

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

**ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006**

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# THE FRIENDS OF MOUNT ATHOS

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

**31 DECEMBER 2006**

The trustees submit their financial statements covering the year to 31 December 2006. 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 disclosing the state of affairs of the charity and 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 where necessary the Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice (SORP 2005). The charity's income during the year was below the threshold for preparing accounts on an accruals basis and as a result there is no requirement to comply with SORP 2005 in preparing these financial statements.

The trustees 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 2006 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.

The Executive Committee also constitute the body of the Trustees of the charity, and are responsible for the report made on their behalf.

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

**31 DECEMBER 2006**

**REVIEW OF THE CHARITY'S ACTIVITIES AND FINANCIAL POSITION**

During this year income of £15,692 (2005 - £17,560) 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 £11,208 (2005 - £7,798).

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 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

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

**SYNOPSIS**

**FULL NAME:** The Friends of Mount Athos

**REGISTERED NUMBER:** 1047287

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

**THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** His Eminence Metropolitan Kallistos of Diokleia (Chairman)  
Mr Simon Jennings, FCA (Treasurer)  
Dr Graham Speake, FSA (Secretary)  
Dr Dimitri Conomos  
Bishop Basil of Sergievo  
Professor Derek Cadman  
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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 2006 which are set out on pages 5 to 14.

**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**

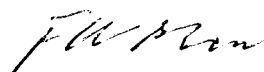
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items 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 2006**

<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>General Fund</b>			
Cash at bank		25,069	17,424
Cash on deposit		3,613	3,456
Loan for pilgrimage expenses		5,000	5,000
Owed (to) the Vatopedi Account		(1,267)	(931)
Owed (to) the Conference Account		(8,892)	-
Owed (to) the Hilandar Account		(1,927)	(648)
Owed by the Runciman Account		-	2,552
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Balance of fund at 31 December 2006		21,596	26,853
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<b>Vatopedi Appeal</b>			
Cash on deposit		5	5
Owed by General Fund		1,267	931
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Balance of fund at 31 December 2006		1,272	936
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<b>Runciman Account</b>			
Cash at bank and on deposit		-	2,552
Owed (to) General Fund		-	(2,552)
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Balance of fund at 31 December 2006		-	-
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<b>Conference Account</b>			
Cash at bank		5,456	-
Owed by General Fund		8,892	-
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Balance of fund at 31 December 2006		14,348	-
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<b>Hilandar Account</b>			
Cash at bank		5,549	1,379
Owed by General Fund		1,927	648
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Balance of fund at 31 December 2006		7,476	2,027
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<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>£ 44,692</b>	<b>£ 29,816</b>
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<b>Reserves and Other Funds</b>			
<b>FOMA General Reserve</b>	7	21,596	26,853
<b>Vatopedi Appeal</b>	8	1,272	936
<b>Conference Account</b>	10	14,348	-
<b>Hilandar Appeal</b>	11	7,476	2,027
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<b>Total Reserves and Other Funds</b>		<b>£ 44,692</b>	<b>£ 29,816</b>
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The notes on pages 13 and 14 form part of these accounts

**THE FRIENDS OF MOUNT ATHOS**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**GENERAL FUND**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006**

