

# Oxford Centre of the National Trust

## Newsletter November 2025

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### From the Committee

As we come to the end of 2025 we can look back on several successful events during the past year starting with a January lunch at Brown's and followed by visits to the Wimpole Estate and Kenwood House over the summer, accompanied by an interesting lecture programme and monthly social coffee mornings. At the same time we were able to raise money for local Trust properties and our Committee has been making contact with other local National Trust supporter groups across the region (see David's report p.9). Next year could promise even more with our January lunch at the Cosy Club and a plan for monthly visits throughout the summer period (see p.3).

However, **all future plans are currently in jeopardy as we need to bring to members' attention that we now face a crisis.** For many months we have been appealing for help to fill a number of roles to keep the Oxford Centre active and functioning, the most crucial of all being that of Treasurer. Felicity Peacock gave early notice that she would be retiring at the AGM in March 2026 after serving diligently as Treasurer for 14 years but so far we have found no replacement, though we have been and are still actively looking. We cannot legally remain functioning without a Treasurer in place and unless we can find someone to take on this role by our next Committee meeting on 15 January 2026, we have to consider that we may reluctantly have to start looking at procedures to dissolve the Centre following the AGM.

In addition, our very efficient Membership Secretary, Louise Hodges, has given notice that she will also retire at the coming AGM because of other commitments. While we cannot function legally without a Treasurer, we cannot function practically without a Membership Secretary.

Although we are still in need of a Chair, Vice-Chair, Newsletter Editor and other vacant positions (see p.10), in this Newsletter we are concentrating on trying to find replacements for Felicity and Louise (see pp.7-8). Please consider whether you could take on one of these roles or if you know someone who could. Help and support are on hand for anyone taking on these positions. If we can find two willing volunteers to fill these vital roles and join the Committee, there is much to look forward to next year. The future of the Oxford Centre is at stake and in your hands.

At this rather uncertain time, we wish all our members a very Happy Christmas and New Year!

**OCNT Committee: Margo Boore (Lectures), David Hodges (Hon Sec), Louise Hodges (Membership Sec), Liz Humphreys (Lectures), Margaret Lipscomb (Newsletter Editor), Rupert McNeile (Bookings Sec), Felicity Peacock (Hon Treasurer), Carol Smith (Visits & Events)**

## RENEWING YOUR OCNT MEMBERSHIP FROM 1 JANUARY 2026

Many thanks to our continuing loyal membership, and welcome to all those who have joined in 2025. This is to remind you that **all annual subscriptions will be due on 1 January 2026.**

There is **no subscription increase** for members this year. Subscription rates for 2026 are

- Members receiving newsletters and booking forms **by email**  
Single membership: £10  
Joint membership: £15
- Members receiving newsletters and booking forms **by post**  
Single membership: £15  
Joint membership: £20  
**If you wish to receive newsletters and booking forms by post and you pay by standing order, please ensure that your standing order is for the correct amount.**

**Please note that paper copies of the newsletters and any booking forms will only be posted to those who have paid the enhanced subscription rate.** Note that you can read the Newsletters on our website [Newsletters – OCNT \(oxfordcnt.co.uk\)](https://www.oxfordcnt.co.uk/newsletters) but booking forms are only sent directly to Members, never published online.

### How to pay your subscription

Please help us to maintain our records more easily by paying your subscription **by Standing Order** wherever possible. Anyone with a current account can set up a Standing Order either online, over the phone, or in person at a branch of their bank. After giving the bank your instructions, your subscription should be paid by the bank on 1 January every year – you won't need to remember, and we won't need to remind you if you're late paying! These are the details of our current bank account which you will need to give to your bank:

**OXFORD CENTRE OF THE NATIONAL TRUST**  
**Sort Code: 20-65-20    Account No: 33248968**

(Please quote your surname and initial with the reference SUB) NB Our bank account changed in November 2021. You may need to check with your bank that your Standing Order will be paid to this account, as above.

If you still prefer to pay your subscription by cheque, please send it after 31 December to the Treasurer, 2 Cot's Green, Kidlington OX5 1UX. Thank you. Please ensure you make cheques payable to **Oxford Centre of the National Trust**, written in full (not OCNT), and write SUB on the back of the cheque.

You may also pay by cash, card or cheque at one of our Lectures (on 18 November and 16 December) at Magdalen Auditorium.

Thank you for your continuing support.

