

# *The Gilbert & Sullivan Society*

Royal Patron: HRH The Duke of Gloucester KG GCVO

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## *Annual Report* *2020 - 2021*





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31st March 2021 is available separately



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## Vice-Presidents of the Society

Leon Berger	Simon Butteriss	Lorraine Daniels
Prof. Andrew Goodman	Bruce Graham	Linda Anne Hutchison
Gillian Knight	David Mackie	Valerie Masterson CBE
Richard Suart	Melvyn Tarran	

## Honorary Officers and Trustees

John Penn	<i>Chairman</i>
Robert Gray	<i>Secretary</i>
John Tritton	<i>Treasurer</i>
Angie Penn	<i>Programme Secretary</i>
Alan Parfitt	<i>Librarian</i>
Christine Parfitt	<i>Sales</i>
Stuart Box	<i>Webmaster</i>

*There is currently a vacancy for Membership & Affiliated Societies Secretary. These responsibilities have been covered by Angie Penn, Zena Wigram and Robert Gray*  
*The Executive Committee appointed Zena Wigram Assistant Membership Secretary*

## Other Trustees & Members of the Executive Committee

Katie Barnes, Vic Golding, Celia Lyons, Peter Mountstevens, Zena Wigram

## Non-Trustee Officer and other appointments

John Cannon (To January)	<i>Consultant Archivist</i> (non-trustee officer)
Alan & Christine Parfitt	Curators of Society Archive
John Cannon, Angie & John Penn	G&S News Editorial Board

## Bankers

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## The Report of the Executive Committee 2020-2021

Little did we think when we met on Frederic's birthday last year that this would be our last meeting for 19 months! Covid-19 has affected all societies but our financial situation is now improving and thanks to the staunch support of a hard-working committee, we have been able to weather the storm, create events during lockdown and move on. Particular thanks are due to our Hon. Sec. Robert Gray, Programme Secretary, Angie Penn and Webmaster, Stuart Box for arranging the alternative programme of Zoom meetings which proved very popular and allowed for people to safely meet and enjoy some Gilbert and Sullivan. Despite being unable to meet in person, we have gained some new members throughout lockdown and the *G&S News* continues to be well-received.

Covid is still with us but hopefully we can now begin to recover and the Committee and I look forward to returning to some sort of normality as well as facing the challenges that still lie before us.

### **i. Gilbert & Sullivan Society Membership**

Membership of the Society at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 was as follows:

84	Life Members	(88 at 31.03.20)
225	Annual subscribers	(243 at 31.03.20)
18	Affiliated Societies	(18 at 31.03.20)

With an aging membership sadly we have lost a number of people this year. With few opportunities to recruit new members we are delighted that 17 people have joined the Society, mostly through finding us on a web search. Despite every attempt to keep our members, we had to prune a few persistent low payers who had not responded to repeated letters and/or emails.

We have had some success with social media and continue to use the Facebook to particularly reach young people and promote our events. One of our posts was seen by over 1700 people. We were somewhat relieved they didn't all turn up to the meeting!

### **ii. Affiliated Societies**

This includes:

Bath, Blackpool, Bournemouth, Godalming, Manchester, New London, Norwich, Plymouth, Preston, Sale, Sussex, Torbay, West Norfolk

And overseas: Jerusalem, New England, New York, Toronto, Victoria

A number of Affiliated Societies take a bulk order of the *G&S News* for their members and many regularly send us reports for the *G&S News*. We are always delighted to welcome members to our main meetings and were delighted that many were able to join us in our recent Zoom events.



### **iii. Gilbert & Sullivan Society Programme**

Meetings were suspended during the first lockdown in the period April – May 2020 losing two main meetings and International G&S Day celebrations at Barataria.

From September we offered an alternative on-line programme each month via Zoom which proved extremely successful with numbers increasing each meeting. From January 2021 we invited members of our Affiliated Societies to join us, space permitting. Zoom gave members who cannot easily attend events in London, the opportunity to join us and we enjoyed welcoming people from across the British Isles, Ireland, Germany, Holland, Canada, Hawaii, the USA and in March, also Australia. On some occasions numbers we very nearly reached the maximum of 100 with an average of around 70 tuning in. Several times we have offered the 'chat room' option after the event for members in smaller groups to talk to each other – often in international groups. We have had repeated requests for some Zoom opportunities after lock down restrictions have lifted and as a result plan to offer additional zoom meetings

### **iv. Sales and Merchandise**

During normal times the Sales table is a regular feature at Society meetings and at the Memorabilia Fair at Harrogate. Christine's cards featuring the Bess De Fries illustrations and bookmarks are popular sellers. Regrettably it was not possible to produce a Society Christmas Card for 2020 due to the pandemic but Christine has plans for 2022.

