

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT 2021 - 2022

**Good to be heading back to normality
with Membership reaching a healthy 771 which includes 145 New Members.**

**Our “*Suggestions for New Groups*” sheet
certainly bore fruit this year, bringing in many additional Members
to participate, together with existing Members,
in the new Activities for which we were asked, and able, to offer.**

From whence they came, our Activities to enjoy:

Ardrossan	6	E Kilbride	1	Kilmarnock	2	Portencross	1
Altrincham	1	Fairlie	52	Kilwinning	5	Saltcoats	3
Beith	3	Gourock	17	Largs	532	Seamill	9
Bishopton	2	Greenock	4	Lochwin/Glengrnk	5/1	Skelmorlie	35
Brookfield	1	Inverkip	16	Millport	8	Stewarton	1
Bute	1	Irvine	1	Paisley	3	Wemyss Bay	7
Dalry	3	Kilbirnie	5	Port Bannatyne	1	West Kilbride	43

Of no known abode: 2

More Membership facts and figures:

530 (69%) are Female and 241 (31%) are Male.

577 (75%) Gift-Aid their Subscription, which will add **£1,432** to our Account next year.

706 (92%) Receive by e-mail, their copy of The Annual Accounts, copy of The Network
and Reminder Letters.

All e-mail holders gave their GDPR permission, making it so much easier to keep in touch !

By various modes of transport, even ferry, they came to partake in:

Monday am	Monday pm	Tuesday am	Tuesday pm	Wednesday am	Wednesday pm	Thursday Am	Thursday pm	Friday am	Friday pm
Line Dance 21	Dancing 41	Calligraphy 16	Carpet B 15	Level Walk 35	Scots Country 32	Zumba 26	Spanish 10	Art & Chat 25	Carpet B 19
	Drama 10	Italian 2 9	Jewellery 6	Pilates 16	Enjoy Music 14	Easy Ex 28	Guitar 13	German 9	
	Bird Watch 8	Keyboard 9	Book Club 8	Tai Chi 46	French 3 10	Play/Poetry 13	History 20		
	Ukulele B 12		Philosophy 17	French 2 8		Italian 1 8			Saturday Hill Walk 28
	Ukulele S 21		Zumba 12			Cycling 19			
			Geology 15			Yoga 8			
			Evening Table T 20						

Allen Fenton
Membership Secretary
24th May, 2022

SECRETARY'S REPORT

One of my main duties as Secretary is making sure the office is manned every weekday from 10 - 12 noon. Thanks are due to the volunteers who help man the office, the rota is usually filled quickly, mostly by committee members but also by a small group of volunteers. The office is important as a point of contact for members, as a venue for selling tickets for outings and for prospective members to see what we have to offer. It also provides access to Group Leaders for printing and photocopying facilities.

I have been liaising with Bill Armstrong in an effort to update the OIR web site www.oirlargs.org.uk. This is a work in progress and would not happen without the input from the Group Leaders, but we are getting there!

The committee try to ensure a member of the committee visits each of the groups at least once during the year. I visited the Cycling Group and the Geology Group this year and I was delighted by the welcome I received and by how organised their activities were.

My biggest job of the year was collecting, collating and organising the paperwork for this AGM. Many thanks for the quick responses from the Group Leaders whose input formed a necessary part.

Finally I would like to thank all my colleagues on the committee for their hard work and assistance which has seen me through my first year as Secretary.

Gavin MacLellan
OIR Secretary
24th May 2022

GROUP LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT 2021/22

This year has had its ups and downs. Several groups were keen to get back to face to face meeting while others have remained on zoom throughout the year. We have lost the use of the Brisbane Centre but have gained a new venue in Brisbane Evangelical Church Hall. This has proved very successful.

Unfortunately the bird watching group and bridge group have folded for several reasons. The afternoon Zumba class finished but those interested have joined the very popular Thursday morning session. Easy exercise has also folded but we are hoping to reinvent this in September.

We have restarted a line dancing group and started up 2 ukulele groups and a geology group. These are all proving very popular.

We await the decision of the Church of Scotland over the closure of churches in the town and hope that our church halls are still available in the future but we will have to wait and see.

Hopefully next year will be healthier for all and we look forward to welcoming more people and even more new groups.

Shirley Strang