

**THE FRIENDS OF MOUNT ATHOS
(Registered Charity No. 1047287)**

ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

31 DECEMBER 2004

The trustees submit their financial statements covering the year to 31 December 2004. The accounts have been prepared on a cash basis.

STATEMENT OF THE TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The law applicable to Charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare the financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining an adequate system of internal control and keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993 and Statement of Recommended Practice (Accounting by Charities) 2000. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

TERMS AND OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY

The main object of the Friends during 2004 has been the advancement of religion and of public education through the support of and the study and knowledge of the history, culture, arts, architecture, natural history and literature of the Orthodox monasteries of Mount Athos.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The charity is based and administered in the United Kingdom. The management of the charity is vested in the Executive Committee which is responsible for the day to day running of the charity, organising various events and maintaining contact with the Friends to ensure they are kept up to date with events and issues. The Executive Committee are also responsible for the preparation of the annual accounts.

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31 DECEMBER 2004

REVIEW OF THE CHARITY'S ACTIVITIES AND FINANCIAL POSITION

During this year income of £17,188 (2003 - £17,673) was received into the General Fund. The Executive Committee would like to express their gratitude to those individuals who have donated to the charity, especially with regard to the £15,864 of donations received towards the Hilandar Appeal. At present all income is held in cash earning interest at a competitive rate.

Direct charitable expenditure during the year was £21,569 (2003 - £10,196).

The charity has continued to raise funds to meet its objectives through various events during the year. Receipts have predominantly come from the annual subscriptions and donations from the Friends. The Hilandar lecture, sale of books, maps, and paintings continue to be important to the fund raising effort.

RESERVES POLICY

There are no outstanding commitments or cash demands which are not adequately covered by our existing resources. Consequently, it would be inappropriate at this stage to adopt a specific reserves policy.

RISK MANAGEMENT

A risk assessment has been undertaken on behalf of the Executive Committee. This continuing process will identify risk areas to which the charity is vulnerable and highlight any necessary safeguards that need to be put in place. No major risks were identified at the date of these accounts.

**Approved by the Executive Committee on
and signed on their behalf by:**



Mr S P Jennings, FCA
Treasurer



Dr G Speake, FSA
Secretary

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SYNOPSIS

FULL NAME: The Friends of Mount Athos

REGISTERED NUMBER: 1047287

REGISTERED ADDRESS: c/o Dr Graham Speake
Ironstone Farmhouse
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GOVERNING DOCUMENTS: Constitution as revised on 12 June 1995

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The Rt Reverend Dr Kallistos, Bishop of Diokleia (Chairman)
Mr Simon Jennings, FCA (Treasurer)
Dr Graham Speake, FSA (Secretary)
Mr Anthony Hazledine (Events Secretary)
Dr Dimitri Conomos
Bishop Basil of Sergievo
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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE FRIENDS OF MOUNT ATHOS

I report on the accounts of the Friends of Mount Athos for the year ended 31 December 2004, which are set out on pages 5 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 ("the Act") does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; and
 - to prepare statements of accounts which comply with the requirements of regulation 3 (except the requirements specified in paragraph 1 of Part III of Schedule 1) of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995;

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mr F W P Lea, FCA
FWP Lea & Co

THE FRIENDS OF MOUNT ATHOS
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2004

	Page	2004 £	2003 £
Current Assets			
General Fund			
Cash at bank		16,288	18,065
Cash on deposit		3,306	6,076
Owed by the Runciman Account (note 1)		3,434	3,090
Owed by the Hilandar Account		912	-
Owed to the Vatopedi Account		(377)	(377)
Loan for pilgrimage expenses		-	2,400
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Balance of fund at 31 December 2004		23,563	29,254
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Vatopedi Appeal			
Cash on deposit		5	5
Owed by General Fund		377	377
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Balance of fund at 31 December 2004		382	382
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Runciman Account			
Cash at bank and on deposit		8,434	8,090
Owed to General Fund		(3,434)	(3,090)
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Balance of fund at 31 December 2004 (note 1)		5,000	5,000
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Hilandar Account			
Cash at bank		622	-
Owed to General Fund		(912)	-
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Balance of fund at 31 December 2004		(290)	-
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Total Assets		<u>£ 28,655</u>	<u>£ 34,636</u>
Reserves and Other Funds			
FOMA General Reserve	7	23,563	29,254
Vatopedi Appeal	8	382	382
Runciman Account	9	5,000	5,000
Hilandar Appeal	10	(290)	-
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Total Reserves and Other Funds		<u>£ 28,655</u>	<u>£ 34,636</u>

The notes on page 12 form part of these accounts

THE FRIENDS OF MOUNT ATHOS
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

GENERAL FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

	Page	2004 £	2003 £
Income Receipts			
Subscriptions (note 3)		11,153	12,486
Donations		3,396	3,513
Tax refund received for year/(due for year)		-	1,021
Bank deposit interest		269	517
Sales to members (Christmas cards, maps and paintings) (note 4)		3,229	1,336
Exchange loss		(859)	(1,200)
Total Receipts		<u>17,188</u>	<u>17,673</u>
Direct Charitable Payments			
Donations to Holy Mountain		8,387	706
Donations to Hilandar		5,000	-
Annual report & Pilgrims Guide		3,100	3,071
Donations to Solan		2,000	-
Goods purchased for resale		1,680	1,872
Syndesmos Grant & Travel Grant		1,200	525
Footpath Project		606	-
Donations to Ormylia		-	3,000
Donation to new Skete		-	1,022
		<u>21,973</u>	<u>10,196</u>
Other Expenditure			
Postage, copying and stationery		2,526	2,029
Expenses relating to Hilandar Appeal		2,897	-
Travel & accommodation		535	-
Goods for resale		404	-
St Brides November meeting		171	463
Bank charges		81	25
Memorial reception for John Leatham		-	860
Photographic reproduction of manuscript		-	450
Equipment expenditure		-	124
		<u>6,614</u>	<u>3,950</u>
Total Payments		<u>(28,587)</u>	<u>(14,147)</u>