**Louise Hodges, Membership Secretary and Felicity Peacock, Treasurer**

## NEW YEAR LUNCH

Tuesday, 13 January 2026: LUNCH AT THE COSY CLUB, 20 Cornmarket St, Oxford OX1 3EY (next door to TG Jones, formerly WH Smith's) 12.30 for 1.00pm

### MENU

#### Main:

- A. **Pan fried fillet of sea bream** *with coconut and kaffir lime sauce, Asian greens, crispy lotus root and sweet rice gf*
- B. **Malvani chicken curry (mild)** – *chargrilled chicken breast in a rich, aromatic Malvani sauce made with coconut, red onion and tamarind. Served with fragrant cumin rice and a cooling raita gf*
- C. **Buttermilk fried chicken** – *caramelised butter, frisée and green bean salad served with fries*
- D. **Cosy house burger** – *beef rib patty, pickles, house bacon jam and mizuna. Served in a brioche bun with fries*
- E. **Cosy house vegan burger**. *As above but with plant-based patty and without house bacon jam. vg*
- F. **Cosy house burger gluten free option** – *as option D but gluten free gf*
- G. **Chestnut mushroom, tomato and spinach curry (mild)** – *sautéed in a red onion, coconut and tamarind curry sauce. Served with fragrant cumin rice and a fresh cucumber and tomato salad vg gf*

#### Desserts:

- A. **Bruléed miso caramel custard tart** *served with vanilla pod ice cream and shortbread crumb v*
- B. **Lemon and raspberry parfait** *with berry compote vg gf*
- C. **Dark chocolate mousse** *served with clotted cream ice cream and honeycomb sprinkles v gf*
- D. **Sicilian lemon and raspberry sorbet** *with fresh raspberry and lemon balm vg gf*

Key: v = vegetarian, vg = vegan, gf = gluten free

To cheer up those gloomy winter days in January we have arranged lunch at the Cosy Club – two courses for £28 including tea or coffee after the meal, and service charge. 'Tea' is English Breakfast Tea and 'Coffee' is Americano with/without milk; any other variations will need to be paid for individually on the day. Jugs of tap water will be available on the tables and if you would like an alcoholic or soft drink to go with your meal, these can be purchased at the bar on arrival.

The Cosy Club restaurant, bar and toilets are on the first floor at 20 Cornmarket St., and can be reached by stairs or a lift. There is one step up to the area where we will be seated. If the name sounds familiar, the Cosy Club is where we hold our monthly Coffee Mornings and the staff there are always welcoming and helpful.

**Cost: £28 including tea or coffee, and service charge**

**Booking deadline: Friday, 12 December**

**Organiser:** Carol Smith [carol.smith1591@outlook.com](mailto:carol.smith1591@outlook.com) ; 01865 769277; 07967 297782

NB. I am not available from 10th to 30th November, so if you have any queries, please try emailing rather than phoning or contact me when I return.

***To order your lunch, please fill in the attached Booking Form and follow directions for payment (by cheque or bank transfer) and return (by post or email).***

## Visits 2026

I'm pleased to announce that one of our members, **Colin Gammon**, has kindly volunteered to organise visits along with me, so we now have a 'team'! He has arranged visits before for other organisations, so his experience is greatly welcomed.

**Our plan for 2026 is to have one coach trip per month from April to September.**

However, as you will see elsewhere in this Newsletter, if no-one comes forward to be our Treasurer – so no-one to deal with your cheques, bank transfers or pay the invoice for hiring the coach – then I'm afraid the visits will not go ahead. Even if you don't feel you could take on this role yourself, please rack your brains to think if there is someone you know, who might be able and willing to do this.

**Carol Smith**

## OCNT Autumn and Winter Lectures 2025–26

All Lectures this coming year will be held at Magdalen College Auditorium, Longwall Street, starting at 11am

Tea and coffee will be served in the Auditorium Foyer from 10.30am, providing a chance to chat with friends!  
All welcome! Members £7, non-members £10

### Tuesday, 18 November 2025: *Jane Austen and her Connections to the Local Area* – Joy Pibworth



2025 is an important anniversary for all lovers of Jane Austen as it is the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her birth. The original speaker booked to mark this occasion unfortunately had to cancel due to family illness. However, we are delighted to welcome local historian and member of the Jane Austen Society **Joy Pibworth** who has stepped in to speak at very short notice. Joy is a dedicated Jane Austen enthusiast who gives talks and leads walks focused on Jane's life and connections to the Thames Valley area, particularly Reading.

