assume Sue's life membership of the Friends – I should be pleased and honoured to do so. I am currently Chair of Rutland's largest charity *Voluntary Action Rutland* and member of the *Ethiopia Heritage Trust* (UK)"

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Elizabeth Mary Carys McClure Brown** (FOH 8.11.05) who died in Bridgend on 5th August 2021. We are delighted that her daughter Susan Alder has taken on her membership of the Friends: "I am honoured that you have invited me to continue Mum's life membership of your charity. She was very much loved by us all and we miss her terribly". In 2006 Carys single-handedly encouraged the Bridgend Soroptimists to help our Sewing Centre in Fuwwa. She collected 65 cartons containing no less than 50 sewing machines and material. In 2012 she raised funds through the Soroptimist International Project for building new classrooms at al-Sabah Secondary School for Girls, al-Aneen.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Annette Tremayne** (FOH 4.3.97), amongst our first 100 Friends, on her death in Tavistock on 11th September 2021. She witnessed the signing of the FOH Trust Deed on 15th April 1997

Our deepest sympathy to Dr Razia Sultanova on the death of her mother **Galia Abuzar Sultanova** who died in Tashkent on 29th September 2021 aged 86

Our deepest sympathy to Caroline Dawnay on the death of her mother **Lady Margaret Boyle**, daughter of the 8th Earl of Glasgow, later Lady Margaret Stirling-Aird, in Scotland on 17th October 2021 aged 100. Her work at Bletchley Park alongside the code-breakers in the Second World War will not be forgotten

Our deepest sympathy to Rashida Masood and her family on the death of her sister **Tahira Masood** in Lahore in November 2021

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Anthony Smith CBE** (FOH 9.4.97) President of Magdalen College, Oxford (1988-2005) who died on 28th November 2021 following a long illness. Tony Smith had a long and distinguished career in broadcasting culminating in the role of Director of the British Film Institute but it was as President of Magdalen that he will be most remembered. Sultan Ghalib, a former alumnus and friend adds: "Magdalen owes an enormous debt of gratitude to Tony. His Presidency was characterized by his unwavering devotion to the College, his infectious pride in its buildings, music and academic life. I can never forget his kindness and care towards my family".

Our deepest sympathy to Munawwar Hussain and his family on the death of his brother in law **Haji Aftab Hussain** who died in New York on 3rd December 2021

Our deepest sympathy to Huraiby, Salwa, Hanaa and Ramzy on the death of their father **Faisal Abdullah Ghalib El-Huraiby** in London on 28th December 2021

THANKS

Gail Partridge on donating her fee for conducting a funeral for the second year running to FOH

Dr. James Allan for his donation in memory of his friend Warren Snair who was an avid sportsman. He has asked for these funds to be ear-marked for the al-Qatn Sports Club

Pius Fischer for pointing out a typo in the Contact Details on the back page of Newsletter 24

Wolfgang Gaerte for helping the treasurer yet again write an article on FOH for the *Jemen-Report* 2021 after an assiduous translation into German and to **Marie-Christine Heinze** for publishing it

Susan Mears for recommending FOH write a prologue to *Tears of Gold* by Hannah Thomas (Echo Point USA) to "draw international attention to FOH and the important work it does in Hadhramaut": www.susanmears.com

Barbara Schumacher for her enrollment of the treasurer in the *Deutsche-Jemenitische Gesellschaft* on an annual basis

Paul Hughes-Smith for bringing *Yemeni Music from the 80s* to our attention, curated by composer Natik Awayez, offering a taste of the musical richness of Hadhramaut, Aden and Sanaa

Danilo Piaggesi and **Helena Landazuri** for including a report about FOH in their forthcoming publication entitled *Cases on Applying Knowledge Economy Principles for Economic Growth in Developing Nations,* both from K4D (*Knowledge for Development*), a not-for-profit organisation in special consultative status with the United Nations

Munawwar Hussain for posting newsletters in USA and to Canada; **Saara Rashid** for carrying newsletters to UK; **Fatima al-Qu'aiti** and **Caroline Islam** for posting UK newsletters; **Raziff al-Junid** for posting newsletters in Singapore; **Rukhsana Rashid** for posting newsletters in Pakistan

Peter J Egan-Williams for celebrating a "Special Anniversary" with a donation to FOH

Julia Sanders for driving the treasurer from Torquay to Tavistock

Salah al-Quaiti for facilitating a meeting between FOH Carolyn Perry (bulletin editor International Association for the Study of Arabia) and Riyadh Ba-Kamoom, General Manager in Yemen's General Organisation of Antiquities and Museums, to discuss recent developments at the Mukalla Museum

David Grainger for donating three sets of his most impressive work on the Geology of Saudi Arabia to FOH

The **British-Yemeni Society** for inviting FOH to contribute a page on our recent activities in their next journal edited by Dr Thanos Petouris



Patricia and John Ducker for hosting FOH Nanina Shaw Reade, Olivia Reade and Audrey Allfree at their home in Gloucestershire

CONGRATULATIONS

Princess Caroline Murat on the marriage of her nephew Prince Joachim Murat to Yasmine Bin Breik (from al-Shihr) in Paris in February 2021

Stephen Day, **Sir Harold Walker**, **James Firebrace** and **Julian Lush** on their letter to *The Times* regarding "Aid Cut for Yemen" in March 2021

Dr. Naheed Khan (Consultant Neurologist, London Bridge Hospital) on her forthcoming co-authored publication *The Neurological Examination* (OUP) and on hosting a webinar to raise funds for Medical Aid to Palestinians (MAP) in June 2021

Alia Komsany on the birth of her baby daughter Jude in New York in March 2021

Abdul Aziz al-Abdullah and **Shrouq** on the birth of their baby daughter Adela in Jeddah in April 2021

Professor Dr. Ingrid Hehmeyer, Ryerson University, Toronto on her zoom lecture *Wasserbau und Wassermanagement im Jemen* to the Südarabische Salon in April 2021

Ann Mytton on the celebration of her 80th birthday in April 2021

Sultan Ghalib al-Qu'aiti on being appointed Honorary Vice-President of the Sir Richard Burton Society and on the publication of his new book *Fair Play or Poisoned Chalice: The Last Years of Britain's Presence in Southern Arabia* (Darf UK 2021). Peter Danby-Smith writes: "I found it most interesting as it is very much the view from the other side of the fence so to speak. It goes to balance all those books by Political Officers and others who served in Hadhramaut in the 1950s and 60s"

Francois Burgat, Emeritus Senior Research Fellow at the French CNRS, on his participation in a webinar in April 2021 *The EU and the War in Yemen: The Current Situation and the Way Forward*

Angela Kilmartin on her appointment in May 2021 as Mayor of Witham in the county of Essex and on her 80th birthday celebrations in Witham in November 2021 which the treasurer attended along with FOH Rukhsana Rashid



Rupert Wise on his wife Linda Davies' new book *10 Things Everyone Needs to Know About Money* (Illustrations by Nick Bashall) launched in June 2021

Peter Danby-Smith on being the first FOH to bind a set of 24 newsletters!

Shehla Farooqui on her son Omar's initiative *Coded Minds Pakistan* based in Dubai and on the birth of her grandson Eissa in Dubai in 2021

Mick Walton on his recent book *Dinner with the Burtons* (Edizioni L'Omino Rosso 2021) in which Sultana Al-Qu'aiti has been thanked

Lorna Branczik on her son Alexander's appointment as Chairman of Sotheby's Hong Kong (Head of Modern and Contemporary Art for South Asia)

Dr. Shahina Ghazanfar is currently working for the Department of Plant Sciences, University of Cambridge, she would like to get in touch with any FOH in the Cambridge area. She was awarded the Linnean Medal for Botany 2021 by the President and Council of the Linnean Society (London)

Anum Ayah on her marriage to Shabaaz Maqbool in Yorkshire in June 2021

Omar & Lina Mukharesh on their daughter Loulwah's appointment as Clinical Fellow in Ophthalmology at Harvard Medical School

Ambassador **Jamie Bowden** OBE on his re-election as Director and Trustee of the Anglo-Omani Society in July 2021

Bettina Muscheidt on her appointment as Head of the EU Delegation to Nicaragua in 2021

Salma Samar Damluji on her new publication *The Architecture of Yemen and its Reconstruction* in July 2021 (Laurence King)

Hamid Ismailov on his recent novel *Manaschi* (Tilted Axis 2021) which received an excellent review in the Times Literary Supplement (October 2021) comparing the author to Solzhenitsyn and on his forthcoming April 2022 tour of universities in the USA to promote his novels

Peter Harrigan on his appointment as Honorary Secretary of the Saudi British Society in September 2021

Saeed Chinoy on his 80th birthday which he celebrated in Kuala Lumpur in September 2021

Dr. Nizar Ghanem on his recent book published in Khartoum *Ashjaan Somaniyyah/Odes of Sorrow* (October 2021)

Dr. Francis Pocock on being elected a Fellow (Chemistry) at his alma mater St. Edmund Hall, Oxford in 2021

Caroline Cabot is in multi-tasking mode well into her ninth decade: www.artlinkglobal.com

Alison Shan Price MBE FRGS on her lecture on Doreen Ingrams delivered in Kuwait in October 2021 at the *Dar al-Athaar al-Islamiyyah*

Henri and Genevieve Zipper de Fabiani on the birth of their first grandchild Alexandre in Paris in October 2021

Professor Dionisius A Agius (Exeter University) on his recent book *The Life of the Red Sea Dhow: A Cultural History of Seaborne Exploration in the Islamic World*

Dr. Antoine Turzi on his marriage to **Princess Caroline Murat** in Paris in November 2021

John H Bunney on his new book *Eltham Lodge A Unique Restoration Building* (Club House of the Royal Blackheath Golf Club Impress 2021)

Elizabeth A Loving on editing *Pearl's Diary 1906-1930 The life and times of Pearl, Lady Montagu of Beaulieu* (Beaulieu Enterprises Limited 2017)

William Facey on the recent publication of the first-ever biography of Charles Huber, amongst the foremost 19th-century explorers of Arabia. This new and fully annotated translation of his travels (1880-81) can be obtained at: wfacey@medinapublishing.com
He has also written a biographical introduction to Geraldine Rendel's *Across Arabia, Three Weeks in 1937* (Arabian Publishing London 2021)



Ghalib Salah Al-Quaiti on his graduation from Hadhramaut University in 2021 with his father, the Vice Chairman

Michael John Gifford HMA Kazakhstan on being awarded an OBE in the New Year Honours list 2022

Angus McDowall on David McDowall's (his father) updated seminal work *A Modern History of the Kurds* (Fourth Edition IB Taurus)

Raziff Al-Junied on his appointment as Singaporean Consul-General in Dubai

Clara Rachel Eybalin Casséus on her recent book *Une Caraïbe Décoloniale – Ressusciter Les Ancêtres à Travers La Langue* (Editions Universitaires Europeeennes 2022)
https://www.omniscriptum.com/author-biography/clara-rachel-eybalin-casseus/

Dr Razia Sultanova on her forthcoming publication *Modern Afghanistan: Surviving War, Occupation and the Taliban* (Pen & Sword Books Ltd 2022)

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Audrey Allfree has moved from London to Wiltshire: "I met Philip my husband (author of *Hawks of the Hadhramaut*) in March 1963 on the P&O Himalaya. He was returning to Aden after 3 months leave with his brother in the Blue Mountains and I was going to UK".

Michel Mouton has retired as Director of the *Institut Francais de Proche-Orient* in Beirut

The **Leila Ingrams** Memorial Webinar *Covid-19 and Higher Education in Palestine* was hosted in March 2021 by the Friends of Birzeit University to commemorate the Doreen and Leila Ingrams Scholarship Fund, established in 2004 to support women with special educational needs studying at Birzeit University, Palestine. It was heartwarming to see several FOH attend: T Petouris, E Ingrams, P & S Ingrams, S al-Qu'aiti, A Ingrams, H Strouts, J Brown, J Taylor, A Allfree, P Hughes-Smith, C Gordon and Lord Green of Deddington

Mrs. A Hydes, having found our details in a Muslim Directory in her local library in Barnsley, South Yorkshire, called the registered office to verify the existence of FOH! Thanks to Fatima al-Qu'aiti's swift response, she promptly sent a donation in Ramadan. Such are the serendipitous encounters which FOH engenders

Ambassador **Ron Neumann** participated in the annual *American Academy of Diplomacy* speaking event at Texas Tech University

An old Kuwaiti banknote found by **Andrea Hess** in her chalet in the Bavarian Alps was sent to our sole Kuwaiti FOH **Alison Shan Price** MBE who very kindly exchanged it at the Central Bank and remitted the equivalent in sterling to our account. Such gestures are very touching and attest to the goodwill that lies in the hearts of our loyal supporters

Nabeel Qureshi relocated from Cambridge, UK to Honolulu in 2021

Nael Islam has started an e-commerce business selling Moroccan handicrafts: www.alifzainmorocco.com

Ambassador Mark Hambley continues to be a trustee of *The New Century Foundation*

A new book *South Yemen's Independence Struggle: Generations of Resistance* https://aucpress.com/product/south-yemens-independence-struggle/ was published in 2021. It is based on Anne-Linda Amira Augustin's PhD dissertation

Jonathan Addleton has just completed his first year as Rector/President of Forman Christian College University, Lahore, Pakistan

Stewart and **Sandra Hawkins** are faring well in France and remember FOH with fondness

Pia Kanaan has moved on from Guildford High School for Girls to a small school in Rougemont (Vaud)

In Mukalla, the **Prince Claus Fund** led a project to restore, reconstruct and renovate important cultural landmarks and sites that have been affected by the conflict along with a local partner, the **Daw'an Mud Brick Architecture Foundation**

We regret to announce the death of **Deborah Rose Luxmore Manley** on 24th January 2020, a founding member of ASTENE (The Association for the Study of Travel in Egypt and the Near East), who was always gracious regarding publicising FOH at ASTENE conferences

It is with sadness that we announce the death in Jeddah in August 2021 of the **Emir of Dhala, Sha'fal bin 'Ali Shaif al-Amiri** at the age of 95. He ruled the Emirate in the former Western Aden Protectorate from 1954-1967

We regret to announce the death of **Don Foreman**, Secretary General of the International Monarchist League for ten years, on 13th August 2021, aged 73. He had attended our garden party in Kent in 2001 and included an article about us in the 1999 journal

Middle East Centre Archive, St Antony's College, Oxford. This Archive exists "with the aim of preserving and making available for research the papers and photographs of individuals who have lived or served in the Middle East". The already extensive collection includes material from the Yemen. Anyone who is wondering what to do with their old records/photographs should consider offering them to this archive. The link to the website is https://www.sant.ox.ac.uk/research-centres/middle-east-centre-archive
Ms. Debbie Usher, Archivist, Middle East Centre Archive, St Antony's College, Oxford OX2 6JF debbie.usher@sant.ox.ac.uk Tel: 01865 284706 Fax: 01865 274529

Dr Razia Sultanova is Chair, ICTM SG on Global History of Music; Editor-in-Chief, "Encyclopaedia of Music of the Turkic-speaking World" (in preparation); Research Fellow, Sarajevo University; Research Fellow, University College Cork; and Research Fellow, Cambridge Muslim College

Marjorie Ransom's unique collection of 40 Yemeni costumes and 300 pieces of jewelry has found a safe and prominent home in the Indiana University Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology in Bloomington, USA

Angeles Epinosa is leaving the Middle East after more than 30 years as a Correspondent for *El Pais*, but will keep in touch with the region writing articles as a contributor

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

We welcome comments, suggestions and contributions and reserve the right to edit any material submitted to: **hadhramaut@btinternet.com**

The password for reading newsletters on our website www.hadhramaut.co.uk is ***frankincense***

Corrigenda

The Euro € IBAN number on the back page of Newsletter 24 should read:
GB31NWBK60721262509578

The photo of Fflur Raw-Rees (Newsletter 24 page 3) was incorrectly captioned. It should read: Al-Hawtah Palace Hotel, Wadi Hadhramaut, January 2000

Baroj (Newsletter 24 page 2) to read *Barwaj*

9 new Friends joined in 2021 from Saudi Arabia, USA, Germany, Pakistan, Oman and UK

Comments on Newsletter 24

Kuwait:

What an interesting newsletter, congratulations on your outstanding work

Germany:

It is heartbreaking to see the conflict continue after so many years

Mit grossem Interesse habe ich den FOH newsletter gelesen

Such an amazing feat and wonderful work at a time when everything seems so bleak! So glad Salah's sons are continuing the good work… a testimony to the FOH network… you are making an impact locally, especially with the youth

Spain:

Hadhramaut deserves world attention as a cultural gem to be discovered by a larger audience

Albania:

An excellent newsletter… packed with so much information. Congratulations to all for the excellent job

France:

How much effort and time must have gone into an amazing newsletter

Congratulations on your complete report of the work FOH does, and on continuing efforts in the Hadhramaut under the most difficult conditions

Pakistan:

Congratulations. Excellent production… very diversified content, showcasing wonderful work being done for Hadhramaut

I must congratulate FOH on producing such a fascinating newsletter with such interesting information, news and articles. The details of the projects undertaken to bring relief to the people of Hadhramaut are very impressive; the funds raised being clearly well spent

Canada:

The newsletter was excellent… all efforts behind it are outstanding

USA:

Georgia: It's not a newsletter, it's a mini-book! The effort that goes into it beggars the mind… I was very impressed by the on-the-ground work you succeeded in organising and executing in Hadhramaut. Congratulations!

