

# ASSOCIATION OF OXFORD UNIVERSITY PENSIONERS

## MINUTES OF THE 34th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held in Lecture Room 1, Department of Engineering Science

At 2.15 p.m. on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020

**Present** – around 90 members.

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

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies were received from the Secretary Jan Allen, and committee members Sheila Allcock and Ulli Parkinson.
2. **Minutes of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting, held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019** – copies of the minutes had been displayed on the screen and circulated. They were **accepted as a correct record** *nem con*.
3. **Matters** arising – The Chairman noted that the membership database had not yet been moved to an online system. Discussions with the University were continuing.
4. **Chairman's** Report

**Thanks** – Professor Sills expressed thanks to the staff of the University Pensions Office – Jan Killick, who has now left the University, David Cook, Lee Spithray and David James; to the Pensions welfare officer Marie Hough and her successor Julia Powles; University Offices Print Studio, the Publications Section and the Post Room for their much-appreciated assistance with the preparation and distribution of the AOUP *Newsletter*; to the staff of the Engineering Department for our talks – Sara Downs and Sukarni Wheeler and to the committee members..

**Outings in the past year** – The statistics for Summer 2018 and Winter 2018/19 were displayed on the screens, and are given below:

<b>Summer Programme 2019</b>			
<b>Month</b>	<b>Visit</b>	Number of applicants	Number offered places
April	Birmingham – City of 1,000 Trades (City & Village Tours)	105	All
May	Kidderminster by coach and steam train	147	All, third coach
May	6-day visit to Newcastle	62	Eventually All
June	Bayeux tapestry & Basildon Park	76	All
July	Althorp	159	All, third coach
August	Garden Party St Catherine's	120	All
<b>Autumn and Winter Programme 2019/20</b>			
September	Black Country Living Museum, Dudley	85	All
October	Bus museum	113	All

November	Merton College	201	146 in Nov, rest in March
December	Christmas lunch	137	All
January	Crazy for You at Playhouse	128	All
February	Botanic Gardens	135	All
March	Liz Woolley walk Parish of St Thomas the Martyr	209	180 offered immediately, extra walks planned for rest

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

<b>Association of Oxford University Pensioners - Annual Accounts Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2019</b>		
<b>Income</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
University Contributions	15,000	15,540
Subscriptions	6,230	6,080
Trips	42,734	44,736
Christmas Lunch	4,486	4,973
Bank Interest	193	193
Other - Donation	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>68,645</b>	<b>71,162</b>

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Outings and Functions	47,668	45,814
Committee and Admin Expenses	391	433
Newsletters OU	12,835	12,133
New Members Evening OU	919	1,114
Lecture Fees and Refreshments OU	2,058	1,697
Christmas Lunch	5,516	5,881
Honoraria	875	700
Miscellaneous	10	10
Insurance	284	270
Advance payment for trips	3,298	1,054
<b>Total</b>	<b>73,854</b>	<b>69,106</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>	<b>(5,209)</b>	<b>2,056</b>

<b>Balance Sheet</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
Accumulated Fund Balance at 1st January	35,978	33,022
Surplus on year	(5,209)	2,056
	<b>29,869</b>	<b>35,078</b>
Barclays Bank: Community Account	330	1,232
Barclays Bank: Premium Account	8,317	12,790
Skipton Building Society	21,222	21,056
<b>Balance at 31 December 2019</b>	<b>29,869</b>	<b>35,078</b>

I have carried out an examination of the accounts of the AOUP for the year ended 31 December 2019.

I have reviewed the accounting records kept by the AOUP Treasurer and compared the accounts to those records.

No matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect

a) proper accounting records have not been kept and b) that the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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1 Subscription income has increased by £150. Most new members are paying by standing order, and their payments start in January the year **after** they joined. In 2020 there were 47 new standing orders.

2 The charges for postage of the Newsletters and for catering at the Autumn 2019 Lectures have not yet been received. The balance of University Grant carried forward amounted to £6,893. (2018 £7,704) If the balance of charges due was deducted, the realistic balance would be approximately £550.

3 Numbers attending the Christmas Lunch fell this year. The subsidy was £1,030 compared with £908 last year.

4 Summer Coach trips and outings remain generally well supported with a subsidy of £1,040 (2018 £449). Winter visits and the Garden Party cost £4,451 (2018 £3,552). The theatre visit "Crazy for You" proved popular and the subsidy of £929 was accounted for in 2019. There was no equivalent trip in 2018.

5 The basis for the coach trip costings remains satisfactory.

6 Catering does not include costs for the Autumn 2019 Lectures.

7 Skipton Building Society decreased their interest rate from 0.8% to 0.7% in September 2019. Barclays Bank were paying deposit account interest at 0.2%. From 8 January 2020 this became 0.1%.

8 The Newcastle trip was very popular and a refund of £30 per person was made.

9 If we deduct the balance of University Grant available, AOUP funds at 31 December 2019 were £22,976. The comparative figure for 2018 was £27,374. This fall is principally the result of increasing subsidies for trips and outings by £3,266 and an advance payment of £2,184 for the Tutankhamun Exhibition in April 2020.

**The Treasurer proposed adoption of the accounts.** The meeting **approved** the accounts *nem con*.

**Appointment of Independent Examiner** – Geoff Clough said that current Accounts Inspector, Tim Croft, had reviewed the accounts and was willing to sign them off if approved by the meeting.

The meeting **approved** the accounts *nem con*.

Geoff Clough said that Tim Croft was willing to be reappointed for 2020 and proposed that he be reappointed. This motion was put to the meeting and **agreed nem con.**

**6. Secretary's Report** – The Secretary reported membership statistics as follows: Membership Statistics as at 19th February 2020 (Figures for 2019 in brackets):

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Social Members:</b>		
Single Members	464	460
Joint Members	726	716
<b>Total Social Members</b>	<b>1,190</b>	<b>1,176</b>
<b>Ordinary Members</b>	<b>4,341</b>	<b>4,267</b>
<b>Overall Membership</b>	<b>5,531</b>	<b>5,443</b>

The membership statistics were presented by the Membership Secretary Phil Richards.

**7. Proposed change in Constitution**

The two proposed changes in the Constitution were **agreed nem. con.**

**8. Committee Elections** – Sheila Allcock, Lindsay Battle and Colin Sparrow had been co-opted to the Committee during the year. They had agreed to stand for election and had been nominated by the committee. David Bicknell had served three years as a Committee member and was prepared to stand for a further three years. The election of all four was **carried nem con.** Thanks were offered to the four committee members Caroline Carpenter, Laurence Reynolds, Gaynor Woodhouse, John Woodhouse who had stepped down at the end of their terms.

**9. Programme for 2020** – The Chairman noted that the programme for summer 2019 was in the Newsletter that would be posted the following day:

<b>April</b>	Wed 22nd Tues 28th <b>Tutankhamun</b> exhibition
<b>May</b>	Tues 5th, Wed 13th <b>Kew Gardens</b>
<b>June</b>	Thurs 11th, Thurs 18th <b>Lord Leycester Hospital &amp; Hill Close Gardens</b>
<b>July</b>	Tues 7th, Mon 20th <b>Chawton House &amp; Winchester Cathedral</b>
<b>August</b>	Thurs 6th, <b>Garden Party St Catherine's College</b>
<b>September</b>	Thurs 10th, Wed 16th <b>Dulwich Picture Gallery</b>
<b>December</b>	Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> <b>Christmas Carol Service and lunch, Exeter College</b>
<b>Five-day trip, May 2020</b>	Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> – Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> or 11 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> <b>Glasgow</b>

**10. Any Other Business** – Nothing was raised.