### 16 December 2025: *What a Liberty! Memorable Moments along Oxford's Ancient Boundaries* – Mark Davies

**Mark Davies** is an Oxford local historian, guide, and author who has provided historical and literary talks and guided walks in and about Oxford for more than 25 years. His publications include historical crime, Lewis Carroll's 'Alice', the suburb of Jericho, and the story of the Oxford pastry cook who was the first Englishman to fly, but of greater relevance to this talk is his interest in the city's waterways as these defined the greater part of Oxford's ancient boundaries. He relates dramatic and amusing incidents from five centuries of ceremonial mayoral circuits of the city's boundaries – mainly defined by its waterways. Although serious in intent, numerous pub-stops and the chance for the populace to highlight local grievances with vigour often resulted in 'high jinks' and 'irresponsible jollity'. Mark is Chair of the Jericho (Oxford) Living Heritage Trust, a trustee of the Lewis Carroll Society, a member of the Society of Authors, and on the committee of the Alliance of Literary Societies. He is also a member of the OCNT!



### 20 January 2026: *Restoration of the Long Garden at Cliveden* – Anthony Mason



At the end of 2024 OCNT donated £1,500 to Cliveden towards the redevelopment of the Long Garden. The aim of the project was to create a more sustainable planting scheme and the new design pays homage to original 20<sup>th</sup>-century designs by Norah Lindsay, an influential garden designer of the early 1900s. The restoration has now been completed and **Anthony Mason**, Head Gardener at Cliveden for the past seven years, will tell us more about how this was achieved and why. He has commented: 'We've designed the garden to have interest all year round and be relevant to today's modern climate. The new

planting will attract a wider range of pollinators, and by allowing plants to die back naturally, we're creating shelter and food sources for insects and birds throughout the year.' Before joining Cliveden, Anthony worked 12 years for a private commercial garden maintenance company, looking after gardens including those at Kensington Palace, Chiswick House, the Dorchester Hotel, the BBC, Kings College, and Imperial College.

## 17 February 2026: *Oxford Preservation Trust: a Tour of our Work* – Stephen Dawson

For nearly 100 years OPT has been looking after Oxford's heritage and green spaces, guiding change to ensure we keep the best of the old and encourage the best of the new. In this talk we will discover more of how they achieve this and why their work remains crucial to the future of the city and its green setting and world famous views of the dreaming spires. **Stephen Dawson** joined the OPT Team in 2016 and, as Heritage Director, looks after the day to day running of the Trust with a particular focus on their heritage projects, green spaces and historic properties as well as fundraising. Prior to joining the Trust, he worked on various fundraising projects including



turning his local church into a village hall as well as an endowment campaign for the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust. In his spare time, Stephen loves being outdoors and is quite the expert on chickens! He volunteers for various community and charitable organisations including the Churches Conservation Trust and is a Trustee of The Friends of Dorchester Abbey. He also serves as a churchwarden for his local church at Stadhampton.

17 March 2026: AGM plus a talk to be confirmed.

Liz Humphreys and Margo Boore

## News from our National Trust Neighbours

### News from the West Oxfordshire Portfolio

*The National Trust has teamed up with tool company STIHL to support its gardeners switch to battery-powered gardening tools, helping ensure it is working more sustainably at the places in its care. As part of that cooperation, STIHL is making a series of films about Trust gardens, presented by garden expert Jane Moore. Below **Sarah Hannis** from West Oxfordshire tells of the filming at Chastleton earlier this year. (Other YouTube videos are also available online featuring gardens at Polesden Lacey, Stourhead, Sissinghurst Castle, Winkworth Arboretum and Upton House.)*

Back in July a film crew from Stihl visited **Chastleton**. It was a very intense morning for the gardeners trying to coordinate walking and talking whilst being filmed. However, Jane Moore, the presenter, had done a lot of research about Chastleton so the conversation flowed. The finished film shows the garden off beautifully and only has a brief section of product placement from Stihl. Just search 'Explore Chastleton with Jane Moore' and you will find a link to the YouTube video.



*The Best Garden in summer, Chastleton ©National Trust/Hugh Mothersole*

At the other end of the portfolio, after the success of our first Saturday Club programme at **Coleshill**, we have a new cohort of 13–16-year-olds on the Craft & Making programme. They will be exploring the history of heritage skills, as well as their future sustainability through practical activities. Last year, this included a visit to Chastleton to see lime plaster in situ in an historic building.