	Page	2006 £	2005 £
<b>Income Receipts</b>			
Subscriptions (note 1(b))	13	10,688	10,387
Sales to members (Christmas cards, maps & paintings) (note 2)	13	1,877	2,063
Tax refund received for year		1,304	1,944
Footpaths project		825	600
Donations (note 3)	13	734	2,370
Bank deposit interest		264	161
Exchange profit	13	-	35
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<b>Total Receipts</b>		15,692	17,560
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<b>Direct Charitable Expenditure (note 4)</b>			
Annual report & Pilgrims Guide	13	3,395	3,320
Donations to Syndesmos		1,000	1,000
Grant towards Synaxarion Translation		1,000	-
Donation to Dr Grdzeldze		1,000	-
Donation to Valamo Monastery		1,000	-
Donation to Valaam Monastery		1,000	-
Donation to Lintula Monastery		750	-
Donation to Orthodox Theological Academy		750	-
Footpath Project		679	478
Donation to Christos Karydis		500	-
Donation to Fr. Silouan		134	-
Donations to Solan		-	3,000
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		11,208	7,798
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<b>Other Expenditure</b>			
Postage, copying and stationery		1,993	1,381
Exchange loss (note 5)		1,192	-
Printing costs of Christmas cards		1,187	1,090
Committee meetings		639	537
Bank charges		106	29
Purchase of equipment		85	-
Travel & accommodation		-	14
Printing costs of Sacred Bridge book		-	2,608
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		5,202	5,659
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<b>Total Expenditure</b>		(16,410)	(13,457)
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**THE FRIENDS OF MOUNT ATHOS**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**GENERAL FUND (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006**

	Page	2006 £	2005 £
<b>Vasilopitta Party</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Tickets		1,360	438
<b>Expenses</b>			
Food and drink		(496)	(309)
<b>Total</b>		<u>864</u>	<u>129</u>
<b>AGM</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Delegate fees		1,531	1,127
<b>Expenses</b>			
St Anne's College		(1,667)	(1,397)
Travel and subsistence of guest speakers		(1,261)	-
		<u>(1,397)</u>	<u>(270)</u>
<b>Conference</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Delegate fees		-	11,955
<b>Expenses</b>			
Hire of venue		-	(12,424)
Event costs		-	(3,251)
Expenses of guest speaker		-	(600)
		<u>-</u>	<u>(4,320)</u>
<b>Net (Payments)/Receipts for the Year</b>		<u>(1,251)</u>	<u>(358)</u>
<b>Transfer from Runciman Account</b>	9	-	3,648
<b>Transfer (to) Conference Account (note 6)</b>		(4,006)	-
<b>Balance of Fund Brought Forward</b>		<u>26,853</u>	<u>23,563</u>
<b>Balance of Fund Carried Forward</b>	5	<u>£ 21,596</u>	<u>£ 26,853</u>

**THE FRIENDS OF MOUNT ATHOS**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**THE VATOPEDI APPEAL**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006**

	Page	2006 £	2005 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
<b>Income Receipts</b>			
From sales			
Sales of Christmas cards		336	554
From voluntary sources			
Donations		-	-
From assets			
Interest received		-	-
<b>Net Receipts for the Year</b>		<u>336</u>	<u>554</u>
<b>Balance of Fund Brought Forward</b>		<u>936</u>	<u>382</u>
<b>Balance of Fund Carried Forward</b>	5	<u>£ 1,272</u>	<u>£ 936</u>

**THE FRIENDS OF MOUNT ATHOS**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**THE RUNCIMAN ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006**

	Page	2006 £	2005 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
<b>Income Receipts</b>			
From voluntary sources			
Donations		-	-
From assets			
Interest received		-	118
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<b>Net Receipts for the Year</b>		-	118
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<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
Memorial for Derek Hill		-	1,470
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		-	1,470
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		-	(1,352)
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<b>Transfer to General Fund</b>	7	-	(3,648)
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<b>Balance of Fund Brought Forward</b>		-	5,000
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<b>Balance of Fund Carried Forward</b>	5	£ -	£ -
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**THE FRIENDS OF MOUNT ATHOS**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**THE CONFERENCE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006**

	Page	2006 £	2005 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
<b>Income Receipts</b>			
From sales			
Advance sales for attendance at the 2007 conference		5,432	-
From voluntary sources			
Donations and sponsorship		5,000	-
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<b>Net Receipts for the Year</b>		10,342	-
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<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
		-	-
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		10,342	-
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<b>Transfer from General Fund (note 7)</b>	14	4,006	-
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<b>Balance of Fund Brought Forward</b>		14,348	-
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<b>Balance of Fund Carried Forward</b>	5	£ 14,348	-
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**THE FRIENDS OF MOUNT ATHOS**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**THE HILANDAR APPEAL**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006**