Washington DC: What an amazing newsletter

Virginia: A very impressive newsletter

Holland:

A fabulous newsletter… very interesting to read …full of so much good and inspiring news about what FOH does... beautifully presented

Norway:

You do fantastic things for the people. We are very impressed by the enthusiasm and commitment that FOH puts in for the good of the Hadhramis. Our problems in connection with the pandemic appear to be very trivial in relation to what a war-torn country is experiencing. There are bright spots in the newsletter as FOH is constantly carrying out projects for the greater benefit of the population

Sri Lanka:

What an amazing newsletter. Congratulations to all your members for their wonderful support and work for a very worthwhile charity project

Wales:

Most interesting reading…you have all accomplished such valuable work

It is always a pleasure to read the newsletter with its interesting content and report on members' various activities and the almost miraculous interest FOH has engendered worldwide

Surrey:

The most comprehensive newsletter

Well done… what an interesting newsletter... thrilled that you have extended FOH membership so far afield

Oxfordshire:

As always, the newsletter is outstandingly impressive. First with the good news of what FOH has been able to do this last year, but also alas of the huge mind boggling needs. How wonderful that Salah's sons are becoming involved and how really lovely that one of them is already a doctor. FOH could of course not have achieved so much without the amazing essential work that Salah has done. We must be ever very grateful to him

What a tour de force… an interesting newsletter. Salah is doing great work on the ground

We really admire the courage and tenacity of FOH in helping the people of Hadhramaut who are the victims of events over which they have no control

Kent:

A very informative newsletter telling a good story of solid progress in these difficult times… I wish you and your colleagues all the best in your work

London:

Splendid newsletter… congratulations on all the splendid work you do and for the funds you have raised

Very enjoyable… a vast amount of work must have gone into it

FOH is one of those organisations where one can be sure every penny one gives goes to its intended purpose and for the good of all Hadhramis without exceptions. May you be able to continue this work for years to come! The newsletter is remarkable for the wealth of information it contains

Dartmoor:

Utterly incredible, moving and wonderfully informative newsletter

Gloucestershire:

We read with great interest your amazingly detailed and comprehensive newsletter

Much enjoyed reading the newsletter

Fife:

Sincere congratulations for the very successful work FOH does… your last newsletter was a masterpiece and really inspired confidence in the way any funds raised are spent

Chester:

Such a worthwhile organisation

Tavistock:

Congratulations on a superb issue, so informative, detailed and positive in outlook…. Salah is to be admired and appreciated for what he and his wonderful sons have done and continue to do in the service of the people of Hadhramaut

Well done for all your efforts for the people of Hadhramaut

Leeds:

FOH is doing some phenomenal work

Somerset:

Bless you all at FOH for all that you have done and are doing in the Hadhramaut

Edinburgh:

I have (enjoyed) being a supporter and Friend of Hadhramaut for many years

Cambridge:

I offer my respect for all the good work you do in Hadhramaut

ARCHIVE ON HADHRAMAUT

We ask Friends to contribute short articles for this section

Anthony McLauchlan wrote to the Daily Telegraph in 2021 from East Sussex: "Over 60 years ago, as a serving RAF officer in Arabia, I worked with a variety of local units raised under the Raj: Aden Protectorate Levies, Federal National Guard, the Hadhrami Bedouin Legion - then all under British command, now long fallen into history".

Harub Mohammed al-Kharusi, whose lineage is firmly rooted in the Sultanate of Oman, has written a biography of his father, Mohammed bin Said bin Abdullah al-Kharusi, born in Zanzibar, based on their close relationship. Harub is the seventh child amongst fifteen siblings. In chapter 3, he discusses his father's work as Governor of Hajr province (*liwa*) and then Shibam province in Hadhramaut where he served for 22 years until his departure in 1960. ***Abui, A Journey Across Oman, Yemen and Zanzibar 1903-1977*** (published by Mazoon, Sultanate of Oman: www.mazoonprinting.com)

Photographic Exhibition at the Royal Geographic Society, London September 2021

YEMEN

Wadi Du'an, Yemen

Dame Freya Madeline Stark (1893 – 1993)
1935, S0000529

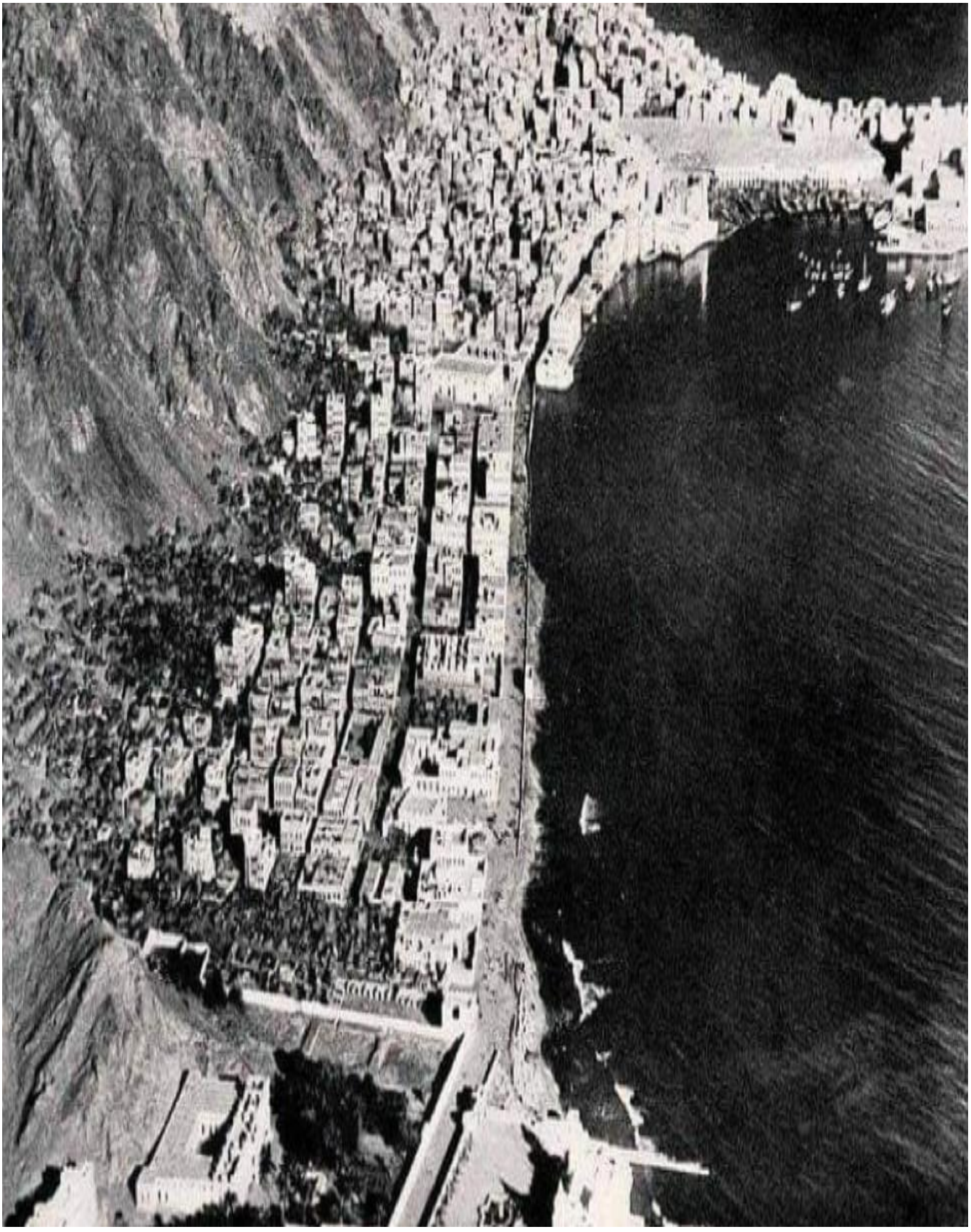
As a travel writer, in the 1930s Stark was one of the first Europeans to explore the hinterland of Southern Arabia and Western Iran. She spoke fluent Arabic and Persian and was also notable for her skills as a cartographer and photographer. In 1934 she travelled for two months in the Hadhramaut, seeking the ancient city of Shabwa, mentioned by Pliny as a city with sixty temples and capital of the Land of Frankincense. Stark was the first European woman to record an intimate portrait of the people and landscape. In 1937 she began a major archaeological exploration of the Hadhramaut, this time travelling with archaeologist Gertrude Caton-Thompson.



A photograph of a calcite stone pillar (dating from 658 Himyari calendar) found in the Hadhramaut stating that King Abraha had visited the Hadhramaut to quell a rebellion, claiming to be the ruler of Ethiopia, Sabaa, Dhu Reidan, Hadhramaut and Yumnat.

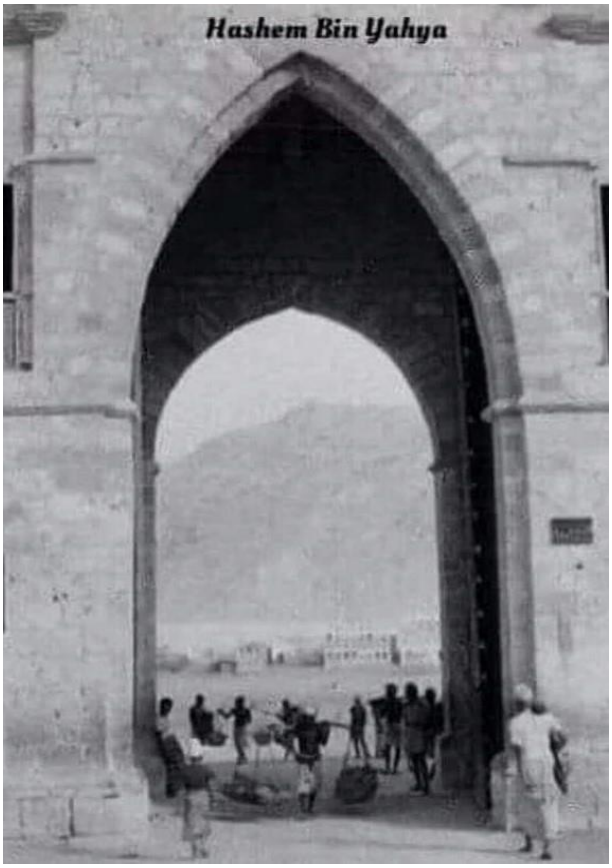


Mukalla From the Air 1932

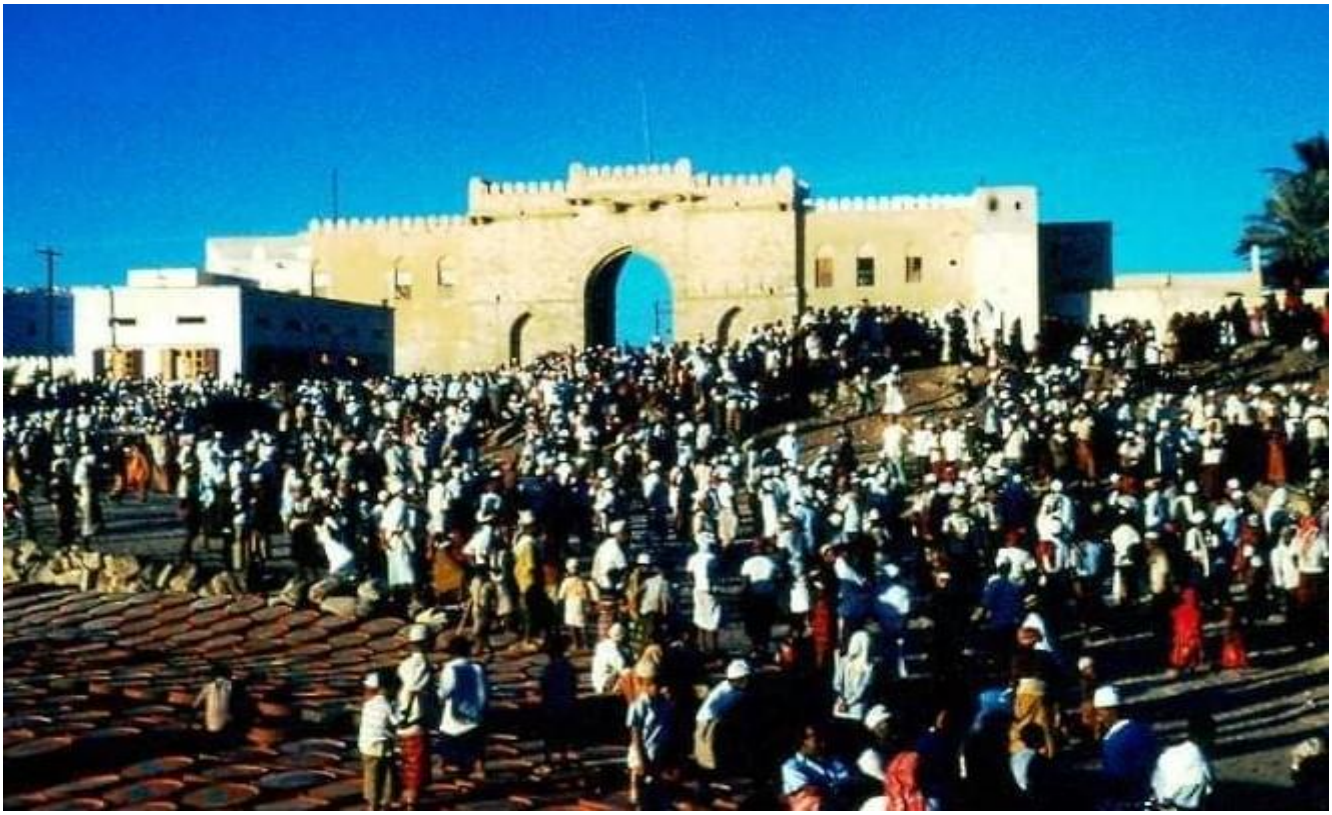


Various Photographs of the Mukalla Gateway Built Circa 1921

This historic gateway, built during the reign of Sultan Ghalib bin Awadh al-Quaiti I (1911-1926), was sadly destroyed shortly after the takeover by the NLF towards the end of 1967 when Salim Ali al-Kindi became governor of Mukalla. In 1938 Alan Villiers wrote: "The camel park by the West Gate of Mukalla was always full of life, with camels from the interior bringing their burdens and waiting for new ones".









