



2019/2020

Annual Report & Accounts of the Society 2019/2020

Executive Committee Report

Mike Hart, Chairman

The Society's Executive Committee members this year have been: Mike Hart (Chairman), Bob Hine (Vice Chairman), Andy Bell (Hon. Secretary), Ali Driver, Joan Collins (Hon. Treasurer), Jeremy Gilmore, Patrick Hamblin (Chairman of Planning & Traffic Panel), Lesley Heaney (Membership Secretary), Annabella Marks and Pauline Simmonds (Chairman of Education and Social Panel). Trefor Fisher has continued to play an active role as the Sonning Parish Council observer at committee meetings, further strengthening the links between the two organisations.

Under the Constitution, Jeremy Gilmore needs to stand down as he has completed 3 years' service but he is willing to remain as a co-opted member of the Committee. It is with deep regret that I have to report that Pauline is standing down, she has done a great job in conceiving and organising really interesting talks and she will be a great loss to the committee. Other than Pauline the current committee members are willing to stand again for election. More on this later.

This has been a very strange year for all of us. Your committee met five times during the year with good attendance at every meeting but since March the meetings have had to be virtual due to the Covid-19 restrictions. The year had barely started when the pandemic struck and this decimated our physical meetings although the panels continued to meet virtually as described in the section reports within.

Following the successful public meeting held in Pearson Hall in February (just before lockdown as it happened) and the decision by SPC to proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan for Sonning a good start has been made by the Society working closely with SPC. Jeremy Gilmore has been appointed Chairman of the Steering Group and has assembled a group of volunteers to assist him deliver the plan.

The Spring edition of *Bridge* was delayed by the pandemic but this was made up by a bumper issue in Summer. As we have come to expect from him, Jeremy Gilmore has maintained a very high standard in all issues since he took over. We are very grateful to him for all his efforts not only for *Bridge* but also for the updated Society web site.

Regrettably the film club suffered from Covid-19 restrictions along with other physical events and we had to cancel the March showing but the previous 5 showings were quite well attended and we hope to restart showings as soon as possible. Many thanks to Rod Thomas for managing this initiative.

Our membership has remained stable during the year. We welcome our new members and thank them and our regulars for their interest and involvement in the Society's activities this year, details of which are given in the following pages.

I would like to thank the volunteers who helped Pauline with the organisation and running of social and educational events and those who distribute copies of *Bridge* to our members. Their willing assistance is invaluable.



Pauline Simmonds welcoming people to one of the many talks she has organised over the years as Chair of the Education & Social Panel

I reported above that apart from Pauline, current committee members are willing to stand for re-election again this year. We can't rely on this happening year after year, we really need to identify new volunteers to rejuvenate the Society. If you or anyone known to you is ready to help please contact a member of your committee, you won't regret it as the Society is a rewarding organisation to become involved in.

I'm sure we all wish we were in Pearson Hall patiently waiting for the formal AGM to finish so that we can get on with the real reason for our attendance, the annual dinner followed by an after-dinner speaker. Let's hope we can get back to normal in November 2021.

Financial Report for year ending 31 August 2020

Joan Collins, Honorary Treasurer

For this year's report, the General Fund is analysed between the Village Voices project and Other Activities.

Sales of the Village Voices book continue with income during the last year amounting to £43.30 for 5 copies sold. By the date of this report total income from book sales was £3,659.40 and 401 books had been sold.

As regards Other Activities, the excess of income over expenditure for other activities is £472.02 as analysed in the Financial Statement below, which together with the previous year's credit balance brought forward, shows a credit balance carried forward £4,271.98.

SONNING & SONNING EYE SOCIETY

GENERAL FUND AT 31ST AUGUST 2020

BALANCE AT 1ST SEPTEMBER 2019		
General	3,799.96	
Village Voices	<u>2,946.71</u>	6746.67
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR		
General	472.02	
Village Voices	<u>43.30</u>	515.32
BALANCE AT 31ST AUGUST 2020		
General	4,271.98	
Village Voices	<u>2,990.01</u>	<u>7261.99</u>

GENERAL FUND REPRESENTED BY:

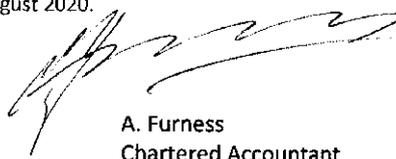
CASH AT BANK - RESERVE ACCOUNT	7,000.00
CASH AT BANK - CURRENT ACCOUNT	161.99
CASH IN HAND	<u>100.00</u>
BALANCE AT 31ST AUGUST 2020	<u>7,261.99</u>

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 1ST SEPTEMBER 2019 TO 31ST AUGUST 2020

INCOME	£	EXPENDITURE	£
MEMBERS SUBSCRIPTIONS	1,188.00	NEWSLETTER	161.54
AGM	1,262.00	AGM	1,271.63
ALI DRIVER - NEPAL TALK	223.00	ALI DRIVER - NEPAL TALK	82.86
P WORMSLEY - SONNING TALK	267.00	P WORMSLEY - SONNING TALK	101.53
E. LUTYEN TALK	167.00	E. LUTYEN TALK	80.63
FILM CLUB	599.00	FILM CLUB	814.41
BANK INTEREST	10.18	SUBSCRIPTIONS	162.94
DONATION	50.00	GENERAL EXPENSES	282.46
		LIABILITY INSURANCE	336.16
VILLAGE VOICES INCOME:		VILLAGE VOICES EXPENDITURE	0.00
VILLAGE VOICES BOOK SALES	43.30	Miscellaneous	
		EXCESS (DEFICIT) INCOME OVER	
		EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD	
		General	472.02
		Village Voices	43.30
	<u>3,809.48</u>		<u>3,809.48</u>

I have reviewed the above General Fund and Income and Expenditure Account which are in accordance with the books and records maintained. In my opinion the accounts represent a fair summary of the General Fund and Income and Expenditure of the Society for the year ended 31st August 2020.

Sonning
9th October 2020


A. Furness
Chartered Accountant