A second Saturday Club programme begins in January focusing on Society & Change – tackling climate action by showcasing the role of rural skills in the support of habitat regeneration and sustainable farming. Students will learn practical skills that will improve habitat spaces across the Coleshill Estate and beyond. The National Saturday Club programme is a free term time programme for 13–16-year-olds in their local areas.

**Sarah Hannis, Senior Volunteering & Community Officer, West Oxfordshire Portfolio**

## Nuffield Place – Exciting news about ‘BUD’

I’m really pleased to share another update on the conservation, preservation, and restoration work on ‘BUD’ (Lady Nuffield’s Wolseley 8) that the Oxford Centre provided a generous donation towards last year.

After a full condition assessment, we brought in two experts from the British Motor Museum at Gaydon, who were extremely positive and impressed with the condition of the car and of the care that our volunteers and staff have been giving this special vehicle. They confirmed that some of the work we suspected would be needed was essential to keep the car running but, in a very positive step forwards, they believe that we will not need a full engine rebuild! This is fantastic news as it means more of the original car can be maintained and its status as an item of collection will remain high with limited new parts needed.



After another deep clean, BUD will be going to Gaydon over the winter to have repairs and remedial work, before returning to Nuffield ready for the start of our new season in 2026 in full working order. Both the National Trust and the British Motor Museum will be documenting this process through our social media channels, so please do keep an eye open from about mid-November as you will likely hear about the work over the winter!

As part of our engagement with the public around this conservation, two of our volunteers have been giving talks about Morris Motors and BUD to our visitors and we are exploring ways of making these a regular occurrence for the 2026 season as they have proved so popular.

At the start of the new season, we would love to invite any members of the Oxford Centre of the National Trust to come and see the BUD in the garage and to hear all about the work that has been made possible by your donation. Thank you.

**Steven Williams, Site Manager, Nuffield Place**

## Christmas at local Trust properties



*Entrance Hall, Basildon Park ©National Trust/Katy Dunn*

Theatre and ballet provide themes for festivities at three local Trust properties this Christmas. **Greys Court** offers a warm nostalgic Christmas inspired by the characters of the actor Henry Irving, Lady Brunner's grandfather, and the magic of Victorian theatre, while **Basildon Park** features ‘The Magic of Ballet’ with decorations inspired by the stories, characters and colours of famous ballets, and **Cliveden** brings to life scenes from ‘The Nutcracker’.

**Hughenden’s** theme, ‘Stamped and Sealed’, explores the rich history of the Christmas card and brings together the elegance of the Victorian era and the heartwarming story of a 1940s wartime Christmas at Hughenden.

**The Vyne** offers ‘A Fairytale Christmas’ family trail featuring characters and events from well-loved children’s stories including the Snow Queen, Little Red Riding Hood, Beauty and the Beast, The Three Bears and Rapunzel.

Adorned trees, twinkling lights and beautiful decorations will welcome visitors at all the properties together with festive food and drinks available in the café and gifts in the shop. Please contact individual properties for opening times. Usual entry terms apply and there is no additional charge or need to book.

**Waddesdon’s** celebrations feature Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild and his beloved dog, Poupon, on a ‘Festive Trans-European tour’ exploring the unique holiday traditions of each country’s winter season, while the Manor and Gardens will be illuminated with an innovative new immersive light show. Entry fees apply and advance booking advisable.

## Could YOU be our next Treasurer or Membership Secretary?

As set out in the message from the Committee on the first page of this Newsletter, the Oxford Centre of the National Trust has reached a critical point where, unless we can find someone to take over as Treasurer at the next AGM in March 2026, we will not legally be able to continue. In addition, without a Membership Secretary we would not be able to function practically.

On the next two pages are outlined the key functions of the Treasurer and the Membership Secretary. If you think you might be interested in taking on either role, or know someone else who might, ***please do get in touch before our next Committee meeting on 15 January 2026***. Contact emails are given for both the Treasurer and Membership Secretary. Both would willingly provide help and support with the handover process if you felt able to come forward.

