

# **Association of Oxford University Pensioners**

## **Annual General Meeting 19.2.25**

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Lindsay Battle and Phil Richards.

### **2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting (21.2.24)**

These were accepted.

### **3. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **4. Chairman's Report**

David Bicknell reported on an interesting and challenging year since he became Chairman.

a. The first problem was the late distribution of the Spring Newsletter which meant that the deadline for the planned trip to Warwick had to be delayed.

b. He had great difficulty in booking the Lecture Theatre in the Engineering Building for the Winter Talks 2024-25, although he gave them the dates in April 2024. The department was very late in deciding when it would be needed for their own lectures.

He tried various other departments with lecture theatres but they were either too small or very expensive. In the end he settled on the lecture Theatre we were now in, in the University Museum of Natural History. The cost was reasonable and we even have a discount. We can no longer provide tea and coffee after the talks, but there is a cafe in the Museum where people can buy their own.

c. The talk in December was cancelled by the speaker the day before it was due to take place. The notification of the cancellation was sent out by the Webmaster, Rosemary Williams, but many members did not receive it as the email went into people's spam folders and was not seen.

d. It transpired that the problem was because the AOUP website had not been "authenticated" by the University. We will be using the MailChimp system to distribute the emails at a cost of £400 a year.

e. Finally David thanked the Committee for "putting up" with him and especially for the help from Gilliane Sills and Geoff Clough.

## 5. Accounts and Treasurer's Report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

<b>Income</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
University Contributions	5,000	5,000
Subscriptions	6,190	6,125
Trips	53,949	49,678
Christmas Lunch	4,975	3,486
Bank Interest	943	624
Other	250	100
<u>Total</u>	<u><b>71,307</b></u>	<u><b>65,013</b></u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Outings and Functions	49,933	53,847
Committee and Admin Expenses	458	368
New Members Evening OU	905	227
Lecture Fees and Refreshments OU	3,474	3,470
Christmas Lunch	5,614	4,384
Honoraria	1,100	1,000
Miscellaneous	37	0
Insurance	244	231
Online Booking Costs	299	0
<u>Total</u>	<u><b>62,064</b></u>	<u><b>63,527</b></u>
<u>Surplus / (Deficit) for the year</u>	<u><b>9,243</b></u>	<u><b>1,486</b></u>
<b>Balance Sheet</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Accumulated Fund Balance at 1st January 2024	25,273	23,787
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	9,243	1,486
Accumulated Fund Balance at 31st December 2024	34,516	25,273
Barclays Bank: Community Account	856	1,056
Barclays Bank: Premium Account	10,944	2,258
Skipton Building Society	22,716	21,95
<b>Balance as at 31 December 2024</b>	<u><b>34,516</b></u>	<u><b>25,273</b></u>

Geoff Clough reported that the accounts show a surplus in 2024 of £9,243. However, the cash basis used for our accounts masks a number of anomalies and the following items affected our surplus for the year.

Receipts totalling £2,550 for 2025 events are included in the 2024 figures.

A balance from the Yorkshire trip of about £1,000 was retained as a reserve for future trips e.g. funding the recce for a trip that perhaps fails due to lack of support.

- Event costs were reduced because of advance payments in 2023 for Royal Ascot and Hill Close Gardens totalling £1,150.

Higher interest rates gained us an extra £319 in 2024.

We received a legacy of £250 from a former member.

An unspent balance from the University Grant during the year amounted to £622.

The balance owing to the University on 31 December 2024 was £3,494.

Therefore, the accumulated reserves of AOUP really amount to £31,022 (not £34,516).

The Accounts have been approved by Tim Croft, who is willing to continue as our Accounts Inspector.

The Report was accepted on a show of hands, as was the appointment of Tim Croft as Accounts Inspector for 2025.

## **7. Committee Elections**

Sheila Allcock is stepping down as Minutes Secretary and also leaving the Committee. David Bicknell thanked her for her work.

Anne Saunders and Keith Manning were elected to join the Committee.

Lindsay Battle was elected to stay on the Committee but will resign as a Newsletter Editor. A volunteer is required to join the Editorial Team.

Jackie Procter has come to the end of her first three years and will be staying on the Committee for the next three years.

## **8. Programme for 2025**

Details of the programme will be in the next Newsletter, which will be sent out in a few days time.

## **9. Any Other Business**

David Bicknell was congratulated on finding the Lecture Theatre in the University Museum.