### **v. The Gilbert & Sullivan News**

We were very sorry indeed to lose John Cannon in January. John had been involved with the production of the G&S News for many years and actively so since 2000, latterly being joint-editor with Angie Penn. We carried a full obituary in the Spring 2021 edition.

Angie has continued as Editor with help from the editorial board, John Penn and more recently, Michael Symes. In addition, considerable help with proof reading has come from Tony Gower and we have enjoyed a variety of interesting articles and pieces submitted from a range of contributors. We continue to enjoy receiving articles from regular and new contributors as well as pieces from our President and some of our Vice Presidents. Articles have covered a wide range of Gilbert and/or Sullivan related topics and we are grateful to everyone who has helped in any way.

The *News*, which is sent out to all members three times a year, is type set by James Howie and printed and dispatched by Kenads

### **vi. The Gilbert & Sullivan Society Reference Library**

The Society Library is housed within the Barbican Music Library and provides a specialist collection covering all aspects of Gilbert, Sullivan and related people and topics. Books are available for study on a reference only basis to Society members and to all users of the Barbican Music Library. Alan Parfitt regularly reviews new books in the G&S News and adds to the collection where appropriate. The Society is most grateful to Richard Jones and his staff for their continuing assistance.



## **vii. The Gilbert & Sullivan Society Archive**

Management of the Society archive is cared for by Alan and Christine Parfitt who have worked hard to catalogue and move onto digital media much of the material.

The G&S News often draws on material from the archive and Christine Parfitt has made innovative use of the Bess Defries illustrations to produce a range of fundraising merchandise for the Society. Our Consultant Archivist, John Cannon died at the start of 2021 and his support and extensive knowledge is sadly missed by all in the Society and G&S Community. The digitisation of much of the Society photograph holdings allowed Christine to quickly respond to an request from Roberta Morrell for illustrations for a forthcoming book.

## **viii. Peter Parker legacy**

Vice-President, authority on all things Gilbert and Sullivan and good friend to the Society, Peter Parker, sadly died in September 2018. During his long life he had collected many unique, interesting and important artefacts over the years concerned with Gilbert and Sullivan.

Peter was keen that this collection would not be lost after his death and had everything professionally catalogued with clear provision recorded in his Will. Most of the really valuable material, historically and/or financially, has gone to The Victoria and Albert Museum or other specific benefactors but the Society has been left what remains which is mostly books, papers, china and some pictures. We have been cataloguing this collection and once it is completed, will look at how we can preserve as much as possible within the Society archive or our book collection at The Barbican.

Peter has also left the Society a substantial financial bequest of over £100,000. His wish was that we could use it to preserve our archive finding a permanent home for the collection within it. Despite this being a large sum, it is not sufficient to buy somewhere permanently. We have therefore decided to ear-mark this money for preserving the archive now and in the future. Some money will be spent on mending and protecting existing items and creating a new website for the Society where we hope to offer a digital archive for anyone who wants to research G&S.

We also plan to see if we can use some of the money to display in London some items from the archive thus promoting the Society and G&S to the general public.

At the moment, our archive is stored, free of charge, at the home of our archivists, Christine and Alan Parfitt, who, as well as preserving items, some very fragile, have been completing the mammoth task of putting photos and other material into a digital format. It would be foolish to waste Peter's legacy by paying for new accommodation when we currently have a safe and secure location so the bulk of the money will be stored until such time as it will be needed by the Society in the future.

John Penn  
Chairman





## Programme of events April 2020 – March 2021

*Each event below took place by Zoom*

*Events originally scheduled for March, April and May 2020 were either cancelled or postponed owing to Covid Lock down regulations.*

### **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

AGM followed by a presentation from Martin Milnes about his memoir, 'Wild card' which has each chapter named with a G&S Opera quote.

