

Quo Vadis?

The Journal of the Land's to John O'Groats Association





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Front cover: Our beloved Chairman enjoying the Malvern weekend far too much.

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Land's End-John O'Groats Association

40th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting will take place at The Toorak Hotel, Torquay on Saturday 3rd February 2024 at 10.00hrs.

The purpose of the meeting will be to receive and discuss reports of the Association's business and to elect Officers and Committee members in accordance with the Association's Constitution.

If you would like to be considered for election to the Committee please contact the Chair, Brian Dawson by e-mail thefirs38@btinternet.com or ring 01584 831508

AGENDA

Apologies for absence

Minutes of previous Meeting /Matters Arising

To receive reports from the Chair, Treasurer, Magazine Editor, Route Advisor, Membership, Social Secretary, Social Media, Web Editor

Election of Officers and Committee Members

Any other business.

It is important that we are open to people with a wish to help. New faces are very important .

Please feel free to phone or e-mail me for a chat if you would like to be considered for nomination.

Brian Dawson

(Chair)

Land's End-John O'Groats Association

LAND'S END JOHN O' GROATS ASSOCIATION

TREASURER'S REPORT

Income and Expenditure to 31st March 2023

As anticipated a year ago, we have recorded a healthy surplus for the financial year (£1,603), following last year's one-off deficit of £671. This is largely due to reduced expenditure on QV? magazine and no spend on merchandise stock.

Income

Membership subscriptions £3,201 (up 6.4% on the previous year)

Sales of merchandise £253 (down from £287)

Route packs £7 (down from £196)

Raffle/donations/bank interest £772 (up from £417)

Expenditure

Postage, stationery & printing £247 (down 6.7%)

Quo Vadis? Magazine £1,722 (down from £2,838) [Note 1]

Trophies £311 (down from £440)

Merchandise purchases £nil (previously £848) [Note 2]

Note 1: QV? expenditure was lower due to reducing the number of editions from three to two, and streamlining the number of pages per edition in order to minimise postage costs.

Note 2: We have not needed to purchase any merchandise during the year, but we expect to have to re-stock some specific items in the months ahead.

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2023

The total amount held across the Association's three bank accounts has increased to £17,170.87. This arises from the year's surplus of £1,603.31.

The year end creditors (£276) relate mainly to postage costs which were processed after year end.

The merchandising stock is valued (at the lower of cost or realisable value) at £1,548 (previously £1,830). In addition to sales, the stock value has been reduced after the write off of some older sweatshirts due to colour fading.

Russell George

7th September 2023

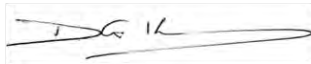
Lands End - John O'Groats Association
Income and Expenditure Account Year ended 31st March 2023

<u>2021/22</u>		<u>Income</u>	<u>2022/23</u>	
£	£		£	£
3,008.83		Membership subs/joining fees	3,201.14	
		<u>Sales of Merchandise</u>		
135.00		Sweatshirts	140.00	
36.00		Mugs	4.00	
22.50		Patches	40.50	
44.00		Ties	11.00	
36.00		Caps	36.00	
6.00		Scarves	12.00	
7.50		Fridge magnets	10.00	
<u>287.00</u>		Total Sales	<u>253.50</u>	
		<u>Other income</u>		
196.00		Route Packs	7.50	
191.00		Raffle	280.00	
226.00		Donations	458.00	
0.97		Interest	34.89	
285.00		J Adams book	15.00	
8,957.00		Social Events	10,428.00	
13,151.80		Total Income	14,678.03	
		<u>Expenditure</u>		
£	£	<u>Expenses</u>	£	£
264.93		Postage/Printing	247.22	
2,838.08		Magazine - Quo Vadis?	1,722.55	
440.50		Trophies	311.50	
26.40		Bank charges	69.60	
20.00		Gift for Examiner	50.00	
418.00		J Adams book - charity donation	235.00	
		<u>Purchases</u>		
497.28		Sweatshirts	-	
-		Ties	-	
-		Patches	-	
-		Mugs	-	
351.00		Caps	-	
-		Fridge magnets	-	
8,966.80		Social Events	10,438.85	
13,822.99		Total Expenditure	13,074.72	
<u>- 671.19</u>		Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>1,603.31</u>	