	Page	2006 £	2005 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
<b>Income Receipts</b>			
From sales			
Sales of prints		270	2,050
From voluntary sources			
Donations		5,179	1,285
From assets			
Interest received		65	20
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<b>Net Receipts for the Year</b>		<b>5,514</b>	<b>3,355</b>
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<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
Printing costs		65	1,038
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		65	1,038
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<b>Balance of Fund Brought Forward</b>		<b>2,027</b>	<b>(290)</b>
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<b>Balance of Fund Carried Forward</b>	5	<b>£ 7,476</b>	<b>£ 2,027</b>
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**THE FRIENDS OF MOUNT ATHOS**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**THE FINLAND/RUSSIAN PILGRIMAGE**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006**

	Page	2006 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
<b>Income Receipts</b>		
From friends to cover participation on pilgrimage		22,480
<b>Net Receipts for the Year</b> (note 8)	14	22,480
 <b>PAYMENTS</b>		
Travel, accommodation and subsistence		17,067
Airfares		5,367
Sundry expenses		46
		22,480
<b>Balance</b>		£ -

**THE FRIENDS OF MOUNT ATHOS****NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS****31 DECEMBER 2006****1. Accounting policies**

- a) The accounts for the year to 31 December 2006 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 this has meant that the full amount is put through the Receipts and Payments Account in the year of receipt.

**2. Sales to members**

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

**3. Donations received**

This represents occasional donations made by members and other supporters of the 'Friends'. Included in this total are donations of £407 given by members in response to an appeal by Fr. Silouan. By 31 December 2006, £134 had been passed to Fr. Silouan and the remaining £273 will be paid over to him in 2007.

**4. Donations paid**

- a) During the year a donation was made to Syndesmos at the level previously paid to support the Athonite summer camp.
- b) A further grant of £1,000 was donated for continuing work on the Synaxarion translation.
- c) A donation of £1,000 was paid to Dr Grdzeldze in support of her project to publish an English translation of two Georgian hagiographic texts from the Iverion Monastery.
- d) Donations of £1,000 and £750 respectively were given to the Finnish Monasteries in Valamo and Lintula. In addition a donation of £1,000 was made to the Russian Monastery in Valaam and £750 to the Orthodox Theological Academy in St Petersburg. Each of these donations was made in pursuance of the object of the advancement of religion and in connection with the Friends' pilgrimage to Finland and Russia in acknowledgement of the Athonite Monastic tradition.
- e) A donation of \$250 (£134) was paid to Fr. Silouan in the year (see note 3 above)

**5. Exchange loss**

The exchange loss arose on converting the US Dollar bank account balances to Sterling at the year end.

**THE FRIENDS OF MOUNT ATHOS****NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS****31 DECEMBER 2006****6. Conference**

In previous years the conference has been included as part of the General Fund. Following completion of the 2005 accounts it was decided to show the conference as an entirely separate fund. The balance held within the Lloyds TSB conference account at 31 December 2005 of £4,006 represented the historical surplus of receipts over expenditure since the conference account was first opened. This balance was therefore transferred to the conference account and constituted the opening balance at 1 January 2006.

The income from conference sponsorship and ticket sales in 2006 set out on page 10 relates to the 2007 conference which was held at Madingley Hall, Cambridge. Of the £5,000 donated, £2,000 was gifted by the Gerald Palmer Eling Trust and £1,000 was gifted by the Michael Marks Charitable Trust. The donor of the remaining £2,000 asked to remain anonymous.

**7. Runciman Account**

The balance on the Runciman account was transferred to the General Fund in 2005.

**8. Annual Pilgrimage**

During August 2006 a Pilgrimage to Finland and Russia 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 12 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.