

# ASSOCIATION OF OXFORD UNIVERSITY PENSIONERS

## MINUTES OF THE 31<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held in Lecture Room 1, Department of Engineering Science

At 2.15 p.m. on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017

**Present** – Carlos Ruiz (President), Gilliane Sills (Chairman); the following members of the committee: Jan Allen, David Bicknell, Geoff Clough, Susan Greenford, Andrew Moss, Laurence Reynolds, John and Gaynor Woodhouse; and over 100 members.

**Welcome** – The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

- 1. Apologies for Absence** – Apologies were received from Wendy Claye, Caroline Carpenter and Rosemary Williams.
- 2. Minutes of the 30<sup>h</sup> Annual General Meeting, held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2016** – copies of the minutes had been displayed on the screen and circulated, and they were **accepted as a correct record** *nem con*.
- 3. Matters** arising – None were raised.
- 4. Chairman's Report**

**Thanks** – Professor Sills started by expressing thanks to the Committee and the University (Jan Killick, Marie Hough in the Pensions Office, and all those involved in the Newsletter production and distribution: Jean Butler, Andy Connor, Bob Malloy, and Helen Dyson in Reprographics; Pippa Jupe in Publications; Hannah Marples in the Post Room.

The Chairman thanked the committee for their efforts on visits this year and mentioned that Susan Greenford and Andrew Moss would be retiring from the committee this year. She thanked them for their considerable contributions and hard work during their term on the committee.

**Outings in the past year** – The statistics for the Summer 2016 and Winter 2016/17 were displayed on the screens, and are given below:

<b>Summer Programme 2016</b>			
Month	Visit	Number of applicants	Number offered places
April	RIBA and the BBC	160	50 (Loss of numbers due to BBC cancellation of second trip)
May	Woburn Abbey	96	All
June	Secret London	107	All
July	Coughton Court and Ragley	101	All
	President's Garden Party	73	All
September	St Albans	79	All
<b>Winter Programme 2016/17</b>			
October	Walk Oxford's Industrial Past with Liz Woolley	90	All

November	Sand in the Sandwiches	53	All
December	Christmas lunch	147	All
January	The Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock	48	All
February	Guided Visit to 'The Kilns' (C.S. Lewis's home)	125	All
March	Guided Visit to Trinity College	>183	180

The Chairman said that two coaches were now regularly used for summer outings.

**5. Treasurer's Report** – The Treasurer had provided the following tables, which were displayed on the screens.

<b>Association of Oxford University Pensioners - Annual Accounts</b>		
<b>Income for the year ended 31 December 2016</b>		
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
University Contributions	13,500.00	11,235
Subscriptions	5,530.00	5,300
Trips	36,326.55	37,491
Christmas Lunch	4,520.00	4,480
Bank Interest	202.38	178
<b>Total</b>	<b>60,078.93</b>	<b>58,684</b>

<b>Association of Oxford University Pensioners - Annual Accounts</b>		
<b>Expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2016</b>		
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Outings and Functions	36,751.55	40,464
Committee and Admin Expenses	415.36	516
Newsletters OU	7,736.81	6,516
New Members Evening OU	895.60	930
Lecture Fees and Refreshments OU	1,401.24	2,874
Christmas Lunch	5,473.64	5,641
Honoraria	700	700



	353 [294] Couples
<b>Total</b>	<b>834 [714]</b>
Non-Social Members	4086 [4069]

The Secretary was pleased to report a rise in social membership over the past year. There had been a good response to the reception for newly retired members held at the Divinity School in November with attendance rising from 58 in 2015 to 74 in 2016 and 17 of those attendees had since applied for social membership. The Secretary had been invited to contribute on AOUP to workshops on Preparing for Retirement run by the Oxford Institute of Learning. Feedback from the workshop in October indicated that attendees will consider joining when they come up for retirement and some already have.

The Secretary thanked the Pensions Office for their support during the year, particularly, Jan Killick, Head of Pensions, David James and Marie Hough. She thanked staff of the Engineering Department where Committee meetings and the lectures are held. In particular, Sara Downs, the Receptionist, Sukarni Wheeler who arranges room bookings; and Darren Sprague, Catering Manager at Baxter Storey. She paid tribute to the Chairman, Gilliane Sills, who continued to provide invaluable support and leadership to the Association and to the unfailing support of the committee throughout the year.

<b>7. Programme 2017</b>	
<b>February</b>	<b>Wednesday 22<sup>th</sup></b> Newsletter envelope labelling, University Offices, Room 3, from 10.30am
<b>April</b>	Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> , Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> <b>Portsmouth Historic Dockyard</b>
<b>May</b>	Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> , Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> <b>Hatfield House</b>
<b>June</b>	Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> , Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> <b>Royal Ascot</b>
<b>July</b>	Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> , Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> , Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> <b>BBC Birmingham &amp; Silver Quarter</b>
<b>August</b>	Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> <b>GWR Railway/Stanway</b>
<b>Sept/Oct</b>	Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> , Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> <b>Kings Cross Regeneration</b>
<b>December</b>	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> <b>Christmas Carol Service and lunch, Exeter College</b>
<b>Five-day trip, May 2018</b>	<b>The Isle of Man</b>

7. Vote of thanks to retiring committee members Susan Greenford and Andrew Moss. Susan had taken the role of Events coordinator, typically dealing with up to 150 applications every month and allocating places, and they'd both planned and organised some splendid outings and talks.
8. **Any Other Business** – Nothing was raised.

**Talk following the AGM – Dr Bart van Es, *1594 Shakespeare's Most Important Year***