



Oxford Society of Glasgow University Graduates

The Origins of the Society

The Oxford Society of Glasgow University Graduates (OSGUG) was founded in 1990 to enable alumni and former staff of the University to establish and maintain social contact with one another while taking an interest in and promoting the academic pursuits and aspirations of their Alma Mater. The Society brought together a number of eminent academics working in the University of Oxford, distinguished research scientists at Harwell, doctors, teachers, business professionals and military service personnel. Membership grew quickly, demonstrating that unique sense of identity and pride in our long association with the city and the University of Glasgow. Students traditionally forge strong and enduring friendships during their undergraduate years but OSGUG has enabled many new and warm personal ties to be established in the two decades since it was set up. We share a pride in our academic and career achievements but also gratitude to the University which strives for ever higher standards in education and research. Our members' individual and collective commitment to the University and to its current and future students shines through in the level of donations given to The University of Glasgow Trust which now exceeds £90,000. OSGUG is listed as a Major Donor on the University's Online Benefactor Wall in recognition of the support it has provided to specific and general projects.

Our Patron

Sir William Kerr Fraser, former Principal and Chancellor of the University of Glasgow, has been Patron of OSGUG since 1998. He takes a keen interest in our programme of events and fundraising activities and has spoken at several meetings of members. He succeeded our first Patron, Sir Alexander Cairncross, his predecessor as Chancellor, who had been Master of St Peter's College in the University of Oxford.

The Committee

The current committee is:
 Tom Hanson – President and Secretary
 Maureen Aitken – Vice president
 Alistair Mills – Treasurer and Web Master
 Maureen McKeown – Minutes Secretary

We welcome volunteers to join the Committee and assist in the organisation of our meetings and events.

Over the past twenty one years we have been privileged to be addressed by distinguished speakers from the University including two Chancellors, four Principals and the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine (who was previously a member of OSGUG.) We have also had a private dinner with a former Home Secretary and Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Our AGM is held in the spring.

Membership

If you are a graduate, former student or a former member of the academic staff of Glasgow University and living within an hour's drive of Oxford you will be made very welcome as a new member of OSGUG. Qualified members of professional bodies such as the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Scotland who undertook part of their professional training in the University will also be welcome. The subscription is £10 per annum and the Society's year runs from 1st March to the end of February. If you have any questions about membership please contact:

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Events

The programme for the year ahead is set out in an Annual Newsletter. Details of specific events are sent to members about four weeks in advance and are also posted on our website www.osgug.org.uk. Fuller details of events over the past few years can be viewed on our website.

The social events we organise are aimed at bringing members together in relaxed and informal gatherings. These have included hearty social events like ceilidhs, St Andrew's Night dinner/dances and informal pub lunches. There have also been theatre evenings, private music recitals and visits to places of interest including the Bodleian Library and Highclere Castle. Our hallmark Burns Supper, normally held biennially, is a night to remember!

2011/12 Programme

9th Apr 2011	<i>AGM and Lunch at the Vine Inn, Cumnor</i>
14th May 2011	<i>Lunch at Exeter College, Oxford Guest Speaker: The Principal, Professor Anton Muscatelli</i>



17th Sept 2011	<i>Who Do You Think You Are? – A search for an unidentified grandfather Talk to be given by Tom Hanson in Village Hall Upper Basildon followed by a Garden Party (Afternoon Tea)</i>
29th Oct 2011	<i>Bodleian Library, Oxford – A guided tour</i>
28th Jan 2012	<i>Burns Supper Venue and details to be announced</i>
Spring 2012	<i>Annual General Meeting Venue and details to be announced</i>



Our Proud History of Benefaction

OSGUG has aimed to make a significant difference in the University by funding a variety of initiatives. A Giving Scheme organised by the University assists groups like OSGUG and individuals to make a contribution to specific capital projects or alternatively to the Chancellor's Fund for use at the discretion of the Trustees. Specific projects supported by OSGUG include:

1994	£12,500	Covering the fitting out costs of a room in the Murano Street Student Village
1997	£8,000	To the Centre for the Study of Theatre, Film and Television for a stained glass window and sponsorship of two seats in the auditorium.
2000	£5,000	To the Sir Alexander Cairncross Memorial Scholarship Fund which provides research funding for a Glasgow University graduate to undertake postgraduate study at St. Peter's College, Oxford or for an Oxford graduate to study at Glasgow
2001	£10,000	To the Chancellor's Fund used to provide computing facilities in the Library at Glasgow University for people with Special Needs.
2003	£4,000	To the Hunterian Museum for the Lord Kelvin Automaton
2007	£5,000	To the Hunterian Museum for the refurbishment and reconstruction of the Elephant Skeleton.
2010	£10,000	We launched an Appeal on behalf of the Chancellor's Fund. Target achieved August 2011

The sum of all donations attributed to OSGUG and its individual members now exceeds £90,000.



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Come and Join us!