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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2023

<u>2021/22</u>		<u>Assets</u>	<u>2022/23</u>	
£	£		£	£
	8,786.40	<u>Opening Balance</u>		
	3,734.40	Current Account		8,518.24
	4,193.95	Savings Account		3,734.80
	<u>16,714.75</u>	Social Account		<u>3,893.52</u>
				<u>16,146.56</u>
	-	Debtor		-
	-	Prepayment		-
	476.00	Creditors		579.00
	-	Surplus/(Deficit)		<u>1,603.31</u>
	<u>15,567.56</u>	Closing Balance		<u>17,170.87</u>
		Cash		-
	<u>15,567.56</u>	Net Assets		<u>17,170.87</u>
	£	Represented by		£
		<u>Closing balance</u>		
	8,518.24	Current Account		9,993.33
	3,734.80	Savings Account		3,750.17
	<u>3,893.52</u>	Social Account		<u>3,704.19</u>
	<u>16,146.56</u>			<u>17,447.69</u>
	-	Debtor		-
	-	Prepayment		-
	579.00	Creditors		276.82
	<u>15,567.56</u>			<u>17,170.87</u>
<u>Stock at indicative cost price - Memorandum</u>				
399.00		Ties	427.00	
65.00		Scarves	55.00	
707.20		Sweatshirts	476.00	
116.18		Patches	98.91	
351.00		Caps	308.88	
108.24		Mugs	105.78	
83.39		Fridge magnets	77.21	
	<u>1,830.01</u>		<u>1,548.78</u>	

I have examined the accounts and confirm that they represent a true reflection of Income and Expenditure



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Teditorial

2023 marks a very important anniversary, I feel it is necessary to mark this momentous year. 40 years ago a casual comment to Denise and I, from a friend changed our lives. It set us onto forty years of travel. We have made a life time of friends, memories and very few scars. The casual comment? “Why don’t you try a tandem?”



1983



2023

Oh yes, there was another anniversary this year. The Land’s End John O’Groats Association is 40 years old this year. More of this later in this issue. We had a slow start to producing this issue of QV? Due to our preparation and execution of our Jogle ride. Also, a number of articles we were expecting failed to appear, and despite a request from Brian at dinner in the Abbey Hotel, Malvern, we have only received one comment about the weekend and photographs from three other sources.

However, as we were getting close to our dead line and nowhere near enough material I put out an appeal on our facebook page which was picked up by Adrian, who sent you all an e-mail asking for copy. Learn this lesson; Be careful what you wish for. This has produced a great response and we now have enough material for what we hope will be an interesting read. A short teditorial this time as we are running out of paper.

Malvern weekend

I am sure everyone who went to Malvern for the LEJOG late summer weekend break, celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Association will want to thank Eldon for organising it. There were over 40 of us there. The Abbey Hotel was lovely with friendly, helpful staff and delicious food. There were views of the Malvern hills from some rooms. In the evening we enjoyed dinner in the dining room and were able to chat to people we had not seen for some time and meet new people.

On Saturday morning a lot of us went on the planned tour of the Morgan Factory which was a short journey from the hotel. We had

an excellent guide who gave a very informative tour of the factory lasting 2 hours. It was amazing to learn how little has changed in the production of the cars over the years and the craftsmanship that goes into each car. Once I realised



how much work goes into producing a car to the customer's specifications I can understand why there is such a long waiting time before collecting your Morgan car.

In the afternoon I went a walk on the hills, only a short walk. I know others went much further. We were lucky that the weather was fine so the views were really beautiful. I then spent some time chatting to other members in one of the lounges at the hotel.

In the evening we had a celebration dinner served in a separate suite for our use. It was a delicious meal and again enjoyable for everyone to meet new members as well as those who have been members for some time.

Thank you Eldon and others for organising a very enjoyable weekend.

Looking forward to seeing you at Torquay for the Presentation Weekend.

Meriel Shotton



A wonderful weekend at Malvern meeting old and new friends.



Some enjoyed a tour of the Morgan factory, others took to the hills for some walking and yet more took the opportunity of raiding the charity bookshop, selling off their stock at amazing prices!



Best of all was talking to other end to enders over a fabulous dinner.

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