

# Association of Oxford University Pensioners

## Annual General Meeting 16.2.22

Held on Zoom (101 attending)

- 1. Apologies**  
No apologies had been received.
- 2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting (17.2.21)**  
These were accepted.
- 3. Matters arising**  
There were no matters arising.
- 4. Chairman's Report**

Gilliane Sills reported on activities in 2021, which had been very much affected by the pandemic.

### Events 2021 - 22

Month	Talks	Visits
February 2021	Anthony Jenkinson Explorer – Richard Sills	
March 2021	Otters, coming to a river near you – Stephen Powles	
April 2021	Quiz	
May 2021	Oxford Architecture – Alistair Lack	
June 2021	Oxford Preservation Trust – opening doors all year round – Stephen Dawson	
July 2021		Highclere Castle
August 2021		Garden party St Hugh's College
September 2021		Stowe House and gardens

### Events, winter 2021 – 2022

Month	Talks	Visits
October 2021	The end of the world as we know it: mass extinctions in the past, present, and future – Erin Saupe, by Zoom	Christ Church Meadows walk with Mark Davies
November 2021	Olive Gibbs, Oxford politician and peace campaigner – Liz Woolley, hybrid	Nuffield College's "Island Site" walk with Liz Woolley
December 2021	The Radcliffe Observatory, its history and continuous records of Oxford weather since 1772 – Stephen Burt, hybrid	Christmas lunch cancelled
January 2022	Putting Oxford on the map: from Gough to Google – John Leighfield, by Zoom	Green Men of Oxford walk with Tim Healey

In 2022 the first two meetings have been on Zoom, but it is hoped that the March talk will be a hybrid one.

She expressed gratitude for help from the University, in particular the Pensions Office and the Print Room, who are now labelling the envelopes for the Newsletter mailings, a task performed by the committee before Covid.

She also thanked members of the committee, during a rather difficult year.

Carole Barr, who managed applications for outings, is standing down and David Bicknell has reached the end of his two three year terms. He will continue to help with the Glasgow visit and with some future longer visits.

## Item 5 Treasurer's Report for the year ended 31 December 2021

### Association of Oxford University Pensioners - Annual Accounts Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2021

<b>Income</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
University Contributions	0	0
Subscriptions	6,020	6,235
Trips	5,435	27,044
Christmas Lunch	0	0
Bank Interest	10	84
Other	0	168
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>11,465</u></b>	<b><u>33,531</u></b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Outings and Functions	8,835	30,398
Committee and Admin Expenses	389	257
Newsletters OU	0	5,000
New Members Evening OU	880	0
Lecture Fees and Refreshments OU	748	747
Christmas Lunch	0	0
Honoraria	900	800
Miscellaneous	168	0
Insurance	308	291
Advance payments for trips	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>12,228</u></b>	<b><u>37,493</u></b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit) for the year</b>	<b><u>(763)</u></b>	<b><u>(3,962)</u></b>
<b>Balance Sheet</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Accumulated Fund Balance at 1st January 2021	25,907	29,869
Deficit on year	<u>(763)</u>	<u>(3,962)</u>
Accumulated Fund Balance at 31st December 2021	<b><u>25,144</u></b>	<b><u>25,907</u></b>
Barclays Bank: Community Account	421	694
Barclays Bank: Premium Account	3,416	3,915
Skipton Building Society	21,307	21,298
<b>Balance at 31 December 2021</b>	<b><u>25,144</u></b>	<b><u>25,907</u></b>

Geoff Clough reported that the University has not paid us any grant in 2020 or 2021, but we have not been charged for printing and postage of the Newsletters sent in Spring 2020 and

Autumn 2021. The Autumn 2020 and Spring 2021 Newsletters were not printed but instead posted on our website.

Subscriptions have fallen from £6,235 to £6,020. The decline is largely due to fewer cheques being received and the lack of social activities due to Covid. Many thanks to our Social Members who have continued to support AOUP through these difficult times.

The Glasgow trip was postponed until May 2022. There were only two summer coach trips. The July trip to Highclere was well supported. The September trip to Stowe house and Gardens was poorly supported and we didn't fill the single coach. The Garden Party at St Hugh's College had good numbers attending in excellent weather.

Bank interest has followed the decline in rates offered by both Barclays Bank and Skipton Building Society. Barclays current deposit rate is 0.01%. Skipton Building Society offered us an improved account when we changed the signatories in September. Skipton's current rate is 0.25%

Other Income shown in 2020 was an amount received in error which was refunded in 2021

Trips, Outings and functions reflect the reduced level of activity due to Covid. Six Winter Lectures were held in 2021, but the majority were delivered using Zoom. No refreshment charges have been invoiced to date.

The New Members Evening was held, but fewer than usual numbers were in attendance. The Christmas Lunch was cancelled for the second year in a row.

There were no advance payments received for trips in 2022.

The accumulated balance of University Grant held by AOUP on 31 December 2020 was £1,146. The cost of the Newcomers' Reception and the Lectures was £1,627 so as a result the University now owes AOUP £481.

AOUP continues to be financially stable thanks to the support of our Social Members.

He proposed that the accounts should be accepted and that Tim Croft should be the Accounts Inspector again for 2022. Both proposals were accepted.

## **6. Membership Secretary's Report**

Phil Richards reported that there are now (2021 figures in brackets):

Ordinary Members 4392 (4323) +69

Social Members 1254 (1213) +41

Overall Membership 5646 (5536) +110

## **7. Committee Elections**

As reported above David Bicknell has served for 6 years and is standing down. Ulli Parkinson and Jackie Procter have each served for 3 years and are prepared to stand again.

Officers (Chairman, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Committee Secretary, Newsletter editors) should be re-elected every three years. A poll was put up on the Zoom screen as shown below and all those nominated were elected.

<b>For re-election</b>	
Chairman	Gilliane Sills
Treasurer	Geoff Clough
Membership Secretary	Phil Richards
Committee Secretary	Sheila Allcock
Newsletter editors	Lindsay Battle, Colin Sparrow, Anne Waters
Member	Ulli Parkinson
Member	Jackie Procter

#### **8. Programme for 2022**

It is hoped to run six summer outings as usual, and the venues and dates were posted on the screen. The sign-up forms will be included with the next Newsletter.

<b>Programme 2022</b>	
April 5, 6, 28	Westminster Abbey
May 3, 11	Kew Gardens
June 16, 23	Sulgrave Manor
July 12, 18	Hospital of St Cross and Winchester Cathedral
August 2	Garden party at St Hugh's
September 15, 19	Windsor castle and Savill Gardens
December 14	Carol service and Christmas lunch Exeter College

#### **9. Any Other Business.**

The Chairman and Committee members were thanked for their work.