The Tomb of Sheikha Sultana Bint Ali

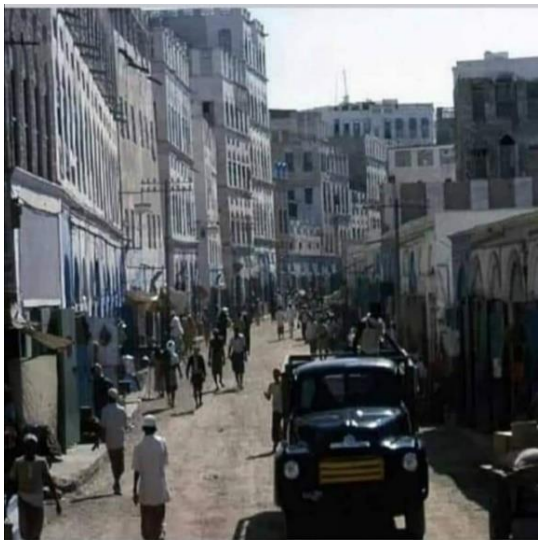
One of the most famous women in the history of Hadhramaut is the mystic Sheikha Sultana bint Ali. She lived in the city of Hawta near Bor where she practised and taught the sciences of sufism from a very young age, according to the historian Muhammed bin Ahmed al-Shatri. She also wrote poetry, much of which is sung in Hadhramaut today. Sheikha Sultana established her own *ribaat* (hospice/sufi lodge) which survived for some time after her death.

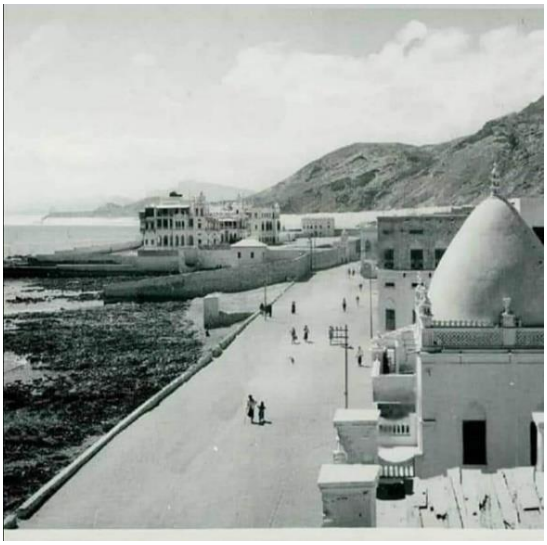




Kaleidoscope on al-Mukalla











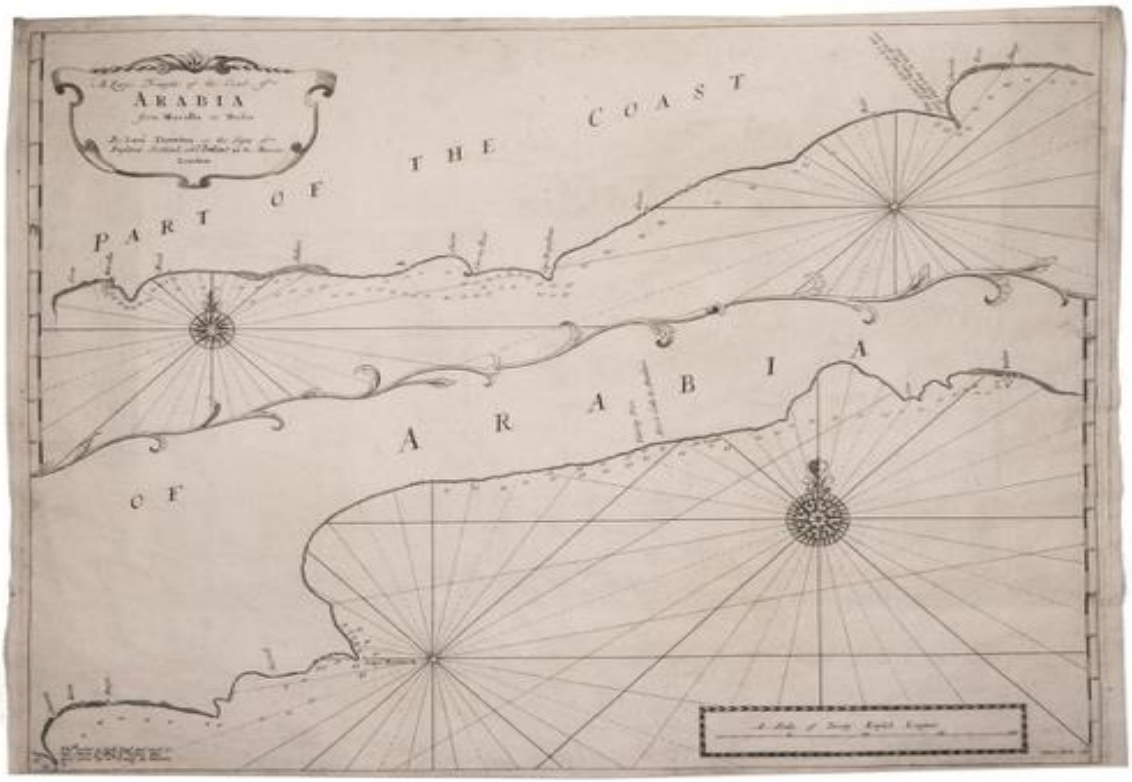






Sea chart of the coast of the Arabian Peninsula

Image courtesy of Forum Rare Books, 't Goy-Houten, The Netherlands



THORNTON, John & Samuel.
A large draught of the coast of Arabia from Maculla to Dofar. London, William Mount and Thomas Page, [1734]. Chart engraved by Sutton Nicholls, with the title in cartouche at the head left, a compass rose at the right, and a scale bar below. On one sheet of laid paper (44 x 54 cm).

ITEMS FOR SALE

The items listed below are for sale from the FOH registered address

Mick Walton has donated copies of *Sir Richard Burton and his Circle* at **£10** each, the proceeds of which he will donate to FOH: mickwalton@libero.it

Copies of *Hadhramaut and its Diaspora: Yemeni Politics, Identity and Migration* (ed. Dr. Noel Brehony) at **£25** each

David Grainger has donated 3 sets of *The Geologic Evolution of Saudi Arabia, A Voyage Through Space and Time* to FOH at **£50** per set (published Saudi Geological Survey 2007)

English bone china mugs with FOH logo at **£10** each or **£18** for **2**



A metal/enamel lapel badge produced by Thomas Fattorini Ltd and designed by Owain Raw-Rees at
£5 each



FOH ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Our audited accounts and official returns (as required by UK law) are prepared by the Treasurer and presented to the Charity Commissioner online by our Corresponding Secretary Fatima Al-Qu'aiti, after an Independent Examination by Geoff Calvert OBE. The accounts may be inspected on the Charity Commissioner's website: **www.charitycommission.gov.uk**

GIFT AID

Gift Aid is extremely valuable to FOH and may be claimed only on unencumbered donations upon which the donor has paid UK Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the amount of Gift Aid claimed in the relevant tax year.

WANTED

We are looking for a **Local Coordinator** in **Australia** and **India**.

We have lost touch with valued FOH **Barbara Birtles** (21.8.97) from Offerton, Stockport UK & **Marisa Wilson** (15.4.97) from USA. Would anyone know of their whereabouts?



CONTACT DETAILS

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(The telephone is not always attended; messages may be left and are dealt with regularly)

Email: hadhramaut@btinternet.com

Website: www.hadhramaut.co.uk

Facebook: https://m.facebook.com/FriendsofHadhramaut/

Please make all cheques payable to "Friends of Hadhramaut"

Sterling Account

NatWest Plc 22 George Street, Richmond, Surrey TW9 1JW UK

Sort Code: 60-07-20 Account Number: 11723971

IBAN: GB37NWBK60072011723971 BIC: NWBK GB 2L

Life Subscription: £25

Euro Account

NatWest Plc Bedford Square, Tavistock, Devon PL19 0AQ UK

Sort Code: 60-21-49 Account Number: 62509578

IBAN: GB31NWBK60721262509578 BIC: NWBKGB2L

Life Subscription: €30

FRIENDS OF HADHRAMAUT
Registered Charity No. 1062560

Sterling Income and Expenditure 2021

INCOME

Brought forward from 2020	56,232.51
Subscriptions	200.00
Donations	35,390.55
Reimbursement of funds	60,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	**151,823.06**

EXPENDITURE

Administration

Stationery	365.44
Printing and Photocopying	1,029.95
Postage	208.00
Phone calls	203.00
Transportation	548.00
Arab Network Singapore	400.00
Web Domain	391.00
Misdirected transfer of funds	60,034.50
Transfers to YR (Vice-Chairman's Account)	87,042.50
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**150,222.39**

INCOME LESS EXPENDITURE: Balance at 31.12.2021 **1,600.67**

SULTANA FS AL-QUAITI

Sultana FSal-Quaiti

TREASURER

FRIENDS OF HADHRAMAUT

YEMENI RIYAL INCOME & EXPENDITURE 2021

INCOME

Brought forward from 2020	20,173,073
Transfers from Sterling account	17,699,000
Donations in Hadhramaut	2,340,000
TOTAL INCOME	**40,212,073**

EXPENDITURE

Administration:

Phone calls	310,000
Transportation	2,340,000
Payment for services	55,000
	2,705,000

Aid & Donations:

Sports/Youth Club Al-Qatn	837,750
Repair of road in Ruqib village	150,000
Medical equipment to clinics in Ruqib and Harshiyat	90,000
Al-Qatn Hospital	216,000
Food, medical and educational aid	5,373,800
	9,372,550
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**9,372,550**
INCOME LESS EXPENDITURE	**30,839,523**
Balance with Messrs Al-Umqi (local banker) 31.12.2021	30,839,523

Sultana F S al-Quaiti

Sultana FS al-Quaiti

(Treasurer)

FRIENDS OF HADHRAMAUT
Registered Charity No. 1062560

EURO ACCOUNT 2021

INCOME

Brought forward from 2020	8029.39
Donations	1925.00
TOTAL INCOME	**9954.39**

EXPENDITURE

None	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**0.00**

INCOME LESS EXPENDITURE: Balance at 31.12.2021	**9954.39**
Made up of Balance in NatWest Bank, Tavistock	**9954.39**

SULTANA FS AL-QUAITI MBE

TREASURER

Independent Examiner's Report on the accounts of The Friends of Hadhramaut (Registered Charity Number 1062560) for the year to 31st December 2021

I, Geoff Calvert of Garden Flat, 16 Bolton Gardens, London SW5 OAJ, confirm that I have examined the accounts of The Friends of Hadhramaut for the year ending 31st December 2021 under Section 43 of the 1993 Act and in accordance with the general direction by the Charity Commissioners. I examined the Sterling, Euro and Yemeni Rial accounts.

The preparation of the charity's accounts is the responsibility of the Trustees. They have asked me to conduct an independent examination and the accounts will not be audited, as is appropriate for a charity of this size. I confirm the accounts have been prepared by the Trustees on a receipts and payments basis and have no reason to doubt their accuracy.

I am qualified to be the Independent Examiner of the charity after a career in financial services.

G Calvert

Geoff Calvert OBE

6th October 2022

FRIENDS OF HADHRAMAUT

England & Wales - Charity number 1062560

Accounts

FRIENDS OF HADHRAMAUT

Patrons John Harding, John Ducker, Patricia Ducker
Chairman Saleh bin Ghalib al-Qu'aiti
Vice-Chairman Salah Mohammad al-Qu'aiti
Adviser Brian A. Fyfield-Shayler
Treasurer Sultana al-Qu'aiti

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NUMBER 24 **NEWSLETTER** **JANUARY 2021**

Please inform us if your postal/email address has changed

FOH COVID-19 APPEAL AUGUST 2020

TOTAL SUM RAISED £19,325.88



A deserted street in al-Shihr during the Coronavirus lockdown

The very first case of Covid-19 in Yemen was confirmed on **April 10th 2020** in the al-Tayser Hospital in the coastal town of al-Shihr in the south-eastern Governorate of Hadhramaut. Authorities scrambled to contain the spread in this historic port where the 60-year old man worked and which was immediately sealed off. A 12-hour nightly curfew was imposed. The lockdown caused great panic in the city and some hospitals received patients suffering from psychological problems. An awareness campaign was launched to educate people about how to prevent the spread of the disease. Cars with loudspeakers roamed around the city telling people about the importance of social distancing, washing hands and other precautions. The neighbouring regions of Mahra and Shabwa closed their borders with Hadhramaut. On April 29th, the first 2 deaths from Covid-19 were reported in al-Mansurah, Aden. Oxfam said it was a "devastating blow" and the International Rescue Committee called it a "nightmare scenario". The whole of Yemen is suffering the world's worst humanitarian crisis and millions are reliant on food aid. Hadhramaut was bracing for yet another battle. Even keeping safe with clean water and soap is a luxury. UN Humanitarian Coordinator Lise Grande said the effect of the virus in Yemen would be catastrophic: "For weeks we have heard this, and now it has happened. After six years of war, people across the country have some of the lowest levels of immunity and highest levels of acute vulnerability in the world". Xavier Joubert, Director of Save the Children

in Yemen said it was a critical situation: "Yemen is critically under-equipped to face this virus". The Hadhramaut Governor Major-General Faraj al-Bahsani urged residents to comply with the measures and stay indoors as much as possible. Testing facilities are almost non-existent, although WHO has stated it will help in providing medical supplies, testing kits, ventilators and training to Yemen's health services.

Hadhramaut braced itself for yet another battle; even keeping protected with clean water and soap was a luxury for the majority of approximately 3 million people. The Governor of Hadhramaut urged all residents to comply with the measures and to stay indoors as much as possible. WHO stated it would help in providing medical supplies, testing kits, ventilators and training for Yemen's health professionals but due to the current situation, little of this equipment found its way to Hadhramaut. Our man on the ground Salah al-Qu'aiti was approached by the local authority in al-Qatn to assist Al-Hayah hospital in Baroj, Wadi Hadhramaut with a list of urgent requirements, supplied by the director Dr. Adel bin Suweid. This previously unused military hospital was opened and prepared by the Ministry of Public Health (al-Wadi & al-Sahra) to receive and isolate Covid-19 patients from outlying areas and towns; equipped with a radiography department, laboratory, pharmacy and ICU units and employing 124 staff which included a large number of health professionals. We at FOH urge you to come forward and donate so we can help sustain families who have been affected by this pandemic and have lost loved ones.