### **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

A member's event where six people offered up a favourite piece from the G&S canon and made the case for why it was a favourite. This led to an on-line vote choosing a winner.

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

A presentation from Roberta Morrell focussing on her recent sequel, 'D'Oyly Carte Inside Out' and an opportunity to ask questions.

### **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

Vice President, Linda Anne Hutchison and her husband, BBC broadcaster and musician, Gordon Stewart selected some 'Desert Island Discs' and told fellow VP and interviewer, Leon Berger, how G&S had featured in their life.

### **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

Soprano Zena Wigram entertained us to a selection of G&S and other pieces. An additional event to the published programme.

### **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

A presentation entitled 'Recorded – Corded – Corded' from Vice President, Leon Berger of unusual, rare and on some occasions, off-beat G&S related recordings with commentary.

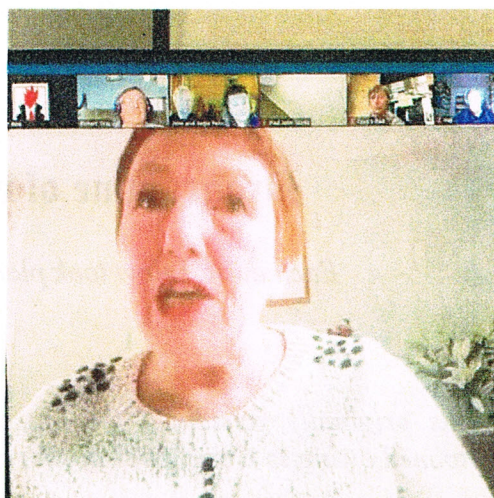
### **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

An illustrated talk from Sarah Lenton, archivist, broadcaster and writer on G&S in the British Library archive.





Martin Milne



Roberta Morrell



Linda Anne Hutchison and Gordon Stewart



Zena Wigram



The Team setting up a Zoom Meeting



Leon Berger



# **THE GILBERT and SULLIVAN SOCIETY**

Charity number 1062970

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**



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On behalf of the Committee and Trustees

J Penn

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	2021 Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Restricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
<b>Income</b>					
Donations	2	109,555	-	109,555	794
Charitable activities	3	6,623	-	6,623	32,596
Investment activity	4	2,066	-	2,066	2,732
<b>Total income</b>		<b>118,245</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>118,245</b>	<b>36,122</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Charitable activities	5	8,028	-	8,028	42,097
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>8,028</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,028</b>	<b>42,097</b>
Previous year adjustment		-	-	-	(469)
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The notes on pages 6 - 8 form an integral part of these financial statements.

# THE GILBERT and SULLIVAN SOCIETY

## BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	6	918	918
Investments		75,613	66,201
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<u>76,531</u>	<u>67,119</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	7	1,085	1,028
Cash at bank and in hand		111,247	2,846
		<u>112,332</u>	<u>3,874</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Creditors	8	892	824
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<u>892</u>	<u>824</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>111,440</u>	<u>3,050</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u><b>187,971</b></u>	<u><b>70,169</b></u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds		<u>187,971</u>	<u>70,169</u>
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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# THE GILBERT and SULLIVAN SOCIETY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

### 1. Accounting policies

#### 1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement on Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)- (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

#### Cash flow

The financial statements do not include a cash flow statement because the charity, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under Financial Reporting Standard 1 "Cash flow statements".

#### Incoming resources

All material incoming resources have been included on a receivable basis

They are included if the date receivable falls within the period covered by these accounts.

#### Resources expended

These have been analysed using a natural classification.

#### Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost or valuation, less estimated residual value.

The rates applicable are:                      Library Books                      These are not depreciated

### 2. Donations

	2021	2020
	£	£
General Donations	109,555	124
Door Takings	-	670
	<b>109,555</b>	<b>794</b>

### 3. Charitable activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Subscriptions	5,265	5,568
Affiliation Fees	135	118
G & S News	849	1,219
Advertising	145	-
Other Income	-	247
Convention	-	24,715
Sales income	230	729
	<b>6,623</b>	<b>32,596</b>

### 4. Investment activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Dividends and Interest	2,066	2,732
	<b>2,066</b>	<b>2,732</b>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