### OCNT Treasurer

- The Treasurer needs to be able to handle Excel spreadsheets and have a computer or laptop at home for frequent access to keep the record of income and payments up to date
- They must pay in to the bank branch all cheques and cash received and record it accurately on spreadsheets
- To prepare a report for each meeting of the Executive Committee showing all expenditure and income received during the year to date, how much each outing has cost and any surplus, and anticipated expenditure during the next 3 months set against the balance in the Bank.
- To recommend to the Committee how much the Oxford Centre can afford to donate to local NT properties at the end of the year, and to obtain the wish lists of local properties.
- The Treasurer must be registered with Barclays Bank for online banking to authorise payments of invoices and expenses and check balance sheets regularly, as well as writing cheques when necessary (NB all expenditure to be authorised by the Treasurer and one other member of the Committee/or the Chair).
- Liaising with the Membership Secretary concerning subscriptions received, including those from new members.
- They will need to liaise with Visit Leaders to check that the price charged for outings will cover the expected costs, record all payments received and pay all invoices for expenses incurred by the visit.
- The Treasurer books the lecture theatre dates, agrees the charges, and pays the invoices.
- The Treasurer or a deputy must take and record entrance charges at the lectures either in cash or using a credit card reader connected to a mobile phone app.
- The accounts are finalised as at 31 December each year and set out for audit by the Honorary Auditor by the end of February, in time for presentation at the AGM.
- (optional) Managing the 200 Club donations, issuing share numbers, handling the monthly draw for prizes.

***For further information, please contact Felicity Peacock: [treasurer.ocnt@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.ocnt@gmail.com)***

## OCNT Membership Secretary

- Monitor the Membership email account and respond to enquiries as appropriate
- Maintain the membership database (currently in Excel), adding new member details, updating changes of address etc
- Recording all annual subscription payments on the membership database (subscription payments are due in January each year), and sending reminders to members who have not paid their annual subscription renewal. Removing from the membership list those members who have not paid their subscription renewal by an appropriate date eg by the end of March
- Preparing up-to-date distribution lists for OCNT newsletters and sending addresses of those on the postal list to the printer via a secure email link
- Sending a monthly email bulletin to all members reminding them about activities taking place that month (optional)
- Preparing a brief membership report for the committee ahead of each committee meeting (currently three times a year)
- Maintaining all members' details with due regard for confidentiality, data protection and GDPR requirements e.g. using password protection on documents containing members' details, and not sharing members' details without consent

If you might be interested in finding out more about the role please contact our current **Membership Secretary, Louise Hodges, at: [membership.ocnt@gmail.com](mailto:membership.ocnt@gmail.com)**

## OCNT Coffee Mornings

### ***Come and join us at the end of the month!***

OCNT hosts informal coffee mornings every month (except December) on the last Tuesday from 10.30 to 11.30am. This is an excellent opportunity to renew acquaintance with good friends and to make new ones, as well as enjoying a relaxed cup of coffee or tea.

The coffee mornings are held at the Cosy Club restaurant on Cornmarket Street, next to TG Jones (previously WH Smith's). It is on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor, but there is a lift. Those attending coffee mornings there have commented on the comfortable surroundings, the delicious coffee, the friendly service and the central location within the city centre.

Why not come and join us for a social catch-up and a relaxing hour? There's no advanced booking – just turn up at the Cosy Club on the morning and you will be very welcome.

The final OCNT coffee morning of 2025 is on: **Tuesday, 25 November**; in December there is no Coffee Morning – but we wish all members a Happy Christmas and New Year!

**In 2026, Coffee Mornings are planned for: Tuesday, 27 January; Tuesday, 24 February; Tuesday, 31 March; Tuesday, 28 April; Tuesday, 26 May, and Tuesday, 30 June.**

Do put these dates in your diary and we look forward to seeing you.

## **Local Supporter Groups Networking Meeting, Coleshill Estate, 26 June**

Committee members were invited to an annual National Trust supporter group meeting at Coleshill Estate near Faringdon on 26 June, to update the supporter groups, such as the OCNT, in the London and South of England region. Nine different supporter groups from the region were represented. There were six National Trust staff members who presented to us or met with us during the morning.

### **New National Trust Strategy 2025–2035**

As 2025 is the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Trust, a new 10-year Strategy has been developed in consultation with over 70,000 partners, members, visitors, volunteers and staff. The new Strategy is entitled *'People and Nature Thriving'*, and includes a Vision for the Trust in 2050.

At its core, the Strategy has three ambitious goals for 2050 that the National Trust will work towards over the next decade:

- To restore nature – not just on National Trust land, but everywhere;
- To end unequal access to nature, beauty and history; and
- To inspire millions more people to care and take action.

There is an overall aim to create a National Trust fit for the future; renewing the way it works in a fast-changing world.

We were all interested to learn that the National Trust is the second-largest land owner in Britain after the Crown. In this regard, the National Trust could influence and shape Government policy, business practice and the environment, to the benefit of the country as a whole.

The full Strategy can be read at <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/who-we-are/our-strategy>, where you can find a good and easy-to-read overview, as well as the full, complete Strategy.

