

Association of Oxford University Pensioners

Annual General Meeting 15.2.23

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Brian Smith, Paul Flather, Geraldine Peissel, Anne Walters

2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting (16.2.22)

These were accepted.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report

Gilliane Sills reported on activities in 2022, when things began to get back to normal after Covid.

The last two winter talks given on Zoom were Rachel Furness-Smith on "Behind the scenes of a great estate (Blenheim)" and Emma Smith on "Shakespeare's First Folio". Two visits took place: a clarinet concert at St. Michael at the Northgate and a visit to Brasenose College with Alastair Lack.

The summer visits were as follows:

April	Westminster Abbey
May	Kew Gardens and 6 day trip to Glasgow
June	Sulgrave Manor
July	Trip to Winchester Cathedral cancelled owing to extreme heat.
August	Garden party at St. Hugh's College.
September	Trip to Windsor cancelled owing to the Queen's death.

In October Julie Godson spoke on "The water gypsy" and there was a visit to Oxford Playhouse to see "The mirror crack'd".

In November Henry Macrory spoke on "The ultimate folly" and Liz Woolley led a walk from Folly Bridge around Grandpont.

In December Megan Conroy spoke about the research done on UK Biobank data and the Carol Service and Christmas Lunch took place at Exeter College.

In January 2023 Ross King spoke about "The bookseller of Florence: Vespasiano da Bisticci" and Alastair Lack led a visit to the Oxford Union.

Gilliane ended by thanking many people: Charles Morgan and David James in the Pensions Office and the Pensions Welfare Officer, Julia Powles; help with the Newsletter from the staff of the University Offices Print Studio, the Publications Section and the Print Room, who now label and stuff the envelopes.

She also thanked members of the Committee and AOUP members who support and take part in the activities.

5. Treasurer's Report for the year ending 31st December 2022

Geoff Clough reported that the University has reinstated the Annual Grant to cover the costs of the Winter Lectures and associated refreshments and the Newcomers Reception.

Subscriptions remained almost level with the previous year.

A full season of outings was planned together with the week-long visit to Glasgow hence the increased income and expenditure.

Bank interest received has followed the upward trend set by the Bank of England.

The Winter Lectures were mostly delivered in the Engineering Department. Refreshments restarted in October 2022.

Payments were made in advance for the week-long visit to Dorset and for the postponed visit to Winchester Cathedral and Hospital of St. Cross in 2023.

AOUP continued to be financially stable thanks to the support of both the University and the Social Members

The accounts have been inspected by Tim Croft, the Accounts Inspector, with no changes required.

Association of Oxford University Pensioners - Annual Accounts Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2022

Income	2022	2021
	£	
University Contributions	5,000	0
Subscriptions	5,965	6,020
Trips	55,166	5,435
Christmas Lunch	5,429	0
Bank Interest	121	10
Other	0	0
<u>Total</u>	<u>71,681</u>	<u>11,465</u>
 Expenditure		
Outings and Functions	59,803	8,835
Committee and Admin Expenses	577	389
Newsletters OU	0	0
New Members Evening OU	1,202	880
Lecture Fees and Refreshments OU	1,748	748
Christmas Lunch	6,646	0
Honoraria	1,025	900
Miscellaneous	0	168
Insurance	200	30
Advance payments for trips	1,837	0
<u>Total</u>	<u>73,038</u>	<u>12,228</u>

Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	<u>(1,357)</u>	<u>(763)</u>
Balance Sheet	2022	2021
Accumulated Fund Balance at 1st January 2022	25,144	25,907
Deficit on year	(1,357)	(763)
Accumulated Fund Balance at 31st December 2022	23,787	25,144
Barclays Bank: Community Account	444	421
Barclays Bank: Premium Account	1,924	3,416
Skipton Building Society	21,419	21,307
Balance at 31 December 2022	<u>23,787</u>	<u>25,144</u>

Geoff Clough asked the Meeting to formally approve the Accounts so that they could be signed off by the Accounts Inspector. The Meeting approved the Accounts.

He also asked the Meeting to approve the appointment of Tim Croft as Accounts Inspector for 2023. This was also approved.

6. Membership Secretary's Report

Phil Richards gave the statistics for Members as at 13.2.23.

	2023	2022	
Ordinary Members	4496	4392	+104
Social Members			
Single Members	469	496	-27
Joint Members	726	758	-32
Total Social Members	1155	1254	-59
Overall Membership	5691	5646	+45

He also gave the website address for Social Membership details and application information <http://www.aoup.ox.ac.uk/membership/index.html>

7. Proposed change in Constitution

Gilliane Sills explained that Paragraph 6A at present reads:

“The Management of the Association shall be vested in a Committee which shall consist of: a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Membership Secretary, Honorary Committee Secretary, Honorary Newsletter Editor and not fewer than 5 nor more than 10 Ordinary Members”.

She proposed the new wording:

“The Management of the Association shall be vested in a Committee which shall consist of: a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Membership Secretary, Honorary Committee Secretary, Honorary Newsletter Editor, Honorary Webmaster and not fewer than 5 nor more than 10 Ordinary Members”.

The reason was that the Webmaster plays an important role in the running of the Association, by managing the website as a source of information and he email address lists for communication.

This change was approved by a vote at the meeting.

8. Committee Elections

Four Committee Members were co-opted during the year and were now proposed by the Committee for election. They were **Caroline Jordan, Suzanne Litchfield, Traude Molloy and Juliet Ralph.**

The Committee also proposed **David Bicknell** for election to the Committee and for election to the position of Vice-Chairman.

Members voted to pass these proposals.

9. Programme for 2023

April 18 & 24	Hospital of St. Cross and Winchester Cathedral
May 11 & 16	Fawley Museum and Grey's Court
June 7 & 15	Osterley Park
July 7 & 17	Chiltern Open Air Museum and Bekonscot Model Village
August 30	Garden Party at St. Hugh's
September 7 & 18	Windsor Castle and Savill Garden

10. Any Other Business

There was no other business.