Can a Friend help us find an international donor or organisation that would be willing to purchase the items listed below for al-Hayah Hospital.

1. **Siemens/Philips CT Scan 32 Slices**: approx. **£175,000**.
2. **Doppler Ultrasound**: approx. **£28,000**.
3. **Cobas 411 Diagnostic Machine**: approx. **£38,000**.

The following items were purchased locally by Salah for the hospital:

Numerous Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Units.

15 Oxygen Cylinders.

2 Nebulisers.

2 Syringe Pumps @ **£800** each.

2 Infusion Pumps @ **£872** each.

3 Disinfectant Sprayer Machines.

Water, juices, biscuits, food items, bleach and various disinfectants were provided for patients, staff and workers.

We would like to thank Dr. Muhammad Salah al-Qu'aiti, for his assistance with our appeal: **00967-711229629**

Message from Director of al-Hayah Hospital

"FOH supplied hospital needs, protective gear and food to al-Hayah Hospital for Covid-19 cases in the town of al-Qatn on 17th August 2020. The Vice Chairman clarified that this support came in response to an urgent appeal launched by the hospital last month for equipment and the need to support patients and medical staff on the front lines during their shifts and isolation periods within the hospital. The support included 40-litre oxygen tanks with heads, pumps, pulsometers, thermometers, a number of urgent medical supplies and personal protective gear**.** The appeal also included beverages and food items. Dr. Adel bin Suwaid (General Manager) praised the support and help of FOH Great Britain in different fields and projects throughout the last years at the town and governorate level. It is a notable effort and has the full support and appreciation of the authorities and society; thanking the charity and all its representatives and those involved for this generous support".

جمعية أصدقاء حضرموت بريطانيا تقدم مستلزمات طبية ووقائية ومواد غذائية لمستشفى الحياة للعزل العلاجي

قدمت جمعية أصدقاء حضرموت بريطانيا مستلزمات طبية ووقائية ومواد غذائية لمستشفى الحياة العام للعزل العلاجي لحالات كوفيد 19 بمديرية القطن محافظة حضرموت الاثنين 17/8/2020م.

واوضح نائب رئيس الجمعية وعضو مجلس الأمناء صلاح محمد صلاح القعيطي أن هذا الدعم يأتي استجابة للمناشدة العاجلة التي اطلقتها المستشفى الشهر الماضي بحاجة المستشفى لبعض المواد والمستلزمات الطبية والمواد الغذائية لدعم المرضى والكادر الصحي بالخطوط الأمامية خلال فترات المناوبة والحجر الصحي لهم داخل المستشفى مشيراً بأن الدعم شمل توفير 5 أسطوانات اكسجين سعة 40 لتر مع رؤوسها وأجهزة ضخ الأكسجين وقياس النبض والحرارة اضافة إلى عدد من المستلزمات الطبية الضرورية وأدوات ووسائل الحماية الشخصية، كما شمل الدعم مواد غذائية من عصائر وحليب ومياه الشرب الصحية.

من جانبه أشاد الدكتور عادل جمعان بن سويد مدير عام مستشفى الحياة بدعم واسهامات جمعية اصدقاء حضرموت ببريطانيا في مختلف القطاعات والمشاريع خلال السنوات الماضية على مستوى المديرية والمحافظة أو خارجها وهو دور ملموس ويحظى بتقدير السلطة والمجتمع شاكراً الجمعية والقائمين عليها ممثلاً برئيسها الأمير صالح بن غالب القعيطي نجل السلطان غالب بن عوض ومجلس الامناء على هذا الدعم السخي.

https://www.facebook.com/111914917254518/posts/1359081848551911/

FOH Trustee Fflur Raw-Rees, whose heart is in the Hadhramaut**,** set up a **Total Giving** page, entirely on her own initiative, which raised the very successful sum of **£2,000** towards our Covid-19 appeal.



Fflur Raw-Rees as a young girl in Kheila, Wadi Laisar, a tributary of Wadi Duan (2000)

CORONA DIARY MISCELLANY

MAY 25th: Officials have reported 42 deaths but the real numbers are hard to establish due to the country's extremely limited testing capacity. Medical staff are refusing to go to work for lack of proper personal equipment. As a result of the war, the country's malnourished population has

among the world's lowest immunity levels. The Operations Manager for *Médicins Sans Frontières*, which runs the only dedicated Coronavirus facility in the South, says that they are overwhelmed. UN calls for a ceasefire during the pandemic have largely been ignored.

MAY 26th: Yesterday Mukalla had over 20 deaths reported and regrettably there were no contingency plans by the authorities nor facilities for checking on the inhabitants. The people do not adhere to the simplest of the rules. There is no social distancing. The streets and shops are always crowded. The population has no way to understand the seriousness of the pandemic. The authorities need to educate the people as well as provide protective equipment and all the necessary requirements for clinics and hospitals.

JUNE 1st: At the 2020 Donor's Conference for Yemen held in Riyadh on 2nd June, Dr. Basil Abdullah Bawazir described the humanitarian situation as "one of the gravest in modern history". Around 80% of the population do not have direct access to food, clean water, shelter and health care services. The humanitarian situation has exacerbated because of the uncertain political conditions. Power outages are frequent because of attacks targeting infrastructure.

JUNE 18th: Calls for drastic action as Coronavirus infections reach one million. Experts say official accounts are concealing the true impact of the pandemic, as many self-medicate in order to avoid crowded and understaffed medical facilities. Other reasons that explain why people are delaying seeking treatment include fear of stigma, concerns about safety and the perceived risks of seeking care. Health officials said that despite the high mortality rate among Coronavirus patients, many people still disputed the existence of the virus in the country. Unfortunately, daily deaths that filled graveyards could not convince people about the importance of social distancing. Many citizens are simply not taking the warnings seriously.

JUNE 21st: Seiyun Airport started receiving passengers repatriated from Amman and Cairo amid heavy safety procedures as did Riyan airport, Mukalla from the UAE. Others stranded in Oman travelled overland to Mahra and Hadhramaut.

JULY 25th: Due to severe flooding in Shibam, the oldest metropolis in the world to use vertical construction, many families, already faced with lack of clean drinking water and medication, were forced out of their homes, seeking refuge with neighbours and relatives. Shibam has been deprived of any form of maintenance since the beginning of the war. Ordinary Hadhramis wonder if they are faced with the choice of dying from Covid-19 or from starvation. Remittances, the main source of income for decades, have dropped by 70%.

NOVEMBER 8th: Health authorities have closed a major quarantine centre in Mukalla due to the sharp decline in cases. The national committee has however ordered health facilities across Yemen to prepare for a second wave of the virus as winter approaches. Sadly, people across the country have largely abandoned health coronavirus guidelines and continue to attend large gatherings such as weddings, Friday prayers and funerals.

NOVEMBER 20th: UN Secretary General stated that "Yemen is now in imminent danger of the worst famine the world has seen for decades". In the absence of action, millions of lives may be lost.

DECEMBER 2nd: WHO announced that it was cutting support to thousands of health workers and health facilities across the country, which has threatened to further aggravate the country's humanitarian crisis. Dozens of health workers at UN-funded facilities have been laid off, forcing many patients to travel hundreds of miles to get treatment.

JANUARY 1st 2021: Local and international health bodies are trying to fight a cholera outbreak in Hadhramaut by launching an emergency vaccination campaign.

COVID-19 APPEAL THANKS FOR SPREADING THE WORD

Pia Kanaan, Khadijah al-Attas, Dr. Ian Walker, Dr. Hanne Schoenig, Dania Zahid, Yumna Zain, Jose-Marie Bel, Alexa Sascha-Lewin, Bradley Rister, Fflur Raw-Rees, Maija Calvert, Mumtaz & Sabahat Khan, Fatima al-Qu'aiti, Alex Ingrams, Samaan Rahman.

We apologise for the quality of these photographs taken by ordinary phone cameras.





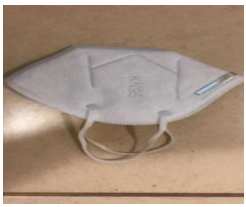












COMPLETED PROJECTS

Sports, Youth and Culture Club, al-Qatn, Wadi Hadhramaut



Painting and Marking Volleyball/Handball Ground



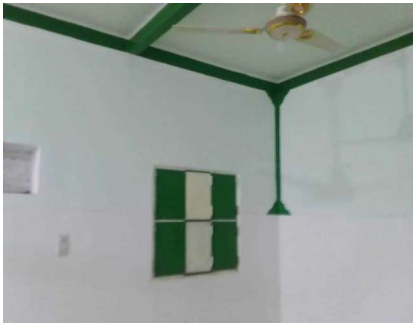








The **3** rooms below will be used by the club's administration for holding meetings, exhibitions, tournaments, competitions and for hosting visiting teams from outside al-Qatn.











5 toilets have been completed with full sewerage.





A purpose-built cafeteria is now ready for use, where a television will be installed with suitable seating to allow members to watch international matches and hold festivals, exhibitions and displays.





Madrassah al-Iradah for the Hearing and Speech Impaired, al-Qatn



Please watch this video showing the construction of the shelter:
http://hadhramaut.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/VID-20191215-WA0010.mp4









Shelter roof with view of al-Qatn

al-Qatn Hospital, Wadi Hadhramaut

Mosquito netting was installed in all the windows of the Midwifery Department and **14** maternity mattresses were covered with washable protective material.

Markaz Re'ayat wa Ta'heel Atfaal al-Tawahud, The Centre for Care and Rehabilitation of Autistic Children, al-Shihr

This autism centre was provided with games, learning cards, puzzles and educational equipment.






Smart Speech
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Thank You
Thank You





Al-Tumooh al-Nahedh, The Society for Rising Endeavour and Aspiration, al-Shihr

This special needs centre was provided with games, learning cards, puzzles and educational equipment. Some mothers were provided with locally made comfortable chairs for use at home.













School Supplies

50 pupils from poor families have been helped with uniforms, shoes and stationery throughout Wadi Hadhramaut and the coastal areas.

Al-Zahra School for Girls, al-Qatn

FOH paid for printing text books for this school.

Food and Dry Goods

80 poor families in al-Qatn, **40** in Mukalla, **20** in al-Shihr, **10** in Ghail Bawazir and **2** families (with 15 members each) in Tubala have been helped with food supplies including flour, rice, sugar, milk, tuna cans, tomatoes, pasta and oil especially during Ramadan. The family of our late master-builder Karamah Obeid was also helped.

Medical Aid

Medical aid was distributed to more than **200** poor families in Wadi Hadhramaut and along the coastal areas in the form of medicines and financial aid towards surgeries for children and the elderly. **4** wheelchairs were donated to the physically impaired.

PENDING PROJECTS

Sports, Youth and Culture Club, al-Qatn, Wadi Hadhramaut

We are hoping to construct a fully equipped gymnasium for body building, fitness and exercise to encourage youth towards a healthy lifestyle.

FONDATION BERFRED DONATION

We remain utterly speechless and immensely grateful for the munificent donation of **£15,400** from the Berfred Foundation in Geneva in December 2019, followed by a further magnanimous sum of **£16,555** in September 2020. Although the actual donor wishes to remain anonymous, we were able to thank him, albeit inadequately, through the good offices of the Foundation. FOH was brought to the donor's attention through the kind recommendation of Dr. Miranda Morris who alerted him to our past and current projects. The donor stated: "You and your team do admirable work in a desperate situation… I know you will put it to good use for the relief of the people of Hadhramaut". FOH feel extremely humbled to be deemed worthy recipients of such bountiful donations and the people of Hadhramaut owe the donor an enormous debt of gratitude.

With the acquiescence of the donor, it is hoped that an ICU facility at Ibn Sina Hospital, al-Mukalla be equipped to save lives of patients with severe life-threatening illnesses and injuries and for post-operative care. Many patients would be cared for and given treatment if this facility was funded and installed with the purchase of the following items:
1 Anaesthesia Machine £8,000; 5 Mobile Surgical Suction Units @ £170 each; 1 Electro-surgical Unit £1,500; 6 Patient Monitors @ £900 each; 1 Operating Table £3,000; 1 Ventilator Modal £18,000.

BEQUEST FROM JOHN ROWLAND SYDENHAM FURNIVALL ADY

John Ady (FOH 1.12.98) was a committed, generous and ardent supporter of FOH throughout his 21-year association. I first met him in 1978 in Jeddah where he was very much involved in running the Saudi Arabian Natural History Society, of which he was a leading beacon. He always greeted us with that charming courtesy which was his hallmark. His understated, modest manner, always accompanied by his ineffable, shy smile will be sorely missed.

John was a loyal and avid reader of our newsletter and although unable to attend fundraising events due to poor health, we would always enjoy an annual chat over the telephone. He referred touchingly to the "warm inclusiveness" which knits the Friends together and would always ask the most pertinent questions relating to our work, donating year in year out and setting up a standing order a few years before his death on 15th October 2019.



When I last spoke to John in September 2019, he sounded frail and tired and mentioned casually that he had remembered FOH in his will. I promised that I would visit him in Cambridge in 2020, where he lived in retirement and from where he had graduated but alas, it was not to be. He had no close family and left his entire estate to charity. Imagine my sheer surprise and speechless gratitude when I received a letter from his solicitor in December 2020, announcing his marvelous legacy of **£18,000** to FOH. This is the largest bequest ever received in the history of the charity. We have no words to thank him posthumously on behalf of the people of Hadhramaut. We hope to find a suitable, commemorative project that may be completed in his name. We feel utterly humbled and indebted to his dear memory for having indeed remembered us in his will with the utmost awe-inspiring magnanimity. Thank you John from the bottom of our hearts. May your soul rest in peace and may your ultimate reward be in heaven. RIP

David Grainger (FOH 19.1.98) adds: John was a fine, decent and lovely man. I admired his knowledge of Saudi Arabia and his interest in all things pertaining to the natural world. He was one of a band of "drivers" (including Ann and myself) who enabled the internationally acclaimed self-taught botanist Sheila Collenette to produce the definitive *Wildflowers of Saudi Arabia*. He gets a special mention in the Acknowledgements. John was a landscape architect by profession and for ten years served as a lecturer in the Department of Landscape Architecture and in the School of Environmental Design at King Abdul-Aziz University in Jeddah. He then moved to Riyadh where he worked for the National Commission for Wildlife Conservation and Development.

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LEGACIES AND WILLS

Those thinking about leaving a legacy to FOH can check our bona fides by consulting the website of the Charity Commission of England & Wales: **www.charitycommission.gov.uk**. We have been registered with the Commissioners under Charity Number 1062560 since May 1997.

