

## CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT FOR AGM - JUNE 2022

The start of Session 2021-2022 coincided with the lifting of restrictions on "in-person" meetings indoors and our Members certainly took advantage of their new-found freedom by attending our postponed AGM. Accommodation was quickly secured and most Group Activities were able to resume shortly afterwards.

In an attempt to keep our Members safe, a "cafe style" layout of tables and seating was adopted for our Monthly Speakers' Meetings, to reduce the number of people moving about in the Hall, at the same time.

Regrettably, for a variety of reasons, Walking Netball and Bridge went their own way. The series of Ayr Concerts, which so many of our Members enjoyed, couldn't take place. Some Groups cease after a while either due to the lack of a new Leader coming forward or a fall in demand for that particular Activity. This Session we have lost Stitch 'n' Craft, Bird Watching, Easy Exercise, Keeping Fit via Zoom and Yoga.

However, we have been able to add Geology, Scottish History, Line Dancing and a Ukulele Beginners and Session Group to our Programme of Activities. These Groups were all started as a result of suggestions from our Members. If you have an idea for a new Group then please don't keep it to yourself but add it to the list in the Office.

This brings me onto some very important people without whom OIR couldn't exist. They are our Group Leaders who devote a great deal of time and energy in preparing for their Groups, organising materials etc. On behalf of the Committee I should like to express our sincere thanks for all they contribute to OIR.

The Network is the new monthly newsletter sent to our Members who have provided an e-mail address. It is also available on our website. A huge "thank-you" is due to Agnes for volunteering to undertake the task as Editor. The Network's predecessor, The Grapevine, was for many years expertly edited by Joan Robinson and we wish her well in her retirement. However, communication is a two-way process so the Committee welcome any ideas you may have which could improve the OIR experience.

Agnes is keeping busy as she has volunteered to takeover the organisation of our popular outings, the most recent of which was a visit to the Burrell Collection and a cinema visit to see Downtown Abbey. Eric, who so efficiently organised many outings to interesting places and events decided that he would like to retire from that role. Sincere thanks to Eric for all the very successful days out he has arranged for us over the years.

OIR Largs is indeed fortunate in having a dedicated Committee who work tirelessly for the benefit of our Members and who are very tolerant of me!

Finally, I should like to thank you, the Members, who make OIR such a vibrant Organisation.

Jean Stuart  
Chairperson