<b>5. Charitable activities</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
G and S news costs	5,472	5,442
Room hire	-	2,054
Artists	1,585	1,780
Insurance	-	183
Sponsorship	-	-
Advertising	-	150
Convention	-	31,137
Professional fees	282	192
Investment fees	240	240
Committee expenses	374	381
Refreshments	-	342
Sundry expenses	75	196
	<b>8,028</b>	<b>42,097</b>
	<b>Library</b>	
<b>6. Fixed assets</b>	<b>Books</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 April 2019	918	918
Additions	-	-
At 31 March 2020	<b>918</b>	<b>918</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 1 April 2019	-	-
At 31 March 2020	-	-
<b>Net book value</b>		
At 31 March 2021	<b>918</b>	<b>918</b>
At 31 March 2020	918	918
<b>7. Debtors</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Debtors	845	845
Prepayment	240	183
	<b>1,085</b>	<b>1,028</b>
<b>8. Creditors</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other creditors	610	632
Accruals	282	192
	<b>892</b>	<b>824</b>

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<b>9. Investments</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
UK investments are held as follows -	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Market Value as at 31 March 2020	66,201	89,735
Additions	176	-
Disposals	-	(50)
Unrealised surplus (deficit) on revaluation	7,762	(10,976)
Increase(decrease) in cash held	1,650	(12,508)
<b>Market value as at 31 March 2021</b>	<b><u>75,790</u></b>	<b><u>66,201</u></b>

### 10. Going concern

The charity is operating on a going concern basis

### 11. Related parties

There are no related parties

### 12. Trustee remuneration

No remuneration was paid to any Trustee or to any person or persons known to be connected with any of them.

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### 1. Accounting policies

#### 1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement on Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)- (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

#### Cash flow

The financial statements do not include a cash flow statement because the charity, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under Financial Reporting Standard 1 "Cash flow statements".

#### Incoming resources

All material incoming resources have been included on a receivable basis

They are included if the date receivable falls within the period covered by these accounts.

#### Resources expended

These have been analysed using a natural classification.

#### Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost or valuation, less estimated residual value.

The rates applicable are:                      Library Books                      These are not depreciated

### 2. Donations

	2021	2020
	£	£
General Donations	109,555	124
Door Takings	-	670
	<b>109,555</b>	<b>794</b>

### 3. Charitable activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Subscriptions	5,265	5,568
Affiliation Fees	135	118
G & S News	849	1,219
Advertising	145	-
Other Income	-	247
Convention	-	24,715
Sales income	230	729
	<b>6,623</b>	<b>32,596</b>

### 4. Investment activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Dividends and Interest	2,066	2,732
	<b>2,066</b>	<b>2,732</b>

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<b>5. Charitable activities</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
G and S news costs	5,472	5,442
Room hire	-	2,054
Artists	1,585	1,780
Insurance	-	183
Sponsorship	-	-
Advertising	-	150
Convention	-	31,137
Professional fees	282	192
Investment fees	240	240
Committee expenses	374	381
Refreshments	-	342
Sundry expenses	75	196
	<b>8,028</b>	<b>42,097</b>
	<b>Library</b>	
<b>6. Fixed assets</b>	<b>Books</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 April 2019	918	918
Additions	-	-
At 31 March 2020	<b>918</b>	<b>918</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 1 April 2019	-	-
At 31 March 2020	-	-
<b>Net book value</b>		
At 31 March 2021	<b>918</b>	<b>918</b>
At 31 March 2020	918	918
<b>7. Debtors</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Debtors	845	845
Prepayment	240	183
	<b>1,085</b>	<b>1,028</b>
<b>8. Creditors</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other creditors	610	632
Accruals	282	192
	<b>892</b>	<b>824</b>



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<b>9. Investments</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
UK investments are held as follows -	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Market Value as at 31 March 2020	66,201	89,735
Additions	176	-
Disposals	-	(50)
Unrealised surplus (deficit) on revaluation	7,762	(10,976)
Increase(decrease) in cash held	1,650	(12,508)
<b>Market value as at 31 March 2021</b>	<b><u>75,790</u></b>	<b><u>66,201</u></b>

### 10. Going concern

The charity is operating on a going concern basis

### 11. Related parties

There are no related parties

### 12. Trustee remuneration

No remuneration was paid to any Trustee or to any person or persons known to be connected with any of them.