

## CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT FOR AGM 2024

Session 2023-2024 had an excellent start with our well-attended Open Day in early September. The attendees clearly not only enjoyed the opportunity to admire the various very attractive displays provided by the Group Leaders but also the chance to have coffee and a chat with fellow Members. All the Group Leaders are to be congratulated for their excellent displays.

There was a slight hiccup when our newly appointed Treasurer decided to resign. However, our resilient Members responded to our plea for help and we are delighted to welcome Richard Lerski on board. As you will see from the Accounts, Richard has very quickly got to grips with his new role.

Our French and Ukulele Groups were each augmented by a Beginners Group and following an offer from Aileen Harrison and Avril Rea an Astrology Group has now been added to our programme of Activities. Several suggestions for new Groups have been received but regrettably there has not been a sufficiently large response for any one activity to enable a Group to be formed. If you have an interest which you would be willing to share with our Members then please don't keep it to yourself. You will be given assistance and guidance to set up a new Group.

Our outings have all been enjoyed immensely by those attending. If you have never joined us on a day out then you have certainly missed a treat. They are very well-organised so thank you Agnes for providing us with the opportunity to visit many interesting places. Agnes has decided to give up the role of Outings Organiser so to enable these very popular "away days" to continue we need a volunteer. Could it be you?

The Committee are very grateful to the family of John Turcan for their generous donation which has enabled a new office chair to be purchased in his memory. Both John and his late wife Rita were past Chairpersons and stalwarts of OIR. The Dance Group suffered a double blow when both Archie and Maureen Adams died within a few days of each other. They were great supporters of the Dance Group with Archie also being administrator. He performed these duties in a very friendly and efficient manner. Our condolences to their families.

Looking forward to next session, a programme of excellent speakers covering a wide range of topics has been organised so come and join us at our monthly meetings.

In conclusion I should like to thank all the Members for their support, the Group Leaders who devote an inordinate amount of time in preparing for and organising their chosen activity and lastly but by no means least the Committee who work tirelessly to keep OIR a lively and vibrant organisation.

*Jean Stuart*  
Chairperson

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