### **Supporter Group Links with the National Trust**

There was discussion of updated Letters of Affiliation between the supporter groups and the national organisation, which all groups, including the OCNT, have been asked to sign. The new Letter aimed to bring all supporter groups up-to-date, clarifying the relationship between them and the National Trust, the use of National Trust logo, and a suggested updating of policies in the light of recent legislation. The OCNT committee has since considered the Letter in some detail and signed it.

### **Networking**

There were opportunities to meet and talk with other groups from around the region and to share ideas. In a wide-ranging session there was discussion of online ticketing for visits, banking issues and taking card payments (as we do at lectures) and the promotion of the supporter groups to new members.

It was an enjoyable and thought-provoking morning, and lovely to meet colleagues from other groups as well as National Trust staff, many of whom we had only been in contact with before by email.

**David Hodges, Hon Secretary**

## Dates for your diary ...

<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>200 Club Draw, no 5 of 7</b>
Tues, 18th	Lecture: Magdalen Auditorium, 10.30 coffee, 11–12 noon, ALL welcome. Joy Pibworth, <i>Jane Austen and her Connections to the Local Area</i>
Tues, 25th	Coffee Morning at The Cosy Club, just drop in 10.30 to 11.30am
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>200 Club Draw, nos 6 &amp; 7</b>
Fri, 12th	<b>Booking deadline</b> for New Year Lunch (13 Jan)
Tues, 16th	Lecture: Magdalen Auditorium, 10.30 coffee, 11–12 noon, ALL welcome. Mark Davies, <i>What a Liberty! Memorable Moments along Oxford's Ancient Boundaries</i>
<b>JANUARY</b>	
Tues, 13th	*New Year Lunch at the Cosy Club, 12.30 for 1pm
Thurs, 15th	OCNT Executive Committee Meeting
Tues, 20th	Lecture: Magdalen Auditorium, 10.30 coffee, 11–12 noon, ALL welcome. Anthony Mason, <i>Restoration of the Long Garden at Cliveden</i>
Tues, 27th	Coffee Morning at The Cosy Club, just drop in 10.30 to 11.30am
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
Tues, 17th	Lecture: Magdalen Auditorium, 10.30 coffee, 11–12 noon, ALL welcome. Stephen Dawson, <i>Oxford Preservation Trust: a Tour of our Work</i>
Tues, 24th	Coffee Morning at The Cosy Club, just drop in 10.30 to 11.30am
<b>MARCH</b>	
Tues, 17th	<b>AGM &amp; Lecture:</b> Magdalen Auditorium, 10.20 coffee, 10.45 <b>AGM</b> immediately followed at 11.10am by a Lecture (details to be confirmed)
Tues, 31st	Coffee Morning at The Cosy Club, just drop in 10.30 to 11.30am

Note: \*Members need to have booked a place for this event, see p.3

## OCNT's 2025–26 Executive Committee

President:	Dr Nick Brown, Principal, Linacre College, Oxford
Chair:	<b>Committee vacancy</b>
Vice Chair:	<b>Committee vacancy</b>
Hon Treasurer:	Felicity Peacock <a href="mailto:treasurer.ocnt@gmail.com">treasurer.ocnt@gmail.com</a> 07975 678475 <b>retiring Mar 2026</b>
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Visits/Events:	Carol Smith & Colin Gammon
Bookings Secretary:	Rupert McNeile
Lectures:	Liz Humphreys & Margo Boore

## Supporting Roles

Proofreading:	Janet Redfern
Auditorium helpers:	David Hodges, Fran Billington, Hilary Whitehouse, Mary Neave
Publicity:	<b>Vacancy</b>
Walking group:	<b>Vacancy</b>
Holiday coordinator:	<b>Vacancy</b>
Website Manager:	Ashley Castelino – from the USA <b>Local replacement sought!</b>

Members' Contact at Pegasus Grange: Val Gould

When you applied for membership of the Oxford Centre of the National Trust you gave us contact information so that we could keep you informed about forthcoming activities and invite you to take part in our events. This information is used solely for the purposes of running the Centre and its activities. It may be exchanged among members of the Committee but will not be shared with any other organization other than the printers who are supplied with postal addresses of members who receive their newsletter by post for mailing purposes. Your details will be kept securely, and you have the right to opt out of our communications at any time and to request to see what information we hold about you. If you wish to do this please contact: **Membership Secretary**, email [membership.ocnt@gmail.com](mailto:membership.ocnt@gmail.com)