If you are planning your will (or making additions to an existing one) we cannot over emphasise how grateful we, and the poorest people of Hadhramaut would be for a bequest from you. If there is a particular project you are interested in supporting, or specific terms and conditions you would like to make, please contact the treasurer at our registered address, or ask your solicitor to do so.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

Raya Abu Galal	Kim M. Broderick	Zeenut Ziad
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Peter Ratzer	Daphne Sanders	Alexis de Vivenot

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Abdullah, Zaida & Yumna Zain	Esah & Loren & Ashraf Razzaque	Alexa Sascha-Lewin & Bradley Rister
Robert Shipman	Seifeldin Usher	Robert Worth
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We would like to offer our profuse thanks to **two families in Saudi Arabia** who wish to remain anonymous; **Brigid** & **Philip Jacob** (Dublin); **Beverly** & **George Valentine** (Toronto); **Marianna Siebolds** (Germany); **Peter** & **Sandy Ingrams** (Kent); **Tempe** & **Robert Mansfield** (Surrey); **Peter** & **Eileen Crichton** (Leicestershire); **Samaan Rahman** (Singapore); **Shafik Rahman** (Yorkshire); **Noor Misbahuddin** (Essex); **Stewart J Hawkins** (France); **Caroline Dawnay** (London); **Owain** & **Helen Raw-Rees** (Ealing); **Zaki Farooq** (Surrey) and the **Zain family** (Surrey) for their truly generous donations.

Our heartfelt thanks to these Friends who continue to support us through standing orders: **Lady Bute, Lord Green of Deddington, J. Lush, E. Whitaker, C. Arnander, T. Petouris, S. H. Al-Juffali, Q Rappoport, P & S Ingrams** and **BA Fyfield-Shayler**. We hope other Friends will consider setting up standing orders to help our cause. Comment from a generous donor: Lovely to hear the funds are increasing and will no doubt have an impact, however small.

BRITISH-YEMENI SOCIETY COVID-19 MEETING JUNE 2020

Summary based on notes taken by the treasurer:
"A crisis on top of a crisis". Over 1 million have already contracted Covid-19. The whole country has 52 ICU oxygen intensive care unit machines. Cases as extreme as Malaria/Dengue fever are rejected for fear of carriers of Corona. Increase in prices is "frightening". Covid-19 patients are treated the same way HIV patients were treated in the early 80s. Very few people hold bank accounts so rely on remittances to feed their families. Currency fluctuation terrible. Heavy demand for medical equipment. No foreign currency to support exchange rate for YR. No sources of income for families. No salaries paid. Ramadan paused matters slightly/temporarily due to charitable nature of the month. Issues with humanitarian aid. UN agencies closing programmes and ending funding. WFP need to add self-hygiene products to their rations (there are no sanitisers nor hand-soaps). The extra disaster of Covid-19 seems to have captured the attention of people previously unaware of Yemen's plight. Health and politics are not unrelated. People have been starving for nearly 6 years.

- FOH participants: S & M al-Qu'aiti, J Taylor, N Brehony, R Wilson, P Hughes-Smith, A Allfree, J Mason, S Searight, D Bryer, T Petouris, J Firebrace, A Hirtzel, A Espinosa, C Gordon, D Sanders, J Franklin, J Sanders, M Morris.

CAMBRIDGE UNIV. YEMEN SOCIETY (CUYS) COVID-19 MEETING JULY 2020

Summary based on notes taken by the treasurer:
How can we talk about the exact number of deaths from Covid-19 when we can only speculate? Nobody knows how big the problem is. Political instability, lack of accountability and absence of transparency hinder any humanitarian and supportive initiative coming from outside the country.

Shouldn't we concentrate our efforts on marshaling our resources in getting medical support to the people in need rather than speaking about politics and alliances? To do humanitarian work effectively, we need to understand the political dynamics round the areas we are supporting. We must support international Yemeni charities who understand the culture, language and the political dialogue. How about sending money directly to charity workers to buy aid?
This is exactly what FOH has been doing over the years!

- FOH participants: F Stone, M Bahamdoun, J Sanders, J Courtenay, R Saville, S al-Qu'aiti.

CUYS CULTURAL HERITAGE MEETING AUGUST 2020

- FOH participants: R Wilson, M & S al-Qu'aiti, R Trounson, J Taylor, J Franklin, J Firebrace, J Sanders, B Carey, M G Hambley, M Morris.

NEWS OF THE CHAIRMAN

Saleh al-Qu'aiti, currently based in Jeddah, was pleased to receive Richard Oppenheim, the newly appointed British Ambassador to Yemen in January 2021. He would be happy to meet anyone passing through: salehbinghalib@hotmail.com

NEWS OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN

There are simply no words to express our gratitude to Salah al-Qu'aiti who has worked tirelessly for 24 years on our behalf on an entirely voluntary basis as our man on the ground; meticulously overseeing our projects; scrupulously managing your donations with every Yemeni Riyal accounted for; leaping into the fray fearlessly during the Corona crisis while selecting, purchasing and delivering items to hospitals, clinics and homes; visiting countless families with medical aid, food items and school supplies; settling bills and travelling long distances for the charity; all this in his usual matter of fact, conscientious, understated manner, operating always with a minimum of fuss.

He visited the Ba'amer family in May at their mud-brick house built by FOH in 2002-03 (See newsletter #8) in Adaan near Qaudha, Wadi Hadhramaut. The house appeared to be in good condition since its construction 18 years ago where he found the recently widowed mother and her 4 blind daughters Sabah, Safiyya, Afrah and Lubnan in good health. He gave them provisions for Ramadan and asked them to contact him for any medicinal or other needs.

Angeles Espinosa, a Dubai-based El Pais journalist contacted Salah regarding the Covid-19 situation, Hadhramaut's first taste in living memory of a curfew. Carolyn Perry Editor IASA Bulletin, contacted Salah in early 2021 regarding information relating to the Mukalla Museum.

Salah has groomed his two eldest sons to work on behalf of the charity, inculcating in them the same spirit of service to the community which he himself has practiced so nobly. Ali al-Qu'aiti helped his father a great deal with the Ramadan distribution of provisions and many other tasks. Salah was instrumental in helping Ali set up al-Mueen Laboratories inaugurated in May and a

brand new pharmacy in September 2020 in al-Qatn. His eldest son Dr. Muhammed al-Qu'aiti arranged medical check-ups and house to house calls and discounts for sick people during the pandemic and was congratulated by the local authority for "the medical initiative for the eradication of disease in the areas of al-Furt, Dhaba'an and Baroj". **Editor:** Any words of appreciation for these young Hadhrami boys would be much appreciated and passed on.

NEWS OF THE ADVISER

Brian was pleased to be able to attend the Charity Commissioners visit in September 2019. He travelled to Italy in the same month, meeting several *Amici* in Venice, Padua and Vicenza. He is sorry he can no longer be contacted by phone or by email, but welcomes communications by post: 5 Quant Park Tavistock PL19 OJQ. He would be more than happy to meet up with any FOH visiting the area.

NEWS OF THE TREASURER



Sultana was delighted to meet up with veteran FOH in Riyadh in February, Aisha (Virginia) Gray Henry-Blakemore (Kentucky) and Mary Donald (Philadelphia). Her article on FOH was published in the *Jemen-Report* thanks to Marie-Christine Heinze and W. Gaerte's excellent translation. She participated in a panel at the Lahore Literary Festival in February 2021.

Sultana used the long days under curfew to sift through Jim Ellis' letters to his family in Scotland and to Joanna Ellis from South Arabia (1951-1967). Joanna had bequeathed these precious letters to the Treasurer before her death in 2018. Sultana represented FOH at the online AGM of the DJG in August and at the Annual Public Meeting of the Charity Commission for England and Wales in October, hosted by Baroness Stowell.

In September 1998, veteran FOH Abdullah Zain from Croydon rang the bell of the registered office thinking he may find someone to help him locate the area whence his Hadhrami forebears migrated to South Africa, his curiosity aroused by the charity's name. There he met Sultan Ghalib al-Qu'aiti and eventually Salah al-Qu'aiti who took him to Ghurfa, his ancestral homeland in Wadi Hadhramaut. He and his family were overjoyed to meet their relations and their commitment and loyalty to FOH have been astonishing ever since.

Exactly 22 years later, a fortunate stroke of serendipity led Zaki Farooq from Kew Bridge to our Facebook page in similar hopes of discovering his own somewhat nebulous Hadhrami roots, and now he too has become a loyal supporter and hopes to learn where his ancestors hail from.

This must be one of the more moving anecdotes in our 23-year history, where Hadhramis in the UK diaspora have rediscovered the familial origins of their forefathers thanks to a UK registered charity which has nothing to do with Ancestry.com!

NEWS FROM NORWEGIAN BRANCH AND NEW LOCAL COORDINATORS

"If there is anything we can do for people in Hadhramaut, we would like to support them. This is a very difficult time around the world. May we all come together as citizens of one planet to help one another". So wrote Alexa and Brad in March 2020 as they were planning a trip all the way from California to Oslo, along with 80 other participants from all over the world. A week later, our hosts in Oslo, Sverre Driveklepp and Nina Kneppen along with the trustees decided to cancel this year's event due to the prevailing pandemic.

Sverre adds: Having been introduced to FOH in 2018 by Pius Fischer and attending the event in Bonn, we became very aware of the efforts and passion shown by FOH to the people in Hadhramaut. At Cressing Barns last year, we were invited to become the hosts of the 2020 event as well as Local Coordinators which we accepted with great honour and pride. Nina and I are enthusiastic globetrotters. We have not visited Hadhramaut yet but are eager to do so. Nina works in the local community looking after both the young and elderly. I have worked in the IT consulting industry for 35 years as CEO of 3 companies.

Pius Fischer writes from Montenegro: "We have no words to thank Sverre and Nina for all the time and trouble they took to organise our unique 2020 event which was to include an opera, a city-tour, a visit to one of the earliest Viking settlements and a dinner at the Grand Hotel, venue of the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony. We are offered an equally spectacular weekend in **May 2022** which we hope many of you will attend".

We are elated to have Sverre and Nina on board as our new Local Coordinators; thank you for your hard work and enthusiasm: sverre.driveklepp@gmail.com

NEWS FROM USA BRANCH AND NEW LOCAL COORDINATOR

We are delighted to welcome John Mulholland (FOH 23.12.97) from Alpharetta, Georgia as our first ever Local Coordinator in the USA. One of the very early FOH, he has graciously accepted to steer this important branch into a more cohesive group, given the vast geographical area our membership covers: Georgia, Maryland, California, Virginia, Texas, New York City, New York State, Massachusetts, Arizona, Kentucky, Utah, Illinois, Washington DC and Washington State.

John is originally from San Francisco and lived in the Arab world for over 2 decades. He obtained his Master's degree in Arabic Studies from Georgetown University and speaks fluent Italian, Spanish, Arabic and Portuguese. He is a past President of the American Businessmen of Jeddah, where he moved to in 1968, and a previous Board Chairman of the National Council on US-Arab Relations. He served as board member of Atlanta's Arab Cultural Centre, the Alif Institute. He has authored many articles on the Middle East and has spent a great deal of time fostering Arab/US relations through lectures and visits. In Jeddah, John came to know a large group of South Arabian exiles, including many Hadhramis. For the past 20 years he has worked in Latin America where FOH has yet to make inroads. He is married to a Florentine, Gabriella Pellegrini and they have 4 children: jmulholland45@aol.com

NEWS FROM NETHERLANDS BRANCH AND NEW LOCAL COORDINATOR

We are thrilled that Alex Ingrams (FOH 13.3.04) has agreed to serve as our first ever Local Coordinator in the Netherlands, where we have 5 FOH, the very first being the late Helene van der Meulen, widow of the renowned author Daniel van der Meulen. Alex is a cousin of our former patron Leila Ingrams. His parents, Peter and Sandy Ingrams, his aunt Rosalind Ingrams and his cousin Elizabeth Ingrams are all loyal supporters of the charity. Alex is married to Marian and has recently become a proud father to Rosanne.

Alex adds: I am delighted to become the LC for FOH, having visited Hadhramaut on several occasions with my cousin Leila, including a memorable visit to Wadi Hahramaut in 2003 when I enjoyed the hospitality of Salah al-Qu'aiti at his home in al-Qatn and saw many FOH projects on the ground. These visits left a deep impression on me. I later taught English in Aden and volunteered for the relief organization *Progressio* in 2005. I was a student of Middle Eastern Studies at Cambridge University and am currently Assistant Professor of Politics and Public Policy at Leiden University, residing in Utrecht: alex.ingrams@gmail.com

NEWS FROM ITALIAN BRANCH AND NEW LOCAL COORDINATOR

Our warmest congratulations to Mick Walton (FOH 7.10.19) for taking over as LC of this branch from Alessandro Sacchetti in August 2020. We are very grateful to Alessandro for all his efforts on behalf of the *Amici* and for having set up the branch with the help of Brian Fyfield-Shayler. We look forward to Mick leading the *Amici* into the next decades.

Message from Salah al-Qu'aiti: "Please thank Mick for donating the amazing sports equipment which I have already distributed. The 2 goalkeepers at the club are delighted with the football gloves which are very good quality. Thank you so much Mick! We are really grateful to you".

Mick adds: Born in Sheffield and educated at High Storrs Grammar School and Christ Church College, Canterbury, I moved to Italy in 1975 to teach English as a foreign language. Since then, I have taught in multi-national businesses, in universities and schools in Italy and Slovenia. I served as a local councillor in Pordenone, where I am now settled and co-founded the *Socialmente Utile Football Club* and the *Pordenone International Cricket Club*. I have carried out research into the life and work of Sir Richard Burton, organised a series of international conferences about him and written a book *Sir Richard Burton and His Circle*.

Thank you Mick for donating your fee for writing an introduction to *A Rough Knight for the Queen* (Meteor House) to FOH. Mick is inviting FOH to Torquay on 23rd October 2021 for a symposium on Sir Richard Burton, who was born there in 1821: mickwalton@libero.it

NEWS FROM GERMAN BRANCH

We are saddened to report the death of **Frau Helga Gaerte** on April 11th 2020. We extend our deep sympathy to her daughter Beatrice (FOH), her grandson Konstantin (FOH) and to our Local Coordinator Wolfgang Gaerte. On her 103rd birthday, exactly one month before her demise, she very generously and thoughtfully donated her *Ehrengabe* from the Oberbürgermeister in

Dusseldorf for the fourth year running to FOH, actually doubling the amount; a remarkable testament to her loyalty. She was following world news until the very end including the ongoing situation in Yemen.

The treasurer would like to thank Wolfgang Gaerte for translating and embellishing her article on FOH and Frau Heinze for including it in the annual journal of the Deutsche-Jemenitische Gesellschaft(DJG),*Jemen-Report*: https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=174817cbde&attid=0.1.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1688307186470340833&th=176e1270e94dc8e1&view=att&disp=inline. Sultana joined the LC, Ruth Hildebrandt and Dr. Hanne Schönig in the Zoom AGM of the DJG in August and noted the growing cooperation between the two societies. The DJG will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in Nuremberg on 7-8 May 2021: w.gaerte@yahoo.com

NEWS FROM FRENCH BRANCH

Our Local Coordinator Maija Calvert continues to support J-M Bel who promotes FOH at all levels throughout France. J-M Bel gave a lecture on Theodore Monod in Lourmarin in September, attended by FOH Dr. Willi Steul: maijacalvert@gmail.com



J-M Bel with Willi Steul

NEWS FROM SINGAPORE BRANCH

In December 2019, Anisah Aidid, who works at the Singapore Art Museum, and whose parents like her are FOH, accompanied a group of 40 Hadhrami ladies to Seiyun. She was impressed how "peaceful" Hadhramaut was in spite of the prevailing situation and was very pleased to visit the land of her forefathers including Aideed in Tarim where she hails from. The tiring and difficult part of her journey was the 18-hour bus drive from Seiyun to Salalah on very bad roads. The Arab Network in Singapore (President: Khadijah al-Attas; Vice-President FOH Farah Bahajaj: fabjajrp@gmail.com) which includes several FOH including Muhammed Bin Dohry launched a Covid-19 appeal for Hadhramaut in June which generated a lot of support, the result of which was air-freighting protective essentials and medicines to Mukalla, Seiyun and Tareem via Oman. Here is an interesting video about the Hadhrami community in Singapore: https://youtu.be/pTiUjh6kowI

NEWS FROM CANADIAN BRANCH

On July 11th, Sandy Cumas had planned a BBQ followed by a friendly baseball game at the Centennial Park in Montreal as the annual FOH fund-raiser which sadly had to be postponed. His sincere efforts in promoting FOH at all levels are much appreciated. We thank renowned epidemiologist **Dr. James Allan** for the selfless work he put in on the front lines in treating Corona patients at his hospital in Vaudreuil-Dorion, Quebec: firetexion@gmail.com

WANTED

We are looking for a Local Coordinator for Australia.

