

Association of Oxford University Pensioners

Annual General Meeting 21.2.24

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Margaret Jowett and Phil Richards.

2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting (15.2.23)

These were accepted.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report

Gilliane's report was longer than usual as she looked back not only on the last 12 months, but the 16 years she had been Chairman.

The audience for the Winter Talks had gone up from 70 to 90 in the audience to at least 130, and the larger Lecture Theatre is being used. The Winter Outings (local walks and visits) were planned for 40 people and now for well over 100. There are now regularly two coaches for the Summer Outings rather than the one which was the norm in 2008.

In 2008 the Newsletter was printed in black and white, but is now in full colour, with reports of outings and talks and longer articles. There was no website – that came in 2009 and developed gradually, and has recently undergone a complete revamp. And nor did we have communication by email, whereas now we send information to over 1700 email addresses. There are now generic email addresses for the committee members.

AOUP now has online banking and a debit card. Cheques from members can still be used to pay for outings. In 2024 AOUP will be trying out an online application system that includes taking payment, with refunds being made automatically when they're necessary. This will run in parallel with the paper applications and cheques, so members will have a choice.

The membership database had always been kept on Excel, but it's now housed on the University network, providing the security required by GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation).

Some things have stayed the same: There is still a Carol service in Exeter College Chapel and they welcome AOUP members for Christmas lunch in Exeter College Hall.

These changes have been made possible because of the huge amount of work by many people. Treasurers have kept our finances on track, making it possible to subsidise outings. Secretaries have kept the database of members up to date and set up committee meetings and taken minutes. Webmasters have developed the webpages and managed the email communication. Editors have produced Newsletters that look good and are full of interesting articles. Application forms have been drawn up and events bookings have been managed. And the events themselves have materialised, with committee members suggesting venues and organising visits for anything from 50 people (one coach) to 160 for some of the winter outings.

Gilliane said that she was really in awe of the Association and what it does. She said “It’s meant a commitment, it’s taken time and energy – but I’ve shared this journey with so many people, each playing their own parts so that together we achieve something really worthwhile. It’s been amazing! So a final thank you – to all those I’ve met and worked with through AOUP, to the current committee and past committee members and to you, the members.”

5. Treasurer’s Report for the year ending 31st December 2023

ASSOCIATION OF OXFORD UNIVERSITY PENSONERS

Annual Accounts

Income and Expenditure

For year ended 31st December 2023

Income	2023	2022
	£.	£
University Contributions	5,000	5,000
Subscriptions	6,125	5,965
Trips	49,268	55,166
Christmas Lunch	3,486	5,429
Bank Interest	624	121
Other	<u>510</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>65,013</u>	<u>71,681</u>

Expenditure

	2023	2022
Outings and Functions	53,847	59,803
Committee and Admin Expenses	368	577
New Members Evening OU	227	1,202
Lecture Fees & Refreshments OU	3,470	1,748
Christmas Lunch	4,384	6,646
Honoraria	1,000	1,025
Miscellaneous	0	0
Insurance	231	200
Advance payments for trips	<u>0</u>	<u>1,837</u>
Total	<u>63,527</u>	<u>73,038</u>
Surplus/ (Deficit) for year	<u>1,486</u>	<u>(1,357)</u>

Balance Sheet	2023	2022
Accumulated Funds Balance at 1/1/2023	23,787	25,144
Surplus (Deficit) on year	1,486	(1,357)
Accumulated Fund Balance at 31/12/2023	<u>25,273</u>	<u>23,787</u>
Barclays Bank: Community Account	1,056.	444
Barclays Bank: Premium Account	2,258	1,924
Skipton Building Society	21,959	21,419
Balance at 31st December 2023	<u>25,273</u>	<u>23,787</u>

- The meeting is asked formally to approve the Accounts, so that They can be signed off by the Inspector.
- The meeting is also asked to approve the appointment of Tim Croft as Accounts Inspector for 2024.

Geoff Clough AOUP Treasurer

21st February 2024

6. Membership Secretary's Report

Phil Richards (*in absentia*) gave the statistics for Members as at 18.2.24.

	2024	2023
Ordinary Members	4579	4496
Social Members		
Single Members	459	469
Joint Members	768	726
Total Social Members	1277	1155
Overall Membership	5806	5691

7. Committee Elections

At this point Gilliane Sills passed the Chairmanship to David Bicknell, who presented her with a gift from the Committee. He reminded the meeting that the President, Brian Smith, had sadly died during the year and that a new President was needed. He proposed that Gilliane become the new President and that was agreed by the members present.

Several Committee Members had come to the end of their period as members of the Committee: Juliet Ralph, Rodney Eatock Taylor and Jim Briden. Ulli Parkinson had resigned during the year owing to ill health.

Margaret Jowett was proposed and elected.

8. Programme for 2024

Details of the summer trips will appear in the next mailing of the Newsletter.

April	Lord Leycester Hospital and Hill Close Gardens, Warwick
May	Richard III Visitor Centre and Leicester Cathedral
June	Royal Ascot
July	Canons Ashby and Thenford Gardens
August	Garden Party, St. Hugh's
September	Bletchley Park

9. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

