

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

ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

THE FRIENDS OF MOUNT ATHOS

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

31 DECEMBER 2005

The trustees submit their financial statements covering the year to 31 December 2005. 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) 2003. 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 2005 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 2005

REVIEW OF THE CHARITY'S ACTIVITIES AND FINANCIAL POSITION

During this year income of £17,560 (2004 - £17,188) was received into the General Fund. The Executive Committee would like to express their gratitude to those individuals who have donated to the charity.

Direct charitable expenditure during the year was £7,798 (2004 - £20,293).

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)
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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 2005 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.

THE FRIENDS OF MOUNT ATHOS
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2005

	Page	2005 £	2004 £
Current Assets			
General Fund			
Cash at bank		17,424	16,288
Cash on deposit		3,456	3,306
Loan for pilgrimage expenses		5,000	-
Owed by the Runciman Account (note 2)	12	2,552	3,434
Owed (to) the Vatopedi Account		(931)	(377)
Owed (to) the Hilandar Account		(648)	912
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Balance of fund at 31 December 2005		26,853	23,563
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Vatopedi Appeal			
Cash on deposit		5	5
Owed by General Fund		931	377
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Balance of fund at 31 December 2005		936	382
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Runciman Account			
Cash at bank and on deposit		2,552	8,434
Owed (to) General Fund		(2,552)	(3,434)
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Balance of fund at 31 December 2005(note 2)		-	5,000
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Hilandar Account			
Cash at bank		1,379	622
Owed by General Fund		648	(912)
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Balance of fund at 31 December 2005		2,027	(290)
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Total Assets		<u>£ 29,816</u>	<u>£ 28,655</u>
Reserves and Other Funds			
FOMA General Reserve	7	26,853	23,563
Vatopedi Appeal	8	936	382
Runciman Account	9	-	5,000
Hilandar Appeal	10	2,027	(290)
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Total Reserves and Other Funds		<u>£ 29,816</u>	<u>£ 28,655</u>
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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 2005

	Page	2005 £	2004 £
Income Receipts			
Subscriptions (note 1(b))	12	10,387	11,153
Sales to members (Christmas cards, maps & paintings) (note 3)	12	2,063	3,229
Donations (note 5)	12	2,370	3,396
Tax refund received for year		1,944	-
Footpaths project		600	-
Bank deposit interest		161	269
Exchange profit/(loss)		35	(859)
Total Receipts		17,560	17,188
Direct Charitable Expenditure			
Annual report & Pilgrims Guide		3,320	3,100
Donations to Solan		3,000	2,000
Donations to Syndesmos		1,000	-
Footpath Project		478	606
Donations to Holy Mountain		-	8,387
Donations to Hilandar		-	5,000
Syndesmos Grant & Travel Grant		-	1,200
		7,798	20,293
Other Expenditure			
Printing costs of Sacred Bridge book		2,608	-
Postage, copying and stationery		1,381	2,526
Printing costs of Christmas cards		1,090	846
St Brides November meeting		537	171
Bank charges		29	81
Travel & accommodation		14	535
Expenses relating to Hilandar Appeal		-	2,897
Sales commission		-	834
Printing costs of the Pilgrims guide		-	404
		5,659	8,294
Total Expenditure		(13,457)	(28,587)

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
GENERAL FUND (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

	Page	2005 £	2004 £
Vasilopitta Party			
Income			
Tickets		438	698
Expenses			
Food and drink		(309)	(383)
Total		129	315
 AGM			
Income			
Delegate fees		1,127	1,281
Sale of books		-	69
Expenses			
St Anne's College		(1,397)	(1,410)
		(270)	(60)
 Conference (note 4)			
Income			
Delegate fees		11,955	1,609
Sponsorship		-	3,500
Expenses			
Hire of venue		(12,424)	-
Event costs		(3,251)	-
Expenses of guest speaker		(600)	-
		(4,320)	5,109
Net (Payments)/Receipts for the Year		(358)	(6,035)
Transfer from Runciman Account	9	3,648	344
Balance of Fund Brought Forward		23,563	29,254
Balance of Fund Carried Forward	5	£ 26,853	£ 23,563

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
THE VATOPEDI APPEAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

	Page	2005 £	2004 £
RECEIPTS			
Income Receipts			
From sales			
Sales of Christmas cards		554	-
From voluntary sources			
Donations		-	-
From assets			
Interest received		-	-
Net Receipts for the Year		<u>554</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance of Fund Brought Forward		<u>382</u>	<u>382</u>
Balance of Fund Carried Forward	5	<u>£ 936</u>	<u>£ 382</u>

THE FRIENDS OF MOUNT ATHOS
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
THE RUNCIMAN ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

	Page	2005 £	2004 £
RECEIPTS			
Income Receipts			
From voluntary sources			
Donations		-	-
From assets			
Interest received		118	344
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Net Receipts for the Year		118	344
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PAYMENTS			
Memorial for Derek Hill		1,470	-
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		1,470	-
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		(1,352)	-
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Transfer to General Fund	7	(3,648)	(344)
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Balance of Fund Brought Forward		5,000	5,000
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Balance of Fund Carried Forward	5	£ -	£ 5,000
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THE FRIENDS OF MOUNT ATHOS
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
THE HILANDAR APPEAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

	Page	2005 £	2004 £
RECEIPTS			
Income Receipts			
From sales			
Sales of prints		2,050	-
From voluntary sources			
Donations		1,285	15,684
From assets			
Interest received		20	34
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Net Receipts for the Year		3,355	15,718
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PAYMENTS			
Printing costs		1,038	-
Donations to Hilandar Monastery		-	15,058
Owed to General Fund		-	912
Bank Charges		-	38
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		1,038	16,008
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Balance of Fund Brought Forward		(290)	-
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Balance of Fund Carried Forward	5	£ 2,027	£ (290)
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THE FRIENDS OF MOUNT ATHOS
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
THE MOLDOVIAN PILGRIMAGE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

	Page	2005 £
RECEIPTS		
Income Receipts		
From friends to cover participation on pilgrimage		22,961
Net Receipts for the Year (note 6)	12	<u>22,961</u>
 PAYMENTS		
Travel, accommodation and subsistence		11,050
Airfares		8,044
Donation to Iasi Metropolis		2,000
Donation to Romanian Patriarchate		1,500
Donation to Reverend Dan Sandu		200
Donation to St Sava Foundation		100
Sundry expenses		67
		<u>(22,961)</u>
Balance		<u>£ -</u>

THE FRIENDS OF MOUNT ATHOS**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS****31 DECEMBER 2005****1. Accounting policies**

- a) The accounts for the year to 31 December 2005 are prepared on a cash receipts and payments basis as in previous years.
- b) The subscriptions figure in the accounts include payments for life membership of the Friends. Some of these amounts relate to future years, but as 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.

2. Runciman Account

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.

3. Sales to members

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

4. Annual Conference

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

5. Donations

This represents occasional donations made by members and other supporters of the 'Friends'.

6. Annual Pilgrimage

During April 2005 a Pilgrimage to Moldovia 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.