BILL HEBER-PERCY

Our deepest sympathy to Robin and Peter on the death of their father **Bill Heber-Percy OBE** (FOH 5.5.97) in Powys on August 2nd 2020. Bill was a founder member of the British-Yemeni Society in 1992. He served with distinction in Aden and the Western Aden Protectorate as a political officer with the Colonial Office. We are delighted that his daughter Robin has taken up his membership.

Our Patron John Harding writes: "Bill was an exceptional man both in public achievement and personal modesty. We had both served in the Welsh Guards and been members of two of John Ducker's memorable treks through Kyrgyzstan. One could not have had a more stalwart and selfless companion".

Alan D'Arcy recalls: "I first met Bill in Aden in 1961 when he was working in the Secretariat of the new Federal Government. He knew the Aden Protectorate particularly well as a political officer of long standing. As the Protectorates were short of Arabic-speaking officers and due to the impending departure of the British from the area, I volunteered my services to him and was sent to the Aulaqi Sultanate temporarily. Bill will be sadly missed".

Patricia Aithie remembers: It was after the inauguration of the BYS in 1993 that Charles and I first met Bill for lunch in Cardiff Bay. We were on our way to visit members of the local Yemeni community to see if they would help with an event featuring a visiting music group. Everyone made an extra effort, instinctively sensing Bills commitment to promoting all things Yemeni. He encouraged a Welsh-Yemeni Festival and an art exhibition 'Visions of Yemen' which was opened in the Norwegian Church by Rhodri Morgan, the First Minister of Wales. He was always convivial and courteous, a great listener, an astute motivator, and optimistic by nature. When he heard of Cardiff's community raising funds to send aid to Yemen, he immediately drove down from the hills where the 'Welsh Bedouin' live, with a bundle of clothes for the relief effort. Bill once said to us when in doubt 'carry on regardless', advice he had received early on in the formative years of his career in South Arabia. He occasionally used Arabic, loved pithy sayings, limericks and jokes and had an impish sense of humour, especially when it involved something mischievous. Following a visit to Soqotra in 2005 he raised funds to help improve the medical facilities on the island and brought a doctor to Liverpool University for further training. His endearing smile and infectious enthusiasm will be sadly missed.



Bill inspecting fishing nets at a village in Soqotra, 2005 (Credit Charles Aithie)

CONDOLENCES

In memory of **Oliver Miles** (See Newsletter #23) we would like to add a tribute from Sir Harold Walker: "I consider Oliver to have been the brightest and most energetic of my cohort of retired Diplomatic Service Arabists"

Our deepest sympathy to Dr Ingrid Galal and her family on the death of her mother **Frau Heckel** in Duisburg aged 95 in April 2019

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Trinidadian-born **Jocelyn Cecilia Orchard** (FOH 22.1.99), a loyal supporter of FOH, who died in Birmingham in August 2019. She was a specialist in the archaeology of the Ancient Near East and a unique figure in her field. In the 1960s, she assisted in the Department of Antiquities in Aden and it was while working with the British School of Archaeology in Iraq, that she met Jeffrey Orchard (d. 2016), then the Assistant Director. In 1980, they began their annual surveys of the *Hajar Oasis Towns* in Oman. Jocelyn was particularly intrigued, following from her keen interest in the archaeology of Yemen, by the possibility of structures buried in wadi sediments and in a greater understanding of the use of *aflaj* (groundwater-fed sub-surface to surface irrigation systems). All her efforts in her last days were focused on the successful creation and endowment of The Cecilia Orchard Research Trust

Our deepest sympathy to Rukhsana Rashid on the death of her husband **Siddiq Ali Khan** in Islamabad on 2nd November 2019 and to their son Mehryar Ali Khan



Col. Walter at the Great Wall of China

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Colonel Peter F. Walter MBE** (FOH 8.5.15) who died in Alderney, the Channel Islands in 2019. His widow Annabel writes: "… how much he enjoyed reading your newsletters"

Our deepest sympathy to Nina Kneppen (LC Norway) on the death of her father **Roar Kristoffersen** who died on his 77th birthday on 13th November 2019 in Oslo

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Lady Maureen Wilton**, wife of the late Sir John Wilton, former Deputy High Commissioner in Aden and HMA to Saudi Arabia (1966-67) who passed away in November 2019 in Chichester. Although not a subscribed FOH, her husband was very helpful in garnering support for the Sultanic Library in Mukalla

Our deepest sympathy to Virginia Wright and her family on the death of her beloved husband **Patrick, Lord Wright of Richmond** (FOH 3.11.00) on 6th March 2020. He served as HM Ambassador to Luxembourg, Syria, Saudi Arabia and was Permanent Under-Secretary of the Foreign Office for the last five years of his career in the Diplomatic Service. Our late Patron Joanna Ellis befriended the Wrights when they were all working at the British Embassy in Beirut in the 1950's. Patrick and Virginia attended her funeral in 2018 in Betchworth, being her oldest

friends in the congregation. Joanna loved staying with them at their home near Richmond Park. Friends may be interested in Lord Wright's memoir *Behind Diplomatic Lines: Relations with Ministers (2018)*

Our deepest sympathy to Zeenut Ziad on the death of her brother **Sahibzada Ajaz Anis** in Karachi on 21st March 2020

Our deepest sympathy to Humayra Khan and her family on the death of her husband **Fuad Nahdi** in London on 21st March 2020 (26 Rajab 1441H). Fuad was an extremely kind, compassionate and generous human being and will be remembered for his sharp intellect, innate good heart and wonderful sense of humour. After he founded Q News in 1992 for British Muslims, he gave FOH free advertising space in his newspaper for months on end throughout our early days when we wanted to reach out to the British Muslim community. We owe him a huge debt of gratitude

Our deepest sympathy to Angeles Espinosa on the death of her father **Gabino Espinosa Benito** who died in Burgos on 31st March 2020

Our deepest sympathy to Roger and Gail Partridge on the death in April in London of their friend **Hugh Saffery** who accompanied us to the Hadhramaut in 2005

Our deepest sympathy to Jiffreya and her family on the death of her husband **Husair Mahamoor** on 11th April 2020 in Croydon and gratitude for their continued support of FOH

Our deepest sympathy to Wolfgang (LC Germany) and Beatrice Gaerte on the death of their beloved mother **Frau Helga Gaerte** peacefully at home in Dusseldorf on 11th April aged 103. Please see News from German Branch

Our deepest sympathy to Yahya Stone in Chicago on the death of his mother **Ursula Stone (nee Koch)** on 11th April, 2020 aged 92 and to Mahmud Rasch in Germany. She was one of the first female lawyers to qualify in England, establishing a legal firm in Richmond, Surrey which still bears her name

Our deepest sympathy to Muhammad Bin-Dohry on the death of his elder brother **Salim Mbarak Bin-Dohry** on 19th May 2020 in Mukalla. Salim Bin-Dohry had worked with the Eastern Bank, Mukalla since 1962, then the National Commercial Bank and was appointed General Manager of the Central Bank of Yemen (Hadhramaut) until his retirement. He later set up the first branch of the International Bank of Yemen (Mukalla)

Our deepest sympathy to Salman Binladin, his wife Aisha and her mother Lyutha al-Mughairy on the death of his father-in-law **Miles Stoby** (Assistant UN Secretary-General) on 19th May 2020 in Muscat

Our deepest sympathy to Syed Hassan al-Attas, Imam of the Ba Alawi mosque in Singapore, on the death of his kinsmen **Syed Ali Al Mashoor bin Muhammed bin Salim bin Hafeedh** in Tarim on 26th May 2020 and **Syed Alawi bin Abu Bakr al-Haddad** in Makkah on 21st August 2020

Our deepest sympathy to Ron and the family of **Valma Streatfield** (FOH 29.9.97) who died at home in Sulhamstead on June 10th 2020 aged 88. Valma was the best music teacher of her generation. We are delighted that her daughter Katrina who lives in Perth has taken up her membership

Our deepest sympathy to Salah al-Qu'aiti and family on the death of his father-in-law **Faisal al-Hadhrami** in al-Qatn in July 2020

Our deepest sympathy to Group Captain John Horrell and family on the death of his beloved wife **Barbara** (FOH 26.2.97) on July 5th just short of her 94th birthday in Wiltshire. Recalling his acquaintance with her stretching over 5 decades, Sultan Ghalib al-Qu'aiti adds: "She was one of the kindest, morally upright, understanding, sympathetic, soft-spoken, generous and hospitable ladies one could ever meet"

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **James Nash** who died in August 2020 and to our three patrons who knew him well. Although not a subscribed FOH, he was a regular attendee at our events and a supporter of our cause

Our deepest sympathy to Jean-Marc Rouquette and Laurence on the death of her mother **Colette Bonillo** in August 2020 in Montpellier

Our deepest sympathy to Begum Rafath Jehan Hai on the death of her husband **Brigadier Khutub Abdul Hai** (FOH 12.9.18) in Delhi on 26th November 2020 and her aunt **Begum Sabiha Hussain** in London in April 2020 aged 96

Our deepest sympathy to our webmaster Huraiby al-Huraiby and family on the death of his brother **Abdullah Faisal el-Huraiby** (FOH 3.2.05) who died in London on 12th January 2021

Our deepest condolences to Martin White on the death of his wife for 64 years **Patricia White** (FOH 18.5.98) on 21st January 2021 in Farnham at the age of 92

Our deepest condolences to Samia El-Moslimany on the death of her mother **Ann Paxton El-Moslimany** in Seattle on 25th January 2021. Several FOH were able to attend her virtual funeral and burial. She started the first Islamic School in Seattle

Our deepest sympathy to Nariman Abbas on the death of her son **Fady Adel Hilal** in Cairo on 26th January 2021 and to his wife and family

Our deepest condolences to Sabiha Omar on the death of her cousin **Jamshid Omar** in Karachi on 27th January 2021

THANKS

The annual newsletter gives us an opportunity to personally thank those Friends and others who have helped FOH in so many different ways. We apologise to those whose names may have been inadvertently left out

Dr. Muhammad Salah al-Qu'aiti for helping FOH launch our Covid-19 appeal and for treating patients for free at his home in al-Qatn during the pandemic

Ulla Calvert for donating scented lavender bags for sale at our events

Julia Miles for donating what she would have spent on Xmas cards and postage (2019) to FOH

Rukhsana Rashid & Muzna al-Qu'aiti for editing and producing this newsletter

Barbara Schumacher (DJG) on her liaising between the German-Yemeni Society and FOH

Marie-Christine Heinze on sending FOH a copy of the *Jemen-Report*, the magazine of the German-Yemeni Society (DJG), and for including an article on FOH by Sultana al-Qu'aiti

Wolfgang Gaerte for great assistance to the treasurer with an article she wrote for the *Jemen-Report* (DJG) and for liaising with Marie-Christine Heinze

Atiqa Ali (USA), **Rukhsana Rashid** (Pakistan), **Raziff al-Juneid** (Singapore), **Fatima & Saleh al-Qu'aiti, Caroline Montagu, & Abdul Latif Salazar** (UK) for posting newsletters & fliers

Muhammad Awadh BaHumeid for all his help in assisting the Vice-Chairman in al-Shihr Directorate

Geoff Calvert OBE for auditing our Annual Accounts, advising the trustees on the Charity Commissioners meeting and invaluable guidance

Huraiby al-Huraiby, our webmaster, who continues to update our website assiduously

Patricia Aithie on gifting a painting to FOH

Caroline Sandwich, trustee of the Saudi British Society, for kindly bringing our Covid appeal to the attention of the Society's Board of Trustees and Edward Ogilvie, Honorary Secretary, for publicising it amongst SBS members

Sverre Driveklepp for translating our subscription flier into Norwegian

David & Ann Grainger & Prof. VA Gorshkov Cantacuzene for sending electronic Christmas donations to FOH

Kim Michelle-Broderick for adding our Oslo event to her website

Pius Fischer for introducing Sverre Driveklepp and Nina Kneppen to FOH

Johan Hugo (Bloomsbury Publishing) for gifting a paperback reprint of Freya Stark's classic account *A Winter in Arabia* to FOH

Alessandro Sacchetti for having set up *Amici dell Hadhramaut* in 2007 as its first Local Coordinator Italy

Dr. Anne K. Bang (Bergen University) for agreeing to be our key-note speaker in Oslo in 2020, given her important scholarship on the influence of Hadhramaut in East Africa – in terms of migration but especially in the field of intellectual and religious leadership. Her presentation was to be on the Riyada mosque in Lamu, modeled on its namesake in Seiyun illustrating the result of long-standing and still ongoing connections with the Hadhramaut

Dr. Ulrike Freitag for putting FOH in touch with Dr. A K Bang

Eva Bekkelund-Eriksen for offering to take us on a tour to the historic Viking area of Hole

Gail Partridge for donating her fee for conducting a funeral to our Covid Appeal

Fatima al-Qu'aiti for running the registered office during the Covid-19 pandemic, whilst her own job took up so much of her time, and for dealing with phone calls, mail, banking and general administration

Maija Calvert for managing and updating our Facebook page which has just over 100 followers

Yahya Stone for donating 3 framed painted Kufic calligrams and helping LC USA

CONGRATULATIONS

Francis Witts on the publication in May 2020 of Volume 10, a 1500-page index of *The Complete Diary of a Cotswold Parson,* the culmination of 45 years' work

Clara Semple on her lecture to the Anglo-Omani Society on *The Story of a Much-Travelled Coin* in January 2020

Ambassador Ron Neumann on continuing as President of the American Academy of Diplomacy

Princess Maha Muhammad al-Faisal on organising an exhibition celebrating the centenary of her grandfather King Faisal's historic 1919 journey to Europe '*A Prince's Journey'* in London (December 2019)

Dr. Ulrike Freitag on the publication of her recent book *A History of Jeddah: The Gate to Mecca in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Century* (CUP March 2020)

Gerhard Heck on the reprint of his travel books *Arabische Halbinsel, Oman* and *Dubai*

Mark & Carol Blackett-Ord on the birth of their granddaughter Sophie to Elinor in July 2019 and on the birth of twins to Katherine in February 2020

Sir William & Lady Patey on the birth of their granddaughter Imogen Mary in August 2020 and on William's continuing chairmanship of the Saudi-British Society