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

GENERAL FUND (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

	Page	2004 £	2003 £
Vatopedi Party			
Income			
Tickets		698	657
Expenses			
Food and drink		(383)	(525)
Total		<u>315</u>	<u>132</u>
AGM			
Income			
Ticket sales		1,281	1,162
Sale of books		69	71
Expenses			
St Anne's College		(1,410)	(3,166)
Travel of speaker		-	(549)
		<u>(60)</u>	<u>(2,482)</u>
Conference (note 5)			
Income			
Sponsorship		3,500	5,000
Ticket sales		1,609	9,564
Sale of books		-	290
Expenses			
		-	(15,020)
Receipts on Account of 2005		<u>5,109</u>	<u>(166)</u>
Less Sponsorship and Ticket Sales Accounted for in 2002 (note 4)		-	(6,096)
		<u>5,109</u>	<u>(6,262)</u>
Net (Payments)/Receipts for the Year		<u>(6,035)</u>	<u>(5,085)</u>
Transfer from Runciman Account	9	<u>344</u>	<u>5,861</u>
Balance of Fund Brought Forward		<u>29,254</u>	<u>28,479</u>
Balance of Fund Carried Forward	5	<u>£ 23,563</u>	<u>£ 29,254</u>

THE FRIENDS OF MOUNT ATHOS
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
THE VATOPEDI APPEAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

	Page	2004 £	2003 £
RECEIPTS			
Income Receipts			
From voluntary sources			
Donations		-	-
From assets			
Interest received		-	-
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Net Receipts for the Year		-	-
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Balance of Fund Brought Forward		382	382
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Balance of Fund Carried Forward	5	£ 382	£ 382
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THE FRIENDS OF MOUNT ATHOS
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
THE RUNCIMAN ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

	Page	2004 £	2003 £
RECEIPTS			
Income Receipts			
From voluntary sources			
Donations		-	-
From assets			
Interest received		344	270
Net Receipts for the Year		<u>344</u>	<u>270</u>
Transfer to General Fund		<u>(344)</u>	<u>(5,861)</u>
Balance of Fund Brought Forward		<u>5,000</u>	<u>10,591</u>
Balance of Fund Carried Forward	5	<u>£ 5,000</u>	<u>£ 5,000</u>

THE FRIENDS OF MOUNT ATHOS
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
THE HILANDAR APPEAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

	Page	2004 £	2003 £
RECEIPTS			
Income Receipts			
From voluntary sources			
Donations		15,684	-
From assets			
Interest received		34	-
Net Receipts for the Year		15,718	-
PAYMENTS			
Donations to Hilandar Monastery		15,058	-
Owed to General Fund		912	-
Bank Charges		38	-
		(16,008)	-
Balance of Fund Brought Forward		-	-
Balance of Fund Carried Forward	5	£ (290)	£ -

THE FRIENDS OF MOUNT ATHOS
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
THE PELION PILGRIMAGE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

	Page	2004 £	2003 £
RECEIPTS			
Income Receipts			
From friends to cover participation on pilgrimage		8,400	-
Net Receipts for the Year (note 6)		<u>8,400</u>	<u>-</u>
PAYMENTS			
Donation to Diocese of Volos		5,000	-
Donations to monasteries		1,000	-
Airfares		2,030	-
Sundry expenses		370	-
		<u>(8,400)</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance of Fund Brought Forward		-	-
Balance of Fund Carried Forward		<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>

THE FRIENDS OF MOUNT ATHOS**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS****31 DECEMBER 2004****Note 1**

Having received no further requests for funds for the Protaton restoration it has been decided to transfer the balance of the Runciman Account (which was designated primarily for that purpose) to the General Fund. An amount of £5,000 has been retained to subsidise projected costs of a memorial to the late Derek Hill.

Note 2

The accounts for the year to 31 December 2004 are prepared on a cash basis as in previous years.

Note 3

The subscriptions figure in the accounts includes payments for life membership of the Friends. Whilst strictly speaking some of these amounts relate therefore to future years, the fact that the accounts are prepared on a cash basis has meant that the full amount is put through the receipts and payments account in the year of receipt.

Note 4

This income arises exclusively from sales to members and is therefore not subject to taxation under the mutual trading provisions.

Note 5

The income from conference sponsorship and ticket sales in 2004 set out on page 7 relates to the 2005 conference.

Note 6

During April 2004 a Pilgrimage to Pelion took place. The trip had the endorsement of the Friends but was entirely self financed by those attending. Details of the income and costs of the pilgrimage are included on page 11 to demonstrate that the Executive Committee are fulfilling the charity's objectives by promoting the education of the public through visits to monasteries linked to Mount Athos.