



# **THE OLD CROYDONIANS' ASSOCIATION**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021 : REPORTS (BY EMAIL/POST)**

### **1. TREASURER'S REPORT (ACCOUNTS AT END OF DOCUMENT)**

The accounts for the year ended 30 April 2021 show a surplus of £1,821 which when added to the accumulated surplus brought forward of £2,480 gives an accumulated surplus to carry forward of £4,301.

The main reason for the surplus of £1,821 is the very generous donations received of £1,743 without which the surplus would have been £78. As there were no meetings held during the year due to coronavirus, there was also a saving on expenses.

The donation paid of £200 was in respect of the leavers at The Crescent Primary School.

The Association requires funds at the end of the accounting year in order to pay the magazine costs and postage in June, which is prior to new subscription income from September. This year the cost has been £2,605, leaving a balance of funds at present of £1,696.

A forecast has been prepared through to 2025-26 which shows that without an increase in fees the Association would be short of funds in the next couple of years.

The Sustaining membership fee has remained at £12 for the last 5 years. It is recommended that the fee is increased to £17 and to keep it at this level until 2025-26. This is an increase of 50p per year over 10 years.

**John Cook, Treasurer.**

### **2. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT**

By the end of June 2021 we have 437 members, of these 316 are Old Boys and 121 Old Girls. Although this shows a reduction of 24 from the same time last year the numbers of sustaining member has risen to 259 from 236 last year. Since January 2021, 7 new members have joined us, 2 of whom are Old Girls.

**Caroline Stoneman, Membership Secretary**

### **3. EDITOR'S REPORT**

1. The 2021 Old Croydonian magazine was distributed to 249 sustaining members, including 19 overseas members, at the beginning of June. So far, feedback has been very positive. A few complimentary copies are being sent to the families of those members who have passed away and who have submitted obituaries. Croydon Archives will also receive a copy.
2. Sadly, we still have nearly 200 non-sustaining members who do not receive the magazine.
3. The 2021 magazine was an exceptional 100-page issue split into two volumes since the stronger binding required would have incurred an extra cost.
4. The main theme of the issue was the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lanfranc School tragedy in Norway in 1961. We are incredibly grateful to OC member and former BBC journalist, Neil Bennett, for researching and contributing the article. We have produced an extract of the article and photo sheet for the Lanfranc Academy and other interested non-Selhurst people, with a foreword by Cortland setting the scene and the background to the OCA.
5. The editorial team of Valerie, Roger, Brian, Steve Coltman and Mike Roberts in Canada worked well together to produce the magazine. Mike has undertaken a project to produce a database of all the photos contained in the magazines and on the website for quick reference purposes.
6. We are not short of contributions for 2022 and already have several lined up. Articles from girls are particularly needed.
7. The 2020 Autumn Newsletter was issued last September and the one for 2021 is due out this September.

**Valerie Heathorn, Editor**

### **4. SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT**

1. We have had to cancel the AGM/Reunion scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> July this year at The Brit School because of Covid restrictions. However, I was encouraged that, without prompting, they said that "they looked forward to welcoming us next year". My contact there is always supportive.

2. In the past year all events were cancelled as a result of Covid. However, we do have a good programme for the rest of the year:

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021 – Tony Teal has suggested a reasonably leisurely walk at Chilworth, near Guildford, including a visit to the site of a gunpowder mill, preceded by a meal in The Percy Arms.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021 – A visit to the Mechanical Music Museum, Brentford: a buffet lunch, guided tour of the exhibits, a WurliTzer (the accepted style goes back 100 years) performance, followed by tea and cake. Space for 15/25.

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021 – A private tour of the Croydon Airport tower, museum and surrounding buildings. Limited to 15 people although there is a slight chance of more. Hopefully lunch beforehand.

Further plans – There will be the usual informal gathering at The Parcel Yard in November 2021 (date TBA). Next year I have pencilled in the long delayed visit to Lambeth Palace and a guided tour of Southwark.

**Bob Smith, Social Secretary (MoTR)**

## 5. WEBMASTER'S REPORT

1. With the suspension of events because of the Coronavirus pandemic, there has been little news to post on the website. I have continued to note RIPs and new memberships as advised and, in May 2021, have uploaded a number of new photographs relating to the 2021 magazine.

2, The statistics below show that page impressions have never dropped below 11,000 per month, which is encouraging. Several people have made contact after looking at the site and some have joined thereafter.

**Cortland Fransella, Webmaster**

### OCA Website Statistics since July 2020

Key:

■ Page Impressions

■ Referring Websites



Month

Page Impressions

Referring Websites

[June 2021](#)

11975

3

[May 2021](#)

14591

1

[April 2021](#)

12584

1

[March 2021](#)

11678

1

<a href="#">February 2021</a>	11691	1
<a href="#">January 2021</a>	11796	1
<a href="#">December 2020</a>	11005	1
<a href="#">November 2020</a>	11344	1
<a href="#">October 2020</a>	12749	1
<a href="#">September 2020</a>	11730	1
<a href="#">August 2020</a>	18564	1
<a href="#">July 2020</a>	19361	3

**Income and expenditure report below on final page**

**OLD CROYDONIANS' ASSOCIATION - FOR AGM JULY 2021**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2019-20</b>
	£	£
AGM 2020	-	265
Subscriptions received (Note)	3,016	2,865
Donations	1,743	247
Sales and miscellaneous	68	83
Royal Hospital Chelsea visit	-	330
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>4,827</b>	<b>3,790</b>
 <b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
AGM 2020	-	420
Magazine 2020 including postage	2,057	2,349
Newsletter 2020	178	67
Postage and stationery	175	341
Website costs	347	315
Expenses - travel	-	506
Donations and gratuities	200	295
General and miscellaneous	49	43
Royal Hospital Chelsea visit	-	330
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>3,006</b>	<b>4,666</b>
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) for year</b>	<b>1,821</b>	<b>(876)</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS B/F</b>	<b>2,480</b>	<b>3,356</b>
<b>YEAR END BALANCE</b>	<b>4,301</b>	<b>2,480</b>

**BALANCE SHEET AT 30 APRIL 2021**

**CURRENT ASSETS**

Barclays Bank	3,794	2,182
PayPal	507	298
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>4,301</b>	<b>2,480</b>
<b>Less CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	-	-
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>4,301</b>	<b>2,480</b>

**Note:** Subscriptions are those actually received during the accounts year. The subscription year is from 1 September to 31 August.

**TREASURER:**

*J Cook*

John Cook 25 May 2021

**EXAMINER'S REPORT to the members:-**

I have examined the above Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30 April 2021 and Balance Sheet as at 30 April 2021 and confirm that they are in accordance with the books and records of the Association.

**EXAMINER:**

*R.H.Hill* Roger Hill

14 June 2021