

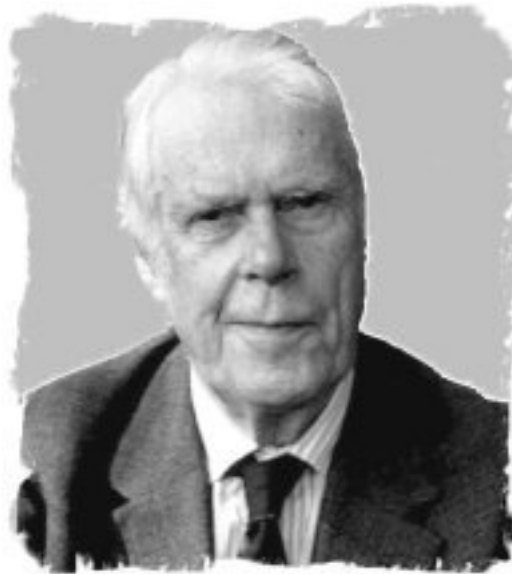


The Anthony Powell Society

*Patron: John MA Powell
President: Hugh Massingberd*

Annual Report 2002

01 April 2001 to 31 March 2002



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The Anthony Powell Society

The Anthony Powell Society is an unincorporated association of members governed by its *Constitution (Adopted 24/04/2002)*.

The Society's aim and objectives, as stated in the *Constitution*, are:

The Aim of the Charity shall be: To advance for the public benefit, education and interest in the life and works of the English author Anthony Dymoke Powell.

This Aim shall be achieved by:

1. The facilitation, support and undertaking of appropriate research.
2. The promotion and undertaking of relevant educational opportunities.
3. Other such related charitable purposes as the trustees may from time to time decide.

Officers & Committee

Patron ⁽¹⁾	John MA Powell ⁽³⁾
President ⁽¹⁾	Hugh Massingberd ⁽³⁾
Chairman ⁽²⁾	Maggie Noach ⁽⁴⁾
Hon. Secretary ⁽²⁾	Dr Keith C Marshall FIAP, CEng, MBCS
Hon Treasurer ⁽²⁾	Professor Ian S Young BSc, FRCP, FRCPATH, MD
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	Dr Nicholas Birns ⁽⁴⁾
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	Stephen Holden BA
	Noreen Marshall BA, AMA ⁽⁵⁾
	Antony C Robinson MA, DEconPSc ⁽⁴⁾

Notes

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| ⁽¹⁾ Non-executive officers | ⁽⁴⁾ From 15 September 2001 |
| ⁽²⁾ Executive Officers and Society Trustees | ⁽⁵⁾ To 15 September 2001 |
| ⁽³⁾ Appointed 23 April 2001 | |

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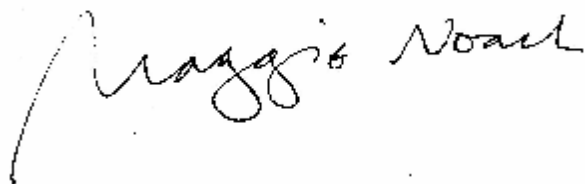
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Chairman's Report

The Eton Conference in April 2001 was my first contact with the Anthony Powell Society. It was a memorable day, combining erudition and entertainment. I was delighted, some months later, to be invited to stand as Chairman of the Society especially because my love of Powell's writing goes back many years.

The many activities of the Society are listed in the Hon. Secretary's Report and we have plans for many more during the coming months, leading to the 2003 Conference at Balliol College, Oxford.

This is a time of expansion for the Society and we look to the members to spread the word among their friends to join us in our enthusiastic support for the continuing appreciation of Powell's life and work.

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Maggie Noach
Chairman

Hon. Secretary's Report

What a tremendous year for the Society: progress in increasing membership, a variety of events, our first local groups established, and best of all a highly successful first conference at Eton.

Membership. At the start of the year membership of the Society was just 88; by the end of the year it had almost doubled to 163, broken down as follows:

Founder Members	22
Gold Members	22
Joint Members	4
Individual Members	111
Student Members	3
Honorary Life Members	1

These members are spread across 14 different countries from the UK and USA to India and Japan.

Events. In addition to the Eton Conference (of which more later) the Society ran a small number of events which were well attended and appreciated. The major events, most of which were in London, included:

- Sunday Lunch at the Ritz on the eve of the Eton Conference
- An evening celebration of Powell's birthday at L'Artiste Musclé in Shepherd Market
- Lunch at the Wallace Collection followed by a Gallery Talk about Poussin's painting *A Dance to the Music of Time*
- An evening talk about Powell by Society President Hugh Massingberd at The Travellers Club

In addition there were three informal pub/bistro meets in London, often arranged at short notice as hospitality for visiting members.

Also pleasing is that the Society's first local group was formed in the New York & Connecticut area of the NE United States and planning was well underway for the formation of the Great Lakes Local Group within a few days of the end of the reporting period.

Of the Society's other ventures, the website has been slowly expanding and is attracting a gradually increasing number of hits; and the email discussion group (APLIST) also has an increasing membership – and has four times the members, and is many times more active, than the equivalent group dedicated to Powell's great friend and rival Evelyn Waugh.

AGM. The Society's inaugural AGM was held on Saturday 15 September 2001 at the George Hotel in Nunney, an old lunching haunt of the Powells. Most importantly the AGM agreed the Society's formal constitution.

In the afternoon after the AGM, the majority of the members present attended a short service to dedicate the Memorial Tablet to Powell in Chantry Church. This was followed by a sumptuous afternoon tea at The Chantry – a rare and treasured opportunity to see our hero's house and to talk with Lady Violet Powell.