Renaud Detalle on his recent appointment to head the UN Human Rights Office in Sana'a, from where he hopes to visit the Hadhramaut and catch up with Salah al-Quaiti whom he last met in 1996

Alia Komsany on the completion of her DPhil in Medical Sciences from Oxford University and her membership of the Saudi Rowing Federation and the New York Athletic Rowing Club



Ali Salah al-Qu'aiti on his nomination as Chairman of a supervisory Committee on the Prevalence of Elevated Liver Enzymes at Hadhramaut University, al-Mukalla in 2019 and on opening al-Mu'een Medical Laboratory next to al-Qatn hospital in April and a pharmacy in September 2020



Yahya Stone on his move from Kuala Lumpur to Chicago where his son Zakarias is attending the University of Illinois

Dr. Razia Sultanova on her lecture *Feminine Soundscapes from Muslims in Central Asia* to the Cambridge Muslim College in February

Christine Dayananda on the birth of her fourth grandchild in Colombo

Hamid Ismailov on his appointment as Director of the Central Asian Service, Radio Free Europe in Prague

Prof. VA Gorshkov Cantacuzene on being the first Friend to buy a FOH badge

Dr. Jeremy Jones on his talk in April to the Anglo-Omani Society *The Good Neighbour: A Commemorative Lecture on the Life of Sultan Qaboos*

Samia Rehan Khan on the birth of her granddaughter Haniya Syra in Boston in April

Dr. James Allan on his marriage to Elisabeth Ricci in October 2019

Dr. Lulwa Mukharesh for working on the frontline against Covid-19 at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland and her sister **Dr. Lana Mukharesh** at the Children's National Hospital in Washington DC

Dr. Thanos Petouris on chairing the workshop *Perspectives on Civil Society in South Yemen* in November 2019 at the Arab British Chamber of Commerce and for digitising Jim Ellis' slides of Aden and the Western Aden Protectorates

Pascal Maréchaux on digitising his entire *Photothèque* and safeguarding his collection of images on Yemen for posterity

Lorna Branczik for prodigious output making PPE items for NHS and other key workers

Emma Clark who designed the Islamic gardens at the Cambridge Central Mosque, on her presentation in May 2020: https://youtu.be/DcQrcvG6P7k

Wing Commander Alan D'Arcy RAF on his 90th birthday in May 2020

James Firebrace on his appointment as Chair of the British –Yemeni Society in May 2020 and on his letter to The Times (3.6.20) highlighting the need to combat Covid-19 in Yemen

Dr. Noel Brehony on his talk to the Royal Society for Asian Affairs on Yemen in May 2020

Michael Sayer on the recent publication of his magisterial *Nobles and Nobilities of Europe: a History of Structures, Law and Institutions* (Bloomsbury Academic)

Dr. D A Agius (Exeter University) on his talk *Cultures of the Red Sea* to KAUST, Jeddah in June 2020

Caroline Islam on the marriage of her son Mishal in Jeddah in June 2020

Alex Ingrams on the birth of his daughter Rosanne in May 2020 and on his appointment as a lecturer at Leiden University

Dr. Spencer Mawby from the History Department, Nottingham University on his new book *The End of Empire in Uganda: Decolonization and Institutional Conflict* (Bloomsbury Academic)

Jill Hammans' granddaughters **Tiffany** (a doctor at Glasgow Hospital) and **Kirsty** (a nurse at Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital) on their hard work during Covid-19

Shahnaz Chinoy Taplin on her husband **Professor Oliver Taplin's** new verse translation of Aeschylus' *Oresteia*, published in 2018 and an appreciative review in the Times Literary Supplement (March 2019)

Bernard Hawkins on the marriage of his daughter Rachel to Jai in Australia in July 2020

Roger Felber on the publication of his book *No Obligation to Brexit* (Grosvenor House 2019)

Alison Shan Price MBE FRGS on her forthcoming Masters at Swansea University on *British Female Arabists and their Contribution in the Middle East 1914-45* in which she is "honoured to include Doreen Ingrams, her activities and her tremendous love for the Hadhramaut"

Clara Rachel Eybalin Casseus on her new publication jointly with Makerere University, Uganda and Alexandria University, Egypt *Memory, Conflicts, Disasters and the Geopolitics of the Displaced* (July 2020)

Nazar & Karima Mustafa on the birth of their granddaughter Sophie in March 2020 and on Nazar's 90th birthday in October 2020

Dina von Randow on her new teaching appointment at the Frankfurt School for Finance and Management

Francois Burgat on the publication of his recent book *Comprendre l'Islam politique Une trajectoire de recherche sur l'altérité islamiste (1973-2016)*

Dr. Hatoon al-Fasi on her appointment as an honorary fellow with the Department of Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Manchester and on her lecture *Arab Women in Legends and Popular Literature* in October 2020

Henrietta Egerton & Haseef on the birth of their baby daughter in October 2020 in Cambridge

Dr. Robert Elgood on the publication of his recent book *The Maharaja of Jodhpur's Guns*

Jenifer Courtenay on her nephew Senator Eamon H Courtenay's nomination as Belize's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Immigration

Dr. Shaheen Khattak on being mentioned in *Christian-Muslim Relations: A Bibliographical History Volume 17. Britain, the Netherlands and Scandinavia (1800-1914)*

Carolyn Perry on her recent appointment as Editor of the Bulletin of the International Association for the Study of Arabia

Haney & Amirah Saadah on the birth of their baby daughter Sophie in London in January 2021

Sultan Ghalib al-Quaiti on the publication of his book *Fair Play or Poisoned Chalice: A Commentary on the Last Years of Britain's Presence in South Arabia* (Darf 2021)

Dr Vitaly Naumkin from the Russian Academy of Sciences on his talk *Russia and the Arab Uprisings* to the Middle East Centre at St. Antony's College Oxford in February 2021

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

The 91-year old former Sultan of Zanzibar, Sultan Jamshid bin Abdullah was granted his request to retire to Oman in September. His step-aunt, the **Sayyida Amal bint Khalifa bin Harub al-Said** (FOH 23.9.97, D 4.3.01), was the daughter of Sultan Sir Khalifa bin Harub, ruler of Zanzibar (1911-1960)

Arabia Felix is a new non-profit organisation operating from Lucerne, Switzerland

Dr. Harub Muhammed al-Kharusi from Oman joined FOH this year. His father, the late Syed Muhammad al-Kharusi served in the Hadhramaut for 21 years as Assistant Adviser Northern Deserts

Jose-Marie Bel organised an exhibition *Socotra Mon Amour* in conjunction with the Embassy of Yemen in Paris in 2020: www.espacereinedesaba.com



Thomas Padmanabhan's *Sketchbook from Yemen*, September 1993: I was mesmerised by the seemingly natural unity of culture and architecture… the great city of Shibam in the Wadi Hadhramaut. From here we stumbled literally from one magical place to the next. Sketching throughout the trip, I felt a strange paradox which has stayed with me ever since. I finally came to understand that the reason why I would like to support the work done by FOH is deeply personal. When I was traveling in Hadhramaut as a young man, I experienced a never ending outpouring of Arab hospitality that, at the time, I thought I would never be able to repay. Literally every night, my travel companion and I were invited into the home of strangers. We had long conversations over dinner, often with the children helping as interpreters. While I will never be able to repay their hospitality, supporting FOH gives me the opportunity to return something in these difficult times https://drawingmatter.org/architect/padmanabhan-thomas/

Alexis de Vivenot recently completed his MPhil. at Cambridge University. He had hitched a ride to Socotra from Mukalla on a cement carrying cargo ship crewed entirely by Gujerati sailors from Jamnagar and has sent us his photographs of Hadhramaut: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1R0lI9ITDK6vgkEGWohlehbFgqIDVrjc0?usp=sharing

Dr. Jean Lambert organised a conference in July 2019 in Dar al-Opera, Cairo with the Ministry of Culture, Yemen on the *Dan Sung Poetry of Hadhramaut* and hopes to continue this international cooperation

Alison Shan Price MBE FRGS runs a children's theatre company *One World Actors Centre* in Kuwait and for each performance, a donation is given to children in need

Jean-Francois Breton published *La guerre en Arabie antique* (Geuthener, Paris 2019) including historical and archaeological articles on Shabwa and ancient Hadhramaut. He organised the *Rencontres Sabèennes* in June 2018 in Paris

Asma Ibrahim on setting up the Cambridge University Yemen Society and inviting **Dr. N. Brehony & M. Bin-Dohry** to speak at a seminar on *Hadhramaut: Home to Shibam – The Manhattan of the Desert*

Oliver Miles RIP had written a chapter on his time in Socotra in a new book titled *Britain's Departure from Aden and South Arabia: Without Glory but Without Disaster,* edited by **Dr. Noel Brehony** and **Clive Jones** (Gerlach Press) with contributions from **John Ducker**, **John Harding** and **Thanos Petouris**. Hugh Miles is attempting to write a narrative of his father's career which we hope to have details of fairly soon

Renate Husseini's sister Ruth Hildebrandt was appointed treasurer of the German-Yemeni Society in August 2020

Claire Hardy-Guilbert has alerted us to an Arabic version of *Yemen, terre d'Archéologie:* https://books.openedition.org/cefas/746 and to Paul Bonnenfant's magnificent tome *Djedda Patrimoine Mondial, Archives Francaises Commentées*

Mick Walton has written the Introduction to *A Rough Knight for the Queen* by Philip José Farmer, a biography of Sir Richard Francis Burton (edited by Paul Spiteri, Meteor House); he is organising the 4th Burton conference in Torquay on 23rd October 2021: mickwalton@libero.it

Virginia Gray Henry-Blakemore, Director, Fons Vitae Publishing and Distribution on writing and producing *The Ghazali Children's Book Sets*: https://bit.ly/2SC8uBD

James Firebrace, Paul Hughes-Smith & Karen Dabrowska asked Nawal al-Maghafi questions about Yemen at a CAABU Zoom meeting in May. Doreen Ingrams, our first patron, was a founder member of The Council for Arab-British Understanding

Cliff Lord's forthcoming book on the military forces of the Gulf States and South Arabia (Vol.4) will be published in 2021 in the Helion series of The Middle East at War books: "I often think of my time in Aden and especially Mukalla here in the Manawatu, New Zealand"

The Friends of Socotra held their virtual AGM in Brno, Czech Republic in September 2020

Tom Stacey has recorded 14 of his long-short stories (already published over the last few decades) as audiobooks: https://tomstacey.com/about/

Karen Dabrowska has been appointed Secretary of *Friends of South Yemen* (FOSY) set up in July 2020

Kim Michelle Broderick of the French Nonprofit One World Actors Productions Animals Rescue (www.oneworldactorsanimalrescues.org), a collective of passionate volunteers committed to furthering animal welfare across the globe, is the only animal welfare group in all of Yemen. She is delighted to be in touch with our new FOH **Susan Mears** who breeds Arabian horses in Warwickshire

Carolyn Perry has posted a notice regarding the Mukalla Museum Project (the former palace of the Qu'aiti Sultans) to document its collections in the IASA Bulletin

Robert Worth Contributing Writer, The New York Times Magazine, is working on his forthcoming book about Aden in the 1960-70s, the final years of the British presence and the first decade of the Marxist regime

Peter Danby-Smith's collection of 100 books on T E Lawrence assembled over 60 years were sold by Bernard Quaritch Ltd in 2015. The treasurer noted this whilst attending a symposium on W D Hogarth hosted by Magdalen College Oxford in January 2021

Marion Serjeant & Ron Leslie have moved from Cambridgeshire to Nova Scotia in 2020

Chris Baker has retired as Librarian at The Energy Institute, London

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

We welcome comments, suggestions and contributions and reserve the right to edit any material submitted to: **hadhramaut@btinternet.com**

The password for reading newsletters on our website: ***frankincense***

14 new Friends joined in 2020 from Oman, Kuwait, Norway, France, Pakistan, UK and USA.

FOH Current Membership

Country	Number	Country	Number
United Kingdom	301	The Netherlands	4
United States of America	36	Spain	3
France	32	Australia	3
Germany	31	Belgium	3
Saudi Arabia	28	Montenegro	3
Canada	28	Russia	3
Italy	24	Barbados	2
Singapore	13	Denmark	1
Pakistan	11	Iran	1
United Arab Emirates	9	Oman	1
India	8	Jordan	1
Switzerland	5	Qatar	1
Norway	5	Sudan	1
Austria	4	Kuwait	1
Egypt	4		

Readers' Comments on Newsletter 23

The Channel Islands, Alderney:

- I hope that FOH continues with its good work for many years to come

Scotland:

- Your team does admirable work in a desperate situation
- You are doing wonderful work…..what good use and a difference you are making with donations

Wales:

- Congratulations on all your hard work… most interesting reading

London:

- What a splendid newsletter, full of interest, intense activity, beautifully produced…it is amazing what FOH does
- The newsletter is excellent and interesting
- I find the charity's activities truly inspiring…am honoured to join such a thoughtful and altruistic community
- Huge admiration for your work in Hadhramaut

Cambridgeshire:

- Having looked at your work, I have been very impressed by FOH
- What a wonderfully interesting newsletter

Essex:

- This is the best newsletter so far… intelligent and interesting on many new levels. Congratulations! Deep respect for your energies in this ongoing charitable endeavour. Thank you so much for taking us to such magical places in 2007 and giving us lifelong memories.

Oxfordshire:

- Another excellent newsletter from all points of view… always so good and moving to read of the help you have been able to give to so many… Salah is such an absolute key player in all this

Hampshire:

- What a labour of love is FOH…

Warwickshire:

- The unfolding tragedy in Yemen is so heart-breaking … I would give anything to help your wonderful work in Hadhramaut ….

Sunderland:

- It is humbling to read of the projects that are still in operation in spite of the terrible situation. We give thanks to Salah for all his hard work under the most difficult conditions.

Yorkshire:

- Very impressed by your effort…great work for all involved

Devon:

- Very best congratulations to all concerned in getting out such a superb newsletter. Excellent content, fabulous crystal-clear photos and all produced with great economy

Gloucestershire:

- Very well done for such a super newsletter
- The work you all do in Hadhramaut is truly extraordinary

Laatzen:

- What an incredible work

Dusseldorf:

- … den neuesten Newsletter, zu dessen schier frappierenden Umsang und Inhalt ich Sie nochmals sehr gratuliere

Salzatal-Pfützthal:

- Das Land hat uns so viel gegeben, da sind unsere Spenden nur Kleinigkeiten

Bavaria:

- Your personal attention to detail is very much appreciated… FOH has had a very successful year

Berlin:

- We are very glad that Salah is responsible for the monies disbursed, making sure it goes to the right places and meets the true needs of the Hadhrami people
- So very impressed by the work you continue to do in Hadhramaut

Madrid:

- Thank you for keeping me posted on FOH activities. I truly enjoyed going through the newsletter

Almeria:

- Enjoyed latest newsletter greatly with so much information about the great work FOH continues to do. The people of Hadhramaut need all the help they can get

Nimes:

- Congratulations on your continuing efforts in the Hadhramaut

Colombo:

- It is so impressive to see the different venues you have around the world

Washington DC:

- What an amazing and complete report of the good work FOH does. Congratulations! Best wishes for another successful year for FOH

Ottawa:

- I do admire the constant work you do to help the Hadhramaut. You deserve every success

Norway:

- I am most impressed by your newsletter, your courageous work, vitality and ability to reach out to so many people all over the world.

