

Oxford Bridge Club

Report from the Premises Officer

July 2026 AGM

My report recognises the various activities managed by the Committee and my thanks go to Mark Ferris, Peter Finbow, Chris Adams and Martin Illingworth with particular thanks to our Chair, Julie Anderson, who stepped in to cover the vacant House Officer role following the resignation of Susie Crawford in 2025 who also did a sterling job whilst in post.

Members of the Committee have dealt with many and various tasks associated with managing the building (the detail of which I won't bore you with) but comprise the resolution of maintenance issues of varied types, management of keys and premises access, ensuring that with the help of our cleaner, Lili, that the club is kept in a presentable state and managing the access from outside contractors to perform service calls related to equipment held.

One matter of current interest to members is a review of the possibility of installing air conditioning to deal with the challenges posed by the increasing frequency of extreme heat this summer. Subsequent to the end of the financial year, Trustees are considering a proposal to install a split system air conditioning system. Whilst this would primarily be used to offset high summer temperatures, the equipment could also be used to supplement cold zones in winter. Evaluation of the alternatives and commissioning of estimates from qualified contractors is presently underway given that the project costs for the proposal are likely to be significant.

I am retiring as Premises Officer at this AGM and I am delighted to inform members that Peter Finbow has agreed to take over the role of Premises Officer. We will have an extensive handover period.

John Briggs

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