Eton Conference. The highlight of the year happened very early -- the First Biennial Anthony Powell Conference 2001 which was held on Monday 23 April at Eton College. The conference attracted some 65 delegates, who were treated to three keynote addresses and some eight papers. Lunchtime saw the delights of Eton College's school lunch and a much appreciated tour which included the opportunity to see some of Eton's Powell memorabilia. Once again we must record our thanks to Michael Meredith (Eton College Librarian) and all at Eton for their friendliness, support and hospitality.

We were also delighted to be able to announce at the conference that John Powell (Anthony Powell's younger son) had graciously agreed to be the Society's Patron and Hugh Massingberd the Society's President.

All the papers from the Eton conference were published in December 2001 as a set of proceedings (entitled *Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of A Dance to the Music of Time*) edited by George Lilley and the Hon. Secretary. This was a limited edition of just 250 copies, all signed by the Society's Patron, John Powell.

One of the most pleasing aspects of the year was to learn that, as a result of the Eton Conference, the Powell family had decided that the manuscripts of all Powell's works (except *Venusberg*, which is believed destroyed) should be deposited with Eton College Library, where we know they will be cherished and be made available to scholars.

Even before the Eton Conference opened, planning was underway for the Society's second conference, which is to be held at Balliol College, Oxford on Monday & Tuesday, 7th & 8th April 2003.

Charitable Status. The Executive Committee decided in autumn 2001 that we should seek formal charitable status. Although making a submission to the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales is not difficult it does require a significant amount of work. One area which needed attention was the Society's Constitution and members agreed to the proposed changes at an EGM on 24 April, just after this

reporting year. Work on charitable status is continuing and it is hoped we will have progress to report at this year's AGM.

In keeping with our charitable aims we have, throughout the year, provided support for a number of ventures. Three students who attended the Eton Conference were given some years of free membership, thanks to the generosity of an anonymous member. And one of them, Christine Berberich whose doctoral research is based partly on Anthony Powell, was given a grant of Powell books by the Society. Help was also given to Auke Leistra with his translation of *Dance* into Dutch; this was partly as some free membership and also by way of advice and discussion with the members of the APLIST -- as a result the first four volumes of *Dance* have been published, although sadly the publisher has now abandoned the project for commercial reasons.

Lady Violet Powell. Finally a sad note ... as members will know Lady Violet Powell died unexpectedly on Saturday 12 January 2002. This is not the place to write another obituary but to record our thanks and appreciation for the help and support Lady Violet gave to the Society. Members raised some £510 for charity (split between Chantry Church and The Blue Cross) in memory of Lady Violet.

Looking Forward. The major focus for the current year is two-fold: to attain charitable status and to successfully organise the Balliol conference. Both are well on track. And we shall, of course, also be arranging events as the opportunities arise, both centrally and through the auspices of the local groups. If anyone wishes to volunteer as Events Organiser then the additional help would be very welcome. Work has also started on the preliminary planning for the 2005 conference.

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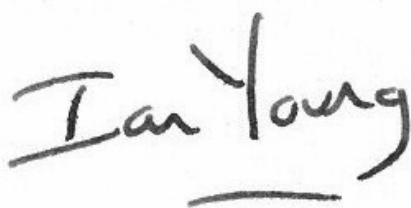
Dr Keith C Marshall
Hon. Secretary

Hon. Treasurer's Report

This is the second Annual Treasurer's Report of the Anthony Powell Society, and I am pleased to report that the Society's financial position remains satisfactory. Over the full financial year, the results show a net negative balance of £996.10. However, this is misleading, as significant Eton Conference expenditure is included in this year's accounts, while the corresponding income was predominantly in last year's accounts. Overall, the Society at the end of the financial year has a very satisfactory positive balance of £6331.48.

Income from membership fees during this year was £3785, an increase of approximately £500 on the last year. All events run by the Society broke even in financial terms, although in the case of the Eton Conference this was in large part due to a generous grant from the London Institute to defray the costs of printing conference proceedings.

Apart from the costs of events, the major costs of the Society are printing and postage, and at current levels of activity I anticipate that we will continue to have a modest excess of income over expenditure. The forthcoming year will bring the challenge of the Balliol Conference, and in the absence of sponsorship it seems likely that this will make a financial loss. However, even after taking this into account I am pleased to report that the finances of the Society appear to be on a secure footing, and it seems reasonable that membership fees should remain at their current level for the forthcoming year.

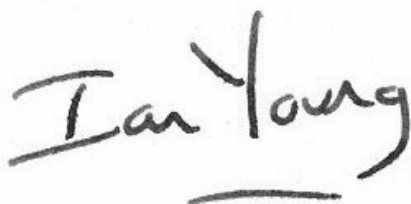
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Professor IS Young
Hon. Treasurer

Accounts for Year to 31/03/2002

Balance Sheet

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
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<u>Income</u>		
Investment Income	22.91	5.60
Memberships	3785.00	3206.26
Conference Income	980.00	5213.45
Other Event Income	744.00	
Merchandising	742.05	49.25
Sponsorship & Donations	1288.36	
Other Income	747.17	
Total Income	8309.49	8474.56
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<u>Expenditure</u>		
Bank Charges	300.26	173.68
Conference Expenses	7232.76	332.74
Charitable Donations	480.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses (postage, printing etc.)	1292.57	640.56
Total Expenditure	9305.59	1146.98
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<u>Income less Expenditure</u>	<u>-996.10</u>	<u>7327.58</u>
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<u>Net Cash in Hand</u>	<u>6331.48</u>	<u>7327.58</u>



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