Abu Dhabi:

- We are very proud of all your hard work

Kuwait:

- I am humbled by the incredibly interesting work of FOH … especially your work supporting blind people. What an honour to be part of this charity and to follow such a great lady as the late Jehan Rajab, who did so much to support the charity in its early stages

Cairo:

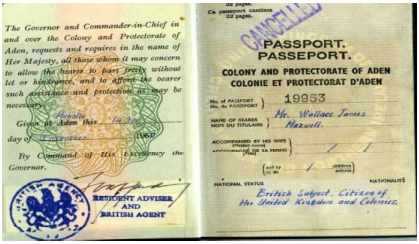
- FOH are doing a fantastic job for the people who have been going through years and years of hardship

ARCHIVE ON HADHRAMAUT

We ask Friends to contribute short articles for this section

Jim Maxwell RAF Riyan 1960

FOH is prone to some amazing coincidences amongst our membership but none more so than our patron John Harding having signed a British passport 6 decades ago on behalf of the Resident Adviser and British Agent Alastair McIntosh for Jim Maxwell, who arrived in May 1960 at Riyan for a 12-month tour of duty as a radar technician.
Jim writes:
My memories of this visit were re-awakened when I realised that April was the 60th anniversary of setting sail from Southampton for Aden. On one occasion, we were observed flying model aircraft by a young man and his tutor. We understood that this young man was a prince (later confirmed by Sultan Ghalib al-Qu'aiti to be himself aged 12) although no introductions were made. The tutor thought that building model aircraft was a suitable hobby for the prince.
The highlight of my tour was the journey to Wadi Hadhramaut. We stayed at the house of Donald Guthrie, the Scottish engineer in charge of the Hadhramaut Pump Scheme (see below). I also flew up to Thamud (in the Empty Quarter) in a Twin Pioneer (2 engines 12 seats 100mph) to measure the runway with a 30-foot piece of string! Fortunately, a vehicle from the HBL (Hadhrami Beduin Legion) arrived and we checked it on the milometer. It was a mile and a quarter.
There were no aircraft stationed at Riyan as the RAF was there to operate the airfield as a staging post between Aden and the Persian Gulf so we did not have any pilots. However, our Commanding Officer, Flight Lieutenant Deacon was a pilot and flying instructor and was there as an administrator. (Salalah was the next airfield after Riyan on the Arabian Sea).
When I first learnt that I was posted to RAF Riyan, I had to apply for a passport. I was then told that as I was going by ship, I did not need a passport. Some three months before I was due to fly home, I presented my documents at the Residency in Mukalla and so acquired my first passport.


The Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony and Protectorate of Aden, requests and requires in the name of Her Majesty, all those whom it may concern to allow the bearer to pass freely without let or hindrance, and to afford the bearer such assistance and protection as may be necessary.
Given at Aden this 1st day of June 1960
By Command of His Excellency the Governor.
RESIDENT ADVISER AND BRITISH AGENT
CANCELLED
PASSPORT.
PASSEPORT.
COLONY AND PROTECTORATE OF ADEN
COLONIE ET PROTECTORAT D'ADEN
No. of PASSPORT / No. du PASSEPORT 19953
NAME OF BEARER / NOM DU TITULAIRE Mr. Wallace James Maxwell.
NATIONAL STATUS British Subject, Citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies.

Sir Antonin Besse KBE (1877-1951)

Born in Carcassonne, the family moved to Montpellier in 1884. Having served in the French Army, he settled in Aden where he spent most of his adult life. St. Anthony's College, Oxford was established in 1950 as a result of a large donation he made to the university. His company A. Besse & Co. (Aden) Ltd. was the agent for many insurance, airlines and shipping companies, including Royal Dutch Shell. He was also active in shipbuilding and was the first to install a diesel engine on local dhows in 1936 in Aden. When Besse traveled to Mukalla on a dhow, the journey was slow and uncomfortable, prompting him to establish an airline company in 1936 with a capital of £5000, dubbed Arabian Airways. The fleet consisted of 2 small planes, each with a capacity of 4 seats. His idea was to connect the port city of Aden and the Hadhramaut region but one of the planes crashed after one year of operation and replaced by another; then the second plane crashed at Tarim airport in 1938. Due to these losses, he decided to close the company in 1939.

***Husn Tubala* near al-Shihr 1874/1291H: Architectural Titbits**

'Ilb (*ziziphus spina christi*) wood was used for repairing the roof and date palm stalks were varnished with a white nylon paste to prevent water seepage.

Before







After





Reminiscences from Joanna Ellis

Joanna Ellis' cousin Tim Rice very kindly lent Sultana a treasure trove of letters written to her parents in Dover from Hadhramaut 1962-1967! Apart from mentioning our patrons John and Patricia Ducker, Phillip Allfree, author of *Hawks of the Hadhramaut* (late husband of FOH Audrey Allfree), Tim Wren, manager of the Eastern Bank, Seiyun (late husband of FOH Heather Davidson), the late Oliver Miles and John Shipman, the parents of FOH Rupert Wise, Willie and Janet Wise, his uncle Sir Kennedy Trevaskis, the parents of FOH Andrew Dawson, Vera and Gordon Dawson and FOH Lady Wright of Richmond, she mentions a fascinating expedition to Socotra led by a great FOH, the late Lt. Col. Peter G. Boxhall.

25th January 1967, The Wireless House, Hadibu, Socotra

"In March a big expedition of 35 people, are coming to Socotra. It is under the auspices of the Commander-in-Chief (General Willoughby) and mainly small civilian parties coming to study the geography, flora and fauna, climate, geography, sociology and archaeology for various learned institutions. They will stay 3 months and should have a most interesting time. The expedition's leader and administrator is Major Peter Boxhall. He stayed Monday night with us in Mukalla and flew out here for the day on Tuesday".

Lt. Col. Peter G Boxhall died in September 2002 in South Devon after a brave battle with cancer. He was one of our earliest supporters and "adopted" the Shihr Clinic in 1999. Due to his generosity, approximately £3,000 worth of medicines were distributed in the Shihr area by Salah. In 2002, Lt. Col. Boxhall donated £10,000 to help the BaKatheer Primary School, located in an impoverished area in Qaa Aal-Awadh, Reidat al-Juhiyyin, about 45 kms off the main Seiyun-Mukalla road on the jol. FOH built 3 extra classrooms in addition to the 5 existing ones, thus enabling 280 boys and girls to continue their studies till 8th grade. Two lavatories and a verandah were also built. Sadly, Lt. Col. Boxhall did not live to see his worthy benefaction. A plaque was placed in his memory at the school, in recognition of his most generous contribution to education and to remind the villagers of this most benevolent Englishman who lived half way across the world.

12th July 1967, The Residency, Mukalla

"I have just been to the Beduin Girls School for a tea party in honour of the two blind girls (about 38 & 33!) who live there on charity. About 6 months ago a young blind Mukalla man returned home after doing a teacher's course. He now runs a Club for the Blind (men of course!) and teaches them basketwork, knitting on frames and Braille. Once a week he goes to the Girls

School and teaches our two Braille. He says they are doing very well and the party was to encourage them after half a year's work. It went off very well----speeches, presentations, recitations!".

Al-Noor Institute for the Blind, founded in 1963, was adopted as our priority project at our very first meeting of trustees in January in 1997. It is touching to note that our two former patrons, Joanna Ellis and Doreen Ingrams, had so much to do with the blind. The blind school was founded during the reign of Sultan Saleh al-Qu'aiti under his patronage and during the 1950s was housed in Al-Noor mosque in the al-Haara district. Prior to that, Harold Ingrams had asked Sultan Saleh if a room in the Residency where he and our first patron Doreen Ingrams were living might be used for the blind school. Many blind and crippled children poured in and were taught how to make baskets, mats, rope and brooms. After the dreadful famine of 1943, the blind school was moved to Dis.

Jim Ellis Letters

These extracts are from letters which Jim Ellis wrote to his wife Joanna Ellis and to his parents in Scotland whilst he was serving in South Arabia 1952-1967.

The Hadhramaut Pump Scheme 1960

The Hadhramaut Pump Scheme (HPS) is the biggest engineering outfit in South Arabia outside Aden Colony … deals in commercial activities, cement and timber and acts as a nasty competitor for all the lucrative agencies for motor spares by by-passing them and purchasing direct from the original part manufacturers rather than the vehicle builders. It was set up under government subsidy in 1949 to sell and maintain and repair diesel engines and pumping sets to encourage Wadi Hadhramaut to rebuild its famine-stricken agriculture. It was originally run with a Political Officer in overall charge and a German (ex POW Palestinian born) engineer in charge of the workshop. It ran on a government style budget, so had not a hope of paying its way. The German decided in 1956 that it was time he went home to open up his own workshop so we got a replacement, a Scot Donald Guthrie (who had been in the Middle East since the Eighth Army), a very able engineer who reckons these workshops are "superior to anything of its type this side of Nairobi". He took it as a gross affront that the place couldn't run on its own capital and was pretty successful until, with the cessation of oil exploration in the desert, there was a run-down in the truck business.

The Smithsonian Archaeological Expedition 1962

The leader of the expedition is Dr. Gus van Beek. Father Albert Jamme, a Belgian, is a professor of epigraphy at the Catholic University of Washington DC. Also in the party are Glyn Cole, Hamza Luqman, historian, Aden politician and assistant editor of the Aden Chronicle, Abdul Rauf BaRahim, my Junior Assistant Adviser, son of a Mukalla merchant and Nasroon, a Tunisian born in Algiers, brought up in France, one-time steward on the MM Lines, jumped ship at Jibuti in 1935 and for the last ten years Saiun agent for Shell and also agent for the Smithsonian chaps!

Dr. Jamme is a Himyaritic specialist. Recently he found some graffiti north of Qassam in the Eastern Hadhramaut in a script called Thamudic, of which specimens had only previously been formed north of Najran. In the mountain areas between the Hadhramaut and the sand desert, there are to be found in many places groups, lines and sometimes groups of lines of *triliths* (3 stones set together on a prepared base). He visited Sultan Ghalib and Sultana al-Qu'aiti at their home in Jeddah in 1981, where he reminisced about his time in the Hadhramaut two decades earlier.

Stamps from the Qu'aiti and Kathiri States







The Quaiti Palace in al-Mukalla



The Kathiri Palace in Seiyun



Mukalla 1890



Safaa Mosque, Tarim 1956

"The Sayl" – Severe Flooding, Shibam March 2020





Al-Maktaba Al-Sultaniyyah, Mukalla

In 1998, a total of over £5000 was raised by FOH supporters for the complete refurbishment of the Sultanic library including new windows with added security bars, doors, proper flooring,new ceilings, lighting, fans, cupboards, a computer and a printer.

Before



After





ITEMS FOR SALE

The items listed below are for sale from the FOH registered address:

- Mick Walton has donated 3 copies of *Sir Richard Burton and his Circle* at £10 each, the proceeds of which he will donate to FOH: mickwalton@libero.it

- English bone-china mugs with FOH logo at **£6** each or **£10** for **2**



- Copies of *Hadhramaut and its Diaspora: Yemeni Politics, Identity and Migration* (ed. Dr. Noel Brehony) at **£25** each

- A new FOH metal/enamel lapel badge produced by Thomas Fattorini Ltd and designed by Owain Raw-Rees at **£5** each



CHARITY COMMISSION INSPECTION 10th SEPTEMBER, 2019

Just before our AGM in September 2019, we received a *Compliance Visit* from two officers of the Charity Commission of England and Wales – our very first in more than twenty years of operation. It was pretty obvious to us that any charity operating in the Middle East was bound to be "visited". The meeting was attended by our chairman, our adviser, our treasurer and two trustees. The Commission was concerned by the conditions any charity faces in Yemen today but the officers appreciated the rather different situation in Hadhramaut itself and the way we handle it. Salah had supplied a detailed account of the way he is able to operate including translations of his recent receipts for monies spent. There were many photos illustrating our various projects throughout the vast region and the officers expressed appreciation for all our work. During the four hours spent with us, they thoroughly examined all our accounts and records and pronounced themselves generally satisfied whilst making a number of suggestions.

FOH ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Our audited accounts and official returns (as required by UK law) are prepared by the Treasurer and presented to the Charity Commissioner online by our Corresponding Secretary Fatima Al-Qu'aiti, after an Independent Examination by Geoff Calvert OBE. The accounts may be inspected on the Charity Commissioner's website: **www.charitycommission.gov.uk**

GIFT AID

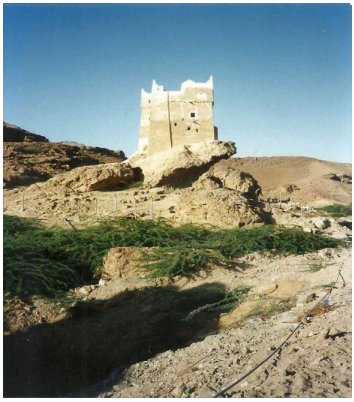
Gift Aid is extremely valuable to FOH and may be claimed only on unencumbered donations upon which the donor has paid UK Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the amount of Gift Aid claimed in the relevant tax year.

FUTURE EVENTS

Sverre Driveklepp and Nina Kneppen have very graciously re-invited FOH to Oslo in **May 2022**. Details will be announced later.

STOP PRESS

Let's ensure that the work of FOH continues into the next generation and for decades to come. **Why not gift your children and grandchildren a life subscription for just £25/€30?**



Husn al-Ghuwayzi (Jim Ellis 1966)



Shibam (Credit Espace Reine de Saba)

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Please make all cheques payable to "Friends of Hadhramaut"

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NatWest Plc 22 George Street, Richmond, Surrey TW9 1JW UK

Sort Code: 60-07-20 Account Number: 11723971

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Life Subscription: £25

Euro Account

NatWest Plc Bedford Square, Tavistock, Devon PL19 0AQ UK

Sort Code: 60-21-49 Account Number: 62509578

IBAN: GB31NWBK60721262509578 BIC: NWBKGB2L

Life Subscription: €30

FRIENDS OF HADHRAMAUT
Registered Charity No. 1062560

EURO ACCOUNT 2020

INCOME

Brought forward from 2019
426.01
Donations 7603.38

TOTAL INCOME
8029.39

EXPENDITURE

None 0.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURE
0.00

INCOME LESS EXPENDITURE: Balance at 31.12.2020
8029.39

Made up of Balance in NatWest Bank, Tavistock
8029.39

SULTANA FS AL-QUAITI MBE

TREASURER

Independent Examiner's Report on the accounts of The Friends of Hadhramaut (Reg Charity No: 1062560) for the year to 31 December 2020.

I, Geoff Calvert of Garden Flat, 16 Bolton Gardens, London SW5 0AJ, confirm that I have examined the accounts of The Friends of Hadhramaut for the year ending 31st December 2020 under Section 43 of the 1993 Act and in accordance with the general direction by the Charity Commissioners. I examined the Sterling, Euro and Yemeni Rial accounts.

The preparation of the charity's accounts is the responsibility of the Trustees. They have asked me to conduct an independent examination and the accounts will not be audited, as is appropriate for a charity of this size. I confirm the accounts have been prepared by the Trustees on a receipts and payments basis and have no reason to doubt their accuracy.

I am qualified to be the Independent Examiner of the charity after a career in financial services.

Geoff Calvert

Geoff Calvert OBE

25.10.2021